

Thunder, CL1, CL2, CTL3-R, CTL3-H, CTL3-F, CGC, TDI



Photography by Barry Rosen

I got Thunder in January of 2007, I wasn't planning on adding another dog to my family, but I couldn't resist adopting him. His previous owners hadn't taken care of a scratch on his eye. The scratch turned into an ulcer and the vets were unable to help the ulcer heal. He ultimately lost his eye because the owner decided not to treat the scratch. He was 4 months old when they removed his eye. In August 2007 I started training Thunder in agility just for fun. I never thought a one-eyed dog would be able to compete. He proved me wrong, he loved agility and was good at it. Thunder entered his first trial in May of 2008 and qualified in 7 out of 10 runs and we got the Judges Merit Award. He went on to compete through the summer and early fall. In November of 2008 Thunder wasn't running like the dog I knew he could. In December I decided to have hip x-rays done and it was determined that Thunder had hip dysphasia. In January I took him for a second opinion of his x-rays and the specialist also noticed a slipped disk. In February Thunder slipped another disk and at that point was put on severe crate rest for 3 weeks. Due to his injuries Thunder was out of agility from December to April. I was sure our chances of going to CPE nationals wasn't going to happen. We started back at Jazz in the end of April after a long recovery and rehabilitation. I did drop his jump height down to 8". He ran at the Jazz trial in May and got 7 out of 10 Q's. He proved me wrong and we made it to CPE Nationals. Here are his Results:

6 Q's(2 Standards, Fullhouse, Jumpers, Snooker, Wildcard), 2-1st places, 5-2nd places, 2-3rd places.

2009 Reserve High in Standard Level 3 12" Enthusiast.

Everyday I am thankful for Thunder. He came into my life unexpectedly, but I wouldn't have it any other way.