

2007

Texas WB Cockey Two Stepper

January 2, 1993 – July 13, 2004

Owned by: Bill and Janice Schrader, Madisonville, TX

Stepper was given to Jan and Bill as a wedding present. He was Jan's first field trial dog and Bill's last field trial dog as an amateur.

Stepper was trained solely by Bill. He had 23 Derby points, was an FC at the age of two, an AFC at the age of three, had two Double Headers, was the 1999 Purina High Point Amateur Outstanding Retriever, qualified for all but two Nationals from the age of three and had 244.5 All-Age points. Stepper had 30 wins, three of which were Open wins during his last year of competition at the age of 10.

Stepper was an elegant gentleman with a unique personality. He was intelligent, willing to please and sensitive. He loved attention, but would rather be out retrieving than anything else. When working, he was all business. Steady. Consistent.

An excellent marker, he had to be taught to hunt. As with everything he was taught, he learned it fast and retained it. Stepper would take in the test as he walked to the line. Many times, he's "get the picture" and would line blinds. He trained and trialed until a few months before his death. Until the end, he was an excellent, consistent competitor. A joy to run, a joy to watch and a joy to own.

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