1992

1975 National Champion
1976 National Amateur Champion
1976 Canadian National Field Trial Champion
1977 Canadian National Field Trial Champion
Field Champion and Amateur Field Champion
Canadian Field Champion and Amateur Field Trial Champion

Wanapum Dart's Dandy



March 1970 – November 1983 Black Labrador Female Owned by: Charlie Hill, Bellevue, Washington Breeder: Eddie Bauer











Accomplishments:

Double Header Wins (Six Times)
Gold Double Header Winner
All Age Points – 222.5
Completion Percentage – 54%
Average Points Per Trial – 1.46
Derby Points – 27 (Average 4 Per Trial)
Inducted into Retriever Hall of Fame in 1992

Dandy's temperament was always interesting. She was a lovable, brilliant, confident dog of enormous potential. As a house companion, she was aloof, quiet and relaxed; while hunting, she was never steady; and at field trials, a wild thing – a heart throbbing heartburn. Back in the truck, she was a sleeping, unconcerned dog, who apparently required little emotional support.

When hunting for birds, Dandy was most exceptional. She was a scenting, tracking, four-legged machine who often broke ice time after time while retrieving ducks, never refusing to go. Together, we hunted waterfowl, Pheasants, Chuckers, Snipe and Quail.

Jim Gonia, of McKenna Kennels, dedicated himself to Dandy's early training. Together, Jim and I formed a competitive field trial team. My son Darren Hill, at age 11, and friend Carl Chidiac, age 16, also trained, handled and hunted Dandy.

As Sue Reynolds stated, "For Dandy to have done all she did, plus win four National Championship titles, is a rare achievement. Needless to say, you won't get another one like her again." She was right, I haven't!

~ By Charlie Hill, Bellvue, WA