



CH Ventures On a Wing and a Prayer SH, NSD, NRD JHR

Versatile Weimaraner Earns JHR Title

Rick learned he could run Deacon in Retriever Hunting Tests through his breeder and co-owner, Lauri Sales of Venture Weimaraners in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Once aware of the possibility, Rick knew with Deacon's strong desire to retrieve it might be a fun thing to do during the off season when the pair wasn't working on upland training.

Rick wondered about the reaction to a Weim at a Retriever event: "I was a little concerned, not sure how the people would react, but I must say everyone we have met has been very kind and supportive of us."

When Retrievers move forward to the next holding blind the excitement builds, showing their readiness and willingness to go. That is the way Deacon moved to the line. He knew what was coming and you could see it in his movement and posture.

Already an AKC Senior Hunter in pointing breed hunting tests, Deacon will be going for his Master Hunter title this fall. He is a breed champion and has earned his Novice Shooting Dog and Novice Retrieving Dog titles from the Weimaraner Club of America. Five-year-old Deacon received his Junior Hunter Retriever (JHR) title at the Winnebago Retriever Club Hunting Test on the weekend of August 3 - 4, 2013.

The Torres also have a female Weimaraner, GRCH Silver Lining Ventures Bird in the Hand, NSD, affectionately know as "Reba." Now that Deacon has attained his JHR title, Rick plans to take Reba on to hers.



Along the way, Rick and Deacon have had help. Rick credits Tom Waite of Dale Creek Gun Dogs in Honey Creek, Wisconsin first and foremost: "Deacon and I would never have achieved what we did without Tom's help."

Rick and Deacon enjoy participating in the Hunt Test program. "Getting to watch all the hard work and training that you put into your dog and see it pay off when it all comes together in the field is awesome."



From mid-October to mid-March, Rick and his wife, Karen, enjoy hunting their Weimaraners. They pursue pheasant at Bong State Park in

Kansasville, Wisconsin. They also hunt at Tom Waite's place to seek out pheasant, chucker and quail.

Rick Torres has certainly shown that Deacon is the total package: Beauty, brains and a versatile hunting dog in the true sense of the word.

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