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COVID times! Prior to COVID Hektor has earned his UKC Championship(first of his breed), his AKC CM (first of his breed) and numerous Rally obedience titles. He also has two CKC scent titles; first Appenzeller in Canada to earn a CKC title of any kind.

Bri is Hektor's daughter. Different from her daddy but equally talented, she is quickly catching up to him and before things in the real world of competition shut down, she has earned her UKC CH, and IABCA National/International CH. On the Performance side of things, she earned her Rally Novice Obedience title.

What to do during these crazy times to keep myself and my dogs busy! I know we are not alone. A brand new venue for the dog world opened up and it was all "virtual"! We had many options available to us, from taking online courses in scent work, to actually competing "virtually" in our favourite dog sports, including agility! There was something for almost every dog sport available. It was the best of times and the worst of times in the dog world.

While we missed 'In person" events, the virtual world opened new doors for us! I could transform my back yard into an agility course, or a Rally Obedience course. All was not lost, and we were busier than ever!

Throughout COVID we continue to compete, albeit virtually; many more titles in USDAA and UKI agility @ home, AKC virtual Rally, and even some virtual Conformation titles. It's been an opportunity to take advantage of invaluable online training courses. Even though we can't travel, or attend classes, it's still important to hone skills, learn new skills.

And, a busy Appenzeller is a happy Appenzeller.





Hek & Bri posing with some of their "Virtual" Conformation ribbons, and my backyard as a virtual Rally ring!