

## Blog Entry-Winter 2022

Post COVID we were finally able to get back into live events and in 2022 we were back on the road, both at home and in the US. Our ribbon room is full to the brim!

Bri's first time back in the Rally ring was a bit scary! It's been a year since she's been to a "live" event but she adapted quickly and had a very good year! She loves the ring....any ring. She is the first Appenzeller to earn an Obedience title in Canada! In between Obedience, Rally and tracking, she competes in scent work as does Hektor.. He came away with several group placements this year, many Veteran BIS, a BIS and finishing 1st in UKC's breed top 10, sharing top spot with Bärli Von Deroche, one of his progeny. Bri earned another Rally title this summer at the UKC Western Classic, as well as three BIS Altered wins; that resulted in her winning the UKC coveted Total Dog Award; dogs that earn a qualifying score in a performance event, and a Conformation win at the same trial! Very special indeed! Following in her dad's pawsteps:))

While COVID may be over, we are still competing virtually. Hek and Bri work beautifully together and have done extraordinarily well in Brace Rally obedience; Brace is very challenging...2 dogs working in sync and performing the Rally exercises in unison! It sounded daunting at first, but always up for a new challenge. CARO Rally Obedience still offers two virtual trials a year, and we've taken advantage of that. The dogs are moving their way up, and on track to earn a Canadian Brace Rally Championship!

One of the highlights of 2022 was the IABCA Summer Sieger in Enumclaw, WA. There were five Appenzellers entered; It was very exciting to see so many of our breed at one venue! And what a treat for the judges! Granted, most of the dogs were Hek's progeny, but it was great fun! We were able to enter the "family class" as a group! It was a bit chaotic, but the Appenzeller crew got a lovely Reserve Best in Family Class!

Our last event of 2022! The UKC New Years Bash; we'd been absent for 2 years due to COVID, so it was great to be back seeing old friends! Hek and Bri had wonderful results after a long hiatus. At eight, Hek is still showing strong in Conformation in both the Champion class and Veteran classes. Bri is well on her way to finishing her Grand Championship! What will 2023 bring!



***Bri earns her first Obedience title- HIT***



***At 8, Hek still has it! Group first!***