



An Unexpected Twist!

Four weeks ago while practicing with Morgan at a nearby park to work her on grass because all the shows she had been in up to that point were indoors and the shows I had her entered in at the beginning of this month were outdoors. While working her, she started lagging so I picked up my speed to get her to move out while making a turn at the same time when suddenly my ankle twisted throwing me on the ground hitting my head with a thud. I had a hard time getting up and could barely handle taking Morgan back to the car, picking up all my ring markers and driving home. I spent the next three days waiting for the pain to subside. When it didn't, it was off to the doctor to be told it could be fractured and if so, would take months to heal. What? It was just a twisted ankle. How could I have gotten a fracture? X-rays were in order and sure enough a fracture was discovered (aka a dancer's foot fracture). I was told to get a boot and to not put weight on it. I had hopes I would feel better by the time the dog shows rolled around but it soon became evident there was no way I could run either Brooklyn or Morgan, both of whom were entered. I kept telling myself I had to at least run Brooklyn because she had a HUGE chance, given the entries, of receiving the last major she needed to become a Grand Champion. Robert

asked me if I would like it if he took her in. I thought he was kidding. Come to find out he was SERIOUS! Although never having practiced or worked any conformation outside of a show ring, he did take Morgan in the ring in July because both Morgan and Brooklyn were in the ring at the same time. That day Morgan took Best of Opposite receiving her first major. Robert must have decided if he could handle Morgan, he could handle showing Brooklyn (especially Brooklyn has much more ring experience). Sure enough, he did a great job with her! Everyone watched the two of them in the ring in total wonderment as Brooklyn took Best of Opposite for a 4 point major to become a GRAND CHAMPION!

THEN, get this, Robert said he would also show Morgan the next two days I had her entered! And again he did a GREAT job. AND not only that, he even dressed up. Just look how professional he looks!

My goal from the first day I showed Brooklyn at 5 months was to take her to a championship and later to a grand championship all handling her myself, which I did until the day Robert took her into the ring. And who better than Robert to be the one to finish her when I could not!

Now that Brooklyn is a grand champion, I am done showing her. I will now just show Morgan but for now doing so is on hold until my foot is completely healed.

