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A Special Win!

On September 22nd, I entered Brooklyn in Owner Handled Groups (something I seldom do because groups are always held so late in the day) and lo and behold she placed third over six other breed dogs! The first and second place winners were Gold Grand Champions.

Brooklyn the Pumpkin

Our local dog club held a Halloween costume contest last week. I made her into a pumpkin using one of Aubrey and Sierra's old shirts, adding fabric leaves I found in the kids' costume box. All left to do was to sew up a pumpkin lid hat. Robert supplied the stem from his garden bounty.



Barn Work With the Labor Day holiday and both Chris and Tim here, Robert had enough help to take the barn doors down for repair. Years with the doors sitting in rain water caused rot along the bottom edges. After repairing and painting, and, being an engineer (albeit electric), he was able to figure out a way to get them back up on his own by using wood block leverage, balance and a 4 Wheel Wonder Dolly. All I was able to do was help guide where the doors went. I am just not that strong anymore. With the doors back in place, he poured a cement slab under the doors so they will no longer sit in water over the winter.

Power Outage

We did not escape the power outage to keep wildfires at bay due to high winds, low humidity, and high temperatures PG&E mandated on October 9th. We were unprepared to be without electricity for two days. We didn't really believe it would happen! We were eating cold food and sitting in the dark with nothing to do. PG&E turned off power again yesterday however this time not in Napa.

Movie in the Park

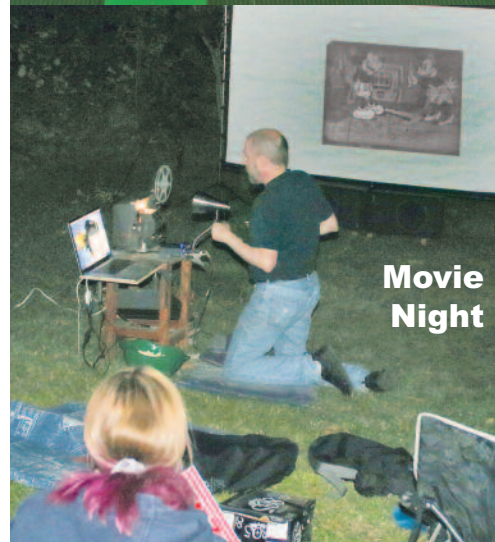
On October 5th, Chris hosted a special movie night. The park was actually his backyard (which is large and park like). There were even cartoons before the feature which was Spaceballs. Chris provided a "concession" stand complete with drinks and hot dogs. When the show started, he served popcorn. Before and after the movie, there was lots of arcade playing in Chris's game room followed by prizes from Chris' special prize cabinet for all the Skee-Ball ticket holders.

A Special Plaque

Using leftover composite decking from the play structure built for the grandkids in 2010, we designed and Robert built this special display to hold the memorial slate we bought for Dakota. I am still going through hundreds and hundreds of photos of her to make a memory book. As I go through all her photos, I can see how much we did with her and what a great life she had. We sure do miss her.



1st Place Big Dog Category



Movie Night