

Interview With  
**Betty Streeter**  
**BRF Danes**



CH.WindyHill's Ruff N Ready

**Please tell us how you got started in Danes?**

We got our first Dane as a rescue to replace a poodle that we had and the rest is history. We fell in love with the breed. A few years after moving to our present location I took a job as a vet tech/large and small. We became very interested in the breed and thought maybe one day we would show and maybe breed. Our dogs have always been our companions....in the early days going to horse shows with us or going hiking

**How did you choose your kennel name?**

Our kennel name came from our horse farm name Burning Ridge Farm/BRF Danes.

**Who were your mentors?**

Our first mentors were Karen and Dale Desjardins. We purchased a bitch from them and eventually bred a litter. Now we were really hooked. At our first National we met Anna Mary Kauffman ,Pat Ciampia and other breeders .We also met handlers Joel, Lorri and Marie .

**What was the name of your 1<sup>st</sup> Champion?**

From our first litter came BISS CH. BRF'S Danebridge Shawnee. Our 1st CH and later our 1st TOP 20 bitch. She was an awesome show dog, winning her last Specialty at almost 9 years of age. More success was to follow with BISS CH BRF DBRDG Beenthere Donethat Ben was also an awesome dog very balanced and our first brindle special. He was Top 20 x2 and AOM x 2.We still co-owned with Danebridge at this point. Our last special we co-owned was BISS CH Danebridge Pretty Boy Floyd also a Top 20 dog and National AOM.

**Did you finish him yourself or have a professional handler?**

We used professional handlers to start with and then I started learning to show my own..We learned a lot from these years and were now venturing more on our own. We bred to a dog that Windy Hill's had and saw a young



Ch Windy Hill's Kodak Moment

dog they were looking to sell and Ray fell in love with the dog. It took a while for the dog to make it to the east coast but eventually (Shane), Ch Windy Hill's Kodak Moment was here. Shane was shown with some success by Marie but it became clear he preferred that I show him. So with Marie's help I started to owner handle eventually finishing him. Now I was hooked and continue to owner handle our next 3 CH, from the Bred-By class. As long as I can get around the ring it is the way I will go. There is much more satisfaction from doing it yourself...As most of you know, Shane became an awesome stud dog, able to improve most bitches bred to him and his pedigree clicked with many. It is amazing as I look back on it to see how a single dog in a little town in CT left such a mark on the breed we love. We are proud to have shared in his history.

**Were there any particular dogs that you admired, or thought represented what you wanted to breed or own?**

I believe one of the best dogs I have ever seen was Tali...BISS CH. Petadane Taly and bitch would be Eva...BIS BISS CH. Maitau's Eye Candy V MJM I also admired Paige, BIS..BISS CH. Giant Steps Front Page News she was a beautiful harlequin bitch very balanced with lovely breed type. I believe that conformation and temperament must go hand and hand in a great dog.

**What do you think we need to improve on in our breed?** I strongly believe in health testing and we do cardio every other year on our breeding stock. We need to improve our fronts and rears in our dogs and strive to make them as healthy as we can. We also need to strive to keep our dogs as gentle giants. Temperament is very important.

**What do you consider your greatest success to date? Your greatest challenge?**

My greatest challenge and successes have come in breeding and showing my own dogs. It is a great achievement to finish your dogs out of Bred-By. I hope to someday be able to attend the Eukanuba Classic and compete in Bred-BY. I Have qualified but not gotten there yet since it has been in California.

**What advice would you give to someone just starting in Danes?**

I would like to see newcomers study the breed and learn as much as they can about it .Our dogs make wonderful companions and not every dog is meant to be a show dog. Even though showing is important to us we also hike and travel with our dogs on a regular basis.

**Have you seen a trend (good or bad) in the Dane ring?**



CH.BRF'S The Lucky One

I believe our quality of dogs showing is not quite as good as it once was and that some handlers will take anyone's money whether they have a good dog or not. When I first started in the breed you had to have the handler evaluate your dog and he or she would only show what they thought was worthy of being shown. Now it is all about the dollar..

**Would you like to be a licensed judge?.**

I am presently doing sweeps and working towards my license. I already have my qualifications are far as a breeder goes. I have also finished a Swedish Vallhund and with be specializing him in the future.

**What is your biggest Pet Peeve about judging?**

Judges that put up the best moving dog and ignore breed type.I like a good moving dog but breed type defines the dane.



**CH. BH OLAF'S Market Master**

**What other hobbies do you enjoy?**

I am a vet tech by trade and really love just doing things with my dogs and of course my husband. We enjoy camping with the dogs whether at a show or on a free weekend.We hope to have more time to travel as we retire and move on with our lives.I also love spending time at the beach or ocean.



**Ray and Betty**

*Thank you Betty for letting us get to know you better!*