

## Marly **Level 1 & Level 2, Advanced classes Instructor**

I have always had dogs in my life. As a child in England, we had a Culy Coated Retriever, Rough Collie, and German Shepherds.

Coming to Canada, getting married, and having children, we finally settled in Kaministiquia on a hobby farm. We raised Hereford cattle, along with a goats, chickens, geese and turkeys. Riding our horses was a passion of mine. My husband raised Black & Tan Coonhounds. I had a Doberman and a German Shepherd, both of which I trained myself. During this itme, I also had a sled dog team, providing alot of fun in the winter time. I was a school bus driver by day, bringing all the high school students into town from th esurrounding area.

In the early seventies, I fell in love with the Bouvier des Flanders, an large coated dog with prick ears, a short tail, beard and mustache. I took my first Bouvier, a female to Linda's obedience classes, which were held outside back then, and the rest as they say is history. I was working with my third bouvier "Troy" when Linda asked me if I would like to become a trainer - that was in 1991!

Now I am retired, and living in town and enjoy spending more time with my "boys" Tuscon and Trace. They have achieved titles in obedience, conformation, tracking, flyball, agility and herding in both Canada and the US. I have also worked my Bouviers in Schutzhund. Tucson has an impressive list of titles - Can Ch Oomingmak's Little Big Man CGC, TT, O.NAC, NJC, NGC, JHD, MS, TDX, Am TD, CD, Sch B, FH, RX (Caro). He has done carting and is a ST John's Ambulance Pet Therapy Dog. He will be 11 yrs old in 2008.

Trace is my 3 year old, and what an awesome boy he is. He is making a good start on his titles - Trace Alpha De La Wallonie, HIT, DBN, Sch "B", TDX, CD.

Working at K-9 Studio since 1991, I really enjoy showing people how ot work with their dogsa s a team, and having the dog become an important member of the family. An avid reader, I have attended many workshops and seminars about dogs and their behaviour - why they do the things they do. I ask am always asking questions, and our group of instructors at K-9 Studio freely offer their experience and knowledge to me, to help me learn as much as I can to then forward it on to my students.

I hope that all of our students enjoy that special bond with their dogs, and get the same feelin gof joy and accomplishment when working with them, that I do with mine.

