

Linda Siczkar Owner / Operator & Instructor

My family has had pekingese since the late 1940s. In 1974 as a mere child (grin), I acquired my first personal dog, a blue merle collie from Brackenbrae Collies Perm. Reg'd. By the age of 3, Bridy had earned her CD, CDX, UD degrees, and Am. CD/CDX, with acquiring a High in Trial - all within a year and a half of her owning me. She spent 3 out of 4 years in Toronto, where I attended the Ontario College of Art, riding subways, streetcars, & attending OCA parties and functions.

Then came my first Belgian Tervuren from California. Task was the first Belgian Tervuren in North America to earn a USDAA Advanced Agility title, and had a tremendous number of titles - **Am. & Can. Champion, FbD Champion, Canadian Obedience Trial Champion Crestar's Gladiator of Illions Am/Can. TDX, Am. CDX, AAD, NA, ADC, OAC-V, NJC-V, TT, CGC, HIC.** From the Veterans Obedience Class he earned a perfect 200 score the spring before his death at the age of eleven of hermangiosarcoma. He was one of the first dogs in Thunder Bay to earn his Herding Instinct title.

True, my second Belgian, **HIT, multi BIS, multi Rally HIT, Can./Am. Champion, Can. Obedience Trial Champion, Grand Champion Chateau Blanc's Elan Illions Am./Can. TDX, Am. CD, TT, CGC, OA, NAJ, AGI, Can. RA, Am. RN, Caro RE** has had quite the career. First time in the show ring, he won a Group 1st and a Best Puppy in Show, having accumulated three as a puppy. In 2002. He captured our first Best in Show, and then later in the year, a High in Trial handled by a very good friend, due to an injury that made me at the time, unable to handle him in the ring. He has also been ranked in the top 4 Belgian Shepherds in Canada for several years. He has enjoyed performing with the Super Dogs. He also won a 2nd Best in Show professionally handled by Trish McGonigal. Rally has been a quite a `show time` for True, with many perfect scores.

I also breed Pekingese on very rare occasions, and under the permanently registered prefix Illions, have produced over a dozen Champions, having multiple group placements, Best Puppy in Shows, obedience & rally titles. In the 1980s, both Ramona and Sam became Can. Champion, Can CDX, Am CD title earners! Pekingese are NOT notorious for their willingness to please, so with the use of positive shaping of behaviour, I have had tremendous success with Luci, **Rally HIT, BPIS Can. Champion Illions Dragon Moon Dancer CD, RN, Caro RA.** Luci has earned perfect scores in Rally, and won high in trial as well. She earned her Can. RN title at the tender age of eleven and a half years old.



Having survived a near fatal accident with a moose colliding into my vehicle in October 2002, I have a totally new appreciation for our need of dogs as healers. They are so very important in our lives. My continued recovery from a brain injury rated as catastrophic, has been an absolute miracle. My own dogs, and my friend's dogs were constant companions for me when I resided in the hospital for months. Having had to relearn to brush my hair, wash my face, were the start of having to be retaught everything about my relationship with my dogs. True (who was in the accident with me - thank gawd for Kennel Aire dog crates), in particular, was a strong catalyst in my progress of relearning how to handle and manage my dogs. All my body posturing changed, and he and I had to become reacquainted with each other to once again compete. True and I have earned many of the most difficult titles to obtain since my `BI`.

I have begun to once again explore the arts, I have rediscovered oil painting & wood carving. I hope to further adventure into glasswork, sculpture, jewelry making, all the activites that I practiced in college.

My lust for travelling has become strong, and in 2005, I braved Ebay and bought the Roaming Trackstar, my 1987 Winnebago. Oh the adventures we have been on, & I hope for many, many more. She should provide me wheels to explore workshops, seminars, to doggie and/or artsy opportunities.

My experience working with small and large dogs has given me insight on how training them can be so different, and my vast experience in many areas of dog training - obedience, agility, rally, flyball, the show ring, tracking, herding, clicker and trick training, make me better understand how dogs think & learn. I am always looking for new and innovative ways to enhance the relationship between you and your dog with positive training.

We are always continuing to research new and exceptional training methods to enhance living or achieving competitive goals with your pet..

