



Wildrose Deke

The Ducks Unlimited Dog

Weight: 62 lbs

Wildrose Deke is the epitome of a sporting dog of "duality," a versatile Gentleman's Gundog prepared to travel to any destination for wing shooting or outside adventure.

Deke was selected as Ducks Unlimited's second official retriever mascot to succeed Drake in 2008. He is also what Wildrose refers to as a Wildrose heritage dog, that is, the product of our own progeny and training methodology. His sire is British FTCh Gusty Garry, "Kane," an unbelievable hunting dog in his own right and a superb sire for Wildrose since 2006. Offspring from Kane, besides Deke, have also proven themselves afield such as the well-known Opus One, Olive (DAD & upland gundog), Pinny, Deke's litter mate sister, and cousin Indian; each a heritage dog affording exceptional genetic predictability with desirable qualities, each field proven, passed on through succeeding generations.



Deke's portrait was featured on the cover of December/January 2012 edition of Garden & Gun magazine. This cover was later selected 2nd place in Amazon's competition of Cover of the Year for outdoor and sporting publications, just behind National Geographic (1st place) and ahead of Sports Illustrated.

Deke, as a waterfowl retriever, combines calm temperament with speed, drive, and game finding ability making him a perfect companion in the duck blind and marsh. He is an excellent pheasant dog as well, thriving as a rough shooting flusher. He is steady to wing and shot and a decent tracker of wounded game. On dove hunts, he excels, seldom with a loss. His nose knows.

Deke has also been trained as a strike & wagon dog for quail hunting. He flushes coveys from the thickest cover in front of pointers on command and recovers those hard to find losses often missed by pointers. He is rock steady backing a point and steady to flush making him a huge asset on the quail truck or wagon!

Deke is an excellent adventure dog earning Master Trekker, the highest achievement of the Wildrose Adventure Dog Certification program. Off season will find him on mountain trails or shed (antler) hunting as an outdoor companion: hiking, mountain biking, fishing, kayaking, camping...name it...he is "prepared to go anywhere."



*Deke offspring:
Wildrose Black Ice*

Deke's offspring have proven to possess exceptional scent discrimination abilities and temperament perfect to become excellent service companions. Deke pups are now working with autistic children and diabetics with a high degree of success.

From hunting to adventure and finally as service companions, this heritage dog is contributing greatly to making the Wildrose experience a reality for many families pursuing a sporting lifestyle.