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1. How did you get started in sheepdogs and trialing?

We were leasing a ranch with several miles of leafy spurge on the river bottoms and sheep were the best option to control it. Of course I needed a good dog to handle the sheep so, on the advice of my husband, I bought a luckily "born trained" puppy. She made things so much easier and enjoyable that I fell in love with working sheep. Then when we changed places and had to sell most of the sheep, trialing was the way to keep us both happy.

2. What do you do to prepare for Finals?

Foundations, and endurance for my little guy, Kade. He is a bit of an easy keeper so conditioning is important.

3. What do you regard as your dog(s)'s best traits?

Kade wants to always do what I ask, even if I confuse him, he is trying to figure it out. He has a very kind way with the sheep and they like him.

4. What advice or encouragement would you offer to anyone starting out in trialing?

Be careful it is very addictive! And also it is the most fun you can ever have with your dog. Ask questions of many people. If you are going to a person for help and you don't like what they are asking of your dog or how, check with others. There are many different ways to train, some more effective than others. If you aren't making progress ask why. These people are the most helpful, caring people you will ever have the fortune to meet and there is no such thing as a stupid sincere question.