

Amanda Labadie, New Dayton, Alberta, Canada – First time to Finals

I'm from New Dayton, Alberta. I'm pretty new to Sheepdog trials but am really excited about my young dog Jack. We are heading to Alturas this fall and can't wait!

I'm running Jack in Nursery. I came out to the National Finals last time it was in Alturas as a Spectator. I didn't think I'd be back as a competitor so soon!

I have been "in dogs" since I was a kid- competing in obedience and agility mostly. I had corgis! About five years ago I got a rescue Border Collie who didn't really want to do those other sports. I tried her on sheep and was hooked! We puttered around in Novice for a bit- she wasn't very good, lots of try but not a lot of talent. My next Border Collie, another rescue, showed quite a bit more aptitude for it. I competed in Pro Novice for a few years and was just about to step up to Open when he was diagnosed with a heart condition. He is retired now at only 8 years old. Enter my nursery dog, Jack! He's my first purpose bought Border Collie. I bought him as a ten month old pup.

I'm lucky enough to have a great support system in Scott and Jenny Glen and Louanne Twa. They have helped me a lot - I take lessons a few times a year, but train at least a few times a week. I don't have my own sheep but am lucky enough to live across the road from Altapete.

Jack is a very natural dog. He's got great feel for his sheep and as a bonus is very biddable. He's been a great dog for me and has been a joy to train.