

“AKC RDO Days events have been getting larger and more creative each year, with clubs hosting AKC Meet the Breeds®, demos of all kinds of canine sports, microchipping and more,” added Peterson. “We encourage all dog clubs and organizations to host an event – you’ll become an active part of your community, raise your organization’s profile among local leaders and legislators and just plain have fun!”

Once again, Invisible Fence® Brand is a proud nationwide sponsor of AKC RDO Days and will support community events, including AKC’s flagship event in Raleigh, North Carolina on September 25th, where AKC’s Operations Center is located. Events across the country will feature activities such as AKC Canine Good Citizen® testing, Obedience/Agility/Rally demonstrations, microchip ID clinics, breeder referral and rescue information, raffles, games and many more entertaining and educational experiences. ADT Security Services will also provide Pet Fire Safety Window Clings promoting pet fire safety at the flagship event and local events.

To learn more about AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days, sign up to hold an event or view photos and information about previous events, please visit <http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/>.

Weimaraner, Stoli, Leaves Paw Prints in AKC History Books as First AKC Grand Champion

The American Kennel Club’s first-ever Grand Champion title earner – a 4-year-old Weimaraner

named GCH Monterra’s Best Bet, MH, affectionately known as “Stoli” bred and owned by Elizabeth Krupinski and co-owned by Timothy Bintner of Elizabeth, Colorado and handled by Tad Walden, completed the title requirements to earn the newest AKC title at the Coronado Kennel Club all-breed dog show on May 18, 2010.

Stoli completed his title with 25 Grand Championship points, including five majors, which he won at six consecutive shows held in Albuquerque, N.M. on May 14-18, 2010. He won a Best of Breed and also a Best of Opposite Sex at two specialties held on May 14 by the Weimaraner Club of Alberquer-



Photos courtesy of Tad Walden.

of Breed at the Rio Grande Kennel Club dog shows. Finally, on May 17-18, Stoli won Best of Breed at the Coronado Kennel Club dog shows.

“We are excited to see such an exceptional dog complete the AKC Grand Championship title. This title was created to give breeders and owners a way to showcase their AKC champions and that’s just what we’re seeing,” said Rob-

in Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. “Congratulations to Stoli and his breeder, owners and handler who are very deserving of this honor.”

Proving he can excel in both AKC Conformation and AKC Performance events, Stoli, a multiple Best in Specialty Show and Best in Show winner became the first and only Best in Show winning Weimaraner to earn the AKC Master Hunter title in March 2009.

Stoli’s co-owner and handler recently suffered a great loss when his breeder and owner Elizabeth Krupinski succumbed to a battle with leukemia just two short

months ago. Walden described her as, “an avid AKC supporter and quality person.” Krupinski’s obituary cited breeding Stoli as one of her greatest accomplishments in her life.

“To see Liz’s dream of a versatile Weim that loved to show, loved to hunt and was the ultimate best friend become the first Grand Champion is truly special,”