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**GET TO KNOW
ANDY DEITZ AND
CHRISTIE VOM
ESADERA AS THEY
PREP TO
REPRESENT TEAM
USA IN GREECE.**

**Congratulations on making the
2022 FMBB Team! What does it
mean to you to be representing
the organization, especially
competing with the only female
dog?**

It's an honor to be representing the United States at the 2022 FMBB. I'm very excited to compete alongside and against the best trainers in the world.



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Tell me about your dog Christie Vom Esadera (Christie). When did you know she was special? What would you say is Christie's strongest attribute?

Christie is an amazing dog. There isn't a thing I would change about her. She always gives a 110% in everything she does. She is the perfect dog for me, so much so, that I worry about my next dogs being able to live up to everything that she has given me. Christie loves everyone in our family, is great in the house, absolutely adores my wife Brigitte and six year old daughter, Emma. Christie is a member of our family and will be with us forever.

What do you look for when you are picking out your next sport dog prospect? Do you prefer to start your dogs from 8 weeks old or do you like to take on a slightly older dog?

I love training puppies. Watching them learn and grow is what I love most about training. A puppy is a sponge, and so many important lessons can and should be taught as a puppy. This is something I believe very strongly in. When I am picking a puppy, I want high food drive, high prey, and as much natural engagement as I can possibly get. I would say that's a pretty standard list for most people. However there is also an "it factor". Something that you really can't put words to, but when a dog has it, you know it. This is what I think makes a truly special dog.



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As I said before, you have the only female dog on the Team with Christie. Tell me what made you choose a female. Despite her size, she certainly seems to pack a punch in everything that she does!

This is an interesting story actually. I have always loved female dogs but had every intention on getting a male puppy for my next competition dog. I was searching for a puppy for quite sometime. I started in America, with not much luck finding what I was looking for. I then decided to start looking in Europe. I found a couple of really nice females bred to a male that I loved, Cherokee vom Esadera (who will also be competing in Greece for team Hungary). Cherokee was everything I was looking for, but after months and months of trying to line up a puppy, everything kept falling through. I was starting to feel a little hopeless in my search. Like every morning for the last year, I checked Working Dog to see what was being bred, planned, or available. That's when I first saw Christie, Cherokee's sister. I was a little hesitant at first about getting an older dog with a four year old child at home, but immediately contacted them. I figured if I can't find someone to sell me a puppy I want, I would have to make my own. Lenka Fresserova and her daughter Jana Kumareson were amazing to deal with, and before I knew it Christie was on her way from the Czech Republic. Christie had her Ipo1, and had an amazing foundation with these great trainers, but I was still looking at her more for her genetics than anything else. The first night Christie was a dream in the house, slept in bed and was very calm. I thought, 'well at least she is a stable clear headed dog for breeding.' The next day, I brought her down to our training building and pulled out a ball. I remember it like it was yesterday. I was immediately covered in goose bumps, and right then and there I knew she was the one. Still to this day, in training and trial, I find myself in awe of this dog on the field.



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What advice would you give to a young person or an adult amateur starting out in the sport? What dog or life advice would you give yourself 10 years ago?

Go out and trial! Your dog will never be perfect, and the routine will never be perfect. Trialing is the only way to see if your training is on the right path, so you can make adjustments and grow. Every single person has failed, don't be afraid to.

Given all of your success, what is your proudest moment as a handler?

I can't say as a handler I have a "proudest moment". I have high expectations for myself, and after getting off the field, I obsess over every little detail. The trials to me are more to proof the training. As soon as it's over, I just want to go work on any little thing I didn't like. Helping and watching others to achieve their goals are by far the proudest moments I have had in the sport. Those are the only moments I could say are moments that make me proud.





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Looking back, what dog was the most influential in making you the trainer, handler, owner, and breeder that you are today?

I don't think I can give a name of the most influential dog. I have owned many dogs, and trained thousands of dogs. There isn't a single dog that hasn't taught me something. I am always working the dog in front of me. In my opinion, if you're not reading the dog and adjusting to that particular dog, you are not really training.

Is there anything I didn't ask that you wish I had?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has showed support for Christie and I. Especially my wife Brigitte Deitz, who is my coach, spotter, track layer, and everything else in between. She is the best trainer I know, and an inspiration for me every day to evolve and get better. Also my decoy, track layer, and training partner Sean Castro, he has been there for us anytime, anywhere no questions asked. Without either of them, we wouldn't be in the position we are today.



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