

# Brinka

*Dedicated to Ellen Rottblatt MD. I will never be able to thank you enough for your caring. And to all the rest of you who have been so supportive with your sympathy, concern and prayers. Our friends help keep us together in our moments of pain*

To some they are just dogs. To some they are dirty animals that mess up the house if allowed in it. To some they are the enemy that can't be trusted.

To others they are our life... our world... our constant companions. To live without them would be unthinkable.

**Ch Nordike Brinka v Gruppstark, A/C CDX, BH, HIC, CGC, TT, TDI, ARC Versatility, CRC Silver Achievement, MRC Hall of Fame, ARC Gold Producer...currently number 3 in the history of the breed and her offspring are still out there earning titles.**

**Brinka's parents:  
(A/C Ch Gruppstark's Alex v Bastille, A/C CDX, BH, SchH I, TT x C/Ch Rodsden's Lindenwood Lamia, A/C CDX, BH, TT, TDI)**



**Brinka getting her first points**

Brinka became 13 Saturday February 16, 2002 along with 4 of her littermates. Such an accomplishment. I am so very pleased with all this litter has accomplished and to spend 13 years with them makes it an even greater joy.

In November Brinka had surgery to remove a malignant mammary tumor. At the time we were pretty sure this would be the end of any cancer. Apparently removing the primary tumor gave energy to a lurking base cell malignancy. In December I noticed more tumors. The plan was to do a radical mastectomy but when the vet prepped Brinka he noticed other tumors that were not in line with her mammary system. Rather than put her through the stress of another surgery he did biopsies of three of the tumors he had found. The results were not good as they showed at least one more

type of cancer present. We x-rayed her lungs and it showed signs of cancer there plus a narrowing of her bronchial tube indicating a possible tumor there. Any more surgery would not be useful and in fact could be detrimental. For two weeks after this surgery Brinka had a really tough time breathing. I used my nebulizer on her every two to three hours to help her to be able to breathe. Some of the inflammation was caused by the tube they use for anesthesia and we were finally able to ease that problem. The nebulizer helped for a couple of hours each time I used it thank heavens. Eventually the prednisone and theophylline worked to shrink tumors and she became her old self. Of course we knew the cancer was lurking.

I took Brinka to the Hamburg NY show in January so she could enjoy the excitement being back at a show and of begging treats and so she could meet people she hadn't seen for a while. She was great and people commented that she didn't look older than 6. It was a good time. I have to admit I allowed her to be somewhat of a nuisance but I didn't feel guilty then and I don't now. Brinka has always been good at spotting pockets with treats in them and she is very quick at trying to invade the pocket. Her age hasn't slowed that habit one bit.



**At 12 years 3 months at 2001 CRC Specialty**

## **This is a celebration of Brinka's life.**

Brinka was everything one could ever want in a dog.

She was beautiful and finished her championship easily and with some powerful wins. And Brinka had a temperament that allowed me to take her anywhere and do anything with her. She loved to show. She loved to work. She loved to do the nursing homes and day care centers. I don't remember a time when Brinka wasn't happy and anxious to accomplish what ever there might be waiting out there for her to accomplish.

To add to all that Brinka was a wonderful mother breeding easily and raising sound, happy, working dogs just like she herself.

Along with all of this she and her littermates have longevity. How can you improve on such success.

OTCH Nordike Gotcha Goin Levi, UDX, MX, MXJ  
A/C Ch Nordike Ace Gunner, A/CDX, C/CD, BH, HT, V  
Nordike Izzie Aluger, CD

Nordike Igor Aluger, CDX  
V-1/C/Ch Nordike Itara Aluger, CDX  
A/C Ch Nordike Jaeger  
Nordike Jackyl v Ponca, BH  
A/C Ch Nordike Jewel v Hemlock  
Nordike Joyful Lucy, CD  
Nordike Praetorean Guard, CD  
A/C Ch Nordike Penelope Pitstop, CDX, HIC  
C/Ch Nordike Raisinaruckus Mobster, CDX, BH  
Nordike Schatzi, CDX  
Multi V, BIS, Multi BISS, AOM, Select, A/C Ch Nordike's  
Rising Son v Mobster, CD, CGC, HIC, TT  
Ch Nordike Ruffiann v Mobster

And all of the sound companion dogs Brinka produced who just made their owners happy which actually happens to be the main reason we ever produce a litter of puppies. Brinka is now with her sister Breanna

**Miss Me ... But Let Me Go**

When I come to the end of the road,  
And the sun has set for me.  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little - but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me a little - but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds,  
Miss me - but let me go.