

## Ken Price & Syd

### Canadian Team 2017

British Columbia's Ken Price and his dog Syd will be representing Canada at the 2017 World Sheep dog trial in Holland. Here is Ken's bio!

I got my first dog in 1989 and she was trained and retrained over and over. I had never seen dogs work before so it was an adventure that continues to this day. Since I was curious about sheep and dogs, I went out to the bush with a cut-block contractor for several years and then tried some smaller jobs myself.

Right now, I have 3 brace teams of Border Collies and our farm, near Dawson Creek, is just over 1000 acres, devoted mostly to sheep and dogs. We also have 6 Akbash livestock guardian dogs. I have also had some trucks in the oil-patch, but that has come to an end. Now we are focused on the farm and the sheep/dogs, and this is the first year that this has been my entire focus.

In April, 350 ewes will lamb until June and at this time, we will take 600 head to our contracting project for a local Tree Farm Licensee. In mid-August, this contract will end and we will continue with our farm activities. Next winter, we will breed close to 1200 ewes. The dogs are an important part of everyday sheep life on the farm, shedding individual ewes for treatments, and moving the flock around. Pasture lambing is made easier with the dogs- especially when ewes/lambs need to go to the shed.

Syd is an experienced brace dog who works with several other dogs whose whistles are suitable, normally 2 dogs work together. Syd is fun to take to trials- he has won some including the 2014 Western Canadian Championship. He is a rough coat and has a classy style about him. He has a nice amount of eye, is very brave and kind to sheep, although they normally move for him. Syd has a good amount of initiative, and loves to work on his own. We suit each other.

*The rest of Ken's story is written by Janet Fahey from Ontario.*

The first time I (Janet) saw Syd was in his very first Pro-Novice run at a trial in Ontario. I owned his littermate, Dod, and was interested to see his style. Wow! What a dog! He was a big, athletic boy and moved with so much confidence. His power and sheep control shone through, particularly on the cross drive.

Ken had always admired Dod, so when I found out Syd was for sale, I called him. With Syd's size and athleticism, I thought he'd be a good fit for Ken's sheep operation. Since I was heading out to Ken's for some dog training anyway, I arranged with Syd's owner, Belinda Betz, to fly him out with me on trial. I am thrilled that they've turned into such a great team, and look forward to watching them in Holland!

Thanks to Ken & Janet for this article!