

# Brittany Greats Named to Field Trial Hall of Fame



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A fabulous American Brittany field dog, "Microdot" (in portrait) owned by Bill Oliver (second from right) and wife, Mary Lynn Oliver (center), of Wichita, Kansas, was recently inducted into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame during ceremonies held in Grand Junction, Tennessee, site of the prestigious hall. Pictured with the Olivers at the ceremony when their dog's scroll of honor was presented are: (left to right) Marjorie Johnson and husband, Lyle Johnson, the dog's trainer/handler, and (far right) Francis Clasen, who scouted the champion male dog.

The small western Tennessee town of Grand Junction is home of the only museum in America dedicated to bird dogs and field trials. It is the hallowed site of the Field Trial hall of Fame, where the greatest of the greats are enshrined – both dogs and people who, over time, have made their marks in the field trial sport. Retrievers, pointing dogs, and flushing breeds are all honored. Over the weekend of February 7 and 8, 2004, several hundred sporting dog enthusiasts from all over North America converged on Grand Junction to witness eight distinguished people and ten outstanding dogs of various breeds, all being enshrined in the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Among those inducted during the recent ceremonies were three outstanding Brittans: two icons of more recent years, and one an old-timer. They were: "Microdot" owned by Bill and Mary Lynn Oliver of Wichita, Kansas, handled by Lyle Johnson; and "Scott's Gingerbread Lady" owned by Scott Hoven, Harrisonville, Missouri, bred and handled by Rosco Staton. "Holliday Britt," a multiple field champion and 1960 National Champion, was added in the old-timer category. A portrait and plaque honoring each will hang permanently in the prestigious hall. The group joins 57 earlier great dogs and 28 distinguished people already inducted over the past decade.

The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to preserving the past and protecting the future for over 40 breeds of bird dogs, including pointing breeds, spaniels, and retrievers, most of which are also involved in competitive field trial sports across the continent. The charitable, non-profit foundation houses and operates the National Bird Dog Museum, Field Trial Hall of Fame and Wildlife Heritage Center, all under one roof at Grand Junction, Tennessee. The exhibits, art, and extensive natural resources/sporting dog library are all free for the public's enjoyment and education six days per week, Tuesday through Sunday. Those interested can learn more at: [www.birddogfoundation.com](http://www.birddogfoundation.com).