

**Year of Induction**

**2019**

**CATEGORY: Outstanding Performance in Gundog Retrieving Trials**



**GR RTCh Acolon Prince of Cypher (aka Red) (IMP UK)**

**DOB 22/08/2009 (Retired)**

**BREED: Labrador Retriever**

**Sire: UK FT Ch Tweedshot Maximus of Blackharn**

**Dam: Conghamheath Quin**

**Breeder – Dr J Lilley**

**Owned by - Mr KE Britton**

**Handled by – Mr Karl Britton**

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **National Championships**

**2012 National Retriever Championship 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**2016 National Retriever Championship 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

### **State Championships**

**2012 1<sup>st</sup> SA State Championship**

**2012 3<sup>rd</sup> NSW State Championship**

**2013 3<sup>rd</sup> Vic State Championship**

**2014 1<sup>st</sup> Qld State Championship**

**2014 3<sup>rd</sup> ACT State Championship**

**2014 3<sup>rd</sup> NSW State Championship**

**2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Qld State Championship**

**2015 2<sup>nd</sup> TAS State Championship**

**2016 1<sup>st</sup> NSW State Championship (Lead up trial to National)**

**2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Vic State Championship**

**2017 1<sup>st</sup> NSW State Championship**

**2017 1<sup>st</sup> SA State Championship**

**2017 1<sup>st</sup> Vic State Championship**

**2017 2<sup>nd</sup> TAS State Championship**

**Red accumulated a total of 258 Championship points in All Age and Championship Retrieving Trials.**

## **IN BRIEF**

Red arrived in Australia at 3 months of age in Dec 2009; after completion of quarantine he flew to NT then in 2011 relocated to Victoria to start his trialling career. Red got off to a blast and completed Novice in just 5 trials, he gained a further 2 wins in Restricted that year and his final win in Restricted Jan 2012. We carried on training for a further 3 months before running him in All Age. First few competitions where a bit of a disaster we paid heavily for Reds exuberance I had to work very hard on obedience the excitement of concepts, 3 birds was just too much for him. By June we had that sorted, then he started winning, in July he qualified as an RTCh.

We entered our 1<sup>st</sup> State Championships in NSW and SA where he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. Later he also place 3<sup>rd</sup> in his first ever National, he was the youngest dog to complete that trial. Later that month I became ill and did not trial again until July the following year. Red had amassed so many points on the Retriever Central leader board he still finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country that year. We did not trial again until July 2013 where we only campaigned lightly in Victoria.

Red picked up another State Championship win in 2014 the very first time we trialled in Qld. He had mastered his craft and was becoming one of the most consistant finishers of All Age trials. Now we were both fit again in 2015 we started our travels to compete, those very first set of Grand Retriever Championship points were very close. Red achieved this in Tasmania by completing back-to-back wins in All Age.

2016 and 2017 were big years for Red he achieved some phenomenal results. Of note, was the lead up State trial to the National in 2016 where Red returned an average of 52.5 points per run. He repeated a better score in SA State Championship in 2017 where he achieved 54.6 points per run. He was a great marking dog, understood concepts a very strong water dog. We would often come from behind in a trial on the last run and win because of his water run. His biggest strength was his sagacity his ability to work things out for himself when working out of sight.

Red retired in 2018 he was beginning to pick up injuries, a big dog with an even bigger heart with no weaknesses or a bad bone in his body. For a dog that had a splintered start when I became seriously ill, went on to have an impressive career. Honest, laid back supremely confident in his retrieving ability, he trusted me implicitly. Several of his prodigies are now competing 4 are RTCh. For a pommy dog he has certainly left his mark on this sport. A dog that put up with all my faults as a trainer and helped me succeed, I am forever grateful.