

His Name Is Otto.....The Do It All Labrador

These days, he's simply known and cherished as "Otto" — a name spoken with so much love by his devoted owner, JoAnn Wirtz, and by everyone lucky enough have met and know him.

Behind that sweet, familiar name lays a truly impressive legacy. His full title, a long and proud string of accomplishments — AKC Major-Ch Pted / UHRCH URBPIS UWP URO1 Chambrays Ticket To Anywhere RN DS DM AJ HDJ TKA FDC CGCA CGCU BCAT RATN VHMP — a résumé of dedication, talent, and unwavering heart. And knowing Otto and JoAnn, that string of letters is only the beginning of a story still being written.

Before the ribbons, medals, and proud moments taken to those spotlights with his owner, JoAnn, Otto was simply "Fry" to us — or "Green Collar Boy" — one of our beloved pups at Chambray Acres. Each puppy in our litters is given a baby nickname to help us know them as they grow, long before they're ready to go to their forever homes. Every Chambray puppy is also microchipped and AKC registered — not just for their records, but to ensure they'll always have a way back home if ever needed.

JoAnn's journey to Otto began long before she ever stepped foot on Chambray Acres. From her home in California, she reached out with a heartfelt desire for a companion to fit in with all the activities that she had in mind. Through many thoughtful conversations between her, Jessi, and myself, we came to understand just how much intention, care, and vision JoAnn had for the right puppy to join her life.....this was someone who knew exactly what she wanted — and why.....desire and purpose.

Like every prospective Chambray family, JoAnn filled out our comprehensive Puppy Placement Form — a cornerstone of our Puppy Placement Process that dives into everything from lifestyle and personality preferences to specific goals like scent work, therapy certification, hunting, or competitive obedience. With over 50 years dedicated exclusively to the Labrador Retriever, we've developed an intuition — a deep, practiced understanding of what makes each puppy unique, and how to align those qualities with the lives waiting to receive them.

JoAnn's form?.....Let's just say..... she checked *nearly every single box*.

A 'Possible' Service Dog.....

'Potentially' an AKC Canine Good Citizen and future 'Partner' in obedience.....

A canine athlete to 'Participate' in numerous sporting, competitive venues.

Add to all those 'much-sought-out-superlatives'.....drum roll maestro....she wanted the final 'brush stroke' to the 'Perfect Picture', she envisioned a show 'Prospect' puppy with Show-Winning breed-traits, as well!

In essence — she was dreaming of a dog that could *do it all*. With all that information in hand, our goal was to find such a puppy in one of our up and coming litters.....our mission, placing the best fit puppy, with the best-fit new owner.

From the moment our litters are born, we're hands-on every day — observing, evaluating, and nurturing. Through temperament testing, personality assessments, situational exposure, and the ever-important evaluations for conformation and breed standards, we piece together the full picture of each puppy's destiny.

After much thought and considerations here at Chambray and many soul-searching and heartfelt emails exchanged, I finally wrote to her and said, “If you’re game, your search is over. Come meet your little man.”

JoAnn made the journey — over 4,000 miles — all the way from California to South Florida. I’ll never forget the moment she stood outside the gate of Chambray Acres, full of anticipation. Having walked into our Labrador realm.....within seconds, “Fry” came bounding across the front yard and leapt straight into her arms, as if he’d known all along she was his person.

From that moment forward, their journey began — a story now seen and felt through titles, accomplishments, and achievements... but most of all, through a bond that’s as deep and beautiful as any we’ve had the joy to witness.

Another Chambray Puppy Placement.....Mission Accomplished.....envisioned and promised, we had that very special pup who was destined for just that kind of life. Now, we watch as Otto and JoAnn navigate the script and finish telling the story.