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Marisa Melo Solid Again in the Master

MT. SHASTA, CALIFORNIA (April 9, 2013) – PepperJack Kennel's 13 year old Marisa Melo of Mt. Shasta, California along with her dog, Kerryburke's California Dolly MH (call name Dolly) would shift gears this weekend after coming off their biggest success together just two weeks ago when they once again shocked the dog competition world by winning their first AKC field trial event entered together.

This weekend they would travel to Anderson, CA to run in the Lassen Retriever Club's Master Hunt test event as they continue to work on obtaining their six needed passes in the Master before July 31 in order to qualify for the Master National in Kansas later this year.

The Tri Tronics and Eukanuba-supported duo would once again be on their game as they cruised thru the three series picking up their second master pass this year in three attempts. "Right now Dolly and I are clicking. We are seeing the tests well and making good decisions," said Marisa. "Dolly is so talented and I think I am getting better on the line to help her also which brings up both our confidence levels. It is so much fun to run her and see everyone at these events on the weekends," Melo added.

The young talent has also decided now to take the next big step and will move into the Open All-Age and Amateur All-Age Field Trial events on a limited basis in 2013. Their first event will be next weekend at the Sacramento Valley Retriever Club's Field Trial event to be held at Clear Creek Sports Club in Corning, CA. "This is a huge jump for them," stated father Marty Melo. "To be honest we were looking at late this year or even next year for them to move up to the top two tiers of the sport, however with the success they are having Marisa wants to start learning and taking her licks up there so they can get better," Marty added.

Marisa also found out this week that she has become a member of the non-profit Retrieving Freedom organization that places trained service dogs with our military veterans that have become disabled or have PTSD along with children that have autism. "This is very important and exciting to me," said Marisa. "I am honored to be working alongside this terrific organization. I want to dedicate all my success to our veterans. Without them protecting us and our great country I would not even be running dogs," she added.

Marisa plans to assist in sharing the needs of RFI and will be announcing a 2013 fundraising campaign in the near future along with attending their Annual Fundraiser at the Centre in Waverly, Iowa on July 6th.

Marisa, who continues to gain support, would like to thank her 2013 supporters: Warner Smith of Tri-Tronics, Rick Dirmeyer of Eukanuba, Scott Backstrom of B&B RV, Richard Dallesasse of Dallesasse Whistles and Lanyards, Amy Hayre of LabAdored and Mt Shasta Animal Hospital.

If you are interested in learning more about and supporting Marisa or Retrieving Freedom, you can visit the following websites: www.pepperjackkennels.com www.retrievingfreedom.org