

**JUNE 2008**

## **HANDLER OF THE MONTH**

*Brent Daniel*

Brent has a deep-seeded need to “piddle around”. He is not one to sit around idle, so when he was introduced to stockdog competition by his cousin, Lyn Daniel, it was almost nirvana. Combine dogs and cattle, and there is no end to the enjoyment he finds working outdoors.

Brent has worked with cattle his entire life, and has always had a dog nearby when working them. It was when he was living in Colorado that his father gave him a border collie puppy named Annie. Although Annie never competed in any trial, her offspring have, winning numerous awards and buckles.

Brent truly enjoys the time he spends with his dogs; they are a never-ending source of pride, and sometimes, frustration. “There are times when a dog gets one thing in his head and no matter how much you yell at him, you can’t get his attention. It’s like yelling at your kids. When you finally get their attention, they can’t figure out what has you so riled up.”

The Sundowner’s Stockdog Association has become an important aspect of his life. Brent also loves the competition, but hasn’t decided which he enjoys more; watching his dogs work, or the camaraderie he feels with the other handlers. “This is a great bunch of guys to be associated with. Any one of them would give you the shirt off their back. Jan’s not bad either!” Brent has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Sundowner’s Stockdog Association for over two years.

Brent loves this sport so much he has trained dogs that are owned by others, with great results. Just ask Bart Workman or his father, Donnie.

Brent is a native Oklahoman. He was born in Atoka and upon graduation, joined the US Air Force. He spent four years on active duty, where he met and married his wife, Ruthann. He might have left active duty, but he continued life in the Air Force by supporting his wife throughout her twenty-two year career. They have two sons; Dale, a senior at SOSU majoring in Wildlife Biology, and Bob, a senior at Tushka High School.

### **Trials and Triumphs**

**2008 Cottonwood Crossing Cow Dog Futurity -  
Reserve Champion**

**2008 Cottonwood Crossing Cow Dog Futurity - 4th Place**

**2007 Sundowner's Ranch Stockdog of the Year**

**2007 Tulsa Derby Champion**

**2007 Jack King Derby Champion**

**2006 Sundowner's ShootOut Ranch Reserve Champion**