

# *My Best Friend, My Brother*

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15 years ago...I get a phone call with a very strange sounding accent..telling me he was referred by a Saint Bernard Breeder in Ohio to call me for a dog. This guy was on the next plane to come see me.

We talked dogs, structure, genes, pedigree. Some people he visited did not know what he had



accomplished with his previous breed the Saint Bernard. He was internationally known and had many Best in Show Winners and he made an impact on his breed! These so called well known big winners did not treat him very well. Talked down to him. Never gave this guy a chance..or maybe they just did not have the knowledge he had on dogs in general.



This person became my confidant in dogs and even my personal life. We became family brother and sister. When Visiting California we did the SUNSET BLVD clubbing and dinner with my friends that were in the Business of entertainment. They also became his friend and kept in contact with him. Tabitha Stevens who is in the Adult Film Industry just loved joking with him and it was entertaining just watching them tease each other. I can give you all the big names in music who just adored hanging out with this guy! He became friends with Corky Vroom who enjoyed talking dogs with him when he came to shows out here. Both very knowledgeable dog men which we all will never see again!

With my heart broken I say good bye to one of my best friends, my brother and the world has lost a great dog man with knowledge of the Alaskan Malamute that some people did not utilize.

**HORST KRANZ..YOU ARE NOW AT HEAVENS GATE WITH ALL YOUR WONDERFUL SAINT BERNARDS AND YOUR WONDERFUL ALASKAN MALAMUTES .**

Harold, Lois, Marty and I will miss you and the Alaskan Malamute has lost a real Champion!

Love always till we meet again

Bernadette