

2024 CFNA Seminar



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Conformation**

2024 Annual Seminar

Presented by Heartland Chapter CFNA

April 18 9:30 AM

Comfort Inn & Suites, 5025 County Rd V, DeForest Wi 53532

The Spring Seminar during April 2024 that will be hosted by the Heartland Chapter and will spotlight two of our friends from the Czech Republic, Adam Machala and Dr. Silvie Neradilová. Adam and Silvie are both judges and are willing to visit and help train us on the exterior examination of our dogs.

Several topics will be covered that will be useful for both judges and general club members so plan to attend!

Conformation judging is **AS IMPORTANT AS** performance testing because a conformationally sound dog will have fewer injuries and perform longer in the field than one with poor conformation. Helping both judges and club members prepare, handle, and assess our dogs will assist the club in maintaining high quality canine partners.

Thursday 18 April will cover low stress handling and exterior examination of our dogs. This will be recorded on Zoom but will also have some hands-on portions. Friday 18 April will be a training day as well as cover grooming and stripping. Judging of the new Water Search portion of the IHDT will be discussed.

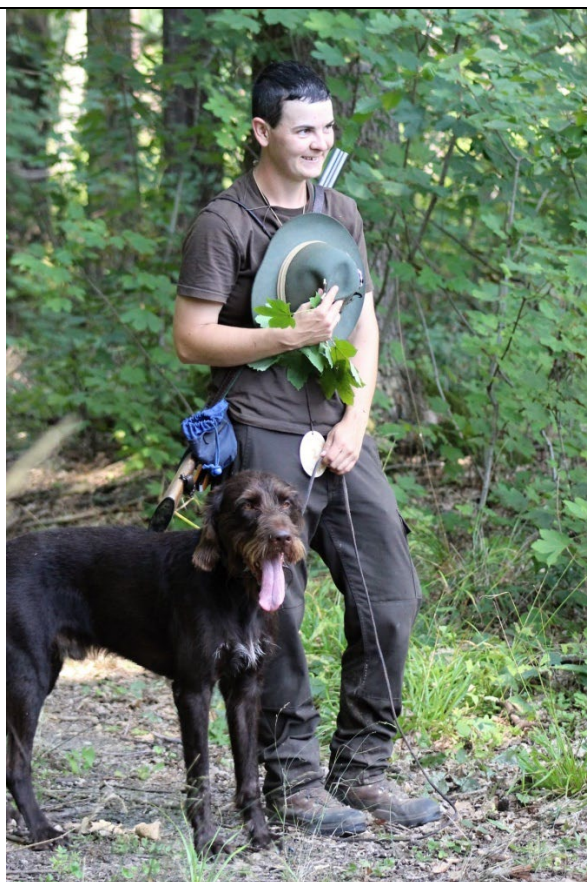
Why are we inviting Adam and Silvie to help us with judging? The breeding committee (BC) depends on judges to accurately score dogs and note any faults they may have. Our judges have little or no expertise in judging exterior and movement in our dogs. Recently the conformation of our dogs has deteriorated so that dogs with faults are still scored as excellent or “4”. Therefore, we need training on assessment of conformation and how to score dogs that are not a “4”. Dogs judged as either 4 or 3 can enter the breeding program but it is important for the BC to know which potential faults each specific dog has so we can select appropriate breeding pairs.

Additionally, showing our dogs off to the best of the handler’s ability will facilitate the BC assessment of litters overall. Safe handling and training of dogs for examination to reduce stress, especially for checking dentition will be covered. Adam and Silvie will demonstrate correct grooming and stripping including removal of the puppy coat.

Please plan on attending!!!

Ing. Silvie Neradilová, PhD: Silvie has been involved in the breeding of Český Fousek since 2008, when she acquired her first female, Chita z Kobeřic, and became a member of the Czech Club. Over the following years, she trained and showcased approximately 15 dogs of various breeds in tests and exhibitions. In 2016, she became a performance judge, gradually expanding her basic accreditation to the maximum (ZV, PZ, SVP, LZ, VZ). Utilizing her training experience, she now assists other dog owners who often struggle with training. In 2022, she became a member of the International Secretariat of the Czech Club, and in 2023, she became a deputy regional breed warden for the North Moravian branch of the Czech Club. Currently, she is working on obtaining accreditation for judging conformation. Her most significant canine achievement was achieving 4th place at the Karel Podhajský Memorial in 2020 with the dog Beren z Neřádova stavení. Since 2016, she has been continually seeking more information about Alopecia in Český Fousek and trying to determine the cause of this condition.

Adam Machala: Adam has been dedicated to breeding Český fousek since 2009 when he acquired his first female, Debi z Bosonoh, and simultaneously became a member of the Czech Club. Over the following years, he learned to train pointing dogs, and he utilized these experiences to train not only his own dogs but also those of other owners. Throughout his life, Adam has trained and showcased approximately 30 dogs of various breeds at tests and exhibitions. In 2016, he became a performance judge, gradually expanding his basic accreditation to the maximum (ZV, PZ, SVP, LZ, VZ). In 2022, he became a member of the International Secretariat of the Czech club. Currently, he is working on obtaining accreditation for conformation judging. Apart from dogs, he also has experience working with horses (hipotherapy). Reproduction of dogs and veterinary care are significant areas of interest for Adam. His most significant canine achievement was participation at the Karel Podhajský Memorial 2020 with the female Annie z Kyjovic.



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Adam Machala