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Ander of the Hundgaard and Neal Sojda

Father and son enjoying a brisk and windy late season hunt
with there favorite hunting partner.

(Owner and Photographer Rick Sojda)

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Once again the hunting seasons come to a close leaving us with the memories of staunch pointing dogs and the thunder of wing beats from flushing birds. The only regrets, not spending more time in the field so we even had more special moments to savor.

It always seems like the season is too short and there is never enough time to get all the hunts in we would like. I just hope you got enough to tide you over. Making you even more hungry for next year's season. It will make the summer more bearable.

This issue brings you all the results from the hard work our breeding committee puts in and all the time and hard work our handlers and their dogs have gone through. For some handlers everything came together with a great ending, for a few the day was less than perfect. The hunting season should have made all thoughts of those days distant memories.

We have several great articles coming in the next issue. Enjoy

Greg Hurtig

John Pitlo

*Until we meet again with
dogs at our side*

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Northeast Chapter (NEGC)**Fall Test 2008****by Erik Anderson**

Earlier this Fall in September, the Northeast Chapter held their traditional Fall Test in Bristol, Maine. Hosted by Tina and Rick Molt, this event always draws great enthusiasm from participants. Not only are the meals anticipated, but Rick has lined-up some of the finest test grounds any breed club could hope for.

Considering this was one of the earliest weekends in my memory to have the Fall test, overcast weather prevented the first weekend of September from being too hot for the dogs. Moisture in the groundcover and calm winds allowed for fine scenting conditions. With many pup owners electing to get a hunting season under their dogs' collars before running IHDT, we only had 3 NAT pups and 1 IHDT pup to test. Fortunately, we were able to fit all four dogs in on Saturday with time to spare for Rick, Tina and their son Isaac to get the clam and lobster bake fired-up!

The judging group consisted of Phil Bennett (senior judge), Nate Newman, Kevin Jester, and Ted Silver. We are always fortunate to have plenty of volunteers to help with lunches, gallery herding, photography, and bird handling!

The three NAT pups were from the "A" Litter of Cattail Storm (Andrew Phillip of Sour-dough Trail x Britta of Willow Springs.) Each of these 12 month old pups showed great promise in becoming fine hunting partners. The first dog of the morning was Absolut Spot of Cattail Storm, handled by yours truly, Erik Anderson. Spot showed some tentativeness during the search, although he was more focused in the woods. Certainly further exposure running without big brother will give him more experience searching independently this hunting season. Nice demonstrations of nose, affinity for water, tracking and pointing earned Spot a respectable 25 point Prize II.

Ana Belle of Cattail Storm handled by Susan Kaufmann was the second NAT dog to be released! This friendly little female had some difficulty using her nose at times and was often timid. There remains great promise that the exposure to a hunting season will give her some experience making the connections to game. Ana Belle proceeded to earn 3's in searching and tracking, and



Ava of Cattail Storm
Owner Rick Molt
(Photographer Tina Molt)

4's in pointing and affinity to water! There is little doubt that we will see a different dog for the IHDT next year, considering Susan is an experienced handler. Ana Belle did not receive a prize due to the problems with use of nose.

Ava of Cattail Storm was the third and final NAT dog for the day. It appeared that the handler, a fellow named Rick Molt, has some experience with gun dogs. Despite the distractions of providing lodging, meals, signs, test grounds, directions to the diner, and cigars, Rick (well...Ava) was able to earn a perfect 28 pointer Prize I. Earlier in the year Ava had a set-back with a shoulder injury, but she showed no signs of this! Not only did Ava show strong game desire, but she is easy to examine. It sounded as though the handler has some hunting experience and will follow through with the breeder's agreement to adequately expose Ava to game this hunting season. The author of this article can verify that in New Hampshire at least, mostly resident woodcock were discovered this Fall. It will be assumed that Ava did an adequate job cleaning-up the New Brunswick timberdoodles that would have found New England a convenient staging ground! Thanks, Rick! Fortunately Ruffed Grouse are non-migratory!

Bart of Bernie's Woulds (Baron od Kostilku x Bernita of Fitzgerald's Prairie) was a 15 month old male who ran in IHDT. Handled by Phil Lukish, Bart demonstrated the canine skills and abilities that are the goals of this organization. Although Bart had some minor retrieving issues and some problems with the blind retrieve, he went on to earn a very respectable prize III with 145 points. Phil's energy and enthusiasm towards hunting dogs is immediately evident, and this clearly diffuses to the dog. The two make a fantastic hunting pair and will no doubt contribute to many feather-soiled game bags! Nice job, Phil and Bart! This is probably the appropriate time to note that judge Newman decided to bring his own firearm for the dispatching of the duck. While Lord Boganspoint was not present, there were enough witnesses present that could count to one. That's right....one. One shot....nice work, Nate! I didn't know you could shoulder a 4 gauge punt gun!



Eric Anderson sends **Absolute Spot of Cattail Storm** on a track
(Photo by: Jane Cleaves McKenna)

The evening ended with the usual discussions of soaking clams, gathering "weed" (seaweed, that is) to cover the lobsters over the fire, running partridge, moonlit flights, canine-regurgitated treasures, frost-covered guard hairs, and future reunions. Isaac Molt earned another perfect prize I for his catch and lobster bake performance. I can speak for all the participants who have ever gathered in Bristol, Maine that this reunion is one of the gems of the WPGCA. Thank you to Tina and Rick Molt for all your help with this event over the years. Your hospitality cannot be matched!

The Northwest Griffon Club Fall Test

By Dennise Carlson

The Northwest Griffon Club fall test notice clearly states, right up front, that we were to start at 8:00 AM Sharp. That's not what Steve Grieser and Victor Woodward were chatting about as they breezed past the freeway exit to the test. Eventually, they did notice the scenery. Steve had the judge's score cards... and lunch. As it turned out, we had plenty of time left over after the day's testing to shower and get to dinner.

It was great to see so many old friends again. Helen and Warren Webster towed their comfortable, roomy trailer all the way from Gridley, California to the test site and served us a hearty breakfast. We no longer have a restaurant near the test site, so a real breakfast was much appreciated. Joan Bailey drove up from Portland. It is always good to have her wisdom with us. Jim Neuffer flew in from Sacramento, California to apprentice judge. His scores were right in there. We hope he tests his dog in Utility and apprentices at other chapters so more judges can get to know him. Dennis Bays brought Bella of Salmon River, born this spring, with him so we got to see a preview of her. It was also good exposure for her. Bella enjoyed playing with the other dogs. Dennis did a great job of taking photos. Jeff Dillon drove up from Portland and did an excellent job of planting birds. He even came equipped with radios. We haven't seen John and Terry Heublien at a test in quite a while. It was great to see them again. They are enjoying their retirement traveling around the country.



CADENBERG BALOU V BOEING

Owner Silke Alberts
(Photographer Dennis Bays)

After the hunting horns, we started the day with a Natural Ability test for Sid Siefken's Anikka of Cattail Storm. They flew over from Colorado, did well, and had a good time. After the test Sid and Anikka did some duck exposure at the upper pond.

Then it was Bessie of Hungaard for her Intermediate test. Bessie is owned by Glenn and Lyla Lehrer and was handled by Glenn. The three of them drove from Bozeman, Montana. Bessie somehow picked up an aversion to ducks in water during her training before the test so she had trouble at the water. We all cheered when she finally overcame her fear and retrieved the duck from deep water. "Good girl, Bessie!"

Andy Rupp and Brook of Hungaard were next. They drove all the way from Grand

Lake, Colorado. Brook did very well but she would not allow me to measure her. Later in the day somebody suggested I take off my glasses and my hat. After that, we became trusted friends.

We had planned to test Archibald of Cattail Storm on Sunday, but since Steve Meuter and Archie were down at the water observing anyway, we decided to test Archie in the water right then and there to get that taken care of. Before we could even get a dummy, Archie was in the water swimming around enjoying himself. When he was called to shore, we threw a dummy. No problem.

After a tasty lunch catered by Steve Grieser, Silke Alberts took off her judge's hat and put on her Utility dog handler hat. She needed to get on the road back to Vallejo, California early on Sunday so we started testing Balou at the water.



Allegiance of Sourdough Trail

Owner Jane Web

(Photographer Jane Web)

After the day's testing we enjoyed an excellent banquet at Mary McCrank's with much merry-making and story telling. Larry and Nancy Mason joined us. We are ever grateful they let us use their property for testing and training.

On Sunday, after another great breakfast by the Websters, we completed Balou's Utility field work. Joining us for the day were Bob and Polly Dewey. They were interested in our dogs and left impressed. It is a rare joy to witness a dog so steady to wing and shot as Balou. This, even after I missed the

first bird twice. I redeemed myself on the second bird, Balou steady through it all. Not only is she completely steady but her points are rock hard intense.

After lunch, we completed testing Archie in the field. He did very well, especially considering the fact that he and his sister, Anikka where born in August so they were quite young during their first hunting season. It was a wonderful to watch Archie track. He learned all the way up the hill. It was obvious he has the right equipment.

It was a good test. Every duck swam to cover, every chukar flew out of the field, and every pheasant ran straight up the hill. I'd like to thank all who attended, most especially the handlers who came from so far away to keep their testing obligations.

Rocky Mountain Chapter Exposure Day

By

Debbie Trotter

Several things worth noting came from the Rocky Mountain Chapter's Annual Summer Dog Day event July 19th in Willow Creek, Montana. First, Randy and Diane Ross sure have a nice little piece of heaven on their ranch along the Jefferson River. All who attended were honored to have been their guests for the day. We learned that not only does Diane make outstanding rustic furniture, but she does a mean side of beef as well. With assistance from the "Bozeman gals," we had a wonderful late afternoon feast.

Secondly, we were reminded that damp Montana spring weather can still produce bountiful "skeeter" crops. Thanks to Randy's kind neighbor, Walt Steingurber, and his high tech fumigation equipment, mosquito activity was minimal. Whether Randy was trying to make the birds last longer or just needs a gun-fitting, we're not sure. Either way, he enabled our dogs to have some extra pointing opportunities.

Certainly worthy of note was the presence of Mike Vance. As many of you know, Mike has been the faithful "Birdman of Bozeman" for many years at Rocky Mountain Chapter events. His ongoing efforts have often gone unrecognized. Mike Riley decided it was time to change all this. Mr. Vance happens to be quite sensitive to mosquitoes and is widely recognized by his fashionable "Jungle Jim" attire. In honor of his long time club work, as well as his stylish headgear, he was honored with the first annual "Mike Vance Rocky Mountain Chapter" award: a genuine Lithuanian Sean Connery (Hunt For Red October) sea captain's hat. At press time photos of the new chapeau were not available, but we're sure his Bozeman buddies can change this at a later date. In all sincerity, thanks, Mike V., for all you do for the club (and thanks to your henchmen, Riley and Sodja, who also helped enable us to have birds for the day).

We are all concerned about promoting hunting among our youth, and it was great to have with us the Lehrer grandsons: Austin, Blake, and Gunnar. Also present was Andy Rupp's son, Joe, who we hear is a burgeoning sure shot.

Guests and potential club members to the club are always an important part of our summer event. We enjoyed meeting Andy Goodover of Bozeman and again getting to be with Dylan and Dana Etscorn of Cody, Wyoming. Their German Wirehair, Clovis, put on a nice pointing exhibition, and Dylan was kind to share his photo expertise. Similarly, it was a pleasure to have Bill and Katie Kluchko and their AKC Griffs, Fritz and Bucky. Also present were Rich Wilkins and his GWHP, Mickey. Club members Bill Bennett, Rusty Dill, and Robin Strathy also attended.

We are always trying to reduce some of the work load for our club vets. J.J. Conner, Rick Sodja, John McDunn, and Randy were willing to help as mentors so we could free up Glenn Lehrer, Mike Riley, Mike Vance, and Andy Rupp, so they could work with Bessie, Amos, Aya, and Brooke to prep for their upcoming tests. We hope we can get Glenn to cut back on his association with cardiovascular MD's, as the chapter does not consider this a valid excuse for missing future club events. Also, we are asking the

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 2008

Key to tests

WI = Wisconsin CA = California
 WA = Washington
 ID = Idaho
 ME = Maine
 * = Temperament problem, see write-up
 ++ = Over age, Evaluation only (E)

	Age in Months	Nose and Use of Nose	Searching	Affinity for water	pointing	Tracking Bird	Attitude Toward Work	Cooperation	TOTAL POINTS	CLASSIFICATION	Conformation	Coat	Temperament
	A	N	S	W	P	TB	A	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
<u>GROUP 360 (Aug., 2008 GDS))</u>													
ARLI OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE (WI)	16	4	4	4	0	4	4	2	22		4	4	ok
<u>GROUP 367 (Page 9)</u>													
ALEKSANDER OF CATTAIL STORM (WI)	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
ARCHIBALD OF CATTAIL STORM (WA)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
AVA OF CATTAIL STORM (ME)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	4	ok
ADDUCERE OF CATTAIL STORM (WI)	13	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	27	II	4	3	*
ANIKKA OF CATTAIL STORM (WA)	12	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	27	II	3	3	ok
ABSOLUT SPOT OF CATTAIL STORM (ME)	12	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	25	II	2	4	ok
ATTABOY BOCEPHUS OF CATTAIL STORM (WI)	13	4	4	4	0	4	4	3	23		4	2	ok
ANA BELLE OF CATTAIL STORM (ME)	12	2	3	4	4	3	2	3	21		3	3	*

McDunn girls, Shannara and Kitiri, to provide mosquito and shade tents for all of the attendees next summer: otherwise, we will “sic” our Griffs on their cute toy Fox Terriers, Ame and Andy.

As with many of our club events, the opportunity for dogs and people to socialize was an important part of the day. We reminded each other that talk among ourselves, while good, should be kept to a minimum as our dogs are working. We were generally pleased with the duck work we saw, and the good conditions favored this. Glenn says he has some issues with Bessie in this area, but they are working on it. We had a good discussion about dog health issues, and my comments about noxious grass lawns was reinforced as I removed a deeply imbedded Foxtail spikelet from my dog, Arwen's, left eye at day's end. It is so important to carefully check your dog's coat and orifices at the end of everyday a field. It will save lots of vet fees and may save your dog's life someday. We unanimously concluded a heavy duty Leatherman or light cable cutter is an important part of every hunter's safety kit. Trapper's snares abound, particularly in our western public lands. All in all, it was a wonderful day for the 30 + people and 20 + canines who attended.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 2008**WATER**

TD = Track of Duck (5)

RD = Retrieve of duck (3)

BR = Blind Retrieve (4)

FIELD

S = Searching (5)

P = Pointing (4)

RB = Retrieve of Dragged Bird (3)

TB = Track of Live Bird (3)

*TR = Track of Live Rabbit (3)

*RF = Retrieve of Dragged Fur (3)

JUDGED THROUGHOUT

N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)

AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)

C = Cooperation (3)

O = Obedience (3)

OTHER

TP = Total Prize

PR = Prize Classification

CO = Conformation

CT = Coat

T = Temperament

Key to tests (index number) * = Optional test ++ = Over age, Older Hunting Dog

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
<u>GROUP 352 (Aug., 2007 GDS)</u>																		
++BROOK OF HUNDGAARD, F, 28 mos., (WA)																		
	4	2	2	4	4	4	4			4	4	3	3	152	II	4	3	*
++BESSIE OF HUNDGAARD, F, 28 mos., (WA)																		
	1	0	2	4	3	2	4			4	2	2	2	107		3	3	ok
<u>GROUP 359 (Aug., 2008 GDS)</u>																		
CZOE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 16 mos., (WI)																		
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			4	4	4	4	172	I	4	3	ok
<u>GROUP 360 (Aug., 2008 GDS)</u>																		
AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, 16 mos., (WI)																		
	3	3	4	4	3	3	4			4	4	3	4	154	II	4	3	ok
<u>GROUP 361 (Aug., 2008 GDS)</u>																		
BART OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S, M, 15 mos., (ME)																		
	4	4	2	4	4	4	3			4	3	2	2	145	III	3	3	ok
BOOKER OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S, M, 15 mos., (WI)																		
	2	3	2	2	4	3	4H			4	4	3	2	129	III	3	2	ok
BURUKA OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S, F, 15 mos., (WI)																		
	2	0	2	3	2	0	4			3	2	1	1	85		4	1	ok
<u>GROUP 362 (Aug., 2008 GDS)</u>																		
ARTHUR'S PAL OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, F, 15 mos., (WI)																		
	3	3	3	4	4	2	4			4	3	3	3	144	II	3	3	ok

DOGS EVALUATED IN FALL 2008

NATURAL ABILITY TEST

ARLI OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, F, 16 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 4, 23.5"H X 24" L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: very friendly, easy to handle, no defects observed. Owned by Ted Vanderpan, 9440 Wentlock Rd., Woodbury, MN 55125. Bred by Steve Rossow. Pedigree 360, Aug., 2008 GDS.

ALEKSANDER OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 13 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 23.5" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, some curl, medium furnishings, soft on head. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, no defects observed. Owned by Judy Coil, 49625 Waldo Rd. NE, Kelliher, MN 56650. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

ARCHIBALD OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 12 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, lively, no defects observed. Owned by Steve Meuter, 902 1st St., Kirkland, WA 98033. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

AVA OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 12 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 22.5"H X 22.5" L. Coat: 4, medium harsh, dense, full furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, easy to examine, strong game drive, no defects observed. Owned by Rick Molt, PO Box 115, Bristol, ME 04539. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

ADDUCERE OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 13 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: spooky, impossible to examine due to fear of people, did not show in the field. Owned by Dean Umphrey, PO Box 310, Keosauqua, IA 52565. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

ANIKAK OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 12 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 3, overshot teeth, 23"H X 23" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to handle, no defects observed. Owned by Sid Siefken, 14035 Park Cove Dr., Bloomfield, CO 80023. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

ABSOLUT SPOT OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 12 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 3, severe underbite, right lower canine skewed, 23"H X 23" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, dense, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: no defects observed. Owned by Erik Anderson, 354 Beech Hill Rd., Andover, NH 03216. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

ATTABOY BOCEPHUS OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 13 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 22.5"H X 22.5" L. Coat: 2, medium harsh, lacks density, curly, open on belly, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, happy, eager, energetic, good game drive no defects observed. Owned by Clay Hooley, 17656 14th Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

ANA BELLE OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 12 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 3, 22"H X 22" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, dense, slight curl, full furnishings. Temperament: friendly, very timid at times, does not show strong game drive. Gun sensitive.. Owned by Susan Kaufman, 61 Bushy Hill, Ivoryton, CT 06442. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Page 9.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

++BROOK OF HUNDGAARD, F, 28 mos., whelped 5/2/2006. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, medium furnishings, soft on head. Temperament: barks at people, difficult to examine, eager for game. Owned by Andrew Rupp, PO Box 2118, Grand Lake, CO 80447. Bred by Jim Seibel. Pedigree 352, Aug., 2007 GDS.

++BESSIE OF HUNDGAARD, F, 28 mos., whelped 5/2/2006. Conformation: 3, 23"H X 23" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, belly open, soft on head. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, no defects observed. Owned by Glenn Lehrer, 8636 Panorama East, Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Jim Seibel. Pedigree 352, Aug., 2007 GDS.

CZOE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 16 mos., whelped 4/19/2007. Conformation: 4, 22"H X 22" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, medium furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: eager, easy to examine, good drive. Owned by Brian Johnston, 1698 170th St., New Richmond, WI 54017. Bred by Jim Hughes. Pedigree 359, Aug., 2008 GDS.

AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, 16 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 4, 25.5"H X 25.5" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: happy, eager, easy to examine, good game drive. Owned by Paul Stadem, 22 Forrest CT NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721. Bred by Steve Rossow. Pedigree 360, Aug., 2008 GDS.

PEDGREE 367**CHIPPER DE LOS ALTOS****ADMIRAL DOZER OF MARSH STREAM****BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK****ANDREW PHILLIP OF SOURDOUGHT TRAIL****BARTON DE LOS ALTOS****AUSTIN OF BANDED PEAK****BINTI OF CLOUDY SKIES****“A” CATTAIL STORM****BARTON DE LOS ALTOS****ELMO OF AUGER FALLS****CASSIDY OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW****BRITTA OF WILLOW SPRINGS****ARIKO VOM ERIK****BREA OF TRUMAN’S PRIDE****AVIAN OF SHOW-ME-BOREALIS****INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST (CONTINUED)**

BART OF BERNIE’S WOULD’S, M, 15 mos., whelped 5/17/2007. Conformation: 3, missing M1 lower left, 22”H X 22” L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, medium furnishings, somewhat open on belly. Temperament: friendly, eager, sometimes a bit timid. Owned by Philip Lukish, 9312 Playhouse Rd., Petersbur, PA 16669. Bred by Bernard Schmitz. Pedigree 361, Aug., 2008 GDS.

BOOKER OF BERNIE’S WOULD’S, M, 15 mos., whelped 5/17/2007. Conformation: 3, tight scissors bite with moderate wear, 24”H X 24” L. Coat: 2, open on sides, legs, head, back of ears, and chest, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Todd Haugen, 1578 36th St. NE., Larimore, ND 58251. Bred by Bernard Schmitz. Pedigree 361, Aug., 2008 GDS.

BURUKA OF BERNIE’S WOULD’S, F, 15 mos., whelped 5/17/2007. Conformation: 4, 23”H X 23” L. Coat: 1, open on back, sides and chest, soft on head, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, energetic, bordering on difficult to examine. Owned by Steve Skold, 1020 Briar Ridge, West Des Moines, IA 50265. Bred by Bernard Schmitz. Pedigree 361, Aug., 2008 GDS.

ARTHUR’S PAL OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, F, 15 mos., whelped 5/29/2007. Conformation: 3, 25”H X 25” L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, sparse furnishings. Temperament: calm, easy to handle. Owned by Pete Engman, 557 160th Ave., Turtle Lake, WI 54889. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 362, Aug., 2008 GDS.

UTILITY TEST

BEAUDASHUS OF WILLOW SPRINGS, M, 43 mos., whelped 2/9/2005. Conformation: 4, 24”H X 24”L. Coat: 4, medium harsh, dense, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly, eager, happy, no defects observed. Owned by Jim Crouse, 6221 Moore Rd., Delaware, OH 43015. Bred by Brian Johnston. Pedigree 338, Aug., 2005 GDS.

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CADENBERG BALOU V BOEING, F, 53 mos., whelped 4/13/2004. Conformation: within standards of the breed Coat: not judged. Temperament: no defects observed. Owned by Silke Alberts, 901 Alameda St., Vallejo, CA 94590. Bred by Silke Alberts.

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P = Pointing (4)

SWS = Steady to Wing and Shot (3)

RS = Retrieve of Shot Bird (3)

WD = Whoa or Down (3)

TB = Track of Live Bird (4)

SW = Search in Woods (4)

H = Walk at Heel (2)

RDG = Retrieve of Dragged Game (3)

*F = Find/Retrieve of Dead Game (3)

*B = Blood Track (4)

N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)

AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)

C = Cooperation (4)

O = Obedience (3)

TP = Total Points

PR = Prize Classification

CO = Conformation

CT = Coat

T = Temperament
- | SW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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- GROUP 338 (Aug., 2005 GDS)
BEAUDASHUS OF WILLOW SPRINGS, M, 43 mos., (WI)
- 3 3 3 4 4 4 3 0 1 4 4 4 3 3 4 4 3 2 205 4 4 ok
- GERMAN WIREHAired POINTER
- | Cadenberg Balou v Boeing, F, 53mos., (WA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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- Aleksander of Cattail Storm Retrieving pheasant after the track.
Owner: Judy Coil.
(Photographer: Jon Coil)

PennHip Report for 2008

By John Pitlo

At the 2006 WPGCA seminar and meeting in Idaho, the BOD voted to change the hip evaluation from OFA to PennHip. The reasons for this move were numerous and well covered by an article in the GDS by Dr. Corey Cherstrom (June 2006, GDS). For more information go to: www.pennhip.org. The reporting below will be much the same, except a DI (Distraction Index) value for each hip will be reported. A low DI indicates tight hips with a low probability of developing hip dysplasia, conversely, a higher DI value indicates loose hips and a higher probability of developing hip dysplasia. PennHip reports how the tested dog compares to other dogs of the same breed that have been evaluated. A dog with a 90% rating has excellent hips, a dog with a 10% rating has a high probability of developing hip dysplasia. NOTE—owners of dogs less than 2 yrs old—you must complete a PennHip evaluation for your pup in order to be eligible for ANY refund as outlined in the Breeders Agreement.

BERKANO OF HUNDGAARD: Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Czig Czag of Valley House. Left Hip DI = 0.54; Right Hip DI = 0.58 (Moderate Hip Dysplasia). Ranking = 20%. Owned by Charles Dahlstrom (female).

BELLE OF GLACIER RIDGE: Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Bella's Amy of Fitzgerald's Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.38; Right Hip DI = 0.33. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Russell Dill (female).

BURUKA OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S: Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Bernita of Fitzgeralds Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.52; Right Hip DI = 0.46. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Steven Skold (male).

BOOKER OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S: Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Bernita of Fitzgeralds Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.40. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Todd Haugen (male).

AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE: Sire; Hasan Z Lisova, Dam; Brooke of Bogan's Point. Left Hip DI = 0.21; Right Hip DI = 0.21. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Paul Stadem (male).

ANSEL MACDUFF OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE: Sire; Hasan Z Lisova, Dam; Brooke of Bogan's Point. Left Hip DI = 0.42; Right Hip DI = 0.38. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Vaughn Anthony (male).

AMOS OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE: Sire; Hasan Z Lisova, Dam; Brooke of Bogan's Point. Left Hip DI = 0.31; Right Hip DI = 0.31. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Mike Reilly (male).

AGUSTUS OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE: Sire; Hasan Z Lisova, Dam; Brooke of Bogan's Point. Left Hip DI = 0.31; Right Hip DI = 0.38. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Josh Bosi (male).

AKAY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN: Sire; Hasan Z Lisova, Dam; Brigid of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.28; Right Hip DI = N/A (cavitation). Ranking = 90%. Owned by Randy Mann (female).

ALEKSANDER OF CATTAIL STORM: Sire; Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.39; Right Hip DI = 0.35. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Judy Coil (male).

PennHip Reports for 2008 (Continued)

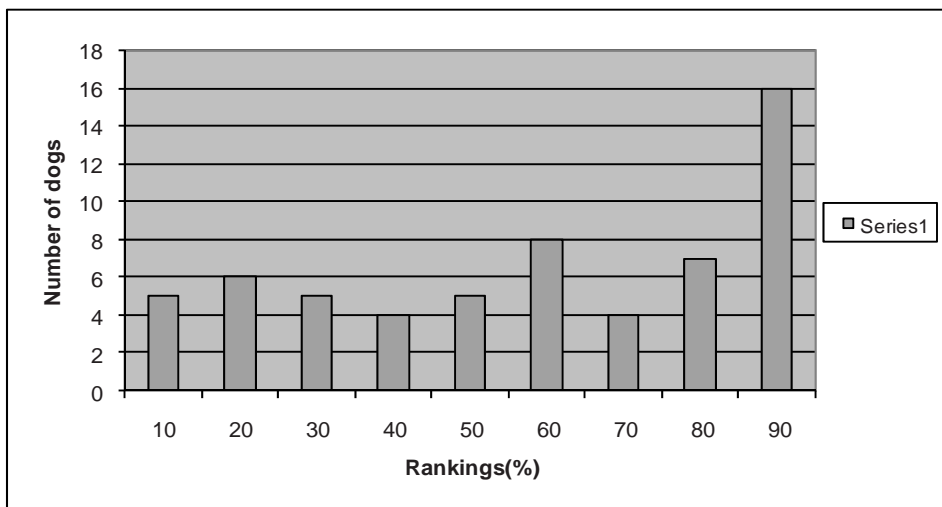
ATTABOY BOCEPHUS OF CATTAIL STORM: Sire; Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.30; Right Hip DI = 0.33. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Clay Hooley (male).

ARCHIBALD OF CATTAIL STORM: Sire; Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = N/A (Cavitation); Right Hip DI = 0.34. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Linda & Steve Meuter (male).

STONYRIDGE GRACEY: Sire; Black River Dallas, Dam; Stonybrook Bobby. Left Hip DI = 0.26; Right Hip DI = 0.30. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Cliff Koele (female).

Authors note: Since 2006, 60 dogs have been PennHip evaluated. Five dogs (8%) have been diagnosed with hip dysplasia. Although this is higher than the Breeding Committee would like to see, it is very close to the traditional 6% we have seen in the Griffon breed for many years. In addition, the sample size is small and the addition or deletion of just 1 dog changes the rate considerably.

The chart below shows the distribution of those 60 dogs. In a normal distribution, there should be just as many dogs below the 50% level as there are above. As you can see, it is not evenly distributed as there are 20 dogs below the 50% range and 35 above. There are 16 dogs in the 90% range alone. Its difficult to speculate on why this is, but our sample size is very small. In addition, these dogs are compared to all Wirehaired Pointing Griffons who have been evaluated (about 253 to date). It could also indicate that our selection to breed only those dogs with PennHip values above 50% is resulting in dogs with tighter hips (in the 70%-90% range). In fact, **AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE** (evaluated in 2008) had the tightest hips of any of our dogs with a DI (Distraction Index) of 0.21 for both hips. This is very encouraging and speaks well for the selection of dogs with good hips in the breeding program. **AESIR** will be used as a stud dog in the coming years.



Heartland Chapter Fall Test

By Rem DeJong

Fewer dogs testing and more club members opting for early hunting season over test attendance tend to make autumn tests less stressful. Of course, the nine handlers whose dogs were being tested didn't think so. Group A was headed up by Greg Hurtig, who gained experience as a senior judge under the eye of John Pitlo. Fine job Greg! Dave Finley apprenticed. Group A conducted a Utility Field Test of Beaudashus of Willow Springs and an Intermediate Hunting Dog Test of Czoë of Truman's Pride, owned by Brian Johnston.

It seems impossible to fit the words "compliant" and "Crouse" in the same sentence—even at opposite ends of a very long one, but Jim was well behaved as he followed judges' orders during the long ordeal of the UFT for Beaudashus. If game-drive were electricity, Beau could power a small city by himself. Holding that drive in check for the steady-to-wing-and-shot test proved his undoing; the fact that considerable bush-beating was required to flush that bird didn't help either! However, Beau pointed well and otherwise demonstrated his fine hunting ability. It takes a lot of work to prepare for the UFT, and Jim has shown a lot of perseverance, dedication and love for his adopted dog. Beau says, "Thank you!"



Beaudashus Willow Springs
Points staunchly for owner Jim
Crouse during UFT test
(Photographer Rem DeJong)

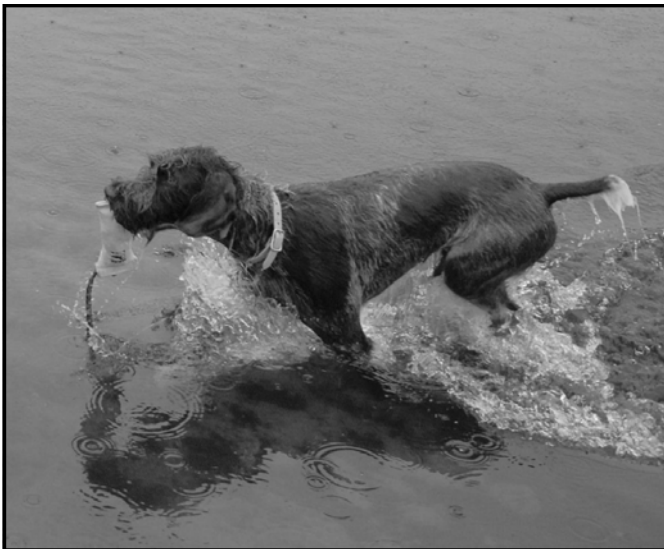
In the other Group A test, the judges had the pleasure of witnessing a perfect Prize I, 172 score by Czoë of Truman's Pride and handler Brian Johnston. Czoë sailed through all portions of the test, but the Retrieve-of-Dragged-Bird provided a lesson for the judging team. Testing procedure calls for using two birds for the track—one held by the dragger and one dropped at the end of the track. At the time, only one bird was available, so the judges tried to make do. Murphy's Law prevailed as little Czoë made a beeline to the dragger and overran the dropped bird. "That's why you use two birds!" grumbled Greg. The judges conferred and decided to redo that portion of the test. Following his motto, "Done right," Greg did the drag himself and Czoë performed flawlessly.

Meanwhile, in Group B, Jim Seibel, Senior Judge, was assisted by Ken Hurtig and Dean Umphrey. Ed Challacombe apprenticed. Testing with Group B in Natural Ability were Aleksander of Cattail Storm owned by Judy Coil and Arli of Dakota Prairie owned by Ted Vanderpan. Pete Engman rounded out the group running Arthur's Pal of the Midnight Sun in the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. "Aleks" did a superb job for Judy, turning in a perfect Prize I score of 28. Arli did a fine job in all respects but could not

be convinced that these pen-reared birds were for pointing. Given time with wild game, she'll no doubt do great. At the intermediate level, Arthur's Pal was a fine performer, earning a Prize II and confirming what Pete already knew from hours in the grouse thickets—this dog can hunt!

Saturday morning dawned wet and soggy. Ken Hurtig headed up Group A with John Pitlo as the other judge. Jim Crouse and Ed Challacombe apprenticed. They judged two IHDT littermates: Buruka of Bernie's Woulds owned by Steve Skold and Booker of Bernie's Woulds owned by Todd Haugen. Buruka probably needs more time on the training table as both the retrieve of a duck and the dragged bird retrieve were problematic. Booker showed a great deal of enthusiasm; if that raw talent can be kept under control, he will be an impressive hunter as his performance in the track of a live bird showed. The pheasant went out about fifty yards and took a hard right into the brush. Booker went after it on a dead run, made the turn and disappeared into the woods. He was gone quite a while and came out. He went back to Todd, circled him, and then set out again on the track, without another command being given. This time he was gone a really long time, but emerged triumphantly with the pheasant, which he proceeded to deliver to hand. This impressive performance earned him a 4H in the track of a live bird.

For Group B, Greg Hurtig once again served as a senior judge, working with Jim Seibel. Dave Finley was an apprentice. (Hopefully Santa brought Dave his very own drag cord for Christmas.) Paul Stadem put Aesire of Dakota Prairie through his paces in IHDT. He was joined by two NA pups from the Cattail Storm A litter: Adducere, owned by Dean Umphrey and Attaboy Bocephus, (Bo) owned by Clay Hooley. Aesire gave owner Paul Stadem plenty to smile about as he turned in a solid Prize II performance.



Attaboy Bocephus of Cattail Storm
Owner: Clay Hooley (Photographer Rem DeJong)

After the fact, Jim Seibel claims that he was simply testing to see if his assistants were really paying attention when he neglected to pull the flight feathers on the duck. The error was detected on the far shore, the duck was properly prepped and Aesire took care of the rest.

In the natural Ability test, Adducere was a fine performer, and only a score of 3 in Search prevented a perfect score. There were no real behavior problems evident in the field, but the pup

proved to be extremely people-shy during the conformation examination. Littermate “Bo” had no such problem—being raised with three little boys and being around lots of people might be part of the explanation. Bo had fine scores in all area, but he would not point the soggy, pen-raised birds. Although the no-point prevented a prize-winning score at the September test, I personally witnessed Bo making staunch points on wild North Dakota pheasants during December. Perhaps it was the birds; maybe he just needed development, but he’ll make Clay a fine hunting companion.

We finished up early and headed back to the pavilion to tally scores and quaff a cold Leinies (Thank you Rick!). Too bad we couldn’t have left it at that, but I had brought my six month-old pup, Burley of Salmon River along, and there was this left over duck—great opportunity for some bird exposure. We tossed it in the puppy pond and Burley swam after that duck for at least 15 minutes with no sign of let-up. Burley is accustomed to gunfire, so we dispatched the duck at an opportune moment, hoping for a retrieve. Burley never flinched at the gun blast, but he was bewildered by the strange sight of the upside-down duck spinning in circles with webbed feet flailing the air.

Burley circled the duck several times, then swam to me for reassurance. I sent him out repeatedly, but there was no convincing him to grab the duck without firm ground under his feet. There was only one thing to do: role-model Rem had to wade out and get that duck! Burley followed tight behind, peering around my leg. I let out a few high pitched gasps as I passed testicle-depth. Once the duck was in my grasp, brave Burley was more than happy to latch onto the bird himself and swim to shore as the audience cheered him and hooted me.

The Heartland Test depends on dedicated volunteers. Ken and Karen Hurtig arrange restaurant and motel accommodations. Ken Hurtig has been actively working for many years with the Mazomanie Wildlife area to assure that we have access to this fine test location. Jim and Donna Crouse handle the considerable coordination duties. (Maybe they could be made coordinators for life.) Rob Reed, Pat Rugar, Doug Cole, and Clay Hooley rustled birds and bore the brunt of verbal assault by judges and apprentices unaccustomed to having power. Hey—at least no one cried. Jon Coil and I served as photographers.



Bart of Bernie's Woulds

owner Phil Lukish

(Photographer Jane Cleaves
McKenna)

WPGCA E&RF FINANCIAL REPORT 2008**EXPENSES**

GDS	\$4,900.84
Test Expenses	\$2,253.50
PennHip reimbursements	\$1,500.00
Website	\$295.00
Plaque for Rogers award	\$91.98
Insurance	\$729.00
Checks	\$15.35

TOTAL \$9,785.67

INCOME

Donations	\$5,759.49
Test Fees	\$1,735.00
Puppy Fees	\$1,619.00
Other	\$170.00

TOTAL \$9,104.49

WPGCA FINANCIAL REPORT 2008**EXPENSES**

Advertising	\$1,050.00
Breeding Committee	\$7,732.17
Secretaries Office	\$400.00
Website	\$350.00

TOTAL \$9,532.17

INCOME

Dues	\$4,000.00
Other	\$170.00

TOTAL \$4,170.00

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORT

By Jim Seibel

Notes regarding the financial report. The income for the year 2008 was more than \$6000 less than expenses and therefore deserves an explanation. Two areas of expenses that were unusually high were 1) purchase of frozen semen from the Czech Republic and 2) PennHip reimbursement. This coupled with producing only one litter, which reduced the income from puppy fees, accounts for part of the deficit. Only 200 members paid their dues in 2008. That is a decrease from previous years. The balance for the combined accounts was \$8800 as of December 31, 2008.

The plan is to reach the demand for thirty plus puppies in 2009 and to utilize more positive articles and improved advertising in Gun Dog and other magazines. Interest has improved with the recent article by Dave Carty in Gun Dog. There could well be another article later this year in Gun Dog by Jerry Thoms.

The membership needs to be built up to where we have sufficient demand for pups to enable the breeding committee to expand the gene pool. DUES ARE SLOW COMING IN again this year. If you have not paid, please do so soon.

Upcoming Events **Spring 2009 WPGCA Test Dates and Location**

KDK
Dates: Jan 18-20
Contact: Silke Alberts
Phone: (707) 644-8068
Email: dcwire@webtv.net
Location: Oroville, CA

Heartland
Dates: April 25, 26
Contact: Jim Crouse
Phone: (740) 881-3041
Email: jcrouse01@yahoo.com
Location: Baraboo, WI

Northeast
Dates: To be Determined
Contact: Kevin Jester
Phone: (732) 244-5078
Email: jesterhowley@comcast.net
Location: Winterport, ME

Rocky Mountain
Dates: March 27-29
Judges Seminar
Contact: JJ Conner
Phone: (406) 202-3369
Email: jconner@dbecinc.com
Location: Jerome, ID



Archibald of Cattail Storm
Owner-Steve Meuter
(Photographer Dennis Bays)



Brinker Indian Creek trying to teach owner Rem DeJong how to ambush ducks (Photographer Rem DeJong)