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**Belle of Cattail Storm** Owner Anna Ziedins  
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## **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

With the end of the season here it's time to reflect on all those great moments in the field. Rick Soljda gathered up some of these moments for you to read.

Many of us in the Midwest had to fight crops left in the field the whole season. Made for some tough hunts for many of the members.

We could sure use some stories for upcoming issues of the GDS so if any one wants to write up some hunting stories or some event that happened at the test feel free to send them in. We have lots of proof readers so don't worry about that.

Also dig out some of those hunting photo's and send them to Rem, address on side bar this page.

Several of the members will be at the Pheasant Forever National Convention in Des Moines IA manning a booth to get the word out about our club and also doing a couple of seminars. If you made it to the event let us know what you thought of the booth and seminar.

*Greg Hurtig & John Pitlo*

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# Adequan Canine – The Unsung Hero for Managing Canine Arthritis

By Anna Ziedins, DVM

Orthopedic issues, especially arthritis, are a common medical problem in working dogs. This is largely due to the nature of their work, which can accelerate the normal wear and tear on joints. Every one of us who owns and hunts over dogs wants to keep our four-legged hunting companions as healthy and comfortable as possible. This also includes keeping their joints healthy and pain-free. After watching my 6 year old griffon, Casey struggle



with moderately severe hip dysplasia, I was relieved to find a product that made a real impact. It turned out to be an effective adjunctive therapy for managing his arthritis pain and minimized the need for regular NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug) use. The medication I'm referring to is called Adequan Canine (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan or PSGAG) and it's principle use is to help control the signs associated with non-infectious degenerative and/or traumatic arthritis. It comes as a clear, water-based solution that is injected into the muscle, and is only available through a licensed veterinarian. Adequan Canine is characterized as a "disease modifying osteoarthritis drug" by the FDA and is the only FDA-approved product on the market to carry this important distinction. All other arthritis medications for dogs, especially NSAIDS, control signs of pain and inflammation, but do nothing to change or slow the actual course of degenerative joint disease.

To appreciate the potential benefit of this drug and how it can be utilized, it's helpful to understand the basic anatomy of a synovial joint (think hips, knees and elbows). Healthy synovial joints are composed of cartilage that cover and protect the ends of bones. The cartilage tissue has no nerve endings so when it touches the cartilage of another bone, the dog feels no pain. This is the way a normal joint is supposed to work. When arthritis sets in however, this protective cartilage layer begins to wear away. Exposed bone underneath the cartilage has many nerves, and when two exposed bones touch each other, the dog feels pain. This pain greatly affects the dogs' quality of life and limits their activity. Additionally, as arthritis progresses, bones that rub against each other chronically begin to change shape, often flattening out and forming bone spurs. This bone reshaping & remodeling can make it very difficult (e.g. painful) to walk or move naturally. Therefore, arthritis is always managed best when it's diagnosed and treated EARLY in the disease process. The goal is to preserve healthy cartilage for as long as possible. This is where Adequan can really

make a difference.

The specific mechanism of action for Adequan Canine (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan or PSGAG) is not actually known. However, in-vitro experiments (cell culture) have shown PSGAG exerting several beneficial effects on cartilage cells. First, it inhibits certain catabolic enzymes that have increased activity in inflamed joints. Catabolism leads to degradation and slow destruction of collagen, proteoglycans and hyaluronic acid, all of which are important components of cartilage and a healthy functioning joint. Second, PSGAG shows promising anabolic effects on tested tissue. Anabolic is the opposite of catabolic and means building up. Cultured human and rabbit cartilage cells in the presence of PSGAG show increased synthesis of proteoglycans and hyaluronic acid, again, important raw material for repairing and maintaining healthy cartilage. Once the drug is injected into the muscle, it quickly reaches the bloodstream and is distributed throughout the body. Since the drug has a small molecular size it

passes easily through the synovial (joint capsule) membrane that separates the bloodstream from the joint itself. Once inside the joint, the distribution of the drug from the joint fluid to the cartilage occurs by diffusion, a passive process, where the drug is finally deposited into the cartilage matrix. The entire process of absorption and distribution (muscle -> bloodstream -> joint fluid -> cartilage) takes place very quickly, often occurring within 2 hours post-injection.

The normal dosing schedule in dogs is 2mg per pound injected into the muscle twice a week for 4 weeks. This 4 week protocol is the manufacturer's standard recommendation. I will tell you that in all reality, most practitioners including myself, continue with a modified protocol for extended periods of time, maintaining some patients on Adequan for life. I usually like a 3 week "trial period" where dogs come into the clinic for twice weekly injections and owners are asked to watch for improvement. Signs that tell us the drug is making a difference are decreased soreness after activity, decreased stiffness and decreased weakness. Clients tell me they see less slipping on slick surfaces, easier time getting up, willingness to navigate stairs or even jump into/out of vehicles. I prepare my clients for rather dramatic



**Cassey of Valley House** owner Anna Ziedins with Dr. Katrina Estes and Veterinary Assistant Charles Hauff  
(Photographer Anna Ziedins)

results, and if seen within the 3 week trial phase, indicates a positive response. This means the drug is a worthwhile investment, and we should continue. If an animal does not respond, we are usually dealing with end-stage or "bone-on-bone" arthritis with no remaining cartilage. This is why it is so important to start treatment early! The most common side effects after injection are tenderness or bruising at the injection site or GI signs (vomiting, diarrhea). Adequan should be used cautiously in dogs with kidney or liver disease, and should be avoided completely in any animal with a known or suspected bleeding disorder. The safety of Adequan has not been tested in breeding animals, pregnant or lactating bitches so I avoid use in these patients altogether.

Since cost is always a consideration, I will tell you the medication is not cheap. A single 10ml vial costs approximately \$70. Most clients need two vials to complete the 3 week trial, so the cost increases to \$140. While the bad news is this initial price may be hard to swallow, the good news is that cost will drop quickly as the dosing intervals increase. Many dogs do very well on a maintenance injection given once every 6-8 weeks! That equates to approximately 2 vials per year or \$140/year for a 60 pound dog.

In closing, I just wanted to add that my interest in this product began not as a doctor but as a concerned pet owner. My first griffon Casey was diagnosed with moderate hip dysplasia when he was just 2 years old. A year later, additional x-rays were taken that showed marked degredation of his hip joint and he was clinically lame after even short excursions into the field. It was very disheartening to see him so affected at such a young age and with such rapid deterioration of his hips. Casey was already on oral joint supplements (glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, fish oil) and I was looking for what else I could do. A veterinary internal medicine specialist working with me at the time introduced me to Adequan and explained it's benefits. Once I started and saw the great clinical improvement, I never looked back. Casey is 6 ½ years old now and has been on Adequan for 3 years. His dosing schedule differs a bit compared with the standard patient population however because I still actively hunt him. In the spring & summer Casey recieves one injection every 4-6 weeks and that keeps him comfortable. During the hunting season, his injections are given weekly. Every patient is different and dosing schedules will be tailored to fit that dog's lifestyle.

Incorporating Adequan into my dog's arthritis management has made a very big difference in his overall quality of life and I couldn't be happier. My goals were always simple. I wanted to extend Casey's hunting lifetime as much as possible and improve his quality of life both during and after hunts so he didn't hurt so much. I also wanted to limit his dependance on chronic NSAID use that could lead to stomach ulcers and liver problems down the road. Adequan has helped me accomplish all of these things. I feel it's one of the most undervalued and underpromoted drugs in our arsenal of medications to help manage canine arthritis long-term. Fortunately, I see that it's starting to get the attention in small animal practice that it deserves. If your dog has been diagnosed with arthritis, or you suspect your griff may be suffering from arthritis, please have your pet evaluated and ask your veterinarian about Adequan. You might be very glad you did!

## Heartland Fall 2009 Test

by  
*Rem DeJong*



**Burley of Salmon River** owner Rem DeJong  
(photographer Jon Coil)

Instead of “Heartland,” this could have been called the “Gloor Test” because Art and Laura provided three of the eight dogs for testing—**Africa of Evans Inn** ran the Utility Field Test; **Baobab and Banoka of Evans Inn** went through their paces in the Natural Ability Test. Due to the exceptionally low number of pups produced in the previous year, there just weren’t many dogs of test age. Three dogs had previously completed their Intermediate Hunting Dog Test and their handlers were giving them another crack at it with the Older

Hunting Dog Test. Having fewer dogs made for a bit less hectic weekend for the test coordinators and judges. Andy Yeast took on the job of Test Chair this year, so it was a nice manageable setting for getting his feet wet. The weather at the Mazomanie Wildlife Area near Madison, Wisconsin could have been better—a cold Midwestern summer had heated up just in time to provide temps pushing 90 for test days. Fortunately, we could start early in the morning and most of the field work was completed before it got really hot.

On Friday, John Pitlo, Greg Hurtig and Dean Umphry judged Group A along with Andy Yeast as an apprentice judge. I ran my intermediate dog **Burley of Salmon River** and Rob Reed ran **Buster Brown of Ancient Kennel** as an older hunting dog. Both of these dogs have troubles of their own. Burley had been diagnosed with OCD in both shoulders in September of 2008. Consequently, he basically missed his entire first year of hunting and had very little exposure to live game other than some training days that the Heartland Chapter put on each month during the summer near Marshall, MI. On the bright side, he appears to have totally recovered from his surgery and is now running strong. A cautious little fellow, Burley stayed close during the field portion of the test and required some extra commands to complete his retrieves. It just goes to show that it’s a big leap from flawless retrieving of dummies in the back yard to retrieving a duck in a crowd at test day. With more actual hunting time after the test, he’s been showing

considerable improvement, demonstrating that dogs who turn in mediocre test performances can still be fine hunting companions in the field.

Buster Brown is a full-blooded Chesky Fousek. He's a high-powered, high-energy hunter who can be head-strong and a bit hard to manage. One of the challenges for owner, Rob Reed, is to get Buster to slow down and change gears on the track. He has a tendency to charge full speed and over-run the trail, which resulted in scoring only a "1" in tracking a bird. Otherwise he did fairly well. Of course one test hardly tells the whole story. Those who have had the chance to see Rob work with Buster on many club training days, know that he's showing real progress. Rob is to be commended for sticking with it. If your dog appears to have some unfinished business after an Intermediate Hunting Dog Test, running him again after some more training like Rob did might be a good way to go.

Meanwhile, Group B, headed up by Ken Hurtig with Jim Seibel and Jim Crouse also judging, consisted of the Gloor dogs: **Baobab of Evans Inn** and **Banoka of Evans Inn**. [In case you're wondering about the novel names, they hint of the Gloors' African connection. Before making Minnesota home, Art ran a photo safari operation in southern Africa where he met Laura as a client. So their first griffon is named "Africa." The baobab is a unique tree of the African savannah and the Banoka are a native people who have lived in the Okavango Delta since the Late Stone Age.] It was hot enough on test day that it might have felt like a day in the African bush. Laura and Banoka turned in a fine performance with Banoka earning a Prize III. He certainly enjoyed the Affinity for Water portion of the test—swimming laps around the pond before finally bringing back the dummy. Baobab performed very well for Art and garnered a Prize II in spite of some bird handling misadventures by the test crew. I wasn't there to see it, but it's rumored that bird handler, Hank Carriger, used the Dave Read technique to plant a bird for pointing after the first bird ran. Remember guys, birds for the pointing test are supposed to be alive.

Given the hot weather, we got the Saturday test off to an early start. Greg



**Bone of Salmon River** owner Greg Miyauchi  
(Photographer Judy Coil)

## 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
<b>GROUP 373 (Page 9)</b>													
LANCE HILL'S CHAPLIN SHOUTEAU (M,WA)	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
<b>GROUP 374 (Page 9)</b>													
BAOBAB OF EVANS INN (M,WI)	15	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	25	II	4	3	ok
BANOKA OF EVANS INN (M,WI)	15	4	2	4	4	4	3	3	24	III	4	2	ok
<b>GROUP 375 (Page 11)</b>													
++ NORTH LAKE'S HOOCHIE COOCHIE CHIX (F,WA)	17	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28		3	2	ok
<b>GROUP 376 (Page 11)</b>													
GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE (F,WA)	9	4	4	4	0	4	4	3	23		4	3	ok

Hurtig, John Pitlo and Jim Crouse joined to judge Group A. Barb Gill ran **Ares z Blatin** in the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. Ares is a full Chesky Fousek that the Gills imported from Czechoslovakia with the help of Dr. Dostal, long-time friend of the WPGCA. Ares is a good-sized, handsome male with plenty of enthusiasm for hunting. Although Ares did not prize, mostly because of low scores in retrieving, he showed much potential and can be a fine performer in the field with more training.

The second dog in Group A was **Africa of Evans Inn**; Art Gloor was putting her through her paces in the Utility Field Test. For those unfamiliar with the UFT, it's a long, grueling test that requires a dog to be in good shape to perform well, especially under the warm weather conditions that we experienced. Preparing well for the UFT entails a major commitment of time, access to birds, and assistance from others. The reward can be a really well trained hunting dog that's a pleasure in the field. If you have the chance to observe a utility field test, do so. It helps one appreciate the dedication of handlers and the hunting potential of our dogs. Africa performed sufficiently well to earn a Prize III. While the dog's performance was im-

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

TD = Track of Duck (5)  
 RD = Retrieve of duck (3)  
 BR = Blind Retrieve (4)

**JUDGED THROUGHOUT**

N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)  
 AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)  
 C = Cooperation (3)  
 O = Obedience (3)

**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)

**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**

**GROUP 348 (Feb., 2007 GDS )**

++BUSTER BROWN OF ANCIENT KENNEL, M 31 MOS. (WI)

4 2 3 2 4 3 1 3 3 2 2 118 1 1 ok

**GROUP 367 (Feb., 2009 GDS )**

++ADDUCERE OF CATTAIL STORM, M 26 MOS. (WI)

4 4 4 2 4 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 152 III 4 3 \*

++ALEKSANDER OF CATTAIL STORM, M 26 MOS. (WI)

4 2 4 2 4 2 4 4 3 3 2 137 III 4 3 \*

++ARCHIBALD OF CATTAIL STORM, M 25 MOS. (WA)

2 3 3 3 4 2 4 4 3 2 2 128 III 4 3 ok

**GROUP 368 (Aug., 2009 GDS )**

BELLA OF SALMON RIVER, F, 18 MOS. (WA)

3 3 2 4 0 4 4 4 3 3 3 130 4 3 ok

BURLEY OF SALMON RIVER, M, 17 MOS. (WI)

1 2 3 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 2 88 2 3 ok

**GROUP 369 (Aug., 2009 GDS )**

ARES Z BLATIN, M, 17 MOS. (WI)

4 2 1 4 4 2 3 4 3 2 2 129 4 3 ok

**GERMAN WIREHAired POINTER**

SOLVRAEVENS FIE, F, 16 MOS., (WA)

3 4 4 4 4 3 4 4 4 3 3 158 I

**DEUTSCH DRAATHAAR**

FIONA VOM DESERT DANCER, F, 19 MOS. (WA)

1 4 2 4 0 3 4 3 3 2 2 108

## **DOGS EVALUATED IN THE FALL, 2009 TESTS**

### **NATURAL ABILITY TEST**

**LANCE HILL'S CHAPLIN SHOUTEAU** . M, 10 mos., whelped 10/7/2008. Conformation: 4, 25.5"H X 25.5"L. Coat: 3, Medium harsh, medium dense, good belly coverage, soft on head, medium furnishings, slight curl. Temperament: easy to examine, eager friendly. Owned by Bill Engnes, 5111 Seaview Way, Everett, WA 98203. Bred by Robert Strampe. Pedigree 373, Page 9.

**BAOBAB OF EVANS INN** . M, 15.6 mos., whelped 5/14/2008. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, Medium harsh, medium dense, fair belly coverage, medium furnishings, not flat lying. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, good game drive. Owned by Art Gloor, 27823 County Rd. # 50, Bovey, MN 55709. Bred by Evan Fleming. Pedigree 374, Page 9.

**BANOKA OF EVANS INN** . M, 15.6 mos., whelped 5/14/2008. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat: 2, Medium harsh, curly, open, open on belly and chest, full furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine. Owned by Art Gloor, 27823 County Rd. # 50, Bovey, MN 55709. Bred by Evan Fleming. Pedigree 374, Page 9.

**++NORTH LAKE'S HOOCHIE COOCHIE CHIX** . F, 17 mos., whelped 4/3/2008. Conformation: 3, 23"H X 24"L. Coat: 2, Medium harsh, lacks density, sparse on belly, medium furnishings, slight curl. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Gean Lale, 28905 NE 18th, Carnation, WA 98014. Bred by Bill Simmons. Pedigree 375, Page 11.

**GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE** . F, 9 mos., whelped 11/16/2008. Conformation: 4, 23"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, Medium harsh, medium dense, good belly coverage, medium furnishings, curly. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Tawna Skinner, 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by Alain Binet. Pedigree 376, Page 11.

### **INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST**

**BUSTER BROWN OF ANCIENT KENNEL** . M, 2 yrs, 7 mos., whelped 2/17/2007. Conformation: 1, 24.5"H X 24"L, 1/4 inch overbite. Coat: 1, Open, thin on belly, light on head, feminine head, long pointy muzzle. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Rob Reed, 6221 Coulson Rd., Lansing, MI 48911. Bred by Armando Carlos. Pedigree 348, Feb., 2007 GDS.

**++ADDUCERE OF CATTAIL STORM** . M, 26 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, Medium harsh, medium dense, lacks furnishings. Temperament: Very difficult to examine, fear of people, loves game. Owned by Dean Umphrey, PO Box 310, Keosauqua, IA 52565. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Feb., 2009, GDS.

**++ALEKSANDER OF CATTAIL STORM** . M, 26 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, Medium harsh, medium dense with curl, medium furnishings, curly on head, needs better belly coverage. Temperament: Good game drive, not easy to examine, hesitant in field. Owned by Judy Coil, 49625 Waldo Rd. NE, Kelliher, MN 56650. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Feb., 2009, GDS.

**++ARCHIBALD OF CATTAIL STORM** . M, 26 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, Curly, dense, medium furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: Friendly, calm. Owned by Steven Meuter, 902 1st St., Kirkland, WA 98033. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 367, Feb., 2009, GDS.

**BELLA OF SALMON RIVER** . F, 18 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 23"H X 23"L. Coat: 3, Medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, medium to sparse furnishings. Temperament: Easy to examine. Owned by Dennis Bays, 1894 Governor Rd., Bellingham, WA 98229. Bred by Anita Andrus & Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009, GDS.

**BURLEY OF SALMON RIVER** . M, 17 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 2, 24.5"H X 24.5"L, only one testicle descended, OCD in both front shoulders. Coat: 3, Medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, medium furnishings, needs more belly coverage. Temperament: Easy to examine, happy, friendly. Owned by Cornell De Jong, 809 West Kaye Ave., Marquette, MI 49866. Bred by Anita Andrus & Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009, GDS.

**ARES Z BLATIN** . M, 17 mos., whelped 4/11/2008. Conformation: 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat: 3, medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, medium furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: Easy to examine, happy, good game drive. Owned by Barb Gill, 313 Mt. Vernon Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. Bred by Berka Vaclav. Pedigree 369, Aug., 2009 GDS.

### **GERMAN WIREHAIRER POINTER**

**SOLVRAEVE'S FIE** . F, 16 mos., whelped 5/7/2008. Conformation: not evaluated. Coat: not evaluated. Temperament: not evaluated. Owned by Silke Alberts, 901 Alameda St., Vallejo, CA 94590. Bred by Gitte Albrechtsen & Lars Helbo.

**PEDGREE 373**

	<b>WINDSTAR LIL BUCKAROO</b>
<b>BRUISER 'N CRUISER</b>	<b>VINDTHEIM'S RAG MOP</b>
<b>LANCE HILL'S REX</b>	<b>LANCE HILL'S JAMES</b>
<b>LANCE HILL'S TIA</b>	<b>TONIGHTS MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS</b>
<b>LANCE HILL'S CHAPLIN SHOUTEAU</b>	<b>NACON DUCHASSEUR</b>
<b>BEC DUCHASSEUR</b>	<b>JACKY DU BOIS AUX PALOMBES</b>
<b>UBETTE DES VIGNES ROUGES</b>	<b>HUDSON DES RIVES DE L'AURE</b>
<b>OAK DU MAS DU JONQUIER</b>	<b>MELBA DU MAS DU JONQUIER</b>

**PEDGREE 374**

	<b>ASPEN POINT'S BARREL</b>
<b>ANTON OF GENEVA LAKE</b>	<b>DANA OF GENEVA LAKE</b>
<b>ALDERS EDGE QUEST</b>	<b>ALDERS EDGE MIKE</b>
	<b>ALDERS EDGE MS. CORRIGAN</b>
<b>"B" EVANS INN</b>	<b>DUCKPOND NIXIE</b>
	<b>NACON DUCHASSEUR</b>
<b>BEC DUCHASSEUR</b>	<b>JACKY DU BOIS AUX PALOMBES</b>
<b>UNIQUE AMIE DES VIGNES ROUGES</b>	<b>JYM DES BOUYGUES DE SAINT NEXANS</b>
	<b>LUNE DES BOUYGUES DE SAINT NEXANS</b>
	<b>IRKA DU CLOS DE LA JOLLANDERIE</b>

**DOGS EVALUATED IN THE FALL, 2009 TESTS (Continued)****DEUTSCH DRAATHAAR**

**FIONA VOM DESERT DANCER** . F, 19 mos., whelped 2/10/2008. Conformation: not evaluated. Coat: not evaluated. Temperament: not evaluated. Owned by Bob Rittenhouse, 1048 Frieda Ln., Minden, NV 89423. Bred by Kit J. Critchlow.

**UTILITY FIELD TEST****WIREHAIRED POINTING GRIFFON**

**AFRICA OF EVANS INN** . F, 3 yrs., 9 mos., whelped 12/1/2005. Conformation: 4, 23"H X 23"L. Coat: 3, medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, medium furnishings, soft on head. Temperament: Easy to examine, eager, friendly, calm, lots of drive, changes gears easily. Owned by Art & Laura Gloor, 27823 County Rd. 50, Bovey, MN 55709. Bred by Evan Fleming. Pedigree 349, Feb., 2007 GDS

## UTILITY FIELD TEST, FALL 2008

Key to tests: \* = Optional test CA = California, ID = Idaho

### INDEX\*

<b>TD = Track of Duck (5)</b>	<b>RS = Retrieve of Shot Bird (3)</b>	<b>N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)</b>
<b>SWD = Search without Duck (3)</b>	<b>WD = Whoa or Down (3)</b>	<b>AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)</b>
<b>BR = Blind Retrieve (3)</b>	<b>TB = Track of Live Bird (4)</b>	<b>C = Cooperation (4)</b>
<b>SB = Steady at Blind (2)</b>	<b>SW = Search in Woods (4)</b>	<b>O = Obedience (3)</b>
<b>RM = Retrieve of Marked Fall (3)</b>	<b>H = Walk at Heel (2)</b>	<b>TP = Total Points</b>
<b>S = Searching (5)</b>	<b>RDG = Retrieve of Dragged Game (3)</b>	<b>PR = Prize Classification</b>
<b>P = Pointing (4)</b>	<b>*F = Find/Retrieve of Dead Game (3)</b>	<b>CO = Conformation</b>
<b>SWS = Steady to Wing and Shot (3)</b>	<b>*B = Blood Track (4)</b>	<b>CT = Coat</b>
		<b>T = Temperament</b>

SW		TD	D	BR	SB	RM	S	P	SWS	RS	WD	TB	SW	H	RDG	*F	*B	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 349 (FEB., 2007 GDS)																										
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pressive, the judges provided entertainment dealing with uncooperative ducks that refused to go where they were directed and that did their best to avoid getting shot. The determination that Africa showed pursuing those ducks had many of us plotting ways to take Africa home with us.

Group B was judged by Jim Seibel and Ken Hurtig with Andy Yeast apprenticing. They tested two littermates that were returning for an Older Hunting Dog Test after not performing as well as hoped during their spring IHDT. Judy Coil ran **Alexander of Cattail Storm** and Dean Umphry ran **Adducere of Cattail Storm**. Aleksander decided he would forgo Dave Reeds planted birds and pointed two pheasants that were in the field, so he never even got to the flagged birds. Aleks' retrieving was what gave Judy fits during his IHDT, and he again chose test day to be difficult around retrieving. None-the-less, he did sufficiently well to earn a Prize III and

**Attaboy Bocephus of Cattail Storm** owned by  
Clay Hooley (*photographer Jon Coil*)

**PEDGREE 375**


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	GOOSE CREEKS ALEXANDER
	STONEPOINTS ADAMITE
	XUXA VON HERRENHAUSEN
NORTH LAKE & STONEPOINT RAINMAKER	JACQUE VON HERRENHAUSEN
	NORTH LAKE'S POINTER SISTER
	WET ACRES DIVINE MISS M
NORTH LAKE'S HOOCHIE COOCHIE CHIX	SAMPSON VON HERRENHAUSEN
	DAX VON HERRENHAUSEN
	QUINTESSA VON HERRENHAUSEN
NORTH LAKE'S SCRUMDIDILY YUMPTIOUS	JACQUE VON HERRENHAUSEN
	NORTH LAKE'S POINTER SISTER
	WET ACRES DIVINE MISS M

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**PEDGREE 376**

	MAX DES BORDS DU DAN
	UNO LES MOUSTACHES D'OR
	MILDA DI SAN GERMANO
BACCHUS DES SONNAILLES DU HAUT DAVY	NARVICK DES ROUGES DE GALICE
	PULSY DE LA COIPEANE
	MIRA DE A COIPEANE
GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE	DADER DES BORDS DU DAN
	TOULOUSE DES BORDS DU DAN
	NACRE DUS BOIS DU CHANAY
GRIFFONDOR RUBIS	LAIR'S ORCA CELTICK
	BUNGEE DES PERSEIDES
	JADE DES PERSEIDES

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demonstrate that he can be a fine versatile gun dog. Adducere did a fabulous job throughout, earning all 4s except for a 2 in Search, which limited him to a Prize III. Dean didn't take any chances with retrieve to hand during the drag track. Those Iowa boys really know how to tackle, so what might have been considered lunging for the dog by anyone else was deemed a pretty good retrieve to Dean.

Once again the group had a great finale for the test with our traditional dinner at the Farmhouse Restaurant near Baraboo. It was a great chance to fill up with good food, swap stories and load up with more hats, pins and WPGCA shirts. Probably the highlight of the auction was provided by Hailey Schmitz, daughter of club member Bernie Schmitz, who provided farm fresh eggs, pies, and squirrel bait. Besides the official test action, the weekend provided a chance to see some future hunters in action. Jim Crouse's little pup, Bennie, paraded proudly around the pavilion with a pheasant on Saturday. His generation is rapidly coming of age and promises more test action this spring. Hope to see you there.

## PennHip Report for 2009

*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](http://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.

**BALTO OF GLACIER RIDGE:** Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Bella's Amy of Fitzgerald's Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.42; Right Hip DI = 0.38. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Dwight Mateer (male).

**CASEY JR. OF VALLEY HOUSE:** Sire; Car ze Sberskeho Haje, Dam; Avery of Mountain House. Left Hip DI = 0.54; Right Hip DI = 0.56 (Moderate Hip Dysplasia). Ranking = 30%. Owned by Anna Ziedens (male).

**AYA 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 Mike Vance (female).

**AUGER OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE:** Sire; Hasan z Lisova, Dam; Brooke of Bogan's Point. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.32. Ranking = 50%. Owned by John Diller (male).

**BRAELY OF BERNIES WOULD:** Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Bernita of Fitzgerald's Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.56; Right Hip DI = 0.50. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Kevin Jester (female).

**BART OF BERNIE'S WOULD:** Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Bernita of Fitzgerald's Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.50; Right Hip DI = NA. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Phil Lukish (male).

**BEINN OF BERNIE'S WOULD:** Sire; Baron od Kostilku, Dam; Bernita of Fitzgerald's Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.30; Right Hip DI = 0.31. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Grove Blair (male).

**BEACON OF BOGAN'S POINT:** Sire; Arlo of Valley House, Dam; Merrymeeting Bogan. Left Hip DI = 0.48; Right Hip DI = 0.24. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Roger Fuhrman (male).

**ARTHURS PAL OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN:** Sire; Hasan z Lisova, Dam; Brigid of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.33; Right Hip DI = 0.33. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Pete Engman (female).

**BUCYRUS OF INDIAN CREEK:** Sire; Car ze Sberskeho Haje, Dam; Bigail of Valley House. Left Hip DI = 0.32; Right Hip DI = 0.30. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Nathaniel Umphrey (male).

**PennHip Report for 2009 (Continued)**

**ADDUCERE OF CATTAIL STORM:** Sire; Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.32; Right Hip DI = 0.29. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Dean Umphrey (male).

**AVA OF CATTAIL STORM:** Sire; Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.57; Right Hip DI = 0.43. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Rick Molt (female).

**ABSOLUT SPOT OF CATTAIL STORM:** Sire; Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.30; Right Hip DI = 0.29. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Erik Anderson (male).

**ANIKKA OF CATTAIL STORM:** Sire; Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.58; Right Hip DI = 0.48. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Brenda Siefken (female).

**BELLA OF SALMON RIVER:** Sire; Ander of the Hundgaard, Dam; Braun of Marsh Stream. Left Hip DI = 0.30; Right Hip DI = 0.35. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Dennis Bays (female).

**BURLEY OF SALMON RIVER:** Sire; Ander of the Hundgaard, Dam; Braun of Marsh Stream. Left Hip DI = 0.69; Right Hip DI = 0.58. Ranking = 10%. Owned by Cornell De Jong (female).

**CZOE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE:** Sire; Don z Ventova Dvora, Dam; Brandy of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.48; Right Hip DI = 0.35. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Brain Johnston (female).

**ANCIENT ALI:** Sire; Aron Simouyv Dvur, Dam; Meril Z Hlozka. Left Hip DI = 0.46; Right Hip DI = 0.52. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Gary Pool (female).



**Absolute Spot of Cattail Storm** and Owner Erik Anderson  
(Photographer Tina Molt)

## My First Pheasant Hunt

*by Austin Lee*



**Austin with Akay of Midnight Sun**

*(Photographer Randy Mann)*

Technically I'm a city kid from Spokane but I have always loved going to my grandparents place, out on the farm in Southeast Washington, where there are lots of deer, turkey, pheasants and quail. For me it all started when uncle Christian gave me my first gun one Christmas. It was a BB gun and I was only 5. I started by shooting targets in my grandpa's back yard. Soon after getting this gun and after learning many safe handling tips, I started walking the fields with my grandpa during many past pheasant hunting seasons. After 7 years of asking my mom and dad to look into the Hunters Safety Program, they finally did. This year I finished it at the end of September. I only missed two questions on the test! I was so happy!!! Finally, I was all set to go hunting!!

I couldn't wait for opening day of pheasant season to arrive on October 24. Unfortunately, only three days before, I broke a few ribs and hurt my back in football practice. Opening day would have to wait. It sucked.

Thanksgiving weekend I was ready. I practiced my wing shooting skills on Friday when grandpa threw lots of clay pigeons for me. Saturday was going to be my big day! Saturday morning my grandpa was supposed to wake me up at 6. He was really surprised to find me waiting for HIM! We hunted three different fields. The first field we didn't see any birds and it was really cold. For two hours we hunted in the steep fields of wheat stubble. After two or three minutes at the second field Akay got on point and my grandpa flushed up a rooster. I had my 1<sup>st</sup> one shot, one kill. About 45 minutes later we had 3 birds in our bag, me 1, grandpa 2. On the way back to the truck we were thinking about unloading our shotguns when Akay got on point again. My grandpa flushed up another rooster. Yet another one shot kill for me. At the end of the day my grandpa had 3 birds and I ended up with two.

I think that the best part of my first pheasant hunt was just spending time with my grandpa and Akay. It was really fun watching Akay hunting. She worked really hard searching the fields, waterways and fencerows. She pointed, tracked and retrieved every rooster for us. It was also cool that we only let one bird go that whole day. My grandpa is an awesome hunter and Akay is an awesome hunting dog. I am very excited for the years to come.

**Myra Mann and Austin with Akay of Midnight Sun**

*(Photographer Randy Mann)*





## **Griffon Stories of 2009**

*Compiled by Rick Sojda*

It seems that hunting stories are always a favorite for GDS readers. I thought that, if I contacted folks around the West, maybe I could find a few interesting ones. Although I didn't have an exhaustive members' email list, Ann Pool and I wrote to about twenty and called a few others asking about their best memory, or worst nightmare, from 2009. Here is the smattering of stories we received. Although I did edit their words, I tried not to change any meanings. One was actually written by the person's spouse. Can you detect which one?

### Elle of Auger Falls, Billie Jo of Valley House, Ali of Ancient Kennels & Gary Pool

During the second weekend in December while hunting chukar and quail in the South Hills of Idaho, I was attacked by a three foot, sprawling and most aggressive branch of sagebrush. With my body in forward motion and my left foot in the unyielding grasp of sage, I graciously pivoted right, dropping to one knee. After gathering myself, I noticed a cracked stock on my wife's favorite 20 gauge and began to wonder if it would shoot accurately, or if I will add a dinner and movie to the top of my 'to do' hunting season list. Instead I brought home some nice birds!

And... honoring the joy of puppies. Where is Ali, the pup? Not in view anywhere... large covey of birds to my right, flushing wildly... guess Ali's to my right. Well, she was. Now, there she is, creeping up on the older dog getting ready to lock into a point, this is great, honoring the older one's point. Dang, Ali is stalking the elder's tail that quit moving, and now she is ready to pounce on it... Seasoning a puppy is another joyful experience in the field.

### Arwen of Glacier Ridge & John Trotter

It was a warm October day in remote Wyoming chukar country. I was suddenly reminded only too well why my wonderful four year old WPGCA griff is almost always on the ground, and why my second teamer, a hard charging eight year old Brittany, prone to hypoglycemic seizures, is most days in the box. After one of those particularly long seizures, I end up carrying the Brittany a quarter mile back to the truck and returned home - everyone okay - only to realize that my favorite 28 gauge 870 remains at the scene, two hours away in the middle of nowhere.

### Bella of Salmon River & Dennis Bays

Bella and I drove over Snoqualmie pass one afternoon - snowing hard and blowing - the State Patrol closed it shortly after we crossed. By the time we arrived at my preferred hunting spot for this afternoon on the Yakima Indian Reservation, there were only 35 minutes of legal hunting time remained. With three inches of snow on the ground and the temperature at 28F, the freezing rain began. We walked for five minutes along an empty canal on a south slope (north-facing). As Bella searched, I noticed a rooster flush about 100 yards down a ravine. We headed that way so that I could find where the bird had been, and Bella picked up the track. The rooster footprints in the snow began about



**Bella of Salmon River** owner Dennis Bays  
(photographer Judy Coil)

1/3 of the way down the ravine. I think that the bird heard us walking along the canal, and sneaked down the ravine until it was far enough from us to feel comfortable flushing.

Once seeing that, I decided to adjust our approach to the hunt. Instead of walking along the canal road, we walked to the north of it some 100-200 yards, along the adjacent fields. My hypothesis was that the birds were in the bottom of the ravines (as the last one was), taking cover from the weather. I hoped they would hear us on the north side, and "scrunch" up against the steep heads of the ravines (to the south) away from us, but near the road on which

we would return.

I think it worked. We headed back after walking about a mile (20 minutes or so), and when I came up to a particularly interesting (cover-wise) ravine, I "whoa'd" Bella, then positioned myself where I wanted to be - right on the edge, overlooking the thick cover. Then I released her, and directed her down into the middle of the ravine. She ran a quick searching pattern, then froze, listening and sniffing.... After a minute, she started casting up the base of the ravine toward the head (below where I was positioned). About 1/2 way up, I saw her catch a scent. Her tail (just a stub) started wagging furiously, and she threw a quick point as she approached the thickest cover. Up came a rooster, which had been holding tight in the thick stuff. I dropped it just across the ravine, and Bella went for the retrieve on a bird not hit hard. Not bad for a 35 minute hunt! Wish it happened like this more often!

#### Braun of Marsh Stream, Griffondor's Josette (non WPGCA), Tawna Skinner, & Anita Andrus

She had exhibited every "first season" puppy antic over the past five days in Montana, but at this moment Griffondor's Josette was locked up on the edge of a bunch of willows. I walked forward, expectantly, and out rockets a hen pheasant. As I continued around the willows, I heard the flush of another bird, a single shot and an exclamation of success. Anita had just killed Josette's fourth pheasant over a solid point. Ah joy!

#### Bijou of High Desert, Aya of Glacier Ridge, & Mike & Kanako Vance

Our most memorable pheasant of 2009 ended up not being one in the bag. The dogs were pointing hard at the end of a shelterbelt and the top of a Montana canyon. The rooster rose straight up for about fifteen feet, and then went down, down, down that canyon. Mike shot. Kanako shot. Mike shot again. Away the bird flew, unscathed. "Those dropping flights make tough targets", reminded Bijou.

Ander of Hundgaard & Rick Sojda

The temperature was at -10F, the sun as low in the sky as you can imagine on the Solstice, both causing the snow to glisten like diamonds amongst the sagebrush and wheat stubble North of the Bridger Mountains in Montana. I will never forget Ander of the Hundgaard steady on point with his two English setter friends while hunting grey partridge and that glistening snow. Even my clean miss cannot seem to despoil that mind photo.



Finally, this one was from the Pools, as well. It is not a 2009 story, but it is a true story and one too good not to include. Our first Griffon, Teal of Rock Creek, had to be put down during winter at around 14 years of age. The ground was frozen, so our vet curled her into a sleeping position and put her in his freezer, knowing we would want to bury her at home when the ground thawed. Around April, we remembered Teal and brought her home. Gary and our son Chris dug a nice square hole for her in the back orchard with our other menagerie of pets. Using a wheelbarrow to transport her from my trunk to her final resting place, I realized a slight problem. We had a round frozen dog and a square hole ...back to the shed for a shovel and some remodeling.

**Ander of the Hundgaard with owner Rick Soldja** (Photographer Unknown)

### Upcoming Events

**NW    No spring test    See Rocky Mountain**

#### **Rocky Mountain — Judges Seminar — March 25-28**

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#### **Heartland April 10,11,12**

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**Ander of the Hundgaard with owner Rick Soldja (Photographer Ann Pool)**

