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Test Time in the Rockies

Breely of the Midnight Sun finishes a successful track for handler Lyla Lehrer

(Photo by Judy Coil)

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

The August issue is all about testing. Of course there are the important facts and statistics of the Spring 2010 tests, carefully compiled and organized by John Pitlo.

Thanks to all the club members for their hard work in putting on the tests across the country. The testing program is the cornerstone of our club, and it takes an immense amount of talent and effort to pull these events off.

For those testing this fall, you'll find a couple items reprinted from Joan Bailey that offer pointers on getting ready for your big test day.

The June issue included a tribute to Elmo of Auger Falls. As a fitting addition to the progeny testing issue, Joan Bailey provides a follow-up that details the major role that Elmo played in our breeding program.

I also want to remind members about the important genetics data base project at Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine. Members are asked to cooperate in providing blood samples from all our dogs. The project was described in the June GDS; you can access that article plus information on how to participate at the club website: <http://www.wpgca.org>. We'll probably have more to report in the October issue.

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Rocky Mountain Chapter Spring Test March 26-28 2010

by
Anita Andrus

The Rocky Mountain Chapter hosted the WPGCA annual meeting/judges seminar this year and tested 20 dogs in the Snake River Canyon near Twin Falls, Idaho. Instead of the usual judges' seminar, club member and marketing professor Mike Reilly (MT) facilitated an excellent strategic planning session for the board of directors and attending club members.

On Saturday and Sunday, with perfect, sunny weather, judges got to observe groups of dogs from the same litter and evaluate them in the Natural Ability test. Seeing litter-mates run consecutively by the same judges gives the judges valuable information on the effectiveness of our breeding program.

All three pups from the **"C" litter of Salmon River** kennel (Andrus/Skinner, ID) were tested with two pups earning a prize score. Four pups from the **"B" litter of Midnight Sun** kennel (Brad Myen and family, AK) ran in NA with three prizing. The **"A" litter of Arrowrock** kennel (Bob Bullock and family, ID) had five pups tested with all five earning a prize classification. Congratulations go to Bob and his family for producing such an outstanding litter. We also saw two pups from the "B" litter of Cattail Storm



Arrowrock "A" Litter & Owners at Rocky Mountain Spring Test
Amazing Grace owned by Tom Coombs; **Annabelle** & owner Bob Bullock; **Alfred E. Neuman**, & owner Terry Kramer; **Addie**, owner Dave Matsuoka; **Alexis** & owner Bob Matsuoka;

(Photographer Judy Coil)

(Damon Bovard, MN) with Anna Ziedens (CA) and Belle earning a perfect score and a Prize 1.

Six dogs were tested in IHDT with Gary Pool (ID) and his Cesky Fousek **Ali of An-**



Hey Boss, Look What I've Got!

Above: Alfred E. Neuman of Arrowrock brings in a pheasant for Terry Kraemer

Below: Bronco of Cattail Storm retrieves a chukar for owner Robert Ziedins.

(Photos by Judy Coil)



cient Kennels earning a Prize 3. Longtime club member and judge, Silke Alberts (CA) tested her German Wirehaired Pointer, **Solvraevens Fie of Dansk Kennel Klub**, and scored a Prize 2 with a 4H in the blind retrieve.

I computed an interesting statistic. 78.5% of the 14 dogs tested in NAT performed well enough to earn a prize classification. In IHDT, the result was 33.3% of the 6 dogs tested earned a prize.

With such a large group of dogs to test, we appreciated the help from all our club members who ran errands, planted birds and helped with the lunches and auction. We would also like to thank the judges who came from the Mid-West and the Eastern part of the U.S. as that made it possible to test all the dogs in two days. Next year will also be a large test as we anticipate most of the 14 NAT dogs will be back to run their IHDT test. A special thanks to local folks, Gary and Ann Pool and Cliff and Marety Jaro who do the bulk of the work and organizing for our tests. A special thank you to Teresa Connor who did a great job on her first test serving as new chapter Sec/Tres while tending to her baby, Kayley.

2010 Northeast Spring Test

by
Kurt Soneson

Our spring test, held on May 15th, found us again at Ted and Sandie Silver's place in Winterport, Maine. Only three dogs were being tested NAT, which made this a one day event. Being tested were **Bismark of Cattail Storm** owned by Rich Valient, **Brisa of Cattail Storm** owned by Peter Meyers, and **Anson of Arrowrock** owned by Ed Guilfooy. The weather was overcast with a slight on and off drizzle.

Attending judges were Rick Molt, Ted Silver, Phil Bennett, apprentice judges myself and Andy Ogden. Andy and I have started our own WPGCA Apprentice Union Local 28 due to the flagrant abuse being dealt upon us by senior judges in this organization. We will be enlisting the services of Josh Silver Esq. of the Law Firm of Dewey, Cheatum, and Howe to handle grievances that arise.

To stir the pot and get things rolling, I commented to Sandie that it was sad to see Ted's old, tired JD tractor still sitting in the barn instead of a new one he longed for. Sandie fired back, stating that Ted had spent his tractor money (from the large co-pays he collects) to purchase a new motorcycle that was sitting covered up in the barn. Sure enough, Dr. Ted had written himself a prescription for a new bike. Using my astute detective skills I could tell Sandie was less-than-pleased about Ted's purchase. After asking a few basic questions—Any tattoos? Will you start your own motorcycle club and call it The Bleeding Hearts? Do you wear one of those funny dew rags? I let the matter drop. On to the test.

The horn call sounded, and Rich Valient's dog, Bismark, took a 4 PLUS in singing along. It was beautiful. I don't have my notes handy, so I may have the running order out of line. If I do, please don't email me because the GDS does not have a correction corner.

Our bird handlers for the day were Katie Willis, daughter of club member Jim Willis and her friend Tyler. Katie is a very outdoorsy young lady. She managed to kill 2 turkeys with one shot this spring season. Yes it was legal. Today she was bird girl by day and headed to her prom with Tyler that night. Her only question was: how to put the birds to sleep. It was suggested that Rick has had good luck by telling the birds some of his long winded hunting stories.

Rich Valient was first up with **Bismark of Cattail Storm**. Bismark did a great job on the test, handling all phases with enthusiasm and willingness. The only hitch was the pointing of the quail. He did point after a try or two. Bismark performed well enough to earn a Prize 3.

Next in line was Peter Meyers and **Brisa of Cattail Storm**, I think. Brisa did a great job running the test. She too had a great desire for the hunt. Brisa had 4's in everything and then we came to the water work. Brisa swims, but not today. Peter, game as he is, took the plunge to try to entice Brisa in for a dip but no luck. No swim, sadly to say, no prize.

The test was moving along swiftly without any major snafus—no escaped dogs, no escaped birds resulting in extraordinary catches, no Jim Seibel stories. Wow, it was turning into a pretty dry event. Then it happened. As we were doing the search portion of the test, judge Phil Bennett had one of those "Help I've fallen and can't get up!" mo-

ments. Phil wandered into a mud hole that only pigs dream about—deep mud that sucks your boots off your feet. Phil was mired down. If Ted had only bought the new tractor. Ted did come to Phil's aid and the test resumed. Hopefully photo by Tina Molt.

Last to run, I think, was Ed Guilfoy with **Anson of Arrowrock**. Anson was another Griffon who went about his work happily with tail held high. Anson also did well on the test and also needed a couple of tries with the quail point. As we've seen many times, some dogs just don't like the farm-raised birds. Anson said "no good" on the water thus resulting in no prize.

Confirmations were performed, and that was that by 2pm. The dogs, for their age, performed well. Being young (the dogs; handlers had some age on them) the handlers opted to hold off doing the IHDT until the spring of 2011, so no fall test this year. A good solid training summer and hunting season this fall should yield some great results for the next test.

A great barbeque was put on by the ladies, test scores read, and embellished stories told—truly a wonderful day. Thanks again to the Silver's for their hospitality.

PS If anyone has the de-skunk formula using dish detergent, hydrogen peroxide, and baking soda, would you please email me the mixture at ksoneson@gmail.com. Thanks. Lucky was milling about my field when a strong smell of skunk and a happy Griffon emerged. Fearing the worst I found he had skunk only on his front right paw??? Figuring due to the superior breeding program of the WPGCA, Lucky encountered the skunk, knew what was coming, and held down its tail with his paw until he could make his escape. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



The Northeast Chapter of the WPGCA Assembles for a Group Portrait

A gaggle of griffons, owners and judges prepare for the Spring 2010 Test at the customary testing site in Winterport Maine.

(Photo by Tina Molt)

Mystery and Suspense in the Heartland

by
Jon Coil

It seems there is always suspense involved with the Heartland Tests. First, Rem DeJong can't attend and provide his magically detailed word pictures of the highlights of the Heartland test. Now look what you get. Thinking of doing this write-up, I had a vivid dream of a re-run of the Lloyd Bentsen-Dan Quayle debate and Senator Bentsen giving me the evil eye and saying, "Rem DeJong is a friend of mine and believe me Jon, you are no Rem DeJong!"

What was really frightening was my dream figure of the Honorable Senator had a strange resemblance to Jim Crouse.

Sorry Rem but here goes:

Thursday's have developed into an informal gathering of early attendees at the Mazomanie grounds to let the long-caged stars of the gathering stretch their legs and greet old friends. The Griffon owners also greet, watch the dogs and talk of the past year in Griffdom. This year the early arrivals were Jim Crouse, Bryan and Diane Erbentraut along with Judy and me. After pleasantries Judy and I took our crew for a long walk over the grounds.

Returning to the parking area, there was no sign of Jim Crouse or Bryan Erbentraut. Diane said that Dave Read had called. He had stopped to run Amos of Hungaard around the "78 pond" where we generally conduct the water portions of the IHDT and Utility tests, it is a few miles from the main test area. A side trip into the brush adjacent to the parking lot caused Dave's skin to prickle and the hair on the back of his neck to stand up. A look around showed Dave some bones and a bra and slip lying in the vicinity.

Dave called Jim Crouse to come and take a look. Jim and Brian looked and agreed that the authorities should be called. A short while later a couple sheriff deputies arrived, checked it out and called in reinforcements. A dozen officials quickly made it look like CSI Mazomanie. The deputies interviewed Dave, Bryan and Jim, and showed great curiosity in why three people from three different states would converge on this particular piece of Wisconsin and happen to find some suspicious bones. When the deputy found out that Bryan was from Colorado and was there to test his dog, he incredulously asked, "Can't you do that in Colorado?" Perhaps because he was first to discover the bones or for some other reason, Dave was told to stay and Bryan and Jim were told they could go to a nearby restaurant but with a stern look at Jim Crouse, "No drinking as we may have to get a statement." Jim was a reluctant witness the rest of the evening.

While the detectives worked and the Heartland wondered, Ken Hurtig had his own nightmare unfolding. Ken found out that the Wisconsin DNR would not be able to provide as many pheasants as usual and he had ordered the rest of the birds from a private provider. He did the communications on line. When he arrived to pick up his pheasants there were blank stares from the business owner; they didn't have any order from him or any pheasants for him either. With the help of the owner he located another source about an hour and a half away. Ken was on the road as the rest of the Heartland early-birds and Karen and Greg Hurtig, waited and ordered dinner and in addition to wondering what poor soul had ended up in such a remote spot, pondered where we were going

to find water to test the IHDT dogs. Most of us enjoyed the food but the deputies arrived about the same time as the meal and Jim and Bryan had to eat a cold steak, answer questions and have the soles of their shoes photographed. It was that kind of night.

In the morning, the group (somewhat refreshed), gathered when Field Test Chair Andy Yeast called us with the hunting horns and we began what we came for—watching the dogs perform. Testing were four Natural Ability dogs, two littermates of Stony Ridge breeding belonging to Bryan Erbentraut (**Stony Ridge Hercules**) and John Posthuma (**Stony Ridge High Point**) and two littermates of the Midnight Sun breeding belonging to Bill Barglof (**Bennet of Midnight Sun**) and Jim Crouse (**Buckeye “B” of Midnight Sun**). Four beautiful dogs did their best and put on a good performance and three received Prize 1's with one no prize because of trouble with the track and pointing. I have a picture of Bennet of the Midnight Sun launching through the air to get his stick in the Affinity for Water portion. There was confusion over the call name of Jim Crouse's dog Buckeye “B” of the Midnight Sun, Jim Crouse claimed it was Benny but as we were in Wisconsin and Jim Crouse is so open-minded to anything from the great state of Wisconsin, the judges referred to Benny as “Badger”. Maybe it was because his dog was being tested that Jim Crouse didn't argue with the judges about his dog's moniker.

Judge John Pitlo was at home with the latest Dutchman's Hollow litter out of Ayla of Ancient Kennels (Because it was the first club litter of the year and the pups were only four days old, he was excused.) and judge Dean Umphrey had a family event that kept him from attending. I wonder if they were the reason the rest of the judges couldn't find much to argue about amongst themselves and the whole crew was back to the motel early and ready for pizza and conversation?

A downpour and thunderstorms during the early morning abated and the predicted winds held off so we were a happy group on Saturday, watching two, quick **Dakota Prairie** dogs owned by Bob Rock (**Betsy**) and Steve Rossow (**Brutus**) breeze through their Natural Ability Tests with just some trouble for one dog pointing the planted bird. The other two dogs were littermates of the **Salmon River** breeding, owned by Ted Coon (**Buckingham**) and Bernie Schmitz (**Bonita**); they were being tested as Older Hunting Dogs.

The cover in the field had been flattened during the winter snow and good grass for planting the birds in was sparse. Twice during the field work for the older hunting dogs, the planted pheasants wouldn't stay put. In this cover the birds were not far from the planting spot and the dogs were able to see the bird and went into a sight point. (A sight point can not be counted as a point for the test so another bird had to be planted.) Other than the unusual sight pointing, the field work went well and we were done in good time, but as the popular judge's saying goes, “and then we went to the water”.

As is our “normal” in the Heartland, good tracking water is hard to find in the spring. The ingenious judges made do, and we got to see some good duck-tracking from one of the dogs; however, the other dog had trouble in the track, and that failure carried through the rest of the water work. It is always hard to watch a dog that performs so well in the field, fail when it comes to the water. But that is testing dogs, and we enjoyed the efforts of all the handlers and dogs.

We had a small gallery that was particularly well behaved so Jim Seibel did his best to stay with the gallery and explain the judging process with only short side trips to

have his say with the judges. For part of the field testing the Judges allowed the gallery to listen in to the process of determining a score, which to most of us is somewhat a mystery, so the opportunity was appreciated.

The Farm Kitchen once again hosted us with its Saturday night prime rib buffet. The test scores were read and Jim Seibel gave a overview of the years planned breeding which was listen to with great interest by two new members. Mike and Jane Chlapaty have attended several tests, fit right in, and are hoping for a chance at a pup this year. We wish them luck and hope it is a very successful puppy year.



Track Him, Boomer!

Boomer of Cattail Storm sets out on the track for owner Dan Lipe.

(Photo by Jon Coil)

Another downpour over night and a very grim forecast greeted us on Sunday—wind and steady rain. At the test grounds it was raining, but we gathered under the shelter built by the Mazomanie Grounds Club. Field Test Chair Andy Yeast had assembled a crew, and with the help Doug Cole (always ready to help when needed) put up a tarp for a windbreak. The rain slowed to a light mist and we went testing. Three Natural Ability littermates out of the **B of Cattail Storm** litter belonging to Dan Lipe (**Boomer**), Wayne Hoernke (**Badger**), Tony Meyers (**Blaze**), were put through their paces. All three provided good tracks and good searches; all showed an affinity for water. A wandering coon was pointed, and the potential fight was avoided. (The photographer missed that classic shot.) Badger had suffered, last fall, from the cursed OCD and ensuing operation but did well in all aspects of the test; however, he failed to point the planted bird. The scores were read during lunch and we were all headed home by one in the afternoon, tired

and looking forward to the fall test.

Dave Reed did get a call from the sheriff's office Saturday evening letting him know the bones he found were from a deer carcass, they didn't go into detail about the bra and slip. Dave insists the garments weren't his; he still has to live with his new nickname "Bones".

There is something about a dog test that makes Judy forget things. Last fall she forgot to put Berta of Show Me Borealis in the van, and we just about made it off the grounds before we remembered her. A nice man exercising his dog had leashed her and was more than happy to give her back. This spring, we gassed up the van for the trip home at the Baraboo Kwik Trip and Judy discovered when we stopped in Superior, five hours later, that she had left her purse at the Kwik Trip. We had a receipt with their number and a phone call let her know that the Cashier had the purse. What else to do but call the Hurtigs for help? Greg was kind enough to pick it up and mail it to Judy.

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 2010

Key to Tests														
WI = Wisconsin WA = Washington ID = Idaho ME = Maine CA = California * = 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	AW	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T	
<u>GROUP 377 (Page)</u>														
CREEDENCE OF SALMON RIVER, M, ID	11	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	26	II	3	3	ok	
CLANCY OF SALMON RIVER, M, ID	11	3	4	4	4	2	3	3	23	III	3	3	ok	
CIEGER HAHN OF SALMON RIVER, M, ID	11	1	4	4	0	0	2	1	12		3	3	ok	
<u>GROUP 378 (Page)</u>														
BETSY OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, F, WI	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	4	ok	
BRUTUS OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, WI	11	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	25	III	4	4	ok	
<u>GROUP 379 (Page)</u>														
BELLE OF CATTAIL STORM, F, ID	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	27	I	3	3	ok	
BOOMER OF CATTAIL STORM, M, WI	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	27	I	3	3	ok	
BLAZE OF CATTAIL STORM, F, WI	11	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	26	I	2	2	ok	
BISMARCK OF CATTAIL STORM, M, ME	11	4	4	4	2	4	3	3	24	III	4	3	ok	
BADGER OF CATTAIL STORM, M, WI	11	4	4	4	0	4	4	3	23		3	3	ok	
BRISSA OF CATTAIL STORM, F, ME	11	4	4	1	4	4	3	3	23		4	2	ok	
BRONCO OF CATTAIL STORM, M, ID	10	3	2	4	1	2	2	2	16		4	3	ok	
<u>GROUP 380 (Page)</u>														
ADDIE OF ARROWROCK, F, ID	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	3	4	ok	
ALEXIS OF ARROWROCK, F, ID	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok	
AMAZING GRACE OF ARROWROCK, F, ID	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	4	ok	
ANNABELLE STAR OF ARROWROCK, F, ID	9	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	27	I	4	3	ok	
ALFRED E NEWMAN OF ARROWROCK, M, ID	9	4	4	2	4	4	3	3	24	III	3	3	ok	
ANSON OF ARROWROCK, M, ME	11	4	4	1	2	4	3	3	21		4	3	ok	
<u>GROUP 381 (Page)</u>														
BARLEY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, F, ID	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok	
BENNY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, ID	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok	
BUCKEYE “B” OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, WI	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok	
BARCLAY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, ID	10	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	26	II	3	3	ok	
BREELY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, F, ID	10	4	4	1	0	4	2	2	17		3	3	ok	
BENNETT OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, WI	10	1	2	4	0	1	2	2	12		2	3	ok	

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 2010, CONTINUED

	A	N	S	W	P	TB	AW	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
GROUP 382 (Page)													
STONYRIDGE'S HERCULES, M, WI	14	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	4	ok
STONYRIDGE'S HIGH POINT, F, WI	14	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
GERMAN WIREHAired POINTERS													
RLB'S SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT, M, CA	15	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	-	-	-
RLB'S FLIRTING WITH FAME, F, CA	15	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	27	I	-	-	-
CADENBERG ENZO V. SEP, M, CA	15	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	26	III	-	-	-

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2010**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
 ++ - older hunting dog

	TD	RD	B	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 368 (Aug., 2009 GDS)																		
++BUCKINGHAM OF SALMON RIVER																		
M, 25 mos (WI)	4	2	2	4	4	2	4			4	4	3	2	143	III	4	3	ok
++BOONE OF SALMON RIVER																		
M, 25 mos (ID)	2	4	4	4	4	3	4			3	1	1	2	126		3	3	ok
++BONITA OF SALMON RIVER																		
F, 25 mos (WI)	0	0	0	4	4	3	4			3	2	1	1	89		3	3	*
GROUP 370 (Aug., 2009 GDS)																		
ALI OF ANCIENT KENNEL																		
F, 19 mos (ID)	2	3	4	4	4	3	4			3	4	3	2	141	III	4	3	ok
ABEL OF ANCIENT KENNEL																		
M, 19 mos, (ID)	0	2	2	4	4	3	2			2	3	2	2	101		3	3	ok
GROUP 376 (Feb., 2010 GDS)																		
GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE																		
F, 16 mos, (ID)	4	1	2	4	4	0	4			4	3	2	1	124		4	3	ok
GROUP 383 (Page 15)																		
IDAHO'S GRAND DUTCHESS																		
F, 20 mos, (ID)	4	2	2	2	4	0	1			3	3	1	1	99		3	3	ok

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2010 (CON'T)

	TD	RD	B	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
	R																	
GERMAN WIREHAired POINTERS																		
WEIDENHUGEL HOUSTEON V JOEY																		
M, 19.5 mos (CA)	1	0	1	3	4	3	4			3	2	2	2	103		-	-	-
FIE SOLVRAEVENS																		
F, 22 mos ID)	4	4	4H	4	3	4	4			4	4	4	4	168	II	-	-	-

DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING 2010***NATURAL ABILITY TEST***

CREEDENCE OF SALMON RIVER, M, 11 mos., whelped 4/22/2009. Conformation: 3, 24.5" H X 24.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager, friendly. Owned by Angie McDunn, 3380 Rottweiler Ct., Helena, MT 59602. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 377, Page 12.

CLANCY OF SALMON RIVER, M, 11 mos., whelped 4/22/2009. Conformation: 3, 26" H X 26 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, slightly difficult to examine. Owned by Kevin Kennedy, 2711 86th Ave. E., Edgewood, WA 98371. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 377, Page 12.

CIEGER HAHN OF SALMON RIVER, M, 11 mos., whelped 4/22/2009. Conformation: 3, 24.5" H X 25 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, bordering on independent. Owned by Greg Gingerich, PO Box 1116, Oak Creek, CO 80467. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 377, Page 12.

BETSY OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, F, 11 mos., whelped 4/31/2009. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24 " L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, short, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, lots of game drive, a little tentative. Owned by Bob Rock, 1867 35th St. NE, Laramie, ND 58251. Bred by Steve Rossow. Pedigree 378, Page 13.

BRUTUS OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, 11 mos., whelped 4/31/2009. Conformation: 4, 25" H X 25 " L, slight overbite, right P1 missing. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, short, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: good of game drive, easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Steve Rossow, 211 W Lawler Ave., Chamberlain, SD 57325. Bred by Steve Rossow. Pedigree 378, Page 13.

BELLE OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 10 mos., whelped 5/25/2009. Conformation: 3, 22" H X 22 " L, under-shot. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, needs more belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: happy, eager for game, easy to examine. Owned by Anna Ziedins, 3601 Sun Knoll Dr., Loomis, CA 95650-9537. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 379, Page 13.

BOOMER OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/25/2009. Conformation: 3, 24" H X 24 " L, underbite. Coat: 3, harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, lots of game drive, somewhat hard to examine. Owned by Dan Lipe, 9173 S. Saginaw Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 379, Page 13.

BLAZE OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 11 mos., whelped 5/25/2009. Conformation: 2, 22" H X 22 " L, underbite, fine featured, straight in front legs. Coat: 2, lacks harshness and density, curly, soft on head, lacks belly coverage, full furnishings. Temperament: friendly, intense, good game drive. Owned by Tony Meyer, 919 Shamrock Ln., Watertown, WI 53094. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 379, Page 13.

BISMARCK OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/25/2009. Conformation: 4, 23.5" H X 23.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, dense, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager in field, cooperative, friendly. Owned by Richard Valent, 2 Hemlock Dr., Syosset, NY 11791-4205. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 379, Page 13.

BADGER OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/25/2009. Conformation: 3, 25" H X 25 " L, undershot, OCD. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: bold, friendly, good game drive, easy to examine. Owned by Wayne Hoernke, N 3870 Dunning Rd., Poynette, WI 53955. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 379, Page 13.

BRISSA OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 11 mos., whelped 5/25/2009. Conformation: 4, 22.5" H X 22.5 " L. Coat: 2, medium harsh, lacks density, open on chest and sides, medium furnishings. Temperament: very eager in field, friendly, difficult to examine. Owned by Peter Meyer, PO Box 709, Ellsworth, ME 4605. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 379, Page 13.

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BRONCO OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 10 mos., whelped 5/25/2009. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, lacks density, slight curl, open on ears, needs more belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: happy, tentative at time, dependent. Owned by Robert Ziedens, 804 Seaforth Crt., Lincoln, CA 95648. Bred by Damon Bovard. Pedigree 379, Page 13.

ADDIE OF ARROWROCK, F, 9 mos., whelped 6/5/2009. Conformation: 3, 23.5" H X 24 " L, crossbite. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: lots of drive, bold, cooperative. Owned by David Matsuoka, 150 Washington St. N, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Bred by Robert Bullock. Pedigree 380, Page 14.

ALEXIS OF ARROWROCK, F, 9 mos., whelped 6/5/2009. Conformation: 4, 22.5" H X 22.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager with good drive, easy to examine. Owned by Bob Matsuoka, 2111 Addison Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Bred by Robert Bullock. Pedigree 380, Page 14.

AMAZING GRACE OF ARROWROCK, F, 9 mos., whelped 6/5/2009. Conformation: 4, 23" H X 23 " L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, tentative when examined, eager in field. Owned by Tom Coombe, 2051 Evergreen Lane, Suite B, Show Low, AZ 85901. Bred by Robert Bullock. Pedigree 380, Page 14.

ANNABELLE STAR OF ARROWROCK, F, 9 mos., whelped 6/5/2009. Conformation: 4, 22" H X 22.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, easy to examine, good drive. Owned by Robert Bullock, 8340 Wyndham Lane, Boise, ID 83704. Bred by Robert Bullock. Pedigree 380, Page 14.

ALFRED E. NEWMAN OF ARROWROCK, M, 9 mos., whelped 6/5/2009. Conformation: 3, 24" H X 23 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, full furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, difficult to examine. Owned by Terry Kramer, PO Box 129 Clancy, MT 59634. Bred by Robert Bullock. Pedigree 380, Page 14.

ANSON OF ARROWROCK, M, 9 mos., whelped 6/5/2009. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, difficult to examine. Owned by Edwin Guilfooy, 344 Moody Rd., Huntington, VT 05462. Bred by Robert Bullock. Pedigree 380, Page 14.

BARLEY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, F, 10 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation: 4, 25" H X 25 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, very cooperative. Owned by Cliff Jaro, 638 North Rd., Jerome, ID 83338-5106. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Page 14.

BENNY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 10 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, very energetic. Owned by Zebadiah Breuckman, 2140 N Callow Ave., Bremerton, WA 98312. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Page 14.

BUCKEYE "B" OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 10 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation: 4, 25" H X 25 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, good drive, easy to handle. Owned by Jim Crouse, 6221 Moore Rd., Delaware, OH 43015. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Page 14.

BARCLAY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 10 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation: 3, 26" H X 26 " L, crossbite. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly, happy. Owned by Hiram Adleman, 824 Bald Eagle Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Page 14.

BREELY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, F, 10 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation: 3, 23.5" H X 23.5 " L, underbite, extra P1 upper left. Coat: 3, harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, uncooperative at times. Owned by Glenn & Lyla Lehrer, 8636 Panorama E., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Page 14.

BENNETT OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 10 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation: 2, 27" H X 27 " L, crossbite, moves stiffly in rear. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, soft on head, full furnishings. Temperament: hard to examine, tentative in field. Owned by Bill Garglof, 1311 Taylor Ave., Bennet, IA 52721. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Page 14.

STONYRIDGE'S HERCULES, M, 14 mos., whelped 2/17/2009. Conformation: 4, 26" H X 26 " L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: easy to handle, lots of game drive, independent. Owned by Bryan Erbenraut, 5239 S Cody St., Littleton, CO 80123-7317. Bred by Randy Posthuma. Pedigree 382, Page 14.

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	BOREK PANVA
HASAN Z LISOVA	CHYTA Z BARTONE
AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE	ARLO OF VALLEY HOUSE
BROOKE OF BOGAN'S POINT	MERRYMEETING BOGAN
"C" OF SALMON RIVER	BARTON DE LOS ALTOS
ELMO OF AUGER FALLS	CASSIDY OF DUTCHMANS HOLLOW
BRAUN OF MARSH STREAM	CHYT SE ZAPLAV
BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK	BAILEY OF OCEAN HOUSE

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STONYRIDGE'S HIGH POINT, F, 14 mos., whelped 2/17/2009. Conformation: 4, 23" H X 23 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: happy, easy to examine, good game drive. Owned by John Posthuma, N 4660 County Rd. M, Brandon, WI 53919. Bred by Randy Posthuma. Pedigree 382, Page 14.

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RLB'S SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT, M, 15 mos, whelped 10/18/2008. Conformation: not evaluated. Coat: not evaluated. Temperament; not evaluated. Owned by Cindy Heiller & Kathy Boyd, 3953 Guerneville Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95401. Bred by Roger Bultman.

RLB'S FLIRTING WITH FAME, F, 15 mos, whelped 10/18/2008. Conformation: not evaluated. Coat: not evaluated. Temperament; not evaluated. Owned by Diane & Francis Marsh & Cynthia Heiller, 116 Austen Ct., Roseville, CA 95747. Bred by Roger Bultman.

CADENBERG ENZO V. SEP., M, 15.5 mos, whelped 10/7/2008. Conformation: not evaluated. Coat: not evaluated. Temperament; not evaluated. Owned by Gary and Theresa Bonini, 3 Wayne Ct., Redwood City, CA 94063. Bred by Silke Alberts.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

++ **BUCKINGHAM OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 25 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 25" H X 25 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: happy, easy to handle, good game drive. Owned by Ted Coon, 1235 W 8th St., Appleton, WI 54914. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009 GDS.

++ **BOONE OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 25 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 3, 24" H X 24 " L, extra upper right P1.. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: in control of temperament, calm, easy to examine. Owned by Greg Miyauchi, PO Box 282, Grand Lake, CO 80447. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009 GDS.

++ **BONITA OF SALMON RIVER**, F, 25 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 3, 23.5" H X 23.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: skittish, especially at water, dependent on handler. Owned by Bernie Schmitz, 9040 Young Rd., Jesup, IA 50648. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009 GDS.

ALI OF ANCIENT KENNEL, F, 19 mos., whelped 8/14/2008. Conformation: 4, 21.5" H X 22 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager, good game drive, not always in control of temperament. Owned by Gary and Ann Pool, 614 Twin View Rd., Jerome, ID 83338-6013. Bred by Armando Carlos. Pedigree 370, Aug., 2009 GDS.

ABEL OF ANCIENT KENNEL, M, 19 mos., whelped 8/14/2008. Conformation: 3, 24" H X 24 " L, slight butt bite, center two incisors. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager, not always in control of temperament. Owned by Bryan Rowder, 5942 Shawn Drive, Helena, MT 59602. Bred by Armando Carlos. Pedigree 370, Aug., 2009 GDS.

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GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE, F, 16 mos., whelped 11/16/2008. Conformation: 4, 23" H X 23 " L. Coat: 3, soft to medium harsh, medium dense, curly, open on chest, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, lots of drive, independent at times. Owned by Tawna Skinner, 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by Alain Binet. Pedigree 376, Feb., 2010 GDS.

IDAHO'S GRAND DUTCHESS, F, 20 mos., whelped 7/15/2008. Conformation: 3, 23" H X 23 " L, could not examine molars. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, needs more belly coverage. Temperament: hard to examine teeth, eager for birds, independent. Owned by Bryan Kenworthy, 4793 River Rd., Buhl, ID 83316. Bred by Grant Loveless. Pedigree 383, Page 15.

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WEIDENHUGEL HOUSTON V JOEY, M, 19.5 mos., whelped 6/7/2008. Conformation: not evaluated Coat: not evaluated. Temperament: not evaluated. Owned by Cynthia Heiller & Kathy Boyd, 3953 Guerneville Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95401. Bred by Cynthia Heiller & Kathy Boyd.

FIE SOLVRAEVEENS, F, 22 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 378	AXEL V BALDENEYSEE
INGO V KASTANIENHAIN	AURA VON GSCHWENDT
BLUE MOUNTAINS BREW	FURST V.D. NEUBURG
GLACIER COOL DEECE	FLATHEADS JAGHUND GRETTEL
"B" DAKOTA PRAIRIE	CHIPPER DE LOS ALTOS
ARLO OF VALLEY HOUSE	AVERY OF MOUNTAIN HOUSE
BROOKE OF BOGAN'S POINT	AUGER OF ALDERBROOK
MERRYMEETING BOGAN	PRAIRIE STORM'S ALDER
PEDGREE 379	BOREK PANVA
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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

PEDGREE 380		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” OF ARROWROCK	
		CAR ZE SKRBENE
	CHAR Z HLOZKU	
PEDGREE 381		FLORA Z HLOZKU
	ANNIE OAKLEY OF GLACIER RIDGE	
		ABEL OF NICHOLS CREEK
	BELLA’S AMY OF FITGERALD’S PRAIRIE	
		COKOPELLI OF BERKSHIRE POND
		BLESK OD VAVFINECKEHO RYBNKA
	ART HAJSKY REVIR	
		CIPRA Z TISKE HAJENKY
	ARAN Z NOVOVESKEHO LESA	
“B” OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN		FERO Z VRCHANOVA
		ALMA Z EVANSKEHO HAJE
		AJKA ZE DVORKA
		BARTON DE LOS ALTOS
	ELMO OF AUGER FALLS	
		CASSIDY OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW
	BRIGID OF WILLOW SPRINGS	
		ARIKO VOM ERIK
	BREA OF TRUMAN’S PRIDE	
PEDGREE 382		AVIAN OF SHOW-ME-BOREALIS
		GOOSE CREEKS AMIGO
	UPLAND TIMBER DALLES	
		APSEN POINT’S BUTTSTOCK
	BLACK RIVER DALLAS	
		ALDERS EDGE DEBA
	ITASCA WINGS ALICE	
		ACAJOU DU FEU FOLLET
	STONYRIDGE’S HERCULES	
STONYRIDGE’S HIGH POINT		
		ALDERS EDGE IAN
	SHINGOBEE LAKE CZAR	
		SHINGOBEE LAKE ELEGANCE
	STONYBROOK BOBBY	
		ASPEN POINT’S BARREL
	STONYBROOK ARIEL	
		STONEBROOK BILLIE

PEDGREE 383	LANCE HILLS JAMES
	IDAHO'S HUNTER EXTREME RAFE
	SAVANAH SAVI SASEE
GRANT'S HUNTER EXTREME HAHNS	GRIFF PRIDE OF DOGDOM
	IDAHO'S HUNTER EXTREME KYLA
	CHAMOIX TRUE GUNNER
IDAHO'S GRAND DUTCHESS	WAYFARER'S EWE
ZIG	ONLY CHANCE FOR A LIMIT
SNAKE RIVER'S GRACIE LU	WEHRWOLF VON HERRENHAUSEN
OWYHEE'S "A" PEPPER	DUCHASSEUR BOHEME

Breeding Committee Update

by

John Pitlo & Jim Seibel

The **"F" litter of Dutchman's Hollow** was whelped on April 17, 2010. There were 6 pups (4 males and 2 females). The sire was **Blue Mountains Brew** (frozen semen) and the dam was **Ayla of Ancient Kennel** (owned by John & Vivian Pitlo). This was a surgical artificial insemination (AI) which occurred on Feb. 17, 2010. The pups were placed with the following club members.

Friederich Of Dutchman's Hollow
(M)
Kurt Eickhof
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Francesca Of Dutchman's Hollow (F)
Dave & Mary Jo Finley
Plymouth, IN 46563

Fowler Of Dutchman's Hollow (M)
Steve Smith
Lebanon, SD 57455

Fhoenix Of Dutchman's Hollow (F)
Stan Morse
Star, ID 83669

Fozzwell Brownie Of Dutchman's
Hollow (M)
Tom Coon
Appleton, WI 54915

Flapjack Frankie Of Dutchman's Hol-
low (M)
Michael & Jane Chlapaty
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

“ELMO”

by
Joan Bailey

The name on his pedigree says “**ELMO OF AUGER FALLS**,” but if ever a dog was known by his call name, it was our ELMO. He belonged to Dave and Mary Jo Finley, and just as much to their daughters Christa and Andrea. But in a sense, he belonged to all of us who knew and loved him.

ELMO was a product of our breeding program, as were his ancestors. His dam, **CASSIDY OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW**, was the result of a complete outcross because we felt we needed to inject some new blood. CASSIE’s sire, **BLUE MOUNTAIN’S BREW** was himself an outcross, though not from our program. There were a lot of risks involved in the bloodlines because the German part had had some hip dysplasia, and a grandfather (from Germany) looked quite uncooperative in his NAT test, but he had not had good exposure, so we didn’t know if it was that, or genetic. But I’d seen BREW at his only field test, in Oregon, and saw a spark! BREW lived in Washington. John Pitlo (Iowa) flew with AVAJ all the way out to Washington, and after the deed was done he and AVAJ flew down to Portland and spent a day and a night with me. I think John liked what he saw in BREW.

What we did know was that **AVAJ OF IAMONIA** had already proven herself with two other very successful litters. And this new, a bit daring breeding, the **C OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW**, proved to be a great success. Then we were doing the **E OF AUGER FALLS** litter with CASSIDY being bred to a Czech Fousek that we had bred within our own program, **BARTON DE LOS ALTOS**. BART turned out to be one of our outstanding studs, able to pass on his attributes to his progeny. This was pretty much an outcross with only a little common blood way back in the 5th and 6th generation.

ELMO and his littermates were born in February 1996. In 1997 he got a Prize I in his NAT and Prize I in his IHDT. His entire litter did very well in their tests. His record as “stud”: All the test results of litters he sired are in the back issues of the GDS. The tables below provides a quick summary.

Most important about ELMO is that he was both a “*phenotype*” and a “*genotype*.” This means that the ELMO we saw: the physical dog and his personality and his natural hunting abilities were tied together in the perfect package; he was what the breeding program strives for; ELMO was the dog we wanted to produce and own. Secondly, beyond being the phenotype, he was also the genotype in that he was able to pass his genetic composition on to his progeny. The genotype is hidden from us; we can’t see it. It’s not that common to find both in one dog. We only find the genotype after we breed the dog, male or female, and find out what they can produce.

Male dogs usually get most of the credit in breeding programs, mostly because they can be mated more often than females. This is so in dog, horses etc. So it’s very important, from the Griffon Club Breeding Program to also say that:

The “**E**” OF AUGER FALLS litter was one of the most successful litters ever to be produced because not only did we have ELMO, but as also we had two of his sisters that produced very good dogs: **ELLE** had 3 successful litters. She is still alive with her family, Gary and Ann Pool in Idaho. And another sister, **ELIZABETH ANN**, had one

successful litter. This is a tremendous success story for every one of us!

Now, back to our ELMO. He was this totally great dog with his laid back quality. Want him to go to a kid's school for show & tell? No problem, he would love to do that. Want to curl up on the floor with him? Great! Want to go hunting all day long? Let's go! Want to go a field test and see all the other dogs and people? When do we leave?

This sensitive side, the side Mary Jo writes about; his ability to understand the "girls," to understand what Dave, and Mary Jo wanted and needed from him. This is the quality of deep sensitivity that only a few dogs ever have in them. But within our breeding pool we have it in quite a few dogs. ELMO's great grandfather, ERIK, had this trait and passed it on. It is part of what makes a dog cooperative. ELMO was one of the greatest. And he was the product of many outstanding dogs and of a lot of dedicated, knowledgeable people. We all miss him.

[Note: See the Tribute to Elmo by Mary Jo Finley and those of other beloved griffons on the Memoriam page of the WPGCA website. <http://www.wpgca.org>]

Elmo of Auger Falls Progeny

Group	Whelped	Kennel	GDS	Dam	Pups	Prized
302	4/22/2000	Nichol's Creek	8/1/2001	Adeline of Sand Hill	7	7
302.1	4/30/2001	Nichol's Creek	8/1/2002	Adeline of Sand Hill	7	5
312	1/13/2002	Eagle's Point	8/1/2003	Acacia of the Great Plains	4	3
313	5/5/2002	Marsh Stream	8/1/2003	Bristol of Alderbrook	6	6
338	6/13/2004	Willow Springs	8/1/2005	Brea of Truman's Pride	5	4
338.2	2/9/2005	Willow Springs	8/1/2006	Brea of Truman's Pride	9	7
				Totals	38	32

Elmo of Auger Falls Progeny Used in Our Breeding Program

Dog	Kennel	Sex	Dam
ABEL	Nichol's Creek	M	Adeline of Sand Hill
Beka	Nichol's Creek	F	Adeline of Sand Hill
Braun	Marsh Stream	F	Bristol of Alderbrook
Britta	Willow Springs	F	Brea of Truman's Pride
Brandy	Willow Springs	F	Brea of Truman's Pride
Brigid	Willow Springs	F	Brea of Truman's Pride
Badgah	Willow Springs	M	Brea of Truman's Pride

Natural Ability Test: What to Do at the Test

by
Joan Bailey

(Revised from circa 1979)

Field Work: Usually the field work is done first, in the morning. That's why it's good to give your dog a quick little run before you get to the test site, or as soon as you get there. The test organizers will have set aside some area just for this. Don't be afraid to ask someone where this area is.

When you and your dog start out in the field work, it helps to pretend to yourself that you and your dog are going hunting, so the object is to allow the dog every opportunity to find game. The judges may hand you a gun to carry during the search as an incentive for the dog so that he may be a bit more serious about looking for game. Walk at the pace your dog is accustomed when hunting. You already know a lot, like not talking to your dog while he is searching for game. Try, try, try to relax and enjoy watching your dog. Have confidence in your dog. That will give him confidence.

Keep your eye on your dog so that when he begins to scent a bird you can stay alert and act just as you would if you were hunting. When he goes on point remember to walk up quickly, coming in from the side instead of from directly behind the dog. Seeing you out of the corner of his eye coming around to form the team is very re-assuring for your dog.

Remember, as you walk in from the side and out in front a bit, try to flush the bird. If that all happens, do not worry when the dog chases the bird. He is not being judged on steady to wing and shot! Just on his ability to use his nose to find the bird, and to point. If your dog jumps in and flushes the bird, let him chase as above. In either scenario, don't try to call you dog off of the flying bird. He won't pay any attention so it will make you look foolish and the dog will learn not to come when called. Turn and walk in another direction. Look back and when you see that the dog has started to head your way, give him a call.

Tracking the Live Bird: The judge will show you how to release your dog on the live track. You unhook the leash from the collar while grasping the collar in your left hand. Then, with your other hand, you guide the dog (who is probably pulling like heck to get going) to the starting point while pointing with your other finger towards the starting point on the ground. This pointing acts as a cue to the dog to lower his head so that he can use the track left by the bird. The quicker he gets his head down, the more successful he will be.

Releasing the dog at the right moment: You've been hunting with your dog often enough by now, so that you can tell when he has a whiff of something. At the very first sign of that whiff, let go of the collar. And don't say anything. Just stand there and wait for him to find the bird. He may bring it back and that is good, but it's not necessary.

The Water: The judge will ask you to throw a dummy out two times. The first time don't throw it too far; just far enough so that the dog will have to swim a little. On the

second throw the judge will ask you to throw it further. Do that.

Your dog is not being judged on retrieving in this test, only on his ease in the water, or the lack of ease.

Overall Advice for the Test Day: Try to use common sense in caring for your dog. If the weather is warm, do not stand around for long periods of time with your dog in the hot sun while you wait your turn. Find a shady spot for you and your dog. A short time before your turn at the field work, either give your dog a drink of water, or, if there is a pond or creek handy, let him get in and cool off. Do the same just before his tracking of the live bird.

If the weather is very cold, give your dog a bit of a run just before the water test. Don't stand around in cold weather with your dog for half an hour before the water test. The water is not that appealing for any already cold dog. Let him run a bit just before his turn. If there isn't a place handy, keep him on the leash and both of you have a good jog! And on a cold day, after your dog has finished his water test, let him run again to dry off.

Try to use common sense in caring for your dog during a test weekend so that your dog is comfortable and can "do his thing" to the best of his ability. And don't be afraid to ask any judge any question you have. They will be glad to help in any way possible.



Preparing to Flush the Bird

Owner Jim Crouse circles in to flush from the side as **Buckeye "B" of the Midnight Sun** holds on point at the Heartland Spring 2010 Test.

(Photo by Jon Coil)

Preparing for a Natural Ability Test

by

Joan Bailey

(Revised from circa 1979)

You have spent a number of months working with your Griffon, developing his/her natural hunting abilities, which in turn prepares him for a NAT.

What to Pack

For You	For Your Dog
1 pair rubber boots, 1 pair leather boots 1 pair hunting pants/jeans & extra dry pair 1 light weight cotton type shirt 1 wool sweater, 1 warm (insulated or down) jacket 1 rain jacket and pants 1 warm hat 1 baseball type cap for sun 1 pair gloves. Your whistle, plus a spare if you lose the one around your neck. Clean clothes for Saturday night dinner.	His mat or blanket if he has one that he sleeps on at home, or perhaps he has a special mat for the car. Or best of all, he has his own traveling kennel. His regular food dish and water bowl A large container of water from home Plenty of his regular food His medication His collar with rabies tag and identification tag (which he should wear) His leash. Necessary paper work; proof of all the shots.

These are the basic essentials that should keep you reasonably comfortable no matter what kind of weather you encounter – hot, cold, sun, rain, snow.

Sleeping Arrangements at the Motel:

If your dog is used to sleeping in the house at night, then have him sleep in the motel room with you either in his traveling kennel, or on his own mat from home. Put his water dish down on a piece of newspaper in a spot where it won't be knocked over.

If your dog is used to sleeping outside in a kennel, then he will probably be better off sleeping in your car, as the motel room will be too warm for him. But make certain he does not bark if left in the car overnight.

Morning of the Test

In the morning allow yourself plenty of time so that you can find a place, either on the way or at the test grounds, to give your dog a short run. This will allow him to get the kinks out and to stretch his legs, and to empty out.

Chapter News & Upcoming Events

Northeast Chapter

There will be no Fall Test this year.
The Chapter may sponsor a blood draw for the Cornell University genetics project, but no date has been set.

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Heartland Chapter

August 21, 2010
Cornell University Genetics Project Blood Draw &
Training/Exposure Day in Marshall Michigan (see WPGCA website Heartland Chapter page for maps).

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Fall Test

September 10 -12, 2010
Mazomanie, WI
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Northwest Chapter

Fall Test

September 4 & 5, 2010
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Rocky Mountain Chapter

No Fall Test (See Northwest Chapter events)

Corrections to April 2010 GDS

Several errors appeared in the April 2010 issue of the *Gun Dog Supreme*. Our apologies to the authors and readers. A corrected version is available on the WPGCA website. You can read the issue on-line or download it at:
<http://www.wpgca.org> .



Look Out Bird! You're in Trouble Now!

Stoney Ridge's Hercules, a Wirehaired Pointing Griffon bred by John Posthuma and owned by Bryan Erbentraut is hot on a pheasant track at the Heartland Spring 2010 Test.

(Photo by Jerry Yeast)