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Nothing like the first bird!

Flapjack Frankie of Dutchmans Hollow owners Mike and Jane Chlapaty
During IA training days 2011 (Photographer Greg Hurtig)

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Spring is here and this issue is really late; for that I apologize. I am the only one responsible for that. John got all the test data done and everybody else got there stuff done on time but I had a lot of business stuff get in the way. Seemed like getting it done tomorrow never came and with the economy couldn't afford to ignore my business.

It is not fair to club members to suffer due to me, so I will be stepping down from the editor position after this issue. This is something I do with a heavy heart because I really do enjoy putting the issues together and wish I had the time and could afford to do this full time but that is not possible at this time in my life. Maybe someday I will be able to do this again.

So if you are interested in helping out with the GDS let one of the board members know. Unless the other editors want to pick up the slack they will need another editor to take some of the load.

The judges seminar will be Friday April 15th at the Heartland test and will cover confirmation. This will be a great seminar and I hope to see all of you there.

Enjoy your spring and attend one of the regional test and if you can volunteer to help out your help is always needed and very much appreciated.

Greg Hurtig / John Pitlo
Until we meet again
with dogs at our sides

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Heartland Chapter Fall 2010 Test

by
Rem DeJong

The Heartland Fall Test was probably the smallest Heartland test on record with only three dogs testing. Although modest by way of numbers, it was still a memorable event for the club faithful who braved the wet weather and mosquito infested woodlands. Ken and Karen Hurtig's place proved to be an excellent venue for a pretest gathering on Friday evening. The fenced-in backyard offered a large area for griffons of all ages to romp, sniff and cavort. Meanwhile, the humans hung out on the deck close to a fine spread of ordure's and beer coolers. Whenever Ken appeared with another plateful of grilled mourning dove breasts, everyone clamored around like pups at the feeding trough. Maybe if they served a batch to the Michigan legislature, we'd have a hunting season here too!

Test-day morning brought rain followed by warm, still, soggy conditions that did wonders for the mosquito population. They were tough suckers too; a lone can of Deep Woods Off was passed around, but it didn't seem to faze the bugs. Judges took quick notes in the field and waited for the relative safety of the shelter for filling in the details.

Group A was headed up by Senior Judge Greg Hurtig, along with Jim Seibel and Dean Umphrey. I tagged along as photographer. We tested two dogs. First up was **Balao of the Midnight Sun**, owned and handled by Phil Tennes and running in his Natural Ability Test. Balao is a healthy-sized, fine-looking specimen of a griffon. Phil was not particularly optimistic about how the dog would perform, based on his limited hunting exposure. More than once he expressed doubts about the likelihood of Balao pointing. Oh ye of little faith—in spite of the soggy terrain, bugs and wet birds, Balao delivered a solid point and earned a Prize II to boot! A season full of bird hunting, some training and who knows what Balao might do come his intermediate test.



Stonyridge's High Point, with owner John Posthuma
(Photographer Rem DeJong)

Our second dog was a female non-club entry, **Stonyridge's High Point**, owned by

John Posthuma, WI and running in her Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. This little griffon proved to be an eager hunter and sailed through most portions of the test. The one stumbling block was the retrieve of a dragged bird. The drag track began in a lightly wooded area that transitioned into thicker, dense growth. The dog began the track easily and headed down the track for about 50 yards, where she stopped, dead. She stared straight ahead, shifted her head and paced cautiously about as if spooked by something up ahead. No amount of coaxing or reassurance could get her to advance down the track.

The judges finally called it off and conferred with the owner. The dog was in heat; perhaps that was a factor, but John told how the dog had been spooked by encountering the assistant at the end of a drag track while training for the test. She knew that there were people up ahead, and she was not about to get surprised again. That unfortunate experience was the most likely culprit.

Greg Hurtig took a timeout from testing and did a little training. He and John accompanied the dog to find the bird. John then walked the dog back to the starting point before taking the bird. With time and more practice, this griffon can overcome the problem. She clearly has great hunting potential, in spite of not prizing on this day.

Meanwhile, the second judging group, headed up by Ken Hurtig with John Pitlo and Jim Crouse, evaluated the Utility Test of **Brianna of Hundgaard**, owned and handled by Ed Challacombe. The fact that Brianna was running in a utility test at all was a testament to the devotion and hard work of her owners. Brianna had suffered from severe



Brianna of Hundgaard with owner Ed Challacombe and Senior Judge Ken Hurtig starting a pheasant track.

(Photographer Jon Coil)

lameness and had undergone extensive diagnostic testing followed by stem cell therapy (see forthcoming April GDS article by Elaine Challacombe.) to restore her mobility. Ed is a dedicated trainer and works with Brianna year-around or at least as much as cold Minnesota winters permit. As anyone knows who has seen a utility test, it's a long process that requires endurance as well as ability. Brianna is a bit on an independent hunter; I've seen her in action during the hunting season, and you hunt with her, not the other way around. This tendency resulted in some point deductions, but Brianna still compiled a total score of 209. The judges were most impressed by her performance in being steady to wing and shot. The field conditions were soggy; the birds were wet, and they did not want to fly more than a few yards at a time. Through it all, Brianna remained steady as a rock. Seeing this dog perform and knowing what physical limitations she had overcome made the whole performance impressive.

In addition to the field testing, the Heartland Chapter also provided a blood draw in conjunction with the WPGCA involvement with the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine canine DNA project. Ken and Greg Hurtig made arrangements with their veterinarian, Dr. Ken Kozlowski, to draw the blood samples. He and his wife Kelly graciously arranged to spend a Saturday afternoon drawing blood samples. Jim Seibel took the measurements with assistance from Jane Chlapaty. By the end of the day, we had collected data and blood samples on twelve more griffons for John Pitlo to



Balao of Midnight Sun with owner Phil Tennies during the confirmation portion of the test. Senior judge Jim Seibel checking teeth while Judges Dean Umphrey and Greg Hurtig write information down.

(Photographer Jon Coil)

ship off to Cornell. All-in-all it was a very productive Saturday. Naturally, we topped it off with the traditional Saturday night dinner at the Farmhouse Restaurant. The scores were read, a few barbs were traded and a little chapter business was conducted. With pockets a little lighter, the group gathered raffle prizes, auction items and WPGCA apparel and headed homeward to begin the Fall 2010 hunting season.

Pheasant Fest 2011

by Greg Hurtig

While people poured in from all over the country for this year's Pheasant Feast, exhibitors were busy getting ready to show their goods. Attendees saw everything from hunting clothes, and firearms to the canine partner used to find and harvest their prey.

Several WPGCA members got together to man a booth at this year's Pheasant Fest. Some brought their dogs so that attendees could get a good look and interact with a breed that many of them have never seen and get a chance to learn more about the Griffon breed. Members with dogs included Mike and Jane Chlapaty with (**Flapjack Frankie of Dutchmans Hollow**), Andy Yeast with (**Beca of Nichols Creek**), Jim Crouse with (**Buckeye "B" of the Midnight Sun**), John Pitlo with (**Ayla of Ancient Kennels**), and Dave Finley with (**Francesca of Dutchmans Hollow**). Ken & Greg



From left to right Jane and Mike Chlapaty with (Flapjack Frankie of Dutchmans Hollow), Andy Yeast with (Beca of Nichols Creek), Dave Finley with (Francesca of Dutchmans Hollow). Jim Crouse with (Buckeye "B" of the Midnight Sun), John Pitlo with (Ayla of Ancient Kennels), and Ken Hurtig

(Photographer Greg Hurtig)



Some of the many interest attendees learning more about our program. Getting a chance to interact with the dogs and club members.

(Photographer Greg Hurtig)

Hurtig supplied booth materials. Thanks to all for your support to our program. The dogs, ranging from 1 to 10 years of age, represented the club very well, showing a good hunting dog can also be a good house dog. That was one of the big attractions to our breed for passersby

To better understand our program John Pitlo and his canine partner Ayla presented a seminar on all three days explaining our breeding and testing program. Many of the people attending the seminar came to the booth later to learn more and get a chance to see even more dogs. Several attendees said they felt the seminars were a great way to learn more about our program.

There were more interested and sincere people looking at our program compared to last year's Pheasant Fest. Many enjoyed the slide show put together by Rem DeJong on our large TV, showing dogs in action in the field and around the home with the family. Once again the Banner that Tina Molt made last year was prominently displayed.

One of the interesting things to happen at the show was Bob West (spokes person for Purina) asking John if he could do a short interview about our dogs for an upcoming intro to a Cabela's Outfitters series for the Outdoor channel.

The time spent on this show was well worth it and will surely pay off with more members in the future, and a better understanding of our program.

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 2010

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 W	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
GROUP 381 (Aug, 2010, GDS)													
BALAO OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, WI	15	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	26	II	4	3	ok
BOOMER OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, WA	15	4	4	4	1	4	3	2	22		3	3	ok

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 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

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 368 (Aug, 2009, GDS)																		
++ BOONE OF SALMON RIVER																		
M, 29 mos (WA)		4	3	3	4	4	4	4		4	3	3	3	155	II	3	3	ok
GROUP 376 (Feb, 2010 GDS)																		
GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE																		
F, 21 mos (WA)		4	4	2	4	4	4	4		4	2	3	2	147	III	3	3	ok
GROUP 382 (Aug, 2010 GDS)																		
STONYRIDGE'S HIGH POINT																		
F, 17 mos, (WI)		4	4	3	4	4	1	4		4	3	3	2	146		4	3	ok
GROUP 384 (Page 7)																		
++ OWYHEE'S "LUCKY" VAN DUZEN																		
M, 27 mos, (WA)		4	3	2	4	4	0	4		4	3	2	1	130		4	3	ok

UTILITY FIELD TEST, FALL 2010

Key to tests: * = Optional test WA = Washington, WI = Wisconsin

INDEX*

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

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
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GROUP 352 (Aug, 2007 GDS)

BRIANNA OF HUNDGAARD, F, 52 MOS, (WI)

4 4 2 4 4 2 4 4 4 4 4 2 1 4 3 4 3 3 4 209 2 3 ok

BROOK OF HUNDGAARD, F, 52 MOS, (WA)

4 4 2 1 2 4 2 0 3 2 4 4 3 4 4 3 3 2 193 4 3 ok

PEDGREE 384

WET ACRES HAIR TDAY GUN TMORA

STONEPOINTS COPPER BLOOM

STONEPOINTS ALABASTER

NEWTON ARCHER

ACER V 'T HOLT LAAND

GRIFFONPOINT NEWTOWN PROSPECT

GRIFFONPOINT LIGHTLY EXQUISITE

OWYHEE'S "LUCKY" VAN DUZEN

NOAH DUCHASSEUR

ALDERS EDGE PEPE

ALDERS EDGE MS. CORRIGAN

OWYHEE'S FLIPPER

SHINGOBEE LAKE DICKENS

REDCLIFF'S RENNA

WAYFARER'S IMAGE OF NEWLINE

DOGS EVALUATED IN THE FALL, 2010

NATURAL ABILITY TEST

BALAO OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 15 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation 4, 25.5"H X 25.5"L. Coat 3: med harsh, med dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: immature for age of dog. Owned by Phillip Tennes, 712 E. Smith St., Linwood, MI 48634. Bred by Brad & Kathleen Meyen, Pedigree 381, Aug, 2010 GDS.

BOOMER OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 15 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation 3, 26"H X 25"L. Coat 3: harsh, med dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager, friendly. Owned by Kathleen Meyen, 18631 Whirlaway Rd., Eagle River, AK 99577. Bred by Brad & Kathleen Meyen, Pedigree 381, Aug, 2010 GDS.

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(DOGS EVALUATED IN FALL, 2010, cont.)

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

++**BOONE OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 29 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation 3, 25"H X 26"L, extra P1 upper right. Coat 3: med harsh, med dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, med furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, calm. Owned by Greg Miyauchi, Box 282, Grand Lake, CO 80447. Bred by Anita Andrus & Tawna Skinner, Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009 GDS.

GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE, F, 21 mos., whelped 11/16/2008. Conformation 3, 22"H X 25"L Coat 3: med harsh, not flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Tawna Skinner, 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by Alain Binet, Pedigree 376, Feb., 2010 GDS.

STONYRIDGE'S HIGH POINT, F, 17 mos., whelped 2/17/2009. Conformation 4, 23"H X 23.5"L. Coat 3: med harsh, med dense, not flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, happy, lots of game drive. Owned by John Posthuma, N 4660 County Rd., M, Brandon, WI 53919. Bred by Randy Posthuma, Pedigree 382, Aug., 2010 GDS.

++**OWYHEE'S "LUCKY" VAN DUZEN**, M, 27 mos., whelped 6/5/2008. Conformation 4, 24"H X 23.5"L. Coat 3: med harsh, med dense, slight curl, open on ears. Temperament: independent, eager. Owned by John & Donna Blakely, 573 Golden Gate Dr., Carlotta, CA 95528. Bred by Tim Nemeth, Pedigree 384, page 7.

UTILITY TEST

BRIANNA OF THE HUNDGAARD, F, 52 mos., whelped 5/2/2006. Conformation 3, 23"H X 24"L. Coat 3: harsh, lacks density, flat lying. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, friendly, good field drive. Owned by Ed Challacombe, 615 Autumn Oaks Ct., Eagan, MN 55123. Bred by Jim & Arlene Seibel, Pedigree 352, Aug., 2007 GDS.

BROOK OF THE HUNDGAARD, F, 52 mos., whelped 5/2/2006. Conformation 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat 3: med harsh, med dense, curly, soft on head, good belly coverage, med furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, friendly. Owned by Andy Rupp, PO Box 2118, Grand Lake, CO 80447. Bred by Jim & Arlene Seibel, Pedigree 352, Aug., 2007 GDS.

NEW PUPPY OWNERS FROM THE WPGCA 2010 BREEDING PROGRAM

by John Pitlo and Jim Siebel

There were 5 planned breedings this year with varying degrees of success. **ALLAGASH OF COYOTE HILLS**, owned by Scott Craig and Lauri Connell was bred to **BADGAH OF WILLOW SPRINGS** (owned by Ted Silver) in mid November, 2009, but the breeding did not take. **BRANDY OF WILLOW SPRINGS**, owned by Jim Hughes, was bred to **ANDREW OF SOURDOUGH TRAIL** (owned by Tom Coombe) in mid February, 2010, but even though Jim traveled all the way from Kansas to Arizona in the middle of winter, the breeding did not take. **ARTHURS PAL OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN** (owned by Pete Engman) was to be bred but she did not come into season in a timely manner and we opted not to breed her. The following are the breedings that did occur and where the pups went.

AYLA OF ANCIENT KENNEL X BLUE MOUNTAINS BREW (AI)

Breeder— John & Vivian Pitlo—Kennel name— Dutchman's Hollow (F litter)

<i>Owners</i>	<i>Sex of pup</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Kurt Eickhof	M	ND
Dave & Mary Jo Finley	F	IN
Steve Smith	M	SD
Stan Morse	F	ID
Tom Coon	M	WI
Michael & Jane Chlapaty	M	IL

AKAY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN X BARTON DE LOS ALTOS (AI)*Breeder— Randy Mann— Kennel name— Wolf Fork Canyon (A litter)*

<i>Owners</i>	<i>Sex of pup</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Victor Woodward	M	WA
Glenn Lehrer	F	MT
Harry Niles	M	WA
Randy Mann	F	WA
Rusty Redfield	F	MT
Randy Hulme	F	WYO
Larry Semmens	F	AK
Theresa Maule	M	SD



Tom Coon has his new hunting buddy, **Fozz of Dutchman's Hollow** are off to a good start with this late season South Dakota pheasant hunt.

(Photographer Ted Coon)

The Light Bulb Goes On

by
Rem DeJong



Bennie and Beau (Buckeye B of the Midnight Sun, left and Beaudashus of Willow Springs right) show off a hard-earned bag of North Dakota roosters with happy owner Jim Crouse

It was not looking good. I'd just driven 600 miles across the U.P. of Michigan, Wisconsin, and northern Minnesota for a last-chance at North Dakota ringnecks. I arrived to find lots of snow and little bird sign. I was disappointed for myself but more worried for my hunting companions. Jim Crouse and his friend Randy Schauer were hoping to get their young dogs some much needed exposure to game. They'd be arriving soon, after 1000 miles on the road, and I could hear Crouse crabbing already. Around 9:00 P.M., they rolled in. Although the humans were exhausted from 19 hours driving, the dogs definitely were not. Jim's dogs, **Beaudashus of Willow Springs** and his young side-kick **Buckeye B of the Midnight Sun** were raring to go, along with Randy's year old female shorthair, Ember. My two, **Brinker of Indian Creek** and **Burley of "Salmon River"** gave them a stiff-legged welcome. Five canines then created chaos exploring the house and each other as we unpacked, grabbed a quick bite and made plans.

I took a chance on a waterfowl production area. Back in October, this spot had been impossible to hunt because of the high water. The birds hunkered down on islands of high ground, impervious to even the most hard-core, hip-boot wearing hunter, but now several inches of ice gave us access. First shooting light showed promise of a clear but frosty morning, and to top it off, a long-tailed rooster glided into the cattails as we stepped from the vehicles. There were birds here. Now to find them!

It didn't take long. Shortly after we split up, Jim's little 28 gauge broke the morning silence. It was hardly the weapon of choice for wild-flushing, late-season roosters, but Jim was more focused on giving his young dog a positive experience with birds than with bagging birds. No way to tell if he'd gotten anything, but at least he'd seen a bird. I didn't have to worry. I had seen a few tracks, but nothing to prepare me for what happened next. Brinker and Burley crossed the far fence line near a lone tree and an abandoned stock pond. Several birds burst out of range on the far side. Then a few more took flight and some more. A couple roosters launched closer in a cloud of frost and cattail fuzz, and I dropped one on the far side of the slough. At the sound of gunfire, birds erupted everywhere. A hundred or more took flight; thirty or more from the slough in front of me and many more from a distant cornfield. Birds were flying in every direction and the dogs were overwhelmed with bird scent.

Meanwhile, Jim and Randy had reached the end of thick cover and were heading up a little creek-bed where many of the birds had landed. Over the next half hour, the BAM BAM of shotgun fire confirmed that they were seeing plenty of birds. When we met up a bit later, Jim's ear-to-ear grin told the story. Never mind the wet leg from stepping through rotten ice in the cattail bog; Jim's shell loops were all empty and rooster tails protruded from both sides of his bursting game bag. Though tired, Bennie and Beau were still pumped up and checking out every weed clump for telltale bird sign.

The evening before, Crouse had threatened to shoot the guide if we didn't see birds after that long drive. Now he was ecstatic. "That was the best day of pheasant hunting I've ever had! We saw more birds in one morning than I'd see in a whole season back home! You could just see the light bulb come on for Bennie! Man, when we first stepped into those cattails, those dogs were like: 'What is this stuff?' Bennie just walked behind me and pretty soon Beau was doing it too. Then the first bird went up and they figured out that there was something to hunt. Bennie pointed a rooster and I shot it. I dropped another that we couldn't find. He pointed hens; he pointed more roosters; one that Randy missed and the next one that he got. It was great, just great!"

It was indeed a special morning for **Buckey B of the Midnight Sun**. A slough-full of wild North Dakota ringnecks proved to be the catalyst for turning this young griffon into a bona fide bird dog. He was now diving into cover and tracking through the snow-choked brush. Repeated solid points on these tough, wild birds reinforced by seeing them fall from the sky at the sound of gunfire and then getting to hold those wonderful birds in his mouth were potent medicine; this young dog was fired up for hunting.

However, euphoria evaporates quickly in the North Dakota cold, and by Friday morning, Crouse was already back to threatening to shoot the guide if we didn't get another limit of birds. Although not as productive as the previous day, we still saw plenty and bagged another six roosters. More importantly, the young dogs got more experience. Randy had the thrill of getting his first rooster over a point from his young shorthair and Bennie kept up where he'd left off the day before. By dusk, the harsh conditions had taken a toll on men and dogs. My left pant leg was frozen stiff from crashing through thin ice into knee-deep, foul smelling ooze. After hours of churning through frozen cover, poor Bennie sported raw, cherry-red testicles that put Rudolph's nose to shame. Crouse naturally had some choice comments for the Breeding Committee needing to address that condition.

Back at the truck, the radio's weather report warned of a major winter storm. A blizzard was brewing, and unless we got out fast, we could be stuck there. While the roads were still bare, we loaded up our gear and headed for home. Come midnight, I holed up midway home in a Brainerd MN motel and made it out the next day. Jim and Randy had slow going around Minneapolis, but got through before the Metrodome roof collapsed and the highways shut down. Five tired dogs, including rookie bird dog, Buckeye B, snored through the whole ordeal. It's a tough job being a bird dog.

PennHip Report for 2010

By John Pitlo

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

ANCIENT ABLE: Sire; Aron Simouvy Dvur, Dam; Meril z Hlozka. Left Hip DI = 0.32; Right Hip DI = 0.27. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Bryan Rowder (male).

BOONE OF SALMON RIVER: Sire; Ander of the Hundgaard, Dam; Braun of Marsh Stream. Left Hip DI = 0.21; Right Hip DI = 0.21. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Greg Miyauchi (male).

BUCKINGHAM OF SALMON RIVER: Sire; Ander of the Hundgaard, Dam; Braun of Marsh Stream. Left Hip DI = 0.42; Right Hip DI = 0.43. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Ted Coon (male).

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL OF SALMON RIVER: Sire; Aesir of Dakota Prairie, Dam; Braun of Marsh Stream. Left Hip DI = 0.34; Right Hip DI = 0.25. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Angela McDunn (male).

BRUTUS OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE: Sire; Blue Mountains Brew, Dam; Brooke of Bogan's Point. Left Hip DI = 0.19; Right Hip DI = 0.19. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Steve Rossow (male).

BETSY OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE: Sire; Blue Mountains Brew, Dam; Brooke of Bogan's Point. Left Hip DI = 0.36; Right Hip DI = 0.28. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Robert Rock (female).

BOOMER OF CATTAIL STORM: Sire; Aesir of Dakota Prairie, Dam; Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.47; Right Hip DI = 0.51. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Daniel Lipe (male).

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

BUCKEYE "B" OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN: Sire; Aran z Novoveskeho Lesa, Dam; Brigid of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.25; Right Hip DI = 0.20. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Jim Crouse (male).

BREELY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN: Sire; Aran z Novoveskeho Lesa, Dam; Brigid of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.41. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Glenn Lehrer (female).

ALLEGIANCE OF SOURDOUGH TRAIL: Sire; Admiral Dozer of Marsh Stream, Dam; Austin of Banded Peak. Left Hip DI = 0.25; Right Hip DI = 0.27. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Jane Webb (male).

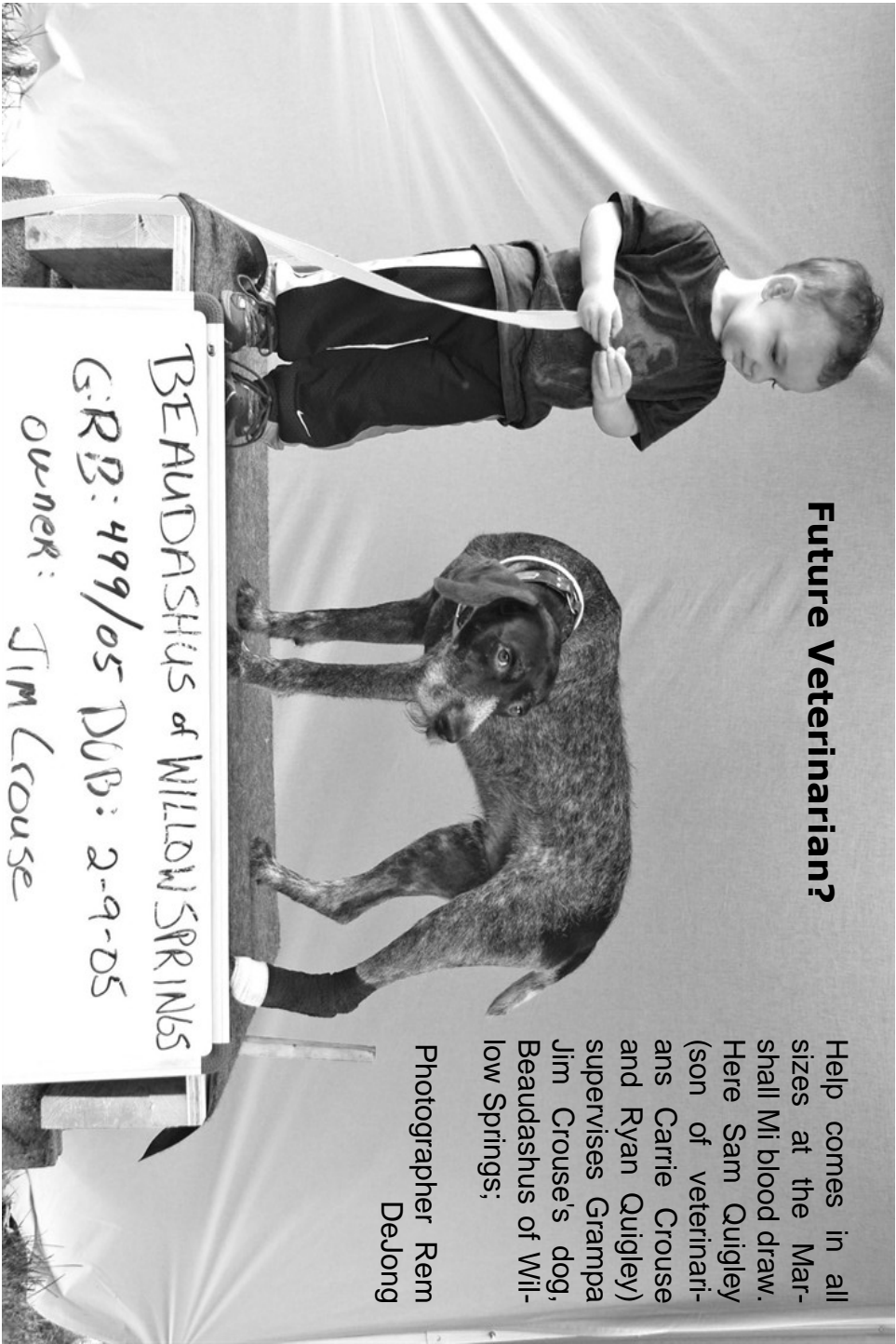
GRIFFON'OR JOSETTE: Sire; Bacchus des Sonnaillies Du Haut Davy, Dam; Grifondor Rubis. Left Hip DI = 0.56; Right Hip DI = 0.58. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Anita Andrus (female).

Upcoming Events

Rocky Mountain test - Wendell, ID March 26,27
Contact Mike Vance Ph 406-587-8603

Heartland test - Mazomanie WI April 15,16,17
Judges seminar 15th -
Contact Andy Yeast Ph (515) 252-7439
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Northeast test - Winterport Maine May 14th
Contact Kevin Jester e-mail jesterhowley@comcast.net



Future Veterinarian?

Help comes in all sizes at the Marshall Mi blood draw. Here Sam Quigley (son of veterinarians Carrie Crouse and Ryan Quigley) supervises Grampa Jim Crouse's dog, Beaudashus of Willow Springs;

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BEAUDASHUS of WILLOW SPRINGS
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