

The Gun Dog Supreme

NEWS BULLETIN of the
BOHEMIAN WIREHAired POINTING GRIFFON CLUB OF AMERICA
EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION

<http://www.wpgca.org>

February 2017

Volume 92, Number 1

February 2017



Affinity for Water

Copyright © 2017 Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America Education and Research Foundation. No part may be reproduced in any form without written permission from the Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America Education and Research Foundation.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

We begin 2017 with a review of the Fall 2016 tests. It's a good reminder to all of you with test-age dogs that you don't have a lot of time to get ready for the Spring tests. There are reasons to be optimistic for the coming year. Last November, *Gun Dog Magazine* featured a cover article on our club dogs. Between that article and more web coverage and work by individual members, we're seeing an increase in new memberships and puppy requests.

We will again be importing some pups from the Czech Republic and the Breeding Committee has several breedings planned. I certainly hope all goes well with those plans.

If you're in the Midwest, please consider helping out with or attending Pheasant Fest in Minneapolis February 17-19, and don't forget the Judges Seminar at the Heartland Test April 21st.

Finally, the anticipation of a new year is tempered by the realization that a fixture at our Heartland tests, Karen Hurtig, will be missing. She passed away January 17th. Our condolences to the family.

Rem DeJong, Editor

On the Cover

In her Natural Ability Test, **Ari-ka of Zumbro Valley** did just fine demonstrating affinity for water at the Heartland Fall Test.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

For information requests or to join the WPGCA please email Robin at:
rstrathy@q.com

Or visit our web page at
<http://bohemiangriffon.org>

EDITORS

Rem DeJong
John Pitlo

SUBSCR./BACK ISSUES

Printed bi-monthly, the GDS is included with a \$60.00 membership to the BWPGCA. Gift subscriptions are \$20.00/year and back issues are 20 for \$15. Subscription and back issue requests should be sent to:

Robin Strathy
441 Flood Road
Great Falls, MT 59404
406-453-1248
rstrathy@q.com

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Send articles or proposals 1 month prior to publication to:

Rem DeJong
Ph: (906) 236-0746 (EST)
e-mail: dejongrem@gmail.com

PHOTO SUBMISSION

All photos should be sent to:

Rem DeJong
7219 St Charles Place
Kalamazoo MI 49009
Ph: 906-236-0746(EST)

Email: dejongrem@gmail.com for photo submission instructions. Include the name of the dog and owner, and photographer. Digital photos are required; use large file size settings. If scanned use 300dpi (grayscale). You can email them or request instructions for uploading to website.

WEBSITES

E&R Foundation:
<http://huntersgriffon.org/>

Bohemian
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club:
<http://bohemiangriffon.org>

BWPGCA Photo Gallery:
<http://wpgca.smugmug.com/>

Find Us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/griffon.fan

OFFICERS

Jim Crouse-President
Andy Rupp-Vice President
Robin Strathy- Secretary
Zeb Breuckman- Treasurer

DIRECTORS at LARGE

Anna Artz
Ken Hurtig
John Pitlo
Jim Seibel
Ted Silver

Heartland Fall Test 2016

by

Rem DeJong



Bax od Kozamberka completes retrieve of duck in OHDT.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

“What kind of bug spray ya got there? Can I try it?” That was probably the most asked question at the Mazomanie, Wisconsin test grounds. A dry spring and early summer had given way to a soggy season by late summer, and a year’s worth of mosquitos had all hatched in September and were now devouring anything with blood.

Dave Read was having his first go at being test chair. I recall at the Spring Test when Jim Crouse and a previous test chair had cornered him like a couple of used-car salesmen trying to unload a muscle car on an old lady. “It’s no problem,” they said. “Have another beer,” they said. “We’ll help you,” they said. That was then, and this was now. Fortunately, we only had a small number of

dogs to test, so this was a good chance for on-the-job-training. Who's getting the pheasants? What about the ducks? Now that we're staying in the Motel 6, where are we holding the Friday night pizza dinner? What about lunches at the test grounds? Who's getting that? Test chairs deal with a multitude of minutia beyond just playing the horn-call recording and welcoming everyone on test-day morning.

When test day arrived, we only had four dogs to test, and that almost dwindled to three. Monica Redmond had been hoping to run her dog, Bohdy, in the Utility Field Test, but Bohdy had suffered an injury by running into a stick a couple weeks before the test.

Forty stitches later, Bohdy, is doing great, but he obviously was in no condition to test. Brice Fawcett planned to run on Friday, but whatever he'd had for Thursday dinner did not agree with his digestive system, and he was one sick dude when Friday morning rolled around. He debated about cancelling altogether, but re-scheduled for Saturday. Not exactly frisky, but a pale and shaky Brice made it through the Saturday test.

On Friday, Jim Crouse served as Senior Judge. Rounding out the judging group were: John Pitlo, Greg hurtig, Ken Hurtig Dave Finley and Dave Read as apprentice. Fortunately, Andy Yeast was able to replace Brice at the last minute, so he ran **Arika of Zumbro Valley** in Natural Ability and Paul Stadem ran 29 month-old **Bax od Kozamberka** in an Older Hunting Dog Test. Andy is an experienced handler; he and his family have done an excellent job raising Arika and getting her ready for the test. She received a top score in every category, but unfortunately did not point in spite of the judges' best efforts to provide opportunity.

Bax had a tough time with the water work in particular. Dogs on Saturday also had problems tracking in the dense grass along the tracking pond, so part of the issue may have been conditions, but Bax simply did not track the duck. The blind retrieve required much stone-throwing before he finally picked up the scent. In the retrieve of dragged bird, he did not perform the event.

Friday evening, those attending the Heartland Chapter test customarily have a pizza party at the local Pizza Ranch. It's a great chance for catching up with old friends and getting to know visitors who have come to learn more about the club and our dogs. Test Chair, Dave Read, got to deal with a new crisis: The Pizza Ranch was shut down and a new one had not opened yet. Read

found another one in nearby Reedsburg, we moved the party and chaos was avoided.

Saturday dawned with slightly better weather that kept improving as the day wore on. Greg Hurtig was our Senior Judge with John Pitlo, Jim Crouse, Ken Hurtig, Dave Finley and Andy Yeast with Dave Read as Apprentice. Brice Fawcett wasn't feeling great, but good enough to run **Dusty Santa Fe Trail of Sandhill** for evaluation purposes only as an Older Hunting Dog Test. Dusty was 49 months at the time of the test. Brice has worked a lot with Dusty, but her performance on this day did nothing to help Brice's indigestion. She really shut down and would not perform for him. There were bright spots: she earned a score of "4" in track of live bird and a "3" in retrieve of the duck, but tracking the duck and blind retrieve were downfalls. For whatever reason, she simply did not want to go after that duck.

Lucas Wendl ran **Argo ze Stoprounskych vinic** in the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. Lucas got off to a bad start. He got lost on the way to the test grounds, and when he did arrive late, tried to blame Ashley, but she would have none of that and neither would the crowd. His credibility was further weakened after he stated to the judges that "Books" (Argo's call name) doesn't like fur. Books proceeded to point not only one but two rabbits! Books is a big, boisterous, happy dog, who showed lots of enthusiasm in the field. The judges wondered if the dense grass around the tracking pond interfered with tracking conditions, for as enthusiastic as Books was, he had difficulty scenting the duck during the track and again with the blind retrieve. In spite of those problems he still earned a Prize III score.

Having only four dogs running the test allowed the judges to give each dog ample time. We finished Saturday off with our traditional dinner at the Farm Kitchen Restaurant. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to make the test a quality experience—bird handlers, photographers and those who work behind the scene: Greg Hurtig works for us during the off-season to meet with the Mazomaine officials to assure that we have our test grounds. Jon Coil manages the raffle, secures club apparel items, and Judy Coil helps with processing test applications and scores. Thank you all for your help and we look forward to seeing a large group for the test and Judges Seminar in the spring.

Northeast Griffon Club Fall Hunting Test – Bristol, Maine

**by
Phil Bennett**



Lovec od Pitne vody completes retrieve

“Teddy” is owned by Art Aberlie and is completing his IHDT at the Northeast Test. Congratulations on a Prize I score!

(Photo provided by Laurie Connell)

Before we begin, let's all agree on one thing: There are some days that don't go exactly as planned. In addition, even star athletes like Tom Bradley don't show their best performance in every game.

This was certainly the case on September 10, 2016 when the Northeast Griffon Club had scheduled its fall test. The weather was forecast to be sunny and clear, with temperatures in the low to mid 70's and we were to enjoy a light breeze from the southwest. With the fabled Maine, black-flies gone since June, and with the region experiencing a severe drought, even our mosquitoes seemed to be looking for water rather than blood. Everything seemed perfect for a one-day test bringing together four promising dogs and their handlers, plus a wonderful group of Cesky Fousek, (formerly Griffon), owners. You know, folks who just love to watch our dogs do their stuff, then stuff themselves with Maine lobsters at Rick and Tina Molts house, all accompanied by legendary lies about hunting

exploits, and more than adequate libation.

Chris Rumsey had his 10 month old male, **Mig od Pitné vody**, (aka Mig) doing his Natural Ability, Art Aberlie had his 1 year, 7 month old male, **Lovec od Pitné vody**, (aka Teddy) doing his Intermediate, while Jane McKenna had her 1 year, 3 month old female, **Adele od Těrlické hráze**, (aka Del), doing her Intermediate. Rounding out the running order, Jim Nestor had his 1 year, 7 month old female, **Jola od Vavríneckého rybníka**, (aka Jola) doing her Intermediate, and perhaps through name alone demonstrating why the Czech language has not become the common tongue along the mid-coast of Maine.

With Rick Molt as Senior Judge, Ted Silver and Phil Bennett as Judges, Laurie Connell and Scott Craig apprenticing, along with Mark Canfield and Jeff Woodbridge as bird wranglers and Sandie Silver as photographer, we set off into the fields and rotated through the running order allowing each dog to shake out the car-kinks, and stretch those legs and noses looking for game. All did extremely well earning solid 4's across the board. During the search the judges managed to excite, in a bad way, a nest of winged critters with stingers resulting in string of expletives and other suggestions from some judges, apprentices, and our hard-working photographer.

The sun was getting higher in the sky, the temperature was rising fast, but everyone was having a great time as we enlisted the aid of willing volunteers to plant pen raised chukkers in secret spots, like hiding Easter eggs then waiting for them to be gleefully found. In the case of our 4 dogs, however, we saw a range of reactions. Some pointed dutifully, while others smelled something a bit rotten, walked in and picked up the bird, and then refused to be fooled again. I will leave exact scores to the records, but will note that we as a club need to continue to address this repeating phenomenon in our tests as it seems to be producing some score cards with "goose eggs" (Unless a dog is actually taught to point pen raised birds), and that may be masking the staunch pointing instinct we all want to see in our dogs.

By now, the sun was nearing high noon position, it was getting very hot, and the breeze, if there was any, was more like that in a blast furnace. The dogs, judges, handlers, (anyone who hadn't retreated to an air-conditioned vehicle), were doing their best to find shade, a nice pond/river, or the next water bottle. Despite tough conditions, every one of the four dogs gave us solid 4 performances in tracking the live pheasant. Even if they didn't actually locate and retrieve a bird to hand, these dogs showed they could use their noses, and their brains, to shift gears and move the track forward, almost like they have been sneak reading the training books, or Googling cliff notes when computers were left unattended.

For various reasons that are still under consideration, we had varying results with the Retrieve of Dragged Game with the Intermediate dogs, and it one case we did a second drag to make absolutely certain we had given the dog the proper opportunity to succeed. A good lesson for all judges as the dog went from a 0 to a 4.

At this point we had unanimous agreement to break for lunch, let everyone rest,

and to head for the cool waters of the fabulous testing pond at the test site in Bristol thereafter. Everyone, two legged and four legged, was looking forward to being close to, if not in, the water.

Anyone who has been around our tests for more than a few years, has heard the phrase, "And then we went to the water..." One of the reasons we test in the water, and therefore one of the reasons for the Index multiplier used to determine scores, is that we want our versatile hunting dogs to be undeterred by this element, and we want our dogs to be able to hunt waterfowl even better than our best friend's Labrador, or retrieve upland game across water if necessary.

What we find is that this water element, (actually a compound), is often accompanied by sunken logs, stinking muck, and a wide variety vegetative growth that can challenge even the most talented and well trained dog, and its handler. I will also remind that even the best athlete can have a down day. We saw this in our dogs at this test and I will leave the actual scores to the records. I will only add that there was no dog in this group that did not exhibit excellent exposure to both ducks and the water. The only thing to do going forward is to recognize the things that are holding a dog back from doing its best and work on correcting theme It's all doable but it is up to you, and your dog.

Everyone was much cooler by the time we got to coat and conformation at the testing pond's edge, now late afternoon, and although all the dogs and the handlers worked hard, only Art Aberli's Teddy came away with enough points in the right places to earn a well- deserved Prize I.

Speaking of prizes, I must report that the mood of the day was brought to a 4H level by a 13 week old CF male, **Ikar z Podhoránku** , (aka Rascal), who, with his proud handlers, Andy and Debbie Torres, had been watching most of the day's activities. Now that all the serious stuff was over, it was time to let a chukkar run so this puppy have some fun.

The next to the last thing any of us expected was to have the released chukkar, instead of heading across the field, take a hard right, jump into the pond and swim. The very last thing any of us expected to see was Rascal leap, (Yes, I said, "leap.") into the pond right behind the bird, catch it and swim back to Andy, retrieving it to hand with no commands other than peals of laughter from the crowd. Just to be sure we had not been seeing things, we repeated the exercise 2 more times with the same result and we all gave Rascal a standing ovation.

It was a great test, we saw some very talented dogs/handlers, and we can't wait to experience another wonderful hunting season, after which we can gather again in the spring, swap more stories, see how we have progressed, and who

Opposite page:

(Top) **Ikar z Podhoránku** "Rascal" getting a little exposure to game at 13 weeks of age.

(Bottom) **Jola od Vavríněckého rybníka** begins her IHDT track of live bird for Jim Nestor.



NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 2016

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

Age in Months	Searching	Pointing	Tracking Bird	Affinity for Water	Nose and Use of Nose	Attitude Toward Work	Cooperation	TOTAL POINTS	CLASSIFICATION	Conformation	Coat	Temperament
A	S	P	TB	W	N	AW	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T

GROUP 429 (Page 8)

ARIKA OF ZUMBRO VALLEY, F, WI 15 4 0 4 4 4 4 3 23 3 ok

GROUP 430 (Page 9)

MIG OD PITNE VODY, M, ME 10 4 0 4 4 4 4 4 24 3 ok

Editors Note: Readers will notice a change in one aspect of reporting in that no CONFORMATION score is given. We have found that many dogs are still in growth spurts at these young ages and the true length and height changes between the NAT and IHDT test. Also, jaws grow in spurts and a 12 month old dog may have a jaw that is misaligned—but it is OK at 2 yrs of age.

PEDGREE 429

HASAN L LISOVA

AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE

BROOKE OF BOGAN'S POINT

CLANCY OF SALMON RIVER

ELMO OF AUGER FALLS

BRAUN OF MARSH STREAM

BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK

ARIKA OF ZUMBRO VALLEY

BLUE MOUNTAINS BREW

FRIEDERICH OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW

AYLA OF ANCIENT KENNEL

DREW OF SANDHILL

HASAN L LISOVA

ARTHUR'S PAL OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

BRIDGID OF WILLOW SPRINGS



Mig od Pitne vody Makes Retrieve

Although Mig did not point the pen-raised birds, she had solid 4's in all other categories.

(Photo provided by Laurie Connell)

PEDGREE 430

HART Z MRSKLESKYCH LESU

MAX Z HLOZKU

TERA Z PODLESKA

CHAR OD TYRSE

ARAN Z NOVOVESKEHO LESA

FERA OD TYRSE

BESY Z JABKENICKE OBORY

MIG OD PITNE VODY

DON Z VENTOVA DVORA

FESAK OF PITNE VODY

ELSA OD PITNE VODY

DORKA OD RUVRA

TEKK ZE ZIKOVSKJE BASTY

AZA Z MALE VOLAVKY

AXA Z LOUPNICKEHO PANSTVI

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 2016

WATER

TD = Track of Duck (5)

RD = Retrieve of duck (3)

BR = Blind Retrieve (4)

++ = older hunting dog

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

T* = see write-up for notation

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
<u>GROUP 398. (AUG., 2013 GDS)</u>																		
DUSTY SANTA FE TRAIL OF SANDHILL, F 49 mos, WI	0	3	0	4	2	0	4			2	2	1	1	75		3	3	ok
<u>GROUP 410. (AUG., 2015 GDS)</u>																		
BAX OD KOZAMBERKA, M, 29 mos, WI	0	2	2	4	4	0	1			1	1	1	1	69		3	3	ok
<u>GROUP 414. (AUG., 2015 GDS)</u>																		
LOVEC OD PITNE VODY, M, 19 mos., ME	3	4	4	4	4	4	4			4	4	3	3	161	I	3	3	ok
<u>GROUP 415. (AUG., 2015 GDS)</u>																		
ARGO ZE STOPROUNSKYCH VINIC, M, 18 mos, WI	3	2	2	4	4	2	4			3	3	3	2	128	III	4	3	ok
<u>GROUP 420. (AUG., 2015 GDS)</u>																		
JOLA OD VAVRINECKEHO RYBNÍKA, F, 19 mos., ME	1	0	2	4	4	0	4			3	2	2	2	99		4	3	ok
<u>GROUP 426. (AUG., 2015 GDS)</u>																		
ADELE OD TERLICLC HRAZE, F, 15 mos., ME	0	1	3	4	2	2	4			3	2	2	1	96		4	4	ok



DOGS EVALUATED IN FALL, 2016**NATURAL ABILITY TEST**

ARIKA OF ZUMBRO VALLEY, F, 15 mos., whelped 6/2/2015. Conformation: crossbite. Coat 3, medium dense, needs more harshness, good belly coverage, full furnishings, soft on head. Temperament: good game desire, easy to examine, calm. Owned by Andy Yeast, 6325 Wilcot Ct., Johnson, IA 50131. Bred by Dave Mickelson. Pedigree 429, Page 8.

MIG OD PITNE VODY, M, 10 mos., whelped 11/11/2015. Conformation: Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, good belly coverage. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, eager, friendly. Owned by Chris Rumsey, 700 Forest Ave., Orono, ME 04473. Bred by Jiri Kalivoda. Pedigree 430, Page 9.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOGS

DUSTY SANTA FE TRAIL OF SANDHILL, F, 49 mos., whelped 7/21/2013. Conformation 3, 25" H X 25"L, extra P1, upper left. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: good game desire, friendly, easy to examine, independent at times. Owned by Brice Fawcett Jr., 255 E 2300th Rd., Edgerton, KS 66021. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

BAX OD KASEMBERKA, M, 29 mos., whelped 4/3/2014. Conformation 3, 24.5" H X 25"L, mon-orchid. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, medium furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: happy, easy to examine, touch of dependence. Owned by Paul Stadem, 22 Forest Ct., East Grand Forks, MN 56721. Bred by Krusina Tomas. Pedigree 410, Aug., 2015 GDS.

LOVEC OD PITNE VODY, M, 19 mos., whelped 1/25/2015. Conformation 3, 25.2" H X 25.2"L, under shot. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, standard furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, easy to examine, bold. Owned by Art Aeberli, 122 Big Island Rd., Warwick, NY 10990. Bred by Jiri Kalivoda. Pedigree 414, Aug., 2016 GDS.

ARGO ZE STOPROUNSKYCH VINIC, M, 18 mos., whelped 2/21/2015. Conformation 4, 25. H X 25"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, full furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: eager for game, happy, eager. Owned by Lucas Wendl, 316 West Lane St., Panora, IA 50216. Bred by Zdenek Dostal. Pedigree 415, Aug., 2016 GDS.

JOLA OD VAVRINECKEHO RYBNIKA, F, 19 mos., whelped 3/19/2015. Conformation 4, 22. H X 22"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, lacks game desire at times, difficult to examine teeth. Owned by James Nestor, 1601 Moyer Rd., Telford, PA 18969. Bred by Josef Jukubal. Pedigree 420, Aug., 2016 GDS.

ADELE OD TERLICLC HRAZE F, 15 mos., whelped 5/20/2015. Conformation 4, 22. H X 22"L. Coat 4, harsh, dense. Temperament: eager for game in the field, but has problems in mucky substrate even with game present. Owned by Jane Cleaves McKenna, 57 Pork Point Rd., Bowdoinham, ME 04008. Bred by Jiri Vykrnt. Pedigree 426, Aug., 2016 GDS.

Measuring Conformation

Something you'll notice at our field tests is that the club is much more precise in evaluating conformation. Gone are the days of simply standing the dog on some level ground and eyeballing a tape measure. Last year, the club acquired a set of wickets from a Norwegian firm, Gerry's Wickets that make measuring conformation more exact. The Fall 2016 test was the first use of this equipment in the field. Of course, using the wicket required men to read directions, so there was a fair amount of fumbling and bumblng on the path to getting it working exactly right. But the judges soon got the hang of it. The end result though was good measurement, so our database going forward will be more precise.



When you are perusing the test scores, you will notice that at the Natural Ability level, no CONFORMATION score is included. John Pitlo explained that we have been finding that many dogs are still in growth spurts at the age when their Natural Ability Test occurs and the true length and height changes between the NAT and IHDT tests. Also, jaws grow in spurts and a 12 month-old dog may have a jaw that is misaligned—but at two years of age the jaw is fine.

Getting Measured

In the photo at left, Judge, John Pitlo uses a Gerry's Wicket to measure height, breast and length on **Bax od Kozamberka** while owner Paul Stadem looks on.

Open Wide, Bax

In the photo below, Judge Pitlo examines the teeth and bite. As part of the evaluation process, judges note how easy it is to complete this examination as an indicator of temperament. Judges recommend that owners frequently handle the dog's mouth so that the dog grows accustomed to such handling. Besides making the task easier for judges, this type of exposure can pay dividends when on a trip to the veterinarian.

(Photos by Rem DeJong)



PennHip Report for 2016

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 higher probability of developing hip dysplasia. If you have had your Dog PennHip evaluated and it does not appear below—send a copy of the PennHip report to John.

BRONCO OF CATTAIL STORM (M): Sire: Aesir of Dakota Prairie; Dam: Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.0.30; Right Hip DI = 0.0.34. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Robert Ziedins.

BELLE OF CATTAIL STORM (F): Sire: Aesir of Dakota Prairie; Dam: Britta of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.0.48; Right Hip DI = 0.0.42. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Anna (Ziedins) Artz.

BRADY OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR (M): Sire; Akim Tesinovskykh Buku; Dam; Francesca of Dutchman's Hollow. Left Hip DI = 0.26; Right Hip DI = 0.25. Ranking = >90%. Owned by Mike Houge.

BOYD OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR (M): Sire; Akim Tesinovskykh Buku; Dam; Francesca of Dutchman's Hollow. Left Hip DI = 0.22; Right Hip DI = 0.23. Ranking = >90%. Owned by Mark Rasmussen.

ANGIE VALLIS BAPTISIM (F): Sire; Ir z Třebotovických luhů; Dam; Rouse z Hložku. Left Hip DI = 0.24; Right Hip DI = 0.23. Ranking = >90%. Owned by Gary and Ann Pool.

ARGO Z HRIBAKU (M): Sire; Hardy z Koblova; Dam; Brita z Nezamyslic. Left Hip DI = 0.33; Right Hip DI = 0.31. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Jane Chlapaty.

CORA Z CECEMINSKYCH VINIC (F): Sire; Art z Koštické Žejdličky; Dam; Bona z Kešahu. Left Hip DI = 0.21; Right Hip DI = 0.12. Ranking = >90%. Owned by Roger Fuhrman.

CHAPPY OF HIGH DESERT (F): Sire; Clancy of Salmon River; Dam; Alexis of Arrowrock. Left Hip DI = 0.30; Right Hip DI = 0.37. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Cliff Jaro.

ARKA Z CERVINSKE (F): Sire; Flor z Citoňských luk; Dam; Aisha z Kamenného kopce. Left Hip DI = 0.61; Right Hip DI = 0.61. Ranking = 10%. Owned by Gary Benes.

DORKA Z PODRIPSKE STRANE (F): Sire; Bor z Podřipské stráně; Dam; Polly z Hložku. Left Hip DI = 0.28; Right Hip DI = 0.27. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Glenn Ross.

KAJA OD TRYSE (F): Sire; Gyrr od Vavřineckého rybníka; Dam; City Gala Bouček. Left Hip DI = CV; Right Hip DI = 0.49. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Andrew Ogden.

ARIKA OF ZUMBRO VALLEY (F): Sire; Clancy of Salmon River: Dam; Drew of Sandhill. Left Hip DI = 0.37; Right Hip DI = 0.36. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Andy Yeast .

CALINA ROKYCANSKA KOTLINA (F): Sire; Aran z Rohatecké slatiny: Dam; Bára Rokycanská kotlina. Left Hip DI = 0.29; Right Hip DI = 0.38. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Mike Vance.

OLIVER Z METEHO BOUBINA (M): Sire; Brok z Lesni: Dam; Irry z Maleho Boubina. Left Hip DI = 0.26; Right Hip DI = 0.25. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Malcolm Jaap.

ARGO ZE STOPROUNSKYCHVINIC (M): Sire; César z Pískové zahrady: Dam; Exa z Lívy. Left Hip DI = 0.38; Right Hip DI = 0.44. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Lucas Wendl.

Club Loses Long-Time Friend



A special member of the Heartland Chapter has left us. Karen Sue Napier Hurtig died of a massive heart attack January 15, 2017. She is survived by her husband Ken (Exec Board member and Senior Judge), son Greg (Senior Judge and President of Heartland Chapter), and daughter Lisa (Tim) Kilburg.

Ken and Karen became members of the Club after attending a Heartland Test in Nebraska and attending a seminar presented by Joe Nadeker. Abe of Dutchman's Hollow was their first dog. More dogs followed and she leaves behind Jazz of the Sandhills.

Ken and Karen served as Heartland Field Test Chairs many years and Karen, assisted by her sister, Lynn Sukup (Stan) made sure we had excellent meals at the test site. The Hurtig home in Baraboo was a gathering spot for pizza on Friday night

as Club members arrived for the test. The yard and basement would be teeming with dogs and people, all graciously welcomed.

Her dedication to the Club was also shown in having her sister Lynn and Vivian Pitlo join her in "tripping" to Florida to bring five puppies back for Heartland members. She also participated in the first non-stop 25-hour trip by Hurtigs and Pitlos to a Rocky Mountain Test (motel rooms were enjoyed in future trips)!

Karen's welcoming smile and quiet confident manner will be missed, but her legacy of love and support for the Club and its dogs will live on.



Group Hug

“Books,” the big, bad, bird dog shows his softer side, soaking up the love from his pack members, Ashley and Lucas Wendl..

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

Rescue and Resilience: Ike's Story

by
Kirk Dilly



A New Home for Ike

Ike (left) is pictured with his new family, the Sorensens, along with Zeus the griffon (right). A happy ending for a special dog.

(Photo provided by Anna Sorensen)

We know there are risks involved when getting a new pup, but the thought of those is easily overwhelmed by a cold, wet nose and the attached wiggly fur-ball. Watching our pup romp over a chew-toy strewn floor, we dream of the day when our little guy will be charging through cattails, pointing roosters and running down a cripple on the way to a great retrieve. Unfortunately, tragedy can strike and such dreams can be shattered. What happens then? The story of Ike (**Ivar od Vavřineckého rybníka**) is a case of redemption and rescue out of tragedy.

Ike arrived in our home in the spring of 2014. Tracy & I were asked if we'd be interested in importing a pup through the club's contacts from the Czech Republic. Communication on the different litters selected and YouTube videos of the pup only added to the excitement and anticipation. Our pup was named "Ivar" by his breeder in the Czech Republic, but we chose to change his name to Ike. We couldn't have been any happier with our new family addition. He was full of energy and curiosity. He was interested in everything and, as is typical of our breed, he was very friendly.

Ike quickly bonded to our other WPG, Cedar of the Sandhill. Where Cedar went, Ike was following. What Cedar did, Ike wanted to do as well. It was the typical big brother, little brother relationship where the little guy wants to be just like his big brother when he grows up. The dogs got along great and they were very compatible together.



Running Free

Ike was an enthusiastic young dog when he participated in his Natural Ability Test

(Photo by Jon Coil)

I took Ike to exposure days in Belleview, IA where he showed a lot of strong affinity for game and a lot of overall promise. Tracy and I spent time with him his first summer with a few chuckars and a few ducks to strengthen his desire for game and desire for swimming. I believe I shot nine wild pheasants over Ike during the first part of the pheasant season, and we even had him on a grouse & woodcock hunt in northern Minnesota.



Hoping for the Best

AT his IHDT in Spring, 2016, Ike wore a boot to protect his injured leg. He did not enter water events to prevent infection, but the leg did not heal and in the end, amputation was required. Here he soaks up sympathy from a young gallery member.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

Then a very fateful day came. On Monday, November the 9th, 2015. I was driving home from work and it was dark. As I turned down my long driveway, I saw a buck and doe next to the driveway run towards our home in an effort to get away from my car. We see deer often at our farm, so I didn't think much of it. About an hour and a half after I'd arrived home, both Cedar & Ike let me know that it was time for me to let them out to relieve themselves. Since we live over ¼ mile from the nearest road which gets less than 10 cars a day, I've always just let the dogs run around the farm for about 10 minutes before I call them back in. On that particular evening, I had to go to my machine shed to grab something from my truck while they were outside. When I came back to the house, Ike was waiting for me on the porch, which I thought was unusual. As I walked by him, I realized that he was injured. So I picked him up and took him inside, where I noticed blood all over my arm. I could see a small hole, smaller than a dime, on his back near his back legs. At the time, I had no idea what happened. We called the vet and he said we should try to make him as comfortable as we could, and he'd see him first thing in the morning.

There were multiple theories tossed around about what exactly impaled Ike that evening, but in the end it was pretty evident that Ike had been gored by that rutting buck in our shelter belt of trees. Like all animals, deer have a flight or fight option when approached

by a threat. 99.9% of the time, I believe deer will flee an approaching dog. This time was different though. The buck was tending a doe during the breeding season. My shelter belt of trees is rather small, so they didn't have many places to run & hide. Unfortunately the antler hit Ike's spine and knocked out all feeling & motion in his back left leg.

It was a sad sight to watch Ike get around to say the least. Thankfully, after plenty of meds and vet visits, his range of motion came back in the hip part of his leg and in the knee. Unfortunately it never came back in his foot, so he was not able to lift his foot forward. The scraping even in booties, led to one infection after another. After removing toes and trying to keep his foot clean and bandaged, the tough decision was finally made to amputate his leg.

There was a lot optimism initially about his ability to adapt to having just three legs. In reality, I was heartbroken about his condition six months after the amputation. His heart & mind was the same as it always had been, but his body couldn't keep up with his older brother, Cedar, and he even struggled with modest exercise. I knew in my heart that he wouldn't be able to handle the heavy CRP that we hunt pheasants in. After a lot of debate together with Tracy, and much procrastination on my end, I realized that we would not be able to cater to Ike's needs for the rest of his life and I knew that there are better homes for a dog with his needs.

I contacted the management of the club and sent them a video of Ike's mobility issues. From there, Laurie Connell took over and wow, do we ever appreciate her help and expertise on re-homing a dog! Laurie helped get Ike registered on an adoption web site. From there another Griffon Rescue Club contacted me about reposting him on their website. They were wonderful people and had a true concern for the well-being of dogs that are in the process of being rehomed. Once they posted Ike to their site, I believe I received ten inquiries in the first day his announcement was posted; 9 of them came from their rescue website. I was overwhelmed but very encouraged at the interest. Ultimately I narrowed his new home down to two options. Because of his attachment to Cedar, he needed to go to a family with another dog, and preferably a dog not too unlike Cedar. After much consideration, we decided to offer Ike to a family in Grand Marais, MN who had a 5 year old griffon named Zeus. Zeus was not a dog from our club, but he was a great griffon.

I can't tell you how grateful I am to the adopting family. I THOUGHT we were giving Ike a good home, but I soon realized that we'd found him a much better home. I have been given updates on a regular basis of Ike's progress with his therapy. The new family had him swimming outdoors every day. He was becoming very attached to their dog, Zeus. He was becoming attached to the 9 year old daughter and 11 year old son and I could tell from the pictures that he was being spoiled. They had taken Ike grouse hunting in the early fall and he had done well. The most rewarding message received from the new family was a text in late September with two video's attached. The videos showed Ike running and their other griffon struggling to keep up. I don't know how they were able to rehabilitate him to that extent. I'm just glad they were successful for Ike's sake. I knew that Ike truly has found a better home than what he had left.

I want to thank Laurie Connell, the Sorenson family and all the people who helped me rehome Ike who truly have a heart for dogs in need. Even though Ike lost a leg last year, he is a very, very fortunate dog indeed!



Above: Dusty SantaFe Trail of Sandhill in Heartland ODHT

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

Below: Give Up the Duck? I Don't Think So!

A stand-off at the Northeast Fall Test.

(Photo provided by Laurie Connell)



What's Happening

New Puppy?

Are you considering getting a puppy next year (either Czech import or domestic breeding)? The first step is to go on-line and complete a puppy request form. That will assure that the Breeding Committee has your contact information and will get the process started. Go to:

<https://bohemiangriffon.org/puppy-request/>

2017 NATIONAL PHEASANT FEST & QUAIL CLASSIC FEBRUARY 17,18,&19 | MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER | MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

BWPGCA will have a display at Pheasant Fest. Kirk Dilly and Mike Chlapaty are organizing our involvement. Volunteers will be needed. If interested in helping, contact:

Kirk Dilly.

Kirk.Dilly@mortonbuildings.com

Phone: 320-304-2212

Spring 2017 Test Dates

Rocky Mountain Chapter March 25-26th

Heartland Chapter Judges Seminar & Test April 21,22,23

Northeast May 6-7th

Details will be posted on web site

Reminder: Annual dues should have been paid by January 1st. Please go on-line to complete your membership form. You can pay both national and chapter dues right on-line at:

<https://bohemiangriffon.org/join-renew/>