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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

The February 2020 issue marks a new beginning for our club as Cesky Fousek North America. More than simply a name change, the new moniker signifies another milestone in our club's transition toward representing the Cesky Fousek breed in North America. It's been an interesting journey for me that our family began in 1973 with the arrival of our first Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, Ruffel of Ashview. We had one of the early WPG-Cesky Fousek outbreeds, Axel of Whitewater, followed by Brinker of Indian Creek and Burley of Salmon River. Now a full Cesky Fousek import has joined our pack. Through it all, our club remains committed to providing a top quality versatile gun dog that doubles as a friendly companion/family member.

You can see that commitment in the pages of this issue. The hunting tests are the epitome of a club-wide effort, from organization, judging, volunteers to work the tests, photography, reporting and countless other tasks. The rewards come in the form of memorable days in the field and the slurp of a soft tongue and wagging tail. There is much more work to be done, but for now, enjoy this little snapshot of our wonderful dogs.

Rem DeJong,

Editor

On the Cover:

Dense Cover Point

Chase of Nichol's Creek makes a fine point in the dense Wisconsin thickets at the Heartland Test.

(Photo by Jon Coil)

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Membership Approves Constitution Changes

In the December 2019 issue, the Board of Directors proposed two changes to the club constitution. Each of these was approved by the voting membership of Cesky Fousek North America.

1. Eliminate language requiring that the GDS is published six times a year. The Constitution at Article III, Section 5 currently states: "The Editor of the club news bulletin, The Gun Dog Supreme, publishes the news bulletin six times per year under the direction of the Board of Directors." Publication frequency needs change with the times. We now have a web site and Facebook pages for communication. Eliminating this requirement in the constitution would provide more flexibility to meet the club's needs. In addition, the Board questioned whether the Constitution was the appropriate vehicle for specifying how many times the GDS is published. **Proposed language:** Article III, Section 5: "The Editor of the club news bulletin, The Gun Dog Supreme, publishes the news bulletin under the direction of the Board of Directors."
2. Eliminate the specific timeframe for publication of the annual Treasurer's report in the GDS and remove procedural language regarding submission of Treasurer's report and processing of membership applications that aren't necessarily applicable or being followed.

The Constitution at Article III, Section 4 now states: "The Treasurer receives all Club membership fees and other monies for the Club, except monies directed elsewhere by the President. He or she maintains the Club bank account as directed by the President. He or she maintains a record of all Club monies. Once per year, he or she prepares the annual Treasurer's Report for publication in the December issue of the Club news bulletin, The Gun Dog Supreme. This annual financial report must be submitted to the Board of Directors (via the secretary) prior to publication in the Club news bulletin. The Treasurer also processes all new member applications which are then forwarded to the Secretary." As the Constitution now reads, the Treasurer's report is published in December, however it isn't usually reviewed by the Board until later in the year, usually March or April. It seems prudent that the Board or Directors review the Financial report before it is published. Currently, the Secretary processes new applications while the Treasurer is responsible for processing membership dues payments. The Treasurer provides periodic membership payment updates to the Secretary to ensure records are complete.

Proposed Language: Article III, Section 4: "The Treasurer receives all Club membership fees and other monies for the Club, except monies directed elsewhere by the President. He or she maintains the Club bank account as directed by the President. He or she maintains a record of all Club monies. Once per year, he or she prepares the annual Treasurer's Report for publication in the Club news bulletin. This annual financial report must be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to publication."

Club Secretary, Robin Strathy reports that we had a total of 73 ballots cast (20 online and 53 paper). The results were:

64 in favor: 9 opposed to proposed GDS publication change

67 in favor: 6 opposed to change in Treasurer reporting

Both proposals are approved.

Robin indicated that we also received some comments from voters. In general, those commenting want the GDS to continue to be printed in hard copy. A fair number of folks do not regularly use a computer or get on Facebook and the printed GDS is their primary communication contact with the club.

The BOD wants to clarify that the proposal is NOT to discontinue the GDS, but only to remove the specification of six issues per year from the constitution so that the BOD can modify the number of issues from time to time without having to go through a constitution vote process every time. A printed version of the GDS is important as a permanent record of club activities. It's also true that some members depend on a hard copy to get their news of the club. We certainly want to maintain the two issues per year containing test score data, and it seems reasonable to have at least quarterly issues. One possibility is to have quarterly issues. We could devote more time and resources to each issue—perhaps having color images. We anticipate that 2020 will continue to use the six-issue format while the BOD considers options for communicating with our membership.

PennHip Report for 2019 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. **More recently, the BOD has eliminated the PennHip requirement except for domestic dogs that are selected for breeding and all dogs that are imported.**

ARIS OD BLATSKEHO RYBNIKA (M), Sire: Brok z Vobicek; Dam: Nela z Drnovek. Left Hip DI = 0.33; Right Hip DI = 0.44. Ranking 50%. Owned by Roger Wegner. Pedigree 435, Aug., 2017 GDS.

WHISKEY Z HLOZKU (M), Sire: Dix z Piskove zahrady; Dam: Quanta z Hlozku. Left Hip DI = 0.35; Right Hip DI = 0.35. Ranking 80%. Owned by Lynn Hanigan. Pedigree 461, Page 18.

ALIBI OF BUCKEYE VALLEY (F) Sire: Ace of Wolf Fork Canyon; Dam Jena od Tryse. Left Hip DI = 0.60; Right Hip DI = 0.53. Ranking 10%. Owned by Ken Erb. Pedigree 447, Aug., 2018 GDS.

CAHABA'S LOLA OD KARLOVA SMRKU (F) Sire: Flor z Citonskych Ink; Dam: Erna od Olsi. Left Hip DI = 0.49; Right Hip DI = 0.46. Ranking 40%. Owned by Donn Fizer. Pedigree 442, Aug., 2018 GDS.

Heartland Fall Test and Training Day 2019

By Rem DeJong

The Fall Heartland event was a combo training day and field test. Last year, the club began experimenting with piggy-backing a training day with our tests. Doing that has been well-received in the Heartland Chapter. Eleven individuals signed on for the training day. Five were not testing this weekend; it was just a great opportunity for them to get their young dogs some exposure to game and the testing environment. For many people, duck tracking opportunities are especially challenging. Some states do not allow using live ducks for training, and even where it's permissible, ducks and a place to work with them can be hard to find, so the test weekend training day is very appealing.

For dogs running in the IHDT, a training day exposure to the duck track can be invaluable. The judges are convinced that several of the dogs in this test did better in the water work portion of the test than they would have without the training day. For example, one of the training day entrants was **Cider of Nichol's Creek**, handled by Todd Walrod. On training day, Cider didn't have a clue about tracking the duck and wasn't at all thrilled at the prospect of swimming through water lilies. Todd waded into the shallow water to encourage Cider. Cider took a few tentative steps. Todd waded farther (and deeper). Eventually, Todd was in water up to his armpits, but reassured by her handler, Cider eventually made her way across the pond and the duck was flushed. The sight of the duck got her fired up, so swimming through the weeds was at least tolerable. Her test location was almost exactly the same spot where she had tracked the duck during



It Gets Pretty Deep Between a Man and His Dog

Todd Walrod role models tracking the duck for his IHDT level Cesky Fousek, Cider of Nichol's Creek. What we don't do to train a gun dog!

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

training day. Weedy water was still unpleasant, but now she associated it with seeing a duck. Duck track scores at the test were still less than hoped for, but what might have been a “0” without exposure had improved to warrant a “2”.

In addition to dogs signed up for testing, several participants were pups from the spring breedings. Getting a chance to sniff birds and learn tracking was great prep for the coming hunting season. Pups that were reluctant to swim could be enticed into the water with a dead pheasant or a duck. Besides the convenience of having birds for training, a big benefit of a training day is for handlers to get assistance from judges and seasoned trainers. Train the handler to behave well, and the dog’s natural ability will take care of itself.

Only eight dogs testing is a small field for the Heartland, but it provided some great opportunities for us under a bit more relaxed condition. Dave Finley and Andy Yeast got to try out their own skills as apprentice senior judges and performed very well. It’s great to see members stepping up as judges; as the number of dogs increases, we clearly need new people to step up. Dave Read and Monica Redmond served as apprentice judges. Greg Hurtig and John Pitlo were Senior Judges, and Jim Crouse also judged.

Weather conditions were reasonably good, but the mosquitos were unbearable without wind. Never did time drag so long as when crouching in the brush out of sight while waiting a turn to do a pheasant track! Tracking field cover was very limited, and available water for duck work is always more challenging at the Fall Test, but the judges made it work.

On Friday, we had one judging group with three Intermediate Hunting Dog Tests. Tom Herlache ran **Grand ze Smilovic** or “Jule” as he’s called, to start things off. This team did a great job, qualifying for a Prize I. Although his test performance was excellent, the judges voiced some concern over temperament, noting that he nipped at a judge during the examination. Tom has worked with Jule a lot, and it showed in his performance. Also in the Friday group were two Nichol’s Creek littermates: **Cider of Nichol’s Creek** owned by Todd Walrod and **Callie of Nichol’s Creek** owned by Bob Rock. Cider’s only weak area was the duck track. As mentioned above regarding the training day, duck tracking was new to Cider, but what would have likely been a “0” score without the training day was sufficient to earn a “2”. Cider did well in other areas and earned a Prize II. **Callie** had not had much duck tracking exposure, and she showed weak water work skills. She’s a nice-looking dog and has the potential to be a good hunter for her owner.

The Saturday test began with a special treat. Heartland President, Thomas Wyse, played a Czech hunting horn solo on an authentic hunting horn to help the group honor our Czech hunting test tradition. We had two groups on Saturday. Group I, headed up by Apprentice Senior Judge, Dave Finley had **Brom z Neřádova Stavení** run by Rem DeJong and **Chase of Nichols Creek**, run by Dan Long. Brom is a speedy over-sized male with much enthusiasm—too much for bird tracking. He did well in all other areas but his inability to slow down and track resulted in a score of “1” in the track of bird, so no prize. Chase was only 18 months at test time. He’s been a regular at Michigan training days and the precocious little guy had always done quite well there. He performed well in his test with the exception of the blind retrieve so no prize, but with more training and discipline, he can be a good performer.

Group II on Saturday was headed up by Apprentice Senior Judge Andy Yeast, working with Senior Greg Hurtig. They judged **Choot of Nichol’s Creek**, run by Steve Smith.



Prize I Performance

Grand ze Smilovic retrieves a duck to Tom Herlache on way to a fine IHDT performance.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

Also in the group were two non-club, Natural Ability Cesky Fouseks. Zac Hein ran **Gerda Brown Z Lubiechowa**, and his buddy, Mike Bogina, ran **Eddie Ze Zemanskeho Dvora**. Choot had a rough time at his test, and showed some gun sensitivity during the duck retrieve. Exposure to mostly wild birds may explain his pointing troubles, and he was hampered by little duck exposure. In spite of poor scores, Choot is a fine looking dog and can be expected to put a lot of birds in the bag. Both of the NAT dogs did well, Gerda needs to expand her search, but that can come with time. She racked up 4s in all other categories for a strong Prize II. Eddie wasn't far behind. He needs to develop tracking skills, but did well enough to earn a Prize III. Thanks to their handlers for participating in the club test and making the long trip from Kansas to do so.

Dave Read is gaining experience as a Test Chair, but he's been dealing with some challenges around lining up a venue for our Saturday dinner and dealing with all the logistics of lining up birds and a hundred other details that go into getting a test organized. Once again, we used the Sauk Prairie Gill for our dinner. Space is a bit tight but the food and service are great. Thanks to Greg Hurtig for working with the test grounds authorities for the Mazomanie Test Grounds. Of course, the test could not come off without bird handlers like Kyle Kessler, Mike Brannigan, Paul Stadem and Bob Rock. Jon Coil and Thomas Weise helped me with the photography. All things considered, it was a great test.

The spring Heartland Test will be coming up in April. We expect to have many more Natural Ability Test dogs. Once again, we expect to have a training/exposure day immediately preceding the test, and I encourage anyone participating in the test to take advantage of this opportunity. Remember, even if you're not testing at this event, you're still welcome to run your dog, maybe to help get you and your dog ready for the Fall test.

Northwest Chapter Test 2019 by Tawna Skinner

The Northwest Chapter test was short and sweet this year. Judges Dennis Carlson (OR) and Tawna Skinner (ID) arrived at the test site on Friday afternoon along with entrants Mike Maass (CA) and Victor Woodward (WA). Everyone wanted to do some on-site training/exposure before the test, so we practiced duck tracks, blind retrieves and more.

Dennis Carlson had brought along his 5-month-old Cesky Fousek, **Andy of Shaw Brook**, “Andy” and “Hannah” his female German Wirehaired Pointer. He let them out to play in the pond. Andy followed Hannah out into the pond and even retrieved a dead duck (his first) that had been tossed a short way into the pond. Andy was very pleased with himself to be carrying and exploring his first duck. (So was Dennis).

Our senior judge, Steve Grieser, was unable to attend at the last minute due to the birth of his first grandchild. Though we missed his presence, we understand his priorities and want to congratulate him on becoming a grandpa. We just carried on without him.

Saturday morning everyone arrived early, and we got right to the testing. Ken Wieman came to help and served as our bird planter and photographer. He also brought good food to share for lunch. Thank you Ken.

Robert (Mike) Maass and his CF **Whiskey z Hlozku** (call name Cooper) completed the Natural Ability Test and made a great showing, achieving a Prize I 28 points. With his harsh, dense, dark and white coat and staunch point he was quite showy.

The second dog of the day was **Aiden of Buckeye Valley**, owned by Victor Woodward. He was doing a retest in OHDT. Aiden lacked drive and enthusiasm in the field that day. However, he showed us an exemplary pheasant track. Aiden was also unwilling to



Prize I Performance

Mike Maass and **Whiskey z Hlozku** teamed up to score a perfect 28 points.

(photo by Ken Wieman)

bring the retrieved birds to hand, wanting Victor to play “catch me if you can.” We suspect, however, that in a real hunting situation, his performance would be markedly better than what he showed us on Saturday.

With only two dogs tested we finished early, so we all were able to do more training and exposure with our dogs.



A Great Looking Fousek
Victor Woodward and **Aiden of Buckeye Valley**

(Photo by Ken Wieman)

Northeast Chapter Exposure Day & Fall Test 2019

by Anna Artz

Warm, gracious and VERY dedicated people greeted me at the fall test weekend for the Northeast Chapter of the Cesky Fousek North America club. I had never been to the East Coast, so this trip was special. The weather cooperated and everyone was eager to see what the youngest club dogs would do. On Friday September 20th, we gathered on a private farm in Bristol, Maine for Puppy Exposure Day. For decades, this beautiful piece of farmland has been generously offered to the club by a local family to give the NE chapter a place to train and test their dogs. The cover was a nice mixture of green pasture, hedgerows and hardwood forests that were starting to turn to fall colors. Beautiful!

Puppies in attendance

- 14 week old female **A Tiller's Mate of Payette River** (call name "Tilly") and 9 month old Gigi a Vizsla owned by Laura Chichester of Massachusetts
- 4 month old female **Bean of Two Rivers** (call name "Alex") owned by John Yindra,
- 4 month old male **Augustus of Shaw Brook** (call name "Augie") owned by Rick and Rosaleen Valent of New York
- 5 month old male **Austin of Cherry River** owned by Chuka & Anita Trial of Rhode Island
- 5 month old female import **Fanny od Bouňovské studánky** owned by Laurie Connell of Maine
- 12 month old female **Moly od Vavřineckého rybníka** (non club import), owned by Michael Kenneally and assisted by daughter Kristina Kenneally

Leading the Puppy Exposure Day were club member Andy Ogden and senior judge Rick Molt. We started the day off allowing each puppy to see, smell, touch/hold, then finally chase a flying pigeon. For some, this was their first time interacting with a live bird!! A few puppies were bold, others more tentative, but when the birds took flight, all gave chase and you could see their excitement grow. We allowed each puppy to track a chukar a short distance and build some confidence. For initial gunfire exposure, a carefully orchestrated pigeon chase was set up. A pigeon was released onto the ground and the puppies as a group were allowed to see the bird flapping on the ground. This movement invited closer investigation. When the group approached, the pigeon finally took to the air with all puppies in hot pursuit. As we had hoped, bolder pups helped the timid ones with their confidence. A starter pistol was fired at a distance during the active bird chase with no problem. This was a great first experience for many of these young dogs!

Throughout the day, Andy and Rick spend considerable time discussing cooperation and how to build trust between dog and handler. This included a detailed explanation and hands-on demonstration on how to handle young dogs who approach their owners with a bird or other "highly valued" object in their mouth. Right before lunch we decided to work on pointing opportunities for some of the young dogs using pigeons in

remote launchers. Each youngster was placed on a check cord and brought into the scent cone. Once the pup indicated scent (not necessarily a point), they were staunched up, and the bird released. Puppies were allowed to watch the bird get up and were released so they could chase it. What a great way to build desire, enthusiasm and connect the scent of the bird with the bird itself.

After a quick lunch break and the weather warming nicely, it was time to get the puppies to the water. A flighted mallard was released into a warm, shallow pond and the youngsters were allowed to chase it. All puppies eventually got wet!! After a fun-filled day, our tired but happy group headed back to Rick and Tina Molt's for dinner and a relaxing evening. Tina graciously took me on a quick scenic tour along the beautiful coastline before dinner so I could see some historic landmarks. What a breathtaking drive. The ocean was putting on a show for us given a recent storm system that had passed through. Thank you to Tina for that tour!

Saturday September 21st was back to business. It was test day. Judges for the day were Rick Molt, Phil Bennett and Anna Artz. Three dogs were evaluated. One NAT dog (a non-club import) and two utility dogs – owned and handled by friends and professional colleagues (OBGYN doctors) Dr. Christopher Rumsey and Dr. Andrew Ogden. The event was called the “OBGYN smackdown” and there was much talk heading into this highly anticipated event. We knew the doctors would be competitive! The weather was beautiful and we started the day in the field. Following Czech tradition, we asked the Utility handlers to pull a numbered wooden chit out of a hunting hat to determine the running order for the day. The result? Andy Ogden would run **Kája od Tyrše** first through all the disciplines. Chris Rumsey would follow with his dog **Mig od Pitné vody**.

With running orders set, we gathered the dogs, handlers and judges and set off to do a field NAT search for **Moly od Vavřineckého rybníka** first. Moly's owner Michael had attended the NE chapter test the previous spring and was enthralled with our club dogs. He vowed to come back and run her in NAT this fall after giving her some exposure. Moly was very tuned into Michael and kept him close. She searched well, but did not extend her range much due to lack of experience. We put a bird down for her which she located but did not point. She gave a hearty chase, and after bird contact, we saw a new dog emerge. Moly's pheasant track however also suffered from lack of exposure. It was clear she was unsure what to do. We capitalized on this training opportunity and walked dog and handler together down the track until the bird could be located. Still unsure what to do, we showed Moly the pheasant and released it again so she could see it. She successfully chased it down and retrieved the bird but opted to parade her prize for a bit which was fine. It was good to see her build desire.

Next up, Andy's female **Kája** for her Utility search. Needless to say, this dog was ready to go. When Andy released her, she was off like a champagne cork and did not hold back all day. Kája was a dog on a mission. We commented repeatedly about her abundant joy and purpose in her search and wondered how her tail never tired of wagging. Goodness, she was a happy dog and loved her job! Kája was in and out of cover all morning and ranged well for her handler. Her point was fine, steadiness perfect and nice delivery to hand of the shot bird. Suffice it to say, you could see Andy visibly relax after this sequence. For anyone who has run Utility, you know that steadiness is one of the most difficult elements, and to perform it well, takes the pressure of the handler. Andy was a happy man the rest of the day!

After Kája was called in, **Mig** was turned loose by handler Chris Rumsey and we pro-

ceeded to cover a large expanse of property during his Utility search. We started in the field but eventually turned to the woods for a solid 15-20 minutes of searching. We were hoping to find some early woodcock, but alas, none were found. Mig's search was beautiful and he worked hard despite the rising temperature on the day. The dog/handler team was well-tuned and Mig was always working in front of Chris, adapting his range to suit the cover. It was very nice to see a bold, confident and purposeful search. They made a great hunting team! At the end of the woods search, Utility dogs are required to demonstrate walking at heel either on or off leash for 30 yards. So, we asked both handlers to demonstrate this for us and both did fine. Back into the field we went for continued searching and to get a point for Mig. A planted bird was located and held very tight, but temptation was too great. Mig broke on his point and flushed the planted bird. He was stopped by his handler on command and the bird was shot. Chris sent the dog to retrieve the bird and we saw a nice delivery to hand, but Chris admitted he needs to work on his dog's steadiness. After the searching was done, we gathered up the gallery and moved fields to do drags for both dogs. The Utility drag is 200 yards with 2 gentle curves. Both dogs aced this test with nice delivery to hand and it was time to break for lunch.

After lunch, everyone moved to a new location for the water disciplines. For NAT dogs, they are simply required to swim twice and Moly did that enthusiastically for handler Kristina Kenneally. Her test was complete. Unfortunately, she did not prize due to her difficulty in her pheasant track. Michael is considering IHDT next year after more hunting exposure

To complete the Utility Test – dogs are required to perform five separate water disciplines (tracking the live duck, search without a duck, blind retrieve, steadiness at the blind and retrieve of marked fall). This is usually done after the field work. Andy and Kája were up first. Kája is a very experienced waterfowl dog and Andy has put in a tremendous amount of time and effort into her training. It showed. Kája put on a clinic for everyone with her water work. She did extremely well in all her disciplines, but really wowed the judging group with a phenomenal 75+ yard retrieve of a duck delivered to hand. Even better was her search without a duck at the end of the day. As the judging group knows, dogs are often very tired at this point in the test. Despite fatigue and difficult water conditions with many submerged logs she had to climb over, Kája diligently went into the pond when asked and did a systemic and ever-expanding search. There was no “give-up” in that dog. The judges unanimously voted to give her a well-deserved 4-H in her search without a duck. Well done Kája! Her efforts on the day earned the team a phenomenal 259 points (with optional disciplines) a Prize II and the highly coveted General Roger's Award for top Utility dog for 2019.

As mentioned earlier, the combined field, woods and water work makes for a very long day for Utility dogs, handlers and judges alike. Sometimes this prolonged and concentrated effort begins to take its toll. Unfortunately, this was the case for Chris Rumsey's dog Mig. His water work began very well with perfect steadiness at the duck blind. The dog was rock steady and Chris was very happy. However, a retrieve of a thrown dead duck is required (retrieve of marked fall) and Mig was reluctant to enter the water despite repeated commands. He eventually was coaxed into the water and retrieved a decoy to his handler but that was about it for the day. Chris was concerned Mig was tired and commented that he appeared to just “ran out of gas”. We all agreed. Mig struggled in his duck track and search because he was tired. Chris was pleased with the day overall and his dog's efforts despite not qualifying for a prize. Before leaving, Chris commented that he had learned a lot and would consider re-running Mig in a future Utility

Test. We hope he does. Special thanks to all the dog handlers, judges and myriad volunteers who showed up to make the 2019 NE fall test a success. We are excited to see what many of the young dogs will do in the NE Spring Test in 2020.



The “OBGYN smackdown”

Andy Ogden with **Kája od Tyrše** (above) and Chris Rumsey with **Mig od Pitné vody** (below) set off on the pheasant track in their Utility Field Tests.

(Photo by Laurie Connell)





Northeast Test Participant

Moly od Vavřineckého rybníka, owned by Michael Kenneally and assisted by daughter Kristina Kenneally, did a great job in the Natural Ability test. Above, Moly celebrates a job well done with Mike. Below, Moly makes an enthusiastic dummy retrieve to show her affinity for water.

(Photos by Laurie Connell)





Heartland Test Action

Above

After a couple stern commands, a penitent **Brom z Neřádova Stavení** completes his blind retrieve to owner, Rem DeJong.



At left

In years past, we've played a horn recording to begin the day of testing. At the Fall Test, we paid homage to our breed's Czech roots with a hunting horn solo of a genuine Czech song, played and sung by Chapter President, Thomas Wiese. The audience loved it and some of the dogs sang along. Thanks Thomas!

(Photos by Jon Coil)

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 2019

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	Track of Live Bird	Affinity for Water	Nose and Use of Nose	Attitude Toward Work	Cooperation	TOTAL POINTS	PRIZE CLASSIFICATION	Conformation	Coat	Temperament
	A	S	P	TB	W	N	AW	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
GROUP 461 (Page 18)													
++WHISKEY Z HLOZKU, M, WA	18	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28		3*	4	ok
GROUP 462 (Page 18)													
EDDIE ZE ZEMANSKEHO DVORA, M, wi	14	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	23	III			ok
GROUP 463 (Page 19)													
GERDA BROWN Z LUBIECHOWA, F, WI	14	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	27	II			ok
GROUP 463 (Page 19)													
MOLY OD VAVRINECKEHO RYBNIKA, F ME	12	2	0	0	4	3	3	2	14				*

Note: Readers will notice a change in one aspect of reporting in that no CONFORMATION or CO4T 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. Coats also change at these young ages. 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.

DOGS EVALUATED IN FALL 2019

UTILITY HUNTING DOG TEST

KAJA OD TRYSE, F, 55 mos., whelped 3/1/2015. Conformation 4, 24.5" H X 24.5"L: . Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, could use more belly coverage, medium furnishings . Temperament: calm, friendly, good game drive., easy to examine. Owned by Andrew Ogden, 5791 B State Hwy 37, Ogdenburg, NY 13669. Bred by Jan Blazek.. Pedigree 416, Aug., 2016 GDS.

MIG OD PITNEY VODY, M, 46 mos., whelped 11/11/2015. Conformation: 4, 24.5" H X 24.5" L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, standard furnishings., Temperament: easy to examine, calm, eager, friendly. Owned by Dr. Christopher Rumsey, 700 Forest Ave., Orono, ME 07773. Bred by Ing. Jiri Kalivoda. Pedigree 430, Feb., 2017 GDS.

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 2019

WHISKEY Z HLOZKU, M, 18 mos., whelped 3/23/2018. Conformation 3; 24" H X 24" L, misaligned left lower P1 and P2, *white color (non-standard). Coat 4; harsh, dense, excellent belly coverage, slightly open on ears, black and white. Temperament; happy, eager., easy to examine, calm, got along with other dogs. Owned by Robert Maass, 5854 Highwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94552. bred by Ing Jaroslav Havlat. Pedigree 461, Feb, 2020, GDS.

EDDIE ZE ZEMANSKEHO DVORA, M, 14 mos., whelped 6/15/2018. no measurements for length or height. Coat; 3, medium dense, medium harsh, good belly coverage, flat lying, full furnishings. Temperament; friendly, eager. Owned by Mike Bogina, 12285 S. Walnut, Olathe, KS 66061. Bred by Ing. Vaclav Zeman. Pedigree 462, Feb, 2020, GDS.

GERDA BROWN Z LUBIECHOWA, F, 14 mos., whelped 6/20/2018. no measurements for length or height. No coat evaluation. Temperament; No defects observed. Owned by Zachary Hein, 436 Maine St., Lawrence, KS 66044. Bred by Veronica Dostalova. Pedigree 463, Feb, 2020, GDS.

MOLY OD VAVRINECKEHO RYBNIKA, F, 12 mos., whelped 9/10/2018. no measurements for length or height. No coat evaluation; Temperament; *timid., tentative, lacked bird exposure, easy to handle. Owned by Micheal Kenneally, 15 Pier 7 ninth St., Boston, MA 02129. Bred by Josef Jakubal. Pedigree 464, Feb, 2020, GDS.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

AIDEN OF BUCKEYE VALLEY, M, 28 mos., whelped 5/4/2017. Conformation: 4, 26.7" L X 27.2" H. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, full furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, good game drive, calm.. Owned by Victor Woodward, 490 Iron Monarch Loop, CLE Elum WA. 98922. Bred by Jim/Monica Crouse & Emily Ramos. Pedigree 447, Aug., 2018 GDS.

CIDER OF NICHOL'S CREEK, F, 18 mos., whelped 2/20/2018. Conformation: 4; 24" L X 23 3/4" H. Coat 3: med. harsh, med. dense, curly, full furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: easy to examine, happy, calm. Owned by Todd Walrod, 39780-B 175th Ave., Leland, IA 50453, Bred by Steve/Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 451, Feb., 2019 GDS.

CHASE OF NICHOL'S CREEK, M, 18 mos., whelped 2/20/2018. Conformation: 2; 26 "H X 25 1/2" L, UNDERBITE. Coat: 3 med. harsh, med. dense, slight curl, sparse furnishings. Temperament: normal, no defects observed. Owned by Dan Long, 86 Fairview Ave., Granville, OH 43023, Bred by Steve/Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 451, Feb., 2019 GDS.

CALLIE OF NICHOL'S CREEK, F, 18 mos., whelped 2/20/2018. Conformation: 4; 24.5" H X 24.5" L. Coat: 3, med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, full furnishings.. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Bob Rock, 1837 35th St., NE, Larimore, ND 58251. Bred by Steve/Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 451, Feb., 2019 GDS.

CHOOT OF NICHOL'S CREEK, M, 18 mos., whelped 2/20/2018. Conformation: 2; 25.5" H X 24.75" L, extra P1, bottom right. Coat: 3, med. harsh, med. dense, flat lying, full furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager *gun sensitive (dog turned off duck when shot hit water, but eventually made the retrieve). Owned by Steve Smith, 104 Ash St., Lebanon, SD 57455, Bred by Steve/Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 451, Feb., 2019 GDS

GRAND Z SMILOVIC, M, 21 mos., whelped 9/17/2017. Conformation: 3; 25" H X 24.5" L. Coat: 3, med. harsh, med. dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, full furnishings. Temperament: difficult to examine *tried to bite judge. Owned by Tom Herlache, 8521 W Eaton HWY., Grand Ledge, MI 48837, Bred by Vaclav Mudroch. Pedigree 452, Feb., 2019 GDS.

BROM Z NERADOVA STAVINI, M, 22 mos., whelped 11/8/2017. Conformation: 3; 27.75" H X 27" L (oversize). Coat: 3, harsh, med. dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, med. furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager for game. Owned by Cornell DeJong, 7219 St Charles Place, Kalamazoo, MI 49009, Bred by Ing. Silvie Neradilova. Pedigree 456, Feb., 2019 GDS

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2019

WATER TD = Track of Duck (5) RD = Retrieve of duck (3) BR = Blind Retrieve (4) ++ = older hunting dog	JUDGED THROUGHOUT N = Nose and Use of Nose (6) AW = Attitude Toward Work (4) C = Cooperation (3) O = Obedience (3)
FIELD S = Searching (5) P = Pointing (4) RB = Retrieve of Dragged Bird (3) TB = Track of Live Bird (3) *TR = Track of Live Rabbit (3) *RF = Retrieve of Dragged Fur (3)	OTHER TP = Total Prize PR = Prize Classification CO = Conformation CT = Coat T = Temperament T* = see write-up for notation
TD RD BR S P RB TB *TR *RF N AW C O TP PR CO CT T	

GROUP 447 (Aug., 2018 GDS)

++AIDEN OF BUCKEYE VALLEY, M, 28 mos., WA

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GROUP 451 (Feb., 2019 GDS)

CIDER OF NICHOL'S CREEK, F, 18 mos., WI

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CHASE OF NICHOL'S CREEK, M, 18 mos., WI

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CALLIE OF NICHOL'S CREEK, F, 18 mos., WI

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CHOOT OF NICHOL'S CREEK, M, 18 mos., WI

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GROUP 452 (Feb., 2019 GDS)

GRAND SMILOVIC, M, 21 mos., WI

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GROUP 456 (Feb., 2019 GDS)

BROM Z NERADOVA STAVENI, M, 22 mos., WI

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Note the new URL to the club website:

<https://ceskyfousekna.org>

UTILITY FIELD TEST, FALL 2020

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

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TD = Track of Duck (5)
SWD = Search without Duck (3)
BR = Blind Retrieve (3)
SB = Steady at Blind (2)
RM = Retrieve of Marked Fall (3)
S = Searching (5)
P = Pointing (4)
SWS = Steady to Wing and Shot (3)

RS = Retrieve of Shot Bird (3)
WD = Whoa or Down (3)
TB = Track of Live Bird (4)
SW = Search in Woods (4)
H = Walk at Heel (2)
RDG = Retrieve of Dragged Game (3)
***F = Find/Retrieve of Dead Game (3)**
***B = Blood Track (4)**

N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)
AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)
C = Cooperation (4)
O = Obedience (3)
TP = Total Points
PR = Prize Classification
CO = Conformation
CT = Coat
T = Temperament

TD SWD BR SB RM S P SWS RS WD TB SW H RDG *F *B N AW C O TP PR CO CT T

GROUP 416 (Aug., 2016 GDS)

KAJA OD TYRSE, F, 55 MOS, ME.

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GROUP 4130 (Feb., 2017 GDS)

MIG OD PITNE VODY, M, 46 MOS., ME

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Choot of Nichol's Creek, owned by Steve Smith, IHD T, Fall 2019, WI,
 (photo by Jon Coil)

New Pedigrees

For Full pedigree information on all CFNA dogs, please see our on-line data base at:
<http://ceskyfousekpedigrees.org/>

Pedigree 461

	Mak z Hvízdalky
	Ugas z Těšínovských buků
	Arka z Jílkova mlýna
Dix z Pískové zahrady	Jasan z Hložku
	Nira od Jemiluk
	Ira od Jeníků
Whisky z Hložku	Cid od Tří stromů
	Ben z Debce
	Asta Ajax z Lucperku
Quanta z Hložku	Brok z Dubňanských Kostelisk
	Nella z Hložku
	Tera z Podleska

PEDGREE 462

	Chán od Hlučálu
	Dar ze Zátkovy zahrádky
	Cindy ze Zátkovy zahrádky
Andy od Kozamberka	Dyk z Úlibického Páleníka
	Polly z Langrova dvora
	Bára od Pramene Křetinky
Eddie ze Zemanského dvora	Ben Bohemia Karlín
	Bon z Chladné stráně
	Cindy z Krásného remízku
Dita z Putimi	Cyrd od Bošické skály
	Cila z Podsrpenských lesů
	Oma od Volyňského soutoku

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Pedigree 463

	Princ ze Vřestár
	Geret z Miroslavského dvora
	Dita z Vrbovských sklepů
Coudy z Křenovských luk	Borek Panva
	Mis z Hvízdalky
	Hella z Hvízdalky
Gerda Brown z Lubiechowa	Zero ze Slezska
	Aran od Petrovského zámku
	Heidi z Lišova
Ella Brown z Lubiechowa	Aran od Lejnarů
	Una z Fešandy
	Ela z Rostěnic

Pedigree 464

	Aris od Prosné aleje
	Dan ze Staropleských luk
	Mira od Jemiluk
Aris od Lesa Borkovníku	Don z Dočkalova dvora
	Aida z Městečka na dlani Gitta
	Gitta z Pošné
Moly od Vavřineckého rybníka	Car od Bošické skály
	Ogar z Hložku
	Tera z Podleska
Ira od Vavřineckého rybníka	Dar z Hutské osady
	Hassy od Vavřineckého rybníka
	Bora od Lejnarů

Cesky Fouseks Are Building Bridges Across the Atlantic

by Rick Sojda

NOTE: Silvie Neradilová of the Czech breed club, Klub Chovatelů Českých Fouseků, asked our club to write an article for their magazine about the first three years (2013-2015) of our recent puppy import program. The task fell to me. After concluding, I decided to request their permission to reprint the article in our Gun Dog Supreme. Here it is.



Our Czech friends posing for a picture after a bird hunt in Montana in 2018. L-R: Pavel Dostál, Blancá Horáková, Edý z Veseckých luhů, Pavel Horák, Eva Šafaríková, and Jaroslav Havlát. Not pictured are Silvie Neradilová and Dana Brzkovská.

(photo: R. Sojda)

Where do I begin the story of our recent importing of Czech puppies to North America? Allow me to start at the end. I believe I speak for all the members of Cesky Fousek North America when I say “Děkuju” to all our Czech friends for all you have done in helping us bring new blood, once again, to the Cesky Fousek breed in North America.

In 2013, Hiram Adelman and Brook Merrow brought two puppies back to the United

States, one for themselves and one for Rick and Mary Ann Sojda. So began North America's most recent importing effort, the first such cooperative venture between our clubs in decades, beyond importing semen.

An agreement developed in 2014 by Mgr. Jaroslav Rataj and Gary Pool, ensures a formal foundation for further activities between our two clubs. Twenty-one puppies left the Czech Republic for North America in the first three years of the program; overall, 55 puppies have been imported in seven years. The main goal of our program in North America, now directed by Dr. Laurie Connell, is to import top-notch hunting dogs with sound temperaments that also will be outstanding family dogs.

At the start, we wanted to ensure that none of the imports were related to each other in their most recent generations. That became more difficult over time as more dogs were imported because even in the Czech Republic the numbers being bred are relatively small. Still, we have continued to diversify the gene pool on this side of the Atlantic by leaps and bounds. Maybe more importantly, we have realized that with current technologies, we can and must think of the Cesky Fousek gene pool as a single, international pool. National boundaries now have less significance as we consider our breeding decisions. We are building bridges.

Our new effort has strengthened connections between the Czechs and Americans. Anyone who is active on social media, like Facebook, will see that we follow each other's Fouseks, families, tests, club activities, and hunting trips. Several Americans have traveled to Europe, and several Czechs have come to North America. Friendships have blossomed. In part because of that close relationship and increased American knowledge of the breed, our club has now officially changed its name to Cesky Fousek North America. We are building bridges.

These recent efforts to import Cesky Fouseks go back to 2012, when Hiram and I visited at length, whiskey glasses in hand, to discuss the best way to select and bring puppies from Europe. Our first decision was, of course, to contact our friend, Ing. Pavel Dostál, initiating a long and fruitful discussion. The Czech Club had begun to develop its web pages, so we used them extensively, doing a lot of "cut-and-paste" along the way using Google Translate. Automatic translation of full web pages was still in its infancy, but we persevered and made it work. We would have been lost without Pavel's patience in teaching us about Czech testing and how to interpret scores. This required going beyond simple translation. Pavel's knowledge was essential. We met other fine people when we visited the Czech Republic, but his combination of Fousek knowledge, English speaking ability, and willingness to assist helped us begin a new era of Fousek importation to America. Since then, others like Ing. Silvie Neradilová and Ing. Pavel Horák also have been a great help. Behind the scenes, others have contributed immensely, with Ing. Jaroslav Havlát especially coming to mind. While there are too many to list here, I commend every one of the Czech breeders with whom we have worked.

The second factor Hiram and I discussed was an ideal set of characteristics desired in our dogs. In examining pedigrees and other online information, we tried to minimize any known alopecia and looked for dogs that were of sound temperaments—perhaps considered nice dispositions in the CR. We were particularly seeking dogs that might show strong natural cooperation with their handlers. We examined loads of test scores, identifying sires and dams that were good hunters in the field and in the water. We followed the forest work because it demonstrated a well-rounded dog, even though few of our members use their dogs for blood tracking or hunting hares or foxes on this side of

the Atlantic. In those first years, Czech Lines I, II, III, IV, V, VII, IX, and X were represented in the sires of imported pups, while Lines I, II, III, V, VII, IX, X, and NDO/KO occurred in the dams. Though not the ultimate measure of genetic diversity, this shows that we remained true to our objective of diversifying the North America gene pool and fostering the concept of one, world-wide gene pool. We are building bridges.

In the first three years, there were some unexpected problems with the dogs we imported. This included one with a malformed hip, a male that was monorchid, and a couple with poor coats. Overall, however, every dog was a great hunter and fit exceptionally well into their new families. As we progressed, we continued to learn more about Fouseks, about shipping puppies, and about how deeply our Czech colleagues cared about our needs. We learned about the pride they showed in our dogs, which were their puppies, of course: American imports are Czech exports! We continue to build bridges.

I had the good fortune to interview some of the first Czech dogs in America. Here are their stories in their own words:

Argo ze Stoprounskych vinic [AKA, Books] moved to Iowa from the Czech Republic in 2015 to live with the Wendel family. Representative of imported dogs, Argo has tested well and is a great hunter. When interviewed for this article, Argo mentioned,



Edý z Veseckých luhů as a puppy with his mom, **Polly od Jemiluk**, and the Martin Skrbek family of Jičín, CR.

(photo: P. Dostál)

“There is nothing I would rather be doing than pointing and retrieving Iowa pheasants, but when I get home, snuggling up to my human brother Brody, is a close second. I hope to sneak some birthday cake this year when Brody turns two. By the way, I think it is safe to say there are few people who enjoy hunting more than my owner, Lucas who has exposed me to all kinds of bird hunting challenges. Lucas says I must be part polar bear, as much as I show such a fondness for cold weather. Although my favorite activity is pointing and tracking down pheasants, I did point a nice little striped skunk for Lucas this fall. I am not so sure he appreciated the accompanying spray. Too bad!” Argo has been used for breeding to another 2015 import, **Angie Vallis Baptismi**.

Cira od Aliny z Nehvizd is a dog with endless stamina, whether it is hunting or cross-country skiing with Brook Merrow and Hiram Adelman. Cira pondered: “It does not seem like any big deal to me, but it seems like Hiram’s friends always compliment my scenting abilities. I do remember hunting pheasants with my stepbrother Barclay of the Midnight Sun, and Edý z Veseckých luhů in Eastern Montana. They scooted through some wetland cover along a small stream but must have been concentrating on something else—you know how guys are easily distracted by bird hunting—because I was the one who found and pointed the rooster tucked in against the creek bank. I am not bragging because I found it and they did not. Why would I do that? It’s just that girls get the job done.” That is a classic Cira performance and one of the reasons Cira was bred twice, including once to Edý z Veseckých luhů.

Edý z Veseckých luhů [AKA, Eider] was one of the first dogs imported and has seen six American hunting seasons. Eider said he has only one complaint with his new life: “I wish I had an owner who was a better shot so that I could do more retrieving.” At this point in the interview, he rolled his eyes. “I love to retrieve,” he continued. “I have made well over a thousand points on wild birds for him and his friends while hunting, but my retrieves number fewer than half that. I have found nearly 96 percent of the birds shot over me, and I sleep well knowing that. It is great living in Montana and with such pleasant places to go bird hunting. My favorite is probably hunting sharp-tailed grouse on the prairies, but ring-necked pheasants are a close second. I remember one



Five Fouska, each holding a sharp-tailed grouse on the prairie. L-R: Edý z Veseckých luhů, Francesca of Dutchman's Hollow, Burley of Salmon River, Jena od Tyrše, and Buckeye B of Midnight Sun.

(photo: R. Sojda)

retrieve of a wounded pheasant when I was younger that I tracked for a kilometer and then retrieved to hand. Now that was fun!”

Jena od Tyrše retold the story of her Natural Ability Test in Wisconsin when I interviewed her: “All my paperwork says my owner is Jim Crouse. However, his teen-aged daughter, Emily, was the one who prepared me for my field test. I was soooooo happy to be able to track that rooster during the test. Somehow, it was easy for me. Emily looked so proud when I brought it back to her. I guess girls get the job done.” It seems to me that Jena must be talking to Cira. Jena continued, “We travel around the U.S. a bit for bird hunting, and I particularly love hanging out with my other Czech buddies when we get together for sharp-tailed grouse hunting in Montana and chasing pheasants in Iowa and South Dakota.” Although Jena will not boast, Jim tells stories of her incredible nose and pointing birds that others have missed. Jena also is infamous for chewing up Jim’s favorite hats and any slippers lying about the house.

Kája od Tyrše, a half-sister to Jena, has the distinction of being the only dog imported to North America who has travelled back East and visited her homeland. She and owner Andy Ogden participated in the Cesky Fousek World Cup in 2018, receiving a Prize IIIc. She is also the only recent import to have completed a Utility Test in America; in 2019, Andy and Kája received the “General Rogers Award” given to the highest-scoring Utility dog of the year. Kája reported that despite all her success in testing, “My real love is hunting in the woods and marshes of Northern New York along the Canadian border. When I can point a ruffed grouse or an American woodcock for Andy, and then smell the burnt gunpowder from his shotgun...well, nothing could be finer. Although, I do really love retrieving ducks in the mighty St. Lawrence River and have taught myself about navigating the currents.”

We Americans could not be happier about this new round of Cesky imports to North America. This process has taught us about the differences in the way we hunt our dogs; but in so doing, it has taught us that the characteristics we want in our hunting dogs are identical. What wonderful friendships have been forged among breeders and new puppy owners; among all the folks helping to select good dogs for import; and among those handling the import logistics. Our joint interest in hunting with outstanding dogs and in

CFNA Adds New Test Venue

Here’s some exciting news. Due to the increasing popularity of the Cesky Fousek in the southeastern U.S., some club members there are holding an inaugural field test as they work to establish a new Southeast Chapter. Donn Fizer is the lead contact person for this effort. We wish the group well and look forward to hearing about their test experience. Check it out if you can.

Test Chair: Donn Fizer Mobile: (205) 641-0471 E-mail: fizerfamily@att.net

Dates: Saturday 2/29 and Sunday 3/01

Test Location:

McCain Farm
136 River Road
Belton, SC 29627

Annual Seminar to Feature Dog Training Expert Robert Milner



Robert Milner, author of *Absolutely Positively Gun Dog Training* will be the presenter. Milner will be condensing his regular two-day seminar into a one-day program for our club. Attendees will learn valuable techniques for cooperative training to develop your dog into a skilled hunter and family companion.

Date: March 27th Location: Jerome, ID

Pre-Registration Required

There will be a one-hour lunch break with a catered lunch (taco bar) available at that time. The cost of the seminar with lunch is \$25.00. This fee needs to be prepaid as a reservation for your attendance at the seminar and lunch. Use the Rocky Mountain Test payment form for your reservation. It's available on line at:

<https://ceskyfousekna.org/progeny-testing/rocky-mountain-test/2020-seminar/>

Note: the form is for both entering a dog in the Rocky Mountain Test AND registering for the seminar. If you're not testing a dog, just leave the testing portion blank and fill out the seminar information.

Print off the form and mail with your check to address on the form.

Future Events

Southeast Chapter Inaugural Test

February 28-March 1st, 2020

Location: Belton, SC

Test Chairs Don Fizer

Phone/Text: (205) 641-0471

Email: fizerfamily@att.net

Rocky Mountain: Spring Test

Training day on Thursday, March 26, 2020

Club Seminar on Friday, March 27, 2020

Test on Saturday & Sunday, March 28 & 29, 2020

Location: Jerome, ID

Test Chairs John-Angie McDunn

Email: McDunnK9@hotmail.com

<http://bohemiangriffon.org/progeny-testing/rocky-mountain-test/>

Heartland Chapter: Spring Test

April 24-26 2020

Location: Mazomanie, WI

Test Chairman: Dave Read PH (616) 836-5304

email: readgriff@att.net

<https://bohemiangriffon.org/progeny-testing/heartland-tests/>

Northeast Chapter: Spring Test

May 15-16 Winterport ME

Test Chairman Laurie Connell & Scott Craig

email: oquassa5@gmail.com

Mobile: (207) 525 3383

<https://bohemiangriffon.org/progeny-testing/northeast-test/>

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