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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

The August GDS is normally chock-full of test results from our major spring testing cycle. Not this year. What began with a promising first-ever Southeast Test ended with cancellations everywhere else. A band of dedicated Montana folks pulled off a modest test in June, but that was it. Hopefully we'll be able to salvage a Fall season.

What is usually a large issue was looking pretty lean, but in the end, there has been plenty of material to give members an informative issue. Of course there are some test scores, and Tawna Skinner penned a very helpful article on training for the track. My dog, Brom, whiffed on the bird track in his IHDT, and I've been trying Tawna's method with him after the fact. I'm impressed. Use it and your pup may do well in the tracking tests too.

Just because we haven't been testing much doesn't mean that the club has been dormant. The Judging Committee reports on their work to address our club's judging needs.

So enjoy the August issue; stay safe, and I hope to see great results in the upcoming Fall Tests.

*Rem DeJong,*

Editor

## **On the Cover:**

**Eider (Edý z Veseckých luhů)** dons a mask. His expression says it all for the way COVID-19 has messed with the 2020 spring tests this year. But you can't keep a good dog down.

(Photo by owner: Rick Sojda)

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# Introduction to the Judging Committee

## from the Judging Committee Members

Our club, Český Fousek North America (CFNA), is different from the vast majority of hunting dog clubs. The primary difference is that we are a *Breeding Club* with the sole purpose that our mandatory tests (NAT and IHDT) are dedicated to informing the breeding decisions made by the Breeding Committee (BC) and monitoring the success of our breeding program. With progeny testing as the centerpiece of our evaluation program, we focus on the individual dog and how it measures up to the Breed Standard, not how it compares to other dogs at the test.

The BC was the original club committee and the one that people are probably most familiar. During 2019 the function of BC was divided up into three interrelated committees to not only spread out the work but also engage more club members in club activities. The training committee (TC) is focused on educating puppy owners and helping them prepare for the NAT and IHDT. The TC has completed their first version of a puppy package that is sent to all new owners. The judging committees (JC) primary purpose is to standardize the process of training our CFNA Judges to ensure that our dogs are being evaluated consistently. In a feed-back loop, the work from the TC help with preparing owners and their dogs for the tests, the JC will have a more uniform set of judges, and thus help give the BC more dogs to select from for breeding.

Purpose of CFNA Judging Committee:

1. To train, promote, and have continuing education for CFNA Judges.
2. To support the Breeding Committee by selecting dogs to move into the breeding program that represent as much genetic diversity as possible while eliminating dogs with major faults.

Historically, field tests and trials were used to develop hunting dogs during the era of rapid breed development in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. These trials were competitive in nature and served to eliminate many dogs from breeding programs as breeders believed that mating only the best performing dogs of these tests and trials to each other was the way to develop high-class hunting dogs. Unfortunately, at that time there was not a clear understanding of the negative genetic implications of eliminating many dogs from the breeding population. Selection for breeding the “Best to the Best” is now understood to be detrimental to breed health because it decreases overall genetic diversity. This is especially true for rare dog breeds such as the Český Fousek. Thus, we only want to eliminate dogs from the breeding pool who exhibit major breed standard or hunting ability faults.

Because of our desire to maintain as diverse a gene pool as possible, our CFNA judges need to look beyond a dog’s “performance of the day” to really see the overall potential of each dog and ask if it exemplifies breed standards and could pass on desired traits. This way of judging dogs distinguishes our club from many other organizations such as NAVHDA, whose judges are strictly trained to look at and score only what they see in the field on that specific day, NOT for potential.

The club recognizes that most of our judges are ready to retire and few apprentice judges are moving up in the pipeline. One major obstacle the JC found was that there was no program for judges training, such as is available for NAVHDA judges. Instead we have apprentices follow along in the field and slowly learn from watching other judges

without a clear path forward and little feedback on progress. Therefore, the JC's ultimate goal is to provide a training program for our Judges that provides a standardized building block approach, easily understood by everyone in the pipeline, to guide the development and continuing education of our Judges from Apprentice through Senior Judge.

The Judging Committee is made up of club members from across the spectrum of experience, regional chapters, and backgrounds. As charged by the Board of Directors this committee has been working via teleconferences that occur generally once a week on their first project; that of developing an Apprentice Judges Training Program (AJTP).

Before the JC started to develop the actual AJTP, a solid structure needed to be set in place to ensure that open lines of communication exist from the evaluation of prospective judges on test days through the entire program for decisions on promotion to the next level. The Judge Training Program is made up of the following positions:

- Director of Judging (DJ): An experienced Senior Judge that is responsible for all aspects of the Judge Training Program. Manages the distribution of Judges to ensure there is at least one Judge (Apprentices are encouraged as well) from outside the field test region. Works with the Apprentice Judge Director to develop continuing education courses and to promote Judges to the next level.
- Apprentice Judge Director (AJD): An experienced Senior Judge that is responsible for selecting Mentors and assigning them to Apprentice Judges (AJs) within their chapter. Oversees the entire Apprentice Judge Training Program to include training and advising Mentors, maintaining training records on all AJs in the program, and ultimately working with Mentors, the Judging Committee, and Director of Judging to promote Judges to the next level.
- Mentor: A Judge who is assigned an AJ to act as a wise and trusted counselor and teacher throughout the AJ Training Program (AJTP). There are multiple Mentors from each chapter that report to the Apprentice Judge Director.

It is the general consensus of the JC that the Judge Training Program will 'de-mystify' the requirements to become a Judge and therefore lead to more interest in the program and greater 'buy in' from handlers across the club. As people see a structured program in place with defined requirements to advance to the next tier and Mentors to guide them along the way, more individuals will be willing to take that step.

To help move people up through the ranks more quickly and still train and supply judges as the club needs, the Board of Directors has voted to develop three tiers of judges, a model successfully used in Europe for decades. The three tiers are as follows:

- Senior Judge: Unchanged from previous definition. An experienced Judge who has successfully completed the utility field test (UFT) and the Senior Judge Training Program (this will be the last Training Program developed).
- Utility Judge: A Judge who has successfully completed the UFT. Is qualified to Judge NAT, IHDT, UFT.
- Judge: Has successfully completed the AJTP and has been evaluated as qualified by their Mentor, the AJD, and JD. Qualified to Judge in NAT and IHDT only.

The final two steps of the first phase of the Judge Training Program will be to complete the Apprentice Judge Training Program (AJTP). The Committee is finalizing the Ap-

prentice Judge Handbook which will be provided to all Apprentice Judges and Mentors and lays out the requirements for the Program as well as providing graphics and links to training resources.

Finally, we are developing a day-long Apprentice Judge Training Seminar that would be open to anyone interested in attending. All owners would benefit from the morning of indoor academics followed by an afternoon of fieldwork with Judges to guide them through the NAT and IHDT process. This day-long program will be kicked off at the Heartland Spring 2021 test gathering and presented in all chapters.

Future work for the JC will be to continue to structure the upward movement of Judges through to Senior Judge as well as to review the disciplines in the tests and revise as needed.

#### **Judging Committee Members:**

Anna Artz, Laurie Connell, Jim Crouse, Andy Ogden, Dan Seibel, Jim Seibel, Tawna Skinner, and Andy Yeast

## **CFNA You Tube**

Cesky Fousek North America is developing a YouTube Channel of videos related to our club. Anna Artz recently uploaded two great videos covering the 2018 Cesky Fousek World Cup experience. You can check out these and many more in the current collection at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCemLcT-twFTG0S\\_YGZJTzrQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCemLcT-twFTG0S_YGZJTzrQ)

If you like them; please subscribe to the channel. Are you taking videos of Cesky Fouseks? Please consider sharing them with the club. Posting videos on Facebook is nice, but they tend to have a short lifespan there. If we add videos to our channel, people can view them for a long time. Some of our videos have been viewed thousands of times over several years. Your pup can be a star! You needn't be a cinematographer and we're glad to help get your videos uploaded.

What we need most are videos that demonstrate:

- Raising a litter
- Starting out with a new puppy
- Early training
- Training for various test events
- Hunting experiences
- Health care and daily living tips

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# INAUGURAL FIELD TEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER ATTRACTS DOGS FROM SIX STATES!

by  
Donn Fizer

At the CFNA BOD Meeting in Spring 2019, I was given approval to pursue the organization of the Southeast Chapter in an effort to expand the presence of the Cesky Fousek in the South. After a year of working with CF owners in the southern states, and additional pups going to owners in Louisiana and Georgia, we had six members with dogs that needed to be tested this Spring. Thankfully, Edwin McCain volunteered his hunting camp in Belton, South Carolina for our test site. Word went out to the Fousek Nation that we needed judges to head South the last weekend in February, from the 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1st, to help with our inaugural test. It is hard to imagine that we would have difficulties in getting commitments to travel from the blustery NE or the snow-covered Midwest and Northwest to sunny and warm South Carolina! With the help of our fearless leader, Jim Crouse (OH), Rick Sojda (MT) and Andy Yeast (IA) agreed to be the judging team. We were fortunate to also have Andy Ogden from upstate New York commit to making the trip with Kaja, his CF, to help judge in an apprentice capacity. I must give a shout-out to both Dave Read (MI) and Laurie Connell (ME) who were extremely helpful in sharing their knowledge, advice, checklist and testing material with me. This six-state group of CFNA professionals were instrumental in making this test a success. I can't thank them enough for their support and guidance. Without their help, this test would have never happened.

At the encouragement of Jim Crouse, we offered to set up a training day on the Friday before the two days of testing, and I am proud to say that all six owners and their dogs



Test chair **Donn Fizer** greets the group of participants at the Southeast Chapter's inaugural field test.

committed. We had Kyle Payne with Fritz (NAT) from Shreveport, LA; Damien Lanclos with Remi (NAT) from Augusta, GA; Wally Roberts with Henry (IHDT) from Maryville, TN; Bryan Pennington with Alby (OHDT) from Burlington, NC; Edwin McCain, our host with Becky (OHDT) from nearby Greenville, SC; and myself, Donn Fizer with Lola (OHDT) from Birmingham, AL. The weather in Belton was cool and sunny, so all the dogs had a great time chasing birds and ducks while Jim, Rick, and Andy O. provided great instruction on various facets of the NAT and IHDT. Additionally, Andy helped by passing along a wealth of knowledge on training and testing tips that were extremely beneficial.

Saturday morning started with a beautiful crisp, sunny 30 degrees and a light frost. Temps quickly rose throughout the day into the lower 50's as the NAT dogs ran their test. The first was **Adalbert of Payette River** (aka Fritz) owned by Kyle Payne. His dam was an import, Cora z Cecemínských vinic, and bred by Roger and Nancy Fuhrman (ID). The sire was Corbet of High Desert owned by Greg Miyauchi (CO). At nine months, Fritz is a beautiful male with great temperament. His test started with a search that was excellent as he changed gears based on the cover and showed good teamwork and cooperation with Kyle. The pointing portion of his test started with a flash point but ended with a good, solid point. The track of the live bird was good, and traversed through some thick cover where Fritz was introduced to a heavy patch of briars. During Fritz's water work, we all could tell that Kyle had exposed him early because he showed that he loved the water by leaping in and swimming easily. He is going to make a great duck dog. Fritz showed good use of his nose, attitude towards work, and cooperation in achieving a perfect score of 28 and a Prize I.

The second NAT dog was Damien Lanclos' import **Brownie od Palavských vrksu** (aka Remi). At 10 months Remi is a beautiful female import with a grey-ticked coat with liver plates. Damien brought the entire family, so Remi had her own cheering section, and WOW! --they had tons of opportunity to cheer. Remi started with a good, active search, scoring a perfect 4, which was followed by two solid points and he earned another well-deserved 4. In the track of the live bird, she had a little trouble in picking up the scent and started searching before she finally found the track, and the bird, earning her a score of 3. In her water work, we saw Remi swim easily both times. Damien and Remi are a great team, and it is apparent that she has had a lot of exposure by testing to near perfection in scoring a 27 and receiving a Prize I.



**Adalbert of Payette River** (aka Fritz)  
making a nice retrieve (Owner: Kyle Payne)

The last Fousek of the day to be tested was **Henry of Auger Falls** who was to run the IHDT. Henry is owned by Wally Roberts and was bred by Gary and Ann Pool (ID). The dam was an import, Angie Vallis Baptismi (AKA Tess); and the sire was another import, Argo ze Stoprounských vinic (AKA Books), owned by Lucas and Ashley Wendel (IA). At 21 months old, Henry is an athletic and good-looking dog. Unfortunately two weeks prior to the test, he severely cut his front paw requiring sutures. It was apparent that he was in still in pain at times and uncomfortable while in the field. He didn't do his



**BROWNIE OD PÁLAVSKÝCH VRŠKŮ** (aka Remi) is leading the group on her way to a Prize II Natural Ability Test (Owner: **Damien Lanclos**)

best. Wally and Henry continued to grind through the test scoring a 4 in both the search and retrieve of dragged game, but they ran into difficulties with the water work and in tracking the live pheasant. Henry is a hard-charging male that will hopefully have many good hunting seasons ahead once his wound heals.

Saturday night at the McCain Camp, a repurposed old barn that has been converted into a hunting camp, was quite impressive. Dinner was created by a local Chef that came to the Camp and put together an exquisite Southern dining experience that was enjoyed by all. Dinner was followed by dessert and quality time by the fire getting to know each other. Thanks, Edwin, for a truly a special evening!

Sunday's testing began as another cool morning in the mid 30s, but it was sunny and warmed to the 50s. We had a short day of conducting the partial testing of three older hunting dogs. We started with water work for **Alby of Bald Eagle**, who was 34 months old. He is owned by Brad Pennington and was bred by Brook and Hiram Adelman (MT). The dam was the import, Cira od Aliny z Nehvzd, and the sire was another import, Edý z Veseckých luhů (AKA Eider) owned by Mary Ann and Rick Sojda (MT). Alby had done well in his field portion of the IHDT but needed to be retested for the water portion. He started with the track of the duck, where he recognized spots of scent but couldn't advance the track. The deep water retrieve of the duck required several commands after a couple of drops, but concluded with delivery to hand. His final water test was the blind retrieve, where he had a nice productive search, showing good use of nose. However on the retrieve, he dropped the bird a few times, resulting in a score of 2. Bryan and Alby make a solid team, but due to lower scores in the water work, Alby was unable to prize. For those of us who know the history Alby's history, he has come a long way with a lot of work done by Brook and Hiram, Laurie Connell, and now Bryan. Alby has become a solid hunting companion for Brian.



Our second, older hunting dog was a female import, **Becky z Plezomskeho lesa** owned by Edwin McCain. At 33 months, Beck is a really good looking, grey and liver-plated spirited Fousek that loves game. We started the OHDT with a retest on the blind retrieve, and Becky had a great productive search finding the duck. On the retrieve, however, she had a couple of drops that required a couple of commands before bringing it to hand resulting in a nice score of 3. From there, we went to the field for the search where Becky showed a productive methodical pattern with good range and teamwork with Edwin, resulting in a perfect 4. The last portion of the test was the retrieve of dragged game where she started on the track, followed it nicely, but came back without the bird. This resulted in a score of a 1 preventing her from receiving a prize. Edwin and Becky make a great hunting pair, and I can't wait to hear about how their upcoming hunting season goes.

The last Older Hunting Dog of the day was **Cahaba's Lola od Karlova smrku** who is owned by Donn Fizer. At 37 months, Lola is a good looking, brown female and was only retesting on the deep water retrieve of the duck. She showed a love of water and ducks but had an issue with the retrieve to hand. She retrieved the duck but dropped it when only three feet away from Donn. It took a couple of strong commands to get her to again pick up the duck and bring it to hand, resulting in a score of 2. Based on her previous scores in the other facets of the IHDT, Lola scored 148 point and a Prize III. Lola has had a lot of hunting exposure, and she and I are looking forward this Fall's hunts.

In retrospect, we now know how timely this test actually was. Not two weeks later, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many states across the country would start imposing stay-at-home orders that would cause all other scheduled CFNA Spring Test and Exposure Days to be cancelled or severely altered. This made the many memories from our inaugural test for the Southeast Chapter all the more special. I want to say, "Thank You", to all the owners who endured the trials and tribulations of training and testing, as well as to all the judges who traveled from across the country to help advance the Cesky Fousek in the South. We are looking forward to Spring 2021 for our next test, and hopefully, we showed all who made the trip to Belton, South Carolina some true Southern Hospitality!



**CAHABA'S LOLA OD KARLOVA SMRKU**(aka Lola) taking a break (Owner: **Donn Fizer**)

## Five Dogs Tested in NAT by the Rocky Mountain Chapter by Rick Sojda

The Rocky Mountain Chapter held a Natural Ability Test for five dogs near Willow Creek, MT, June 13 and 14. This was in lieu of our usual spring test in Jerome, ID, that was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. The abbreviated test was held only for local Fouseks, knowing there were five such youngsters that needed testing. Several members recognized the importance of doing so before the pups were beyond the stage when innate characteristics start to be further masked by training and environment.

The following dogs from Southwest Montana were tested: **Ace of Cherry River**, owned by Terry Kramer; **Amie of Cherry River**, owned by Kanako and Mike Vance; **Adaline Rose of Payette River** (Ada), owned by Diane and Randy Ross; **Angus of Shaw Brook**, owned by Andrew Olcott; and **Beatrix the Brown of Bald Eagle** (Bru), owned by Jake Adelman. All dogs were 12 to 14 months of age. Diane and Randy Ross were the gracious hosts they have always been in letting the club train and test on their ranch. Because we did not want to test their dog on her home turf, we arranged to test Ada on a ranch adjacent to the property of Mary Ann and Rick Sojda, thirty miles east. The use of the Burkart Ranch worked well, but we did have to make a midstream adjustment in our plans on test day to avoid disturbing a pair of nesting sandhill cranes. That, however, was a fine price to pay to see and hear the pair's antics.



**Beatrix the Brown of Bald Eagle** (aka Bru)  
owned by **Jake Adelman**  
(Photo by Angie McDunn)

Gary Pool served as senior judge, with John McDunn and Rick Sojda assisting. Zeb Breuckman served as apprentice and also served as judge for Bru, with Rick abstaining because his dog was the sire. Dan Seibel and Rusty Dill helped as bird handlers. Angie

McDunn was the photographer. She and Tawna Skinner arranged for score cards. John McDunn procured great birds.

We had strong winds, which always make tracking and pointing tougher, but some dogs "still got'er done." Ace received a Prize 1 and Bru a Prize 2. Ada and Amie did quite well, but there were problems with pointing and tracking. All four swam like fish, a highlight of the day. Angus had troubles on test day with most everything and generally seemed insecure about hunting and exploring the fields and woods. We hope that is not an innate problem. We discussed providing a lot more exposure to a wide variety of experiences to help Angus develop more normally. All five dogs exhibited remarkable personalities and strong attachment to their owners.

We have been fortunate to be the guests of Diane and Randy on their fine place for various club events for many years. Members like them continue to be the backbone of our club, facilitating needed activities. Plus, they make training and developing our Fouseks so much fun. Many thanks to them and to all the handlers and breeders. It is no small task raising pups and getting them ready for test day. Finally, thanks to all the members who heeded our request to stay away from the event as the chapter did its part to minimize COVID-19 transmission in Montana. Not being able to invite everyone and enjoy meals and brews together with old and new friends was difficult. We look forward to the future and promise to party hearty to make up for 2020 as we continue to celebrate our wonderful Fouseks.



*I bet I can get there before it hits the water!*

**Adeline Rose of Payette River** (aka Ada) with owner **Randy Ross**

(Photo by Angie McDunn)



**Angus of Shaw Brook**  
with owner **Andrew Olcott**  
(Photo by Angie McDunn)



**Amie of Cherry River** with a nice retrieve (Owner: **Mike Vance**)  
(Photo by Angie McDunn)



**Ace of Cherry River** on his way to “acing” his NAT with a Prize I!  
(Owner: **Terry Kramer**)

(Photo by Angie McDunn)



**Gary Pool** (senior judge) with **John McDunn** (assistant judge) tallying the scores.

(Photo by Angie McDunn)

## NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 2020

WI = Wisconsin  
 SC = South Carolina ANGUS  
 ID = Idaho  
 MT = Montana  
 \* = 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
<b>GROUP 465, Page 13</b>													
<b>BEATRIX THE BROWN OF BALD EAGLE, F, MT.</b>	14	4	4	2	4	3	4	4	25	III			ok
<b>GROUP 466, Page 14</b>													
<b>ACE OF CHERRY RIVER, M, MT.</b>	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I			ok
<b>AMIE OF CHERRY RIVER, F, MT.</b>	13	4	1	2	4	3	4	3	21				ok
<b>GROUP 467 Page 14</b>													
<b>BROWNIE OD PÁLAVSKÝCH VRŠKŮ, F, SC.</b>	10	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	27	II			ok
<b>GROUP 468 Page 15</b>													
<b>ANGUS OF SHAW BROOK, M, MT.</b>	13	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	12				*
<b>GROUP 469 Page 15</b>													
<b>ADALBERT OF PAYETTE RIVER, M, SC</b>	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I			ok
<b>ADALINE ROSE OF PAYETTE RIVER, F, MT</b>	13	4	0	1	4	3	4	4	20				*

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.

**NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 2020**

**BEATRIX THE BROWN OF BALD EAGLE**, F, 14 mos. Whelped 4/6/2019. No measurements for length or height. No coat descriptions. Temperament—Happy, fun dog to be around.. Owned by Jake Adelman. Bred by Hiram Adelman.

**ACE OF CHERRY RIVER**, M, 13 mos. Whelped 4/13/2019. No measurements for length or height. No coat descriptions. Temperament—Happy, hard working dog, good game desire. Owned by Terry Kramer. Bred by Mike/Kanako Vance.

**AMIE OF CHERRY RIVER**, F, 13 mos. Whelped 4/13/2019. No measurements for length or height. No coat descriptions. Temperament—Nice, well adjusted dog.. Owned by Mike/Kanako Vance. Bred by Mike/Kanako Vance.

**BROWNIE OD PÁLAVSKÝCH VRŠKŮ**, F, 10 mos. Whelped 4/28/2019. No measurements for length or height. No coat descriptions. Temperament—Not gun shy.. Owned by Damien Lanclos. Bred by Adam Machala.

**ANGUS OF SHAW BROOK**, M, 13 mos. Whelped 5/2/2019. No measurements for length or height. No coat descriptions. Temperament—soft, sensitive to people, would not come to handler after water, noises caused the dog to jump, lacks game desire.. Owned by Andrew Olcott. Bred by Tony Meyers.

**ADALBERT OF PAYETTE RIVER**, M, 9 mos. Whelped 5/29/2019. No measurements for length or height. No coat descriptions. Temperament—Not gun shy. Owned by Kyle Payne. Bred by Roger/Nancy Fuhrman.

**ADALINE OF PAYETTE RIVER**, F, 13 mos. Whelped 5/29/2019. No measurements for length or height. No coat descriptions. Temperament—Happy, cooperative, eager \* on 2nd shot, the dog stopped search and followed the handler for a few minutes.. Owned by Randy/Diane Ross. Bred by Roger/Nancy Fuhrman.

**New Pedigrees**

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

**PEDIGREE 465**

Chán od Hlučálu

Dar ze Zátkovy zahrádky

Cindy ze Zátkovy zahrádky

Edý z Veseckých luhů

Geret z Miroslavského dvora

Polly od Jemiluk

Ira od Jeníků

**“B” of BALD EAGLE**

Aris od Prosné aleje

Gyrr od Vavříneckého rybníka

Bora od Lejnarů

Cira od Aliny z Nehvizd

Bon z Chladné stráně

Daga z Duškova dvora

Alka z Duškova dvora

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### PEDIGREE 466

Mak z Hvízdalky

Brok z Lesní

Aida z Dělnické samoty

Oliver z Malého Boubína

Cid od Tří stromů

Irry z Malého Boubína

Heddy z Malého Boubína

### “A” of CHERRY RIVER

Borek z Duškova dvora

Aran z Rohatecké slatiny

Bára od Lejnarů

Calina Rokycanská kotlina

Bon z Chladné stráně

Bára Rokycanská kotlina

Adina Rokycanská kotlina

### PEDIGREE 467

Aran od Petrovského zámku

Gaston z Podhoránku

Cherry z Malého Boubína

Baron Farní dvůr

Emír z Dubové hráze

Asta od Zábořského dubu

Nora od Volyňského soutoku

### BROWNIE OD PÁLAVSKÝCH VRŠKŮ

Mak z Hvízdalky

Cvik z Debce

Ajda z Debce

Annie z Kyjovic

Ogar z Březové stráně

Rita z Kyjovic

Era z Rostěnic



## New Pedigrees

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

### PEDIGREE 468

	Adam z Netolických rybníků
	Akim z Těšínovských buků
	Nikol od Těšínovských buků
Brady of Blackberry Briar	Blue Mountain Brew
	Francesca of Dutchman's Hollow
	Ayla of Ancient Kennel
<b>“A” of SHAW BROOK</b>	
	Char z Drňovek
Ajax z Vobícek	Afra od Strouhovce (57806)
Alma z Březové hráze	Mak z Hvízdalky
	Hena z Podhoránku
	Cherry z Malého Boubína

### PEDIGREE 469

	Aesir of Dakota Prairie
	Clancy of Salmon River
	Braun of Marsh Stream
Corbet of High Desert	Andrew Phillip of Sourdough Trail
	Alexis of Arrowrock
	Annie Oakley of Glacier Ridge
<b>“A” of PAYETTE RIVER</b>	
	Fešák od Pitné vody
Art z Koštické Žejdličky	Gess z Lipových dolin
Cora z Cecmínských vinic	Aron zpod Holovky
	Bona z Kešahu
	Tora z Fešandy

**INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2019**

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

**GROUP 442, Aug., 2018 GDS****CAHABA'S LOLA OD KARLOVA SMRKU, F, 37 MOS., SC**

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**GROUP 446, Aug., 2018 GDS****++ALBY OF BALD EAGLE, M, 34 MOS., SC**

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**GROUP 449, Aug., 2018 GDS****BECKY Z PLEZEMSKEHO LESA, F, 32 MOS., SC**

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**GROUP 460, Aug., 2019 GDS****HENRY OF AUGER FALLS, M, 21MOS., SC**

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**See test photo galleries at:**

**<https://ceskyfousek.smugmug.com/Field-Testing/Southeast-Spring-2020>**

**<https://ceskyfousek.smugmug.com/Field-Testing/Rocky-Mountain-Spring-2020-Montana>**

**INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2020**

**CAHABA'S LOLA OD KARLOVA SMRKU** F, 37 mos., whelped 1/4/2017. Conformation: .4, 23.5" L X 23" H. Coat; 3. med harsh, med dense, open on belly, sparse furnishings . Temperament: eager for game, happy, easy to examine . Owned by Donn Fizer, 3205 Indian Crest Dr., Indian Springs Village, AL 35124 . Bred by Karel Zehnal. Pedigree 442, Aug., 2018 GDS

**ALBY OF BALD EAGLE**, M, 34 mos., whelped 4/21/2017. Conformation: .No measurements taken. Coat, no coat evaluation. Temperament: No comments on judges sheet. Owned by Bryan Pennington, 2286 Huffman Mill Rd., Burlington, NC 27215 . Bred by Hy Adleman. Pedigree 446, Aug., 2018 GDS.

**BECKY Z PLEZOMSKEHO LESA**, F, 32 mos., whelped 9/6/2017. Conformation: 4, 24" L X 24" H. Coat 3, med. harsh, med. dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, open on ears, med. furnishings. Temperament: calm, good game desire, a little difficult to handle during examination. Owned by Edwin McCain, 15 Rock Creek Dr., Greenville, SC 29605 . Bred by Jitka Potuzakova. Pedigree 449, Aug., 2018 GDS

**HENRY OF AUGER FALLS**, M, 21 mos., whelped 5/23/2018. Conformation: 25" H X 24.5" L. Coat: med. harsh, dense, slight curl, full furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: High strung, somewhat independent, some aggression to other dogs Owned by Wallace Roberts, 1943 Whitehall St., Maryville, TN 37803. Bred by Gary/Ann Pool. Pedigree 460, Aug., 2019 GDS

**Alby of Bald Eagle** getting ready for his duck search  
(Owner: **Bryan Pennington**)  
(Photo by Damien Lancois)



**BECKY Z PLEZEMSKEHO LESA** after a successful duck search (Owner: **Edwin McCain**)  
(Photo by Damien Lancois)



**Henry of Auger Falls** (aka Henry) makes a nice retrieve to hand while judges Andy Yeast and Jim Crouse look on.

(Owner: **Wally Roberts**)

(Photo by Rick Sojda)

*If looks could kill I would be deadly!!* Henry of Auger Falls  
(Photo by Damien Lancois)



## **Two Important Items from the Board of Directors Meeting, May 2020**

by Roger Fuhrman, Treasurer, CFNA

### **1. PUPPY PURCHASER PAYMENT FLEXIBILITY**

The economy has taken quite a tumble recently during the COVID19 pandemic. A question relating to whether some who are purchasing a puppy this year may need some financial flexibility from having lost income was a topic of discussion during the CFNA's Board of Directors meeting.

The idea of flexibility had some appeal and the Board decided to help in this regard. Puppy prices are currently set at \$1,250, with \$625 going to the breeder and \$625 going to CFNA. If the puppy purchaser needs some financial flexibility, they should let the breeder know. The breeder will then inform Roger Fuhrman, the CFNA Treasurer. The breeders will receive their \$625 before the puppy is given to the purchaser, but the CFNA is willing to receive their \$625 on terms mutually satisfactory to the purchaser and the CFNA Treasurer.

Roger's phone number 208-484-5389, and his email is [roger@easycookin.com](mailto:roger@easycookin.com)

### **2. CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION WITH THE CFNA**

The CFNA carries liability insurance that gives us protection in the event someone is injured at a CFNA function like our dog tests. During the process of renewing the policy this year, the agent asked if we have stopped using the BWPGCA name. I told her I thought some of the CFNA Chapters were still using this name as part of their name. Our agent urged all chapters to drop the association with the BWPGCA, and include the Cesky Fousek North America name in our Chapter's names, instead. Failure to associate with the CFNA may cause issues. If a claim were placed, the Chapter may find it is uninsured. Please let Jim Crouse and Roger Fuhrman know when the Chapter's names have been changed.



# Training the Track: My Approach

## by Tawna Skinner

“Versatile” dogs, of which the Cesky Fousek is one of many breeds, were developed in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries for the “foot” hunter, who pursued all types of game for the table, almost on a daily basis. These breeds were developed as “do it all” dogs, expected to be hunting helpers that could find and point upland birds; track and trail rabbits, foxes and other “fur”; and cooperatively retrieve anything and everything on land and water, all while having a friendly, people-oriented temperament. To this day, “versatile” dogs are expected to possess and exhibit these aforementioned natural abilities. In our club, we test our young dogs twice, in a hunt-like setting, to determine whether our dogs will exhibit these natural abilities when given the opportunity.

The caveat here is that our dogs come with the potential for exhibiting and using these natural traits. But to be a worthwhile hunting companion and to do well in a hunt test situation, a dog’s natural ability needs to be developed prior to hunting or testing.

In the past, lots of time spent in the field hunting all types of game gave the dog experience to develop skills. Hunting rabbits provided the opportunity to develop tracking/trailing skills. “Less than accurate” shooting was a chance for the dog to track down wounded pheasants or other birds.

These days are different. Most of us do not hunt rabbits. Upland bird hunting seasons are short and controlled, and most of us want to hunt, not train, during those seasons. During much of the year, we dog owners are limited in time and in land and water to train on. Then there are the birds: Wild birds are generally only available in season, and pen-raised birds are expensive and at times hard to come by. So how does one help a dog develop those innate abilities in today’s conditions?

Over the years, I have acquired, developed and used a number of approaches to train my dogs to be effective hunters, despite limitations of time, land, water and birds. In this article, I am going to share a method for developing your dog’s tracking ability for wherever you live and within your situational constraints.

In tracking, we want the dog to be calm, focused, attentive, persistent and efficient. We want the dog to be able to recognize game bird scent and its strength, as well as discriminate that scent from the myriad other scents in the same area. We want them to know that ground/foot scent can lead them to a bird or other game.

Prior to starting this training, you should introduce your dog to a dead game bird of the type for which you want to train tracking, such as a pheasant or duck, so the dog knows and recognizes the scent.

When training for tracking, I do not use live birds let loose to run off. This encourages young dogs to search because the ground scent is minimal and unevenly spaced, and they do not know what you want them to do. So, they do what they think is best and what has yielded results before, which is, generally, searching. Using live birds is also expensive, as it takes several experiences for the dog to understand that following ground scent is what you want them to do.

Rather, I want young dogs to learn this tracking method of finding a bird, as opposed to

searching, so that when presented with the opportunity, they have another skill to use. I also want the training to be in a controlled situation so that I know where the track is, and I can see what the dog is doing.

#### Procedure:

First, gather up the necessary supplies. You will need a harness that fits your dog, a long line/check cord of about 20 feet in length, a canvas dummy or Dokken bird and a bottle of liquid scent of your choice. A dead, cold (but not frozen) game bird of choice can also be used. In addition, you will need a method to mark the track line, so you know exactly where it is. Rocks, flagging, flag pins or stakes will work. Also bring your training treats and clicker, if you use them.

Next, find a place to train that has short green grass or other short vegetation that is safe for you and your dog and has little or no distractions. Your backyard is a good place to start or a local park, school yard, cut hay field, etc. An enclosed area is also helpful in the beginning.

Go out to the area you have chosen and mark (using flagging, rocks, flag pins, stakes) a 20- to 30-yard straight path. Because we cannot scent like a dog, it is important to mark the path visually so that we can tell, without a doubt, where the track is. These first few times must be short and very controlled. The wind direction is not too important at this point but setting the track up into the wind is best in the beginning.

After marking the path, set up the track. At the beginning (if you have a dead bird), remove a few feathers and place at the start; otherwise, just rub the scented dummy on the ground to make a hot spot. Mark the start with something. Drag the dead bird or dummy down the path and leave it at the end. Bring the dog up to within 5 feet of the starting point. Make sure the dog has a flat collar or harness on, with the long line attached. Have the dog sit/stay for a short time (1 to 3 minutes) for you both to calm down. (If you have not taught your dog sit/stay, you need to do that, as it is the best method for teaching "temperament control.") Because calm, focused attention to the track is imperative for success, a dog needs to be able to manage their temperament in an exciting situation.)

Grab the collar with your left hand and, with the cord also in your hand, bring the dog to the start. Lean down and pat the ground with your right hand at the start point, giving your dog a short command like "fetch" or "track." Continue forward, patting the ground for a few feet, until the dog starts to focus on the ground scent and move forward on its own. At this point, you can release the collar but not the long line. You are going to follow along with the



#### **Starting the track**

With a grip on the harness and check cord in tow, dog is brought to the scent.

(Photos by Rem DeJong)

dog to the end of the track. When the dog finds the bird or dummy, you will praise and give a treat. If the dog knows a retrieve command, give that command, and as soon as he picks it up, you will jog back to the start. Back at the start have the dog sit and give you the bird/dummy. Give the dog praise, click and treat. Put the dog away for 10 minutes while you set up a new track.

You will do 1 to 2 more tracks just like above and end for the day.

If the dog wants to go really fast or move way off the track, bring the dog back to the track and pat the ground again to get him focused on the ground scent. Do not allow the dog to come off the track more than 3 to 4 feet on either side. With a big, strong dog that is eager, this can take some doing. Try not to get angry or frustrated. Just stop and bring the dog back to the track, pat the ground and repeat your command. Staying calm will help the dog be calm.

Next day you can set up the situation the same way, keeping hold of the long line to the end. If the dog goes down the track to the bird quickly and efficiently, you know he knows how to track. When the dog is consistently following the track, on line, without veering off or going into search mode, stop and let go of the rope as soon as the dog is focused on the track and moving forward on its own. When the dog reaches the bird, picks it up and brings it to you, click and give a big treat. He knows how to do this. (If the dog does not return with the bird, do not reprimand the dog. You do not want the dog to equate this exercise with an unpleasant experience. Not returning with the bird is a retrieving issue, not a tracking issue, and needs to be worked on separately. Also, young pups may not yet know how to retrieve to hand, so finding the bird at the end is all that is required.)

Have him do one more track in the same manner but a bit longer. Make sure these tracks are straight for the beginning experiences. If he is not following the track on his own, return to going with him, holding the long line.

If he has demonstrated that he's "got it," the next day, set up the same situation as day 2, but with the track being a little longer. For the first 3 days, all the tracks should be in the same area. Then, take a 3-day break before you do this again. Solidification of what was learned (latent learning) will take place during this time.

Once the dogs understand what you want and how to do it, pro-



### **Track Underway**

With dog's nose to the ground, handler lets check cord slide.





### **Delivery to Hand**

Handler waits at starting point, and dog delivers dummy to hand. Time for a treat!

gress will be fast. The next time you practice, vary the criteria a bit by changing only one thing: Use a different bird or scent, longer distance or new place. Over time, you can add a single bend to the track and lengthen it out progressively to 100 yards. Always reward the retrieve to hand. Getting the bird back is more important than how it looks. You can work on preciseness in retrieving in a different lesson.

It is easy to overdo this practice. Some dogs, once they know how to do this, get bored quickly and will be distracted from what they're supposed to do. Make sure that the reward at the end has higher value than other distractions. Practice this in an area that has little or no other distractions, i.e. other dogs, people, kids, animals, birds etc. If at any time the dog goes into search mode, put the long line on and back up to a more controlled situation. Do not practice with free running birds. Make sure your command for tracking is different than your command for blind retrieves which require a dog to search.

This approach to training the track can serve as a basis for following a drag track (which is essentially what you are teaching), wounded game bird tracking and for duck track on water. If a dog can track a duck on land, he can better accomplish it on water. The great thing about this method is that it can be done almost anywhere, anytime of the year, with less expense and time and without the need for live game birds.

Happy Training!

**Editor's Note:**

Glenn and Lyla Lehrer are long-time members of our club and pillars of the Rocky Mountain chapter. Glenn penned the following tribute to their beloved dog, Bessie, after her recent demise. He wrote it in part to remind our members that dogs that do not excel in our testing program will still become valued hunters and family companions. Something we should all remember when testing our dogs.

As you read this piece about Bessie, you'll likely be reminded of your departed griffons and fouseks. I appeal to you to take the time to complete the end-of-life survey that the club is conducting in cooperation with Silvie Neradilová of the Czech breed club. It only takes a few minutes and including your departed dogs in the survey is a way to honor their memory.

## Memories of Bessie Of Hundgaard

by

**Glenn Lehrer**



Bessie had to be put to sleep on May 8<sup>th</sup> this year due to severe age related illnesses. She had turned 14 on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We loved her dearly and miss her loving ways so much. I was with her at the end and she is at rest now without the constant pain she endured. To put her down was a hard decision for Lyla and me to make. We thought we were going to lose her a year ago, but she toughed it out through the winter and was able to continue getting our paper for us even in the deep snow. I am sending this message out now because I can be composed talking about what a wonderful gift our sixth WPGCA program hunting and home companion was to this family.

Bessie was not flashy or

Bessie of Hundgaard (aka Bessie) with owner, Glenn Lehrer  
Photo about 2007.

outstanding in any way other than her deep brown eyes that would melt your heart when you looked into them. She received a Prize I in NAT but did not prize in IHDT due to her inability to track a duck or to complete the deep-water retrieve. Guess what? She spent over a year of her life (13 hunting seasons) in the field and pointed and retrieved over 700 upland birds. She held points on birds in the field for over 30 minutes until I could get to her. She retrieved to hand and protected our younger pups from other dogs in the dog park from scaring them. She developed allergies at age five to over 20 plants and grasses thus I had to give her shots every month which she accepted with grace.

Bessie was love personified. We miss her. She was a comfort camping and never any trouble around the house. She was not demanding. She was not a barker. She was just Bessie, a wonderful, beautiful, cooperative puppy who loved her family and loved to hunt. Lyla and I have been blessed to have her love. We called her wiggle-butt as when she was petted, her whole rear half would move as she wagged her tail. We are fortunate we now have Addy, who is almost ten, to step up to the lead-puppy position in the house and partner with us hunting birds this fall. Also, we have been blessed with a new addition to our family-Aspen now four months old that will help us to carry on. Thank you God for creating our four legged friends.

**Editor's Note:** The club is participating in a study on Cesky Fousek lifespan in cooperation with the Czech breed club. Completing it does not require you to access veterinary records, and it can be completed on-line in just a few minutes. You can repeat the survey for each dog that you've owned.

## Cesky Fousek Life Span Study

by

**Silvie Neradilová**

Are you interested in what health problems Cesky Fouseks have and how long they live? We would like to perform a small study about Cesky Fousek health status using Embark data and a questionnaire. The questionnaire is focused on lifespan whereas the Embark data tell us what genetic diseases occur in the Cesky Fousek population. We need as many questionnaires as possible to perform a solid lifespan study, so please give us a few minutes of your time and fill in the information about your Fouseks that have already crossed the Rainbow Bridge. We would like to investigate if there is a difference in lifespan between dogs living in the US and the Czech Republic as well. The results will be published on the CFNA website and in the GDS.

This survey is open to ALL Cesky Fouseks and club-bred dogs. Readers: Please go to the club website to access the on-line survey. Here is the URL link to the survey:

**<https://ceskyfousekna.org/breed-data/canine-mortality-survey/>**

Thank you! Děkuji!

Silvie

## Future Events

### Fall Test Dates

Limited test information is available at press time. Please check web page: (<https://ceskyfousekna.org>) and Facebook pages for updated test details. Contact Test chairs for complete details.

#### Northwest Chapter

Victor's wetland restoration property  
Monroe, WA

Aug 22 & 23 (possible training day August 21st)  
Dennis Carlson: [carlson@gorge.net](mailto:carlson@gorge.net)

#### Heartland Chapter

Mazomanie Test Grounds, WI  
September 11, 12,13

Dave Read: [readgriff@gmail.com](mailto:readgriff@gmail.com)  
(616) 836-5304

#### Northeast Chapter

Bristol Maine

September 26, 2020

Scott Craig & Laurie Connell: [quassa5@gmail.com](mailto:quassa5@gmail.com)  
(207) 505 2175

#### Southeast Chapter

No event planned

**Please renew your membership**  
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**<https://ceskyfousekna.org/join-renew/>**