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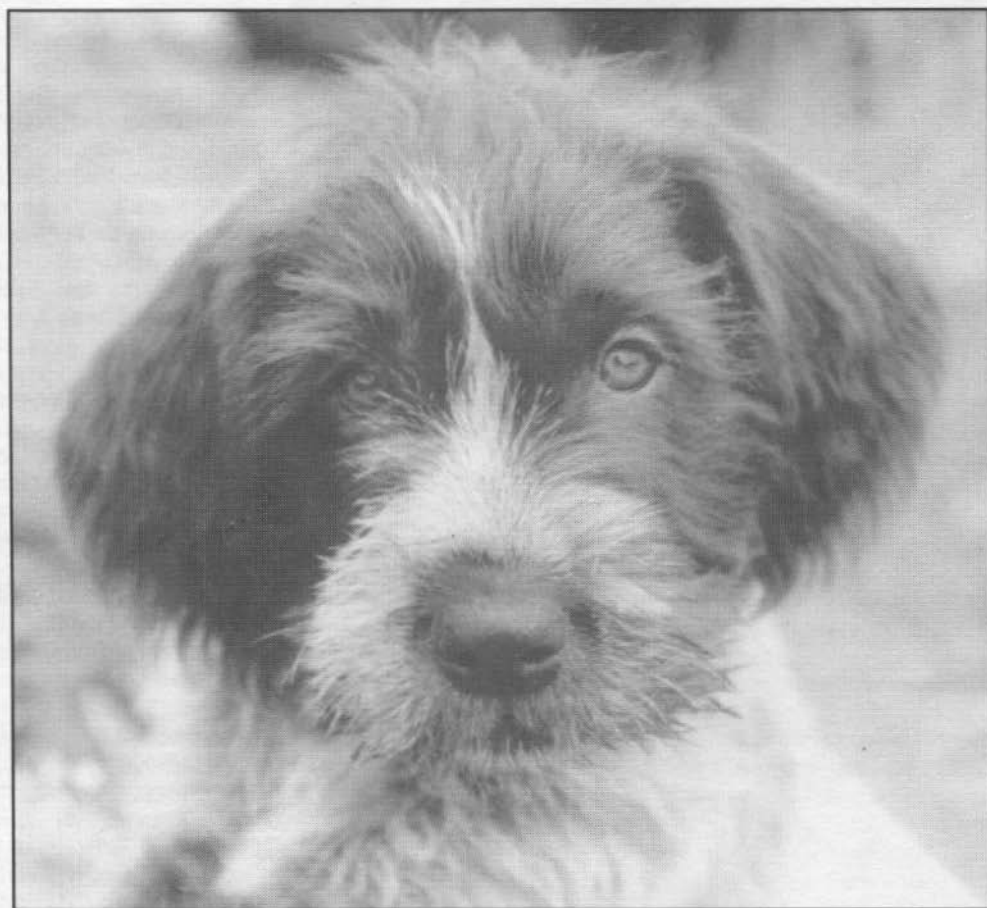
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BE MY VALENTINE!



*Meet **BRISBY OF ALDERBROOK** at 10 weeks of age (Chyt Ze Zaplaz X Bailey of Ocean House). The breeders are Rick and Tina Molt of Maine and the proud new owner is Andy Goode of Vermont. Look for her and other pups being tested in Natural Ability, this spring, at a chapter test near you. (Photo by Tina Molt)*

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THE MONTANA TEST - ANOTHER VIEW

By Joan Bailey



It was a wonderful weekend, organized by Glenn and Lyla Lehrer. Here's how Glenn Delegated:

Glenn: Getting the permit for the test 9 months earlier. Coordinating all the volunteers (contacting each person, about 40 phone calls.)

Lyla: Typing and preparing score cards and typing final cards after the test. Fixing and bringing lunch on Friday.

Glen Johnston: Playing the hunting horns. Arranging for the porta potty. Bringing walkie/talkie radios for use in the field (which also provides for lots of

laughs in addition to efficiency). Bringing steel shot and poppers. Taking charge of the gallery.

Bill Madden: Arranging for a great Saturday night dinner. Chief bird handler.

Ray Bradley: Driving 90 miles to get pheasants. Putting up signs. Helping Bill plant birds. Collecting money for lunch each day. Donating raffle tickets.

Tawna Skinner and Anita Andrus: Driving 3 hours out of their way to pick up ducks and returning same way to return crates. Judging.

Anita: Writing thank you notes to everyone involved.

Ed Spotts: helping with raffle. Planting birds. Bringing his puppy for exposure.

Skip Culver: Helping with raffle. Planting birds. Running his dog in IHDT.

Randy Ross: Making sourdough biscuits and fruit (peach, blueberry and apple) cobblers Saturday and Sunday, cooked in an open fire. Making wrought iron hat rack for the raffle (which I wanted and didn't win.)

Ginger Claussen: Helped with all three lunches, collecting money, and again with Saturday night dinner.

Cory Claussen: Helping plant birds. Running his dog in IHDT.

NEEDED: People assigned to take photos.

JUST A REMINDER

1999 membership dues were due January 1ST

If you would still like to receive the GDS send your check for \$30.00, written out to the WPGCA, to the club treasurer:

Jim Seibel,

17550 Seventeen Mile Rd.

Marshall, MI 49068

It was a wonderful three days at the confluence of the Madison, Jefferson, and Gallatin Rivers, west of Bozeman. Beautiful grounds, perfect weather, and plenty of would be puppy owners, willing to piggyback me back across the soggy swale. Bill Madden talked the owners of historic Sacajawea Inn in Three Forks to serve dinner to us in their gorgeous, restored dinning room. Pretty

elegant for a bunch like us, but we just loved it. Before dinner 20 of us sat on the wide front veranda in wooden rocking chairs, nursing our beer and wine, and as Anita Andrus said, "Griffoniers rocking and rolling" as we watched the sun go down. Not much better than this, believe me.

And Sunday, after evaluating **MERRY MEETING'S ASCARI SCOUT** (a dog with great potential and will probably be used for breeding) and his boss, Al Canaris (they got a prize II IHDT, 16 MOs old). We had a terrific time exposing the young pups. They all got to track and chase a pheasant, then to the puppy pond for the usual duck chase. Just great. Happy people, happy dogs.

MANY FIRSTS FOR YOUTHFUL HUNTERS

By Harry Morse, Regional Conservation Educator, IDFG

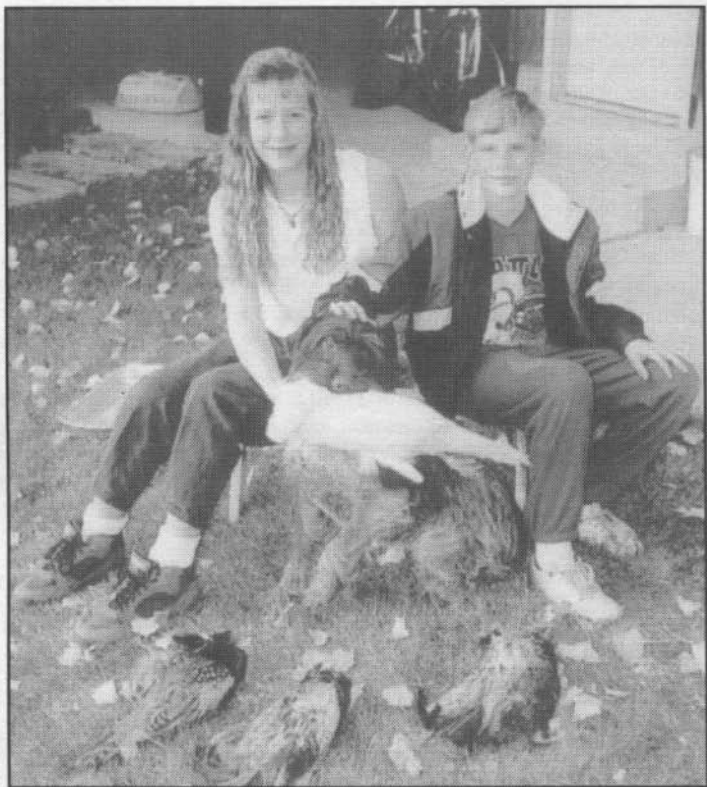
(editors note: this article is reprinted from the November 1997 edition of the Idaho State Journal. It features Katie Yantis, daughter of Mike Yantis, and the family's hunting companion BRANDISH "BRANDY" OF AUGER FALLS.)

She pumped a shell into the chamber, shouldered her 20 gauge shotgun and said "Pull." The clay pigeon exploded with her shot.

Katie Yantis then proceeded to hit the next five clay pigeons in a row. A junior at Highland High School, she was warming up and working on her shooting skills: This was her first pheasant hunt. She was with the rest of the youth pheasant hunters at Sterling Wildlife Management Area last Saturday.

Prior to signing up for the hunt, each of the young hunters had completed a hunter education class and were now receiving shooting skills training before going into the field...

For many of the 40 kids this was their first outing with a gun, a first time pheasant hunt or their first hunt. Ranging in age from 12 to 17 years old this was a learning experience for everyone. Some needed all the shotgun training they could get, and a few like



Katie and John Yantis with BRANDISH "Brandy" OF AUGER FALLS (Arrow of Dutchman's Hollow X Autumn of Hoffman Mill), Prize I NAT. (Photo by Mike Yantis)

Katie were naturals. The youth hunt was co-sponsored by Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the local Pheasants Forever. "This is a great way for young people to learn more about what it takes for wildlife to survive, safe hunting and just have a great time," said Bob Foster, chapter president.

The Hunt

...Two young hunters were paired up with a dog trainer and his dog to hunt pheasants released the day before. Pheasants are released each week at the wildlife area. On this day the kids got first crack at the birds on most of the area. I joined Katie and Mark Peck. Both were on their first pheasant hunt. Mark is a junior at Marsh Valley High School. Katie's dad, Mike Yantis, was guiding with his veteran bird dog Brandy, a Griffon. Griffons are common to the European hunting scene because of their ability to point and retrieve, but uncommon in Idaho.

The first shot went to Mark when Brandy flushed a rooster that sky-rocketed out over a small pond on Mark's side. A clean miss on the first shot, his second shot tumbled the rooster into the water. Brandy swam out to the rooster, and a few tail wags later Mark had his first pheasant.

"That was really neat," Mark said. "It kind of surprised me when it took off. I'm glad I got it on the second shot".

An hour later Brandy scented a second bird. This one ran several hundred yards through chest high sagebrush. Katie and Mark scrambled after Brandy. It was fascinating to watch Brandy track the pheasant. Without Brandy the pheasant was long gone. The Pheasant stopped in a pile of tumble weeds and sage, and Brandy pointed him for Katie.

Roaring skywards with a hard right turn both hunters got off a shot and missed. Chalk one up for the pheasant, and it's ability to be more elusive than a clay pigeon.

Heading back to the truck Brandy's tail went into high gear and the excitement started again. Zigzagging through the sagebrush the pheasant couldn't elude Brandy. Up came the pheasant and Katie's first shot missed.. Her second shot tumbled the pheasant and Katie had her first.

The payoff

At lunch the kids were talking and laughing with each other after sharing their adventures of the morning. Most got a shot, some bagged a rooster and all had a good time learning about pheasant hunting, shotgun skills, dogs and safety with firearms.

"This was great," Katie said. "It was a lot tougher than I thought, and without Brandy I don't know what we could have gotten. Are you going to do this next year?"

With the support of sportsmen and women and groups such as Pheasants Forever, next year's youth hunt is assured.

HEARTWORMS

It is that time of year again to take measures to protect your dog from heartworms. Before you administer any type of preventive medication be sure to have your vet run a blood test to make sure your dog is not already infected.

Preventive medication can be purchased from club member:

*Dr. Tom Whitley
1355 E. Lafayette St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(904) 878-1119 or (904) 386-3625*

Tom donates the profits from these sales to help out the club. So help your dog and help your club too!

Remember...The deadline for sending in articles and photos for the April GDS is March 1st



Can you guess the name of this pretty dog? If so you may win a Griffon hat pin! If you think you know the dog's name be the first to call Joan Bailey at (503) 296-6725. If Joan is not home just leave your name, phone number, and this dog's name. Club officers and judges are ineligible to win....sorry.

KDK

February 26-28, 1999
Rolf Benseler: (925) 376-6726
Email: rbenseler@aol.com

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

March 27 & 28, 1999
Gary Pool: (208) 324-2473
Email: gpool@micron.net

NORTHWEST

April 10 & 11, 1999
Dennis Carlson: (541) 386-4830
Email: carlson@gorge.net

HEARTLAND

April 30-MAY 2, 1999
Jon and Judy Coil: (218) 647-8451
Email: Jcoil@paulbunyan.net
Judges Seminar is scheduled for April 30, also Board of Directors will meet.

NORTHEAST

May 14-16, 1999
Jane McKenna: (207) 666-8260

For those planning to attend be sure to send in your entry fees, and any necessary forms ahead of time. This will make it a little easier on the Field-test Chairpeople.

SOME TIPS TO KEEP YOUR DOG HEALTHY DURING THE COLD WINTER MONTHS

- Keep indoor dogs in a dry, warm area free of drafts. If possible elevate your pet's bed off the floor.
- Provide outdoor dogs with a dry, insulated dog house or shelter out of the wind. If the weather is severe or the temperature gets real cold please bring you dog inside.
- Staying warm requires extra calories, so feed your dog accordingly when the temperature drops. Talk to your veterinarian for advice on feeding your pet.
- Always have fresh clean water available.
- Remove ice, salt and caked mud from your pet's paws and coat at once. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your pet has frostbite. Frostbitten skin may turn reddish, white or gray, and it may be scaly or sloughing.
- For those who live in the "tropical" southern region...don't rub it in.

For more information and tips on how to keep your dog healthy and to read other pet related topics check out the American Veterinarian Medical Association web site at <http://www.avma.org> or the NetVet/Electronic Zoo web site at <http://netvet.wustl.edu/dogs.htm>.



Doug Vickstrom with DeCody of Dutchman's Hollow (left) and Bill Barglof with Ellie of Dutchman's Hollow (right). (Stillwater Evening Gazette photo by Mike Marsnik, News Editor.)

The picture on the left, sent in by Jean Vickstrom of Bettendorf, IA, appeared on the front page of the August 4th edition of the Stillwater (MN) Evening Gazette. The accompanying caption read "Pontoon Voyagers...Dr. Doug Vickstrom and Bill Barglof along with their Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, Cody and Ellie, prepared for their 321 mile return trip to Pleasant Valley, Iowa (near Davenport) this morning. They set out from Lock and Dam14 on Saturday morning, averaging 30 mph in the "BluebirdIV," their 24-foot pontoon. The Modern-day voyagers called their trip "a lark," and said their only difficulty was some high waves at Lake Pepin. Vickstrom is a doctor of internal medicine and Barglof runs a trailer manufacturing firm near Des Moines, Iowa."

Jean adds that "Doug and Bill made the 700 mile round trip on the

Upper Mississippi River in 5 1/2 days. Their dogs (half sisters) DeCody of Dutchman's Hollow and Ellie of Dutchman's Hollow, Respectively, wore their "Aqua Dog" life preservers when warranted on the water and were firmly on leashes when landing .

October 14, 1998

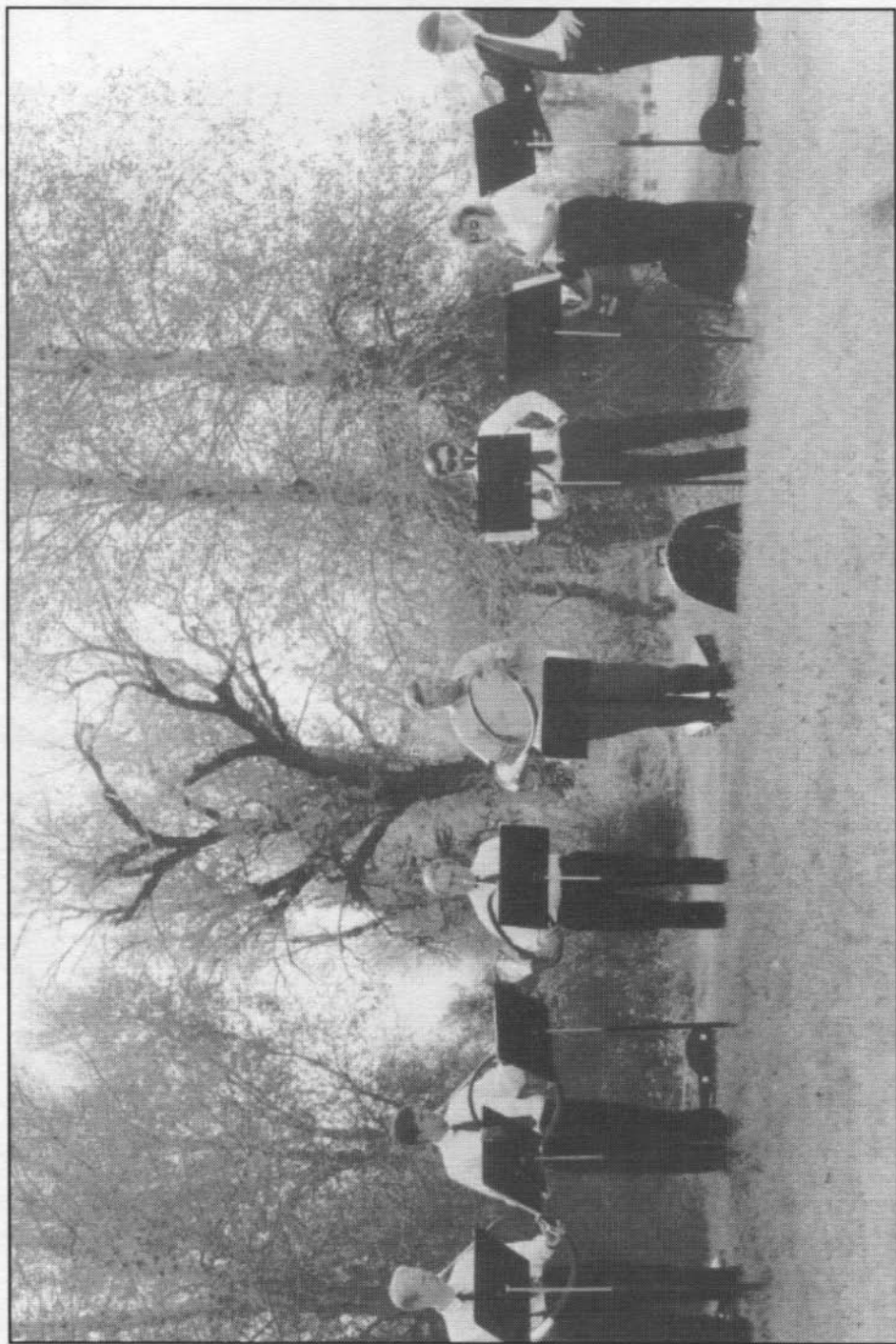
Dear Joan,

Aida has been everything I had hoped for. She has been a fantastic family dog. Both Emily and Danny take her out in the yard daily to play. Aida is nothing short of perfection. She uses her nose constantly, sniffing out everything possible. I have taken her to the fields many times to find wild birds and she has performed quite well. I'm really looking forward to Iowa's pheasant season ...

Thanks a bunch!
Jim Gill, Iowa City, IA



Danny Gill playing with AIDA OF GREAT PLAINS (Erik od Jezerak X Ana of Show-Me-Borealis)



Glen Johnston's parforce hunting horn band, performing at lunch during the RMGC fall test at Three Forks, MT (Photo: Joan Bailey Sept. 1997)



*Judy Coil (MN) with BERTA OF SHOW-ME-BOREALIS (Dan Cernicky X Brandy of Dutchman's Hollow), Prize I NAT, Prize II IHDT, after a successful duck hunt.
(Photo by: Jon Coil, Fall 1998)*



*I'm the cats meow! MERRY MEETING'S ALI MAE (Chyt Ze Zaplav X Prairie Storm's Alder), Prize I NAT, spending some quality time with owner Art Aeberli of New York.
(Photo by: Michele Aeberli)*