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THE SMILES SAY IT ALL



This happy threesome pause after completing their NAT test in WA. From the left: Dennis Carlson and CZECKERS OF IAMONIA (Prize I, NAT); Tony Aldredge with FRAZIER OF AUGER FALLS (Prize III, NAT), and Jeff Dillon with AGUILA OF THE GREAT PLAINS (Prize I, NAT). (Photo by Joan Bailey)

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Tests, tests, and more tests. This issue is primarily devoted to results from the spring tests. It quite possibly is the largest number of dogs the club has tested during a single spring's testing schedule (52 according to my count). Beginning with the KDK test in February and ending with the NE Chapter test in May, it was a great spring. I was fortunate enough to attend two of the tests-WA for the first time (its not everyday that you can judge dogs and see Mt. St. Helens in the background !!) and the Heartland in WI. Our annual judge's seminar was held in conjunction with the Heartland test and was conducted by Dr. Ed Bailey. The seminar focused on dog behavior and how to read the body signals the dogs is sending you. You will also read about the generous offer Dr. Bailey has made to Griffon Club members who did not get an opportunity to ask their personal questions. You will also read Joan Bailey's overview of the spring test results. In this issue there are also updates on the breeding program, announcements for summer training days, fall test dates, and a winner in Identify The Dog Contest. I want to thank all the people who sent pictures from the spring tests. I will use all that I have space for in this issue and send the rest to Mike Rackouski for use in later issues. And on a final note- I apologize for the tardiness of this issue, I know everyone is eager to see the test scores -however, by the time I get the test results from the final test in Maine, its already June 1, and after entering all the scores on computer, I send them to Joan to proof for errors. By now you get the idea. It's something we will just have to live with. Sincerely,

John Pitlo

KDK ANNUAL TEST

By Rolf Benseler

Last year it was El Nino and next year will be Y2K; this year is El Nina and so it was Feb. 26-27, 1999 at the KDK annual test at the Oroville Wildlife Area, California. It was cool and overcast, just what we like for testing hunting dogs, and we had 3 German Wirehaired Pointers entered in NA. CACHE SLOUGH GATOR GIRL, owned by Mark Boyd, WEIDENHUGEL QUINCY VON WILL, owned by the Bonini Family and handled by Gary Bonini, and WEIDENHUGEL OUINTESSA VON WILL, owned by Jim Durand, however, Jim and QUINTESSA were unable to attend. QUINCY demonstrated everything expected of a NA puppy and passed with all 4s and a Prize I. GATOR also did well in the field, happy search and intense point. But at the pond, while standing chest deep in water with dummies just out of reach, she realized the water depth under the dummies exceeded the length of her legs. Motivation was restored with a dead quail and fun swimming ensued. GATOR passed with 25 points and a Prize III. On Sunday it was blowing and raining as we tested RADER'S CRICKETT OF QUAIL, a German wirehaired Pointer owned by Ken Rader in OHDT. Dog, handler, and judges persevered until the final event, the pheasant, and unfortunately, CRICKETT got rough with the bird (mutilation) and had to be disqualified. Lunch was in the staging area with beautiful vistas of snowcapped Sierras, Sutter Buttes, and Coastal Ranges to the West. Helen Webster and Donna Benseler set out a spread featuring their excellent Pheasant and Lentil Soup. On both days there was ample time for puppies to go to the water for exposure and duck races, searching, pointing, tracking, plus feather and fur drags for older dogs. As usual, there was lots of discussion of hunting dogs and testing between entrants, judges, and gallery...the Rittenhouses from Stockton, Herb Hasemann from Santa Rosa, the Johnsons from Groveland and Tom Coombe and his son from San Diego. The Johnsons and Coombes are interested in Griffons as well as the testing program, so they visited with Warren's AXA OD PASTERJRIKO and her daughter BRYANNA DE LOS ALTOS. Notably missing this year were loyal Griffonniers Scott Davis and Rick Barrett; hey guys, show up next year, we need you.

Many thanks to all entrants, visitors, gunners, bird planters, and judges. We look forward to seeing you and your four-legged hunting buddy. All pointing breeds are welcome. Until Y2K, all the best and *Waidmannsheil*. (Silke Alberts, Warren Webster, Rolf Benseler)

THE HEARTLAND FALL TEST By Karen Hurtig and Kathi Rackouski

The Heartland Chapter Spring Test Weekend got an early start on Thursday with the board of Directors meeting at Pappa's Place in Baraboo, WI, with Ed Bailey attending as guest. Friday morning started out with the Judges Seminar given by Ed Bailey at the Farm Kitchen in Baraboo. Sixty people were in attendance. After a buffet

lunch, everyone re-grouped at the Mazomanie Grounds for a very full afternoon of testing, with three judging groups taking the field. Friday night we had our pizza and "true stories" social time, thanks to the hospitality of the Hurtigs. Rolf Benseler remarked that it was a great gathering in the "rumpus room." Saturday morning we gathered at the test site for an early 7:30 am start with three judging groups again. We had a great catered lunch at the grounds. Saturday night's dinner was attended by 105 members, only 3 shy of our all-time attendance record of 108 in Iowa. The General Rogers Award was presented after dinner to Jon Coil "by Adler" for their great job in Utility this year. Sunday morning saw us in the field again with only two (!) judging groups. Lynn Sukup and Karen Hurtig provided us with a great lunch, asthe caterer was not available. This was one BIG test! We had members and guests from 17 states, and Canada. Ed Bailey joined us from Canada, Gary Pool, our President, and Vic Jaro from Idaho, Rick Molt and Phil Bennet from Maine, Tom Mincheff and his friend Bob from North Carolina, Rolf Benseler fromCalifornia, Dennis Carlson and Steve Grieser from Washington, and Joan Bailey from Oregon. Other Heartland members represented Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Kentucky. This large of a test requires a lot of hard work from lots of people, so here's a big THANK YOU to the following people:



Owner Will Johnson moves in to flush the bird that BASIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE is pointing. The duo received a Prize I, NAT, in the Heartland test in WI. From left, apprentice judge Mark Cornick, judge Jim Seibel, unidentified gunner, Will, BASIE, and senior judge Ken Hurtig. (Photo by Rick Molt).

-Jon & Judy Coil for a well-organized test. Judy was unable to attend because she was tending BERTA'S new litter of pups, so she did as much preliminary work as possible, and instructed Jon well, so he did a great job all by himself during a hectic weekend. -Ken & Karen Hurtig, from doing everything from making us welcome in their home, to occasionally mowing the test grounds so we have suitable field conditions. Mike & Kathi Rackouski for helping Jon pass out and retrieve test forms, and making the morning announcements. -Stan & Lynn Sukup for their excellent job of arranging our caterer for lunch on the grounds under our muchappreciated tent, our Saturday-night dinner, and our motel bargains. Plus, Lynn did a great job of selling tickets for the Global Positioning System raffle - Vivian Pitlo for our fund-raising, thanks to Vivian, we are a fiscally "healthy" club. -Gary and Susan Puckett, for doing whatever needed to be done, and who will be taking over Vivian's job. -Sid & Brenda Siefken for the generous donation of a Global Positioning System for our raffle, which earned \$740.00 for our club. -Kathy Coon, for keeping Tom in line and for the 3 great doggie quilts for the silent auction. -Amber Toner for the Beanies for the silent auction. -Dave Birk for the Frontline for the silent auction. -The Coils, Pucketts, Finleys, Siefkens, Pitlos, Yeasts, and Hurtigs for door prizes. - And last, a HUGE Thank you for ALL the judges, apprentices, bird handlers and gunners who somehow managed to get 26 dogs tested in two and a half days, mostly on schedule !! A bigger feat than you may realize. Last, but not least, the not-so-illustrious Doo-Doo award went to our club Secretary , Joan Bailey. It appears she got her rental

car stuck in the mud on the test grounds. The judges came to her rescue and pushed her out, but not without a lot of "doo-doo" ending up on Ken Hurtig. Things got better for Ken, though, he won the GPS raffle, and Karen says he's still trying to find his way around with it.

Thanks to anyone we may have missed, it was a great, if busy, weekend of testing.

NORTHWEST GRIFFON CLUB FALL TEST

By Dennis Carlson

We had five Natural Ability and four Intermediate dogs to test on the weekend of April 10 & 11. Because of the number of dogs, some judging conflicts, and needing to be done by noon on Sunday, we decided to test three of the Natural Ability dogs on Friday afternoon. One of the Natural Ability dogs was my own CZECHERS OF

IAMONIA. I originally was going to take her to Idaho and test her with the Rocky Mountain Chapter or maybe even take her with me to Wisconsin for the Judges Seminar, Annual Meeting, and Heartland Chapter test. I'm normally the test chair for our chapter, a job I mostly enjoy. I learned the hard way some time ago not to try to put on a test and test your own dog on the same weekend. And never, ever, put your dog in the back of a pickup with a bunch of crated birds. I can't believe I was so dumb. But I do learn.

When I was discussing my plans with Joan Bailey she urged me to be flexible and consider some other options. Sound familiar? Would it be possible for somebody else to pick up the birds? So I got on the phone,



These happy owners (even the dogs LOOK HAPPY!!) pause after completing their IHDT test in WA. On the left is Bernard Constantine and BRIGAND OF CLOUDY SKIES (Prize III); on the right is BINTI OF CLOUDY SKIES (Prize I) with proud owner Jane Webb. (Photo by John Woodcock

and sure enough, my old friend Walt Greer agreed to pick up the pheasants and my new friend, Harvey Story, agreed to pick up the ducks. Steve Grieser and I met early at the test site to make repairs to the flight pen and get

ROCKY MOUNTAIN GRIFFON CLUB FALL TEST

by Anita Andrus

Saturday, March 27 saw six puppies from around the West tested in Natural Ability near Twin Falls, Idaho. Four littermates from the "F" OF AUGER FALLS litter bred by Gary and Ann Pool, Jerome Idaho, were put through their paces on a windy, cold and sometimes snowy day. The field work went well for most of the day, but the cold water late in the day proved a challenge, with only two dogs swimming well. All the judges agreed that more exposure to water was needed for these young pups prior to testing.

Terry Kramer, Clancy, Montana, did a fine job with a Prize I, NA, with FRANKIE OF AUGER FALLS, earning all 4's. FAIDA OF AUGER FALLS made owner Doug Laws, Klamath Falls, Oregon, proud with a Prize II in NA. Also testing dogs were Keith Anderson, Pasco, WA, with AUGUSTA OF THE GREAT PLAINS; Randal Hulme, Laramie, WY with CHYT OF IAMONIA; Robert Bullock, Boise, ID, with FERGUS OF AUGER FALLS; and Michael Muck, Spearfish, SD, with FESTUS ANN OF AUGER FALLS. Thanks go to Carolyn and Bob Matsuoka for lunch, Ann Pool for the two dinners, Cliff Jaro for bird planting, Vic Jaro for Field Test Chairman, and Gary Pool for filling in where needed. Also thanks to the handlers for coming long distances and being committed to testing their dogs.

NORTHEAST GRIFFON CLUB FALL TEST by Ralph P. Stuart

The Northeast Club enjoyed three wonderful days of testing this past May at the Merrymeeting Bay Game Management Area in Bowdoinham, Maine. Not only did the weather cooperate, but the dogs and handlers came well prepared and the gallery got more than their money's worth.

Festivities commenced early Friday, May 14, with the playing of the (recorded) hunting horns. WPGCA President Gary Pool (who had flown in from Idaho with wife Ann) explained the day's schedule, then headed afield with fellow judges Greg Hurtig (Wisconsin), Dean Umphrey (who had driven out from Iowa with wife Marilyn), and Rick Molt (a local "native"). Apprentice judges were Northeast members Phil Bennett, Kevin Jester, and Ralph Stuart.

Conditions were excellent, with a chilly morning warming toward midday, then a nice ocean breeze kicking in to keep things cool. The temperature and wind combined to keep the black flies at bay, and it wasn't long before DEET was exchanged for Ban de Soleil.

The day's Natural Abil-



Here CAPTAIN BLIGH OF ALDERBROOK retrieves the bird after the tracking portion on the NAT test to owner and long time club member Bob Hinckley. Bob and BLIGH received a Prize I, NAT, at the NE spring test in Maine (Photo by Rick Molt)

ity (NAT) dogs rose to the occasion, with Bob Hinckley's **CAPTAIN BLIGHT OF ALDERBROOK** and Ted Silver's **BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK** both receiving perfect scores and Prize I's. Carl Kaufman and **his BONNY ABELLE OF ALDERBROOK** did a fine job to, receiving a Prize II (due to a touch of shyness around the water). Friday's IHDT dogs – Ken Washburn's **MERRYMETTING'S ANGUS** and Terry Charland's **MERRYMEETING'S ABBIE** also put on a fine performance, though neither wound up prizing. It was duly noted that both handlers had done excellent work since the previous year's test.

Friday night there was a lovely dinner at the home of Field Test Chair Jane McKenna and her husband, Gene. The spirits flowed and the fish chowder was to die for. Need I say more?

Saturday began early, with three NAT and one IHDT dogs to test. The weather was a carbon copy of Friday's – to the point that some out-of-towners speculated the horror stories they've heard have been manufactured by Maine residents who don't want to share their fair state. Again the NAT dogs shined, as Andy Goode's **BRISBY OF ALDERBROOK** and Paul Schonhart's **BISCUIT OF ALDERBROOK** both scored perfect 28's for Prize I's. Bryan Pennington and **BABE OF ALDERBROOK** had traveled all the way from North Carolina for their test, and they earned a very respectable Prize II – a 3 in Searching being the only thing keeping them from a perfect score. (**BABE** also distinguished herself with a laid-back tracking style that could only be described as "savoring scent".)

A joy to watch was IHDT team of Fraser Sherrard and **MERRYMETING'S ALDO**. It was obvious Fraser had done a lot of work with his strong-willed partner, and it showed throughout their test. One highlight was **ALDO's** Track of the Duck in Water, in which he seemed to navigate upwind of the track but on a direct course to the bird. It was actually so good it had the judges scratching their heads – until one waded out and discovered the subtle cross-breeze **ALDO** must have been using. Needless to say, the pair earned an admirable score and Prize I.

Saturday night's dinner at the New Meadows Inn was another success, as a wonderful buffet was followed by a reading of the test scores and a silent auction brought in about \$1,400. A membership meeting of the NE Club followed.

Sunday brought more bluebird weather for the final events. This day stellar performances by Joe Kasmedo's COOT OF IAMONIA and Mark Canfield's AVERY OF MOUNTAINSIDE earned both NAT dogs Prize I's. Don Lewis and MERRYMEETING'S AMY put in a good IHDT effort but fell short in the Track of the Duck and did not prize. Last but not least, Art Aeberli's hard work with MERRYMEETING'S ALI MAE paid off in a fine Prize II IHDT.

The NE Club wishes to thank Fieldtest Chair Jane McKenna for her organization skills. Tim and Christie Dysart for providing scrumptious lunches, Rick and Tina Molt for sheltering the judges at their lovely new home, the Kevin Jester family for taking charge of the fund-raising events (as well as carting birds from New Jersey) and everyone who showed up.

SUMMER TRAINING DAYS

These are the scheduled training days for this summer. All owners of puppies or dogs to be tested in IHDT should attend one of these sessions. It's great exposure for young dogs and excellent training for older dogs. There will be judges and experienced trainers to help you with your dog. Be sure to contact the person listed so arrangements can be made for birds, grounds, lodging, etc.

NE Chapter – Aug 21& 22 -Rick Molt (207 563-5675), Bristol, ME Heartland- Aug. 21 & 22- John Pitlo- (319-872-5764), Bellevue, IA NW Chapter- August 21-Victor Woodward (425-483-2143), Mason Farm, WA Rocky Mountain – Bob Matsuoka (208-733-2990)

FALL TEST SCHEDULE

Heartland - September 17, 18, 19, Mezomanie, WI., Jon & Judy Coil-Fieldtest Chairpersons, (218) 647-8451: e-mail: Jcoil@Paulbunyan.net

Northeast - September 23, 24, 25, 26 (UFT on Thursday ,probably, one dog), Bristol, ME. Jane McKenna – Fieldtest Chairperson, (207) 666-8260.

Northwest-October 1,2,3, Cinebar, WA. Dennis Carlson-Fieldtest Chairperson, (541) 386-4830.

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NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 1999 KEY TO TESTS: WI = Wisconsin; WA = Washington; ID = Idaho; ME = Maine; CA = California(KDK)

** = Temperament problem, see write-up; ++ = Overage, evaluation only

	Age in Months	Nose & Use of Nose	Searching	Affinity for Water	Pointing	Tracking Bird	-	Cooperation	TOTAL POINTS	CLASSIFICATION	-	-	Coat TEMPERAMENT
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GRIFFONS													
Group 279 (Page 11)													
AGUILA OF THE GREAT PLAINS(WA)	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	3	2	ok
ACACIA OF THE GREAT PLAINS(WI)	12	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	26	I	4	2	ok
AIDA OF THE GREAT PLAINS(WI)	12	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	26	I	3	3	ok
AZAR OF THE GREAT PLAINS(WA)	11	4	4	2	4	4H	4	3	25	II	4	3	ok
AUGUSTA OF THE GREAT PLAINS(ID)	11	4	4	1	1	4	3	3	20		4	3	ok
Group 280 (Page 18)													
CEASAR OF IAMONIA (WI)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	Ι	4	3	ok
COOT OF IAMONIA (ME)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
CZECHERS OF IAMONIA (WA)	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	3	3	ok
CHAZ OF IAMONIA (WI)	12	4	3	2	4	4	2	3	22	III	3	2	**
CHYT OF IAMONIA (ID)	11	4	4	1	4	4	3	4	24		4	3	ok
CHESNA OF IAMONIA (WA)	11	4	4	1	4	4	3	3	23		3	2	ok
CARMEL OF IAMONIA (WI)	12	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	9		2	3	ok
Group 281 (Page 17)						7							
FRANKIE OF AUGER FALLS(ID)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	4	ok
FAIDA OF AUGER FALLS(ID)	12	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	27	II	4	4	ok
FRAZIER OF AUGER FALLS(WA)	12	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	26	Ш	3	4	ok
FREIDA OF AUGER FALLS(WI)	13	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	25	Ш	4	3	ok
FESTUS ANN OF AUGER FALLS(ID)		4	4	1	4	4	4	4	23		4	4	ok
FERGUS OF AUGER FALLS(ID)	12	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	14		4	3	ok
Group 282 (Page 18)													
BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK(ME)	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	4	ok
CAPTAIN BLIGH OF ALDERBROOK(ME)	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
BISCUIT OF ALDERBROOK(ME)	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	Ι	4	3	ok
BRISBY OF ALDERBROOK(ME)	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	Ι	4	2	ok
BABE OF ALDERBROOK(ME)	13	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	27	П	3	2	ok
BONNY BELLE OF ALDERBROOK(ME)	13	4	4	2	4	3	4	3	24	П	4	3	ok
BRANSON OF ALDERBROOK(WI)	12	3	3	2	4	3	2	2	19	III	3	3	ok
BREEZE OF ALDERBROOK(WI)	12	(u	nable	to ju	idge d	due to	lack	ofe	xposu	ire)			

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Group 283 (Page 19)														
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ADELINE OF SANDHILL(WI)	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	2	ok	
ARDA OF SANDHILL(WI)	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	Ι	4	3	ok	
Group 284 (Page 19)														
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BESSIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE(W	T) 11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	3	4	ok	
BRANDY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE(WI)11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	3	3	ok	
BREA OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE(WI)	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	4	ok	
BAILEY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE(W		3	2	2	3	2	3	3	18	III	3	3	ok	
Group 285 (Page 19)														
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WEIDENHUGEL QUINCY v. WILL(CA		4	4	2	4	4	4	4	25	III			ok	

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST- SPRING, 1997

KEY TO TESTS (INDEX NUMBER) *= Optional Test ++= Over Age, Older Hunting Dog

WATER

TD = Track of Duck (5) RD = Retrieve of Duck (3) BR = Blind Retrieve (4) JUDGED THROUGHOUT N = Nose and use of Nose (6) AW = Attitude toward Work (4) C = Cooperation (3) O = Obedience

**= temperament, see write-up

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 PointsPR = Prize ClassificationCO = ConformationCT = CoatT = Temperament

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PEDIGREES, SPRING 1999

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ARIS Z JAVOROVE DOLINY

BORKA STEMELIK

ARGO Z POLEDNI STRANE

BOR Z BOROVE DOLINY

FRIKAZZELIVICE

DANA ZE SELIVCE

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BENO Z NOLKOPU

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ARA CERNIKY

ASTA Z LIBEENSKE

AJAX OD DITETU

DINA OD DROUNKY

CAGAN Z DRACINA

BOSS OF THE CASCADES

HELA Z DOBROVSKA

BRANDY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW

ERIK OD JEZAREK

AVAJ OF IAMONIA

MAHASKA'S MERRY SUSAN

DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING OF 1999

Natural Ability Test

AGUILA OF THE GREAT PLAINS, M, 12 mos., whelped May 1, 1998. Conformation 3, 24.5"H x 24.5"L, left lower incisor misaligned. Coat: 2, lacks density, soft on head, curly. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Jeff Dillon, 1295 NE 11th Place, Canby, Oregon, 97031. Bred by Larry Olson. Pedigree 279 (Page 11).

ACACIA OF THE GREAT PLAINS, F, 12 mos., whelped May 1, 1998. Conformation 4, 24"H x 24"L. Coat: 2, lacks density, med harsh, soft on head, slight curl. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Sid and Brenda Siefken, 19373 W. 161st Terrace, Olathe, KS 66062. . Bred by Larry Olson, Pedigree 279 (Page 11).

AIDA OF THE GREAT PLAINS, F, 12 mos., whelped May 1, 1998. Conformation 3, 24"H x 24"L, bite is undershot, Coat: 3, med dense, harsh, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Jim and Barbara Gill, 1116 Downey Dr., Iowa City, IA 52240. Bred by Larry Olson. Pedigree 279 (Page 11).

AZAR OF THE GREAT PLAINS, M, 12 mos., whelped May 1, 1998. Conformation 4, 25"H x 25"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, med furnishings, not flat lying. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Clayton Hunt, 9650 SW Murdock, Tigard, Oregon 97224. Bred by Larry Olson. Pedigree 279 (Page 11).

AUGUSTA OF THE GREAT PLAINS, F, 11 mos., whelped May 1, 1998. Conformation 4, 23.5"H x 24"L. Coat: 3, med dense, harsh, furnishings, soft on head. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Keith Anderson, 8412 W. Franklin, Pasco, WA, 99301. Bred by Larry Olson. Pedigree 279 (Page 11).

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CAESAR OF IAMONIA, M, 12 mos., whelped May 8, 1998. Conformation 4, 25"H x 24"L. Coat: 3, lacks density, med harsh, med furnishings, soft on head. Temperament calm, eager to please, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by David Holman, 1839 Laverne St., Houston, TX 77080. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (Page 18).

COOT OF IAMONIA, M, 12 mos., whelped May 8, 1998. Conformation 4, 25"H x 25"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, soft on head, med furnishings. Temperament friendly, cooperative, happy, no defects observed. Owned by Joe Kasmedo, PO box 278, Hopatcone, NJ 07843. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (Page 18).

CZECHERS OF IAMONIA, M, 11 mos., whelped May 8, 1998. Conformation 3, 24"H x 24"L, left lower incisor misaligned. Coat: 3, lacks density, med harsh, flat lying. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Dennis Carlson, 3801 Barrett Dr., Hood River, Oregon 97031. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (Page 18).

CHAZ OF IAMONIA, M, 12 mos., whelped May 8, 1998. Conformation 3, 26"H x 25.5"L, butt bite. Coat: 2, med dense, med harsh, soft on head, not flat lying. Temperament; soft. Owned by Bill Kashmark, 1402 Benson Rd., Montevideo, MN 56265. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (Page 18).

CHYT OF IAMONIA, F, 11 mos., whelped May 8, 1998. Conformation 4, 24"H x 23"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, soft on head, well covered, med furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Randal and Diana Hulme, 1354 N 18th, Laramie, WY 82072. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (Page 18).

CHESNA OF IAMONIA, F, 11 mos., whelped May 8, 1998. Conformation 3, 23"H x 23"L, lower incisor turned out. Coat: 2, lacks density and harshness, soft on head, med furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Don York, 164 Peach Place, Kalamath Falls, OR. 97601. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (Page 18).



Jim Gill with AIDA OF THE GREAT PLAINS with their first Iowa pheasant when AIDA was 6 months old. The two went on to ear a Prize I, NAT, at the Heartland test this spring, a direct result of exposure when the puppy was young. (Photo by Mrs.Gill)

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CARMEL OF IAMONIA, F, 12 mos., whelped May 8, 1998. Conformation 2, 24.5"H x 24"L, lower incisor misaligned also dog contracted meningitis at 6 months of age which resulted in loss of control of bladder and bowel and some paralysis to hindquaters. This may account for problems with hindquarter movements objected in field and overall lack of desire. Coat: 3, lacks density, med harsh, slight curl, full furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, dependent. Owned by William Carlson, 511 11th Ave N, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (Page 18).

FRANKIE OF AUGER FALLS, M, 12 mos., whelped March 24, 1998. Conformation 4, 25"H x 25"L. Coat:, 4, dense, harsh, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Terry Kramer, PO Box 129, Clancy, MT 59634. Bred by Gary and Ann Pool. Pedigree 281 (Page 17).

FAIDA OF AUGER FALLS, M, 12 mos., whelped March 24, 1998. Conformation 4, 24.5"H x 24.5"L. Coat: 4, dense, harsh, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Doug Laws, 215 Soquel St., Kalamath Falls, OR 97601. Bred by Gary and Ann Pool. Pedigree 281 (Page 17).

FRAZIER OF AUGER FALLS, M, 12 mos., whelped March 24, 1998. Conformation 3, 25"H x 24.5"L, lower rt incisor misaligned. Coat: 4, dense, harsh, flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, wants birds, no defects observed. Owned by Tony Aldredge, 8375 Cason Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027. Bred by Gary and Ann Pool. Pedigree 281 (Page 17).

FREIDA OF AUGER FALLS, F, 13 mos., whelped March 24, 1998. Conformation 4, 23"H x 23"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, not flat lying. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Doug Jones, 2018 Antelope, Pierre, SD 57501. Bred by Gary and Ann Pool. Pedigree 281 (Page 17).

FESTUS ANN OF AUGER FALLS, F, 12 mos., whelped March 24, 1998. Conformation 4, 22.5"H x 22.5"L. Coat: 4, dense, med harsh, flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Michael Muck, 1845 Christensen Dr., Spearfish, SD 57783. Bred by Gary and Ann Pool.' Pedigree 281 (Page 17).

FERGUS OF AUGER FALLS, M, 12 mos., whelped March 24, 1998. Conformation 4, 26"H x 26"L. Coat: 3, med dense, harsh, med furnishings, well covered. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed (extreme lack of exposure due to confinment after surgery when dog was young). Owned by Robert Bullock, 8340 Wyndham Lane, Boise, ID 83704. Bred by Gary and Ann Pool. Pedigree 281 (Page 18).



AVERY OF MOUNTAINHOUSE retrieves the dummy to owner Mark Canfield during the "Affinity for water" portion of the NAT test in Maine. **AVERY** and Mark received a Prize I in the test (Photo by Rick Molt)

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BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK, F, 13 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22.5"L, tight scissors bite with slight wear, light eyes. Coat: 4, dense, med harsh, flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, very willing to please, no defects observed. Owned by Ted Silver (no address given). Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).

CAPTAIN BLIGH OF ALDERBROOK, M, 13 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 4, 24.5"H x 24"L, extra lower left molar, light eyes. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, happy, no defects observed. Owned by Captain Bob Hinckley, 14 Shore Road, S.W. Harbor, ME 04679. Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).

BISCUIT OF ALDERBROOK, M, 13 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 4, 23"H x 23"L, light eyes. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, soft on head, med furnishings. Temperament: easy going dog, has ability to shift gears, no defects observed. Owned by Paul Schonhart, 1980 Icing Rd., Forestville, NY 14062. Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).



ACACIA OF THE GREAT PLAINS retrieves the dummy to owner/handler Sid Siefken during the "Affinity for water" portion of the NAT test. The pair received a Prize I, NAT, in the Heartland Chapter sprint test in WI. (Photo by Rick Molt).

BRISBY OF ALDERBROOK, F, 13 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22.5"L scissors bite with slight wear, light eyes. Coat: 2, soft, dense, slight curl, soft on head, med furnishings. Temperament: easy, calm even when handled, no defects observed. Owned by Andrew Goode, 14 Maine St., Brunswick, ME. Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).

BABE OF ALDERBROOK, F, 13 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 3, 22"H x 22.5"L, tight scissors bite with excessive wear on middle incisor. Coat: 2, med dense, soft, curly, soft on head, med furnishings. Temperament: very calm, easy going, no defects observed. Owned by Bryan Pennington, 286 Huffman Rd., Burlington, NC 27215. Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).

BONNY BELLE OF ALDERBROOK, F, 13 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22"L. Coat: 3, dense, med harsh, slight curl, good belly coverage. Temperament: eager, friendly, lots of energy, no defects observed. Owned by Carl Kaufman, 61 Bushy Hill, Ivoryton, CT 06442. Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).

BRANSON OF ALDERBROOK, M, 12 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 3, 24"H x 24"L, tight scissors bite with wear, left rear knee loose with lateral direction. Coat: 3, dense, med harsh, not flat lying. Temperament calm, eager, friendly even with extended inspection, no defects observed. Owned by Michael Sundlee, R 1 Box 175, Wykoff, MN 55990. Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).

BREEZE OF ALDERBROOK, M, 12 mos., whelped April 14, 1998. Conformation 3, 24"H x 24"L, overshot jaw. Coat: 3, dense, harsh, flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament; insecure, dependent, avoids game. Owned by Bill Hanchette, 613 Tyrerell Ave., Delavan, WI 53115. Bred by Rick and Tina Molt. Pedigree 282 (Page 18).

ARTHUR OF SANDHILL, M, 11 mos., whelped June 1, 1998. Conformation 3, 24.5"H x 24"L, fine boned. Coat: 2, lacks density, med harsh, not flat lying, soft on head. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Jeff Hadfield, W 172 N.13591 Division Rd., Germantown, WI 53022. Bred by Peter and Linda Engman. Pedigree 283 (Page 19).

ADELINE OF SANDHILL, F, 11 mos., whelped June 1, 1998. Conformation 4, 23.5"H x 23"L. Coat: 2, lacks density, med harsh, not flat lying, soft on head. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, intense on game, no defects observed. Owned by Steve and Debbie Schuette, 14320 Co. Hwy. K., Cato, WI 54230. Bred by Peter and Linda Engman. Pedigree 283 (Page 19).

ARDA OF SANDHILL, F, 11 mos., whelped June 1, 1998. Conformation 4, 23"H x 23"L,. Coat: 3, lacks density, harsh, med furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, lots of drive, no defects observed. Owned by Thomas Mincheff, 1324 Salem Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550. Bred by Peter and Linda Engman. Pedigree 283 (Page 19).

BASIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 11 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation 4, 24"H x 23.5"L. Coat: 4, dense, harsh, flat lying. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Will Johnson, 304 E. 66th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 284 (Page 19).

BASIL OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 11 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation 4, 23"H x 23"L. Coat: 4, dense, med harsh, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament calm, eager, friendly, easy to handle, no defects observed. Owned by Fran and Gerald Humphrey, 1119 N 350 E, Chesterton, IN 46304. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 284 (Page 19).

BESSIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 11 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation 3, 23"H x 23"L, fine boned. Coat: 4, dense, harsh, flat lying. Temperament; eager, friendly, easy to handle, hard driving, no defects observed. Owned by Dr. James Waldow, 701 Fillmore Ave. S., Lanesboro, MN 55949. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 284 (Page 19).

BRANDY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 11 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation 3, 23"H x 23"L, fine boned. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, slight curl, med furnishings. Temperament; eager, friendly, easy to handle, intense, no defects observed. Owned by Jim Montgomery, 14011 Beckley Trace, Louisville, KY 40245. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 284 (Page 19).

BREA OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 11 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation 4, 23"H x 23"L. Coat: 4, dense, med harsh, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament; eager, friendly, easy to handle, intense, no defects observed. Owned by Brain Johnston, 1698 170th St., New Richmon, WI 54017. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 284 (Page 19).

BAILEY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 11 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation 3, 23.5"H x 24"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament; dependent on handler, tentative, calm. Owned by Craig Miller, 15619 Fogel Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46818. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 284 (Page 19).

AVERY OF MOUNTAINHOUSE, F, 13 mos., whelped April 11, 1998. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, slight curl, med furnishings. Temperament; calm, easy, pleasure to handle, no defects observed. Owned by Mark Canfield, 9221 Grange Hill Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413. Bred by John Diller. Pedigree 285 (Page 19).

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WEIDENHUGEL QUINCY VON WILL, M, 10 mos, whelped April 7, 1998. Conformation: no faults observed. Coat: harsh and dense. Temperament: eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Thresea, Joanna and Gary Bonini, 3 Wayne Court, Redwood City, CA 94063. Bred by Mildred Revell.

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CACHE SLOUGH GATOR GIRL, F, 11 mos, whelped March 5, 1998. Conformation: no faults observed. Coat: harsh and dense. Temperament: eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Mark Boyd, 7860 Hastings Island Road, Rio Vista, CA 94571. Bred by Joe Langlois.

INTERMEDIATE DOGS

BOZENA VON BOHEMIA OF IAMONIA, F, 24 mos., whelped April 8, 1997. Conformation 1, 24"H x 24"L, front shoulders turned in, legs rub rib cage, down on pasterns-all four feet, dog tires easily in field and water. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, flat lying. Temperament: insecure, dependent, confused. Owned by Bob Kasworm, 14806 Izard St., Omaha, NE 68154. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 266 (June 1998, *GDS*).

BEMIDJI OF IAMONIA, F, 24 mos., whelped April 8, 1997. Conformation 1, 23"H x 23"L, extreme cowhock, very weak hindquarters, dog tires easily in field and water. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, flat lying. Temperament: dependent, cannot take training or pressure. Owned by M.R. Hamilton, 49655 E. 128 th, Norborne, MO 64668. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 266 (June 1998, *GDS*).

BARON VON BOHEMIA OF IAMONIA, M, 24 mos., whelped April 8, 1997. Conformation 3, 27"H x 27"L, oversize. Coat: 2, curly, lacks density, full furnishings. Temperament: friendly, calm, lacks intensity, turned off duck on chase. Owned by Stan Sukup, W3265 Delmore Road, Lyndon Station, WI 53944. Bred by Dr. Tom Whitley. Pedigree 266 (June 1998, *GDS*).

COKOPELLI OF BIRKSHIRE POND, F, 22 mos., whelped June 30, 1997. Conformation 3, 23"H x 23"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, not flat lying, soft on head. Temperament: friendly, calm, eager, no defects observed. Owned by Dennis Fitzgerald, 100 1st Ave SW, Pocahontas, IA 50574. Bred by Dr. David Birk. Pedigree 267 (June 1998, *GDS*).

CONAN OF BIRKSHIRE POND, M, 21 mos., whelped June 30, 1997. Conformation 3, 23"H x 23"L, fine boned. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, not flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, calm, eager, (in duck track, turned back at swimming depth water). Owned by Conrad Johnson, 6108 Terr Hts Dr., Yakima, WA 98901. Bred by Dr. David Birk. Pedigree 267 (June 1998, *GDS*).

CONWAY OF BIRKSHIRE POND, M, 22 mos., whelped June 30, 1997. Conformation 2, 23"H x 23"L, scissors bite with excessive wear-almost butt bite, front shoulder angle is open. Coat: 3, med dense, harsh, not flat lying. Temperament; dependent on handler, does not like heavy cover. Owned by David Auel, 639 Kenilworth Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Bred by Dr. David Birk. Pedigree 267 (June 1998, *GDS*).

COSMO OF BIRKSHIRE POND, M, 22 mos., whelped June 30, 1997. Conformation 3, 23"H x 23"L, upper incisor 3 hitting lower cannine. Coat: 3, dense, harsh, short, no furnishings. Temperament: friendly, calm, eager, no defects observed. Owned by David Hedrick, RR 1, Box 244A, Petersburg, IL 62675. Bred by Dr. David Birk. Pedigree 267 (June 1998, *GDS*).

ALLEE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 23 mos., whelped May 24, 1997. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22"L. Coat: 3, med dense, harsh, sparse furnishings, shorthair type coat. Temperament:. Owned by Troy Siefert, 1216 28th St., Ames, IA 50010. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 268 (June 1998, *GDS*).

AMOS OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, M, 23 mos., whelped May 24, 1997. Conformation 3, 24"H x 24"L. Front feet too close together. Coat: 3, dense, med harsh, full furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Mark Barker, W 5896 #6 Rd., Menominee, MI 49858. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 268 (June 1998, *GDS*).

AVERY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, M, 23 mos., whelped May 24, 1997. Conformation 4, 25"H x 25"L. Coat: 3, med dense, short, flat lying, no furnishings. Temperament: difficult to handle, growled at judges, protective, reacted to gunshot during water test and pulled off game (much of this due to OCD at early age and dog was severly confined and did not have proper exposure to life). Owned by Curtis Rapp, 3421 Pierce, Sioux City, IA 51104. Bred by Truman James Hughes. Pedigree 268 (June 1998, *GDS*).

MERRYMEETING'S ALDO, M, 23 mos., whelped June 5, 1997. Conformation 4, 25"H x 25"L. Coat: 3, dense, med harsh, sparse furnishings, slight curl. Temperament: friendly, eager, bold, no defects observed. Owned by Fraser Sherrard, 19 Sprucewood Ave., Rothesay, NB Canada E2E24H. Bred by Jane McKenna. Pedigree 269 (June 1998, *GDS*).

MERRYMEETING'S ALI MAE, F, 23 mos., whelped June 5, 1997. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22"L. Coat: 3, dense, med harsh, sparse furnishings, short. Temperament: skittish, barks at people approaching her, friendly, not hard to examine. Owned by Arthur Aeberli, 122 Big Is. Rd., Warwick, NY 10990. Bred by Jane McKenna. Pedigree 269 (June 1998, *GDS*).

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MERRYMEETING'S ANGUS, M, 23 mos., whelped June 5, 1997. Conformation 4, 24"H x 24"L. Coat; 3, med dense, med harsh, sparse furnishings, slight curl, not flat lying. Temperament: friendly, eager, no defects observed. Owned by Ken Washburn, 9950 Rt. 365, Holland Patient, NY 13354. Bred by Jane McKenna. Pedigree 269 (June 1998, *GDS*).

MERRYMEETING'S AMY, F, 23 mos., whelped June 5, 1997. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22"L. Coat: 3, short, dense, harsh, sparse furnishings,good belly coverage. Temperament: growled at judges when examining, eager for game, nervous around strangers. Owned by Don Lewis, Rt #1, Box 1880, Litchfield, ME 04350. Bred by Jane McKenna. Pedigree 269 (June 1998, *GDS*).

MERRYMEETING'S ABBIE, F, 23 mos., whelped June 5, 1997. Conformation 4, 22"H x 22"L, tight sissors w/wear. Coat: 3, dense, med harsh, sparse furnishings, light on belly. Temperament: friendly, easy going, very dependent. Owned by Terry Charland, 11765 Tompkin Point rd., Wolcott, NY 14590. Bred by Jane McKenna. Pedigree 269 (June 1998, *GDS*).

BINTI OF CLOUDY SKIES, F, 23 MOS., whelped May 7, 1997. Conformation: 4, 23"H x 23.5"L, Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying. Temperament: eager, friendly, calm, no defects observed. Owned by Jane Webb, 859 Edgemont, Calgary, Alberta T3A 2J1. Bred by Steve Grieser. Pedigree 270 (June 1998, *GDS*).

BRIGAND OF CLOUDY SKIES, M, 23 MOS., whelped May 7, 1997. Conformation: 3, 24.5"H x 24"L, eye open in corner. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying. Temperament: eager, friendly, calm, no defects observed. Owned by Bernard Constantin, 610 Big Flat Rd., Missoula, MT 59804. Bred by Steve Grieser. Pedigree 270 (June 1998, *GDS*).

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RADER'S CRICKETT OF QUAIL, F, 6 yrs, 6 mos, whelped August 9, 1992. Conformation: no faults observed-x-rayed: excellent. Coat: harsh and dense. Temperment: friendly, mutilated game (disqualified). Owned by Ken and Suzanne Rader, 766 Los Palos Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. Bred by Mike Sutsos.

ARGO Z POLEDNI STRANE

ERIK OD JEZAREK(CF)

ASTA OD VEJRICE

ARIKO VOM ERIK (CF)

ALAN OD DITETU

HELA Z DOBROVSKE(CF)

BRITA Z BILYCH SKAL

Pedigree 28D

DAN CERNIKY

BARTON DE LOS ALTOS(CF)

AXA OD PASTEJRIKO

ELLE OF AUGER FALLS

BLUE MOUNTAIN'S BREW(A) CASSIDY OF DUCHMAN'S HOLLOW AVAJ OF IAMONIA(A)

IDENTIFY THE DOG CONTEST (See February and April GDS)

After I gave the hint in the April GDS, I had a call from local member Tony Aldredge, who guessed correctly that the dog is AYLA OF WHITE WATER, owned by Dennis and Mary Carlson of Hood River, Oregon!

TIP- Summertime is excellent for getting your pups and older dogs in the water. Its hot, and the water is cool. Put on a pair of old swimming trunks and sneakers and get right in the water with the dog – don't force anything – just play around a lot – and if you have youngsters around –running, playing, splashing-so much the better. If you go with your family, get everyone in the water – this way the pup will think he/ she is getting left on shore alone and will generally come right in with you.

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ARIS Z JAVOROVE DOLINY

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FLOT Z CELECHOVIC

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ERIKA Z ZELIVICE

BORKAZ KLASINKY

ASTA od VEJRICE

ARAN Z MUTICKA

BORA OD TEPLEHO VRCHU CORA VEJRIKY

CHERO Z MIROSOVSKA

CHARA Z TIHAVY ERA Z MALCICKYCH HAR

DON KLENKA

AJDA Z FARSKE JAMY KARINA Z MIROSOVSKA

ARAGON Z PODSOKALCE LARRY Z VELKYCH POPOVIC INKA Z VELKYCH POPOVIC

ALI Z HLOZKU

LEX Z BRESNE

BESY ZE SKOLEK

BRUNA KEOHANOVICE CVIK Z KACINA (CF)

ALAN Z MALCHOVA (CF)

JOLA Z VYTOCILKY (CF)

CHYT ZE ZAPLAY (CF)

CHYT OD KROUNSKY (CF) LADY OD TESINOVSKYCH BUKU (CF)

HALKA OD TESINOVSKYCH BUKU (CF)

ARGO Z POLEDNI STRANE(CF) ERIK OD JEZAREK (CF) ASTA OD VEJRICE(CF)

BAILEY OF OCEAN HOUSE

BLUE MOUNTAIN'S BREW(A) AMY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW AVAJ OF IAMONIA(A)

FLORA Z HLOZKU

FRIK OD JEZAREK

Pedigree 282

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BRITA Z BILYCH SKAL

BENO Z NOLKOPU ARA CERNIKY

DAN CERNIKY(CF)

ERIK OD JEZAREK(CF)

HELA Z DOBROVSKE(CF)

AVIAN OF SHOW-ME-BOREALIS

ARIKO VOM ERIK (CF)

BLUE MOUNTAIN'S BREW (A) BRANDY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW

AVAJ OF IAMONIA (A)

ARGO Z POLEDNI STRANE

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ASTA OD VEJRICE

ALAN OD DITETU

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ARA CERNIKY

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PRAIRIE STORM'S ABBY

BLUE MOUNTAIN'S BREW (A) BRITANNY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW

AVAJ OF IAMONIA (A)

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ALAN Z MALCHOVA (CF)

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CHYTZEZAPLAY (CF)

BLUE MOUNTAIN'S BREW(A)

AMY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW

AVAJ OF IAMONIA(A)

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"I KNOW I SHOULD EXPOSE MY NEW DOG, BUT WHEN DO I START TO TRAIN IT"????

By Joan Bailey

During the annual judges seminar this year, someone asked: Often the new owners hear "Just expose the dog the first year, don't do any training", so sometimes new owners don't do anything with the dog, or they don't know when it's appropriate to start using the "Green Book." How can we make new owners understand about exposure and training?

The answer is in *How to Help Gun Dogs Train Themselves*. The reason I wrote the book was to answer this very question. And the answer is not on any particular page, it's on every page. As it says in the book, *if you condition your pup from the day it arrives, by the end of the first year you will have a partially trained dog, without doing formal training*. At the end of the book it tells about what to do as the dog moves into its second year, how to proceed with more formal training, if it's needed, or if you want it. *There is no day when you say, "Today I'm going to start training my dog."* You've been training him/her since the day the pup arrived.

As you expose/condition your young dog, you are molding it into a trained dog. Go back and reread the book and you'll find most of the answers to your questions.

Remember the quote I used near the end of my book, from Datus Proper's marvelous Pheasants of the Mind, ...

...do not think of training as a substitute for hunting. Only fields and wild birds will make your pup as clever, bold, and enthusiastic as his inheritance allows. It gets down to the differences between training and teaching. You can train pup to avoid behavior you do not want. If he has the right instincts, you can encourage him to intensify habits that are useful to you. You cannot teach him to hunt. You do not know the real game. We humans see cock pheasants in the air, or strutting over a field in the distance, and have to deduce the rest. Only the dog can sense every move they make. Only he knows their resourcefulness and strength, and he learns only when he has chased them through enough cornfields and cattails, weeds, and woods...."

OVERVIEW OF OUR SPRING TESTS

By Joan Bailey

Our four spring tests showed us many fine young dogs with lots of potential. From Idaho in late March, to Maine in mid May, the dogs were great. A few of the handlers, however, need some guidance.

Our dogs are bred to be sound hunting dogs, easy to train, and good family dogs. All that this type of dog needs is consistent, positive exposure TO EVERYTHING, by someone who trusts the dog. When you buy one of our dogs you commit to the entire program: exposure, 2 tests (including preparation for IHDT), breed if your dog is breedable. It's a two year commitment at the very least.

So, enough - on to our dogs. In Idaho we had a test small in number of entries - 6 NAT, but lots of great people, including some newcomers hoping to get a pup this year. It was a cold, windy day, which didn't really bother the dogs, especially in tracking the live pheasant - they all did a great job. But we ended up at the water at 6 p.m. and it was COLD. A few pups just wouldn't go in. But, they will another day, not to worry.

Washington weather was good, so was Wisconsin, though a tad warm for testing. By the time the Maine test was in sight, I was wiped out and missed that always great weekend. My luck, they had great weather and NO BLACK FLIES!?!

I must add that the Washington test was a special weekend - for several reasons: great dogs, and John Pitlo came all the way from Iowa to be our senior judge. Warren & Helen Webster were there, and surprise surprise, Jack & Sheryl Dallimore. Everyone knew, except John and me, that the Dallimores were coming,

because Jack swore everyone else to secrecy, saying, "If Joan knows I'm coming, she'll ask me to judge." Huh. The overview, from my view, is that with only a very few exceptions we saw great dogs. We tested seven litters in NAT: "F" OF AUGER FALLS, "A" OF THE GREAT PLAINS, "C" OF IAMONIA, "A" OF SAN-DHILL, "B" OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, "A" OF MOUNTAIN HOUSE, and "B" OF ALDERBROOK - in no particular order. You will hear me repeating myself as I talk about each litter, because there are similarities among them. You will see in other places in this GDS, phrases repeated quite often, especially in the temperament of these young dogs: calm, friendly, eager, happy. And we sure don't mind hearing or reading those words about our dogs, over and over. It's what we strive for.

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The "F" OF AUGER FALLS litter demonstrated that this was a good breeding with great potential. Tony Aldredge's **FRAZIER** has been hunted on **lots** of wild birds, pointing every one of them, but no way would he point a pen raised bird the way he points a wild one. Our senior judge, John Pitlo, did everything, trying to get a point and finally we got one, but it sure wasn't a "4!" Mick Muck and his wife came all the way from Spearfish, S.D., and their great little dog simply would not swim. Period. Though the day before she had been down at the test site swimming around. The one dog that did poorly was **FERGUS**. He had OCD as a young dog and was severely confined for a long period, preventing proper exposure. Despite his lack of exposure, he did beautifully on the track of the pheasant, a great job. So the potential is there, if the owner will do his part now. Incidentally, surgery and long-time confinement post surgery is no longer necessary in many cases of OCD. There's new medication that will do the job.

The "A" OF THE GREAT PLAINS is another successful litter with tremendous potential. The only problem in this litter is that there were minor bite problems in too many dogs. This is probably due to the line breeding to **ERIK**, but it's not a big deal to worry about. It's easy enough to breed away from that. One dog, **AZAR**, who you've read about elsewhere, did indeed do one of the most outstanding tracks of a pheasant for any natural ability dog I've ever seen in all the years I've been judging (26 years). The dog got a poor start and veered off to the right instead of the left, quickly picking up the previous dog's track. He tracked it all the way to where the first dog had picked up the bird and brought it back. Then, with never a command from his owner, **AZAR** came back and restarted himself on his own track, which did go over a slope, out of our sight. He came back in a few seconds, maybe 30, stopped on top of the slope and looked at his master, who said nothing. My interpretation of this is a young dog, wondering, should I keep going, or should I go back to the Boss? All he needed was the reassurance of seeing his boss still waiting for him. After a few seconds he turned back and went out of sight from all of us and was gone for maybe 1 to 2 minutes, returning over the slope with the pheasant in his mouth and came straight to his owner, Clayton Hunt!

Yes, it was fantastic, yes, we all felt privileged to have witnessed it. It was a demonstration of a very talented dog, *absolutely well balanced in his temperament*, so that he had enough confidence to do his work. I also believe that if the handler had spoken at any time, it probably would have broken the dog's concentration. Thank heavens Clayton trusted his dog and kept his mouth shut. Actually, NO ONE SAID A WORD during the entire experience, until the dog came over the rise with the rooster in his mouth! So, this is the dog we strive for, the middle dog, not the splashy one that runs all over like a crazy person, but the calm, balanced dog who can use all the tools he was born with, to do his job. It is also the dog that all of us dream about owning. He had not had much exposure in water, so only got a 2, but I'm sure with more exposure he'll be fine.

The "C" OF IAMONIA litter tested well, though only 7 out of the 10 pups were tested. The other 3 will go in the fall. One dog, CHAZ, was judged to be soft. We'll just have to see how this dog develops and how he does in his IHDT this fall. Perhaps with more exposure, more game contact, the dog will be fine. We'll see. Another littermate, CHYT, tested in Idaho, needed a lot of coaxing and would only swim one time with a bird. It was very cold. My guess is that with more exposure and maturity the dog will be fine in water. A sister, CHESNA, had almost identical scores, and again, seems to need more maturity. The saddest thing was CARMEL, who tested in Wisconsin. As you can see by the scores the dog did poorly, and the judges noted that there appeared to be a problem with the way the back end moved. And the back legs did not appear to be flexible. I talked to the owner after the testing and in the course of our conversation learned that last fall the dog had been diagnosed with spinal meningitis, and her hind legs were temporarily paralyzed, which may account for what the judges were seeing. What a sad experience. But look at how well the rest of the litter did.

The "A" OF SANDHILL was a breeder's dream come true. Three pups tested, all get Prize I! The fourth pup, who lives in Alaska, had OCD, and surgery only a short time before the test, so impossible to test. They will be down in the fall to test. Of particular interest for me was **ARDA**, a female owned by Tom Mincheff, son of Dr. Thomas Mintscheff, the former breed warden of the German Griffon Club. You will all remember reading about Dr. Mintscheff in *GRIFFON*. Tom and I had plenty of chances to visit together during the weekend. One time we were sitting under the tent where the lunches were served and I commented to him that the whistle hanging around his neck looked a little worn. He smiled and said, "It was my father's." Tom and I missed his father this weekend, but we felt that both Thomas's and Franz Kroninger's spirits had been close by, guiding Tom.

Another breeder's dream was the "B" OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE. Six dogs tested, 5 get all 4's, the 6th one a Prize III. Two more pups in the litter were not tested. One will be tested in the fall, the other is probably lost to us. New members, Jim and Judy Montgomery, from Louisville, Kentucky, who own **BRANDY**, also missed the Kentucky Derby for the first time in 20 years, to come and test their dog. We surely like owners like them.

Our one-puppy-litter, AVERY OF MOUNTAIN HOUSE, breezed through the test with all 4's, conformation 4, coat 3. Wish she would have had some littermates as good as she is.

And the "B" OF ALDERBROOK litter was mostly a breeder's dream, with one big disappointment. But the successes far outweighed that. Bob Hinckley had done a good job, as always, in exposing his new, young dog CAPTAIN BLIGH. They sailed through without any Hinckley disasters and the dog earned all 4's. It appeared that too much training had interfered on one dog with the dog's natural searching abilities. The dog was completely trained on retrieving. This should not be done before NAT. Despite the training the dog was still very cooperative. Her owner, Bryan Pennington, is from North Carolina, and senior judge, Gary Pool, noted that the dog was very calm, easy going, with a Southern attitude! The sad part of this fine litter is that one dog went to an owner who simply never exposed the dog. Because of the extreme lack of exposure it was impossible to judge the dog.

At the Intermediate Hunting Dog level we tested 5 litters. Dogs from some of these litters were already tested last fall and test results are in the December '98 GDS. Three dogs from the "A" OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE did IHDT. One dog, ALLEE, just needed more hunting experience. Littermate, AMOS, a dog that

showed tremendous potential at his NAT, did well, but due to wrong exposure did not do as well as it might. At too early an age the dog was put on extensive blood tracking without having the proper preparation, and doing it too early. There was some big tension going on between dog and handler, which affected the dog's entire performance. The third dog to be tested was something none of us want to see. Like another dog above, this one also had OCD at an early age and lacked exposure due to confinement after surgery. On top of that the dog's owner has not exposed the dog to wild game nearly enough, and has an ongoing contest with the dog. All of this has produced a dog that the judges evaluated as "hard to handle, growled at judges, over protective, slightly dependent, and reacted to gunshot at the water and pulled off game." The dog may not have been perfect, but I can tell you it was not born this way.

Three dogs from the "B" OF CLOUDY SKIES litter were tested last fall (Dec. '98 GDS). The two we had this spring in Washington were both good dogs. One lacked hunting exposure this past year due to a serious illness of its owner, Bernard Constantin, who is now doing very well. Still **BRIGAND** was able to demonstrate good natural abilities and earned a Prize III. Two of the stars of the Washington test were Jane Webb (from Calgary, Alberta) and her **BINTI**. This was a team from beginning to end, coupled with a very talented dog. We'd seen them in Montana for exposure when the dog was only 5 months; again in Iowa last spring for NAT, and this year it all came together. We will be hoping to breed **BINTI** in January 2001.

In Maine this year we tested 5 of the MERRYMEETINGS "A" litter. You can see how they all did in the tabulation. One was tested two weeks earlier in Wisconsin and did very well. Ken Washburn's ANGUS, did a fine job, *but would not point the pen-raised birds. No way.* This is a dog that has pointed tons of woodcock and grouse, but no deal on these birds. A fine dog, though. AMY, who looked so promising in NAT, lacked exposure to a lot of different people and places, and with ducks.

Lots of disappointments in the "C" OF BIRKSHIRE POND litter. Not with the dogs, but some of the handlers needed help. However, I must congratulate Conrad Johnson for doing a lot of work in bringing his talented CONAN along. But, he needs to do more *positive water exposure*. This means leaving his Lab at home for a while and letting his versatile dog do what versatile dogs do - switch gears and do whatever job is at hand. CONWAY is a dog with a lot of potential *that has not been tapped*. In his IHDT he would not swim, would go to his belly and that was it, yet he got a "4" in water in his NAT. So what happened? Don't know, but the judges noted the dog may have been sick the day of the test.

One of the saddest things in our spring testing was to see three littermates - BARON VON BOHEMIA, BEMIDJI, and BOZENA OF IAMONIA. Two of the dogs have severe conformation faults; all three have temperament problems. We've known about this for quite some months, but we couldn't figure it out. Recently we heard (but have not been able to verify this to date) that a club has been importing French Brittany spaniels. According to what we heard, they had been bringing over bitches that had been bred before they left France and they were seeing lots of severe faults in the pups conformation and temperament. Ah ha, we said, and thought back to when we brought HELA over in 1988. She was bred before she was shipped and over here produced the "B" OF THE CASCADES litter. Eight pups, no severe conformation problems, but all 4 bitches had temperament problems, some of them severe.

Now comes **FLORA**, bred before she left.....It all begins to make sense. We are checking further to verify this and will keep you posted. John Pitlo remembers reading some research work done on wild canines, that when the foxes, coyotes, wolves, are under great stress (such as over population), there are great changes in the progeny. In talking to other scientists they concur that the stress of shipping an adult bred bitch, that is uproot-

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ing the dog from the home and master it has known, the long plane trip culminating in new owners, and a new land, causes profound stress which can change the blood chemistry in the bitch and thus affect some of the fetuses.

The other piece is the age of the fetuses. As most of you know, when the puppies are born, they are not all the same age. That's because the eggs can be fertilized on different days *and* they can attach to the placenta at different times, up to 10 days. What's important is *the age of the fetus at the time of the stress*. That's why some pups are affected and others are not, as in the "B" OF IAMONIA litter.

We have learned - a very hard way - that we will never again import a bred bitch from overseas. As for these poor three dogs and their owners, total refunds will be offered in the hopes that the owners can find good pet homes for the dogs, and start again with a new pup.

Summing Up

Except for the dogs that lacked proper exposure, the dogs are eager for game contact, cooperative, calm, friendly, with a strong desire to please their master, and are physically sound. In addition, most litters were uniform in conformation and coat, as well as temperament. The owners are pleased with their dogs. And usually any young dog that does well in tracking a live pheasant, especially under difficult conditions, has a lot of potential to turn into a fine hunting dog. Check the column for tracking a bird (TB). Look at all those 4's! *Every one of us - breeding committee, breeders, judges, and handlers - is doing our job. Good for us!*

OFFER FROM DR. ED BAILEY

I want to offer my services - at no charge of course- to the Griffon Club members. There were a lot of questions after the Friday morning seminar. I am also sure there were a lot that were not asked because of shyness, people just didn't want to bother me, inopportune time, embarrassment or for what ever reasons. I would like to give everyone the option to ask those or any other questions they might feel I have answers for. As you know, behavior problems is what I do and anyone whose dog has a behavior problem or a behavior related training problem (and most training problems are behaviorally based), or problems interpreting the dog's signals including those encountered in judging, you can e-mail me at <u>edbailey@uoguelph.ca</u> or phone me at 519-856-4988 evenings, Eastern time, or write to me at 464 Wilson St., Eden Mills, Ontario, NOB1PO. I want to continue the seminar for as long as there are questions.

BAD LUCK IN THE BREEDINGS FOR THIS YEAR, 1999

By the Breeding Committee

Of the list you have from the April GDS

 Matsuoka: 3 pups
 Coil: 4 pups
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 Molt: 1 pup
 Bubb: whelped June 24, 8 pups
 Whitley: 9

 Pool: No pups
 Pitlo: No breeding

Edgar (L. Olson): no pups Whitley: whelped June 5-6, 11 pups

So, we will not have a lot of pups this year, and many people will have to wait until spring 2000. Many, many people have experienced this in past years. Some waited one, two, even three years. We try to plan at least 10 breedings each year, because we know not all will be successful. We did have, indeed 10 planned this year and are ending up with hopefully five. A great disappointment for every single person involved! Priority, of course, goes to long-time, dedicated club members, who have worked hard to produce these dogs. Next are those who have been on the list since last year. This seems fair, don't you agree? See April GDS, pages 4-5, "Waiting for a Puppy?"

FAMILY PORTRAITS



This family portrait was taken at the NE Chapter test in Maine. From left; Sue Kaufman and BONNIE BELL OF ALDERBROOK (Prize II, NAT), Bryan Pennignton with BABE OF ALDERBROOK (Prize II, NAT), Ted Silver and BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK (Prize I, NAT), Paul Schonhart and BISCUIT OF ALDERBROOK (Prize I, NAT). Captain Bob Hinkley and CAPTAIN BLIGH OF ALDERBROOK (Prize I, NAT), and Andrew Goode with BRISBY OF ALDERBROOK (Prize I, NAT) (Photo by Rick Molt, proud breeder)



The Heartland test in WI had this family group. From left; James Waldow and BESSIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE (Prize I, NAT), Will Johnson and BASIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE (Prize I, NAT), Jim Montgomery and BRANDY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE (Prize I, NAT), Brain Johnston with BREA OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE (Prize I, NAT), Craig Miller with BAILEY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE (prize III, NAT), and Jerry Humphrey with BASIL OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE (Prize I, NAT)(Photo by Jim Hughes, proud breeder).