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“The Bird’s Right Here Boss”



Is what **DEKE OF IAMONIA** seems to be saying to owner Joe Moeggenborg while pointing a bird during the NAT test in WI this spring. **DEKE** and Joe received a Prize II. Photo by Ben Nieman.

Here in the Midwest—our hunting season came to a standstill in early December, when heavy snows and ice made hunting very difficult. With below zero wind chills and deep snows, even the most avid bird hunter did not feel right about pushing birds out of winter cover to face the harsh elements. We will have to wait until next year and hope the birds survive this harsh winter. Fall hunting tests were conducted by the Northwest, Heartland, and Northeast Chapters. Write-ups for each are included in this issue. This is the first time in 15 years that Jim Seibel and I have missed the fall Heartland test, and I really missed not being part of the goings on. But as you read in last month's GDS, Jim and I spent a wonderful 2 weeks in the Czech Republic, attending dog tests and visiting with members of the Czech Fousek Club. We will be writing more articles about this trip in future issues of the GDS. As usual, this issue contains the results of the fall field test, with all the dog scores and pedigrees. In addition, there is a write-up on the analysis of the database that club member Larry Semmens has been working on (and doing a mighty fine job, I might add). This is just the type of analysis the database will allow us to do. We will be able to add additional data in the future, including things such as unusual diseases, incidence of OCD, torsion, etc, that our dogs may have had. In order to get as complete a database as possible, we will be asking all of you who have owned club dogs to provide us with that information so we may enter it in the database. Please watch for the requests for that information in future issues of the GDS. I hope to see many of you at the tests this spring.

John Pitlo

HEARTLAND CHAPTER FALL TEST- 2000

By Bob Kasworm

After several years of continuous exile in Wisconsin the Heartland Chapter WPGCA returned to blessed Iowa for their Fall tests. It was most pleasant to again follow the test site directional signs which reminds us of their maker - our late friend Don Nicholson. The summer weather broke just in time to make for most seasonal conditions and although the test grounds were somewhat overgrown they were adequate.

A single judging group was able to handle the 7 intermediate and 1 Utility dogs over the 3 days.. Missing for the first time in many years were Jim Seibel and John Pitlo. Although the official line is that they were in Europe networking with the dog clubs there ...some lowered voices were discussing something about a secret United Nations mission/pub crawl. In their absence the judge tag team of Ken (Senior), Greg Hurtig, Dean Umphrey and a horde of apprentice judges. 12 states were represented at the test.

For unknown reasons the dogs at the tests were particularly vocal this year with a continuous chorus of barks, howls and moans throughout the day - even drowning out the human introductions on the first morning.. Perhaps they sensed Fall and the impending hunting seasons..

The traditional Amana family style dinner was held on Saturday night at the Colony Kitchen, with about 60 in attendance. This cholesterol feast was as good as remembered and included fried chicken, fried smoked porkchops, fried potatoes (with gravy!!!), Swiss steak andwell, you get the idea.

Thanks go to all who helped put on the weekends activities including John/Judy Coil as test chairpersons, Dean Umphrey for getting the birds, Chaney Yeast for the raffle -aided by the Nicholson youngsters, and everyone else who had a part in pulling the whole event off. SPECIAL THANKS go to Dave & Amy Nicholson who even with a busy young family found time for coordinating the grounds, the fine lunches and all the rest of the local support. It was so nice to see them all again and my aren't those kids getting big !.

NOTABLE AND LESS NOTABLE WEEKEND HAPPENINGS:

Jim Montgomery's performance as bird transporter par excellence. Bird schlepping is often viewed as a minor role - but how often have you seen a test grind to a halt because the right birds are not at hand and someone has to make a run back to the parking lot. Jim, however, was always "johnny on the spot" and proactive. He was even nominated to the position of "senior bird handler" although this was jeopardized when he tied a bag of pheasants to a tree and then misplaced the tree.

When Sue Kelsey was told she could come up with the judges (as photographer) someone kidded her about "gender bias" but she must not have exactly heard and turned and questioningly said "gingivitis???"

Andy Yeast early on was singing the "can't do nothing right" blues as the bird planter that couldn't quite do it to the judges satisfaction...but by the end of the second day the judges criticism was lessening and he even got- could it be? yes, a brief compliment

Kathy Rackouski ordering herself around. She was put in charge of the gallery and at one point she was the gallery...all by herself.

After one test's water work was concluded the Coil's **ADLER** was sent out to pick up an un-retrieved duck... which he did nicely including an absolute strut as he passed the gallery. Next a few pups were released into the pond and once properly mucky, repeatedly blasted through the judging group sitting next to the pond in serious deliberation. No complaints were heard.

Disbelief was expressed when Louisianan Lee Fulton came out of the closet...finally admitting that he was not originally from down south at -all but a native of California!!!! With that twang it must be southern California.

Anyone who has attended more than a few tests has come to expect remarkably poor shooting when it comes to dispatching the duck on the water. However, this weekend's gallery witnessed an all time low when senior judge Ken Hurtig took 5 shots on a single duck followed by two on the next. He murmured something about trying to "Just catch them with the edge of the pattern". And if this was not enough, it was followed by the single worst shot ever seen at a test when Greg Hurtig's shot hit water closer to shore than to the duck. This time the murmur was something about "caught my finger in the trigger". Could this be a genetic flaw being passed down the Hurtig line?

Long delays caused by the judges deliberations are nothing new and have come to be expected, even welcomed as a sign that the judges are giving every dog its due and they are seriously carrying out their solemn responsibility. Respect & confidence in this process was shaken by what several club members reported witnessing on Saturday afternoon. They observed the three judges and 5 apprentice judges, who had no problem agreeing on a dog's performance, unable to agree on the tally of the total score. Seven individuals, none of whose total matched. After five minutes of recounts they began to hone in on a limited range and in five minutes more finally agreed. Apparently our judges just plain can't multiply and add and that is the reason we are so often late for dinner.

Puppy owners took advantage of the grounds and birds to get some exposure work done. While the Utility test was going on, about 8 of this years puppy crop were given a chance to chase/track some live pheasants followed by one of the best mass puppy duck chases ever seen. A solid wedge of swimming puppies pursued a first rate duck down a long waterway. The duck gave them the slip only to be rediscovered and chased again. The duck finally disappeared and the puppies moved on to their next event but Dennis Fitzgerald of Pocahontas Iowa brought up his older dog **COCOPELLI OF BERKSHIRE POND** who would not give up and after 10 minutes dug the duck out of the muck. Good dog, Coco!!

DOO-DOO Award. This award is traditionally given for the best faux pas of the weekend and for this test goes to Judy Coil. Judy apparently got tangled up in some leashes and dogs and fell off balance, inadvertently kicking out and catching Jon Coil squarely where a man should not be kicked. Judy was awarded an unusual print showing a mixed breed collie type dog pointing quail. Perhaps the award really should go to Jon.

Vivian Pitlo was observed striding about the parking lot accosting folks and telling them "Don't call me Grandma". This only made sense when it was explained at dinner that several members had been kidding her that of those present she had been a member the longest and hence deserved the title. At dinner a Grandpa was also identified - Hank Carriger of Bellevue Nebraska who has been a member since 1973.

Many, many prizes were given out at the raffle. Although Ken Hurtig was the big cash winner, drawing the most comment was Donna Crouse from Ohio who won a choke chain collar which drew comments about kinkiness when she modeled it on herself. But it did not stop there, because several minutes later her husband Jim won a choke collar himself. Wow, a his and hers set. Thank goodness we don't use whips so there were none to give out.



Left: Handler Jim Edgar showing the right technique in getting **ANICKA OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS** to bring the bird to him in the Retrieve of the Dragged Bird portion of the IHDT test in Iowa this fall. **ANICKA** and Jim went on to earn a Prize III. Photo by Hank Carriger.



Above: **DUZITALL OF AUGER FALLS** begins the Track of the Duck (left) and then retrieves a squirrel to owner Lee Fulton in the optional "Retrieve of Dragged Fur" in the UFT (right) in Iowa September 2000. Photo on left by Sue Kelsey, on right by Jon Coil.

Right: **ABRACADABRA OF AGASSIZ LOWLANDS** starts the pheasant track as judge Dean Umphrey shows owner Steve Sents where the track is. Senior judge Ken Hurtig watches. IHDT Iowa September 2000. Photo by Jon Coil.



NORTHWEST CHAPTER FALL TEST

By Dennis Carlson

The Northwest Chapter fall test was certainly a full test for one judging group. We tested ten dogs that weekend. These dogs were all tested in the Intermediate test in keeping with the original intent of this test modeled after the European Fall Breeding Test. Glen Lehrer, Steve Grieser, and I formed the judging group.

We started by testing two dogs on Friday. **CLAIRE OF IAMONIA**, owned by Ed Spotts, and **AREKA OF CHERRY POINT**, owned by Randy Mann. Neither dog prized. The test went pretty smoothly except for a nest of wasps on a stump in the water, which stung **AREKA**. I knew about the wasps from the exposure day earlier in the summer and was hoping to avoid them. I was prepared to exterminate them that evening with wasp spray and chest waders. The spray was effective and they gave us no further trouble the rest of the weekend. We finished in time to enjoy dinner and rest up for Saturday.

It rained hard all day Saturday. I thought I had pretty good rain gear but I was totally soaked by lunch. Back home, this same storm caused the Hood River to flood and wash away large sections of Hwy 35. Despite the rain, we tested four Intermediate dogs. **ABEN OF AGASSIZ LOWLANDS**, owned by Rusty Redfield, **AJINN OF CHERRY POINT**, owned by Doug Hojem, **AJAX OF CHERRY POINT**, owned by Dick Bubb, and **WIND RIVER MEGAN**, a German Shorthair owned by Walt Greear. Except for **ABEN**, these dogs were difficult to judge. They made us think. Fortunately I was with Glean and Steve and together we helped each other interpret what we saw. **ABEN** was a dream to watch. His highly developed hunting skills, solid temperament, and ideal coat and conformation, lifted our spirits and brightened the day.

We did it again Sunday, this time in dry clothes. It continued to rain all night Saturday but by Sunday morning had turned to occasional showers with some clearing. The four Intermediate dogs were **ALDER'S EDGE NACHES**, owned by Dennis Buhrman, **LANCE HILLS TIA**, and **LANCE HILLS FRANC**, both owned by Robert Strampe, and **COTTONWOOD BELLE**, owned by Gary Whiting. **NACHES** got a prize III. The other dogs also did pretty well but fell down in one or two facets of the test.

There are many people to thank who helped make the test a success: Terry Heublien for bringing us together for lunch, John Heublien for helping Terry and planting birds, Walt Greear for planting birds, Larry and Nancy Mason for hosting the test on their property which they manage as a test site, my fellow judges Steve Grieser and Glean Lehrer who drove all the way from Montana with Lyla, our Register and his lovely wife, and most especially the handlers and their dogs.

NORTHEAST GRIFFON CLUB FALL TEST, BRISTOL, MAINE

By Joan Bailey

Because of having to do the day with National Geographic (see December GDS), I needed to arrive on Tuesday evening to give myself time to rest up from the long flight (Portland-to-Portland). I was arriving at 9 PM, with an hour's drive to the motel near Bristol, and I can no longer do the night drive alone after the long flight. So club member Andy Goode (owner of **BRISBY OF ALDERBROOK**) agreed to go to the airport and help me get my rental car, luggage and then lead me to the motel. Then he had to turn around, go back home and the next morning get back to the airport to catch a flight to Idaho. So Andy, many thanks for helping to make the weekend happen and to get me to Bristol for the National Geographic interview.

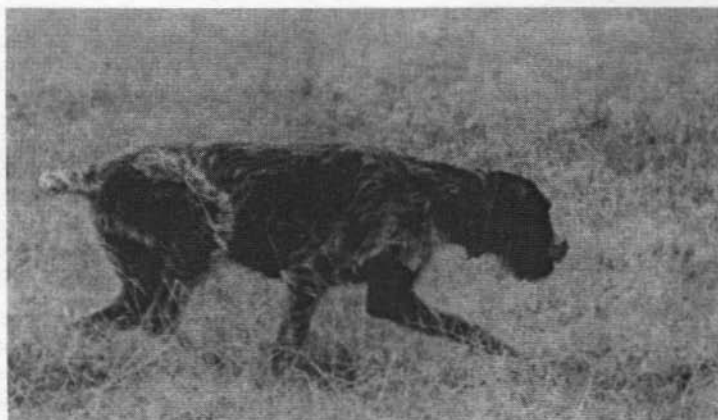
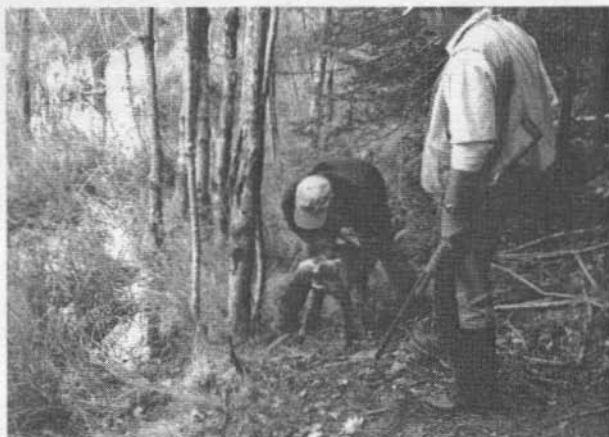
Arriving Wednesday evening were Andy and Connie Rupp from Colorado with their two kids, Joe and Heather. I'd been talking up the Maine test, telling them how much they would enjoy it, so they planned a trip to Pennsylvania to visit old family members and then flew up to Maine. Andy has a lot of professional photo equipment and brought it along. So he became our photographer for the entire weekend, and you can see some of his wonderful results right here. He looked so professional out in the field with his huge zoom lens, some of the folks thought he was the photographer from N. G! Andy vowed when he arrived that he would eat lobster every night he was in Maine. He succeeded.

Friday we tested two dogs in IHDT: **DAICEY OF IAMONIA**, who had helped us just the day before to demonstrate our dogs. She and Peter built throughout the day, becoming a solid team which culminated in a marvelous track of the duck (4), at 15 months of age! The other dog, **CATJE OF ALDERBROOK**, owned by Dana Webber, needs a lot of work to overcome lack of exposure plus some negative exposure. This promising



Apprentice judge Phil Bennett helps Phil Lukish start his **DEXTER OF IAMONIA** on the track of the live pheasant during the IHDT test in Maine this fall. Photo by Andy Rupp.

Right - **DELIA OF IAMONIA** has just completed the retrieve of the duck from deep water, after a good tracking of the duck. Her owner, Jim Sohns, lets her hold onto the bird a while longer before asking her to "give". Senior judge Rick Molt checks it out. Photo by Andy Rupp.



Left - **FERGUS OF AUGER FALLS** demonstrating "pointing ability" during the IHDT test in Idaho this spring. **FERGUS** and owner Bob Bullock received a Prize II in the test. Photo by Ann Pool.

dog can be salvaged if her owner is willing to do what is needed, in other words, to keep the commitment he made to the dog, the breeder, and the program, and I'm pretty sure he is committed.

Saturday we did two more littermates of the "D" of IAMONIA litter. Again, only 15 months old, but both did well and showed great potential. **DELIA** is very talented (Pr. I, NAT), and her owner, Jim Sohns, has given her loads of exposure to wild game. But there never was the right opportunity to shoot a bird over her last year, so she hasn't had the "whole ball of wax" cemented in her memory. She also lost some time due to an injury. Still, despite all this, her talent is apparent and the potential is great. Jim is doing a good job and we'll hear more about this lovely young dog, who received a Prize III.

Her brother, **DEXTER**, is another fine dog with lots of potential, but his owner needs to learn to use positive reinforcement, rather than a lot of force with this young dog. If he doesn't pay attention to this, the dog will go sour on him. We could already see the beginning of this. Our dogs don't fit in a slot. You can't take a young dog and try the step 1 through 10 deal. It won't work. You'll ruin the dog. Each dog is different and needs to be treated differently, just like children from the same family. **DEXTER** looked to me like possible breeding material, so I'm hoping he will get the right exposure from here on out.

All weekend the weather was beautiful with a hint of the fall colors to come, especially on the edges of the swamps, with reds, yellows, oranges popping out here and there, and that wonderful smell to the air that entices us with thoughts of hunts soon to come..

Saturday evening the entire Molt family (Rick, Tina, Isaac, Hillary, Bailey and Dina) hosted an old fashioned Maine Clam Bake for us. A shallow pit was dug, the ingredients: lobster (50 of them, caught by Isaac!), clams, sweet corn in the husks, potatoes, onions, and eggs, were layered and covered with seaweed. This is cooked for 45 minutes at which time one of the eggs is unwrapped. If it is hardboiled, it's an indication that all the other ingredients are cooked. Everything was taken out and laid in bins in the garage where the picnic tables were set up. We helped ourselves and dug in. Andy did in four lobsters that night! Helping the Molts with this big feed, plus our lunches were club members Tim and Christi Dysart. Without them we could not have been well fed all weekend.

Because we didn't have any dogs for Sunday, it was a free day. After a leisurely morning for me, and after packing up my stuff and loading my rental car, I drove out to the Molts to return a couple of items. When I arrived, Rick and Tina were cleaning out the garage, Rick hosing off the picnic tables before loading them up in his truck to return to neighbors. It was a reminder to me of all the unseen work that goes on at every one of our tests. It reminds me of a birthday party for the kids—and Mom and Pop cleaning up after all the fun is over.



Left - **DACIE OF IAMONIA** successfully completes the drag track for owner James McCarty during their IHDT in Iowa September 2000. **DACIE** and James received a Prize I in the test. Photo by Jon Coil



Above - **AUGUSTINE OF AGASSIZ LOWLANDS** points a bird during the IHDt test in IA this fall. Right - **AUGUSTINE** and owner/handler Dutch Sley traveled from Ft. Knox, KY to attend and participate in the fall test. Here they wait for the next portion of the IHDt event. Photo by Sue Kelsey.



Above - **BASIL OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE** shows perfect form as owner Jerry Humphrey reaches for the bird during the IHDt test in IA this fall. Photo by Sue Kelsey.



Above. Steve Sents and **ABRACA DABRA OF AGASSIZ LOWLANDS** take a break between events during the IHDt test in IA this fall. Photo by Sue Kelsey.

SPRING 2001 TESTS DATES

ROCKY MT. - MAR. 31-Apr. 1, Jerome, ID: Contact: VIC JARO, (208) 736-9381 (Annual Judges Seminar)

NORTHWEST-APR. 7-8, Silver Creek, WA: Contact: DENNIS CARLSON, (541)386-4830: carlson@gorge.net

HEARTLAND -APR. 20-22, Baraboo, WI: Contact: JON & JUDY COIL, (218)647-8451: Jcoil@paulbunyan.net

NORTHEAST- MAY 18-20, Desden, ME: Contact JANE MCKENNA, (207) 666-8260: (mckennaj@downeastenergy.com)



Left - **BREA OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE** beginning the tracking of duck portion of the IHDT test in WI this spring. **BREA** and owner Brian Johnston went on to earn a Prize I. **BREA** will be bred to **ELMO OF AUGER FALLS** in January, 2001.



Above - **BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK**. **BRISTOL** and owner Ted Silver received a Prize I in IHDT in 1999 and she will be bred to **CHIPPER DE LOS ALTOS** this spring. Photo by Tina Molt.



Above - Tim Schwager and **DARBY OF IAMONIA** at the spring test in Maine. **DARBY** and Tim went on to earn a Prize II in NAT. Photo by Tina Molt.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST- FALL, 2000

KEY TO TESTS (INDEX NUMBER) * = Optional Test ++ = Over Age, Older Hunting Dog
 ** = Temperament, see list of dogs, p.11,12

WATER

TD = Track of Duck (5)
 RD = Retrieve of Duck (3)
 BR = Blind Retrieve (4)

FIELD

S = Searching (5)
 P = Pointing (4)
 RB = Retrieve of Dragged Bird (3)
 TB = Track of Live Bird (3)
 *TR = Track of Live Rabbit (3)
 *RF = Retrieve of Dragged Fur (3)

JUDGED THROUGHOUT

N = Nose and use of Nose (6)
 AW = Attitude toward Work (4)
 C = Cooperation (3)
 O = Obedience

OTHER

TP = Total Points
 PR = Prize Classification
 CO = Conformation
 CT = Coat
 T = Temperament

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 280 (June 1999 GDS)																		
++CLAIRE OF IAMONIA, F, 28 mos (WA)																		
	2	0	3	4	2	4	4			4	3	3	2	125		3	3	ok
GROUP 282 (June 1999 GDS)																		
CATJA OF ALDERBROOK, F, 16 mos (ME)																		
	1	Withdrew		3	4	4	4			4	2	2	2			3	1	ok
GROUP 284 (June 1999 GDS)																		
++BASIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 28 mos (IA)																		
	3	4	3	4	4	3	4			4	3	3	3	150	II	3	4	ok
++BASIL OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 28 mos (IA)																		
	4	0	0	4	4	3	4			4	2	2	2	121		4	4	*
GROUP 286 (Feb., 2000 GDS)																		
RED HOT ACE, M, 20 mos (IA)																		
	1	0	1	2	2	2	4			2	2	2	2	77		3	3	*
RED HOT ARIE, M, 20 mos (IA)																		
	0	0	3	2	4	1	1			2	1	2	1	69		4	3	ok
GROUP 289 (August 2000 GDS)																		
ABEN OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, M, 17 mos, (WA)																		
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			4	4	4	4	172	I	4	4	ok
ANICKA OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, F, 17 mos, (IA)																		
	4	3	3	4	4	2	4			4	3	3	2	146	III	4	3	ok
AUGUSTINE OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, M, 17 mos, (IA)																		
	4	2	2	4	4	2	4			4	3	3	1	136		3	3	ok
ABRACADABRA OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, M, 17 mos, (WA)																		
	4	3	3	3	4	3	1			3	3	3	2	129		3	3	ok
GROUP 290 (August 2000 GDS)																		
DACIE OF IAMONIA, F, 15 mos (IA)																		
	4	3	3	4	4	4	4			4	4	3	4	162	I	4	2	ok
DAICY OF IAMONIA, F, 15 mos (ME)																		
	4	2	2	3	4	2	3			4	3	3	3	134	II	4	3	ok
DELIA OF IAMONIA, F, 15 mos (ME)																		
	3	2	2	4	4	2	3			4	4	3	2	135	III	4	2	ok
DEXTER OF IAMONIA, F, 15 mos (ME)																		
	1	2	2	4	2	2	3			4	3	2	1	107		3	3	ok
GROUP 292 (August 2000 GDS)																		
AJINN OF CHERRY POINT, F, 15 mos (WA)																		
	2	0	0	2	4	0	3			4	2	2	1	86		4	3	*

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST-FALL 2000- CONTINUED

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 292 (Continued)																		
AJAX OF CHERRY POINT, m, 15 mos (WA)																		
	1	0	3	3	4	0	4			4	2	2	2	104		3	3	*
AREKA OF CHERRY POINT, F, 15 mos (WA)																		
	1	0	1	4	4	1	4			4	1	1	1	94		4	3	ok
GROUP 296 (August 2000 GDS)																		
LANCE HILLS FRANC, M, 17 mos (WA)																		
	1	0	2	3	4	4	4			4	2	3	2	115		3	3	ok
LANCE HILLS TIA, F, 17 mos (WA)																		
	4	0	2	4	4	2	4			4	2	3	2	129		4	3	ok
COTTONWOOD BELLE, F, 17 mos (WA)																		
	4	4	3	4	4	0	4			4	3	3	2	143		4	3	ok
GROUP 297 (August 2000 GDS)																		
ALDERS EDGE NACHES, M, 19 mos (WA)																		
	4	3	3	3	4	2	4			4	3	3	2	141	III	4	3	ok
GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER																		
WIND RIVERS MEGAN, F, 21 mos (WA)																		
	2	3	0	4	4	1	3			2	3	2	2	103		-	-	ok

UTILITY FIELD TEST, FALL 2000

KEY TO TESTS: IA = Iowa

* = Optional

INDEX

TD = Track of Duck
 SWD = Search Without Duck
 BR = Blind Retrieve
 SB = Steady at Blind
 RM = Retrieve of Marked Fall
 S = Searching
 P = Pointing
 SWS - Steady to Wing & Shot

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

N = Nose and Use of Nose
 AW = Attitude Toward Work
 C = Cooperation
 O = Obedience
 TP = Total Points
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 T = Temperament

TD	SWD	BR	SM	RM	S	P	SWS	RS	WD	TB	SW	H	RDG	*F	*B	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	C	T
5	3	3	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	4	4	2	3	3	4	6	4	4	3					

GROUP 247 (June 1995 GDS)

DUZITALL OF AUGER FALLS, M, 5 yrs, 4 mos. (IA)

1	3	1	4	2	4	4	1	4	4	1	3	2	1	3		2	2	2	2	155		3	4	ok
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DOGS EVALUATED IN THE FALL OF 2000

Intermediate Hunting Dog Test

++CLAIRE SKY OF IAMONIA, F, 28 mos., whelped May 5, 1998. Conformation: 3, 24"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, not flat lying, sparse on belly, med furnishings. Temperament: friendly, insecure in water. Owned by Ed Spotts, 513 N Grand Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Tom Whitley. Pedigree 280 (June 1999, GDS).

CATJA OF ALDERBROOK, F, 16 mos., whelped May 19, 1999. Conformation: 3, 22 1/2"H X 23 "L. Coat: 1, soft, open, curly, soft on head, full furnishings. Temperament: tentative at water, cautious, friendly, happy, shows some dependence. Owned by Dana Webber, P.O. Box 194, Saint Albans, ME 04971.

++BASIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 28 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation: 3, 24"H X 23 1/2"L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, easy to handle and examine. Owned by Will Johnson, 304 E. 66th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113. Bred by Jim Hughes. Pedigree 284 (June 1999, GDS).

++BASIL OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE, F, 28 mos., whelped May 18, 1998. Conformation: 4, 22 1/2"H X 23 "L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, sparse furnishings. Temperament: skittish, barks at strangers, spooky, turned off game. Owned by Fran and Jerry Humphrey, 1119 N. 350 E., Chesterton, IN 46304. Bred by Jim Hughes. Pedigree 284 (June 1999, GDS).

RED HOT ACE, M, 20 mos., whelped Nov. 26, 1998. Conformation: 3, 26"H X 25"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, not flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: tentative, soft, gunshy. Owned by Dean Humphrey, P.O. Box 310, Keosauqua, IA 52565. Bred by William Toner. Pedigree 286 (Feb., 2000 GDS).

RED HOT ARIE, M, 20 mos., whelped Nov. 26, 1998. Conformation: 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, curly. Temperament: calm, lacks drive in field. Owned by Loren and Sue Kelsey, 3480 Maceday Hill Circle, Waterford, MI 48329. Bred by William Toner. Pedigree 286 (Feb., 2000 GDS).

ABEN OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, M, 17 mos., whelped April 20, 1999. Conformation: 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat: 4, flat lying, dense, med harsh, sparse furnishings. Temperament: bold, eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Rusty Redfield, Box 2173, Clancy, MT 59634. Bred by Jon/Judy Coil. Pedigree 289 (August 2000, GDS).

ANICKA OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, F, 17 mos., whelped April 20, 1999. Conformation: 4, 22"H X 22"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, short summer coat, sparse furnishings. Temperament: strong desire, eager, happy, no defects observed. Owned by Jim/Tami Edgar, 408 N Huron Ave., Spring Valley, MN 55975. Bred by Jon/Judy Coil. Pedigree 289 (August 2000, GDS).

AGUSTINE OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, M, 17 mos., whelped April 20, 1999. Conformation: 3, 25"H X 24 1/2"L. Coat: 3, med harsh, med dense, med furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Dutch Sley, 1432B 5th Ave., Ft. Knox, KY 40121. Bred by Jon/Judy Coil. Pedigree 289 (August 2000, GDS).

ABRACADABRA OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS, M, 17 mos., whelped April 20, 1999. Conformation: 3, 23"H X 22 1/2"L. Coat: 3, med harsh, med dense, med furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, no defects observed. Owned by Steve Sents, P.O. Box 72, Columbus City, IA 52737-0072. Bred by Jon/Judy Coil. Pedigree 289 (August 2000, GDS).

DACIE OF IAMONIA, F, 15 mos., whelped June 6, 1999. Conformation: 4, 22.5"H X 22.5"L. Coat: 2, not flat lying, med harsh, lacks density, soft on head, full furnishings. Temperament: hard to examine, hyper. Owned by James McCarty, 210 W Adams, Pittsburg, KS 66762. Bred by Tom Whitley. Pedigree 291 (August 2000, GDS).

DAICEY OF IAMONIA, F, 15 mos., whelped June 6, 1999. Conformation: 4, 23 1/2"H X 22 1/2"L. Coat: 3, harsh, med dense, flat lying, med furnishings, lacks density on belly. Temperament: friendly, eager, easy to handle, no defects observed. Owned by Peter Meyer, PO Box 709, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Bred by Tom Whitley. Pedigree 291 (August 2000, GDS).

DELIA OF IAMONIA, F, 15 mos., whelped June 6, 1999. Conformation: 4, 23"H X 23"L. Coat: 2, soft on head, med harsh, open on belly, med curly. Temperament: eager, bold, friendly, energetic. Owned by James Sohns, 998 Silver Lake Rd., Bucksport, ME 04416. Bred by Tom Whitley. Pedigree 291 (August 2000, GDS).

DEXTER OF IAMONIA, M, 15 mos., whelped June 6, 1999. Conformation: 3, cross butt-bite (bottom rt P1 misaligned) 24 1/2"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, harsh, med dense, flat lying, smooth on head, med furnishings. Temperament: friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Philip Lukish, PO Box 373, Alexandria, PA 16611. Bred by Tom Whitley. Pedigree 291 (August 2000, GDS).

AJINN OF CHERRY POINT, F, 15 mos., whelped June 24, 1999. Conformation: 4, 22 1/2"H X 22 1/2"L. Coat: 3, harsh, med dense, flat lying, sparse on belly. Temperament: soft, insecure, tentative. Owned by Doug Hojem, 1689 SW 18th, Pendleton, Oregon 97801. Bred by Richard Bubb. Pedigree 292 (August 2000, GDS).

AJAX OF CHERRY POINT, M, 15 mos., whelped June 24, 1999. Conformation: 3, could not measure or check teeth. Coat: 3, harsh, med dense, med furnishings. Temperament: very hard to examine, mentally unstable. Owned by Richard Bubb, PO Box 1241, Ferndale, WA 98248. Bred by Richard Bubb. Pedigree 292 (August 2000, GDS).

AREKA OF CHERRY POINT, F, 15 mos., whelped June 24, 1999. Conformation: 4, 22"H X 22"L. Coat: 3, med harsh, med dense, not flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: friendly, insecure in water. Owned by Randy Mann, 103 Wolf Fork Rd., Dayton, WA 99328. Bred by Richard Bubb. Pedigree 292 (August 2000, GDS).

LANCE HILL'S FRANC, M, 17 mos., whelped May 3, 1999. Conformation: 3, 25"H X 26"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, good belly coverage, med furnishings. Temperament: happy, friendly, mellow, no defects observed. Owned by Robert Strampe, W. 19210 Lance Hill, Cheney, WA 99004. Bred by Robert Strampe. Pedigree 296 (August 2000, GDS).

LANCE HILL'S TIA, F, 17 mos., whelped May 3, 1999. Conformation: 4, 23"H X 24"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, not flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: happy, friendly, no defects observed. Owned by Robert Strampe, W. 19210 Lance Hill, Cheney, WA 99004. Bred by Robert Strampe. Pedigree 296 (August 2000, GDS).

COTTONWOOD BELLE, F, 17 mos., whelped May 3, 1999. Conformation: 4, 22 1/2"H X 22 1/2"L. Coat: 3, med dense, med harsh, not flat lying, good belly coverage, med furnishings. Temperament: serious, no defects observed. Owned by Gary Whiting, 615 Cottonwood, Richland, WA 99352. Bred by Robert Strampe. Pedigree 296 (August 2000, GDS).

ALDERS EDGE NACHES, M, 19 mos., whelped Feb., 1999. Conformation: 4, 25" X 25". Coat: med dense, harsh, not flat lying, good belly coverage, med furnishings. Temperament: no defects observed. Owned by Dennis and Katy Buhrman, 32928 SE 78th St., Fall City, WA 98024. Bred by Barbara Jensen. Pedigree 297 (August 2000, GDS).

GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

WIND RIVER'S MEGAN, F, 21 mos., whelped March 31, 1999. Conformation: 25 1/2" X 25". Coat: med dense, harsh. Temperament: eager, independent. Owned by Walt Gear, 1093 SW Pucker Huddle Rd., White Salmon, WA 98672. Bred by Debby Koerberlein.

UTILITY TEST

DUZITALL OF AGUER FALLS, M, 6 yrs., whelped May 18, 1994. Conformation: 3, 24"H X 24"L, butt bite. Coat: 3, outer coat harsh, undercoat needs more density, curly-not flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, calm. Owned by Lee Fulton, 2202 Redwood Dr., Monroe, LA 71201. Bred by Chris Pool. Pedigree 247 (June 1995, GDS).

CORRECTION

Please note this correction from the December GDS. The correct address for the WPGCA Research and Education Foundation on the world wide web should be: <http://wpgcaerf.freesevers.com>

The Griffon Database

By John Pitlo and Larry Semmens

The WPGCA Board of Directors has long recognized the need to enter all of our data into one of the PC databases to help us in our breeding decisions. The problem was, we all kind of knew what we wanted, but no one had the time, ability, or the right set of circumstances to get the job done. And then along came Larry Semmens, a new club member from Alaska, whom I met for the first time last spring at our annual seminar in Idaho. Larry and I had been conversing for about 4 months about the database and I was able to send him some of the older data I had in electronic format. In Larry's own words, this is how it all started.

"Long Alaskan winter nights are only good for a few things and most of them have something to do with progeny. So it was only natural that last winter, armed with 20 back issues of the *Gun Dog Supreme* (GDS) and dreams of a perfect puppy, a database was created of the test results. It started simply as a tool to help select a puppy, but it grew into all of the test results published in Joan's book *GRIFFON, Gun Dog Supreme* and in *GDS*. It also includes most of the other information reported in the *GDS* and could hold quite a bit more if the data becomes available".

The data has all been entered into Microsoft Access and the core of the database is the test results published in the *GDS*. The WPGCA Breeding Committee uses these results as the primary tool for measuring the success of each breeding and for the selection of future breedable dogs. The test results were divided into five-year increments and included the information through the fall 2000 test. The objectives of this analysis were to determine 1- if improvements are being made in the breeding program, 2-identify areas of weakness, and 3) identify superior males or females or lines. Analysis of the data was with simple linear regression and test for levels of significance was at the $P \leq 0.06$ level of probability. The following table shows the results of testing by Natural Ability Test (NAT) and Intermediate Hunting Dog Test (IHDT).

	TOTAL	1974-80	1981-85	1986-90	1991-95	1996-2000
NAT						
TOTAL DOGS TESTED	405	54	41	63	102	145
QUALIFIED	278	31	20	42	75	110
I	164	7	6	21	57	73
II	56	14	6	16	2	18
III	58	10	8	5	16	19
% QUALIFIED	68.6%	57.4%	48.8%	66.7%	74.5%	75.2%
IHDT						
TOTAL DOGS TESTED	312	21	30	46	87	128
QUALIFIED	158	6	10	22	53	67
I	48	1	1	7	14	25
II	69	4	7	10	24	24
III	41	1	2	5	15	18
% QUALIFIED	50.6%	28.6%	33.3%	47.8%	60.9%	52.3%

The analysis provides the following. The number of dogs we are breeding and thus testing is growing rapidly and is nearly triple the 1974-85 numbers. This has implications for the club in terms of having enough judges and tests. We have already seen the ramifications of this, as there are several tests that require 3 days and 2-3 judging teams.

The percent of dogs qualifying in NAT has increased significantly ($r^2 = 0.74$, $p \leq 0.06$) (see Figure 1) during the time period 1974-2000. Joe Nadeker (member of our breeding committee) has stated that when 75% of the dogs tested in NAT qualify, it is the benchmark of a successful breeding program. We have just achieved that. The percent of dogs that qualified in IHDT also increased

significantly ($r^2 = 0.77$, $P \leq 0.05$) (see Figure 2) during the same time period. The percentage of dogs that qualified in the IHDT test hovers near 55% over the last 10 years.

There were 405 dogs tested in NAT, of those 127 did not qualify (5 were withdrawn during testing). An additional 18 dogs were tested in NAT, but they were over 16 months of age (or under 6 months) at the time of the test and therefore were not eligible to qualify. They are excluded from this analysis. The table below shows the number of dogs with scores of 0 or 1 in each area of the NAT test. Note: some dogs may have been tested more than one time. In the NAT, it is not very common, but in the IHDT, many dogs have tested more than once. Also, note that the same dog could contribute to several categories in the table below and therefore the total numbers will not equal the number of dogs that did not qualify.

NOSE	SEARCH	WATER	POINTING	TRACKBIRD	ATWORK	COOP
4	8	78	30	32	11	9

Clearly, the largest single reason dogs do not qualify in NAT is due to poor scores in affinity for water. Thirteen dogs had disqualifying scores in both water and point. Track of the bird is another area of difficulty, while searching, nose, attitude toward work, and cooperation are relatively rare problems. On the positive side of this analysis, 87% of dogs that received a 4 in the water also qualified. When there is a 4 in both affinity for water and pointing, 92% of the dogs qualified. It is interesting that in the last 10 years, these indicators are stronger, with 93% of dogs receiving a 4 in water qualifying, and 97% of the dogs that qualified received a 4 in both affinity for water and pointing.

The following table is the number of IHDT tested dogs with 0 or 1 in each category for the 131 dogs that did not qualify. Please refer to page 10 for full explanation of abbreviations.

TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	TR	RF	N	AW	C	O	MR
72	51	17	2	21	77	17	0	0	2	10	12	25	22

Retrieve of Dragged Bird (RB) is the biggest problem in this test, followed closely by Track of Duck in Water (TD). Retrieve of Duck in Deep Water (RD) is also a problem area. Of the 77 dogs that had a low score in Retrieve of Dragged Bird, 28 dogs also had a 0 or 1 in Retrieve of Duck and 29 dogs had problems with Track of Duck. However, when the largest single problem in NAT test is affinity for water, it should be no surprise that water problems would surface in IHDT. Retrieving is an interesting problem, is it the dog or is it the handler? Retrieve of Dragged Bird is a retrieving training exercise that rests on the shoulder of the handler to properly expose and train a young dog to do the task. I know that many of our dog owners are primarily upland bird hunters and do not properly expose their young dogs to ducks and water tracking and retrieving. I know this by visiting with these handlers after their dogs have completed these tests. There is no doubt that handlers contribute to the problem and we must do a better job of training/exposing the handlers. We have been doing just that at annual seminars and annual summer training days, but sometimes it is difficult to train an old dog handler who has always "done things this way".

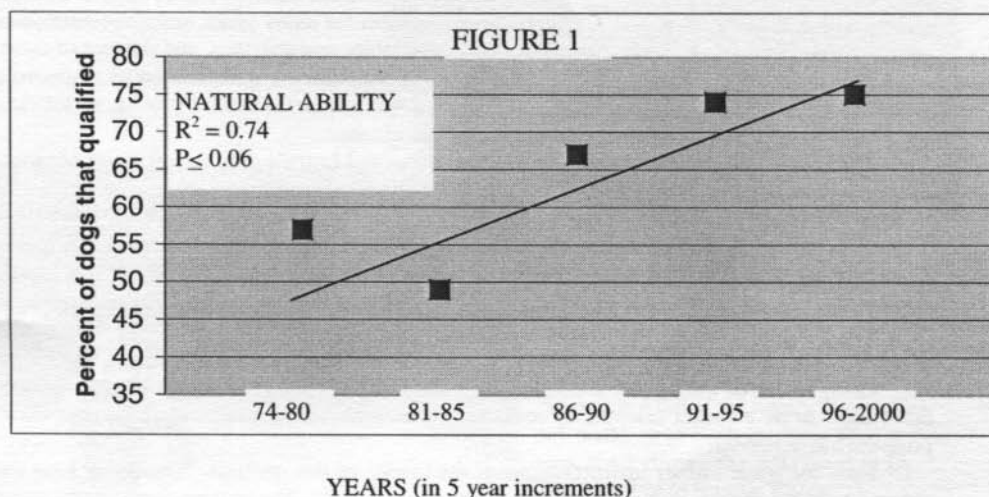
The breeders agreement calls for testing the dog in both tests. Over the last ten years the average has been 70 % of the dogs tested in NAT were also test IHDT. Last year (1999) was the highest ever with 89 % of the dogs tested in NAT also being tested in IHDT! This is a good reflection on the club breeding program that emphasizes breeder follow-ups on their owner/handlers to get the dogs tested. There were 17 dogs that qualified in IHDT that did not prize NAT. Many of these dogs had NAT scores of over 20, but did not qualify due to a 0 or 1 in a single category. There were 78 dogs that qualified in the NAT but did not qualify in IHDT.

The data on sires and dams are shown in the tables on the next page. As mentioned before, a dog can be tested more than once, which may bias the numbers somewhat. These sires account for 267 of the 405 WPGCA tested dogs. NT = Not tested. Not all sires and dams are shown in the following tables. Only those sires and dams that have 2 or more litters tested in NAT are shown.

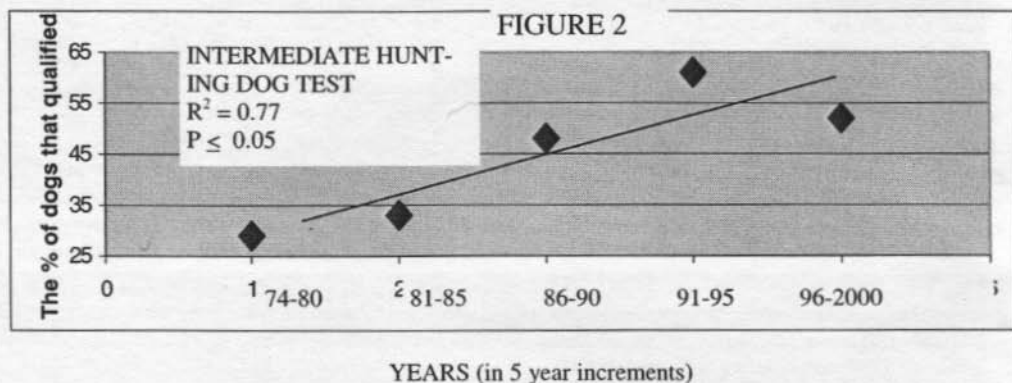
NAT Test (SIREs)	Prize I	Prize II	Prize III	No Prize N.T.	total	litters	prz %
Dan Cerniky (CF)	37	4	6	23	70	12	67%
Erik od Jezarek (CF)	21	3	7	23	54	8	57%
Chyt ze Zaplav (CF)	15	5	3	7	32	7	72%
Barton de los Altos (CF)	26	5	10	3	47	7	87%
Boss of the Cascades (CF)	8	2	2	3	15	2	80%
Blue Mountain's Brew (A)	12	5	0	3	20	3	85%
Ariko vom Erik (CF)	14	1	5	8	29	6	66%

Here are the dams. The kennel name is included to aid in identifying the dogs.

NAT Test (DAMS)	Kennel	Prz I	Prz II	Prz III	No Prz	NT	Total	Litters	Prz %
Avaj of Iamonia (A)	Dutchman's Hollow	15	5	2	1		23	3	96%
Amy of Dutchman's Hollow (A)	Ocean House	8	0	3	2		13	2	85%
Autumn of Hoffman Mill (A)	Auger Falls	8	3	1	11		23	3	52%
Axa od Pastejriku (CF)	De Los Altos	4	1	1	8		14	3	43%
Bailey of Ocean House (A)	Alderbrook	5	2	1	0	1	9	2	89%
Birkley Belle of Dutchman's Hollow	Birkshire Pond	6	0	1	4		11	3	64%
Borka z Kolodev (CF)	Drummer's Ridge	4	0	0	4		8	2	50%
Brandy of Dutchman's Hollow (A)	Show-Me-Borealis	6	0	0	2		8	2	75%
Britanny of Dutchman's Hollow (A)	Prairie Storm	6	0	2	1		9	2	89%
Cassidy of Dutchman's Hollow (A)	Auger Falls	10	3	0	1		14	2	93%
Callaj of Dutchman's Hollow	Dutchman's Hollow	7	3	4	4	1	19	2	74%
Cera of Dutchman's Hollow (A)	High Country	11	1	2	0	1	15	2	93%
Champagne Blaze of Dutchman's Hollow (A)	Cloudy Skies	5	2	2	3		12	2	75%
Hela z Dobrovska (CF)	Cascades & Vom Eric	6	1	2	5		14	4	64%
Flora z Hlozku (CF)	Iamonia	13	2	4	7		26	3	73%
Prairie Storm's Abby (A)	Truman's Pride	6	2	2	3		13	2	77%



The A, B, and C litters of Dutchman's Hollow all are from **AVAJ OF IAMONIA**. Two litters with **BLUE MOUNTAINS BREW** (A, C) and one with **BOSS OF THE CASCADES** (B). These breedings produced great pups, with 96% qualifying in the NAT test. **CASSIDY AND CERA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW** also produced excellent pups with 93% of the puppies qualifying in NAT. It is very interesting to follow these lines and kennel names to the dogs being tested today.



There could be much more information added to the database. The UDT scores will be added this winter. Data on health issues like OCD, dysplasia, stomach torsion, cause of death, age at death, and other items of interest will be added, but must be gathered first. The website, email, or an insert in the *GDS* could be used for this.

FOR THOSE OF US STATISTICALLY CHALLENGED GRIFFONNIERS!

By Joan Bailey

Larry Semmens is a fairly new member of our club, but soon after he joined and got on the list to get a pup from us— which he did last year, he began talking to me, and to other members of our board of directors, about updating our test results. Larry had read *GRIFFON-Gun Dog Supreme* and being well informed about databases, it bothered him that the stats for Griffons only covered through the year 1994, which was all we had to work with when we brought the Griffon book to fruition. So early on he offered to provide a database (computer style!) and the BOD said yes! He's been working mostly with John Pitlo (our vice-president, board member for many years, and excellent senior judge), who is a fisheries biologist and used to working with tables and statistics, and the two of them put this work together for us. Furthermore, in order for us to maintain our qualification as a nonprofit corporation for the Research and Education Foundation, it was important that we provide an article showing (proving statistically) that we have achieved positive results.

When one looks at the statistical results in John and Larry's article, it is quite obvious that we have succeeded, that we have made a statistically significant improvement in our breed.

In Appendix A of the Griffon book, which was the long section with all the test results of our dogs from the beginning of testing in 1969 through 1994, the introduction to these results is titled *STATISTICS, What Do They Mean? How Do We Read Them?* (Pages 363-364). It is extremely important that you go back and read these two pages again so that you have a clear understanding of the results of this presentation. Remember though that the work John and Larry have done is a statistical analysis, which is more that I talked about in the book.

However, even taking into account all the factors that can and do skew a statistical analysis, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand the profound and significant success our breeding program has achieved.

Now for some further interpretations of the results of this analysis. Thanks to John and Larry, the graphs make it easy for us as we study the results of NAT. The progression of improvement from the start of our program in 1974 to the present, is exactly what the breeding committee predicted would happen. As documented in *GRIFFON*, in 1983 the board of directors told our club members that we had made an improvement in our breed, that we had come up about 20% in the quality of our dogs, but now we were stuck and there was no way to keep moving upward—UNLESS we injected new blood. It was here, in 1983 and 1984 that "our" Joe Nadeker not only began the process that



Left - **DIRK OF IAMONIA** retrieving a thrown dummy during the "Affinity for Water" portion of the NAT test this spring in WI as owner R.C. Buechs watches. **DIRK** and R.C. went on to earn a well deserved Prize III. Photo by Ben Nieman.

Right - **ARRIBA OF HIGH DESERT** and owner Richard Bovard at the edge of the water during the NAT test in WI this spring. Notice how intently **ARRIBA** is watching the dummy and waiting for Richard to throw it for her. **ARRIBA** and Richard went on to earn a Prize I with a perfect score of 28 in the test. Richard is a past editor of the GDS. Photo by Ben Nieman.



Left - **RED HOT ARIE** demonstrating "Pointing Ability" as owner Loren Kelsey walks in to flush the bird. This action took place during the IHDT test in IA this fall. Photo by Sue Kelsey.

would save our breed, but he taught us how to do it.

Look now again at the graph. See where the first significant change of improvement happens—in the period 1986-1990—which is when we began to have results from the first breedings and when more dogs came over from the Czech Republic and we were producing more dogs and better dogs. This continued for the next 5 year segment, 1991-1995. Now we are at or near a leveling off, having accomplished what we set out to do.

IHDT follows the same path, except for a drop off in the last 5-year segment, 1996-2000. We do believe firmly that this drop off in IHDT is due to handler/owners not preparing their dogs properly for the test, which is exactly what John said. We have started a new piece of our program, an idea we came up with about three years ago, called Breeders Coaches. Our most experienced breeders now serve as breeder coaches to each breeder every year. Among many duties, the coach provides a knowledgeable, experienced person to talk to as often as the breeder wants to, about any aspect of the process. So this will be something that will improve our success of having dogs properly prepared for IHDT.

To add in closing, though I know part of me says I shouldn't, that I already knew the results of what John and Larry proved! Several times during the last five years or so, Joe would ask me, what percentage of our dogs are qualifying in NAT? And I would answer, about 75%. But I love that John and Larry have proven it to those less believing such as the government!

OFA INFORMATION

Editors note: For those of you that need to contact OFA to get kits for hip x-rays - if you are hooked up to the internet, the address for OFA is (www.offa.org). Simply send them a message requesting a hip X-ray kit and include your address! Remember, beginning in January (2001), all dog x-rays sent to OFA must have **permanent identification** in the form of a tattoo or microchip. See article in August, 2000 GDS by club member Dr. Dave Birk.

Right - **ASHEN SHUGAR OF THE HIGH COUNTRY** during the water work at the NAT test this spring in WI. Owner Damon Bovard is justly proud of this dog, as he received a 4H in both Searching and Track of a Live Bird, the first time a dog received 2 4H's in a single test that we are aware of. **ASHEN** and Damon received a Prize I, a perfect score of 28, in the NAT test. Photo by Ben Nieman.



Left - This dejected looking judging group of (left to right) Ken Hurtig, Dennis Carlson and apprentice Jon Coil look in dire straits. Dennis appears to be asking for guidance, Jon is contemplating his right, unbooted stocking foot, and Ken?? Who knows?? Photo by Ben Nieman.

PLANNED BREEDINGS FOR SPRING 2001

- 1- BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK(F) X CHIPPER DE LOS ALTOS(M)
- 2- BONNY BELL OF ALDERBROOK(F) X CHIPPER DE LOS ALTOS(M)
- 3- AVERY OF MOUNTAIN HOUSE(F) X CHIPPER DE LOS ALTOS(M)
- 4- ADELINE OF SANDHILL(F) X ELMO OF AUGER FALLS(M)
- 5- BREA OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE X ELMO OF AUGER FALLS
- 6- BABINE OF THE HIGH COUNTRY(F) X ASKARI SCOUT OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE(M)
- 7- BINTI OF CLOUDY SKIES(F) X BARTON DE LOS ALTOS(M)

NOTICE: HEARTWORM MEDICATION

Dr. Tom Whitley informs me that he will no longer be able to supply heartworm medicine to club members. Dr. Tom writes "unfortunately, with the proliferation of internet merchandising, the sale of drugs through the mail has come under scrutiny and declared illegal without a client/patient relationship or pharmacy license". We thank Tom for his years of helping our club with heartworm medication.

Gerry Good writes that his 9 1/2 year old Griffon **INGO'S IMAGE VOM GLACIER** has won his 1st NSTRA (National Shoot to Retrieve) Championship. He won the event in Great Falls, MT this past summer in 90 degree heat and smoke filled air from the many forest fires. **INGO** has Prized in NAT (I), OHDT (I), and UFT (III) at WPGCA tests in Idaho.



Above - **DANI OF IAMONIA** on point during the NAT test in WI this spring. Senior judge Jim Seibel and owner Joe Kuzmak walking in. **DANI** and Joe received a Prize I. Photo by Ben Nieman.



Above - Senior judge Vic Jaro (left) talks with Bill Kashmark after **CHAZ OF IAMONIA** completed the pointing portion of the NAT test in WI this spring. Photo by Ben Nieman.

EDITORS NOTE: Please send favorite hunting photos to Editor Mike Rackouski so he can scan them and we can use them in various issues of the GDS. **WE NEED GOOD HUNTING PHOTOS!!!!** Also, please place a mailing label on the back of the photo with all the pertinent information on that label. Writing on the back of the photo sometimes results in ink bleeding through the photo so it is unusable! Remember to take your cameras with you when you take you dogs anywhere, you never know when the opportunity for a good photo will happen.



At the edge of the tracking field, beside the old Sears barn, the gallery and dogs watch during the Fall test sponsored by the Northeast Griffon Club. From left to right: Peter Meyer, Sue Kaufman with **BONNY BELL OF ALDERBROOK**, Peter's wife with **DAICEY OF IAMONIA**, Ed Catlin with **MERRYMEETING'S BROGAN**, Jane McKenna with **PRAIRIE STORM'S ALDER** (mother of **BROGAN**), behind and to Jane's left is Sandy Silver with **BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK**. Then Chris Leary with **DEMI OF AGUER FALLS**, who used to belong to a former member who could no longer keep her, and Chris's dad. Behind Chris is Dorothy Bennett with **ELIZA OF DUCTHMAN'S HOLLOW** pecking at us. A great bunch. Hope I got all the names right. Caption by Joan Bailey, photo by Andy Rupp.



Above - Both photos are of **DAICEY OF IAMONIA**. She broke her leg as a puppy before it was time to ship her, so she came in the crate with the cast on, (left, above) at 12 weeks of age. On the right, she is shown during her IHDT test at 15 months of age where she and owner Dr. Peter Meyer earned a Prize II. Photos by Peter Meyer.