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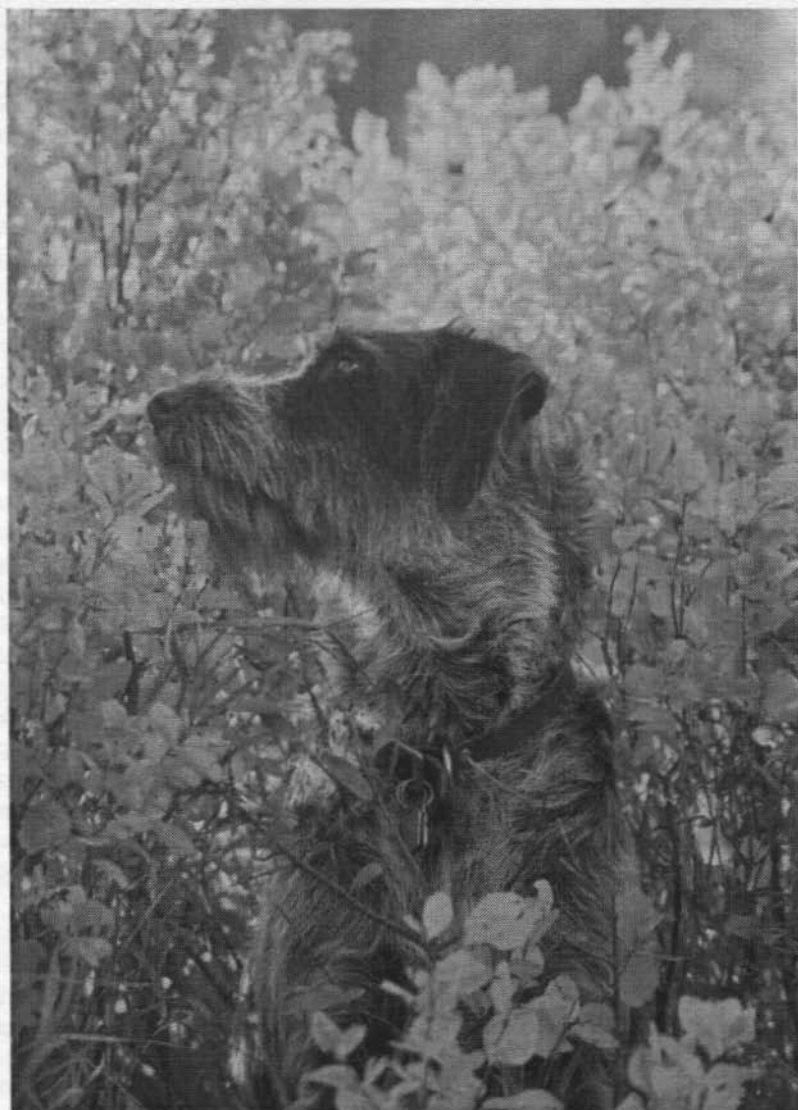
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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

While some of you are in the middle of spring and yet others are in severe drought conditions, I sit here wondering if spring is ever going to come to the Upper Great Lakes region. I am hoping to turn our furnace off sometime this year! But I should not complain, because if I had a choice I would prefer to have it more on the cool side rather than the hot.

All the regional spring tests are over and those who have tested their pups in NAT can take a deep breath and relax. Take your hunting companion out and just have fun for a week or two. After that take another deep breath, because now it is time to start preparing you dog for the IHDT this coming fall. For the test dates,

turn to page 9. Most of all be sure to take advantage of a training weekend this summer, if there is one close to you. Check the back cover for dates and/or contacts to find out more information. Also, don't forget to have your dogs hips x-rayed, after he/she reaches 24 months of age, and evaluated for hip dysplasia through OFA. See page 10 for further information, Which is followed by the latest list of club dogs certified by OFA.

You have probably already leafed through this issue and noticed there are not many photos. I assure you this is not by design, but by necessity. When I set up an issue, I like to "sprinkle" it with pertinent photos to enhance articles. This works out great because I usually have dead space (i.e. the text doesn't reach the end of a page, etc.). With this issue, though, there were so many articles, none of which I felt I could leave out for the next issue.

Beginning on page 3 Joan Bailey says goodbye to club members as she steps down to pursue other goals. Look for the August issue for further write-ups about Joan. On page 7 Joan writes about her last test weekend as a judge which took place in the Northwest Regional Chapter this past spring. On page 8 long time president of the Heartland Regional Chapter, Ken Hurtig, says welcome to the new president, Andy Yeast, and thank you to the members. A list of the current Regional Chapter officers and how to contact them appears on page 9 along with a remembrance, by Joan, of Barbara Jensen a long time Griffonier who passed away in April. Last, but certainly not least, is an update by Greg Hurtig, on page 12, about the health record side of the new database the club has started. A few issues ago you should have received a medical history form to be filled out for each of your Griffons. If you haven't, you can now go to www.wpgca.org and download one.

Mike Lockwood



***A sure sign of spring!** Dennis Carlson of Oregon took this photo of a grouse nest he came across while working in the woods in early May.*

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE

Please check your records to be sure you have paid your membership dues for 2002. If you haven't your name will be **deleted** from the mailing list to stop the printing and mailing of unnecessary Gun Dog Supremes. This would represent a significant monetary savings for the club. To date 235 out of 435 people, on the mailing list, have paid. That means 46% have not!

GOODBYE FROM JOAN

We had hoped to bring Ed Bailey back again to lead our annual judges seminar in Wisconsin this year, but Ed had a previous commitment and couldn't make it. So I thought I might as well lead the seminar; after all, it would be my 22nd seminar. I was at our first one in Nebraska in 1980, and since then I've have been at each one every year. So I began working on an outline of topics that I thought we needed to talk about this year.

That was in February, and then about six weeks before the seminar, I began to think that this should be the time for me to bow out. It took me about two weeks to make my final decision. It may come as a surprise but I do have a life beyond Griffons! And I feel I want to devote more of my energy to that other life.

So in saying goodbye to every club member, every Griffon owner, and those of you waiting for your first pup, I've decided to use my outline from the seminar and re-say in print much of what I talked about in Wisconsin.

A lot of what I said and am saying here is the result of the tremendous knowledge I've gleaned from my past colleagues: Roy Speece, Dick Austin, Joe Nadeker, John Lundberg, Warren Webster, Jack Dallimore, Bodo Winterhelt, and Ed Bailey. So I acknowledge as strongly as possible that whatever wisdom I may impart is a result of what I learned over more than three decades from these outstanding dog people. And of course all these men were a part of our great adventure in going against convention and introducing the Fousek into our breed. It took a great deal of courage on our part to go against nearly everyone in the hunting dog world. But we did. And you good folks now own the results of our work and our risks.

Much of this is well documented in the book "GRIFFON Gun Dog Supreme," so I will quickly slide over a lot of history—no need to repeat it all again.

At our first seminar in 1980 in the small hamlet of Alexandria, Nebraska; gathered together were Roy Speece, past president, Harold Baskin, President, Dick Austin, V.P., and judges Joe Nadeker, Jack Dallimore, Warren Webster, Joan Bailey, and a few others. Ed Bailey led our discussion, but Joe started us off with the following introduction, saying to us:

"The primary mission of this seminar is to motivate the participants to broaden their horizons, with more knowledge of kynology with a special focus on versatile dogs. I regard the members of the founding group that are present, and some of the later entries, as among the most knowledgeable and what is of utmost importance, devoid of political ambition and



Senior judge Joan Bailey tells owner Jim Hughes where the feathers are to set **PRAIRIE STORM'S ABBY** on the track of

breed barriers. For myself, I can say that it is a good feeling to move in such company. If we move forward and keep up with the times, we will keep the right to the contacts so stimulating to our lives. If we allow ourselves to stagnate we will quickly become pompous has beens."

This year I wanted our theme for the seminar to be from another quote by Joe at our 1991 seminar in Iowa:

"The duty of judges is to bring forth the genes/genotype of each dog."

And that's it. There isn't anything else. For those of you who do not know what genotype means, it is the precise genetic makeup of each dog, as opposed to the "phenotype," which is what we can see. We see the dog point, but how do we know he carries the genetic predisposition to point? As good judges we know his genotype is strong in pointing if we observe the dog carefully and see it "seize," or "freeze," when *the olfactory senses instinctively click in as the scent reaches the dog's nose*. If the dog is not intense, did not "freeze," then we might suspect the dog has been taught to point. (In our world, highly unlikely, but this is an easy example.)

Observing this and writing it down on our scorecards is the entire deal. This is how you evaluate the genotype, though as mere humans we won't get 100%, but if we are good enough judges we will get a high percentage of that vital information. This is the information that is needed to breed good dogs.

We went on and talked about the necessary qualities required to be a judge; then the characteristics that make a good senior judge. From there we moved into actual judging topics. One thing we touched on was a quote from Ed Bailey in 1999:

"Ninety percent of a good hunting dog is cooperation, not obedience."

We talked about judging the dog's nose; beginning by saying that there is very little genetic difference in the *quality* of the nose among any group of dogs. The differences that we observe are in *how the dog responds to the olfactory messages it receives*. In other words, how the dog uses its nose. How does the dog receive the message? How much exposure has the dog had to learn how to use his nose?

I spent a brief time handing out some old pedigrees that demonstrate what happened about eight years ago when owners of two Griffons (not from our Breeding Program) bred a female to a male *without knowing anything about the dogs in the pedigrees of the sire and dam*. They bred two litters and in each litter there were some pups with missing toes and additionally in the second litter one pup was missing a foot. These deformed litters are at the extreme low end of the continuum on "how to breed dogs," with us at highest side. The biggest challenge in breeding is to know the genotype, which we are always striving for in our judging.

Our Breeding Program

In our 1991 seminar with Joe, we spoke of developing 2-3 lines here, with ERIK and DAN. But that's not exactly what we did. And this is very common in breeding programs; you think you are going to do something, but without realizing it you do something else, and only later do you realize what happened. If you'll remember the history of Korthals' breeding, *long after the fact the 8 patriarchs were chosen as the foundation of his work, but at the time he didn't know that, and even sold one of the eight, which he later deeply regretted*.

The dogs that we have received from the Czech Republic have come from Lines 3 and 4. (They have about 11 lines.) What we did was to co-mingle lines 3 and 4 so that we have one major line from which we can breed from within this line. And that's what lines are for: to breed within, reaching out for refreshment from time to time.

So just like Korthals, we won't know all the foundation dogs for some years to come. We can say now that we *think* some of our foundation dogs for our new, co-mingled line, which we have yet to name—will no doubt be ERIK, AVAJ, BOSS, DAN, BARTON, CHIPPER. But we really don't know for sure yet. And it doesn't make a damn bit of difference whether we know it or not now.

Right now we could breed within our line without using the new imports, but the imports

make it easier for us. But you should know that the co-mingled 3 and 4 lines are now a solid and fine line which can and does stand on its own.

Today, in the year 2002, we have many breeding choices available to produce good dogs. But no matter how much stability we bring to a breed, eventually genes just degenerate over time. It's a random degeneration, a natural thing that occurs even in wild populations, they just become watered down. And when this occurs you must rejuvenate, usually with *new genes. You refresh the blood.*

We will face challenges in our program because that is the nature of the game. Any breeding program of any kind of animal is constantly facing problems. Something pops up and then you deal with it. It's part of what we do in a breeding program.

Today we can say that we have achieved the goals of our breeding program. We now produce the dogs that we set out to produce. We breed 7 or 8 litters each year with a very high percentage (at least 90%) of sound, talented, easy to train dogs that also make good family dogs.

We cannot and should not be trying for anything "better." Our next challenge, which is smack in our faces, is to *maintain what we have achieved.*

It is my belief that this next job, the job of maintaining our achievement, will be in many ways more difficult than the getting there. I can't say that from experience, because this is the first time we have gotten there. But it is my strong feeling that it will be more difficult to maintain what we have achieved than it was to get here. And that was hard enough!

Educating Ourselves

Another thing Joe said to us in 1991 was "If we continue as well as we've been doing with our judging, and the quality of dogs that we are producing, we will be the best educated judging group in the world!"

So I would encourage you to keep on educating yourselves; get Ed Bailey back here as often as you can, and while you still can. Having Ed here to teach you about judging the dogs is more important than anything else I can think of.



3 generations of Auger Falls. Left to right: **GLACIER OF AUGER FALLS (GRANDSON)** - Larry semmens, **CASSIDY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW (GRANDMOTHER)** - Cris Pool, and **ELLE OF AUGER FALLS (DAM)** - Gary Pool. Taken during the 2001 spring hunting test in Jerome, Idaho by Ann Pool.

Summing Up

My work here is finished now. There is nothing more that I can do. I know that I've done good and unique work. I hope that you will internalize that each of you has had a part in this grand work—this story. So take pride in YOUR work—OUR work.

The breeding decisions for the next few years will be fairly easy. There are plenty of dogs to breed, both male and female. You are breeding within a line and it's a strong line right now. I wouldn't hurry to use more of the imported semen. There is plenty of time for that. Give the Czech Republic time to start x-raying their dogs.

Knowing that I was going to say goodbye soon, naturally I've been thinking a lot of the past. It dawned on me that a great part of my work for the Griffon Club was done while I lived outside of the U.S.—in Canada for 15 years, and then working in the Caribbean for 8 more years. During those years was when so much happened to make the dogs we have today possible. It's all documented in the Griffon book. While I lived in Canada I was a part of starting the testing of versatile hunting dogs in North America; our Breeding Program began while I lived in Canada. And our own testing program began there too.

All those years I held the jobs of Sec, Treas, editor GDS, puppy czar, and also was a director for NAVHDA. Lucky we didn't have any rules prohibiting a resident from another country to be all of those things!

I would like to pay tribute to my colleagues of the past from whom I learned so much; without them we would be of little substance today: **Joe Nadeker, Jack Dallimore, Ed Bailey, Warren Webster, John Lundberg, Dick Austin, Roy Speece, Bodo Winterhelt.** Joe, Jack, Ed, and Bodo were my most important teachers. None of what you all see today would have happened without this cadre. These are decent, vital, informed gentlemen that lent dignity to our efforts. Our more senior judges of today—Gary Pool, John Pitlo, Jim Seibel, Ken Hurtig, Steve Grieser, Vic Jaro, plus judges such as Dennis Carlson, apprentice judged under Joe Nadeker, Jack Dallimore, Warren Webster, Dick Austin, and Joan Bailey.

The Future

Part of my other life is marketing my two books more aggressively and it's paying off. Amazon.com is ordering them by the case, as are several other vendors. For *"How To Help Gun Dogs Train Themselves,"* we will have to go into our 4th printing/new edition in several months. And I am working on two new books. Why two? All I can answer is that I have an idea for another dog book, which is about halfway finished, and the other book is just started—not about dogs. So I don't know why two, it just happened that way.

Recently it dawned on me that I've been responsible for, or had something to do with most of today's club members' Griffons. So if you have a Griffon from our Breeding Program you will know that Joan was involved with making your dog happen, at least up until now. So I will stay connected to all of you for years to come through your wonderful dogs.

I will love to hear from you; about your new pup; about your old Griffon; whatever it is, drop me a note, email me, send me Christmas cards, or call. I love hearing from you. Borrowing from Garrison Keillor's Writers Almanac once again:

Stay Well, Do Good Work, And Stay In Touch

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NORTHWEST GRIFFON CLUB SPRING TEST

My Last Test

By: Joan Bailey

We only had one natural ability dog for our spring test, so I suggested to Dennis Carlson (president of our chapter) that with only one dog to test, why not do it in style: I brought a hot, hearty soup and Dennis brought the wine. Instead of starting at 8 am, we slept in a little and started at nine.

Because we only had one dog we decided that Steve Grieser would be our senior judge and Dennis and I would make up the rest of the team. The Washington site lends itself for me to get around fairly easily, especially with just one dog. So off we went about 9:15 with our NAT dog, **ANNIE OF MARSH STREAM**, owned by young eighteen year old Brandon Woodward. As we started in the field I noticed that the dog was working and acting like a 5 month old pup, though she was 12 months. She was overly dependent; she was stopping to mouse; and Brandon wasn't walking just as he should be.

A little later we fire the first shot and she runs back to Brandon. She worked out of this gun sensitivity and began searching again, and was improving. I surmised from what I was observing that she had not had much exposure. When we got to the birds in the field ANNIE scented them and walked in and scooped them up. Although this was not IHDT, we had retrieving problems once she scooped the bird: she would not bring the bird to the handler, but instead stood and looked at the handler. After this happened a second time, Steve took Brandon aside and explained to him *how* to give the command to fetch.

We quit for the time being on pointing and went to tracking. ANNIE went out on the track, but a swallow flew up and distracted her. We put another bird on a track and she followed it all the way out, caught the bird, came trotting back and Brandon gave the command correctly and at the right time and she delivered to hand! Yea!

Then we went to the water and worked a long time to get her to swim, but swim she did, well enough for a solid 2.

Then we went back to pointing and put a bird up in a pile of brush and brought the dog around so she would be hit with a strong breeze filled with scent. She "froze" and we were able to give her a 3.

At this point we had finished our judging so we brought out some ducks and released them one at a time for some duck chases for ANNIE, Dennis' dog, and two of Dick Bubb's dogs.

As we finished up a gentle rain began and we walked back to the parking area and went into the old barn and sat on bales of straws and enjoyed our lunch and wine (in wine glasses no less). Jim Jarvis had joined us, and two new folks waiting for a pup, so we were only 10 people, but we had a good time, telling stories. Then we finalized the scores, doing it as open judging. We'd had a difficult dog to judge: it had been made gun sensitive by being taken to a firing range, and then dove hunting, followed by no hunting exposure. Our job was to bring out the partially hidden *natural abilities* of the dog so that we would have the proper records for future breeding decisions on the entire litter she came from. In other words the three judges had to decipher the *genotype*. I was very proud of the three of us because we did such a good job in doing exactly that. If we had not been this good we might have marked her down for not being cooperative because of the retrieving problem, but the way we handled it by helping the handler, it was obvious to see that this dog wants to cooperate.

We broke up shortly and headed in various directions. As I drove out of the field and hit the pavement I was feeling so good about how well we judges had done, and how much I enjoy doing that, and that I'm good at it, and it comes so naturally to me, and then it hit me—so hard I could feel it in my solar plexus—this was the last time I would ever do this. Oh, it hurt. I will miss that.

But I drove on as one does in life.

Note to all.

I want to congratulate Andy Yeast on his new position as Heartland Chapter President (**I hope that everyone will give him the support that was given to me as President. Andy is well qualified to do the job. He is a good leader and knows what the goals are for the national club.**) Andy will be asking for your help to keep the Heartland Chapter strong, please give the help he asks for.

I also want to take a moment to thank everyone for making my Heartland Chapter President position a fun and rewarding experience. Thank you for all the help that I received from everyone when I pushed the panic button. I was blessed with fellow members that would come forward and give me the support that it took to make things run smoothly. I know that sometimes I was a pain in the butt. I hope you will forgive me if I insulted or was rude to anyone. That was not my intent. It is hard to remember to thank everyone correctly and timely. I hope that I don't miss anyone. If I do, please understand it is part of aging.

It all began when we started the Heartland chapter in 1989. John Pitlo was elected as the first chapter president. He asked me if I would help him and take on the responsibility of Field Test Chairman. I agreed to do so if my wonderful wife, Karen, would help me. After a few years of doing that John was asked to be on the National BOD and he resigned as Heartland Chapter President. I was elected into this position. It was hard to fill the footsteps of someone that did such a great job. I started begging for help to get things running as smoothly as it did when John was at the reins. I asked Mike and Kathi Rackouski to take on the Field Test Chair position. (Believe me if you have not done this yourself, you don't realize that this is not an easy task). The other people that helped me the first years were; Don Nicholson-our first treasurer, with Ernie Van Noller stepping in when we lost Don- Dean Umphrey as Vice President- Vivian Pitlo as Secretary and Fund Raiser- Don and Elaine Nicholson as lunch and dinner co-coordinators- Dave and Amy Nicholson grounds permits and later as area coordinators for Iowa. Later on we asked other people to step in and take on some of the responsibilities. Our first person in charge of fundraising was Vivian Pitlo followed by Susan Puckett and then Brenda and Sid Siefken. This is a very important part of our club, as fees don't always cover expenses of a test. Our club members have been very generous in donating items and participating in the raffles. Thank You! Jim Munson and Gary and Sue Puckett have been Vice Presidents, Karla Cornick and Bob Kasworm as Secretary, Andy Yeast as Treasurer and Mike and Kathi Rackouski and Jon and Judy Coil as Field Test Chairpersons. Stan and Lynn Sukup took on the job of area test coordinators when tests are in WI. This involves getting motel rooms, Saturday dinner location, lunches on the grounds, as well as many behind the scenes things. Dean Umphrey and John Pitlo for getting birds, which has been challenging at times. One of the most difficult parts of the test are the meals on the grounds. That starts with planning many weeks ahead. Without knowing how many people are going to be at the test, it is a very difficult task.

I would like to thank all the volunteer bird handlers and gunners the days of the tests. You are very valuable to keep things on schedule. Also a great "Thank You" to all that help us get the lunches ready, and the clean up afterwards. There are many of you that help at the test that I have failed to name. Keep up the good work. We need all your participation to keep things running smoothly. Without the help of all of you it would be impossible to have things go as smoothly as they do. I will stay available to help if Andy needs me.

THE "WHOLE" OF THE CLUB IS THE "SUM" OF IT'S MEMBERS!

Thanks again!

Ken and Karen Hurtig

FALL TEST SCHEDULE

At the time this issue went to the Printer test dates were not finalized. Please check the WPGCA web-site for the latest information. Otherwise you can contact the following Regional Chapter Fieldtest Chairpeople or watch for the August issue of the GDS.

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LONG-TIME GRIFFONNIER DIES

By: Joan Bailey

As I packed my bags for the Wisconsin test on Wednesday, April 17th, I received an email that Barbara Jensen had died suddenly on Saturday April 13th. Barb, and her husband Bill, have been involved with Griffons almost as long as I have. After I read the email I went back to my packing, but off and on all day Barb floated in and out of my consciousness.

We met Barb and Bill in about 1968 on a hunting trip to Nebraska. They drove from Minnesota to show us their Griffon and to see ours.

I have a particularly clear, sharp memory of Barb in 1972 at the first test for versatile hunting dogs in Minnesota (which Barb and Bill organized), as she ran ULRICH DE ST LANDRY in his natural ability test. ULRICH had been given to our club by Madame Dominique Frileux in memory of son, Laurent, who had been killed in 1971 in Quebec. Needing to find a good place for this special puppy, I called Barb and Bill. The rest is history. They loved him, hunted him, tested him and he had a wonderful home.

Barb and Bill were at the very first meeting of the WPGCA board of directors when we held our first meeting in York, Nebraska in 1976. Barb was then our "Alternate Secretary," an office that had been created when General Rogers was secretary in the event he would ever be called overseas.

Barb and Bill bred many litters of Griffons over the years under their kennel name of ALDER'S EDGE. She will be sorely missed.

OFA CERTIFICATION OF YOUR DOG'S HIPS

After taking your hunting companion thru NAT and IHDT the last thing you need to do to complete your buyers agreement is to get your dog's hips evaluated by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) (www.offa.com) after the age of 24 months. This requires getting an x-ray taken and having it sent to OFA with the proper application. The importance of this cannot be stressed enough. Hip evaluations are the final pieces of the puzzle in helping the breeding committee make sound decisions in future breedings. After completing the process your dog's breeder will reimburse you \$50.00.

So how do you go about it you ask? You will need to send the proper x-ray, completed application, and a check for \$30.00 to OFA. First, talk with your veterinarian. He/she may already have the required application and can help you with the process. Otherwise, call or write to OFA at: **OFA, 2300 E Nifong Blvd., Columbia, Missouri, 65201-3856 Phone: (573) 442-0418, Fax: (573) 875-5073** and ask for their "Owner's Kit". If you are on the internet you can also download an application at: www.offa.org/dwnldr.html. You must have Acrobat Reader version 4 or above to view and print these forms. Acrobat Reader is available free at www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readmain.html. Complete instructions for taking and submitting x-rays for evaluation can be found at www.offa.org/gendxray.html. When filling out the application you will need the dog's Registration Number, which you will find on the pedigree and begins with GRB. You can also call our Registrar, Lyla Lehrer at (406) 586-0015 (MST).

On January 1, 2001, OFA adopted a policy recognizing animals with permanent identification (DNA profile, tattoo, microchips) by adding the suffix "-PI" to the dogs OFA registry number. Dogs without permanent identification will be given the suffix "-NOPI", but will still be evaluated. Having said this, though, it would still be a very good idea to have your dog microchipped in case you lose your dog on a hunting trip or vacation. Read about microchips in the August 2000 GDS, Vol. 75, No. 4, Page 22.

OFA REPORTS

By: John Pitlo

The following are a listing of dogs certified by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). The ratings are "excellent", "good", and "fair" for a passing rating. Although there are four different ratings for dysplasia, the reports I receive from OFA only lists "dysplastic" for a dog with dysplasia. Note: if you have had your dog evaluated and his/her name does not appear here - it is because I have not received the information. Please forward a copy of your OFA evaluation to me to include in the next report.

CAPTAIN BLIGH OF ALDERBROOK: Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; Bailey of Ocean House. OFA-WG -940G26M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Captain Robert Hinckley (male).

BRANSON OF ALDERBROOK: Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; Bailey of Ocean House. OFA-WG -954G28M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Sue Sundlee (male).

BISCUIT OF ALDERBROOK: Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; Bailey of Ocean House. OFA-WG -956G28M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Paul and Byrnedtte Schonhart (male).

BASIE OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE: Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Prairie Storm's Abby. OFA-WG -958G28F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Will Johnson (female).

BREA OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE: Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Prairie Storm's Abby. OFA-WG -970E30F, rating "EXCELLENT". Owned by Brian P. Johnston (female).

BRANDY OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE: Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Prairie Storm's Abby. "Moderate hip dysplasia". Owned by James Montgomery (female).

BASIL OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE: Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Prairie Storm's Abby. OFA-WG -975G30F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Gerald Humphrey (female).

CHYT OF IAMONIA: Sire; Erik od Jezarek, Dam; Flora z Hlozku. OFA-CF -26E27F, rating "EXCELLENT". Owned by Randal S. Hulme (female).

CARMEL OF IAMONIA: Sire; Erik od Jezarek, Dam; Flora z Hlozku. OFA-CF -27G31F, rating "GOOD". Owned by William and Sandy Carlson (female).

- COOT OF IAMONIA:** Sire; Erik od Jezarek, Dam; Flora z Hlozku. OFA-CF -28G31M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Joseph P. Kosmedo (male).
- DEKE OF IAMONIA:** Sire; Chipper de los Altos, Dam; Flora z Hlozku. OFA-CF -30G24M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Joseph Moeggenborg (male).
- DUNCAN OF IAMONIA:** Sire; Chipper de los Altos, Dam; Flora z Hlozku. OFA-CF -31G26F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Robert Frates (female).
- DARBY OF IAMONIA:** Sire; Chipper de los Altos, Dam; Flora z Hlozku. OFA-CF -32G25M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Tim and Suzanne Schwager (male).
- BRANKA OF CLOUDY SKIES:** Sire; Prairie Storm's Beau, Dam; Champagne Blaze of Dutchman's Hollow. rating "GOOD". Owned by Dick Bubbs (female).
- BELLE OF CLOUDY SKIES:** Sire; Prairie Storm's Beau, Dam; Champagne Blaze of Dutchman's Hollow. OFA-WG-1024G49F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Cory Claussen (female).
- AJAX OF CHERRY POINT:** Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Branka of Cloudy Skies. OFA-WG -1023G29M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Dick Bubbs (male).
- AREKA OF CHERRY POINT:** Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Branka of Cloudy Skies. OFA-WG -1025E24F, rating "EXCELLENT". Owned by Randal Mann (female).
- ABE OF CHERRY POINT:** Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Branka of Cloudy Skies. OFA-WG -1043G26M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Jack Dallimore (male).
- ANKA OF CHERRY POINT:** Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Branka of Cloudy Skies. OFA-WG -1044G26F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Jeffery A. Hogenson (female).
- ADELINE OF SAND HILL:** Sire; Ariko vom Erik, Dam; Avian of Show-Me-Borealis. OFA-WG -977G30F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Steve Schuette (female).
- ABRACADABRA OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; Berta of Show-Me-Borealis. OFA-WG -1031F27M, rating "FAIR". Owned by Steve Sents (male).
- AGUSTINE OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; Berta of Show-Me-Borealis. OFA-WG -1040G29M, rating "GOOD". Owned by George Sley (male).
- ANICKA OF THE AGASSIZ LOWLANDS:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; Berta of Show-Me-Borealis. rating "Moderate hip dysplasia". Owned by Jim and Tami Edgar (female).
- FRAZIER OF AUGER FALLS:** Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Elle of Auger Falls. OFA-WG -1041G40M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Tony Aldredge (male).
- RED HOT AUBRE:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; EBGB of Dutchman's Hollow. OFA-WG -1033G32F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Jim Hughes (female).
- RED HOT ABBEY:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; EBGB of Dutchman's Hollow. OFA-CF -29G27F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Mark Cornick (female).
- RED HOT ADLER:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; EBGB of Dutchman's Hollow. "Mild hip dysplasia". Owned by Eric Anderson (male).
- RED HOT ARIE:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; EBGB of Dutchman's Hollow. OFA-WG -980G24M, rating "GOOD". Owned by Loren Kelsey (male).
- RED HOT AUDREY HEPBONE:** Sire; Chyt ze Zaplay, Dam; EBGB of Dutchman's Hollow. OFA-WG -980G24F, rating "GOOD". Owned by William Toner (female).
- ARRIBA OF HIGH DESERT:** Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Elizabeth Ann of Auger Falls. OFA-WG -1002G24F, rating "GOOD". Owned by Richard and Jane Bovard (female).
- ASHEN SHUGAR OF HIGH DESERT:** Sire; Ariko Vom Erik, Dam; Elizabeth Ann of Auger Falls. OFA-WG -1028E26M, rating "EXCELLENT". Owned by Damon Bovard (male).
- LANCE HILL'S KORTHAL:** Sire; Lance Hill's James, Dam; Tonights Midnight Rendezvous. OFA-WG -909E24M, rating "EXCELLENT". Owned by Gean Lale (male).

Update on Health Records

Thanks to everyone that has sent in their dogs health records. It has been great seeing all the notes of how great people felt their dogs are. Comments like "my dog is 7 years old now and still hunt's like a pup", or "Our dog is such a part of are life that he/she is like one of our kids, only better behaved". It has been sad seeing how many of our dog's have moved on to better hunting grounds, but like a long time member once told me "It is better to have had them in our lives then to not have known them at all".

Health information on all of our dogs is so important because with this information added into our database, the breeding committee can use this information to see if there are any medical trends that need attention with respect to breeding. The only way this will work is if they have all the dog's health forms.

With this in mind, and with Mike Rackouski's help, we have added the Health Forms file into the Web site (www.wpgca.org). By downloading the file into your computer you can save time filling out the form, and it will be easier for me to read (fewer call's asking what was written). The files are in Microsoft Excel and Word formats. Please use Excel so I don't have to re-enter over 300+ dogs, if you don't have Excel, then use the Word document.

Please send in your forms by computer as soon as possible, (all the forms I have received to date have been computerized - I need more work.) or by mail if you don't have a computer. Please fill out one form for each dog you have owned. It does not matter if the dog had good health or had health problems, we need them all.

If you have previously submitted a health form and something has changed that requires an update, feel free to send me a note or call. We have also added a section on the form for dog identification like tattoos or implants. Thank you in advance for getting your health records in right away. This will result in even better, healthier dogs in the future, Your dogs.

Until we meet again, with dogs at our sides

Sincerely

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Editors Note: To download the medical history form direct your browser to www.wpgca.org and click on the menu button labeled "Downloads" found on the left-hand side. This will take you to a web page giving detailed directions on how to download the file to your computer along with a link to the necessary files.

SUMMER EXPOSURE/TRAINING DAYS

NWGC: August - Dennis Carlson (541) 386-4830 carlson@gorge.net

RMGC: -None Planned-

HGC: Early August - John Pitlo - Bellevue, Iowa - (319) 872-5764 jvpitlo@clinton.net
-TBA- - Jim Seibel - Michigan - (616) 789-1020 james.seibel@kelloggs.com

NEGC: August 3rd & 4th - Rick Molt - Bristol, ME - (207) 563-5675 tina@tidewater.net