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## **Tracking the Duck: The Toughest Test**

**Aya of Dakota Prairie Performs in the IHDT.**

**Owners: Mike and Kanako Vance**

**Photo by Ann Pool**

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The August GDS is the traditional Spring Test results issue—just in time to alert owners to the anxieties, frustrations, and rewards that await them in the near future. After all, the Fall Tests are only a few weeks away. If there's any one lesson to be learned from perusing these pages it's practice, practice, practice—not just to get a good test score but to help both you and your griffon be the best hunting team that you can be.

Judges frequently comment that the water portions of the test such as tracking the duck, deep water retrieve and blind retrieve are the most telling of a dog's ability and preparation. There's no shortcut for the small steps and continual repetition necessary to build top performance. Maybe you are one of the twenty plus members destined to receive a pup this summer. If so, I hope that you'll be inspired by the test results to get out and work with your dogs.

Beyond recording the performance of each dog, the test issue is a testament to the commitment and hard work of club members across the country who guide the breeding program, raise puppies, coordinate tests and give of their time for all the tasks required to make our club a success.

Long-time club member Jon Coil begins this issue with a great example of dedication to training, recounting the adventures or misadventures of Judy Coil's training experience with her dog Alek. In addition to the test results, you'll also find a puppy placement list for 2009 and an interesting club history follow-up to last month's selection on Lifetime Honorary Members, prepared by Joan Bailey.

By next issue it will be hunting season, so get out and enjoy the dogs.

*Rem DeJong*

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## Playing the Hand You're Dealt

by  
Jon Coil

The winter of '08/'09 was an old fashion northern Minnesota winter of bitter cold, wind and plenty of snow, but now spring was rushing towards us and in spite of hit and miss spring weather, ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, woodcock and snipe had arrived with more coming every day. Judy, after this tough winter, was outside working almost daily with **Aleksander of Cattail Storm**, preparing for the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. Now, with a week and a half until test day, there were problems cropping up. As often happens for handlers and dogs as the test time gets close, the tension was building for her and Alek, and the retrieving was heading south faster than a woodcock in the fall. Judy tried to get tougher in her demands, and Alek, while looking her in the eyes, dropped the bird or dummy or started tossing the bird in play while slowly returning to her. Judy decided to back off. There was still work to be done, but Alek could do all that was required of the test—he just didn't do it every day. She decided that she would settle for what ever happened at the test and just have fun with Alek.

Aleksander of Cattail Storm was born in mid-August. A late litter can pose problems for handlers, especially in the northern states, when it comes to preparing for our hunt tests. Thus Judy was trying to finish her prep work while the lakes still supported ice fishermen and those ponds that had open water were very cold. Practice for the drag track had to be planned down-wind over ground that didn't have too many puddles so the bird would stay dry and we could use it again. Not the best conditions but those were the cards she was dealt.

Judy was going on walks, watching Alek search and point woodcock, giving him praise when he retrieved deer bones and bits and pieces of those that lost the race to spring renewal. Just making sure Alek was having fun. He is a marvelous dog and will be a great retriever, regardless of how his test turns out.

I received a call at work one Tuesday from an excited Judy as she related the details of her morning hike with Alek—Working along the brushy edge of a hay field across the road from our house, Alek's head jerked up when he caught a surprise scent over fifty yards away from across the small field. He turned into the wind blowing across the field and like a streak was off. Judy watched him enter the brush on the other edge of the field through a low spot filled with shallow water. Alek dove into the brush and came out with a surprised skunk that had been peacefully enjoying the day. He and the skunk rolled around in the water, Alek having a firm grip around the skunk's back and the skunk with a grip on Alek's nose. A pained howl from Alek preceded more vigorous shaking and the skunk lost the fight.

Overlooking some sensorial detail, seasoned and dedicated handlers all could appreciate the way the bright spring sun reflected on the shiny wet hide of the full grown skunk carried high by the young Griffon. The proud, intrepid Alek, cloud of skunk mist preceding him on his downwind journey, brought his trophy to his shocked master who was fighting with an overload of emotions as decision time was rapidly approaching.

A lot of you folks know Judy through her work as Secretary of the WPGCA and point person for potential puppy owners. You may have seen her picture in the GDS in numerous issues. She is a bright, pretty woman who maintains her composure and is

spotless in her appearance and in her person. Handling skunks is usually my job; I kind of like the smell, and the people I deal with on a daily basis are outdoor people. They may comment on the smell—maybe even joke about my aftershave lotion, but the smell would never deter them from transacting our business. But Judy works with the general public, many of whom would describe their only involvement with skunks to be a nose-wrinkled “pee-u” when the foul smell drifts through their car’s vents as they speed past a road kill. And Judy had less than two hours to get things back in order before work!

Alek, head high, delivered the skunk. Fur or feathers, sweet as a ruffed grouse or rank as a rooster, the good versatile dog does what its bred for—helping its “Master.” Game or predator; quills, teeth, or sweet meat, a Griffon plays the hand it is dealt. Judy realized that at this point in Alek’s life, it was up to her to hold up her end. “Play the hand she was dealt,” as well. Judy bent and received the prize that Alek, in this instance, delivered to hand. “Good Boy Alek!” Judy praised her partner.

But, now what to do? Alek did such a fine retrieve...the damage was done and everything on her and Alek that could capture and hold that stench already stunk to high heaven.... would Alek do a blind retrieve?”

Judy whoa’d Alek, walked out of sight and threw the skunk (now turned retrieving dummy), downwind into the brush. She walked back and released Alek, took him to the spot from where she had thrown the skunk and gave Alek the retrieve command. Alek, still adrenalin-charged from his battle, eagerly went out and found the skunk. He had to fight the brush where the skunk had landed, but he fished it out and made another retrieve to hand. “Good job!”

Back home, Judy had to give Alek the peroxide/baking soda/shampoo treatment followed by a bath. Then a shower for herself and off to work, taking the skunk along on the top of the van to be placed in our humanized version of a skunk burial ground, tossed into the road ditch along a remote section of the road.

Some of you saw Alek’s test this spring. The rest can see the results in the GDS. No matter the outcome, Judy and Alek did their best to get prepared for their test. They played the hand they were dealt. That is all that is asked.



**Sometimes I do; sometimes I don't.**  
Aleksander of Cattail Storm retrieves for owner  
Judy Coil.

Photo by Jon Coil

## KDK – Griffon Test, January 17-18, 2009

by  
Silke Alberts

Thanks to the WPGCA and Warren & Helen Webster we were able to hold our little test again. We had 6 entries; 3 NA, 1 OHDT, and 2 UFT dogs. All dogs were GWP's. (I tried to get griffons, really). Dennis Carlson, our Senior Judge, came from Oregon to our cheer delight. Warren Webster and I helped with moral assistance from Rolf Benseler. On Saturday we had two very able apprentice judges in Jim Neuffer and Sharon Jahn.

On Saturday we started with my 8 ½ mo. old "Fie" from Denmark, second was an 1 ½ yr. old VDD female "Onyx" owned by Bob & Kathi Rittenhouse, handled by Bob. Both females did well but especially my Fie needs more cooperation. I was not giving her enough attention since I had a litter recently. The third wirehair was a 12 ½ mo. old female "Gem" handled by her owner Francis Marsh, a first time handler. She did fine but decided not to swim even though she loves the water. Onyx and Fie earned a prize 11 and Gem went shy of prizing. Our 4th dog on Saturday, after a well deserved lunch for all in beautiful sunshine and blue sky by the water, was a 3 yr old female "Gracie" handled again by Francis. She did well in the field, track, and track of duck but had short comings in the drag and water retrieves which did not let her prize.

On Sunday we had 2 UFT dogs. Sharon Jahn ran her 6 yr. old GWP "Treff" who was an absolute pleasure to watch throughout. The result was a prize 11 with 242 points. Then it was Jim Neuffer's turn with 8 yr old "Blitz". He too was remarkable in the field; only one unfortunate blind retrieve happened which gave him 217 points and no prize.

Our Saturday evening found 12 of us at the Webster house for a great steak dinner. Sharon shared her famous cheese cakes with us. We had delicious wine and Rolf Benseler kept us entertained with wonderful stories of yore.



Loyal Members of the KDK assemble for a January Test

## NE Chapter Spring 2009 Test

by  
Kurt Soneson

### Author's Note:

When the question was brought up Saturday night at the test: who would like to volunteer to do the GDS write up? it was like a high school calculus class when the teacher is looking for an answer to a difficult question. People were looking at their feet; some had to go to the bathroom, and the rest simply made out like they had not heard a thing. I won. I don't want any whiners emailing me like you did after the last test write-up complaining that I in some way brutalized you. You had your chance to author the article.

**Disclaimer:** Most of this will be true but there will be some fiction in the article—kind of like the outdoor writers that consistently shoot doubles on grouse, reload and take the third bird as it goes. Due to the higher-than-average intelligence of the Griffon Clan you should be able to come to certain conclusions. Any legal problems refer to my Attorney Josh Silver of the prestigious law firm of Dewey, Cheatum, and Howe.

Our test took place the weekend of May 15-17 at Ted and Sandie Silver's place in Winterport, ME. We had a large test for the NE Chapter—10 dogs: 9 IHDT and 1 NAT. Honorary Mainer Jim Seibel flew in to judge along with Senior Judge Phil Bennett, Ted Silver, Rick Molt, Kevin Jester, Erik Anderson, and yours truly "The Apprentice." I need to get together with some of the other apprentice judges and compare notes. The judges keep telling me that washing their cars is a normal apprentice duty. Who am I to argue with these men of such high esteem? MIA with a good excuse was Nate Newman. Nate and Laura were married the following weekend. Arlo was best man's friend. Hopefully the wedding pictures of them sporting their WPGCA hats and mugs will surface sometime soon. Best of luck to the Newman's and as a wedding gift from me to you Nate: I won't beat you up in this article.

Thursday night was the warm-up with Sandie putting on a wonderful dinner for the early arrivals. During the day, people from away arrived, campers were set up, and a truck load of birds dropped off. I know we all look forward to the spring test after a long winter. It's interesting when you look at the dynamics of the group. We have young parents with the preschoolers, parents battling teenagers, broke parents with college kids, and then the older kids who are now bringing the grandkids to the tests. Grandpas, grandmas, and great grandmas were there along with an aunt who was described by a family member as "a real piece of work" and she was. It made for a great weekend.

The horns sounded Friday morning to open the ceremonies and Kevin's dog **Braelyn of Bernie's Woulds** fired up the Griffon choir turning in a great performance. Seems that on Kevin's trip up from NJ, Braelyn was subjected to hours of listening to Yianni (NON FICTION) Who could blame the poor beast for yowling?

The weather started out cloudy and turned to sunny with the temperature around 70. Jane McKenna was the first up running **Abaco's Northern Star of Dakota Prairie** in

IHDT. I have a nice connection with Jane, as nine years ago I brought home **Merry-meeting's Bogan** from Jane's litter and Abaco is one of Bogan's grandkids. Abbie is a sweet dog and ran well for Jane. Abbie scored 126 points, and out of the prize range. The problem areas which plagued a large group of the dogs tested were the track of the duck and retrieving issues. This was repeated throughout the weekend. Consensus from the judges was more duck exposure and force fetching were in order.

Next up was Rick Molt with **Ava of Cattail Storm** running IHDT. Ava ran strong in pointing, searching, live track of the pheasant, but had trouble with the duck track and retrieving. Ava scored a 121.

We had a very pleasant repeat occurrence at this test. The pheasants that were used on the live track all ran like the wind and went where they were supposed to go. Beers were being bet on whether judges could actually steer their pheasants between certain trees and hummocks. Erik Anderson was dubbed "The Pheasant Whisperer" as he skillfully sent his pheasant on its way (NON FICTION).

Last to run on Friday was Kevin "Yianni" Jester and **Braelyn of Bernie's Woulds**. Braelyn is about 40 lbs. of solid dynamite. She worked the test with strong game desire and plenty of drive. She turned in a nice Prize II for Kevin.

Friday night found us at the Sea Dog Brew Pub in Bangor for supper. All was going well until we heard a group of English Pointer enthusiasts at the next table overextolling the virtues of their breed in rather loud voices. Jim Seibel listened intently and then interjected his opinion which went something like, "Your skinny rat-tailed junkyard curs should stick to porcupines; that's all their capable of pointing!" Well the fight broke out and turned out to be quite entertaining. Mild-mannered Mr. Seibel was Wisconsin's 1957 Light Heavyweight Golden Gloves Boxing Champion. He sent the pointer boys home—tails tucked between their legs. We promptly bailed Jim out of jail and headed for Winterport. (The fight: FICTION, Jim being 1957 champ: NON FICTION.) Who would have known?

We were blessed again on Saturday with a warm sunny day. Ron Bittler was first up, running **Big Ben of Salmon River** in the NAT. Ben was described by one of the judges as all male. Ben is a very rugged, solid dog. I don't think he goes around anything. Ben coursed the test nicely racking up 4's but like many of our dogs would not point the quail. This knocked him out of the prize range. He will be a treat to watch in his IHDT this fall.

Second up was Sue Kaufmann with **Ana Bell of Cattail Storm** in IHDT. Ana turned out to be very dependent on Sue. This was to the point that she did not complete the test. In talking with Sue later I asked her what her plans were for Ana and she stated: "Once a dog enters my home it doesn't leave, I'll keep working with her." Sue has been an active and dedicated member of the NE chapter for many years and that response surprised no one.

Third to run was John Diller with **Auger of Dakota Prairie** in IHDT. Auger handled the test nicely, running the series of test with eagerness and enthusiasm. Auger had one of those live pheasant tracks where the bird was a jumper. Auger handled it like a pro scoring a 4 and turning in a Prize III for his overall performance. Special thanks to John for tracking down some extra quail. We had a Bill Buckner moment with some quail escapees.

Last to run on Saturday was Grove Blair and **Beinn of Bernie's Woulds** in IHDT.



**Teamwork:** Rick Molt helps Grove Blair by running his dog, **Beinn of Bernie's Wounds**.

Photo by Tina Molt

Grove was not up to running Beinn so Rick Molt stepped in and ran Beinn through the test. It's hard enough to run your own dog let alone someone else's dog, and it's even harder on the dog, but you should have seen Beinn test. Beinn, with a strange handler was very cooperative and obedient. Rick did a nice job with him and the end result was a very nice Prize II for the pair.

Saturday night was the most excellent second annual hog roast with all the trimmings at the Silvers. Food and beverages were consumed, scores to date read, silent auction held, stories told; all in all, it was kind of a nursing home affair until Ted surprised everyone. Who would of thought the "King of Cardiology" was also an amateur magician. Ted wowed the crowd with his amazing feats. The only thing Ted couldn't pull out of his hat was the new tractor he's trying to talk Sandie into. (FICTION or NON FICTION you decide.)

Sunday arrived and under "Weather Conditions" on the score cards I simply noted: "Crappy". A steady drizzle fell until the test ended. First up was Erik Anderson with **Absolut Spot of Cattail Storm** running IHDT. Spot is a very pleasant guy to deal with—eager and friendly. Spot had one of the better duck tracks of the group, persevering and scoring a 4, but he too fell to the retrieving issues that plagued the group. Spot scored a nice 112 points.

Second to run was John Bosi with **Augustus of Dakota Prairie** in IHDT. Gus is a very fluid dog who runs effortlessly and is a pleasure to watch. He did well on the field portion of the test but had troubles with the duck track and retrieving. Gus scored a 103.

Last up for the test weekend was Vaughn Anthony and **Ansel Macduff of Dakota Prairie**, in IHDT. A question for Steve Rossow, Mac's breeder and owner of Brooke of Bogan's Point: What did you breed Brooke with, a Shetland pony? Mac is a BIG strong dog. He's big enough so Vaughn doesn't need 4wd in his truck—just hook Mac's leash to the bumper of the stuck truck and off you go. (NON FICTION) Mac's tracking was a pleasure to watch. He tracks effortlessly with a very high head. Mac's effort turned in a very nice Prize III for Vaughn.



At the end of the day the judges and their faithful apprentice gathered in Ted's backyard to tally the last scores. Phil's dog Bracken walked up to the group and locked into a very staunch point on the BBQ grill. Someone exclaimed, "A BBQ Pointer!" Phil calmly stated, "No. There's a quail sitting under the grill," and there was! I gave her a 4.

Overall I would say we were blessed with some very nice dogs that ran that weekend. They are a tribute to the time and effort that goes into the breeding program of our club. All of them were fine hunters and a pleasure to be around. The owners, well..... Thanks to the Silvers, The Ladies Griffon Auxiliary, and all who worked to put on the test.

Word of the day: you got a pup; you tested; don't disappear. Stay active in your chapter and help keep the WPGCA alive and well.

Final word, Please check out the NE Chapter section on the website. We still have hats and travel mugs. (NON FICTION !!!)



**Newlyweds, Nate and Laura Newman, sport the latest in nuptial necessities—WPGCA hats and mugs. Nothing says: "I love you forever" like W-P-G-C-A!  
Woof! Woof!**

## Spring 2009 Heartland Chapter Hunting Dog Test

by  
Rem DeJong



**Gangway! Annika of Cattail Storm** shows her style in a Prize I performance as she delivers the duck to hand after a successful track for owner Sid Siefken.

Photo by Rem DeJong

A smaller than usual number of entries meant ample time to evaluate each dog and complete the testing in two days at the Heartland Chapter Test this spring.. A goodly number extra birds were released on the test grounds too, so the prospect of encountering free-ranging birds added a dose of hunting quality to the search portion of the test.

Of course there have to be some complications, and this year's came compliments of scheduled senior judge, Ken Hurtig. He conveniently avoided judging duties by having by-pass surgery right before the test. Rick Molt came west to fill in, so we managed to have a full contingent of judges plus Tina for photographer. Modern cardiac care being what it is, Ken was undeterred from showing up at the test, so although slowed from stomping through swamps and swales with the dogs, there was nothing slow about his wit; he provided plentiful commentary from the pavilion and livened the Saturday evening chapter dinner.

On Friday, Group A was led by, John Pitlo with Rick Molt and newly minted judge Jim Crouse assisting. Ed Challacombe gained experience as an apprentice judge. I ran **Burley of Salmon River** in NAT. Burley had surgery for OCD immediately before bird season last fall, so he'd only been actually hunting once in his short career. That lack of experience showed up mainly in his somewhat tentative search, but his innate ability was sufficient to garner a Prize II. His littermates showed great promise as well, so breeders Anita Andrus and Tawna Skinner can be proud.

Two **Cattail Storm** littermates: **Attaboy Bocephus**, handled by Clay Hooley and **Aleksander**, handled by Judy Coil rounded out our group. Did I mention high water? Judy was probably wishing she had donned chest waders while negotiating the "shallows" between the mainland and a small island during the duck tracking portion of

the IHDT. Come test day, you can never be sure just when a dog may choose to have an “off” moment, but for **Alek** it was the blind retrieve that marred an otherwise fine performance. Although his score didn’t merit a prize, he has great potential as a hunter. **Attaboy** or “Bo” to his owner, Clay Hooley, hasn’t had much exposure to waterfowl, but did well enough all the way around to earn a Prize III.

Judging in Group B were Greg Hurtig, Jim Seibel and Dean Umphrey with Andy Yeast apprenticing. In the IHDT they evaluated **Arli of Dakota Prairie**, handled by Ted Vanderpan. They also assessed two non-club dogs: Cliff Koole’s NAT dog, **Brittany of Evan’s Inn** and handler Will Wassick’s older hunting dog **Stony Ridge Garnet**. Arli had some difficulty with the duck track and the retrieve of dragged game, but he can do better with more exposure and training. Brittany is a fine looking griffon, that probably just needs more experience to develop her confidence. She did well in most respects and earned a Prize III. The duck track presented Stony Ridge Garnet the most challenge and although she didn’t earn a prize, “Gabby” is a very nice dog and should provide her handler with solid performance in the field.

Mother Nature wanted to make sure that there was still plenty of water in the duck ponds, so Saturday dawned with a downpour. Although we humans struggled with the wet, the dogs coped well and stayed cool. Of course, keeping birds dry and planting them for pointing evaluation was a challenge. It’s hard for a wet rooster to fly under such conditions but at least these birds weren’t dead like one of Friday’s ring-necks. Unfortunately, I can’t provide specific details given pending litigation by Dave Read for bird boy abuse. Maybe it was the stress of working under former Marine, John Pitlo coupled with the commentary of Jim Crouse. Hey, at least that bird didn’t run!

Group A judges Rick Molt , John Pitlo and Dean Umphrey with apprentice, Ed Challa-lacombe evaluated two more **Salmon River** pups: **Buckingham**, handled by Ted Coon, and **Bonita**, handled by Bernie Schmitz. “Buck” could have cared less about a little rain; he showed great desire for game and sailed through his test with a perfect Prize I score. Wet, pen-reared birds, were not Bonita’s cup of tea, so no point was forthcoming, but the little dog performed well in most other respects and should be a good producer for her handler in the field.

Judging for group B were Jim Seibel , Greg Hurtig and Jim Crouse with Andy Yeast as an apprentice. They observed one more Cattail Storm dog, Annika, owned by Sid Siefken, who was running the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test; and a Czech Fousek import, **Ares Z Blatin**, owned by Jim and Bard Gill. Barb had the honor of slogging through the wet with Ares, but his performance made it all worthwhile as he turned in a fine Prize I performance for her. **Annika of Cattail Storm** was no slouch either. Sid has done a fine job working with Annika and she earned a Prize I with a fine score of 167. What a great way to top off a weekend of testing.

Great test-ground lunches were once again provided by Cindy Evans and we had the traditional Farm House Restaurant feast on Saturday evening. It was especially great to have Ken Hurtig present, feeling feisty. We filled up on food, generated some raffle money, replenished our supply of WPGCA shirts, hats and other souvenirs and caught up on griffon clan news. Some personnel changes were announced too. Andy Yeast is taking over the test coordinator duties from Jim and Donna Crouse and Greg Hurtig is now Heartland Chapter President. In addition to now being a full-fledged judge, Jim Crouse is Chapter Vice President—I didn’t even know we had such a position!

## Rocky Mountain Spring 2009 Test

by  
Anita Andrus



**White on White: Akay of the Midnight Sun** retrieves a white pheasant to owner Randy Mann in the IHDT

Photo by Tina Molt

and up the berm to show her bird to Mike before returning to Kanako. All the judges smiled at “Aya’s” parading up to “Dad” to show him her bird.

We had some unusual test birds this year—white pheasants. When the bird breeders asked field test chairman Cliff Jaro if he minded colored birds he said he didn’t care. He didn’t know he was getting chicken impersonators. One judge said some shooting preserves seed a few of these white pheasants and whoever shoots it wins a special prize. I bet the hawks really like their special prize of stick-out-like-a-soar-thumb pheasant dinner!

On one live track for a NAT dog, senior judge John Pitlo had to restart one “chicken” four times. The last

Fresh boiled shrimp and lasagna got the March Rocky Mountain chapter test off to a festive start in Jerome, Idaho at the home of WPGCA president Gary Pool and his wife Ann. Rick and Tina Molt flew from Maine with the shrimp and club members really enjoyed the pre-test crustacean feast.

Friday was the annual board of directors meeting and judges seminar. A panel of senior (age not experience) judges answered questions previously submitted by other WPGCA judges from around the U.S.

Saturday three judging groups tested 5 NAT, 3 IHDT and 1 UFT dog. Three littermates from the **“B” litter of Salmon River, Bella, Boone and Bogart** got all 4’s in NAT except for Bella’s 0 in pointing. Gerry and Terri Good from Montana tested **“Tucker”**, a rescue Griffon that they got at 5 mo. old and proudly earned a Prize 1 in NAT

Two littermates from the **“A” litter of Dakota Prairie,” Amos” and “Aya”** tested IHDT. Kanako Vance handled “Aya” as husband Mike watched, recuperating from a broken leg. On one retrieve, “Aya” raced past Kanako on the return



**Boone of Salmon River** completes NAT search.

Photo by Judy Coil



**Good Girl!** Seven month old **Ali of Ancient Kennel** completes her track of a pheasant with a retrieve to proud owner Gary Pool on the way to a perfect Prize I score.

Photo by Tina Molt

time, the bird ran smack into a 3 ft. diameter boulder so hard you could hear the thud. By this time we were certainly having doubts about the intelligence of these white pheasants.

It was great for several apprentice judges and the gallery to see Rick Sojda test “**Ander of Hundgaard**” in UT. Gold stars to Rick for his valiant attempt even though “Ander” had a problem with steadiness at the blind and in tracking which resulted in no prize. Just to prepare and train for UT is a major endeavor requiring diligence and many repetitions of the 15 tasks the dog is asked to perform.

Sunday, Gary Pool and his Czech Fousek, **Ali of Ancient Kennel** aced the NAT with all 4’s and a Prize I. No humans enjoyed the 45 mph wind in the Snake River Canyon but it obviously didn’t matter to Ali.

Special thanks go out to the local chapter members, The Pools, Jaros, Matsuokas and Tawna Skinner for all their work in making our test successful. Thanks also to bird handlers Dave Matsuoka, John McDunn, Ned Enyeart, Russ Dill and Robert Ziedens as well as photographers Tina Molt, Judy Coil, and Ann Pool.

It was also great to see our Grand Dame Griffonere, Joan Bailey enjoying the test and adding bits of WPGCA history throughout the weekend.

**NATURAL ABILITY TEST, Spring 2009****Key to tests**

WI = Wisconsin      CA = California  
 WA = Washington  
 ID = Idaho  
 ME = Maine  
 \* = Temperament problem, see write-up  
 ++ = Over age, Evaluation only (E)

	Age in Months	Nose and Use of Nose	Searching	Affinity for water	pointing	Tracking Bird	Attitude Toward Work	Cooperation	TOTAL POINTS	CLASSIFICATION	Conformation	Coat	Temperament
	A	N	S	W	P	TB	A	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
<b><u>GROUP 349 (Feb., 2007 GDS-repeat)</u></b>													
BRITTANY OF EVANS INN (F, WI)	11	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	22	III	4	3	ok
<b><u>GROUP 368 (Page )</u></b>													
BOGART OF SALMON RIVER (M, ID)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
BOONE OF SALMON RIVER (M, ID)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
BUCKINGHAM OF SALMON RIVER (M, WI)	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
BURLEY OF SALMON RIVER (M, WI)	13	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	25	II	2	3	ok
BELLA OF SALMON RIVER (F, ID)	12	4	4	4	0	4	4	3	23		4	3	ok
BIG BEN OF SALMON RIVER (M, ME)	14	4	4	4	0	4	4	3	23		4	4	ok
BONITA OF SALMON RIVER (F, WI)	13	4	2	4	0	4	3	3	20		4	3	ok
<b><u>GROUP 369 (Page )</u></b>													
ARES Z BLATIN (M, WI)	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	27	I	4	3	ok
<b><u>GROUP 370 (Page )</u></b>													
ANCIENT ALI (F, ID)	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
<b><u>GROUP 371 (Page )</u></b>													
CHATO OF EAR MOUNTAIN (F, ID)	14	2	3	4	4	2	3	1	19		4	3	ok
<b><u>GROUP 371 (Page )</u></b>													
GRIMM TAILS TUCKER (M, ID)	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
<b>GERMAN WIREHAired POINTER</b>													
FIONA VOM DESERT DANCER (F, CA)	11	4	3	4	4	4	3	2	24	II	3	4	ok
GEM V YANKEE WEIDENHUGEL (F, CA)	12	4	4	1	3	4	2	2	20		4	3	ok
FIE SOLRAVENS (CA)	9	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	25	II	3	3	ok

**INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, Spring 2009****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 (3)

**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 Prize  
 PR = Prize Classification  
 CO = Conformation  
 CT = Coat  
 T = Temperament

Key to tests (index number) \* = Optional test ++ = Over age, Older Hunting Dog

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
<b>GROUP 360 (Aug., 2008 GDS)</b>																		
ANSEL MACDUFF OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, 24 mos., (ME)																		
	4	2	2	4	4	2	3			4	4	2	2	137	III	2	4	ok
AUGER OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, 24 mos., (ME)																		
	2	3	2	4	4	2	4			4	4	2	2	133	III	4	2	ok
ABACO'S NORTHERN STAR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, F, 24 mos., (ME)																		
	1	4	3	4	2	3	4			3	3	3	3	126		4	3	ok
AYA OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, F, 22 mos., (ID)																		
	4	0	2	3	4	2	4			4	3	2	2	125		4	4	ok
AUGUSTUS OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, 24 mos., (ME)																		
	1	2	0	4	4	2	4			3	2	2	2	103		4	3	ok
ARLI OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, F, 23 mos., (WI)																		
	1	3	2	4	0	0	4			3	2	2	2	92		4	3	ok
AMOS OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE, M, 22 mos., (ID)																		
	0	2	0	4	2	1	1			1	2	2	1	63		3	4	ok
<b>GROUP 361 (Aug., 2008 GDS)</b>																		
BEINN OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S, M, 24 mos., (ME)																		
	2	4	4	4	4	3	4			4	4	4	3	156	II	3	3	ok
BRAELYN OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S, F, 24 mos., (ME)																		
	3	2	3	4	4	2	4			4	4	3	3	145	II	4	2	ok

**INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, Spring 2009 (continued)**

TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
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**GROUP 362 (Aug., 2008 GDS )**

AKAY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, F, 22 mos., (ID)

3	3	3	4	4	3	3				4	4	3	3	148	I	4	3	ok
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**GROUP 363 (Aug., 2008 GDS )**

++GARRNET (GABBY) OF STONYRIDGE, F, 26 mos., (WI)

1	3	2	4	3	3	2				3	3	3	2	114		1	1	ok
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**GROUP 367 (Feb., 2009 GDS )**

ANIKKA OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 20 mos., (WI)

3	4	4	4	4	4	4				4	4	4	4	167	I	3	3	ok
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ATTABOY BOCEPHUS OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 20 mos., (WI)

3	2	2	4	4	2	3				4	4	2	2	132	III	3	3	ok
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ALEKSANDER OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 20 mos., (WI)

4	2	1	4	4	4	4				4	4	2	2	142		3	3	ok
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AVA OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 21 mos., (ME)

1	2	2	4	4	3	4				3	3	3	2	121		4	3	ok
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ABSOLUT SPOT OF CATTAIL STORM, M, 21 mos., (ME)

4	2	1	3	4	1	3				3	3	2	1	112		3	4	ok
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ANA BELLE OF CATTAIL STORM, F, 20 mos., (WI)

Dog was too dependent to complete the test

**GERMAN WIREHAISED POINTER**

++WEIDENHUGEL ZENCA GRACE VO'HI , F, 3 yr., (CA)

3	0	0	4	4	0	4				4	2	2	1	104		3	2	OK
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**DOGS EVALUATED IN THE SPRING, 2009 TESTS****NATURAL ABILITY TEST**

**BRITTANY OF EVANS INN**, F, 11 mos., whelped 5/14/2008. Conformation: 4, 22.5" H X 22.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to handle, a little dependent, friendly. Owned by Cliff Koele, 311 2nd St., Hull, IA 51239. Bred by Evan Fleming.

**BOGART OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 12 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24 " L. Coat: 3, open coat (possibly due to steroids) soft & curly on head, full furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, good game drive. Owned by Jim Jarvis, PO Box 154, Asotin, WA 99402. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner.

**BOONE OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 12 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 24.5" H X 24.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: good control of temperament, level headed. Owned by Greg Miyauchi, PO Box 282, Grand Lake, CO 80447. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner.

**BUCKINGHAM OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 13 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 25" H X 25 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, good belly coverage, not flat lying. Temperament: eager, friendly, good game drive. Owned by Ted Coon, 1235 1/2 W 8th St., Apt. A, Appleton, WI 54914. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner.

**BURLEY OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 13 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 2, 24.5" H X 24.5 " L, monorchid, OCD. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, medium furnishings. Temperament: calm, easy to examine. Owned by Cornell DeJong, 809 West Kaye Ave., Marquette, MI 49855. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner.

**BELLA OF SALMON RIVER**, F, 12 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 22.5" H X 22.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, lots of game drive. Owned by Dennis Bays, 1894 Governor Rd., Bellingham, WA 98229. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner.



<b>PEDGREE 368</b>		<b>CAR ZE SKREBENE</b>
	<b>CHAR Z HLOZKU</b>	<b>FLORA Z HLOZKU</b>
	<b>ANDER OF THE HUNDGAARD</b>	<b>CAR ZE SBERSKEHO HAJE</b>
	<b>CZIG CZAG OF VALLEY HOUSE</b>	<b>AVERY OF MOUNTAIN HOUSE</b>
<b>"B" OF SALMON RIVER</b>		<b>BARTON DE LOS ALTOS</b>
	<b>ELMO OF AUGER FALLS</b>	<b>CASSIDY OF DUTCHMANS HOLLOW</b>
	<b>BRAUN OF MARSH STREAM</b>	<b>CHYT SE ZAPLAV</b>
	<b>BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK</b>	<b>BAILEY OF OCEAN HOUSE</b>

<b>PEDGREE 369</b>		<b>DAN ZE ZABLICE</b>
	<b>ARON ZPOD HOLOVKY</b>	<b>FATIMA Z HLOZKU</b>
	<b>ARGO OD BRASNICKEHO RYBNIKA</b>	<b>EVAR Z ODERSKE VIBINY</b>
	<b>MONA Z KABLANE</b>	<b>CEDAR Z LOMNENKY</b>
<b>ARES Z BLATIN (CF)</b>		<b>NORD ZE ZVIKOVSKÉ BASTY</b>
	<b>ED OD PITNE VODY</b>	<b>KATTY Z LANGROVA DVORA</b>
	<b>CATTY OD VALOVSKÉ HOMOLE</b>	<b>BRIT Z TISKE HAJENKY</b>
	<b>GAMA OD TESINOVSKYCH BUKU</b>	<b>OLA OD TESINOVSKYCH BUKU</b>

<b>PEDGREE 370</b>		<b>CESAR OD HLAVNIKU</b>
	<b>FRIGAR Z KOZLOVSKYCH LESU</b>	<b>CITA Z VERUSICEK</b>
	<b>ARON SIMOUYV DVUR</b>	<b>IKAR Z DLOUHE NLVY</b>
	<b>NINA Z CHLAPCENY</b>	<b>ILKA Z CHLAPCENY</b>
<b>ANCIENT ALI (CF)</b>		<b>BREN Z HLOZKU</b>
	<b>HART Z MRSKLESKYCH LESU</b>	<b>BARA ZE SKRBENE</b>
	<b>MERIL Z HLOZKA</b>	<b>CHAR Z HLOS KU</b>
	<b>TERA Z PODLESKA</b>	<b>RITA Z PODLESKA</b>

## UTILITY FIELD TEST, SPRING 2009

Key to tests: \* = Optional test CA = California, ID = Idaho

### INDEX\*

<b>TD = Track of Duck (5)</b> <b>SWD = Search without Duck (3)</b> <b>BR = Blind Retrieve (3)</b> <b>SB = Steady at Blind (2)</b> <b>RM = Retrieve of Marked Fall (3)</b> <b>S = Searching (5)</b> <b>P = Pointing (4)</b> <b>SWS = Steady to Wing and Shot (3)</b>	<b>RS = Retrieve of Shot Bird (3)</b> <b>WD = Whoa or Down (3)</b> <b>TB = Track of Live Bird (4)</b> <b>SW = Search in Woods (4)</b> <b>H = Walk at Heel (2)</b> <b>RDG = Retrieve of Dragged Game (3)</b> <b>*F = Find/Retrieve of Dead Game (3)</b> <b>*B = Blood Track (4)</b>	<b>N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)</b> <b>AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)</b> <b>C = Cooperation (4)</b> <b>O = Obedience (3)</b> <b>TP = Total Points</b> <b>PR = Prize Classification</b> <b>CO = Conformation</b> <b>CT = Coat</b> <b>T = Temperament</b>
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TD	D	BR	SB	RM	S	P	SWS	RS	WD	TB	SW	H	RDG	*F	*B	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
<b>GROUP 343 (Aug., 2006 GDS)</b>																								
<b>ANDER OF THE HUNDGAARD, M, 4 yrs., (ID)</b>																								
3	2	4	1	4	3	2	0	0	4	0	4	2	4			3	3	2	3	161		4	3	ok

### **GERMAN WIREHAired POINTER** **WEIDENHUGEL IMPULSE V ZERO, M, 6 yrs, 4 mos., (CA)**

3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4		4	4	3	3	242	II	-	-	-
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## DOGS EVALUATED IN THE SPRING, 2009 TESTS (Continued)

### NATURAL ABILITY TEST

**BIG BEN OF SALMON RIVER**, M, 14 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 25.5" H X 25.5 " L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, slight curl, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, bold, very focused, a bit difficult to examine. Owned by Ron Bittler, 1155 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner.

**BONITA OF SALMON RIVER**, F, 13 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 23" H X 24 " L. Coat: 3, medium dense, medium harsh, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, somewhat tentative. Owned by Bernie Schmitz, 9040 Young Rd., Jesup, IA 50648. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner.

**ARES Z BLATIN**, M, 12 mos., whelped 4/11/2008. Conformation: 4, 26" H X 26 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, open/soft on head, not flat lying, good belly coverage. Temperament: eager for birds, difficult to examine, friendly. Owned by Jim & Barb Gill, 313 N Mt. Vernon Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. Bred by Vaclav Berka

**ANCIENT ALI**, F, 7 mos., whelped 8/14/2008. Conformation: 4, 21" H X 21 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, soft on head, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Gary Pool, 614 Twin View Rd., Jerome, ID 83338. Bred by Armando Carlos.

**CHATO OF EAR MOUNTAIN**, F, 14 mos., whelped 1/28/2008. Conformation: 4, 21" H X 22 " L, hind legs look longer than front, may be a growth spurt, re-evaluate in IHDT. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, soft on head, needs more belly coverage, full furnishings. Temperament: happy, friendly, under-exposed to birds. Owned by Bruce & Lori Parks, 191 S. St. Charles Rd., Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by Gregory Curtis.

**GRIMM TAILS TUCKER**, M, 10 mos., whelped 5/22/2008. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24 " L, extra P1 on lower left, yellow eyes. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, full furnishings, typical male head. Temperament: friendly, calm, easy to examine. Owned by Therese Good. Bred by Terry and Julie Grimm.



**Bella of Salmon River** completes successful track for owner Dennis Bays at the Rocky Mountain Test.  
Photo by Judy Coil

**PEDGREE 371**

	<b>FALKY DU DIMAINE DE LA VIROISE</b>
	<b>HUDSON DES RIVERS DE L'AURE</b>
	<b>DONA DES RIVERS DE L'AURE</b>
<b>OWEN DES DUNES DU CAPTALAT</b>	<b>VIC DES BOUYGUES DE SAINT NEXANS</b>
	<b>HOURI DES BOUYGUES DE SAINT NEXANS</b>
<b>CHATO OF EAR MOUNTAIN</b>	<b>BOUM DES BOUYGUES DE SAINT NEXANS</b>
	<b>INGO VON HERRENHAUSEN</b>
	<b>POINT MOUNTAIN'S SARGE</b>
	<b>JIMBO'S INGA</b>
<b>EAR MOUNTAIN'S DEMI</b>	<b>WINDSTAR LIL BUCKAROO</b>
	<b>WAYFARER'S MORGAN</b>
	<b>FRAULEIN'S IMAGE V WAYFARER</b>

**PEDGREE 372**

	<b>GOOSE CREEK AMIGO</b>
	<b>UPLAND TIMBER DALLAS</b>
	<b>ASPEN POINT'S BUTTSTOCK</b>
<b>MED O POINT'S ABE</b>	<b>GRIFFONPOINT INTO UPLAND</b>
	<b>UPLANDS AMBER</b>
<b>GRIMM TAILS TUCKER</b>	<b>UPLAND ERASER</b>
	<b>ACER V T HOLTLAAND</b>
	<b>GRIFFONPOINT INTO UPLAND</b>
	<b>PRANCING ACROBAT</b>
<b>DAYTON'S MISSISSIPPI ANNIE</b>	<b>ASPEN POINT'S BARREL</b>
	<b>AUBRY JAZZ OF GENEVA LAKE</b>
	<b>DANA OF GENEVA LAKE</b>

**DOGS EVALUATED IN THE SPRING, 2009 TESTS (Continued)****NATURAL ABILITY TEST****VERIEN DEUTSCH DRAHTHAAR**

**FIONA VOM DESERT DANCER**, F, 11 mos., whelped 10/2/2008. Conformation: 3., Coat: 4, dense. Temperament: eager, independent. Owned by Bob & Kathi Rittenhouse, 1048 Frieda Ln., Minden, NV 89423. Bred by Kit J Critchlow.

**GERMAIN WIREHAIRD POINTERS**

**WEIDENHUGEL GEM VOM YANKEE**, F, 12 mos., whelped 12/31/2007. Conformation: 4. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense. Temperament: eager, happy. Owned by Francis & Diane Marsh, 116 Austen Ct., Roseville, CA 95747. Bred by Mildred L. Revell.

**FIE SOLRAVENS**, 8.5 mos., whelped 5/7/2008. Conformation: 3. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense. Temperament: eager, happy. Owned by Silke Alberts, 901 Alameda St., Vallejo, CA 94580. Bred by Gitte Albrechtstsen/Laes Helbo.

**INTERMEDIAT HUNTING DOG TEST**

**ANSEL MACDUFF OF DAKOTA PRARIE**, M, 24 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 2, 27" H X 27" L, overbite, oversize. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Vaughn Anthony, PO Box 459, Boothbay, ME 04537. Bred by Steve Rossow.

**AUGER OF DAKOTA PRARIE**, M, 24 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 4, 24.5" H X 24.5" L, fine featured for a male. Coat: 2, medium harsh, lacks density, slight curl, sparse furnishings. Temperament: very eager for game, friendly, easy to examine, has difficulty focusing. Owned by John Diller, 5001 Fall Line Rd., Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947. Bred by Steve Rossow.

**ABACO'S NORTHERN STAR OF DAKOTA PRARIE**, F, 24 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 4, 24.5" H X 24.5" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, slight curl, lacks belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, easy to examine, eager for game but tentative on duck track. Owned by Jane McKenna, 57 Pork Point Rd., Bowdoinham, ME 04008. Bred by Steve Rossow.

**AYA OF DAKOTA PRARIE**, F, 22 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24" L. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, good game drive. Owned by Mike & Kanako Vance, 4551 Bannock Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Steve Rossow.

**AUGUSTUS OF DAKOTA PRARIE**, M, 24 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 4, 25.5" H X 25.5" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, difficult to examine, friendly, very male. Owned by John Bosi, PO Box 762, Lake Harmony, PA 18624. Bred by Steve Rossow.

**ARLI OF DAKOTA PRARIE**, F, 22 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 4, 23.5" H X 24" L. Coat: 3, harsh, good chest and belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, somewhat independent. Owned by Ted Vanderpan, 9440 Wentlock Rd., Woodbury, MN 55125. Bred by Steve Rossow.

**AMOS OF DAKOTA PRARIE**, M, 22 mos., whelped 5/7/2007. Conformation: 3, 27" H X 27" L, oversize. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, coat short, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, bordering on independent. Owned by Mike Reilly, 225 N. Broadway Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Steve Rossow.

**BEINN OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S**, M, 24 mos., whelped 5/17/2007. Conformation: 3, 25" H X 25" L, undershot jaw. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, lacks belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: well rounded, very happy, eager for game, attitude towards work exceptional. Owned by Grove Blair, 98 Chapin Rd., Bernardville, NJ 07924. Bred by Bernard Schmitz.

**BRAELYN OF BERNIE'S WOULD'S**, F, 24 mos., whelped 5/17/2007. Conformation: 4, 21.5" H X 21.5" L. Coat: 2, medium harsh, lacks density, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, lots of drive, very alert. Owned by Kevin Jester, 211 Barnegat Blvd., Beachwood, NJ 08722. Bred by Bernard Schmitz.

**AKAY OF MIDNIGHT SUN**, F, 22 mos., whelped 5/29/2007. Conformation: 4, 24" H X 24" L, jaw problems, 2 lower canines removed, overbite. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, intense, persistent. Owned by Randy Mann, 103 Wolf Fork Rd., Dayton, WA 99328. Bred by Brad Meyen.

**GARNET (GABBY) OF STONYRIDGE**, F, 26 mos., whelped 2/22/2007. Conformation 1: 23.5" H X 24" L, jaw problems, 2 lower canines removed, overbite. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, seasonal alopecia on both flanks, good belly coverage. Temperament: easy to handle, very nice dog. Owned by Will Wassink, 3093 320th St., Hull, IA 51239. Bred by Randy Posthuma.

**DOGS EVALUATED IN THE SPRING, 2009 TESTS (Continued)****INTERMEDIAT HUNTING DOG TEST**

**ANIKKA OF CATTAIL STORM**, F, 20 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 3, 22.5" H X 22.5 " L, undershot jaw. Coat: 3, medium harsh, needs more density, open on head, needs more belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: wants birds, tentative when examined, friendly, ndo. Owned by Sid Siefken, 14035 Park Cove Dr., Broomfield, CO 80023. Bred by Damon Bovard.

**ATTABOY BOCEPHUS OF CATTAIL STORM**, M, 20 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 3, 23.5" H X 22.5 " L, light boned for a male. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, wants game, slightly independent on track. Owned by Clay Hooley, 17656 14th Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563. Bred by Damon Bovard.

**ALEKSANDER OF CATTAIL STORM**, M, 20 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 3, 23" H X 23 " L, female type head. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, curly on rump, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, eager for game. Owned by Judy Coil, 49625 Waldo Rd., Kelliher, MN 56650. Bred by Damon Bovard.

**AVA OF CATTAIL STORM**, F, 21 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 4, 22" H X 22.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager in the field, a little immature. Owned by Rick Molt, PO Box 115, Bristol, ME 04539. Bred by Damon Bovard.

**ABSOLUT SPOT OF CATTAIL STORM**, M, 21 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Conformation: 3, 23" H X 23 " L, undershot jaw. Coat: 4, harsh, dense, slight curl, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, eager for game. Owned by Erik Anderson, 354 Beech Hill Rd., Andover, NH 03216. Bred by Damon Bovard.

**ANA BELLE OF CATTAIL STORM**, F, 21 mos., whelped 8/12/2007. Temperament: Dog was too dependent to complete tasks in the test. Owned by Susan Kaufman, 61 Bushy Hill, Ivoryton, CT 06442. Bred by Damon Bovard.

**GERMAN WIREHAired POINTER**

**WEIDENHUGEL ZENEA GRACE VO' HI**, F, 3 yrs., whelped 1/11/2006. Conformation: 3. Coat: 2, medium dense, soft. Temperament: easy to examine. Owned by Francis & Diane Marsh, 116 Austen Ct., Roseville, CA 95747. Bred by Mildred L Revell.

**UTILITY FIELD TEST**

**ANDER OF THE HUNDGAARD**, M, 4 yrs., whelped 2/15/2005. Conformation: 4, 26" H X 26 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Richard Sojda, 124 Cool Ct., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Jim Seibel.

**GERMAN WIREHAired POINTER**

**WEIDENHUGEL IMPULSE V XERO**, M, 6 yrs, 4 mos., whelped 9/22/2002. Conformation: none recorded. Coat: none recorded. Temperament: none recorded. Owned by Sharon Jahn, 1360 Estates Dr., Dixon, CA 95620. Bred by Sharon Jahn.

**Arli of Dakota Prairie** sets off on a track for owner Ted Vanderpan at Heartland Test as Judge Dean Umphrey looks on.



## BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT 2009 BREEDING SEASON

by

**John Pitlo and Jim Seibel**

After last years dismal results with respect to the number of pups produced, 2009 turned out to be a banner year with 27 pups produced. The following is a list of those breedings and the new homes for those pups:

1. BRAUN OF MASRSH STREAM X AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE—Breeders were Tawna Skinner & Anita Andrus— Natural breeding, 3 males
  1. Kevin Kennedy, Payallup, WA-male
  2. Angie McDunn, Helena, MT- male
  3. Greg Gingerich, Oak Creek, CO—male
  
2. BROOKE OF BOGAN'S POINT X BLUE MOUNTAINS BREW— Breeder was Steve Rossow— AI, 1 male and 1 female
  1. Bob Rock, Larimore, ND—female
  2. Steve Rossow, Chamberlain, SD—male
  
3. BRITTA OF WILLOW SPRINGS X AESIR OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE—Breeder was Damon Bovard—Natural breeding, 4 males and 4 females
  1. Dan Lipe, Grand Blanc, MI—male
  2. Robert Ziedins, Rocklin, CA -male
  3. Richard Valent, Syosset, NY—male
  4. Wayne Hoernke, Poynette, WI—male
  5. Anna Ziedins, Loomis, CA- female
  6. Tony Meyer, Watertown, WI—female
  7. Peter Meyer, Ellsworth, ME—female
  8. Jerry Smith, Tucson, AZ—female
  
4. ANNIE OAKLEY OF GLACIER RIDGE X ANDREW OF SOURDOUGH TRAIL— Breeder was Bob Bullock—Natural breeding—4 females and 2 males
  1. Terry Kramer, Clancy, MT—male
  2. Ed Guilfooy, Huntington, VT—male
  3. Bob Matsuoka, Twin Falls, ID—female
  4. Bob Bullock, Boise, ID—female
  5. Tom Coombes, Show Low, AZ—female
  6. Dave Matsuoka, Twin Falls, ID—female

5. BRIGID OF WILLOW SPRINGS X AR-AN Z NOVOVESKEHO IESA—Breeder was Brad Meyen— AI, 6 males and 2 females
  1. Phil Tennis, Bay City, MI—male
  2. Bill Bargloff, Bennett, IA—male
  3. Jim Crouse, Delaware, OH—male
  4. Zeb Brueckman, Bremerton, WA—male
  5. Kathleen Meyen, Eagle River, AK— male
  6. Hiram Adelman, Bozeman, Mt—male
  7. Glenn Lehrer, Bozeman, MT—female
  8. Cliff Jaro, Jerome, ID—female

### **Additional Breeding Committee Note:**

Also, we attempted to breed Brandy of Willow Springs (owned by Jim Hughes) to Aesir of Dakota Prairie with fresh chilled semen, but no pups were produced. This was probably due to not having the right kit (meaning the right chemicals) in the hands of the vet that collected the semen. Also Allagash of Coyote Hills (owned by Scott Craig and Laurie Connell) was AI'd with Hasan z Lisova and no pups were produced. Pete Engman drove from Turtle Lake, WI to Show Low, Arizona (dodging snow storms, etc) to breed his female Arthurs Pal of the Midnight Sun to Andrew of Sourdough Trail. Although the male mounted her several times, there was no tie and therefore no pups. Anita Andrus also braved snowstorms to drive from Salmon, ID to North Dakota to breed her bitch Braun to Aesir and was rewarded with 3 pups in a natural breeding. We can't say enough about the efforts and sacrifices our breeders go through to get their dogs bred and provide pups for our growing Griffon family.

## “What If?”

### A Follow Up About the Honorary Members WPGCA

by

Joan Bailey

Shortly after reading the piece about the honorary club members in the June *GDS*, it occurred to me that there were a lot of “what if” moments in our story:

**1963:** Ed and Joan Bailey move into a house in Missoula, Montana. Their next door neighbor is Marg Allen, who has Griffons. The Baileys leave a year later with a Griffon puppy, heading for Ontario, Canada.

**1968:** In California Harold Baskin starts the Sierra Griffon Club (our first chapter) and pushes for a field trial, and another one in 1969. A few years later, he “suggests” to his son-in-law, Dick Austin that he should get a Griffon.

**1969:** In Ontario, Canada, Bodo Winterhelt and a few Pudelpointer friends meet to start NAVHDA and the Baileys join them.

**1970:** In another part of the country, Nebraska, Roy Speece gets his first Griffon and joins the club. Nebraska is where the Baileys do most of their hunting.

**1972:** At an early NAVHDA test on the Bailey farm in Ontario, a guy with German Wirehairs from Rochester, NY, drives up and attends the test. His name was Jack Dalimore.

**1972:** Dick Austin becomes very involved and, get this, Warren Webster’s daughter is working for Dick and she thinks her father should have a Griffon. Dick knows of a dog that Warren could get. Warren gets the dog and says, “But I don’t want to get involved!”

**1972:** Dick Austin and Harold Baskin come all the way East to a NAVHDA test in Maine. After seeing the test they agree to give it a try.

**1973:** The Sierra Griffon Club puts on the first NAVHDA test in California. And there, a crucial part of our unique group arrives---Our Joe.

**1973:** On the East coast John Lundberg reads about a NAVHDA test to take place in Long Island, New York. It sparks his interest and he goes. Two of the judges were Ed and Joan Bailey and with them was **TONIK DU BOIS FOLLET**. John was sold.

What if some of this hadn’t happened?

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Heartland Chapter**

**Fall 2009 Test** September 11,12, at Mazomanie WI

Contact: Field Test Chairperson Andy Yeast (H) 515-986-0891 (C) 515-250-3526

Email: acyeast@mchsi.com

**Northwest Chapter**

**Fall 2009 Test** September 4, 5, 6.

Location: Silver Creek, Washington

Contact: Dennis Carlson, Field Test Chair

3801 Barrett Drive, Hood River, OR 97031

Tel: 541-386-4830 (home) 387-7088 (work) carlson@gorge.net

**Northwest/KDK**

**Spring Test** January 23, 24, 25 2010.

Location: Oroville, CA

Contact: Silke Alberts, 901 Alameda St. Vallejo, Ca. 94590.

Phone: (707) 644-8068 H and (707) 644-9901 W.

**See WPGCA website for entry forms, maps and detailed information.**

**<http://www.wpgca.org>**



**Happiness really is a warm puppy! Six year old Rand Bovard cuddles one of the Cattail Storm B Litter pups.**

Photo by Damon Bovard