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New Dog In Town **Ivar od Vavřineckého rybníka (Ike)**

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

This issue is focused mostly on the Spring 2014 test results. There were some great performances and some not so great. What stood out for me was the huge difference that a handler really working to prepare a dog in all phases of the test makes. You just can't cut corners. It's great to see the number of training-exposure days that we offer increasing. Take advantage of one if you can.

The update on our Cesky Fousek import project is exciting. The brief article belies the tremendous amount of work being done by our club, especially Rick Sojda and Laurie Connell, and by Pavel Dostal and our counterpart organization in the Czech Republic. Thanks for all the work guys!

Ann and Gary Pool have been busily organizing a September trip to the Czech Republic, and we wish them a safe, fun, productive experience. We hope to have a report in the October issue.

In the meanwhile train hard and enjoy the dog days of summer!

Rem DeJong

On the Cover

Imported from Czech Republic, four month-old **Ivar od Vavřineckého rybníka (Ike)**, owned by Kirk and Tracy Dilly, shows off his very first bird.

(Photo by Tracy Dilly)

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Cesky Fousek Import Update

by

Rick Sojda & Laurie Connell

Over the last several years the club has had a difficult time identifying enough females that were both qualified to breed and that were not littermates of dogs with inherited diseases, most notably Osteochondritis Dissecans (OCD). To remedy this problem, we have begun importing puppies to expand our North American gene pool and potentially have new opportunities for breeding puppies for club members. Our club has now imported two Bohemian wire-haired pointing griffons (Cesky Fouseks) in 2013 and six in 2014, a total of five females and three males. We are continuing to look for one more female this year. Once these new dogs have completed both their NAT and IHDT and have had their hips evaluated (PennHIP), the Breeding Committee will discuss which pairings seem to have merit and then get additional input from the owners. This is the exact same process we follow with our North American dogs to determine if they are to be bred. At first glance, it would seem logical to breed pure fouseks. That is clearly



Pavel Dostal, with Two Fine Cesky Fousek Pups
Pavel has been our primary contact for securing quality dogs for import to the US.

possible but not our stated purpose. Rather, our goal remains producing great, versatile hunters that are also the best family dogs. We will continue to consider breeding our current WPGCA dogs as well as AKC griffons when we find individuals that meet our criteria, yet keep within the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) breeding rules on a voluntary basis. Since the importing of the first semen from the Czech Republic (CR), our club has felt that the Czech bloodlines represent those similar to the original, and our ideal, griffon.

We sifted through about four-dozen litters in the past two years looking for suitable puppies. Fortunately, we had a number of good resources on which to



Emily Ramos Is All Smiles Holding Jena od Tyrše at her first Michigan Training Day

Jim Crouse brought his new pup up from Ohio to a monthly training day where Jena was introduced to the group, played in the water and got to sniff some birds.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

rely for translating pedigrees. These included Pavel Dostal from the CR who is their club's International Secretary, as well as our own, John Pitlo and Jim Seibel who visited there in the past. We also became most intimate with Google translate! Finally, we used a little first-hand knowledge from recent trips made to the CR by Hiram Adelman



Rick and MaryAnn Sojda (left) paid a visit to Mark and Joanne Canfield and their dog **Anya** to welcome **Brita Eso** (with Joanne) to her new home in the US.

and Brook Merrow (**Barclay of the Midnight Sun; Cira od Aliny z Nehvizd**) and Rick and Mary Ann Sojda (**Ander of Hundgaard; Edý z Veseckých luhů**).

We identified litters in one of two ways. First, we followed the Czech club website that lists puppies for sale. Second, Pavel sent suggestions. Then, we examined test scores, pedigrees, photos, published litter assessments, and comments from Pavel and others in the CR that might know the dogs and their handlers. We rejected litters with parents having a score lower than “3” (out of 4) in any hunt test scores (generally most had primarily all 4s), and those whose parents did not have excellent conformation. We also rejected litters with a significant amount of alopecia in their pedigrees that is somewhat prevalent in all the Czech dogs. The Czechs do not breed dogs known to have alopecia in an attempt to eliminate it, but it could crop up as a latent trait. This is something for which we will need to keep a sharp eye in any future dogs we may produce, here. The genetics of alopecia are not well known, and its manifestation may be partially controlled by diet. One other criterion we followed was to import dogs unrelated to each other as much as possible in order to maximize genetic diversity. Of the eight dogs imported so far, only two share a sire. Not all Czech dogs have their dewclaws removed, and not all have docked tails. These practices have been difficult for us to

learn to accept. However, we were told that some European countries (e.g., Switzerland) do not allow dogs to even cross their borders if their tails have been docked without special documents, and we acknowledge their customs and rights. It certainly does not affect the dogs' genetic makeup.

Although we have not yet tallied all the costs, it appears that the average total cost per dog will be roughly \$1,100 - 1,200 this year. The actual cost of each pup was the same, only shipping varied. Owners paid the Education and Research Foundation; then, Andy Rupp, our Treasurer, transferred payment to the CR. This allowed us to have each person pay the same amount, similar to the way we handle costs of our WPGCA dogs. They were shipped via Prague to Amsterdam or Zurich and then on to North America. We were required to hire a shipping company to oversee the pups' welfare en route (essentially walking, feeding, and watering them at their stopover), and all arrived in good shape and seemed happy to meet their new owners. They were micro-chipped and tattooed, all came with a European Union "puppy passport" that documents their shots, and all were registered in Europe with FCI. In addition, all new owners agreed to defer their breeding rights to our club, and they are registering their dogs with the WPGCA.

All in all, we hope we have identified good dogs. Only time will tell. Early reports have been positive with pups showing lots of natural ability in tracking, pointing, swimming, and being good buddies. Based on this initial reaction, we hope to continue importing more dogs over the next few years. We continue to marvel at how streamlined Pavel has made this for us, and marvel even more at how much effort he has contributed to the potential betterment of our club's breeding program. The members who accepted dogs so far have been exceptional, and we thank them sincerely for the money they have put forward along with the time they have committed to raising a puppy. This is doubly true when there have been so many unknowns about what they might face. You can keep track of their pups' progress by following frequent posts about them on our WPGCA facebook page (www.facebook.com/griffon.fan). Here is the list of dogs imported:

- Bax od Kozamberka** – ticked male, Paul Stadem, East Grand Forks, MN (2014)
- Brita Eso** – ticked female, Mark and Joanne Canfield, New Hartford, NY (2014)
- Cira od Aliny z Nehvíd** – ticked female, Hiram Adelman and Brook Merrow, Bozeman, MT (2013)
- Edý z Veseckých luhů** (Eider) – brown male, Rick and Mary Ann Sojda, Bozeman, MT (2013)
- Flora ze Smilovic** – ticked female, Laurie Connell and Scott Craig, Winterport, ME (2014)
- Ivar od Vavřineckého rybníka** (Ike) – ticked male, Kirk and Tracy Dilly, Osakis, MN (2014)
- Jena od Tyrše** – ticked female, Jim Crouse, Ashley, OH (2014)
- Korina od Pitné vody** – brown female, Andy Rupp, Arvada, CO (2014)

ROCKY MT. SPRING TEST 2014

by
Anita Andrus

This year Idaho hosted the annual Judges Seminar, Board of Directors (BOD) meeting and performance tests March 28-30. Friday morning started off with a discussion between the BOD and club members about the future direction of our club and breeding program. This was followed by the Judges Seminar given by Canadian photographer/author Craig Koshyk, who wrote the definitive *Pointing Dogs, Volume One: The Continentals*. Craig's presentation on the history of the European pointing breeds was both highly entertaining and fascinating to see how we arrived at our hunting dogs of present day. For more information on both the BOD meeting and Craig's seminar see the WPGCA web site at; <http://www.wpgca.org/announcements/>

Saturday dawned 50 degrees and cloudy but thankfully NO WIND. (That was to come on Sunday.) We had enough dogs (10) to have three judging groups at the Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area in the Snake River Canyon. Three pups from Randy Mann's (WA) "B" litter, Wolf Fork Canyon tested in Natural Ability (NAT). This was the breeding that used female **Akay of the Midnight Sun** and Vicky Foster's male AKC Griffon, **Crownpoint Wykeham Lad**. Bo owned by Bryan Rowder (MT) and Bam handled by Zeb Breuckman (WA) earned a Prize I and II respectively. Robin Strathy's (MT) Brillo received a 4 in search, 4 in pointing and a 4 in live track but her reluctance

at the water resulted in no prize.

Two Cesky Fousek pups imported from the Czech Republic also ran their NA test. Hiram Adelman (MT) and **Cira** earned a Prize II. **Edy**, owned by Rick Sodja (MT) received a 4 in search and tracking but took much coaxing to swim the second time resulting in a Prize III.

Littermates **Arikara**, owned by Bill Madden (MT) and **Abe of Ash Coule**, owned by Jon Hoffart (ND) ran their Intermediate Hunting Dog test (IHDT). Both dogs searched well in the field but had difficulty slowing down and focusing when it came to the tracking portions of the test. Vince Esposito (UT) brought 9 mo. old **Helena of**



Helena of Dutchman's Hollow with owner Vincent Esposito; Rocky Mountain Spring Test 2014; Jerome, ID.

(Photo by Jen Lachowiec)

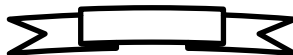
Dutchman's Hollow to run her NAT. Even with several tries Helena scooped the planted birds and never pointed, which is not unusual for a young dog with limited exposure; Helena was only 4-5 mo. old during her first hunting season. Some dogs mature faster than others, but by next Fall she will probably be pointing wild birds with no problem.

The third set of littermates tested that weekend were **Avian Moon** and **Adora of Prairie's Promise**. Adora, owned by Eric Briggs (WA) was over age (20 mo.) for her NAT (16 mo. limit) due to a cancelled 2013 test in her area, so ran "for evaluation only". On the track of the live pheasant she had difficulty understanding what she was being asked to do. The judges decided to use this opportunity as a training exercise, letting her have several tracking attempts with multiple birds. Adora showed improvement with every track and earned a "satisfactory" score of 2 in that portion of the test. She earned an overall score of 21 out of a possible 28 points but couldn't receive a Prize classification due to being over age. Avian Moon owned by Jeff Hogenson (CO) searched and pointed well in her IHDT but due to lack of exposure had difficulty with duck and water work.

On Sunday, Zeb Breuckman (WA) attempted his first Utility Test with **Benny of the Midnight Sun**. This is a long and difficult test for a "finished gun dog" involving 14 separate tasks. The hardest task for most dogs, being steady to wing and shot, eluded Benny that day but hopefully Zeb and Benny will try again in the future.

We also judged two non-program dogs. Dennis Carlson (WA) and **Falk** a German Wirehaired Pointer bred by Silke Alberts (CA) received a Prize III in the IHDT. Falk impressed the judges with his tracking ability and earned 4's in both the duck track and live pheasant track. Way to go, Dennis. **Spruce Creek Grace**, a NAVHDA registered Griffon, received a Prize I in her NAT by pointing staunchly and quartering well in her field work plus showing strong desire on the pheasant track. Grace shot away from the author like a rocket at the start of the track, taking her glove along dangling from the collar.

As we all know, it takes a large, dedicated crew to pull off a performance test well, not to mention the addition of a judges seminar. Thanks go to our chapter President, Angie McDunn (MT) and field test chairman/test bird locator John McDunn (MT) for all their hours of work before, during and after the test. A special thank you and a score of 4 H goes to Shannara McDunn for the lunch deserts. Thanks also to Sec./Tres. Teresa Connor (MT) for her years of service to our chapter who turned over the duties to Tawna Skinner (ID). Congratulations to Rick Sodja (MT) who became a judge this weekend and to Jim Crouse (OH) who became a Senior Judge. Kudos to: Ann Pool (ID), new chapter vice-president for her dedication in organizing the blood draw for the Cornell University DNA study; Rusty Dill (MT), birdman extraordinaire; Mike Vance (MT) for rescuing our lunch tent in Sunday's wind; Dr. Anna Ziedens-Artz (CA) and husband Ryan for actually collecting the dog's blood; plus all the photographers and bird planters.



Northeast Chapter Spring 2014 Test

by
Rick Molt

On a rainy Saturday, May 10 th, we met at the Silver's farm in Winterport, Maine. We had three dogs to test, and do measuring and blood draw for the Cornell study.

The first dog was Andy Goode's **Becasse of Wolf Fork Canyon** doing her NAT test. She did very well over all, but we unfortunately we were unable to get a point. Our second dog was **Baron of Wolf Fork Canyon**, owned by Gordon Young , also a NAT and litter-mate to Becasse. He did a great job and earned a Prize I. The last dog of the day was **Gunnery Sargent Von Tuefehunden of Dutchman's Hollow**, owned by Dan Seibel. Gunny was running as an older hunting dog (OHDT.) Gunny showed promising attributes, but due to too much dependency, he did not qualify for a prize. Dan is retiring this fall, so he and Gunny will be able to hunt every day! Birds,, birds and more birds!

Sandie had our Saturday dinner catered by friends Albie and Linda Valcourt, who specialize in pork .Since we had a small group, Albie did not do his usual pig roast, but we did have pulled pork and baked beans in his special sauce. Sandie added to our meal with her great salads and pies.

Sunday, we moved the test to Scott and Laurie's farm, also in Winterport. We had beautiful day, blue sky and enough wind to keep the black flies at bay. Their farm has plenty of rolling hills and woods to do many dogs if needed. Phil Lukish ran **Bolt of Wolf Fork Canyon** as a NAT (another litter mate to Becasse and Baron.) They were a great team, earning a Prize III. Our last dog of the day was **Gus vom Slaney-Vale**, owned by Ted and Sandie Silver. Gus tested as a NAT and showed great drive, maybe a little bit too bold, but earned a very nice Prize I. We had time to spend with Joy and Tim Jipson's dog **Hatchi of Dutchman's Hollow**. She showed great game desire and we will be looking forward to seeing her this fall at her NAT test.

I would like to thank the handlers for bringing their dogs and the gallery, for their support of the club. Big thanks go to the Silvers, Scott Craig , Laurie Connell and the judges....not to forget the bird handler in training, Laurie Connell, and photographer, Tina Molt. Over all, we had a great test...the dogs did well. We want to thank the owners for doing their part in testing and bringing the best out of their dogs.



Phil Lukish and **Bolt of Wolf Fork Canyon**

(Photo by Tina Molt)

Heartland Spring Test 2014

by
Rem DeJong

The Heartland test was held at the Mazomanie State Wildlife Area near Sauk City, WI. WPGCA Heartland Chapter President, Greg Hurtig works closely with the state and deserves a lot of credit for our club having quality test grounds each year. Kirk and Tracy Dilly now have a little experience under their belts as test chairs, and had everything ready to go when the griffoners rolled in on Friday for the 7:30 sharp opening. With a hunting horn call and introductions out of the way, the first two groups of testers headed afield.

Rick Molt served as Senior Judge along with judges Jim Crouse, Greg Hurtig and apprentice Andy Yeast. This group had two IHDT entries: **Ares of Prairies Promise**, owned by Ron Stellingwerf, and **Awesome of Prairies Promise**, owned by Steve Rosow. Dave Read rounded out the group with his NAT dog, **Briar of Wolf Fork Canyon**. Ares had no problem with the search or pointing, but as we often say, "Then we came to the water," and things deteriorated. Littermate, Awesome had a similar performance, doing well in the field but unable to perform on the duck track. Dave Read and Briar turned in a Prize I performance in Natural Ability, much to Dave's relief. Dave has really worked to prepare Briar, both on his own and at training days in Michigan. Dave says Briar is immature acting, and he's never sure which Briar is going to show up. On this day, Briar did really great. Over in Group B, Senior Judge, Jim Seibel was joined by Ken Hurtig and apprentice judge, Kirk Dilly. They observed two IHDT entries: **Dusty Santa Fe Trail of Sandhill** owned by Brice Fawcett and **Dulcie of Sandhill**, owned by Jim Edgar. Both dogs did well enough in the field, but water performance, duck tracking and retrieving proved their undoing.

7:30 Saturday seems to roll in pretty early after the social evening, but we were again ready to go when the horns call sounded across the Wisconsin River bottoms. Group A was headed up by Rick Molt as Senior with Jim Seibel and Ken Hurtig as judges and Kirk Dilly as apprentice. They tested two IHDT littermates: **Decca of Sandhill**, owned by Jon Kasworm and **Drew of Sandhill**, owned by Dave Mickelson. Ben Burk with his NAT dog, **Beckett of Wolf Fork Canyon** completed the group. For Group B, Jim Crouse was senior judge along with Greg Hurtig as judge and Andy Yeast as apprentice. They evaluated Archie of Prairie's Promise, owned by Mike Branigan and **Doc of Sandhill**, owned by Joe Smith. Bill Toner ran his German Wirehaired Pointer, **Gypsy Gem Cadenberg v Snup**. At the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test level, there are no shortcuts around plenty of exposure and putting in the time with training, and it showed in the results. Doc earned a Prize II. Drew earned a total score of 164, but only a Prize III because of a "2" in pointing. It was great to see. Dave has obviously worked with this dog, and it showed in the little details like properly starting the dog on the track and in retrieving. (See WPGCA You Tube video at: <http://goo.gl/VhlFKt>)

Decca and Archie each showed plenty of potential, but would benefit from more time on the training table. Gypsy and Beckett both did great jobs in NAT and racked up Prize I scores of 27 points.

We finished off the testing on Sunday morning with two IHDT entries: **Desert Jazmine of Sandhill**, owned by Ken Hurtig, and **Anastasia of Prairie's Promise**, owned by Ray Dentlinger. Rick Molt was senior judge; he was joined by Greg Hurtig, Jim Seibel, Jim Crouse and apprentice Andy Yeast. Unfortunately, it just turned out to be a morning that both judges and owners would rather forget, but sometimes things just do not go well. Desert Jazmine (Jaz) is a lovely little dog that showed flashes of fine performance but things just blew up in the duck track and blind retrieve where obedience on this day in front of a crowd, was poor. Perhaps another day, another time and things can be much different. Ray had voiced concerns about Anastasia and gun sensitivity before the test. Actually, at the sound of the gunshot, Anastasia's timid search improved dramatically. However other problems such as obedience emerged and the test was terminated because of game mutilation. An unfortunate ending to a fine Spring Test.

The Heartland Chapter held its traditional Saturday evening dinner and awards ceremony at the Farm Kitchen Restaurant. As always, Jon Coil had a variety of WPGCA merchandise and donated silent auction items plus raffle prizes. We read scores, conducted chapter business and recognized many of the people whose dedicated work make these tests possible by arranging accommodations and meals, securing birds, serving as bird handlers, taking photographs and judging. There's plenty to do throughout the year with planning and preparation too, so thanks to all of you for making the Heartland Test such a great experience.



Beginning the Track

Dave Read gives Briar of Wolf Fork Canyon a proper send-off on the pheasant track while apprentice judge, Andy Yeast, observes.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 2014

WI = Wisconsin
 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	AW	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
GROUP 387 (Repeat - Aug., 2011 GDS)													
HELENA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, ID	9	3	2	4	0	4	3	3	19		4	4	ok
GROUP 399 (Aug., 2013 GDS)													
++ADORA OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE, F, ID	20	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	21		4	3	ok
GROUP 401 (Page)													
GRACE OF SPRUCE CREEK, F, ID	15	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	26	I	4	4	ok
GROUP 402 (Page)													
EDY VESECKYCH LUHU, M, ID	12	4	4	2	4	4	3	4	25	III	4	3	ok
GROUP 403 (Page)													
CIRA ALINY Z NEHVIZD, F, ID	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	26	II	4	3	ok
GROUP 404 (Page)													
BO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, ID	11	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	27	I	4	3	ok
BRIAR OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, WI	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	27	I	4	2	ok
BARON OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, ME	12	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	26	I	4	2	ok
BECKETT OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, WI	11	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	27	II	3	3	ok
BAMBINO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, ID	11	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	27	II	4	2	ok
BOLT OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, ME	12	3	4	4	4	2	4	4	25	III	2	2	ok
BRILLO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, ID	11	4	4	1	4	4	3	3	23		4	3	ok
BECASSE OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, ME	12	4	4	3	0	3	3	2	19		4	1	ok
GERMAN WIREHAIRD POINTERS													
GYPSY GEM CADENBERG V SNUP, F, WI	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	27	I			ok
GUS VOM SLANEY-VALE, M, ME	12	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	26	I			

DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING 2014***NATURAL ABILITY TEST***

HELENA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 9 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat 4, harsh, dense, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: calm, friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Vincent Esposito, 1969 Fieldstone Lane, Heber City, UT 84032. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

++**ADORA OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE**, M, 20 mos., whelped 7/28/2012. Conformation 4, 23.5"H X 23.5"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, sparse furnishings, not flat lying. Temperament: a little difficult to examine, friendly. Owned by Eric Briggs., 1807 Riverside Dr., West Richland, WA 99353. Bred by Ted Vanderpan. Pedigree 399, Aug 2013, vol 88 # 4, Page 9. (Evaluation only—dog was overage for Natural Ability Test)

GRACE OF SPRUCE CREEK, F, 15 mos., whelped 12/16/2012. Conformation 4, 24"H X 23.5"L. Coat 4, harsh, dense, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: calm, friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Anita Andrus, 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by John Arkins. Pedigree 401, Page 16.

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EDY VESECKYCH LUHU, M, 12 mos., whelped 3/15/2013. Conformation 4, 24" H X 24" L, . Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, full furnishings. Temperament: very enthusiastic, energetic, easy to examine. Owned by Richard Sojda, 134 Cook Ct., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Martin Skrbek. Pedigree 402, Page 16.

CIRA ALINY z NELVIZD, F, 11 mos., whelped 4/4/2013. Conformation 4, 23.5" H X 23.5" L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying. Temperament: easy to examine, Level Temperament. Owned by Hiram Adelman, 824 Bald Eagle Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Jim Choratal. Pedigree 403, Page 17.

BO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 25" H X 25" L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, slightly open on the head and chest, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, happy. Owned by Bryan Rowder, 5942 Shawn Dr., Helena, MT 59602. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

BRIAR OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 25.75" H X 26" L. Coat 2, medium harsh, medium dense, open on the chest and belly, soft on head, sparse on legs and paws, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly, eager. Owned by Dave Read, 1374 Natchez, Holland, MI 49424. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

BARON OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 12 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 24H x 25L. Coat 2, Medium harsh, not flat lying, medium furnishings, open on head and chest. Temperament: Strong game drive. Owned by Gordon Young, 43 Laurelwood Dr, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

BECKETT OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 11 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 24.5" H X 25" L. Coat 2, lacks density and harshness, not flat lying, soft on head, full furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly, methodical in the field. Owned by Ben Berka, 220 North Park Blvd., Huxley, IA 50124. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

BAMBINO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 26" H X 26" L. Coat 2, lacks density and harshness, slightly open on the head, belly, chest and flanks, full furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly, eager for game. Owned by Zebadiah Breuckman, 1044 NE 180th St., Shoreline, WA 98155. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

BOLT OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 12 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 2, 25" H X 25" L. Undershot jaw. Coat 2, Medium harsh, medium dense, lacks density, undercoat pills up, medium furnishings. Temperament: Eager, friendly, good game drive. Owned by Phil Lukish, 9312 Playhouse Rd., Petersburg, PA 16669. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

BRILLO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 1F mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 24" H X 2" L. Coat 2, medium dense, medium harsh, open on the belly and chest, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, eager. Owned by Robin Strathy, 441 Flood Rd., Great Falls, MT 59404. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

BECASSE OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 12 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 24.5H x 24L. Coat 1, Soft, open all over, curly, full furnishings. Temperament: Friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Andrew Goode, 16 Goose Cove Ln, Freeport, ME 04032. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Page 17.

GYPSY GEM CADENBERG v SNUP, M, 12 mos., whelped 4/19/2013. Temperament: easy to examine, happy, methodical in field. Owned by William Toner, 4047 Amble Rd., Black Earth, WI 53515. Bred by Silke Alberts.

GUS VOM SLANEY-VALE, M, 12 mos., whelped 5/20/2013. Temperament: bold, powerful, hard driving, showed some aggression. Owned by Ted Silver, 697 Lebanon Rd, Winterport, ME 04496. Bred by Hugh Slaney.



ARES OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE, :

Owned by Ron Stellingwerf,

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2014**WATER**

TD = Track of Duck (5)
 RD = Retrieve of duck (3)
 BR = Blind Retrieve (4)
 ++ = older hunting dog

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 (3)

OTHER

TP = Total Prize
 PR = Prize Classification
 CO = Conformation
 CT = Coat
 T = Temperament
 T*= see write-up for notation

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
<u>GROUP 394 (Aug, 2012 GDS)</u>																		
++GUNNERY SERGEANT VON TUEFELHUNDEN																		
M, 34 MOS, ME	3	0	3	3	3	2	3			3	2	2	3	110		4	3	OK
<u>GROUP 397 (AUG, 2013 GDS)</u>																		
ABE OF ASH COULEE																		
M, 23 MOS, ID	2	2	3	3	4	1	1			3	3	2	2	107		3*	4	OK
ARIKARA OF ASH COULEE																		
F, 23 MOS, ID	1	2	2	4	4	1	2			2	3	2	3	103		4	2	OK
<u>GROUP 398 (AUG, 2013 GDS)</u>																		
DOC OF SANDHILL																		
M, 21 MOS., WI	4	2	3	3	4	3	4			4	3	3	2	141	II	3	2	OK
DREW OF SANDHILL																		
F, 21 MOS., WI	4	4	4	4	2	4	4			4	4	4	4	164	III	4	2	OK
DECCA OF SANDHILL																		
F, 21 MOS., WI	4	0	3	3	4	2	4			4	3	3	2	132		4	3	OK
DULCIE OF SANDHILL																		
F, 21 MOS., WI	4	2	0	4	4	2	4			4	3	2	1	123		4	3	OK
DESERT JAZMINE OF SANDHILL																		
F, 21 MOS., WI	4	0	2	4	4	0	4			4	1	1	0	107		4	3	OK
DUSTY SANTA FE TRAIL OF SANDHILL																		
F, 21 MOS., WI	1	0	0	4	3	0	1			2	2	1	1	66		4	3	OK

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(IHDT Continued)	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 399 (AUG. 2013 GDS)																		
ARES OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE																		
M, 21 MOS., WI	2	1	1	4	4	3	4			3	3	2	1	113		4	3	OK
AWSOME OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE																		
F, 21 MOS., WI	0	2	2	4	4	2	4			2	3	2	3	107		4	3	OK
ARCHIE OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE																		
M, 21 MOS., WI	2	2	3	4	2	3	1			2	3	2	1	101		3	3	OK
AVIAN MOON OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE																		
F, 21 MOS., ID	0	0	2	4	4	2	2			2	2	1	1	82		3	3	OK
ANASTASIA OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE																		
F, 21 MOS., WI	2	0	0	2	0	2	4			3	*	*	*			3	4	*
GERMAN WIREHAired POINTERS																		
CADENBERG FALK V SEP																		
M, 24 MOS., ID	4	2	2	3	4	4	4			4	3	2	2	137	III			OK

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

++GUNNERY SERGEANT VON TUEFELHUNDEN, M, 34 mos, whelped 7/3/2011. Conformation 4, 25.5H x 25L. Coat 3, Medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings, open on ears and belly. Temperament: Friendly, easy to examine, shows dependency. Owned by: Kira Seibel, 6160 Miles Lane, Warrenton, VA 20187 Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Aug., 2012 GDS.

ABE OF ASH COULEE, M, 23 mos., whelped 4/15/2012. Conformation 3, 25.5"H X 25.5"L, **Dog had OCD**. Coat 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: calm, friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Jon Hoffart, 30 5th Ave., W, Dickenson, ND 58601. Bred by Tom Coombe. Pedigree 397, Aug., 2013 GDS.

ARIKARA OF ASH COULEE, F, 23 mos., whelped 4/15/2012. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat 2, lacks density, curly, ok belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine. Owned by William Madden, PO Box 921, Bozeman, MT 59771. Bred by Tom Coombe. Pedigree 397, Aug., 2013 GDS.

DOC OF SANDHILL, M, 21 mos., whelped 7/24/2012. Conformation 3, 26"H X 26"L. Coat 2, medium harsh, medium dense, short, no furnishings, needs more belly coverage. Temperament: very easy to examine, friendly, calm. Owned by Joseph & Mary Smith, 551 Kiowa Trail, Montpelier, OH 43543. Bred by Pete & Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

DREW OF SANDHILL, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/24/2012. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat 2, lacks harshness, medium dense, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager, good game desire, easy to examine, friendly. Owned by David Mickelson, 210 Cheval Ln NE, Rochester, MN 55906. Bred by Pete & Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

DECCA OF SANDHILL, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/24/2012. Conformation 4, 23"H X 23"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: nervous when examined, eager for game. Owned by Jon Kasworm, 810 N 7th St., Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Bred by Pete & Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

DULCIE OF SANDHILL, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/24/2012. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage, open on plate. Temperament: eager for game, friendly, on the verge of independence. Owned by Jim & Tami Edgar, 4030 N. Huron Ave., Spring Valley, MN 55975. Bred by Pete & Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS

DESERT JAZMINE OF SANDHILL, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/24/2012. Conformation 3, 23"H X 23"L, extra upper and lower right P1, extra upper left P1. Coat 3, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, adequate belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: easy examine, shows independence. Owned Ken Hurtig, 308 N 7th, Bellevue, IA 52031. Bred by Pete & Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

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DUSTY SANTA FE TRAIL OF SANDHILL, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/24/2012. Conformation 4, 25" H X 25" L, needs more depth in chest. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine., calm. Owned by Brice Fawcett Jr., 255 E 2300th Rd., Edgerton, KS 66021. Bred by Pete & Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

ARES OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE, M, 21 mos., whelped 7/28/2012. Conformation 4, 24" H X 24" L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: difficult to examine., anxious Owned by Ron Stellingwerf, 1796 Edwards Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801. Bred by Ted Vanderpan. Pedigree 399, Page 7.

AWESOME OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/28/2012. Conformation 4, 24.5" H X 25" L. Coat 3, harsh, dense, sparse furnishings, open on belly. Temperament: easy to examine, eager, friendly, good game drive. Owned by Steve Rossow, 211 W Lawler Ave., Chamberlain, SD 57325. Bred by Ted Vanderpan. Pedigree 399, Aug., 2013 GDS.

ARCHIE OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE, M, 21 mos., whelped 7/28/2012. Conformation 3, 24" H X 24.5" L, Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings, . Temperament: somewhat difficult to examine, very eager, friendly, runs big. Owned by Mike Branigan, 5600 Cross Rd., Concord, MI 49237. Bred by Ted Vanderpan. Pedigree 399, Aug., 2013 GDS.

AVIAN MOON OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/28/2012. Conformation 3, 24.5" H X 24.5" L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, easy to examine, immature. Owned by Jeff Hogenson, 1229 Sage Ct., Rifle, CO 81650. Bred by Ted Vanderpan. Pedigree 399, Page 7.

ANASTASIA OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE, F, 21 mos., whelped 7/28/2012. Conformation 3, 24" H X 24" L. Coat 3, harsh, dense, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: *disqualified due to mutilation of bird. Difficult to examine, independent, anxious around people. Owned by Ray Dentlinger, 1380 Pheasant Avenue., Storm Lake, IA 50588. Bred by Ted Vanderpan. Pedigree 399, Aug., 2013 GDS.

CADENBERG FALK v SEP, M, 24 mos., whelped 3/13/2012. Temperament: eager, friendly, strong desire for game. Owned by Dennis Carlson, 3801 Barrett Dr., Hood River, OR 97031. Bred by Silke Alberts.

UTILITY FIELD TEST, SPRING 2014

Key to tests: * = Optional test WI = Wisconsin, ID = Idaho

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TD = Track of Duck (5) SWD = Search without Duck (3) BR = Blind Retrieve (3) SB = Steady at Blind (2) RM = Retrieve of Marked Fall (3) S = Searching (5) P = Pointing (4) SWS = Steady to Wing and Shot (3)	RS = Retrieve of Shot Bird (3) WD = Whoa or Down (3) TB = Track of Live Bird (4) SW = Search in Woods (4) H = Walk at Heel (2) RDG = Retrieve of Dragged Game (3) *F = Find/Retrieve of Dead Game (3) *B = Blood Track (4)	N = Nose and Use of Nose (6) AW = Attitude Toward Work (4) C = Cooperation (4) O = Obedience (3) TP = Total Points PR = Prize Classification CO = Conformation CT = Coat T = Temperament
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TD	SWD	BR	SB	RM	S	P	SWS	RS	WD	TB	SW	H	RDG	*F	*B	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 381 (Aug, 2010 GDS)																								
BENNY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 57 MOS., ID																								
4	2	4	4	4	4	4	0	2	4	3	4	1	4			4	4	3	2	212		4	3	OK

UTILITY FIELD TEST

BENNY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 57 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation 4, 24" H X 24" L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, very eager, has trouble shifting gears. Owned by Zebadiah Breuckman, 1044 NE 180th St., Shoreline, WA 98155. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Aug., 2010 GDS.



"Come on in, Brillo. The water's fine!"

"Mmm, I don't think so. Maybe I'll just have a little drink."

Brillo of Wolf Fork Canyon with owner Robin Strathy; Rocky Mountain Spring Test 2014; Jerome, ID. NAT Affinity for water

(Photo by Jennifer Lachowiec)



Bo of Wolf Fork Canyon makes a retrieve to owner Bryan Rowder.

(Photo by Jen Lachowiec)

PEDGREE 401

	UPLAND TIMBER DALLAS
BLACK RIVER DALLAS	
	ITASCA WINGS ALICE
GRANITE PEAK BRAZEN	
	WISCONSIN PATRIOT GUNNER
SACRED TERRITORY IDA	
	SQUAW CREEK ABBY
GRACE OF SPRUCE CREEK	
	ANTON OF GENEVA LAKE
ASPEN GLO'S AXEL	
	BLACK RIVER DESTINY
SPRUCE CREEK EUREKA	
	ARKS BIRD BUSTER BEAM
SPRUCE CREEK'S SPLASH OF BEAM	
	RAZORS EDGE SPRUCE CREEK SPLASH

PEDGREE 402

	DON OD FRIMLU
CHAN OD HIUCALU	
	KORA Z NOLKOPU
DAR ZE ZATKOVOY ZAHRADKY	
	DON Z LOMENKY
CINDY Z ZATKOVOY ZAHRADKY	
	NEla ZE VSESTAR
EDY VESECKYCH LUHU	
	PRINC ZE VSESTAR
GERET Z MIROSLAVSKEHO DVORA	
	DILA Z VRBOVSKYCH SKLEPU
POLLY OD JEMILUK	
	DAN ZE ZABILCE
IRA OD JENIKU	
	BELA OD JENIKU

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PEDGREE 403

	ALAN OD PITNE VODY
	ARIS OD PROSNE ALEJE
	LAVKA HVEZDA CHLUMU
GYRR OD VAVRINECKEHO RYBNIKA	
	BEN BOHEMIA KARLIN
BORA OD LEJNARU	
	AMA KRUPA
CIRA ALINY Z NEHVIZD	
	BEN BOHEMIA KARLIN
BON Z CHLADNE STRANE	
	CINDY Z KRASNEHO REMIZKU
DAGA Z DUSKOVA DVORA	
	BEN Z SENOZATSKE MYSLIVNY
ALKA Z DUSKOVA DVORA	
	BESSI Z KRASNEHO REMIZKU

PEDGREE 404

	DAX DES CHAUMES DE L'AURE D'OR
	PALOS TRIANGLE COTE ROANNAISE
	INFANTE
CROWNPOINT WYKEHAM LAD	
	FRITZ VON HERRENHAUSEN
ROOSTERS KEEN POINT TO POINT	
	HELGA VON ROOSTER
"B" WOLF FORK CANYON	
	BOREK PANVA
HASAN Z LISOVA	
	CHITAL Z BARTONE
AKAY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN	
	ELMO OF AUGER FALLS
BRIGID OF WILLOW SPRINGS	
	BREA OF TRUMAN'S PRIDE

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(Above left) Tim Jipson and **Hatchi of Dutchman's Hollow**. (Photo by Tina Molt.)
(Above right) Anita Andus and **Spruce Creek Grace**. (Photo by Rem DeJong)



Arikara of Ash Coulee delivers a duck to owner Bill Madden as judge, Jim Seibel, observes. (Photo by Rem DeJong)



Bambino of Wolf Fork Canyon, NAT Test, Owner Zeb Breuckman

"Next time Bam, don't pounce on the porcupine during your test. Luckily he wasn't phased, and we even got a point out of it. And thanks, Doc Skinner, for being prepared with the hempstats!" - with Tawna Skinner and Zeb Breuckman.

(Photo by Jennifer Lachowiec)



Judge Jim Seibel gives Jeff Hogenson directions as he starts **Avian Moon of Prairie's Promise** on the pheasant track.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

Why Register with NAVHDA?

by
Laurie Connell

After a long wait we welcomed **Flora ze Smilovic** into our family this spring. As a Czech born pup she came with a passport and a Cesky Fousek registration number. However, we decided to register Flora with NAVHDA as well as the WPGCA.

Why would I go to such trouble to also register with NAVHDA? A few years ago Mike Riley gave a talk at the Judges seminar about “branding” and how we need to get our faces “out there” to compete with the shrinking market of gun dogs. Again at the judges seminar in 2014, Craig Koshyk told the club that we need to be more visible and work together with others around the globe and at home if we want to survive. To this end we have started ourselves down a long and perhaps scary path of changing into the Bohemian Griffon Club (AKA Cesky Fousek).

One of the head members of our breeding committee, John Pitlo, had a visit with the Dutch club in June. Members of our Board of Directors are planning a trip to the Czech Republic in September where they will meet with the Parent Czech Club as well as club members from The Netherlands and Slovenia. Our first batch of imported puppies is here now. So what would be next? We need to be seen in the greater gundog world and that includes both on the web and in the field. Our members are active in the field and



Laurie and **Allagash of Coyote Hills** welcome **Flora ze Smilovic** to a new world just moments ago.

(Photo by Scott Craig)

our Facebook page garners much interest, yet there are more things we can do. One of those things is to register our dogs with NAVHDA so someone interested in our breed can find us. Many people find it easy to search the web to find dogs and breeders and NAVHDA has a list of dogs for each breed. If someone is interested in Bohemian Griffons, they may search NAVHDA for Cesky Fousek. In fact, if we think Flora may score well, we might consider testing her in NAVHDA so others can see our dogs. It is a small and easy step to get greater visibility. Here is to collaboration!

Jim McDermand-The Loss of a Great WPGCA Member

Glenn Lehrer wrote to let us know that a long-time WPGCA member, Jim McDermand, recently died after a long battle with cancer. Diane (wife), Karle (daughter), and Bobby McGee (griffon) were with him at the time of his passing. Jim was a great friend and supporter of our program. He will leave a large hole in the ranks of great sportsmen and conservationists. His obituary notes:

Jim was an accomplished outdoorsman and happily mentored others in hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, backpacking, and camping. Because of his passion for the outdoors, he was driven to help protect wildlife habitat and preserve access to Montana's public lands and waterways. Jim helped Leroy Beckman, a ranch owner, carry out his wishes to acquire thousands of acres of critical wildlife habitat for all to enjoy forever (Now known as the Beckman Wildlife Management Area). Jim also started the Medicine River Canoe club to preserve canoeing for future generations. He was a key player in the



fight to achieve Montana's Stream Access law in 1985. In addition, Jim worked for the Montana Wildlife Federation improving teamwork with the local clubs. Because of his many contributions, he received numerous awards from the Montana Wildlife Federation including the Conservationist of the Year, Special Regional Directors Award, and Special Achievement Award. He also received the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Citation Award and the Central Montana BLM-RAC recognition of service, which was presented to him by the Secretary of the Interior.

Gary and Ann Pool added this: note:

We have the fondest memories with Jim and Diane and many pictures they sent us of Covey. I think our favorite one was in the GDS with Covey in the camper playing poker with the boys, waiting for the weather to pass and get out hunting again. He sure was a great sportsman and conservationist and will be missed by so many, near and far...

The late Jim McDermand and one of his griffons, Bobbie McGhee of Eagles Point.

Upcoming Events

Northeast Chapter 'Training/Exposure Day

Saturday, August 16 ·

Bristol, Maine

August 16-17 - contact Rick Molt 207 563-5675

Northeast Chapter Fall Test

Bristol-Sept 20-21

Contact Scott and Laurie 207 525-3383

Entries close Aug 30th

RSVP for Sat dinner by Sept 1 to Tina Molt...207 563-5675

Michigan Training/Exposure Day

Marshall, MI.

Contact: Jim Crouse (614)562-1860

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Heartland Chapter Fall Test

Mazomanie State Wildlife Area in Sauk City, Wisconsin

September 5, 6, and 7th. 7:30am in CDT

Kirk & Tracy Dilly

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Northwest Chapter Fall Test

Saturday, September 13

Silver Creek, Washington

Contact: Dennis Carlson

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