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Look Brita! It's a Bird!

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

The club's deepening attachment to the Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon (also called the Cesky Fousek) is reinforced by the BOD announcement of a club name change. Consequently, this is a good time to familiarize all club members with just where we fit in the griffon world.

The Fall 2014 Test data are the primary focus of this issue. The fall tests have historically had less entries than the spring events, but this year is especially modest due to the low number of pups produced recently. There are some good natural ability performances, and Tawna Skinner & her WPG Griffondor Josette did a simply outstanding job in utility. However, the IHDT scores suggest that we've got to intensify our efforts on getting the most out of our dogs ability with more training and exposure. The spring tests are just around the corner, so if you have a n intermediate hunting dog, do your homework!

Rem DeJong

P.S. Don't forget to renew your membership!

On the Cover

A very young **Brita Eso**, one of our new Cesky Fousek imports, owned by Mark and Joann Canfield, gets nose to beak with her first gamebird as she visits the Fall 2014 Northeast Chapter Test.

(photo by Laurie Connell)

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Club Name Change Update

by
Gary Pool

During the 2014 board of directors meeting in Jerome, it was decided to explore changing the name of our club. This change will better represent the dogs we've been breeding and plan to breed and import in the future. The name change was not decided at the BOD meeting, in order to give time to explore any attributes or problems that might arise here within our club and with our contacts in the Czech Republic. After looking into this with the BOD and Breeding Committee, and not finding any problems, the board has decided on moving forward with the name change. The name voted on at the meeting and put on hold during this time is "Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America".

It will take some time and work to get everything changed over, but hopefully most of this will be done and ready to finalize by the BOD meeting being held in Baraboo Wisconsin this April, 2015.

Thank you for everyone's input on this matter. Changing the name of the club that has had the same name since 1951 is difficult and emotional, and does require much thought to make sure it's the right thing to do.

No, Not that Griffon: the Other Griffon

by
Rem DeJong

Breed labels can be confusing. Take the term "griffon." We associate the term with a bushy-faced hunting dog, that we're accustomed to calling the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, originally bred by Eduard Karel Korthals (1851-1896). However, griffon is really a generic term for a collection of breeds of originally hunting dogs. That's why the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) includes "Korthals" in the breed name: e.g. Wire-haired Pointing Griffon, Korthals in English and Griffon A Poil Dur Korthals in French.

From our inception as the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America in 1951, the organization was devoted to promoting the hunting dog that Korthals envisioned. Even in 1984, when the club made the momentous decision to use the Cesky Fousek in our breeding program, the intent was to restore that breed from genetic decline, not to switch to a new breed. However, what was intended as a temporary injection of "foreign blood" has become a continuous stream, so that the dogs we now breed are essentially Cesky Fouseks. What must not be lost in the nomenclature is our club's continued devotion to the vision of the ultimate hunting/

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family/companion dog: the “gun dog supreme.” That vision was operationalized in the club breed standard adopted in 1995, which, incidentally, was largely the same standard under which the Cesky Fousek had been recognized by FCI in 1964. That ideal and not the pedigree ancestry is what we are about. In breeding their beloved fousek, the Czechs were striving to produce a dog with the same qualities that we admire. And Cesky Fousek history shows that the Czechs know a thing or two about breed restoration; a major priority of the 20th Century fousek story centers around bringing the breed back from near extinction following World War I.

A look at the Fédération Cynologique Internationale classification system helps pinpoint where the Cesky Fousek fits into the over-all griffon scheme of things. It also makes clear that Bohemian Wire-haired Pointing Griffon and Cesky Fousek are simply English and Czech language labels for the same dog. So the breed labels are interchangeable, and we may use either, depending on the conventions of organizations such as PennHIP with which we share pedigree data.

Here is the FCI system, classification system.

Group 7 are the POINTING BREEDS.

Section 1: Continental Pointing Dogs

1.3 Griffon type

1. CZECH REPUBLIC—CESKÝ FOUSEK (245) (BOHEMIAN WIRE-HAIRED POINTING GRIFFON)
2. FRANCE—GRIFFON A POIL DUR KORTHALS (107) (WIRE-HAIRED POINTING GRIFFON KORTHALS)
3. ITALY—SPINONE ITALIANO (165) (SPINONE)

In its homeland, the breed is known as the Cesky Fousek, so many organizations have simply adopted that name. However, FCI recognizes different names in different languages: in addition to Cesky Fousek:

English BOHEMIAN WIRE-HAIRED POINTING GRIFFON

Français BARBU TCHEQUE

Deutsch BÖHMISCH RAUHBART

Español GRIFÓN DE MUESTRA BOHEMIO DE PELO DURO

<http://www.fci.be/en/Presentation-of-our-organisation-4.html>

So whether using the name “Cesky Fousek” or “Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon” we’re simply identifying our griffon and distinguishing it from the Korthals griffon. The label that we use for our breed and organization may be changing to clarify our place in the dog-breeding world, but our ideal dog is still the same bushy-faced, hard-hunting, family-loving bundle of fun as always.

Editor's Note:

With our club moving in the direction of breeding the Bohemian Wire-haired Pointing Griffon or Cesky Fousek , it's important to appreciate our breed's history in contrast to the more widely known Korthal's version of griffon history.

The following article is an excerpt from Craig's book *Pointing Dogs, Volume One: The Continentals*, and that the book is available through his website: www.dogwilling.ca
To see more of Craig's work, please also see our web page: <http://www.wpgca.org/announcements/> The book and his photography are simply outstanding!

P.S. Use Google translate, and you can also view a Cesky Fousek breed timeline on the Klub chovatelů českých fousků website:

http://www.cesky-fousek.cz/index.php?om_content&view=article&id=71&Itemid=468

History of the Cesky Fousek

by
Craig Koshyk

Officially, the Cesky Fousek is a relatively new breed on the versatile gundog scene. FCI recognition was not granted until 1964. Nevertheless, references to Bohemian hunting dogs, generally assumed to be the Fousek's ancestors, can be found in documents dating as far back as the 14th century. So, is the Cesky Fousek a modern creation? Or is it the grandfather of all rough-haired continental pointing dogs?

Those who argue in favor of an ancient origin invariably quote a 14th century letter written by a nobleman named Vilem Zajic of Valdek:

In the year 1348, King Charles IV presented to the Margrave of Brandenburg, Ludwig, fine hounds known as *Canis bohemicus* for the Margrave's hunting pleasure.

The author's use of the term *Canis bohemicus* (Bohemian dog) is considered proof that hunting dogs native to Bohemia existed at the time. However, Zajic makes no mention of their color, size, coat type or even the kind of hunting they were used for; they could have been tracking dogs or sighthounds or water dogs. It is unlikely, though, that they were true pointing dogs. In the mid-1300s, hunters still had to train their dogs to set or point for the net. The few dogs that did have a natural tendency to point were just starting to appear in Italy, Spain and southern France at the time. Nevertheless, we can assume that Bohemia was indeed home to some kind of hunting dog talented enough to warrant the attention of its great king.

Another frequently cited reference is found in a fascinating book, *Der Vollkommene Teutsche* [Deutsche] Jäger ("The Complete German Hunter"). Written by Johann Friedrich von Flemming around 1724, this richly illustrated two-volume encyclopedia mentions rough-haired dogs from Bohemia used mainly for water work. However, once again, no other details are provided. Like Zajic of Valdek, Flemming was describing a type of dog, not a specific breed. By 1724, some of the Bohemian dogs may have even had a natural inclination to point. Most, however, were probably still used as flushers

and retrievers.

It wasn't until 1883 that a specific reference to a Czech Rough-haired dog appeared and, for the first time, clearly identified it as a pointer. In a six-volume set entitled *Huntsmanship - Handbook for Hunters and Hunting Friends*, author Josef Vilém Černý provides a description of the Český Ohar, a brown and white or all-brown, medium-sized, rough-haired Czech pointing dog. Three years later, the word Fousek appears in the record. It is found in an official Czech registry for purebred dogs that lists 19 Pointers, 17 English Setters, nine Irish Setters, 17 Gordon Setters, two Griffons, 81 German Shorthaired Pointers, and 41 Hrubosrstých ohařů - Fousků (Rough-haired pointing dogs – Fouseks). And, finally, in that same year, the words Český and Fousek were formally combined when a group of hunters and breeders in a town south of Prague decided to form a club. They named it the “Society for the Rough- Haired Pointer – Český Fousek – of the Czech kingdom based in Písek”.

At the time, crossbreeding was still a fairly common practice among hunters who simply wanted a good hunting dog. So the Cesky Fouseks of the late 1800s were more of a type of dog than a pure breed. There was probably considerable variation among them in terms of appearance, but in general they must have had similar qualities as versatile gundogs and were much appreciated by Czech, German and Austrian hunters.

Depending on where they were bred, they went by different names. The Czechs used the term Český Fousek. In Germany, experts such as Dr. Hans von Kadich used Stichelhaar or Straufhaarige Hühnerhund and breeders such as Franz Bontant from Frankfurt, called them “Hessian Rough-beards”. Despite the different names in use, all agreed that the dogs came from the area encompassing Bohemia, Moravia, Brandenburg and Hesse.

The political upheaval of the early 20th century was particularly violent in Eastern Europe. For the Cesky Fousek, it was nearly fatal. As war raged across the region, breeding came to a standstill. At war's end in 1918, the Austro-Hungarian Empire had ceased to exist and a new nation, Czechoslovakia, had been proclaimed. But the Fousek was nearly extinct.

In 1924, a new association was formed with the expressed purpose of restoring the breed, but there were very few dogs left. Even worse, due to massive importations of English Pointers, Setters, and German Shorthaired Pointers, the Cesky Fousek had been relegated to a sort of second-class status among hunters. Undaunted, the few remaining Fousek enthusiasts continued their efforts. When, in 1931, they drafted a new breed standard and enacted new breeding regulations, the Fousek seemed to be on the road to recovery. But in 1939, war once again broke out in the region, and the breed was dealt another devastating blow.

After the Second World War, efforts to revive the breed got under way once again. The association of breeders, which somehow managed to remain intact throughout the war, issued new guidelines for its members. The Cesky Fousek was to be bred only by and for hunters, and the top priority of all breeders should be to retain the excellent hunting abilities and character in their dogs. Due to the breed's small population and narrow genetic base, crossbreeding to other breeds such as German Shorthaired and Wirehaired Pointers was permitted for a time. However, when Czechoslovakia joined the FCI in 1957, and the breed club sought recognition for the Cesky Fousek, the stud book was

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closed and the club was required to prove that they had at least three generations of “clean” lines, free of any foreign blood. The breed also faced strong resistance from the VDH (German Kennel Club). The Germans opposed the idea of recognizing a breed they considered to be genetically identical to the Stichelhaar.

It was not until 1964, after an in-depth report on the origins of the Cesky Fousek was submitted to the FCI and the club had finally met all the requirements for pure breeding, that the breed was officially recognized as pure and independent, and its standard, FCI No. 245, adopted. Today, the breed is still represented by a strong and dynamic club in its native land where approximately 500-600 pups are whelped annually. Breeders are also active in Slovakia, Austria, Germany, France, Holland, the US, Canada and New Zealand. Slowly, but surely, the word is getting out about the Cesky Fousek, and its reputation as a dynamic, cooperative gundog is growing around the world.



Dr. Jaromir Dostal of the Czech Republic consults with John Pitlo

Our organization is deeply indebted to the late Jaromir Dostal (pictured at right), whose friendship and expertise were instrumental in establishing our ties with the Czech Republic breed organization. Our relationship with Klub chovatelů českých fousků continues through Jaromir’s son, Pavel Dostal.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 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)													
HAWKEYE OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, WI	14	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	3	3	ok
HENDRIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, WI	14	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	26	II	4	3	ok
HIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, WI	14	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	25	II	4	3	ok
HERSHEY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, WI	14	4	2	4	4	4	4	3	25	III	4	2	ok
HENRY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, WI	14	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	25	III	4	3	ok
HILDA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, WI	14	4	4	4	0	4	4	3	23		4	3	ok
HACHI OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, ME	15	3	3	4	0	3	4	3	20		4	3	ok
HUCKLEBERRY OF DUTCHMAN' HOLLOW, M, WA	14	2	4	4	2	1	4	2	19		4	4	ok
GROUP 404 (Aug., 2014 GDS)													
B'LUCY OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, WI	15	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	27	I	3	3	ok
GROUP 405 (Page 16)													
AVA OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR, F, WA	8	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	27	I	4	4	ok

DOGS EVALUATED IN FALL, 2014

NATURAL ABILITY TEST

HAWKEYE OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 3, 26"H X 26.5"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, lacks density, soft on head, ok belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: very calm, eager in field, easy to examine. Owned by Mark Barker, W 5896 #6 Rd, Menominee, MI 49858. Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

HENDRIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 23"H X 23.5"L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, medium furnishings. Temperament: very eager, easy to examine. Owned by John & Vivian Pitlo, 30078 395th Ave., Bellevue, IA 52031 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

HIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, medium furnishings. Temperament: calm, eager for game, easy to examine, lots of drive. Owned by Steve & Debbie Schuette, 14320 Co., Rd. K., Reedsville, WI 54230 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

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HERSHEY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 22.5"H X 23"L, extra P1 bottom right. Coat 2, lacks density, medium harsh, short, sparse furnishings. Temperament: calm, good game drive, easy to examine, lacks confidence in field . Owned by Jim Seibel, 17550 Seventeen Mile Rd., Marshall, MI 49068 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

HENRY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat 3, dense, medium harsh, short, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, easy to examine, bold. Owned by Dan Walsh, 80 Alto Relievo Way, Marshall, MI 49068 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

HILDA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 23"H X 23.5"L. Coat 3, dense, medium harsh, medium furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: very eager, easy to examine, happy. Owned by Richard Schwerin, 1934 Warbler Lane, St. Paul, MN 55119 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

HACHI OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, lacks furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, easy to examine, friendly, high energy . Owned by Tim Jipson, 29 Jipson Rd., Burlington, ME 04417 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

HUCKLEBERRY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 14 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat 4, harsh, dense, short, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: eager, bold, friendly. . Owned by Jeff Dillon, 18130 Trevor Ct., Gladstone, Oregon 97027 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

B'LCUCY OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 15 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 3, 24"H X 25"L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, medium furnishings, good belly coverage, slightly open on ears, soft on head. Temperament: easy to examine, methodical, needs more boldness in field . Owned by Les Noehre, 1007 13th Ave., S, Grand Forks, Nd 58201 . Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Aug., 2014 GDS.

AVA OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR, F, 8 mos., whelped 1/29/2014. Conformation 4, 22"H X 22.5"L. Coat 4, short, dense, harsh, sparse furnishings. Good belly coverage. Temperament: eager, friendly . Owned by Steve Grieser, 24 Sunflower Circle, Bellingham, WA 98284 . Bred by Dave & Mary Jo Finley. Pedigree 405, Page 7).

PEDGREE 405

CAR SE SPORKA

BEN BOHEMIA KARLIN

ARKA Z ROUSOVIN

ARON OD LEJNARU

VIKI Z VOTICKEHO

AMA KRUPA

TERA OD MAZURU

"A" OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR

INGO VOM KASTANIENHAIN

BLUE MOUNTAINS BREW

GLACIER COOL DEECEE

FRANCESCA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW

BARON OD KOSTILKU

AYLA OF ANCIENT KENNEL

TASI Z FESANDY

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 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
GROUP 398 (Aug, 2013 GDS)																		
++DESERT JAZMINE OF SANDHILL																		
F, 25 MOS, WI	4	2	1	4	0	1	4			4	3	2	1	110		3	3	ok
++DULCIE OF SANDHILL																		
F, 25 MOS, WI	0	3	1	4	0	0	4			3	1	1	1	73		4	3	ok
GROUP 401 (AUG, 2014 GDS)																		
GRACE OF SPRUCE CREEK																		
F, 20 MOS, WA	4	4	3	4	4	3	3			4	4	4	4	162	1	3	4	ok
GROUP 404 (AUG, 2014 GDS)																		
BARON OF WOLF FORK CANYON																		
M, 16 MOS, ME	1	2	2	4	4	0	1			3	2	2	2	96		4	2	ok
BECASSE OF WOLF FORK CANYON																		
F, 16 MOS, ME	1	3	2	4	2	1	0			2	3	2	2	89		3	1	ok
BECKETT OF WOLF FORK CANYON																		
F, 15 MOS, WI	0	0	0	3	4	1	4			3	1	1	0	71		4	3	ok

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

++DESERT JAZMINE OF SANDHILL, F, 25 mos., whelped 7/27/2012. Conformation 3, 23"H X 23"L, extra upper and lower right P1, extra upper left P1. Coat 3, dense, medium harsh, flat lying, sparse furnishings, adequate belly coverage. Temperament: easy to examine, shows independence. Owned by Ken Hurtig, 308 N 7th St., Bellevue, IA 52031. Bred by Pete and Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

++DULCIE OF SANDHILL, F, 25 mos., whelped 7/27/2012. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, not flat lying, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage, open on plate. Temperament: eager for game, friendly, on the verge of independence. Owned by Jim and Tami Edgar, 408 N Huron, Spring Valley, MN 55975. Bred by Pete and Linda Engman. Pedigree 398, Aug., 2013 GDS.

GRACE OF SPRUCE CREEK, F, 20 mos., whelped 12/18/2012. Conformation 3, 23"H X 23"L, lower right incisor crosses out. Coat 4, dense, harsh, slight curl, full furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: calm, eager. Owned by Anita Andrus & Tawna Skinner, 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by John Arkins. Pedigree 401 Aug., 2014 GDS.

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BARON OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 16 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 25”H X 25”L, Coat 2, medium dense, medium harsh, open on head, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, easy to examine, shows some independence . Owned by Gordon Young, 43 Laurel Wood Dr., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 . Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Aug., 2014 GDS.

BECASSE OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 16 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 3, 25”H X 25”L, Coat 1, lacks harshness, open on belly, full furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly, had trouble changing gears.. Owned by Andy Goode, 16 Goose Cove LN., Freeport, ME 04032 . Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Aug., 2014 GDS.

BECKETT OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 15 mos., whelped 5/14/2013. Conformation 4, 24.5”H X 25”L, Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, soft on head, medium furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Ben Berka, 220 Northpark Blvd., Huxley, IA 50124. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Aug., 2014 GDS.

UTILITY FIELD TEST, FALL 2014

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

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| <p>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)</p> | <p>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)</p> | <p>N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)
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 O = Obedience (3)
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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 376 (Feb, 2010 GDS)																								
JOSETTE GRIFFOND’OR, F, 70 MOS, WA																								
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			4	4	4	4	254		4	3	ok
GROUP 387 (Aug, 2011 GDS)																								
FRANCESCA OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW, F, 52 MOS, WI																								
4	2	4	4	3	2	4	2	4	2	0	1	1	4			2	2	2	2	157		4	3	ok

UTILITY TEST, FALL 2014

JOSETTE GRIFFOND’OR , F, 70 mos., whelped 11/16/2008. Conformation 4, 22”H X 23”L Coat 3: soft to med harsh, medium dense, curly, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, lots of drive, independent at times. Owned by Tawna Skinner, 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by Alain Binet, Pedigree 376, Feb., 2010 GDS.

FRANSCESCA OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW, F, 52 mos., whelped 4/18/2010. Conformation; 4, 24”H X 25” L. Coat 3; medium harsh, dense, sparse furnishings, medium belly coverage. Temperament; easy to examine, good game drive. Owned by Dave Finley. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo, Ped., 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

NW Chapter Fall 2014 Test

I'm still high from watching Tawna Skinner's **Griffondor Josette** achieve a nearly perfect performance in the Utility Field Test. She got the maximum score of 4 in seventeen of the eighteen facets of this test. Her leash came tight a few times on the heeling course so she got a 3 there. I hope someday you all have the opportunity to watch a dog do this well in Utility. Very few of us will ever have a dog this well trained and with this much talent. It was a joy to see.

Anita Andrus ran **Spruce Creek Grace** in the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. Grace did very well earning mostly 4s with a few 3s. She was completely steady to wing and shot even though that is not a requirement in this test.

It was obvious that that Tawna and Anita put a lot of time, effort, and experience into preparing their talented dogs for these tests.

Steve Grieser's **Blackberry Briar Ava** got all 4s in the Natural Ability Test except for a 3 in pointing. She's an eager hunter and fun to watch.

Jeff Dillon brought **Huck of Dutchman's Hollow** for his Natural Ability Test. Huck has an eager open search and finished strong in the water. He did have trouble with tracking and pointing. This might be explained by the low numbers of birds in Jeff's hunting grounds last year. Hopefully, that will improve this season.

Ken Wieman brought young **Chaska of Wolf Fork Canyon** to the test for exposure. He was too young to have experienced a hunting season, but still he did a great job of tracking a pheasant and loves the water. I'm looking forward to hunting with Ken and Chaska this season.

Dennis Carlson



Left: Jeff Dillon & **Huck of Dutchman's Hollow**

Opposite:
Top:
Tawna Skinner & **Griffondor Josette**

Lower left:
Steve Grieser & **Ava of Blackberry Briar**
(photos by Ken Wieman)

Lower Right:
Anita & **Spruce Creek Grace**
(Photo by Tawna Skinner)



Northeast Fall Test 2014

On Saturday Sept. 20, 2014, people gathered in Bristol, Me. for the Fall Test of the NEGC. The day broke with frost on the ground, sunshine and blue skies. There were two dogs in IHDT and one running in NAT.

Tim Jipson ran his dog, **Hachi of Dutchman's Hollow**, in the NAT test and she did very well but we could not get a point. Both Gordon Young and Andy Goode ran litter mates (**Baron & Becasse of Wolf Fork Canyon**) in the IHDT test but had trouble at the water so no prizes for them.

We had time after the test to expose two pups, one owned by Sue Kaufmann and the other by Mark Canfield. The Canfield's pup is a Cesky Fousek import, **Brita Eso**. Sue Kaufmann's pup is **Big Wings Abby**. They worked with ducks and chukars and were very enthusiastic, wanting more and more, which they will get this fall.

Judging, we had Erik Anderson, Kevin Jester, Phil Bennett and me as Senior Judge. Apprentices Dan Seibel and Scott Craig did a great job recognizing the good and not so good attributes of the dogs. We had a great team of bird handlers: Kurt Soneson and Andy Ogden, and our photographer Laurie Connell got some great pics of the dogs working.

Test done, we all settled in at the Molt's for lobsters, clams, corn, potatoes, pumpkin cake and everyone's favorite beverage, which was probably not iced tea. I thank all of you for making this test a success and a very special thanks to Tina Molt for getting the dinner and lunch in fine order. Have a great fall hunting season.

Be safe and have fun.

Rick Molt



We have a point!

Baron of Wolf Fork Canyon, owned by Gordon Young locks up during his IHDT.

(Photo by Laurie Connell)

Opposite:

Top—Andy Goode with **Becasse of Wolf Fork Canyon**.

Bottom—**Hachi of Dutchman's Hollow** shows off by retrieving with her eyes closed to owner Tim Jipson.

(photos by Laurie Connell)



Heartland Chapter Fall Test 2014

The Heartland Fall Test was once again held at Mazomanie, WI over three days, September 5–7. We had a little bit of everything: seven young dogs in Natural Ability, one Intermediate Hunting Dog, two older dogs being retested in OHDT and one Utility Field Test. Several of the NAT dogs were **Dutchman's Hollow H** littermates: **Hawkeye**, handled by Mark Barker, **Hendrika** owned by John Pitlo, **Henry**, owned by Dan Walsh, **Hilda** owned by Richard Schwerin, **Hershey**, owned by Jim Seibel, and **Hika** owned by Steve Schuette. All of these dogs performed admirably. Hawkeye turned in a perfect Prize I score of 28, Hendrika and Hika each received Prize II scores, while Hershey and Henry each earned a Prize III. Hilda did well too, she had a Prize I score in all respects but did not point on this day, so no prize. Our other NAT dog was **B'Lucy of Wolf Fork Canyon**. Only a lone nick for being a bit reticent in the field, prevented a perfect score, and she earned a Prize I with score of 27.

Our Intermediate and Older Hunting Dog Tests were very disappointing **Beckett of Wolf Fork Canyon** was one of these “and then we came to the water” dogs. He would not track the duck and even when it was released directly in front of him, he did not swim. Consequently water work scores were “0”. Jim Edgar had brought **Dulcie of Sandhill** back for a second look. A female with great conformation and coat, it was felt that she might have breeding potential at her previous IHDT with better test results. Jim works conscientiously with his dogs, so the low score did not result from lack of preparation. Similarly, Ken Hurtig's **Desert Jazmine of Sandhill**, is a beautiful little female, but did not point and would not retrieve well on this day.

Our remaining entry was **Francesca of Dutchman's Hollow**, owned by Dave Finley and running in the Utility Field Test. The UFT requires dedication to training, lots of practice, and some luck. Francesca had some problems with steady to wing and shot, which is not all that uncommon, but also in tracking a bird, which she has done flawlessly multiple times at training days. In spite of the score, it was a great experience and running the UFT fulfills a key requirement for Dave becoming a judge.

The weather was reasonably cooperative; we were treated to the usual really fine Saturday dinner at the Farm Kitchen Restaurant and Friday evening pizza, beer and tall-tale session at the motel. In addition to our typical judging crew, we owe special thanks to Anna Artz for making the long trip from California. In a trial by fire, Jim Crouse not only stepped up to be senior judge, but he had to judge the dogs of John Pitlo and Jim Seibel. No longer abused bird boys, Kirk Dilly and Dave Read have moved up to Apprentice Judge (of course they now endure more abuse than ever).

Thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to pull off a great test. The days are getting longer, the snow will melt, and we hope to see everyone back in April for the spring event.



Above:
Hilda of Dutchman's Hollow
and owner, Richard Schwerin
completing affinity for water
portion of NAT.

Right:
Prize I NAT winner, **B'Lucy of
Wolf Fork Canyon** with own-
er Les Noehre.

(photos by Rem DeJong)

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PennHip Report for 2014

By John Pitlo

At the 2006 WPGCA seminar and meeting in Idaho, the BOD voted to change the hip evaluation from OFA to PennHip. The reasons for this move were numerous and well covered by an article in the GDS by Dr. Corey Cherstrom (June 2006, GDS). For more information go to: www.pennhip.org. The reporting below will be much the same, except a DI (Distraction Index) value for each hip will be reported. A low DI indicates tight hips with a low probability of developing hip dysplasia, conversely, a higher DI value indicates loose hips and a higher probability of developing hip dysplasia. PennHip reports how the tested dog compares to other dogs of the same breed that have been evaluated. A dog with a 90% rating has excellent hips, a dog with a 10% rating has a higher probability of developing hip dysplasia. NOTE—owners of dogs less than 2 yrs old—you must complete a PennHip evaluation for your pup in order to be eligible for ANY refund as outlined in the Breeders Agreement. If you have had your Dog PennHip evaluated and it does not appear below—send a copy of the PennHip report to John.

ABE OF ASH COULEE: Sire; Friedrich of Dutchman's Hollow: Dam; Amazing Grace of Arrowrock. Left Hip DI = 0.34; Right Hip DI = 0.28. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Jon Hoffart (M).

ARES OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arlie of Dakota Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.36; Right Hip DI = 0.26. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Ron Stellingwerf (M).

ANASTASIA OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arlie of Dakota Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.36; Right Hip DI = 0.33. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Ray Dentlinger (F).

AVIAN MOON OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arlie of Dakota Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.23; Right Hip DI = 0.28. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Jeff Hogenson (M).

AWSOME OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arlie of Dakota Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.45 (CONFIRMED DYSPLASIA); Right Hip DI = 0.52. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Theresa Maule (F).

DARLING ELLIE OF SANDHILL: Sire; Friedrich of Dutchman's Hollow: Dam; Arthur's Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.31; Right Hip DI = 0.25. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Gavin Good (F).

DESERT JAZMINE OF SANDHILL: Sire; Friedrich of Dutchman's Hollow: Dam; Arthur's Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.32; Right Hip DI = 0.30. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Ken Hurtig (F).

BARON OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire; Crownpoints Wykeham Lad: Dam; Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.45; Right Hip DI = 0.49. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Gordon Young (M).

BECKETT OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire; Crownpoints Wykeham Lad: Dam; Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.40. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Emily Berka (f).

BOLT OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire; Crownpoints Wykeham Lad: Dam; Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.26; Right Hip DI = 0.19. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Phil Lukish (M).

- B' LUCY OF WOLF FORK CANYON:** Sire; Crownpoints Wykeham Lad; Dam; Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.65; Right Hip DI = 0.27. Ranking = 10%. Owned by Annette Noehre (F).
- HUCKLEBERRY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW:** Sire; Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.28; Right Hip DI = 0.26. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Jeff Dillon (M).
- HENDRIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW:** Sire; Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.36; Right Hip DI = 0.33. Ranking = 60%. Owned by John Pitlo (F).
- HACHI OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW:** Sire; Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.22; Right Hip DI = 0.22. Ranking = >90%. Owned by Timothy Jipson (F).
- HENRY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW:** Sire; Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.26; Right Hip DI = 0.23. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Dan Walsh (M).
- HERSHEY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW:** Sire; Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.30; Right Hip DI = 0.26. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Jim Seibel (M).



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