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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer is finally behind us and Fall is here. Fall just happens to be my favorite time of year due to the foliage and cooler temperatures but most importantly because it is time to go hunting. We work our dogs all year long and they enjoy the exercise but there is something about looking in there eyes when the temperature drops and the wind blows all kinds off scent around and knowing that their excitement level just moved up a couple of notches. I have a few hunting excursions planned, and I hope you do also. Take advantage of what our griffs were bred to do and enjoy your hunting season.

In case you missed it our first published advertisement was in the October issue of Gun Dog Magazine. This ad was created by Rem DeJong and Gary Pool. In November there will be an article in Gun Dog Magazine about our club and our dogs.

In February we will be back at Pheasant Fest in Minneapolis. All this is aimed at creating more awareness of our club and our dogs. Have a great hunting season and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Judges Seminar next April in Wisconsin.

Jim

On the Cover

Dusty Santa Fe Trail of Sandhill retrieves a pheasant during Heartland Fall Test. Dusty is featured in an article on participating in hunting tests.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

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Editor's Note:

Getting recognition for our Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America dogs by the wider sporting dog community and helping prospective owners to discover our breed are critical for our club's development. We advertise in magazines, maintain websites and Facebook pages and participate in Pheasant Fest, but nothing beats face-to-face experience. Although participation in NAVHDA events is currently not a viable option, there are other ways that we can give people an up-close experience with the Cesky Fousek. Brice provides a good look at a fun and productive option for fun with your dog. Thanks for taking the time to share your experience, Brice.

Running HRC/UKC for the Fun of It

by

Brice Fawcett Jr

The UKC (United Kennel Club) and HRC (Hunting Retriever Club) recognize our club and our dogs. My dog is **Dusty Santa Fe Trail of Sandhill**, some of you may recognize her call name Zip. For the last year Zip and I have been involved with a local HRC club called the Kansas City Hunting Retriever Club (KCHRC). It has been great for Zip, her water work has increased by leaps and bounds not to mention her marking skills. The HRC club that I train with is very active not only training for hunt tests but what you the owner need to work on whether it is a puppy or experienced hunting companion. If your dog does not do well on a retrieve you do it again to help the dog get it right. We have training days usually 2 to 3 times a month. When it is hot as it gets here in the Kansas City area most of the training days are water work or if we do a land day it is early in the morning because we try to finish up by noon.

May 20 2016 the KCHRC held their national hunt test and people from all over the country came to run their dogs. Most participants like myself were amateurs however there was a good number of pros too. Good news that should make all of us in the BWPGCA feel good was that in the started category the pros were having more problems than the amateurs. In order to run for test points in an HRC event your dog has to be registered with UKC and HRC national club. HRC affiliated with UKC who carries the registry for the HRC.

They do use real dead ducks for everything. The ducks are launched via wingers both on land and into the water. As expected Labs make up most of the dogs running. There were also Poodles, Nova Scotia Duck



Brice Fawcett Jr. and his dog, **Dusty Santa Fe Trail of Sandhill** (aka Zip) Zip won two prizes by competing in the starting group of the hunt test.

Note to readers: Hunt tests are not part of our club's breeding program progeny evaluation. Participation is simply another way of enjoying working with your dog.

(Photo provided by Brice Fawcett Jr.)

Trolling Retrievers, and Golden Retrievers. Both judges working the Started group never had a Cesky Fousek dog run in the tests before. They were impressed with her marking and retrieving skills and enjoyment of performing both. I think I spent a more time talking to people about the Cesky Fousek breed than I did actually running the test. There was a great number of questions and comments about beauty of the breed and alertness to what was going on around her.

Dusty Santa Fe Trail of Sandhill (aka Zip) did well and acquired two ribbons—one on each day in the started group.

Registering your dog with UKC is easy; register as a single dog registration as a Cesky Fousek under the breed, (as they do not have a Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon listed). You will need to include three pictures one of each side (profile view) and a front shot. The important thing to remember is that the photos need to be a dog level head to feet and nose to tail. Also you will need to include a copy of the pedigree paper with at least three generations of parents, grandparents etc. Copies are fine and easiest unless you want to hand write the pedigree on the application. Having the new BWP/GCA pedigree paper work shows the club's new name and that dogs are registered as Cesky Fousek in our club registration. Also in my case since I am going to be registering Zip before everything is finalized between BWP/GCA and UKC, I had to write a sentence requesting a special registration for Dusty Santa Fe Trail (aka Zip). It must be signed by the person the dog is registered to with UKC. Once the BWP/GCA paperwork is finalized with the UKC at the club level, the special registration request may not be needed.

It takes about one or two weeks for UKC to get the registration processed, depending on how many they have in the queue. If the dog is not UKC registered prior to the Hunt test, register the dog within 60 days of the date of the Hunt test and include a copy of the passed point slip along with the UKC Application for Registration for the dog. <http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/WebPages/Registration/Home>

The hunt tests are different than the testing at BWP/GCA. There are three different categories, Started, Seasoned and Finished. Each one has specific requirements for the dog and handler to meet in order to pass. As you might expect it gets harder as your dog and you climb the ladder. It does not make a difference how old your dog is you want to begin in the Started group and go from there.

- The Started Hunt will have four tests. Two tests shall be marked water retrieves. Two tests will be marked land retrieves.
- The Seasoned hunt will have five (5) tests. These five tests shall consist of at least the following: (1) a double-marked land retrieve, (2) a double marked water retrieve, (3) a walk-up, or tracking, or quartering test, (4) a blind land retrieve, and (5) a blind water retrieve. Part of the test must include a diversion.
- The Finished Hunt will have at least four (4) tests. These four tests shall consist of the following: (1) a multiple marked water retrieve,

(2) a multiple marked land retrieve (either or both the multiple marked water retrieve or the multiple marked land retrieve must include an honor), (3) a water blind retrieve, and (4) a land blind retrieve. These blinds may or may not be included in one of the required multiple marked retrieves. Part of the test must include a diversion as the dog returns to the retrieving line **from any retrieve**.

****Note this blind retrieve is not like the blind retrieve we do at BWPG-CA. It is a handling test for dog and handler using whistle and hand signals to guide the dog to the downed bird area then the dog uses her/his nose to find and retrieve to hand.**

Also the UKC has a growing pointing dog program. I have not looked into this as yet but more information is available on the UKC web site. <http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/WebPages/PointingDogs/Home>

Dealing with my local HRC and the UKC both were very easy; everyone at UKC was very helpful and accommodating each time I talked to them. Over all, it was a great and enjoyable experience and I look forward to running Zip in future tests as it gets her out running and training in the off-season as well as between actual hunting trips.



Zip is off on a waterfowl retrieve for owner Brice Faucett Jr.

(Photo provided by Brice Faucett Jr.)

Club Recognition: Opening Doors for the BWPGCA by Laurie Connell

As we transitioned to the Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club there became some advantages of acceptance in other hunting dog organizations. The article by Brice Fawcett about attending a United Kennel Club (UKC) event is one. Zip (Dusty Santa Fe Trail of Sandhill) has been a great ambassador for our club at these events. In many ways the old WPGCA was quite isolated in the hunting dog world because we were barred from attending various other events. Now, quite literally, the world is becoming open to us.

There are several organizations where it would be beneficial for us to have our registrations accepted directly for single dog registrations. The reasons have been discussed at length previously by our club, and essentially are: (1) the ability for our members to participate more widely in hunting related events, (2) to give our breed more public exposure, and (3) to attract more potential club members who would like to participate in hunt tests outside of our club. Our goal for all of these organizations is only that they accept our registrations for single dogs, not that they become our registration arm.

Those organizations are:

- **Fédération Cynologique Internationale** (FCI) - the largest international canine registration organization.
- **United Kennel Club** - a national registration organization that is older than the American Kennel Club (AKC).
- **North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association** (NAVHDA).

The advantages for being accepted by the FCI go beyond participation in hunting events in North America. They extend to a greater partnership with other clubs worldwide and nearly all other dog organizations accept an FCI registration for single dogs. Unfortunately, the FCI works very slowly and cannot be contacted directly by an outside group. Therefore, support from a current member organization is required. I attended a board of directors meeting for the Czech club this past spring where they enthusiastically offered to help us in any way they can. They had already contacted their Hunting Union about moving a petition forward. The advantage for the Czech Club is that it gives them greater standing in the FCI as the number of other international Bohemian Griffon (AKA Český Fousek) clubs grow.

During the 2016 Board of Directors meeting/seminar I stated that we were already nearly "FCI compliant", but there were a few other things and some additional paperwork required. Those changes would require alterations of some of our current club forms.

These items are:

- The registration form must have address of both owner and breeder.

- The registration form must have type of coat (e.g. wirehaired) and coat color.
- The registration of outcrossed dogs should be identified with a code in their registration number. The FCI uses REG or ZREG to identify outcrosses for 4 generations. Two years ago we began using REG with a generation number in our registrations.
- Keeping records of artificial insemination breeding. Our old litter registration form already said “I attest to observing the breeding by natural method or have attached a certificate from a Veterinarian to confirm artificial insemination.” However, we had not collected and archived that information for many years. A new form was built based on one that was found in our archived club papers from a time when we did collect that information.
- The litter registration form should have each puppy identified with coat color and name.
- The puppy should have an ear tattoo. The tattoo is not like the older tattoos that were done in a similar fashion to human tattoos but instead with a clamping tool similar to a hole punch. It is very quick, quite easy, and used extensively in North America with small livestock, rabbits, and Greyhounds. Some Veterinarians in the US are unfamiliar with this tattoo method so education may be needed. There is an excellent video of the method at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SO3ztX_FbGw. In the Czech Republic they tattoo their puppies at around 6 weeks of age and puppies that are exported have both tattoo and microchip

The UKC has a number of hunting and agility tests and award championships to participants that gather enough points. This would just be fun for our club members and give a greater exposure of our breed to other hunters. They hold both the Hunter Retriever Test (HRT) as well as several kinds of pointing dog tests. Brice and Zip are well on their way to one of these championship awards. The French Brittany Club has even brought over French judges from the FCI to judge their field tests and help train their judges in conformation evaluation. The UKC has been very helpful and friendly. We are now working toward them accepting our registrations for regular single dog registrations providing an easier way for our club members to participate in UKC events. In the mean time, owners can register their dogs in the UKC with a special registration procedure. You can get a new pedigree from the club registrar that can be submitted with that registration at no charge.

The third group discussed here is NAVHDA. As many of you know our club has had a long and tumultuous history with NAVHDA. In 2014 we submitted a request that they accept our registrations for single dogs and it was denied. Their registrar, Steve Brodeur, stated in his letter “According to the NAVHDA registration policy, NAVHDA only register dogs who have official registration, which in your case, would be from the FCI. NAVHDA cannot accept registration that are not from official house of registration.” Ironically, the FCI does not accept NAVHDA registrations. A clear path for our members who want to participate in NAVHDA events would be to get a single dog registration from the FCI and then register with NAVHDA. This is a little convoluted but it will allow us to advertise that our dogs can participate in NAVHDA events, something that the

hunting dog world seems to want to do at this juncture.

There is a fourth group that I have contacted but not yet worked with, The American Rare Breed Association (ARBA). They hold conformation shows so would be of less interest to our club members. Our interest in the ARBA would essentially be only as a point of contact when people are searching for a puppy.

Getting the word out to the greater hunting dog world can benefit our club and the breed in North America. This endeavor may take some additional time but can lead to fun opportunities for ourselves and our dogs. Also, keep in mind that the Czech Club wants to host the Český Fousek World cup in 2018, so begin sharpening those skills and think about getting your dog ready to travel!

Pheasant Fest 2017 Minneapolis, MN

Here's another way that club members can help introduce people to our great hunting and companion dog. Join us at Pheasant Fest, participate in the Bird Dog Parade and give visitors an up-close look at our dogs and our club.

BWPGCA will have a display at Pheasant Fest. Kirk Dilly and Mike Chlapaty are organizing our involvement. If interested in coming and helping contact Kirk Dilly:

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Rocky Mountain Griffon Club Exposure Day

by
Rick Sojda



Glenn Ross shows how to encourage a young dog to track by going in the water with her (Dorka z Podřípské stráně) (Desie)

(Photo provided by author, Rick Sojda)

On a beautiful Saturday morning in August, a fine group of Cesky Fouseks and handlers from across the Northern Rockies were greeted by a special treat at the Ross Ranch near Three Forks, Mt: crane music. Rick forgot his CD of recorded Czech hunting horns, but were able to appreciate something even better. Nesting sandhill crane are pretty common in wet pastures and meadows in this part of the world, and the Jefferson River Valley still provides some fine habitat. The cranes trumpeted a raucous chorus as our exposure day got underway at 7:30AM. I was reminded of Aldo Leopold's writings in *A Sand County Almanac*:

"...Now comes a baying of some sweet-throated hound, soon the clamor of a resounding pack. Then a far clear blast of hunting horns..."

High horns, low horns, silence, and finally a pandemonium of trumpets, rattles, croaks, and cries that almost shakes the bog with its nearness... A new day has begun on the crane marsh...

Our ability to perceive quality in nature begins, as in art, with the pretty. It expands through successive stages of the beautiful to values as yet uncaptured by language. The quality of cranes lies, I think, in this higher gamut, as yet beyond the reach of words."

Randy and Diane Ross, our wonderful hosts that morning, had their fine ranch treat us with the sound of crane music to get us started. The cranes were loud, and I think the dogs understood the splendor of the setting, too, as they went through their paces, settling in to exercise their own natural instincts.

We focused on dogs imported for club members from the Czech Republic in 2015 and 2016: **Angie Vallis Baptismi** (Tess) owned by Gary and Ann Pool of Council, ID; **Brixie Vallis Baptismi** owned by Ned and Janet Enyeart of Ontario, OR; **Calina Rokycanská kotlina** owned by Mike Vance of Bozeman, MT; **Cora z Ceceminskych vinic** owned by Roger and Nancy Fuhrman; **Dorka z Podripske strane** (Desie), owned by Glenn Ross of Cody, WY; and **Oliver z Malého Boubína** and Toby (AKC Griffon) owned by Malcom & Jennifer Jaap of Great Falls, MT. **Arka z Červinské** from Lewistown, MT had been planning to attend, but her owner, Stan Benes was called out to fight a forest fire in Northwest Montana. The commitment of these club members to their dogs, to the goals of the BWPGCA, and to developing the best hunting buddies is second to none. The average round trip distance travelled by them was 620 miles, with three families driving 1,000 miles each!

Seeing the two youngest puppies have such game desire spark within them while chasing live birds was one highlight of the day. We were impressed by the game drive and intensity in all the dogs, in their strong cooperative nature in wanting to bring birds back to their handlers, in their love of water, and in their abilities to track, especially on land. They all seemed to be put together well and show nice coats at this juncture in time. The 1½ year-olds appeared to need some additional obedience work, as to be expected, and there is plenty of time to work on that over the Fall hunting season and before their IHDTs next Spring. These two cohorts of dogs demonstrated plenty of innate abilities, and the older ones look like they might have the potential and be well on their way towards contributing to our North American breeding pool. Each of the older dogs showed their muster on tracking live pheasants, performing well on tough tracks courtesy of healthy, older, lively birds.

Chapter President, Angie McDunn, provided the overall organization, the event announcement, organized the potluck, and cooked the absolutely best pulled pork shoulder for lunch. John McDunn provided the pheasants, and Rick Sojda and Gary Pool got the ducks. Randy Ross and Rick organized the field events, and Rusty Dill was a reliable bird handler, as usual. Rick also provided the Facebook advertisements, and the encouragement for members to attend. Most of all, this event was hosted with the good wishes of our incredible hosts, Randy and Diane. Year after year, they provide the best of settings to our young pups. And, the music was provided courtesy of the Rocky Mountain Subpopulation of Sandhill Cranes.

What's Happening

Reminder: Annual dues should be paid by January 1st. Please go on-line to complete your membership form. You can pay both national and chapter dues right on-line at:

<https://bohemiangriffon.org/join-renew/>

Gun Dog Magazine Article

An article on our Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffons (Cesky Fouseks) is scheduled for printing in the November 2016 issue of Gun Dog Magazine.

New Puppy?

Are you considering getting a puppy next year (either Czech import or domestic breeding)? The first step is to go on-line and complete a puppy request form. That will assure that the Breeding Committee has your contact information and will get the process started. Go to:

<https://bohemiangriffon.org/puppy-request/>

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