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ABC International Championship



The 2020 American Brittany Club International Brittany Classics began on March 16, as the Covid-19 Pandemic began to explode. A few days before the start, all of the participants were present at the Ohio Brittany Club trial when word came down that this trial was the last one to be held at the Tri Valley WMA Field Trial Grounds in Dresden, OH. All future trials held on state land in Ohio were put on hold until further notice.

Since the International Classics were to be held on private land, with the same small group of participants, the trial went on as planned. There was plenty of room at the Mingo Sportsman Club for everyone to practice "social distancing". Everyone had their own living quarters trailer with little or no need to travel into town except for propane or fuel...and maybe toilet paper if you could find any! Every day we heard more news about how the virus was spreading throughout the country and how states were shutting down all non-essential businesses. I don't think any of us realized that things would escalate to the degree they are right now one week after the trial. Worse, what the status of the pandemic may be by the time this writeup reaches the readers.

We'd like to thank everyone that attended to make the trial a success. I'd be lying if I reported that everything went off without a hitch. We had a few last-minute scratches of judges and handlers but managed to fill the voids with qualified people who are local to the area. A very big thank you to Purina for helping to sponsor the event. Their donation of gift certificates for Pro Plan dog food and monetary support is greatly appreciated. This year's judging panel included Chris Streitenberger, Joe Williams, Lance Felty, Meredith Mays and Dr. Robert Reynolds.

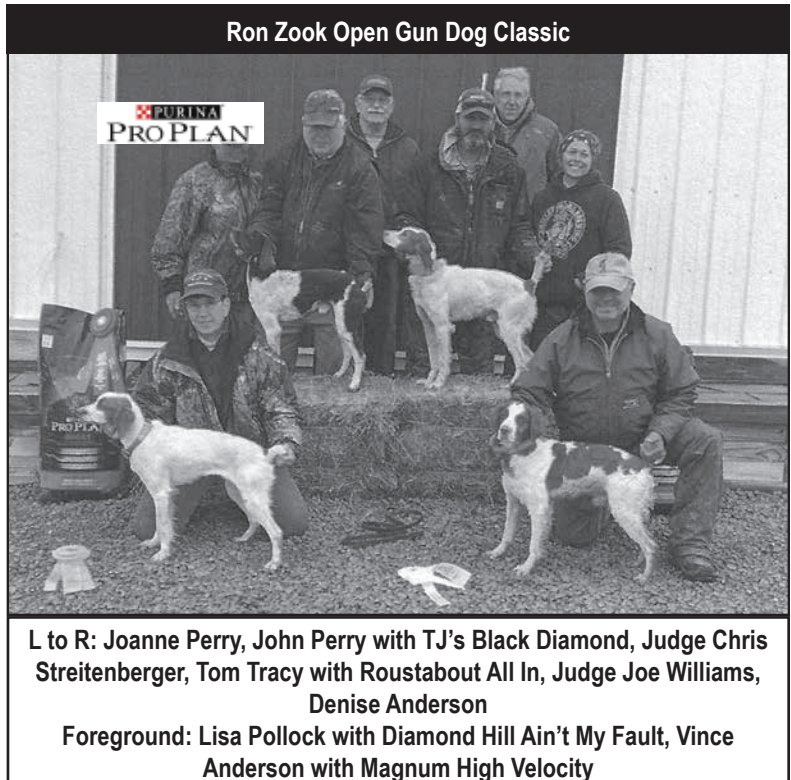
First up was the Grand Open Limited Gun Dog Classic, held in memory of former ABC President Ron Zook. The weather for both days of the running was as good as it gets! Fourteen very competitive entries went to the line for Judges Chris Streitenberger and Joe Williams. John and Joanne Perry's TJ's Black Diamond had three stellar finds with a strong race to be named Champion. Roustabout All In, owned by Bo Ackerman, had two finds, a stylish back and wide-ranging race which earned him the Runner-up position for handler Tom Tracy. Lisa Pollock's very young entry, Diamond Hill Ain't My Fault, took home third place and fourth place went to Vince Anderson's Magnum High Velocity.

We began the Open Limited All Age Classic under chilly, damp conditions. Meredith Mays and Lance Felty bundled up with a threat of rain in the forecast. WW's Miss Wendy Peffercorn, owned by Burton Wice, worked the course at a great range with almost effortless hand for handler Tom Tracy. The two-year-old had two nice finds and was named Champion over her dam, Driving Miss Daisy II. Daisy, also owned by Wice, was piloted by amateur Crystal Alexander. While Daisy is no stranger to the winner's circle, this was Crystal's first placement in championship stake. Tom Tracy handled

JWB Artic Cat, owned by Jack Alexander and Cristal Alexander, to the third-place finish. The weather conditions took their toll on some of the dogs and no fourth place finished was named.

Heavy rain overnight Thursday, which continued into Friday morning with the threat of heavy thunderstorms in the afternoon, postponed the start of the grand Amateur Limited All Age Classic. Meredith Mays and Dr. Robert Reynolds were in the saddle Saturday morning to render judgment on the 18 entries. This year's winner was CVK Spartan King, owned by Jack Alexander and Dr. Robert Rankin. Jack was on the whistle for "Leo", who had 2 well-spaced finds and a strong race in the hour. Runner up honors went to Diamond Hill Ain't My Fault. "Scout", a two-year-old bitch, is owned and handled by Lisa Pollock. She had one find and made some huge casts, increasing her range as the hour went on. The third-place finisher was Brigadoon's Hi Proof Moonshine, handled by John Perry and owned by Ginny and Paul Snyder. Jagoub's Spell Caster, owned by Tom and Debbie Jagielski and handled by Crystal Alexander finished fourth.

We'd like to thank everyone who made the effort to attend and support this year's event given the turmoil going on in the country right now. We hope to see you all back again next spring!



Ron Zook Open Gun Dog Classic
L to R: Joanne Perry, John Perry with TJ's Black Diamond, Judge Chris Streitenberger, Tom Tracy with Roustabout All In, Judge Joe Williams, Denise Anderson
Foreground: Lisa Pollock with Diamond Hill Ain't My Fault, Vince Anderson with Magnum High Velocity

**International Brittany Shooting Dog Championship
Ron Zook Open Gun Dog Classic
Grand Open Limited Gun Dog 1hr(14S)
J: Chris Streitenberger & Joe Williams**

- 1 - FC TJ'S BLACK DIAMOND (D), by DC Shadow Attack x Sniksoh Tequila Caliente; o John & Joanne Perry, h John Perry
- 2 - FC ROUSTABOUT ALL IN (D), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Cedar Valley Lilly; o Bo Ackerman, h Tom Tracy
- 3 - DIAMOND HILL AIN'T MY FAULT (B), by GFC/FC/AFC Black Creek Deacon x CH Kinwashkly Stolen Diamond; o/h Lisa Pollock
- 4 - NGDC/NWGDC/GFC/FC/GAFC/AFC MAGNUM HIGH VELOCITY (D), by FC/AFC High Hopes Tiger Jac x High Hopes Dots Original Spice; o/h Vincent Anderson

International Brittany Amateur All Age Championship




Jack Alexander with CVK Spartan King, Lisa Pollock with Diamond Hill Ain't My Fault, John Perry With Brigadoon's Hi Proof Moonshine, Crystal Alexander with Jagoub's Spell Caster, Judges Dr. Robert Reynolds and Meredith Mays.

**International Brittany Amateur All Age Championship
Grand Amateur Limited All Age 1hr(18S)**

J: Meredith Mays & Robert Reynolds, DVM

- 1 - FC/AFC CVK SPARTAN KING (D), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Cedar Valley Lily; o Jack Alexander & Dr. Robert Rankin, h Jack Alexander
- 2 - DIAMOND HILL AIN'T MY FAULT (B), by GFC/FC/AFC Black Creek Deacon x CH Kinwashkly Stolen Diamond; o/h Lisa Pollock
- 3 - FC/AFC BRIGADOON'S HI PROOF MOONSHINE (B), by FC Hi Proof Moonshine x FC/AFC Poison Ivy III; o Paul & Virginia Snyder, h John Perry
- 4 - JAGOUB'S SPELL CASTER (B), by GFC/FC Jagoub's Buzz'n Bayou x Super Natural; o Tom & Debbie Jagielski, h Crystal Alexander

International Brittany Open All Age Championship



Tom Tracy with WW's Miss Wendy Peffercorn, Gene Stewart with Driving Miss Daisy II, Crystal Alexander with JWB Artie Cat
Judges Meredith Mays and Lance Felty

**International Brittany Open All Age Championship
Grand Open Limited All Age 1hr(16S)**

J: Meredith Mays & Lance Felty

- 1 - WW'S MISS WENDY PEFFERCORN (B), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC/GFC Glade Run Irish x GFC/FC Driving Miss Daisy II; o Burton Wice, h Tom Tracy
- 2 - FC/GFC DRIVING MISS DAISY II (B), by Country Line Ace's High x Famous Chick; o Burton Wice, h Crystal Alexander
- 3 - FC JWB ARTIC CAT (B), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x FC Chancy's Frozen Asset; o Jack & Crystal Alexander, h Tom Tracy
- 4 - Withheld



Action at AKC

July 2020 by Jeri K. Conklin

Due to COVID-19 and lack of events being held, there have been no titles provided for this months' column.

On a better note – please welcome the reactivated Rappahannock Brittany Club. Contact information for the club is on the Regional Club Secretaries page at the back of the magazine. Welcome back!

These Amazing Bird Dogs

By Ryan L. Frame

We field trailers have memories of great performances to appreciate. We also have memories of great days in the hunting field to think back on fondly. To me, though, the ability to appreciate the qualities and abilities of the dog itself, and to be amazed by them, is a big part of the pleasure bird dogs have to offer us. But we sometimes need to fight the ever-human psychological tendency to be amazed or experience great pleasure in something early on, only to have that pleasure or amazement diminish with repetition over time and become “old hat.” So, periodically, I have found it helpful to remind myself again of some of the dog’s remarkable natural qualities as well as to make a special effort to recall and contemplate some of the interesting and unusual events that have occurred in the hopes of immunizing myself against the dreaded “Takenforgranted” disease.

The superiority of the dogs’ noses, those exquisite olfactory powers, is one of those areas that I periodically think about in order to fully appreciate.

I first think about the specific senses and other physical qualities where humans, using their creativity and technology, have surpassed the abilities of most any other animal. For millennia, humans had no idea what it was like to move as fast as a cheetah, or fly like birds. But we humans fly every day and move faster than a cheetah with bicycles, trains, cars and planes. It is no big deal at all anymore.

With telescopes and microscopes and such, we can see much better than even the keenest eyes eagle. And we can magnify sound to enable a human to hear better than any animal. But we still have no idea of what it is like to be able to smell like a dog can smell.

According to the experts, dogs have 300 million scent receptors compared to our 6 million and the part of their brain dedicated to interpreting smell is about 40% more than ours. They can smell, it is estimated, 100,000 times better than humans.

One expert, Michael Napier, wrote that “A dog’s sense of smell is its most powerful sense,” he says. “It is so sensitive that [dogs can] detect the equivalent of a ½ teaspoon of sugar in an Olympic-sized swimming pool.”

One of the more fascinating examples of power and delicacy of a bird dog’s nose came from a reliable source. A gentleman from lower New York State had a nice setter dog that he had acquired from Grouse Ridge Kennels. Every year he would take the dog to, I believe, South Dakota where he would hunt wild pheasants but where only Ringnecks were legal to shoot. Hens were illegal. After several years of hunting under these conditions, a curious thing happened: The dog stopped pointing hens. There were plenty of hens available during these hunts, but apparently, the reward of having a bird shot for the dog’s efforts on ringnecks and the lack of such reward for hens, subtly and over time, transformed this dog into one that no longer bothered with hens.

This is not the only such example I have come across. Jack Brown of Mohnton, Pennsylvania, a breeder of quality setters and pointers of yesteryear, was as skeptical as they come. But he personally witnessed a German Shorthaired pointer on the game preserve where Jack worked for a spell back in the 1990s that would pull the corners of its lips back toward its ears into a “smile” of sorts, when standing a ringneck but not when pointing a hen.

Jack told me, “I would have never believed it in a million years if I had not seen it for myself.”

Of course, most of the bird dog enthusiasts that I have reported these incidents to who have never witnessed it also doubt them outright. But why? If a dog can smell half a teaspoon of sugar in an Olympic-sized pool or smell early incidents of cancer before they can be diagnosed medically, they surely should be able to detect highly minute differences in game birds.

And surely, to a dog, a woodcock smells different from a grouse, and both smell different from a quail, but they have learned to point them all the same because that’s what we want them to do.

Perhaps, and I am speculating here, dogs can and do smell differences between male and female game birds but merely have learned to deal with them all the same just as they deal with different game birds the same. That the bird that quickly exited was a female grouse/woodcock/chukar/most game birds versus a male, is something we cannot even determine in the great majority of cases. So, even if a dog is doing something subtly differently around males, we wouldn’t know it.

One of the most curious aspects of a dog’s exquisite nose and their delicate brains occurs when they decide to point some things that are neither birds nor fur, but important nonetheless. I wrote about once such incident in a profile of the late Odie Adcock which appeared in THE AMERICAN FIELD several years ago. We were working Odie’s dog Sassy, a pointer female, on several pen-raised quail that we had hobbled by a simple device where a cord holds the quail by the legs and is attached to a section of ordinary garden hose. I quote from the article,

“We had Sassy toward the next bird, but she moves off in an unexpected directions and, before he can turn her, she locks up again. We did put a bird there but there she stands. She looks just as she did on the hobbled quail just moments ago. Did someone else from the club put a quail out...perhaps earlier today or yesterday? Or is this going to be an unproductive? I look at Odie, shrug to display my uncertainty, and walk in front of Sassy to have a look. And lo and behold, something IS there. Just off her nose is the empty hobble that was lost two weeks prior. I smile and hold it up triumphantly. Odie is smiling from ear to ear.”

I immediately noted, “...that Odie’s smile goes well beyond the satisfaction that the long lost hobble was recovered. The connoisseur of the bird dog does not dismiss, shrug off or otherwise minimize such incidents. Unusual occurrences like this are to be savored, contemplated and remembered. They add texture to training sessions which can be passe, even tedious, and often offer insights into the remarkable way dogs experience and process the world with those wonderful noses and brains. It’s part of the pleasure of raising, training and hunting dogs...”

My friend Thom Richardson from Whitefield, New Hampshire, recently told me of an incident where he was hunting with a friend in a New Hampshire cover in October, 2019. At some point during the hunt, he reached to check his tracking collar receiver and, lo and behold, it was gone. It had accidentally dropped off somewhere along the way, undoubtedly in thick cover.

He backtracked, and as best as he could remember, checked several spots where he thought it might be; where some incident

had taken place that might have resulted in the receiver dropping off, but with no luck. With so much cover and so many places the receiver might have dropped, Thom thought it a forlorn hope that he would actually ever see it again. And then the search would have to be postponed because the dog was on point again. He positioned his hunting partner in an open spot to prepare for the shot, and went in to flush. But no bird roared out. And, you guess it, the dog was pointing the receiver that he was searching for. Thom picked it up just a few feet directly in front of the dog's nose. Aside from the irony of the dog finding the device designed to find the dog... why would a dog point a receiver like this one did?

I have, over the years, also seen dogs point recently dropped blank guns, again where the handler had no idea at all where the gun had been accidentally dropped. My guess would be that the dogs, over time, associate these devices—the hobble, the blank gun, and the tracking collar receiver—with the hunt and the birds being hunted. Then they made the connection on their own that resulted in a point and accurate location of these items. I don't know for sure if my speculations are correct or not. I probably never will know and that is okay.

Another area that has been a subject of much wonder and debate has been whether dogs might have ESP (Extra Sensory Perception) powers. Many of the bird dog training books of the past weighed in on the subject and while most of the pointing dog literature of the last few decades no longer seem to address ESP in dogs, the subject was never settled and quite possibly cannot be settled.

An information has been a big scant outside of bird dogs in recent years, too, though not nonexistent.

Rupert Sheldrake, a Cambridge educated Ph.D in biochemistry who authored a 1990 book called "Dog Who Know Their Owners Are Coming Home", attempted at least some science to study dogs who seemed to somehow know when their owners were headed home.

Field Trail Hall-of-Famer Jack Harper would likely agree. In his book "Bird Dogs And Field Trials", Harper wrote a story about one of his favorite dogs, a setter called Little Smoky. The dog had been retired and was no longer traveling with Jack. In those days, before cell phones, Harper would return from a trial and find his kennel hand Russell hard at work every time. Because Russell never knew what time Harper would be arriving, but was ready for him every time nonetheless, eventually prompted Harper to ask him how. Russell told him that Smoky would begin to howl about an hour before Harper pulled in, and again periodically thereafter until Harper arrived and, most importantly, the dog never howled any other time. Harper wrote that as he was nearing home and thinking of Smoky, "I ran his number. He always answered." Harper believed in "direct thought transfer" between a dog's mind and human's in "sensitive individuals" but acknowledged no science at all to support that opinion (Bird Dogs And Field Trials, Cass Hill Press, 1983, pages 155, 156.)

Other trainers offer an alternate explanation for what often is mistaken for ESP.

One of my favorite old time training books was written by Caleb Whitford, a noted trainer from the turn of the last century, who wrote, "Dogs read actions habitually, and with assistance become remarkably proficient at it. Orders may be give without word or sign or whistle, which they will understand and obey promptly." (Training The Bird Dog, 1907.)

On summer I had a nine-month-old pup that I was throwing

pigeons for. He would make a cast, swing back around and about every third to fifth time he came back, I would throw a bird. I tried to vary the bird-throwing schedule and make it random but every time he was just coming back and I said to myself, "Okay. This time I am going to pitch a pigeon..." The pup would stop as soon as he saw me and wait for a bird to be thrown. The other three or four times when I was not planning to throw a bird, he would just go on about his business without hesitation. It has happened several other times where it appeared that a dog was reading my thoughts and it is always an eerie experience. But I, after enjoying the "freaky dog ESP" experience enough, I search for a rational explanation.

Unlike Mr. Harper, I do not believe...yet...in direct thought transfer between dogs and humans so I had to figure out what I was doing that cued the dog that I was going to throw a bird. In the above case, because I needed to throw the bird immediately for proper timing purposes, I needed to have the bird in hand already, but I also did not want the pup to see me holding a bird. So when I decided to throw a bird, I would remove it from the bag while the dog was well away and hold it behind my back until the right time. The dog had figured out on its own that seeing me with one hand behind my back meant a bird was forthcoming. When I changed my approach so that I looked the same every time to the dog, regardless of whether I was going to throw a bird, the phenomenon disappeared.

I was working another young dog several years back with harnessed pigeons that I would plant in light cover periodically for her as we walked along, to point. She quickly figured out this game and would stay very close and with an eye on me almost every moment such that it was difficult to plant a bird without her seeing me do it. Some days we would do two birds and other days six or seven. The number varied. But then I noticed something. After I had put out the last bird, regardless of whether that was the fifth bird or the third bird she would take off and start ranging again. It seemed as though when I was thinking, "This is the last bird today", that she was picking up on that thought. I finally determined that what appeared to be some form of ESP was actually her doing what every bird dog is supposed to do. She was using her nose, intelligent application, and smart use of the prevailing breeze, to determine that there were no birds in the bird bag, and very subtly so.

That dogs, using their noses, their eyes, and their brains, to fool people into believing that they actually possess ESP abilities, to me, is more amazing than if they really were capable of ESP. And it is my concerted belief that this same set of tools is part of the dog's "bird-finding" skill set. I have seen dogs that, on the surface, seem to be ranging the same, and working the same spots as other dogs, but come up with far more birds day in and day out. Exactly how they do this is again a speculative endeavor because the nature and texture of their sense of smell is something we can never accurately imagine.

Dogs pointing hobbles and tracking collar receivers, and me not knowing for sure why, allows me to ponder the power of their noses and the nature of their decision making so I can enjoy the mystery over and over. All of it helps me to again be awed and appreciative of what these dogs are and what they can do. As the old proverb says, "Give thanks for a little and you will find a lot."



2020 Prairie State Brittany Championship



Prairie State Brittany Championship was hosted at the Sportsman Club located in secluded Grovespring, Missouri. The association has made extensive improvements to the corral and parking area with new corrals, new dog kennels and extended RV trailer parking. This area continues to be premier championship grounds that bring the best out of the dogs.

The Prairie State Championship is a long-standing venue; it originated in the mind and hearts of dedicated field trailers from the LaSalle Brittany Club initiated as a Northern Illinois Championship. It initially ran at a number of Northern and Northwest Illinois locations before moving to the Hunt Club in Southern Illinois and currently at the Sportsman Club in Missouri.

We continue to thank Purina for their continuing support of this championship. Purina's continued support, year after year, allows the Prairie State Championship Association the resources to plan this event for years to come extending the tradition that already exist with this contest. Their food products are first class. It should be noted that Purina extensively supports the American Brittany Club with support to many different venues within the ABC organization.

Many people contributed their time and effort to insure this Championship occurred smoothly. These included Jerry McGee, Field Trial Chairman, Donna Janulis Field Trial secretary and provider of meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the entire venue. Assisting Donna with the meals was Kathy Gulembo.

What makes this competition possible is the support from most of the participants in one manner or another; this included bird planting (Jerry McGee, Tim Self, Tom Thomas, Ed Janulis, Tom Tracy, Joe Williams, Ron Gulembo, Dave Capstick), dog wagon Driving (Jerry McGee, Donna Janulis, Tim Self) Course Marshals (Dave Capstick, Stan Williamson, Tom Thomas) Horse Supplier (Tom Tracy, Bob Burchett). Bob Burchett and Tom Thomas also supplied transportation of the Purina dog food graciously contributed by the Purina Corporation.

Prairie State supported the following venues: Open All Age, Amateur All Age, Open Derby, and Open Shooting Dog.

Open Derby - Bill Schreiber Memorial

Bill Schreiber was a veteran field trailer who was one of the originals who started this venue. One of his specialties was mentoring new people – he still leaves a legacy of people he drew into the sport and still remain today.

The judges for this event were Jon Small and Steve Foster.

The winner of this stake came from the 5th brace; Hi Steppins Ali's Got Attitude. She was handled by Chris Sennott. She broke away from the first course and scored three nice finds during the 45-minute brace. Her run was consistent and forward. The runner up was Georgia's Tiger 2.0, handled by Tom Tracy. He ran strong and hard, enduring the 45-minute length with energy to spare. He extended his range often stretching to the end of the fields. He had one nice bird contact establishing a solid point. He showed maturity and independence during the entire brace. Tom Tracy handled the third-place dog CV's Ironman; ranging as necessary to hunt the objectives presented to him in search of game. He had the endurance to keep up a good pace through the forty-five minutes. He handled kindly for Tom in an independent manner patterning to the front. Jowill's Dutchess of Destiny handled by owner Joe Williams was awarded 4th place. She broke away with an aggressive start and continued to maintain momentum as the brace matured showing some nice moves (application, range, and handling) through the course. She had good contact with quail establishing a nice point and finished the brace demonstrating her endurance.



L-R: Steve Foster (judge), Mike Poehler, Chris Sennott, Bob Burchett, Tim Self, Jon Small (judge), Tom Jagielski
Front - Matt Healy w/ Hy Steppin Ali's Got Attitude

Bill Schrieber Memorial Derby Classic 45min (16S)

J: Jon Small & Steven Foster

- 1 - HY STEPPIN ALI'S GOT ATTITUDE (B), by Beeline Bullett's Bossman x Northern Star Valentines Day Diamond; o Chris & Gerilyn Sennott, h Chris Sennott
- 2 - GEORGIA'S TIGER 2.0 (D), by GFC/FC Maxwell's Prickly Pete x Dakota Sage; o Travis Tangen, h Tom Tracy
- 3 - CVK'S IRONMAN (D), by GFC/FC Maxwell's Prickly Pete x

Dakota Sage; o R. O'Connor, h Tom Tracy
 4 - JOWILL'S DUTCHESS OF DESTINY (B), by GFC/FC
 Maxwell's Prickly Pete x Dakota Sage; o Joseph B. Williams, h
 Joe Williams

Amateur All Age Championship

Jon Small and Harold Gearhart made themselves available to judge this stake; their judgments were well accepted. Many good dogs were entered in this stake and there were many good amateur handlers including one of the most distinguished and experienced Ray Trimble competed.

The winner of this stake traveled from Ohio and was CVK's Spartan King. He ran in the 4th brace running the first course. He was handled by Jack Alexander. Leo had three finds, spaced evenly throughout the hour. He had excellent manners on all of these finds. In between bird contact Leo handled well for Jack extending his range and applying himself showing his maturity on how he attacks the terrain to effectively hunt for game. His finish was as strong as his start. Runner-up was Roustabout's Eustace owned and handled by Dave Capstick. "T" ran the first course with a good start through the terrain towards Horse Killer Hill continued to build momentum as the hour progressed. He located one find during the hour and Dave successfully flushed with "T" exhibiting top notch manners. The third place was awarded JJ's Levi the Lion Heart owned and handled by Joe Williams. He ran in the first brace the third day and set a standard for his competitors for the remainder of the competition. He ran hard and smart through the first course and gained momentum through the remaining terrain up and through the valleys. Levi had one find during the hour handling it with intensity and style. Fourth Place was awarded to Alleycat's Drought handled by owner Stan Williamson. He was assigned the third course. During the hour Drought showed independence and intelligence hunting to the front at a forward, ranging pace. He had one game find adjacent to the pond. Drought maintained style and discipline during the flushing process and completed the hour with an extended cast to the front.

Region 5 Amateur All Age Championship 1hr(30S)

J: Jon Small & Harold Gearhart

- 1 - FC CVK'S SPARTAN KING (D), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Cedar Valley Lilly; o Jack Alexander & R. Rankin, h Jack Alexander
- 2 - FC/AFC ROUSTABOUT'S EUSTICE (D), by FC Roustabout's Kid Parker x Super Natural; o Dave Capstick & Tim Self, h Dave Capstick
- 3 - FC/AFC/GFC/GAFC JJ'S LEVI THE LIONHEART (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid x Sandbank Rose; o Joseph B. Williams, h Joe Williams
- 4 - ALLEYCAT'S DROUGHT (D), by FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat x NAFC/FC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister; o/h Stan Williamson

Open All Age Championship

We were honored to have two enthusiastic gentlemen judging this event; Bill Padovano and Gailen Cooper. They were attentive and respectful and their decisions were embraced.

The winner of this completion was awarded to JWB Arctic Cat. She was handled by Tom Tracy and ran in the second brace on the second day of the competition. Breaking away at Little Viney, Kimber started strong and continued through this premier course charging hard to the front. Kimber had two nice finds through the hour with Tom successfully flushing the birds with all in order. Kimber completed the hour with an extended casts demonstrating her stamina. Runner up was directed to Ru-Jem's "Last" Penny. She was handled by Tom Tracy. Penny likes the Sportsman Club running consistently year after year. She ran in the second brace in the afternoon, on the first course. She started off strong extending through the open long fields towards the double gates. She scored two finds the first occurring on the second cross tree line past the double gates. Here a small covey of quail was flushed – Penny maintained her manners and posture and all was well. The second find occurred along the right tree line in the field approaching horse killer hill. A single quail emerged at Tom's urging with the dog holding fast. Penny finished the hour to the front across the plateau and Sycamore Valley. Third place went to Roustabout Eustace handled by Dave Capstick. He ran on the third course the afternoon of the second day. "T" ran a very consistent race maneuvering the open fields displaying range, ground speed and intelligent hunting instincts. He was seen pointing along the fence beyond the road crossing and Dave handled the flush with no indiscretions. He finished the hour consistent to the front. The judges awarded fourth place to HeHi's Slim Chipley handled by Bob Burchett starting on the first course on the first day. He started out in an acceptable manner and finished the hour in a moderate and consistent pattern. Slim located game on one occasion and handled the find with manners consistent with the standards required in a championship competition.



Front L-R: Tommy Thomas w/ CVK's Spartan King, Dave Capstick w/ Roustabout's Eustice, Joe Williams w/ JJ's Levi the Lion Heart, Stan Williamson w/ Alleycat's Drought
Standing L-R: Tom Jagielski, Jerry McGee, Ray Trimble, Ed Janulis, Harold Gearhart (judge) and Jon Small (judge)

Prairie State Open All Age Championship



Front L-R: Tom Tracy w/ JWB Artic Cat, Stan Williamson w/ Ru-Jem's Last Penny, Dave Capstick w/Roustabout's Eustice
 Standing L-R: Gailen Cooper (judge), Ed Janulis, Jerry McGee, Bill Padovano (judge)

His early race was good, hitting all the right places, but shortened up toward the end of the hour. Rounding out the placements was Starlight's Mercury Out Ryder, handled by Bob Burchett. Ryder ran in the 9th brace, and broke away at the bottom of Apple Tree Hill. He scored finds at 9 at the top of the hill of Little Vine Loop, at 29 by the pond at the end of Sycamore Bottom, at 34 southeast of the Double Barns, and at 55 on the west side of the Bull Pasture. His race was not as consistent as that of the top 3 dogs.



Prairie State Open All Age Championship Grand Open Limited All Age 1hr(29S)

J: Bill Padovano & Gailen Cooper

- 1 - FC JWB ARTIC CAT (B), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Chancey's Frozen Asset; o Jack & Crystal Alexander, h Tom Tracy
- 2 - 2XNAFC/GFC/AFC RU-JEM'S "LAST" PENNY (B), by FC Trademark's ATM x Red Bud Zipper; o Jerry & R. McGee, h Tom Tracy
- 3 - FC/AFC ROUSTABOUT'S EUSTICE (D), by FC Roustabout's Kid Parker x Super Natural; o Dave Capstick & Tim Self, h Dave Capstick
- 4 - FC HEHI'S SLIM CHIPLEY (D), by Biebel's Huckleberry Huck x Rebel Jac's Kentucky Flyer; o Matthew Healey, h Bob Burchett

Open Shooting Dog Championship

The judges for this event were two well-known gentlemen Mike Poehler and Ken Windom. It was excited to be able to run this event this year – last year it had to be canceled due to an ice storm.

First place was awarded to a consistent winner, Hope's Chief of Crosscreek handled by Bob Burchett. Chief, no stranger to the winner's podium, ran on course 1 in the first brace of the second day. He put down an intelligent race, hitting all the right objectives, holding his edges, making good use of the wind, and carding four very stylish finds at 19 just past the double gates, at 28 at the far end of Davis Bottom, and 42 at the base of Fox Hill and again at 49 at the top of Fox Hill. Runner up was given to Roustabouts All In handled by Tom Tracy. AI, also ran on course 1, in the first brace of the stake. He too ran a strong, forward race, hitting the edges of the course and scoring a find at 20 in Davis Bottom. Third place went to Sniksoh Hank's Hatch, owned and handled by Adam Freeman. Hatch ran in brace 11, also on course 1. He had 3 stylish finds, at 12, along the tree line just past the first creek crossing, at 17 at the entrance to Davis Bottom, and at 42 at the top of Fox Hill.

Prairie State Open Shooting Dog Championship



Front - L-R: Tommy Thomas w/ Hope's Chief of Crosscreek, Tom Tracy w/ Roustabouts All In, Travis Shuller w/Sniksoh Hank's Hatch, Bob Burchett w/ Starlight's Mercury Out Ryder
 Standing L-R: Mike Poehler (judge), Ken Windom (judge), Adam Freeman, Ed Janulis, Jerry McGee and Drew Fedak

Prairie State Open Shooting Dog Championship Grand Open Limited Gun Dog 1hr(19S)

J: Mike Poehler & Ken Windom

- 1 - NGDC/GFC/DC HOPES CHIEF OF CROSSCREEK (D), by CH Hope's Ranger Rick x Sanbar Crosscreek Play By Play; o Barbara & Wayne Pepin & Bob West, h Bob Burchett
- 2 - FC ROUSTABOUT ALL IN (D), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Cedar Valley Lily; o Bo Ackerman, h Tom Tracy
- 3 - SNIKSOH HANK'S HATCH (D), by GFC/FC/AFC Sniksoh Spank's Hank x Sniksoh Boomers Babe; o/h Adam Freeman
- 4 - DC/GFC/ STARLIGHT'S MERCURY OUT RYDER (D), by DC/ AFC Timberline Strait To The Point x FC Rubyridge's Million Dollar Babe; o Teresa Richmond, h Bob Burchett

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

By L. R. Bates

Robert Wilson, a Nobel Prize winning physicist, worked on the Manhattan project which developed the first atomic bombs. Frank Chesky, a Brittany owner, was a founding member of the Hoosier Brittany Club and the LaSalle Brittany Club. The two met 51 years ago at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. Wilson was the first Director in charge of building the largest scientific instrument ever made. Chesky owned a construction company contracted to construct the cooling ponds around the accelerator ring.

The two men often met for coffee. One thing they had in common was horses. Wilson grew up in Wyoming and was a cowboy in his early days. Chesky owned Pasofino show horses including one that he purchased in Argentina. He flew it up to Chicago, rode in the cargo bay with it and turned it into a National Champion. One morning, Robert Wilson asked Frank Chesky, "Frank, what can I do for you?" Frank knew that the fields at Fermi Lab were loaded with pheasants. His answer was easy. "You can let me train my bird dogs off of horseback." Wilson replied, "The place is yours."

Fermi Lab sits on 7000 acres about 40 miles west of Chicago. Restored grassland, agricultural fields, a small buffalo herd, and cooling ponds surround the scientific facilities. An "open to the public" philosophy attracts bikers, hikers, dog trainers, and sight seers. The main building is Wilson Hall, shaped like a pair of hands in prayer, rising 16 stories from the prairie. An atrium rises from the lobby to the top of the building, with glassed-in offices visible on both sides. From the observation deck you can look down on the accelerator ring, a perfect circle four miles in circumference, covered by a mound of dirt excavated from the cooling ponds. Many think the mound is there to prevent radiation leakage, but that's not the case. According to Nobel Laureate Leon Lederman, the second director of Fermi Lab, Wilson simply wanted people to be able to see his ring. The ring can be seen 300 miles in space by orbiting astronauts.

Frank Chesky trained several fine bird dogs at Fermi, and invited several people to come out and train with him. My field trial mentor, Bill Schreiber, trained there. He always brought a horse for me and also made sure I had one to ride in my early field trial days. Later, he sold me two horses and boarded them.

In 1991, I sold a pup to a young couple. They just wanted a hunting dog. I introduced them to Bill, and soon Bill was bringing another horse as we all trained together at Fermi Lab. To this day, Ed Janulis and I agree that some of the most fun we have had with bird dogs was training

with Bill Schreiber at Fermi. That pup and the brother that I kept went on to earn FC/AFC titles with other 200 placements between them. Ed and Donna bought two horses from Bill and boarded them with him. Also, Bill sold them their second puppy, Hall of Fame dog NFC/DC/AFC Gambler's Ace In The Hole, "Rocky". That first pup that I sold them worked out well for all of us. By meeting Bill, they got into field trials, Rocky has made great contributions to our breed, and Ed became the president of the American Brittany Club.

Thanks to Frank Chesky, many great dogs from many breeds have gotten their start as pups chasing pheasants at Fermi Lab. Also, the quail population returned as we released a lot of birds. They didn't last long because of the fox population, but they sure did turn on the bird-watching population. One time, I rode out from behind a small stand of pine trees and met an excited bird watcher who thought he had just made a rare sighting.

"Bobwhite quail, bobwhite quail," he said as he pointed under the trees.

"I know. I just put him there," I replied.

Fermi Lab has been a great place to teach dogs other things they need to know. As students of animal taxonomy, we know that dogs and deer are classified as mammals. However, in the minds of many dogs, deer are more closely related to electric eels. This lesson was perfectly administered to FC/AFC Jer and Ames Yodie Boy during his formative years. One day, while disappearing into the cattail swamp behind Director Lederman's house, the happy, excited yips of Yodie on deer were changed to a yelp with the push of a single red button from the transmitter in the hands of his owner, Dennis Sullivan. Years later, at Grove Springs, members of the gallery yelled, "deer!" during Yodie's brace. The dog saw the deer and stopping sideways, dead in his tracks, looked skyward as if to say, in the immortal words of Sargent Schultz, "I see nothing." That day, Yodie used his outstanding bird work, his great ground race, and his lesson—well-learned at Fermi Lab—to add his name to the record books as the winner of the ABC Gun Dog Classic.

Frank Chesky, Bill Schreiber, Robert Wilson, and Leon Lederman have all passed on. Fermi Lab no longer allows horseback riding, and the dog training area is much smaller. We still train there, but if your dog goes on point, you may get help flushing from a Poodle, Great Dane, or some other breed, depending on who's exercising their dogs that day. On the positive side, it's always better to make a correction training at Fermi Lab than it would be in a licensed trial!



ABC/Illinois Brittany All Age Championship/Classic



Judy Graves, Field Trial Secretary



For the first time in three years, the Illinois Brittany Championship Association was able to run its trial on the great grounds at Pyramid State Rec. Area on the Captain Unit. We are forever indebted to Grounds Superintendent, Cha Hill, for his willingness to go above and beyond to make our trial run smoothly and rescue dogs which have gone astray.

As always, we are grateful to Nestles' Purina who provides financial support for the trial and their superior dog food which fuels most of our competitors.

In order to have our contestants able to make the trip to Grovespring for the Gr. St. Louis trial, we rearranged the running order. For the first time, our Open stake started midweek with the Derby running on Friday and the Amateur following. We were glad we could make those accommodations.

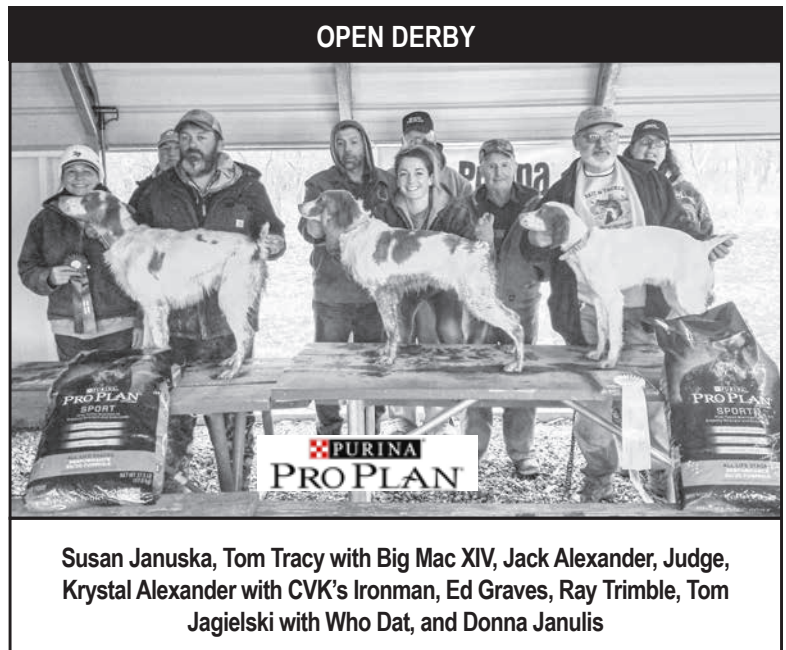
The Grand Limited Open All Age had 25 starters, most of which made bird contact. Professionals Chad Holman and Tom Tracy brought their string of dogs which also allowed their amateur owners to run in the Grand Limited Amateur All Age Championship over the week end. Mark Johnson and Jon Small did the judging honors for the Open and rode through some pretty ugly weather. FC/AFC Driving Miss Daisy II, owned by Burton Wice and Handled by Tom Tracy emerged as the definite Champion. Dave Capstick's Roustabout's Eustace (T) earned the Runner-up spot. Pushing the winners were veteran winner GFC,FC,GAFC,AFC Jj's Levi the Lion Heart (Levi) and Jerry McGee's NAFC,GFC,FC,GAFC,AFC rounded out the winners circle. All four dogs have now qualified (if they weren't already) for the 2020 American Brittany National Championships. Levi & T also go to the American Brittany Amateur National Championship as they were handled by their Amateur owners. A first for the Championship, judges named Ray Trimble with his dog Brendi Brooke Cowboy Up (Tuff) an honorable mention.

Stan Williamson got iced in and was unable to complete his judging assignment for the Open Derby. We are grateful to Jim Lawless who stepped in and joined Jack Alexander to judge this 12 dog stake. These dogs each ran for 45 minutes and showed their all age potential. Big Mac XIV owned by Susan Januschka who drove from Wisconsin to watch Tom Tracy guide him to the win was the hands down favorite. All of the placed dogs show great potential as they reach adulthood. We welcomed newcomer Bob Bakas as he ran his Derby, Henry, and hope he returns.

15 dogs came to the line for the Grand Limited Amateur All Age Championship. Jim Lawless and Rodger Fiorito enjoyed good weather and good dogs to watch! Jack Alexander went home happy

owning and handling both the Champion JWB Artic Cat (Kimber) and the runner-up Champion CVK's Sparton King (Leo). Father & daughter (Crystal) made an unstoppable team. Once again Joe Williams rounded out the winners circle with Levi placing 3rd and Raleigh 4th. Thus starts a new season of field trials.

You can't run a trial without volunteers. Many thanks to Dave Capstick, Jerry McGee, Ed & Judy Graves, Donna Janulis Ray & Mary Jo Trimble and Chad Holman for all their help. Dave even enlisted his daughters Amy & Julie to use his rig to pick up judges at the end of the day. As the saying goes, It does take a village – and the village of Brittany Field Trialers is super.



Susan Januska, Tom Tracy with Big Mac XIV, Jack Alexander, Judge, Krystal Alexander with CVK's Ironman, Ed Graves, Ray Trimble, Tom Jagielski with Who Dat, and Donna Janulis

Open Derby 45min(12S)

J: Jack Alexander & Jim Lawless

- 1 - BIG MAC XIV (D), by NFC/NAFC/GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC Glade Run Irish x TMR's White Irish Rose; o Susan Januschka, h Tom Tracy
- 2 - GANGSTER JEZABELLE (B), by Gun Greek Gangster x Gun Creek Whizki; o Donovan & Beth Markiewicz, h Chad Holman
- 3 - CVK'S IRONMAN (D), by GFC/FC Maxwell's Prickly Pete x Dakota Sage; o Rich O'Conner, h Tom Tracy
- 4 - JAGOUR'S WHODAT SAY WHODAT WHEN I SAY WHODAT (B), by NFC/NAFC/GFC/FC/AFC Glade Run Irish x Jagoub's Spell Caster; o Debra & Tom Jagielski, h Tom Tracy

Grand Amateur Limited All Age



Donna Janulis with JWB Artic Cat, Tom Jagielski with CVK's Sparton King, Ed Janulis, Joe Williams with GFC,FC,GAFC,AFC Jj's Levi the Lion Heart, Jim Lawless, Judge, and Dave Capstick with JoWill's Sir Walter Raleigh.

**Illinois Amateur Brittany Championship
Grand Amateur Limited All Age 1hr(15S)**

J: Jim Lawless & Rodger Fiorito

- 1 - JWB ARTIC CAT (B), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Chancey's Frozen Asset; o Jack & crystal Alexander, h Jack Alexander
- 2 - FC CVK'S SPARTON KING (D), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Cedar Valley Lilly; o Jack Alexander & R. Rankin, h Jack Alexander
- 3 - GFC/FC/GAFC/AFC JJ LEVI THE LIONHEART (D), by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid x Sandbank Rose; o/h Joe Williams
- 4 - JOWILL'S SIR WALTER RALEIGH (D), by GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC Jj's Levi The Lionheart x Maggie's Blind Heat; o/h Joe Williams



Grand Open Limited All Age



Jerry McGee with NAFC,GFC,FC,GAFC,AFC Ru-Jem's "Last Penny", Joe Williams with GFC,FC,GAFC,AFC Jj's Levi the Lion Heart, Mark Johnson, Judge, Dave Capstick with Roustabout's Eustace, Terry Trzcinski, Purina Rep, Tom Tracy with winner FD/AFC Driving Miss Daisy II

**Illinois Brittany Championship
Grand Open Limited All Age 1hr(26S)**

J: Mark Johnson & Jon Small

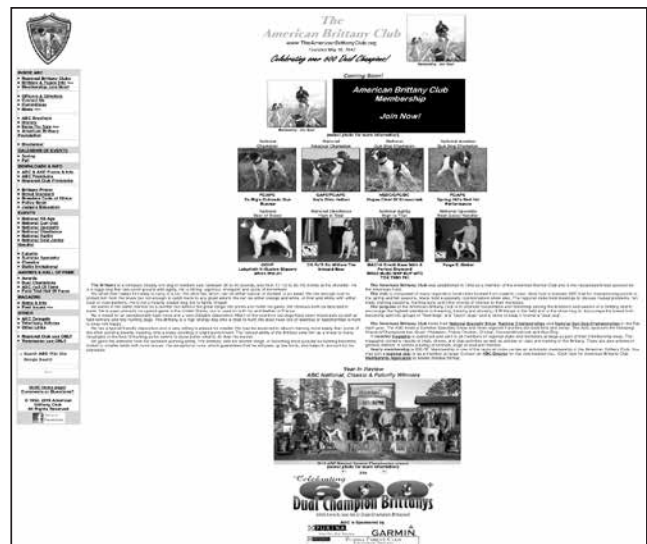
- 1 - GFC/FC/AFC DRIVING MISS DAISY II (B), by County Line Ace's High x Famous Chick; o Burton Wice, h Tommy Tracy
- 2 - ROUSTABOUT'S EUSTACE (D), by FC Roustabout's Kid Parker x Super Natural; o Dave Capstick & Tim Self, h Dave Capstick
- 3 - GFC/FC/GAFC/AFC JJ'S LEVI THE LION HEART (D), by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid x Sandbank Rose; o/h Joe Williams
- 4 - NAFC/GFC/FC/GAFC/AFC RU-JEM'S "LAST" PENNY (B), by FC Trademark's ATM x Red Bud Zipper; o Ruth & Jerry McGee, h Tommy Tracy

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From the Desk of the President

~ Ed Janulis

First I need to stress the need for everyone to work hard on preserving your health during this Covid-19 Pandemic. I am not even sure at what “stage” the country and individual states will be at in regard to “re-opening” activities and the state the country and local areas will be at concerning the Covid-19 status but we need to keep SAFETY as the top priority.

With this being said, we have no idea if the country and local areas will be “open” for Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Agility and other competitions. The current position of the ABC is to plan and prepare for all these activities depending on what the “status” of the country is and what adjustments will need to be made to execute these events. Here (below) is a copy of AKC’s current guidelines for conducting AKC sponsored events. This may be modified in the coming months but, for now, it is the guidelines. (See end)

The Board of Directors had a meeting on April 15th to discuss four issues. They included the following:

*Status of Covid-19 Pandemic – At that point in time there were more unknowns and the country was still developing its strategy – therefore we agreed to continue to monitor the situation and re-group as necessary.

- National Qualifications – The Board decided and voted favorably in modifying the qualifications for the 2020 National Championships only. (Gun Dog and All Age) in the following manner.

2019 National Amateur and Open (All Age and Gun Dog) Championship qualified dogs are qualified for 2020 National Championships.

Please refer to the web site for more specifics and details on these qualification changes. Also these changes are only in effect for this year’s Championships. Any qualifications for next year will be discussed and determined at the 2020 Board of Directors meeting in November.

- National Schedule – There was discussion on possibly changing the order of running (Amateur All Age, Open All Age, Open Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog) in Booneville this year but it was decided by the board to defer any action pending discussion at the BOD meeting in November 2020.

- 3 Point Rule Update – This is the AKC Rule that stated:

EXCEPT THAT a Brittany shall not be recorded a Field Champion unless it has won a 3 point or better Open Gun Dog, Open All Age, Open Limited Gun Dog, or Open Limited All Age Stake in a licensed or member field trial held by a Brittany Club

This rule was voted upon at the BOD meeting in November 2019 and the decision was to abolish the rule. See Below.

Motion 7: Motion by M Brown second J Hammett: Move for the ABC to recommend to the AKC to remove the required condition of awarding a FC/AFC only to those Brittany’s who have a 3 point or better major under Open & Amateur FC/AFC (OGD, AGD, OAA, AAA, OLGD, ALGD, OLAA, ALAA Stake*) in a licensed or member field trial held by a Brittany Club.

In early 2020 I started to receive correspondence from people objecting to this Motion happening. Therefore, due to my injury and the growing concern on Covid-19 I asked AKC to place a “Hold” on changing this rule. I knew that once completed, getting it reversed would not be possible in the future. I spent February, March and early April reviewing this ruling. What I concluded was the following: ABC has a problem – there is not enough transparency on things occurring in ABC and there is not enough communication between clubs and the National Group including the Board of Directors.

We need to create some additional transparency within the club. I don’t place a blame on anyone on this I think we (ABC) may need to accelerate a little more use of electronic means of communication to improve timeliness of communication. We will be working on this going forward.

Returning to the 3 Point Rule change what I determined in my mind is there were a lot of people interested in this rule both pro and con. However, it was presented and voted upon at the BOD meeting following Roberts Rules of Order and there is nowhere in the Policy Manual that allows the President to overrule this motion. Therefore, while my thoughts are “The change to the 3 point rule is not good for the American Brittany Club but is good for many members of the American Brittany

Club and that I had no authority to rescind this rule. I informed AKC to remove the “hold” placed on it – AKC has completed the process and the rule change will take effect in August.

An area I need help on in the near future is the following: Bob Fleury, will be stepping down as Chairman / Editor for the American Brittany Magazine at the end of 2020. I want to personally Thank Bob for bringing his knowledge and experience to the Board and his hard work in keeping the magazine working in an efficient manner. Anyone interested in becoming the new Chairman/Editor of the Magazine, please contact me. For specific job requirements, please refer to the Policy Manual Section 3 – Magazine – and Magazine Committee Duties.

The American Brittany Club also needs a volunteer to lead the Committee, as the Chairperson for the “Dog of the Year”. To learn the responsibilities of this position please refer to the Policy Manual ABC Dog of the Year Awards, page 149. Anyone willing to take on this position please contact me.

We also have a number of other positions open and committees that could also use some additional help. Please refer to the website under the header “Inside ABC” scroll down to “Committees”. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are curious on specifics refer to the Policy Manual or feel free to call me or one of the board members listed in the magazine.

I would also encourage our members to submit candidates for ABC Hall of Fame (Distinguished Members) and Young Sportsman Scholarship. Currently we have 2 nominees for the ABC Hall of Fame and 1 nominee for the Young Sportsman Scholarship.

This year is going to be the most challenging time that the country and world has ever experienced since World War II. Right now there are more unknowns to deal with little answers. The ABC will continue to monitor events and changes on a continuing basis. We will keep “Safety” as a top priority but right now we are moving forward with all our scheduled events. We will make adjustments as needed as time and status determines. The Board of Directors is scheduled to meet on August 4th. The emphasis of this meeting will be to discuss what the current situation is and what the future looks like.

Please be SAFE in all activities and hope to see many of you in the early fall.

As a final note: my injury has continued to persist. However I continue to show improvement and hopefully will be returning to the Field Trial scene in full force this fall. Wish me luck or continue to pray for me – it has been a long time.

Sincerely,
Ed Janulis

President – American Brittany Club



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Send article to:

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2020 ABC Garmin Shooting Dog Award

Please join ABC in congratulating owner, Tom Ettinger, and FC Just Call Me Eli in winning the 2020 Garmin Shooting Dog Award. Eli is a product of Just Call Me Roy X One Off Champagne Charlee. Handled by Professional Trainer, Kyle Merrill. Eli placed in 5 of the 11 Open Shooting Dog hour events, comprising this year's award program.

2020 Garmin Open Shooting Dog Award -- Placement Summary

Dog	Trial	Placement	Month	Owner	Handler	Starters	Points
Just Call Me Eli	Nat'l Open Gun Dog Chmp	3	October	Tom Ettinger	Kyle Merrill	47	188
	New England Brittany OSD Chmp	1	October	Tom Ettinger	Kyle Merrill	15	120
	SOB Shooting Dog Classic	2	Jan	Tom Ettinger	Kyle Merrill	18	108
	Tarheel Brittany Club - 1HR OGD	2	Feb	Tom Ettinger	Kyle Merrill	18	108
	Southeastern Brittany Club	3	January	Tom Ettinger	Kyle Merrill	21	84
Just Call Me Eli Total							608

A portrait of Eli, by artist Lawrence Snyder of Ponte Vedra FL, will be presented to the owner during the Garmin Award's dinner at this fall's National Gun Dog Championship in Booneville Arkansas.

Thanks to everyone that participated in this year's Garmin Shooting Dog events and best of luck in the coming season.

The final tabulation of points for all dogs placing in the 2019-2020 program can be found on the ABC website.

<http://www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org/Awards/ShootingDog/2020.htm>

Bret Lindback

Garmin Shooting Dog Award Coordinator

Field Trials

EAST CENTRAL

OHIO
Tri-Valley
Dresden, OH
March 14-15, 2020

Open Puppy (4S)

J: Dan Rein & Louis Palazzolo

- 1 - KEYSTONE GROUSEPOINT BUCKLE UP BUTTERCUP (B), VIZ
- 2 - SHOOTOUT SENSATION (D), VIZ
- 3 - KEYSTONE GROUSE POINT HOLD MY BEER (D), VIZ
- 4 - BLACK CREEK'S FREE AGENT (D), by Black Creek Comeback Kid x Black Creek Hammerin Jac; o/h Ronald Harling

Open Derby (6S)

J: Dan Rein & Louis Palazzolo

- 1 - DIAMOND HILL DANGEROUS DARK SIDE (B), by Magnums High Velocity x Copley's Dangerous Three Oli Martini; o Lisa & Paul Pollock, h Pollock
- 2 - FIELDMASTER'S AGAINST THE WIND (D), GSP
- 3 - JOWILL'S DUTCHES OF DESTINY (B), by Maxwell Prickly Pete x Dakota Sage; o/h Joseph Williams
- 4 - BLACK CREEK'S HAMMERIN HELLION (B), by Black Creek Blaze x Black Creek's Hammering Jac; o/h Elizabeth Sickle

Amateur Gun Dog (13S)

J: Dan Rein & Louis Palazzolo

- 1 - CH WAYPOINT DEACON OF THE HUNT SH (D), by Waypoint Chancey Diamond Riker x GCH/CH Ammo's Arms Deal; o/h Thom Christnagel
- 2 - NC MAGNUM HIGH VELOCITY (D), by High Hopes Tiger Jack x High Hopes Dot's Original Spice; o/h Vince Anderson
- 3 - EMMA XXXV JH (B), GSP
- 4 - DIAMOND HILL SONSHINE AND WHISKEY (D), by NAC Jake's Son Of A Gunrunner x Diamond Hill Get a Bird Dixie; o Lisa & Paul Pollock, h Lisa Pollock

Open Gun Dog (21S)

J: Ron Harling & Paul Rosevear

- 1 - COOS TRIPLE SIX (D), by Rylees Rolling Thunder Of Coos x Ruby Mountain Of Coos; o Brent & Marcia Rupnow, h John Perry
- 2 - ORLANDO'S HAZE VON GREIF (B), GSP
- 3 - DIAMOND HILL DANGEROUS ODDS (D), by Diamond Hill Dangerous Weapon x Diamond Hill Sunshine And Whiskey; o Lisa & Paul Pollock, h Lisa Pollock

- 4 - BLAZE'N BY YOU TOO (D), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Decan's Uncontained Blaz; o/h James Winnen

Amateur All Age (13S)

J: Justin Allen & Rich Pristov

- 1 - HIGH VELOCITY COPPER MAGNUM (D), by High Hopes Dark Night x High Hopes Dot's Original Sp; o/h Vince Anderson
- 2 - FC T J'S BLACK DIAMOND (D), by Shadow Attack x Sniksoh Tequila Caliente; o John & Joan Perry, h John Perry
- 3 - FC/AFC MARJO'S FILLE DE LA BRETAGNE (B), by Hit's For Pete's Sake x Marjo's Cruzan Rovani; o Robert Goldman, h John Perry
- 4 - Withheld

Open All Age (15S)

J: Justin Allen & Rich Pristov

- 1 - ROUSTABOUT LIL PUMPKIN (B), by JJ's Levi The Lionheart x Cedar Valley Lilly; o/h Paul Rosevear
- 2 - FC SNIKSOH BOOM'S BABY BE GOOD (B), by Sniksoh Free Boy x Sniksoh Izzy Does It; o/h James Winnen
- 3 - ORLANDO'S HAZE VON GREIF (B), GSP
- 4 - MOLLY MAE ALEXANDER (B), by Maxwell's Outer Limit's x Chancey's Frozen Assets; o Ralph Alexander, h Jack Alexander

Region 4 Grand Limited Amateur All Age

The Ohio Brittany club the hosted 2020 Region 4 Brittany Amateur All Age championship along with its weekend trial at the Tri-Valley Wildlife area in Dresden Ohio from March 12-15 2020; this would be the last trial of the spring held at Tri-Valley as Governor Mike DeWine began closing down the state in an effort to

flatten the curve of this virus.

The weather this March was very nice for spring in Ohio and we had sunshine and overcast conditions all four days with the temperature reaching the mid 50's each day. ODNR did a controlled burn last fall and planted a feed stripe around the east end of the course leaving a wide-open field to finish your dog at power's being.

This year's Championship was held under the watchful eyes of returning judge Cliff Mesnard of Ohio and Jim Winnen of PA. Coming off a major win at the US Brittany Championship this year's champion JWB's ARCTIC CAT (Kimber) owner/handled by Jack and Crystal Alexander did not disappoint with three well located, stylish finds and a powerful finish going out of sight at time. Runner Up Champion, CVK's SPARTAN KING (Leo) handled by Jack Alexander owner Jack Alexander and Dr Robert Rankin had two stylish finds and a strong finish.

Thank you to all who participated in this event from near and far, our Pros and their clients, those that helped with all the work, our judges, the ODNR for the continued improvements to the grounds, Purina for your support.

Region 4 Grand Limited All Age

Grand Limited All Age 1hr(20S)

J: Jim Winnen & Cliff Mesnard

- 1 - FC JWB ARTIC CAT (B), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Chancey's Frozen Assets; o Jack & Crystal Alexander, h Jack Alexander
- 2 - FC/AFC CVK'S SPARTAN KING (D), by Maxwell's Outer Limits x Cedar Valley Lilly; o Jack Alexander & Bob Rankin, Jack Alexander
- 3 - NAFC/GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC RU-JEM'S LAST PENNY (B), by Trademarks ATM x Red Bud Zipper; o Ruth & Jerry McGee, h Tony Gioviale



- 4- TJ'S BLACK DIAMOND (D), by Shadow Attack x Sniksoh Tequila Caliente; o John & Joan Perry, h John Perry

MIDWEST

SOUTHERN KANSAS

Oliver Ranch

Eureka, KS

March 13-15, 2020

Open Puppy (12S)

J: **Trey Baer & Rick Hastig**

- 1- ANJ'S GEORGIA HELLION (D), by NAAFC/GFAC/FC/AFC Anj's Ohio Hellion x Sparkle Anne Shyne; o Mike Poehler, h Bob Burchett
- 2- TRASA'S DAKOTA STORMY SKIES (B), by FC Dakota copper Nickle x AFC Trasa's Little Sky Dancer; o Trasa Shinpoch & Ben Kuykendall, h Trasa Shinpoch
- 3- MAKE IT MY LIL CLASSIC MUSTANG (B), by Willie Makeit x MK's My Lil Classic; o/h Harlene G. Hoyt
- 4- SUGAR SWEET WHIZKI (D), by DC/GFC/AFC Trace Of Bourbon With Diamonds x Dottie LOA Whizki Nick Sugar; o Phil Witter, h Bob Burchett

Open Derby (20S)

J: **Trasa Shinpoch & Rick Hastings**

- 1- TNT'S HANDSOME HARRY (D), by GFC/FC Whiskey's Little Tip x CH TNT's Queen Of Comedy; o Linda & Tommy Thomas, h Tommy Thomas
- 2- TURNING POINTS LIKE A ROCK (B), by DC Turning Points Ladnslide DJ x DCTurning Points Shenanigans; o Julie Nelson, h Bob Burchett
- 3- JET TEXAS (D), by FC/AFC Highpoint Blazin' Lamont x Highpoint Spike's Southern Gal; o John Murchison, Trey Baer
- 4- FROSTY MEADOW'S RAMBLIN' MAN (D), by Frosty Meadow's Sundance Casanova x Lamont's Cotton Caney; o Amy & Nathan Hopper, h Amy Hopper

Amateur Gun Dog (13S)

J: **Craig Rucker & Tom Wyn**

- 1- DC STRAIGHT ARROW QUIVER (D), by Beaver's Straight Arrow x True Grits Baked Alaska; o Richard Allen & Mary Amanda Beaver, h Richard A. Beaver
- 2- BAMAJAMA WILLY'S SASSY SADIE (B), by Hope's Chief Of Crosscreek x Wild Mtn's Midnight Rendezvous; o/h Mitch Sims



JAZZ EM UP ARROW

Open Gun Dog (40S)

J: **Trey Baer & Tom Wynn**

- 1- DC JAZZ EM UP ARROW (D), by DC Sanbar's Legendary Evening x CH Sanbar's Cross Creek Tell Me A Story; o/h Rick Hastings
- 2- CH CROSSCREEK SOVEREIGN POP-A-TOP (D), by DC/AFC Hope's Tap-A-Keg x CH Sovereign's Legendary Chocolate; o Barbara Pepin & Dawn & Joe Droel, h Bob Burchett
- 3- DC/GFC STARLIGHT'S MERCURY OUT RYDER (D), by DC/AFC Timberline Strait To The Point x FC Rubyridge Million Dollar Babe; o Teresa Richmond, h Bob Burchett
- 4- DC STRAIGHT ARROW QUIVER (D), by Beaver's Straight Arrow x True Grits Baked Alaska; o Richard Allen & Mary Amanda Beaver, h Richard A. Beaver



ANJ'S OHIO HELLION

Open All Age (28S)

J: **Brooks Carmichael & Don Kimble**

- 1- BLAZEN E-Z MAC (D), by Gun Runner's Ima Hunk x AFC Kid's Little Ann; o Steven Ralph, h Bob Burchett
- 2- FC SKF MISS CHEAP BOURBON WHISKEY (B), by FC/AFC Firestarter's Crossed The Line x SKF Little Miss Beretta JH; o Kelly & Steven Foster & Herb Rea, h Steven Foster
- 3- GFC/FC/AFC MK'S MY LIL AMMO (B), by Sniksoh Free Boy x Chief's Nubbin's My Lil Lady; o Nick Blasi, h Scott Johnson
- 4- NAFC/GAFC/FC/AFC ANJ'S OHIO HELLION (D), by DC/AFC Grand Junction Jake x FC/AFC High Hopes Little Ann; o Mike & Stacy Poehler, h Bob Burchett

Region 17 Amateur All Age Championship

Thank you to the Southern Kansas Brittany Club for hosting the Region 17 AAA Championship and Purina for serving as a sponsor of the event once again this year. Thanks also to our well-experienced judges, Brooks Carmichael and Stan Truksa. The Championship was held on the Oliver Ranch, owned by Bill and Mary Lynn Oliver in the beautiful Flint Hills of southeast Kansas. The Southern Kansas Brittany Club is honored to be able to run on these super grounds.

The weather was cool with overcast skies. Brace one of the championship broke away at 8:23 a.m. Friday, March 13, 2020. Day one six braces were run, leaving four to complete the following day. Day two of the running was delayed due to fog and damp, cool temperatures. When skies were clear enough to run the judged headed to the breakaway for the running of the remaining braces of the championship. Placings for the Championship are as follows: first place honors were given to Tequila Scorcher "Lincoln", handed by Richard Beaver in the seventh brace. Second place honors went to Arrow's Tequila Rustler "Rusty", also handed by Beaver, running in the fourth brace. Third place was awarded to Sniksoh Little Diamond "Kate", handed by Bruce Heiter in the second brace. Jazz Em Up Arrow followed with fourth place honors handled by Rick Hastings.

The Running:

Brace 1: High Point Spike's Southern Gal (Baer) and Sniksoh Little Diamond (Heiter). High Point Spike's Southern Gal had her first clean find at 9:30, a second find at 22:13 and a pick up at 5 for a breach of manners. Sniksoh Little Diamond's first find was at 29:04 along the edge of the "bowl" on a relocation with a stop to flush. Another find at 35 minutes again with a relocation and with manners held staunchly. Rolling on with a fourth find at 47 minutes along a draw just before going on top of the prairie, at the top of the hill was another excellent point. At 55 minutes on top of the open prairie another point was established with a gentle approach and held with honor. Time was called with a good run that included skilled application.

Brace 2: Ocaje (Gowin) and Alar's Dirty Dancer (Blasi). Ocaje broke away running along the brim of the hill and broke wide to the right following a line with a nice find at 12 minutes. She was later out of pocket and tracker was pulled. Alar's Dirty Dancer's first find was at 23 minutes and with good manners, ranging on to the next point at 43 minutes again with loyal manners and finished the hour.

Brace 3: MK's My Lil Ammo (Blasi) and SKF Miss Cheap Bourbon Whiskey (Foster). Early on in the brace MK's My Lil Ammo was picked up due to failure to back. At 27 minutes Miss Cheap Bourbon Whiskey was picked up by the advisement of the judges.

Brace 4: Arrow's Tequila Rustler (Beaver) and

Jazz-Em-Up Arrow (Hastings). At 21 minutes Arrow's Tequila Rustler went on point, relocation resulted in a non-productive. At 37 minutes point was called, bird flushed, manners honored. He covered the area well and with impressive application. Jazz-Em-Up Arrow ran an inspiring brace with a find at 38 minutes along a ridge. At 56 minutes he was standing on point, a non-event was taken (feathers).

Brace 5: A Trace of Bourbon With Diamonds (Hastings) and MK's Magnificent Bandito (Kitchen). A Trace of Bourbon with Diamonds was missing at 23 minutes, tracker pulled. Tracker was pulled as MK's Magnificent Bandito was also missing.

Brace 6: She's Outa Control (Gerardy) and Wiyanna (Gowin). She's Outa Control was lost at 40 minutes. Wiyanna was making an impressive run with a find wide to right at 14 minutes, birds produced manners held. Another find at the top of the hill just before going across the top of the prairie, tiny creeping steps were taken while waiting for the handler to flush.

Brace 7: Anj's Ohio Hellion (Poehler) and Tequila Scorcher (Beaver). ANJ's Ohio Hellion was lost at 30 minutes and tracker pulled. Tequila Scorcher's first point was under a cedar tree. Handler relocated, then took the dog on. At 35 minutes he was on point again with manners being held nicely. Tequila Scorcher ran with impressiveness, application and natural ability.

Brace 8: Willie Makeit (Gerardy) and SS Rigs Colorado Gun Runner (Milam). Both dogs lost after breakaway.

Brace 9: Almaden's Under Lock and Key (Blasi) and Sniksoh Hank's Hatch (Freeman).



L-R: Richard Beaver with Champion Tequila Scorcher (Lincoln), Reporter Harlene Johnson, Tom Milam with RU Champion Arrow's Tequila Rustler (Rusty), Trial Chairman Scott Johnson, Judge Brooks Carmichael, Nick Blasi with Sniksoh Little Diamond(Kate), Matt Harris, Rick Hastings with Jazz Em Up Arrow (Arrow), Trey Baer, not pictured Judge Stan Truksa.

Almaden's Under Lock and Key was lost about midway through the hour. Sniksoh Hank's Hatch had a non-productive at 14 minutes and then was lost shortly afterward.

Brace 10: Crescent City Girl (Steinmetz) and Chief's Cross Plain's Copper Breeze (Rucker). Crescent City Girl had a find with relocation at 25. The tracker was required to find Chief's Cross Plain's Copper Breeze.

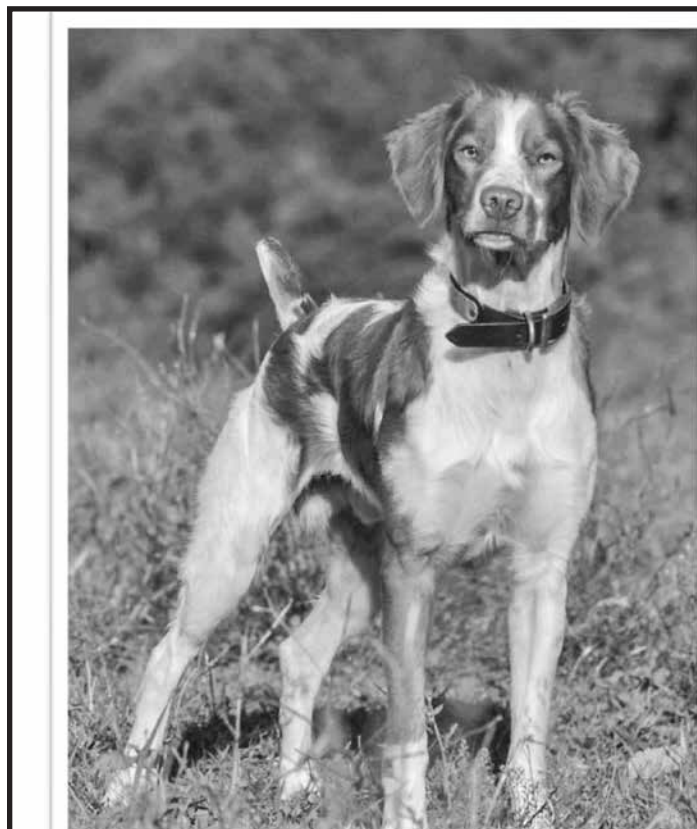
Grand Amateur Limited All Age 1hr(20S)

J: Brooks Carmichael & Stan Truksa

- 1 - GFC/DC/AFC TEQUILA SCORCHER (D), by DC Almaden's River Of Shadows x DC/AFC Tequila

With A Twist; o Charles B. Crain, h Richard Beaver

- 2 - DC/AFC ARROW'S TEQUILA RUSTLER (D), by Beaver's Straight Arrow x Runner's Tequila Rose; o Sandy Becker, h Richard Beaver
- 3 - GFC/FC SNIKSOH LITTLE DIAMOND (B), by FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x Diamond Hill's Magical Mollie; o Tom H. & Jane L. Wonderling, h Bruce Heiter
- 4 - DC JAZZ EM UP ARROW (D), by DC Sanbar's Legendary Evening x CH Sanbar's Cross Creek Tell Me A Story; o/h Rick Hastings



**NAFC/4xCH/GAFC/FC/AFC
ANJ'S Ohio Hellion**

- 2019 Nebraska OAA Champion
- 2018 National Amateur Champion
- 2018 Region 4 AAA Champion
- 2018 International AAA Champion
- 2017 International AAA Ch. 3rd

Sire: DC/AFC Grand Junction Jake
Dam: NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hope's Little Ann

OFA Good/Elbows/DNA Profiled
Born 11/18/2014

Natural backing and retrieving

Trained & Campaigned by Bob Burchett
Owner/Handler Mike Poehler
(847) 207-3010
Stud Fee: \$1000

Using Birds in Training

By Rick Smith & Sharon Potter

There's no questioning the truth that it takes birds to make a bird dog. But just how do we do that in today's world, where concrete and subdivisions keep crowding into open land,, and we're juggling work and family obligations and don't have a great deal of space to train? Some people send their dogs to a pro trainer who has access to ground and birds, and get a trained dog back. Others will do what's called "day training" with a pro – taking their dog and paying to have the pro work with them and their dogs and then practicing at home. Some folks will join a hunt club, where they can use the land and buy birds; others will find space to train on, be it from a farmer or public land, and purchase birds to raise and use for training. No matter how you do it, birds are a necessity.

How do we introduce birds? Here's how not to do it: the "wing on a string," where puppies are allowed to see and often point a bird wing attached to a string or fishing pole. This is fun to watch and best serves our purpose when the puppies chase the wing and want to catch it and pounce on it. It develops – or at least indicates – a desire for game and feathers. Letting them pick it up and carry it around is also a good thing. What we don't want to do is continue to play with the wing once a pup has pointed it a time or two. Continuing after that first cute puppy point will teach the dog to sight point or feel the need to see something before pointing, so put the wing away permanently.

We want our dogs – puppies or adults – to find and point birds using their noses and to stop on that first scent. A dog that has learned by repetition to sight point will first smell the bird and then want to get close enough to verify by seeing it. Problem is, if the dog can see the bird, the bird can see the dog and isn't going to wait around to see what happens next. That means a loss of a shot opportunity for us.

So how can we teach our dogs to use their noses and smell? We need training birds. Pigeons are an excellent choice for several reasons. They are plentiful and inexpensive, anywhere from

free to a couple dollars for barn pigeons. Pigeons are hardy birds and strong fliers, which minimizes the chance of a dog catching one. And most of all, they give off a lot of scent. You can pick

up pigeons at swap meets, from local farmers who are usually thrilled to get them out of their barns and silos, and at online marketplaces like Craigslist. They're easy to keep, and even generic barn pigeons will return to their home coop when released in the same area once they've been acclimated. Another plus to pigeons is that we aren't going to hunt them, so as we train and make corrections, the smell of the pigeon isn't going to relate to real gamebirds when it's time to make the switch.

If you're training on your own, there are a few tools that really make the process better. A remote bird launcher or two is a huge asset because it give you a way to simulate a bird that has been pressured and flies off. For example, if your dog acts birdy and has scent but them starts to move and creep in to get closer, you can launch the bird and show the dog that moving after getting scent will make the bird fly off. A remote launcher also makes it possible to "plant" training birds and know they will still be there in the same spot as you work your dog. It's nice to have at least two launchers, three is even better so you can work a field without having to reload a launcher all the time.

Bird work is the really fun part of all the training we do with our dogs. It's exciting, it's fast-paced, and it shows off the dog we are so proud of (at least when things are going well). The dogs love it, the people love it, and adrenaline runs high for both human and canine. All the yard work, all the drills and time and effort are meant to lead us to the field



Rick Smith has spent a lifetime breeding, training, and handling National Championship bird dogs. His highly popular training seminars teach the "Silent Command System" to dog owners worldwide. During hunting season, Rick can be found on the Mariposa Ranch in south Texas.

Sharon Potter has a strong background in animal behavior, and has been training both horses and dogs for many years, with several National titles to her credit. She is an avid hunter and archer, and in her spare time is working on the first of a series of books on bird dog training with Rick Smith.

and bird.

However, it's also possible to overdo it. We're excited, the dog is enthusiastic, and it's so tempting to keep going, bird after bird, in that training situation. The danger in that is twofold: First, if your dog has done a really great job on a bird, exactly what you had hoped to accomplish in this training session, and you decide to do it just one more time because it was so awesome, and your dog's enthusiasm gets overwound and he messes up by breaking, you've just undone that initial good lesson and erased it. Always end on a positive note when the dog has performed correctly, because that's what comes back during the next lesson. Stop when he's doing it right, and don't risk a repeat that may make it wrong.

The second danger is boredom. Dogs quickly learn that these are pigeons and this is training, and if you repeat and repeat and repeat in one session, you take away some of that fire and excitement. It's not unlike a child with a new toy. He'll play with it so much that it becomes no longer exciting and new, and he'll lose interest. Always leave the dog wanting more birds rather than drilling until he's lackadaisical about it.

Use pigeons for the training bird, and gamebirds for the finishing bird. Why? No matter how or what we train on, at some point the dog must be introduced to real gamebirds. Most often, these are pen-raised quail, chukars or pheasants. So when do we make the switch? The best answer we can give you is this: when the dog is broke, but not finished. What's the difference?

A broke dog is one that has the basic yard work down thoroughly; consistently leads, quarters, and hunts with and for you rather than himself; and is steady on point and to flush. A finished dog means the dog is as far along in training as you will ever want him. For some, a finished dog will honor and is steady to wing but allowed to break on shot. For others, a finished dog must be steady to wing, shot, fall, honor, and also retrieve to hand.

Whatever your personal definition of finished may be, gamebirds will be used for the finishing work. Before making the transition from pigeons to gamebirds, be certain your dog is at the "broke" stage of training and knows exactly what he is supposed to do all the time, in varied locations.

When all the basic work is correct, it's time

to move on to gamebirds. Be very aware of the game laws in your state when you make the transition to gamebirds. Getting fined for training your dog during nesting season when wild birds are off limits can spoil your fun pretty fast. Your local warden should be able to tell you what kind of permit, if any, you'll need, and help you with the regulations. Be sure to find out what your local requirements are.

As you make the change from pigeons to gamebirds, keep a few things in mind. First of all, scent conditions are important. If you have less than desirable scent due to dryness, for example, then use pigeons to train. They give off more scent, and your session will be more productive. Secondly, don't make corrections on birds in general, including pigeons, and especially don't make corrections on gamebirds. We'd like to emphasize to never put the focus of the training or the correction on the bird. Go back to pigeons if you need a refresher course to tune up your dog a bit. Dogs tend to get stale on the birds they train on, and it's far better to have a dog get stale on pigeons than on quail or pheasants.

Taking the step from training on pigeons to working on gamebirds is a fun part of the process. This is when the light bulb really comes on for many dogs, and you will see an intensity and fire in your dog that will make all the hard work worthwhile.



NOTICE:

2020 ABC Health Survey

The Health & Genetics Committee invites your participation in the 2020 ABC Health survey. The last survey was done in 2003 so it is important to find out if any new health issues have arisen and if the previously recognized ones are still significant. In order to serve our breed, it is important that all Brittany owners participate.

The findings published in past studies have guided the research funds which the Foundation and the Health Committee commit to scientific studies. Only by surveying the current state of health in our breed are we able to determine which health issues are of most significance today.

This survey will be analyzed and recorded for ABC by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). All information submitted is confidential and numbers are used only in aggregate.

Please use a separate survey form for each Brittany you have owned, living or deceased. As you complete a survey for each dog, simply restart a new one for the next dog you are reporting.

In order to complete the survey you will need information regarding your dog's health. Your veterinarian will be able to supply you with a list of issues your dog has had diagnosed, so that you are able to use the diagnosis listed under each category. Whenever possible, please use a veterinary diagnosis. There is a box under every category where you can add a diagnosis if it is not listed. You will need to indicate which vaccines your dog has had, and what flea/tick and heartworm preventative you use. You will be asked what health clearances your dogs have, so have your certificates at hand for each dog.

This is a very comprehensive survey. It may take you 20-30 minutes to complete, especially for the first dog you submit. In many instances, if you answer "yes" there are other questions that will populate.

Please share the link to this survey with every Brittany owner you know. ALL Brittany owners are invited to participate in order to make this survey as valid, valuable and complete as possible. This is very important for the present and future health of the breed and we appreciate your efforts and contributions.

The link:

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Thank you from the Health & Genetics Committee!

Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM

The *Brittany Bites* Recipe Collection

By Sheila Cordner

Here are our monthly recipes tried by you, our Brittany enthusiasts.



Please e-mail your recipes to Sheila Cordner at brittanybitesrecipes@gmail.com. Along with your submission, please include your name and club affiliation. Sheila Cordner belongs to the Southern New England Brittany Club and is known for her culinary talents.

Turkey Salad

2 cups leftover turkey diced
1 stalk celery chopped
½ cup dried cranberries
2 green onions or red onion, diced
¼ cup pecans chopped, optional
½ cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
Seasoned salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and mix well.

Refrigerate 30 minutes before serving. Serve as a sandwich or over salad.

Smoked Pheasant Appetizer

*Submitted by David Carey
ABC Member*

1-smoked Pheasant
16-oz (2 pkgs) Philly Cream Cheese
Fresh cracked black pepper
Chives
Fresh Squeeze lime juice
Toasted baguette slices or choice of crackers

With a fork completely shred a whole smoked pheasant into fine small pieces. (Produces ~11-oz.) Blend with 2 soft packages of Philadelphia Cream Cheese and fresh crushed pepper. Spread on crackers topping with fresh chopped chives and a few drops of freshly squeezed lime.



Battleground: Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a crippling and sometimes deadly disease that afflicts outdoorsmen with surprising frequency.

By Carolee Anita Boyles

It's hard to catch, but easy to cure." That's what many U.S. physicians tell their patients about Lyme Disease. The first part of that statement is true; Lyme Disease is difficult to diagnose. It's often, however, also very difficult to treat. That, the number of cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) each year, and a number of other diseases carried by ticks, and we're facing a major public health crisis.

Maps of reported cases of Lyme Disease on the CDC website make clear that the Northeast is the big hot spot for Lyme in the U.S., but the disease is widespread across the county. "Lyme Disease is the 3rd most common infectious disease out of 80 that the CDC keeps track of," said Holly Ahern, an Associate Professor of Microbiology at SUNY Adirondack. "It's number 3 in terms of the number of new cases each year, and there are other tick-borne diseases that aren't Lyme but are just like it." All of this adds up to make tick-borne diseases in general, and Lyme Disease specifically, more of an epidemic than HIV is.

Although the first cases of Lyme Disease were identified in Connecticut on the 1970s, this is not a new disease; it was documented in the United States before the 1970s. What is new, however, is the number of ticks that are infected by the bacteria.

"The populations of those ticks have increased and expanded," Ahern said. "Now they're in half of all counties in the United States. The microbes have always been here, but now their delivery vectors have vastly expanded."

The process by which doctors make a diagnosis only identifies about half of the patients who actually have Lyme Disease. "It's a very subjectively interpreted test," Ahern said. "There are ten markers. If you have five of the ten markers, you have Lyme Disease. If you have four of the ten markers, you don't this is a test that's interpreted by a person looking at it. If they see something there but they don't think it's quite made it to the level of positive, it's called indeterminate."

So, if the person interpreting the test says, "I see

something but I don't think it's Lyme so I'm going to call that not there," you'll still be trying to figure out what's wrong months later. "People who are told they do not have Lyme Disease are not treated for it, and as a result the bacteria disseminate and cause pretty much a permanent infection," Ahern said.

To understand why this kind of mis-diagnosis is such a problem, we need to understand how the bacterium that causes Lyme Disease, named *Borrelia burgdorferi*, operates. This bacterium is shaped like a corkscrew, so it can "drill" into tissue and infect any part of the body. It can change its form and "hide" from antibiotics or become inactive and live through an antibiotic treatment that would wipe out any other bacterium.

If you're infected by this bacterium, Ahern said, you have about 30 days before the bacteria are out of your bloodstream and into tissue, and have started colonizing there. "This means that the only time standard antibiotic treatment for Lyme Disease is effective is in that early window," she said. "If you are not treated in that 30-day window, the bacteria are no longer susceptible to standard antibiotic treatment. Ten to 20 percent of people who are diagnosed and treated early still end up with long-term debilitating symptoms." But if you are infected, your body won't produce antibodies that are detectable by the serological tests for Lyme Disease for the first 4 to 6 weeks you're infected, which means hitting that treatment window can be challenging.

One problem is that the medical community hasn't caught up with what's known today.

"They still don't have anything better than three weeks of oral antibiotics," Ahern said. "After that, they say it can't possibly be Lyme Disease and there's something else wrong with you." This is not a criticism of doctors, Ahern hastens to add; the bacterium is just far more sophisticated than anything they've run into before, and the protocols to treat it aren't developed yet.

PROGRESS BEING MADE

Progress is being made in the treatment of Lyme Disease. "Since about 2012, we've been able to engage legislators to help with this," Ahern said. "In 2015 there was legislation proposed that led to the creation of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group, which was convened by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in 2017." The group includes doctors, researchers and, for the first time, patients and advocates.

In December 2018, the Working Group submitted a report to Congress that evaluated the current state of research and information about tick-borne diseases. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) now has used that report to develop a strategic plan. Once the NIH publishes a strategic plan, Ahern said, they generally follow through on funding the programs necessary to implement it, so the Working Group is hopeful that we will see progress in the near future. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN), and Sen. Angus

King (I-ME) have sponsored the TICK Act, which would establish a national strategy for dealing with tick-borne diseases. As of early November, the TICK Act was in the Senate for deliberation and voting. Sponsors in the House are awaiting its passage. A Lyme Disease caucus is ready to move forward with making sure the bill passes.

"I'm hoping that with the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group, and with NIH saying, 'We've got to do something about this,' and if the TICK ACT makes it into law, that will make a very positive difference," Ahern said. "At the moment, you're still going to have to advocate for yourself and be knowledgeable and be aware. But the page is turning. Science is going to lead the way to new things, and I think it will be soon. I'm not talking ten years from now; I'm talking within a year or two.

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Oct 3-4	S. New England(2)	Kentucky	Hawkeye(2-8)	C. New Mexico	
Oct 5-8	Jim Hoyer Shooting Dog Cl - Hawkeye (Union Co. Bird Dog Ranch, Thayer, IA)				
Oct 9-10	ABC Grouse & Woodcock Classic (Eau Claire Co. Forest, Augusta, WI) - Host: Badger				
Oct 10-11	North Jersey(9-14)	Pennsylvania	Gr. St. Louis(7-12)** Gr. Milwaukee(w)	N. Oklahoma(9)	
Oct 12-14	Region 2 Brittany Delaware Valley Champagne Shooting Dog Ch/Cl - North Jersey (Greenwood WMA, Barnegat, NJ)				
Oct 17-18	Del Val(14)*	Pennsylvania(w)	LaSalle	S. Kansas(16-23)	S. San Joaquin
Oct 19-23	Kansas Brittany All-Age Ch - Southern Kansas (William Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS)				
Oct 21-27	ABC National Walking Gun Dog Championships , Ionia State Recreation Area, Ionia, Michigan Oct 21-Oct 23: ABC National Walking Gun Dog Championship Oct 24-Oct 27: ABC National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship Entries Close: Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM (CST), Chair: Al Cropek, Secretary: Sue Lehosky				
Oct 24-25		Buckeye	Heart Of Illinois(26)	Indian Nations(23) N. Colorado(23)	California
Oct 29-31	Jim Holman (fall) Cl - Illinois (Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL)				
Oct 31-Nov 1	N. Virginia(30)	Bama	Illinois(29)	Sooner(30)	San Diego



National Champions



NATIONAL AGILITY HIGH IN TRIAL



GCH CH MACH2 Rustin's Future So Bright

NATIONAL AGILITY HIGH IN TRIAL

2019 GCH CH MACH2 Rustin's Future So Bright
2018 MACH4 Credit Kaze With A Perfect Diamond
2017 GCH CH MACH8 Credit Kaze's Capital Gains

NATIONAL CHAMPION (ALL AGE)



FC/AFC Wild Wild Willie

NATIONAL CHAMPION (ALL AGE)

2019 FC/AFC Wild Wild Willie
2018 FC/AFC Ss Rig's Colorado Gun Runner
2017 NAFC/GFC/AFC Glade Run Irish
2016 FC Roustabout's Flat Out
2015 NFC/FC/AFC/GFC Uncle Kracker
2014 GFC/FC Uncle Kracker
2013 FC Sparky's Prairie Wind Gypsy
2012 FC Savannah's Hot Shot
2011 FC Piney Run Art
2010 DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch Of Bourbon
2009 Primetime Outlaw Johnny
2008 FC Rebel Jac's A Hammerin Dandy
2007 FC/AFC Lane's End We-Be Clean
2006 DC/AFC Shady's Tia Maria
2005 NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy
2004 NFC/FC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan
2003 FC/AFC Farther Out Ace
2002 DC/AFC Microchips of Nutmeg
2001 FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow

2000 FC Diamond Hill Dan
1999 FC/AFC Lobo's Klickitat County Line
1998 DC/AFC Gambler's Ace In The Hole
1997 FC Tequila's Joker
1996 FC Rebel Jac's Hammering Hank
1995 Rambling Rose VIII
1994 FC Microdot
1993 FC Highbrow's Red
1992 FC/AFC Aux Arc's Mark
1991 FC/AFC Hi Proof Rum Runner
1990 FC/AFC Bernie of The Briarpatch
1989 FC Rimarda's Gambler
1988 FC Country Cousin's Lone River
1987 FC Minnehaha's Tammy
1986 DC Markar's Jac's A Dan D
1985 FC Franklin County Bandit
1984 FC Brought-Mar's Jazz DeCampo
1983 FC Beans Blaze
1982 FC/AFC Jumpin' Jack Flash II
1981 DC Tomar's Ban-Dee Sam

1980 DC/AFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc de'Edwards
1979 Way Kan Feelin' Free
1978 DC/AFC Perry's Rustic Prince
1977 FC Casey's Chikamin
1976 FC Senator TJ
1975 DC/AFC Chipp Britt Jill
1974 NFC/DC/AFC Ban-Dee
1973 FC Ban-Dee
1972 Kipp's Trooper Rochambeau
1971 DC Paoclet Cheyenne Sam
1970 FC Augustus of Rivers
1969 Way Kan Fritts
1968 FC Goldtone's Duke
1967 DC Colorado's Yankee Timber
1966 Bazooka's Brandy
1965 FC Rendezvous Skipper
1964 FC Shenango Valley Dingo
1963 FC Crab Orchard Duke
1962 Miller's Desert Dust
1961 FC Yankee Boy's Tommy

1960 FC Holiday Britt
1959 NFC/DC Towsey
1958 FC Hellou's Yankee Timber
1957 DC Towsey
1956 Jeffrey of Argard
1955 Towsey
1954 FC Miste de Klemantor
1953 Tennessee Luke
1952 DC Pontac's Dingo
1951 FC Pontac's Dingo
1950 Butch's Lad
1949 Jersey Jeff
1948 Bonaire Bob
1947 Allamuchy Valley Addie
1946 Tess of Chippewa
1945 Britt of Bellows Falls
1944 Tess of Chippewa
1943 Aotrou Mac Eodaidh

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPION (ALL AGE)



NAFC/GFC/GAFC Ru-Jem's "Last" Penny

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPION (ALL AGE)

2019 NAFC/GFC/GAFC Ru-Jem's "Last" Penny
2018 GAFC/FC Anj's Ohio Hellion
2017 GFC/FC/AFC Ru-Jem's "Last" Penny
2016 FC/AFC Glade Run Irish
2015 FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sonny Patch
2014 FC/AFC TLM Frequent Flyer
2013 Wimberley Rowdy Bo-Dandy
2012 DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De
2011 Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid
2010 NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You II
2009 FC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister
2008 FC Maxwell's Blew By You II
2007 FC/AFC Maxwell's White Spirit
2006 NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy
2005 Tequila Jack II
2004 FC Just Call Me Roy
2003 FC/AFC Pride and Joy's Bunch of Annie

2002 FC/AFC Pistol Pack'n Walker
2001 FC/AFC Lea's Running Jayhawk
2000 FC Piney Run Sam
1999 Hanging Jaze Hardtack Mack
1998 FC Rebel's Tough is Tyrone
1997 FC Walker's Gunner J.
1996 FC Allmac's Dark Smoke Di-Na-Mo
1995 FC Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D
1994 FC Magnum's Lit'l Buzzsaw
1993 DC/AFC Ojibwa's DLD Bandit
1992 DC/AFC Renegade's Kansas Kid
1991 FC/AFC Jake's Son of a Gun Runner
1990 FC/AFC Sir Duke Mustachio
1989 FC/AFC Amigo of Aztlan
1988 DC/AFC Lobo's Cotton Candy
1987 FC/AFC Scott's Gingerbread Lady
1986 Crab Orchard Jet
1985 DC Bandee-Britts Red Jinx
1984 FC Jaron's Brittany T.

1983 DC Krissy's Captain Kay-Cee
1982 FC/AFC Gun-Runner's Far Out
1981 DC/AFC Hi-Spirit Buck
1980 FC/AFC RJ's Brandy Sniffer
1979 FC The Real Thing
1978 DC Hi-Spirit Buck
1977 FC Cindy's Chief Tomahawk
1976 DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1975 NAFC/DC/AFC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
1974 FC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
1973 FC Brandy's Bullet
1972 FC Corado's Jumping Gypsy
1971 DC Char-Lee O'Dee F. Clasen
1970 NAFC/DC/AFC Gringro de Britt
1969 FC Gringro de Britt
1968 FC Holliday Britts Ed N. Cathey
1967 FC Little Rapa Luke
1966 FC Towsey's Bub
1965 FC Rendezvous Skipper

1964 FC Tiger's Jocko
1963 FC Epper of Siouxland
1962 Ferd's Cannonball of Leeway
1961 FC Jeff of Minnehaha
1960 FC Gladwin Smokey
1959 DC Belloak's King
1958 FC Ferdinand of Leeway
1957 DC Saxon of Fredan
1956 FC Ferdinand of Leeway
1955 Holley Haven Dan
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2013 DC/AFC MTB Scipio's Hot Shot of Whizki
2012 DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio
2011 DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio
2010 DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio
2009 DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio
2008 CH Shadow Attack
2007 DC/AFC Jayhawk Tequila With A Twist
2006 DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo
2005 CH Jayhawk Tequila With A Twist
1998 NGDC/DC/AFC Winchester of Hanging Jaze
1997 FC/AFC Tequila's Joker

1996 DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief
1994 DC/AFC RC's Sundancer
1993 DC/AFC Ojibwa's DLD Bandit
1991 DC/AFC Bi-Mar Cinnabar Cindy
1989 DC Royal Britt Starbuck of Auten
1988 DC/AFC Lobo's Cotton Candy
1986 DC Renegade's Kansas Kid
1981 DC Tomar's Ban-Dee Sam
1980 DC/AFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc de'Edwards
1979 DC Pepper's Prince
1978 DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1977 DC Rockbrooks Andy O'Dee
1976 DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1975 NAFC/DC/AFC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
1974 NFC/DC/AFC Ban-Dee
1972 FC Brandy's Bullet

1971 DC Char-Lee O'Dee
1970 DC Char-Lee O'Dee
1969 FC Gringro de Brit
1966 DC Holley Haven Casey
1964 DC Tigar's Jocko
1963 Towsey's Bub
1961 DC Dingo's Little Mike
1960 DC Penny's Happy Pepi
1959 DC Dingo's Little Mike
1958 DC Dingo's Little Mike
1957 FC Towsey
1956 DC Holley Haven Duchess
1949 Allamuchy Valley Uno
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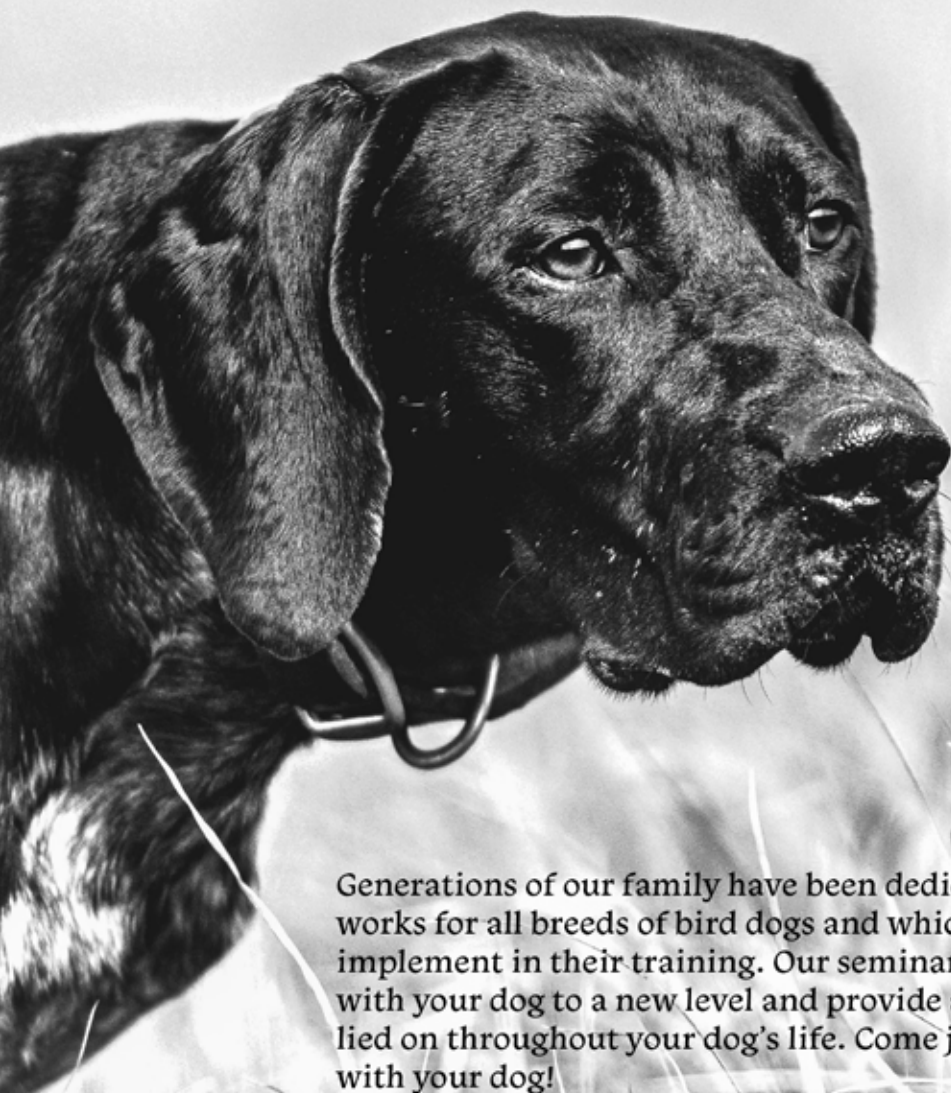
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