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## What is DVG?

The initials DVG stand for Deutscher Verband der Gebrauchshundsportvereine, or the German Association of Working Dog Sport Clubs.

This is not an exact translation, but one that is most meaningful in English. While attracting breeders of all working dogs, DVG exists for only one purpose - the training and titling of dogs of all kinds. In addition to IPO titles, DVG offers Obedience and Tracking titles, providing competition opportunities for all people who love to train dogs, even the smallest of breeds.

If you are interested in finding out more about LV/DVG America, please visit our website for more complete information.

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## Why DVG?

The training purist and competitive breeder can look to DVG for many benefits not offered by any other organization in the US or Canada.

- Over 100 years experience in the training of all breeds of working dogs
- All judges are German Kennel Club (VDH) and FCI recognized. Currently there are 11 certified judges residing in LV America. In addition, visiting judges from Germany may assist with local trials and championships.
- Trial decoys are certified and on-going training and testing are required.
- It is the only organization whose members are qualified to compete in a German National Championship.
- All titles and scorebooks are recognized by the VDH, allowing a DVG member to compete in any local trial in Germany.
- An annual American Championship for levels 1, 2 and 3.

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**Please Note: The election process for 2014 officers is not complete prior to this issue's printing deadline. Therefore, newly elected officers will not be listed until the second quarterly issue of this year.**

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# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LV PRESIDENT

Carole Patterson

To you all,

As Charles Dickens wrote in a Tale of Two Cities, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." That's a little bit what I feel in writing this letter. It will be the last one I will write for the magazine as president of LV/DVG America. There are those of you who will cheer and others who are saddened. It's time to go. I've probably hung on too long. However, in the years since 1998 when I became president, we have developed a stronger, more companionable relationship with DVG Germany. I like to think I helped that evolve.

I hope all of you will continue to support our organization, help it grow, while retaining our roots with DVG. We are the only non-breed specific IPO organization in North America. Registered or non-registered, purebred or mutt, they all compete equally in LV/DVG America trials, whether in our LV championship or the DVG BSP. That's something to take pride in.

So, hopefully you all considered these important factors when you voted in our election. By the time you receive

this magazine, the results are probably in. May the best candidates have won. May our organization continue strong for our future. The new officers will need the support of all of you. I hope you will give it to them.

Thank you to all of you who have helped me through the years, whether as Board members or in other capacities. I have enjoyed my run as president ... most of the time. I miss judging, but understand the requirement for mandatory retirement. It's so you young, new judges can come up and make your mark on the sport.

I will continue in the sport. I have a young dog I hope to title this year. Best nose I've ever had on one of my dogs. Maybe I'll finally do another FH. I wish all of you success in the coming years with your dogs and your clubs and our sport.

Yours in the Sport,

Carole Patterson, President

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Feb 15-16	Schutzhund Club of Orlando	Orlando, FL	Betsy Nichols	407-716-2442	bebeinwp@hotmail.com	Lisa Little
Mar 15-16	Arkansas Schutzhund Club	Little Rock, AR	Karen Ault	501-837-3145	klaw2@comcast.net	Lisa Little
Mar 23	OK Metro Working Dog Group	Oklahoma City, OK	Bob Armstead	404-810-8588	luftwolf@cox.net	Amanda Hoskinson
Apr 20	Wild West Dog Sport	Delano, CA	Jeanita Davis	661-393-6983		Melissa Hepler
Apr 24-27	DVG Bundessiegerprüfung	Emscherbruch Gelsenkirchen, Germany				
May 03	Hondesport Ohio	Columbus, OH	Julie Smiley	614-268-4849	julie_smiley1@yahoo.com	Ann Dolen
Jun 7-8	Cascade Schutzhund Club	Rochester, WA	Les Flores	360-259-9192	csc@dogequipment.com	TBA
Jun 8	Ponderosa Schutzhund Club	Denver, CO	Marlene Gassaway	303-646-3369	rlmg8762@aol.com	James Akin-Otiko
Jun 13	Cache Valley Working Dog Club	Salt Lake City, UT	Joanna Pawlick	801-718-7498	asia@xmission.com	Hartmut Beckmann
Jun 14	Salem Schutzhund Club	Salem, OR	Janice Reid		dvjudge@msn.com	TBA
Oct-14	Ponderosa Schutzhund Club	Denver, CO	Marlene Gassaway	303-646-3369	rlmg8762@aol.com	James Akin-Otiko
Oct 11	Salem Schutzhund Club	Salem, OR	Janice Reid		dvjudge@msn.com	TBA

## Feedback!

Have you joined DVG America Maazine on Facebook yet? Over 500 of your friends and fellow DVG America members have and the numbers are still growing! The final issue of 2013 received rave reviews! Here are some of the nice things we heard.

### Martha Chamberlain via Facebook

Another amazing issue! Thank you for all your hard work.

### Rhonda Southern via Facebook

Love this recent issue!!!

### Scott Weaver via Facebook

Keep up the great work! Like it a lot.

### Beverly Press via email

I just received my DVG magazine and I wish to thank you. It the most beautiful and informative one I ever got in the about 40 years I've been in the sport. Congratulations on a splendid job. Beverly Press, President Mid Tennessee Schutzhund Club

### Ann Dolan via Facebook

Loved it especially about Sandi. I miss her and will for a very long time thanks for the page about her. How timely.

### Jacki Barnes Purdham via FB

Can't hit the "like" button enough!!!

### Ugne Schmitt-Sody via Facebook

I want to say thanks for the excellent edition!! Obviously it was a lot of work, but what an improvement!

### Randy Theen via email

I received my magazine. Best ever!



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## LRO Report

DVG America,

This will be my last column as LRO. It is time to turn the torch over to someone younger than me, which can lead the judges and the organization in the years to come.

I do have a several items of interest to report to the membership.

I have been talking with DVG Germany and they have come up with a solution to some of the problems in LV America and the problems in the LV's in Germany in regards to declining membership. I believe and Germany concurs that the reason our sport is declining is because it is way too difficult for the average person. Even in our LV only about 5 % of the membership actually competes in the Championship. For those of you that are new to the sport it has changed drastically in the last 20 years. The dogs have gotten better, the handlers have gotten better, and the rules have become very strict!

Germany has come up with some fun titles that still utilize tracking, obedience, and protection and yet it is not as difficult as the IPO titles. These titles are for the majority of the members in the sport that just want to train and have fun with their dog, but are not interested in competing in a KG, or LV level in the IPO sport. We need to have something that is fun for the members that are the backbone of our organization. That is why some of the other dog sports such as agility have grown so fast and the IPO has stagnated or gone down in membership. I have seen a summary of those rules and I hope to have either the rules or a summary of the new titles for the next issue of the magazine. Germany is in the process of translating these rules for us, and then send them to me to proof read so we can use them in LV America.

Germany now has been translating almost everything I get from them. Germany has realized that we needed help in LV America and they are now having the office personnel translate all of our forms that we use in our trials and etc. into English. Thank you Christoph Holzschneider and Wolfgang Pahl for making this possible. We appreciate it very much!

I have gotten permission from Germany for LV America to be allowed to only have 3 new or existing members to form a club or continue as a club. This was something that LV America needed badly to increase its membership!

There have been 2 helpers from LV America that have been selected to try out for the 2015 DVG BSP. They are Wayne Kemper and Guy Ventura. I will set up a trial later in the year for them to try out on some dogs. Hopefully one of them will be selected to go to Germany and work the trial.

The new scorebooks that we will receive once the old ones are gone, contain about 52 lines for trials. Since we are using the old ones up, if you need a second scorebook on the same dog, it will be given to you free of charge by the DVG office

I have gotten bids on a pocket size rule book that is about \$7.00 apiece. Germany is also looking into getting a bid for the rule books as well. Within the next couple of months we should have a pocket size version of the new IPO rules.

Speaking of rules there has been a new update on the tracking articles. This new rule is:

**If articles are not found, then no points are awarded for them. If no articles are found, then phase "A" can only be rated as "satisfactory". Also, you have to deduct points from the leg because the dog cannot show the restart at an article since no article was found.**



Ray Reid, LRO

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*LV/DVG America Magazine Wishes You  
and Yours a Most Happy, Healthy and  
Prosperous New Year!*

*Welcome 2014*



# “ Judges and traveling... duck, duck, Goose! ”

Judging is sometimes the easy part of our job for LV America. The travelling can be a little bit hard and booking flights and getting the right times and connections can also be a challenge. I thought I would let you all know some of the things that can happen to us. We sometimes get stuck waiting for flights for hours. A missed plane on a connection isn't unusual. That is why we like to if at all possible take a direct flight. Even with that things can happen.

Sometimes it is out of the airlines control, due to weather conditions or sometimes its because the air traffic is very busy. The other problem is mechanical failures. I have found myself running from one gate to another hoping to catch the flight but the gate is closed. Very frustrating sometimes.

Then of course, there are things that can go wrong that no one has control of. On October 28th, I boarded a Southwest flight leaving Nashville at 6:35 a.m. It was dark and raining and a little bit foggy when we took off. We were just climbing out and I heard a very loud noise from the left engine that I was sitting beside, then the whole plane shook and the table beside me fell down. The windows shook like I have never seen. We flew a little bit further and then I saw that the flaps were coming down like we were going to land. Oops, not a good feeling. I was thinking to myself, are we landing in a field or are we headed back to the airport? Then I could see lights below us. The flight attendant saw we were all getting restless and made an announcement that we would be going back to Nashville. I realized that our left engine was shut down by this time. So we were flying with only one engine back to Nashville. As we approached the runway I could see all the emergency vehicles waiting for our arrival. They followed us down the runway and luckily nothing happened. When we got to the gate the pilot came out and spoke to us in person. The pilot was quite jovial, I am sure he was happy to be on the ground as well, without any disasters. He said the following; "Well you know when you are driving to work and you hit a deer? Well that's kind of what happened to us, only we hit a bird, not just one bird but a flock of geese. (poor birds.) Sorry we didn't get to you sooner to tell you what was happening but we were kind of busy up front. We had to shut down one engine and limp back. How many of you were scared? Raise your hand, of course he had his hand in the air. "How many were just a little bit scared?" Many people raised their hands. " He said, "Me too, but we are okay and I had my "Depends" on, so we are good." Don't forget that the plane that landed in the Hudson River was also a bird strike but they lost both engines. It is serious and many things can happen. The pilot handled it very well and made light of a potentially serious problem. The flight attendants also were very good with everyone.

So we sat on the plane for a bit until they inspected the damage and the plane was not able to be used again (probably not for several days.) There were 102 passengers, some also with connecting flights. So they took care of them first. There were 52 of us that had to wait for another airplane to be flown up from Dallas empty to take us to our destination. That caused a 5 hour delay and a change of plans for many people .

I have since found out that when geese are migrating they can fly as high as 9,000 feet and yes they fly in the dark. They forage all day and fly at night because they have excellent night vision( I would question that now LOL) but they don't dehydrate as quick flying at night and also don't use as much food to fly the same distance.

It is amazing what goes through your head when you think a plane might go down. I will admit I was scared but of course still had to get back on a plane to get home. Yikes!!!!

I ask all of you when you are booking flights for judges to please be patient and work with each one of us. It is easier if you work with us as we know our travel times to the airport that we are flying out of and also the heavy traffic times that we don't want to get stuck in.

This is not a complaint nor meant that way, I just wanted to share with everyone some of things that can happen on our travels to come to your club and have fun judging your trials.

Yours in the Sport, Lisa Little

## COOLING VESTS MAY REDUCE HEAT-RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS IN WORKING DOGS

### THE EFFECTS OF PROTECTIVE AND COOLING VESTS ON BODY TEMPERATURE AND PERFORMANCE IN WORKING DOGS

A number of recent disaster events have elevated the status of working dogs and have highlighted the need to keep these dogs healthy. Heat-related conditions, such as dehydration and heat exhaustion, are leading causes of illness, lost work days and death among working dogs, yet there are no evidence-based guidelines for preventing these problems. Studies of dogs that were deployed to recent disaster areas found that 68 percent had heat-related health problems

Funded by Morris Animal Foundation, researchers from the University of Florida analyzed how different environmental conditions, such as heat and humidity, affect working dogs. They also evaluated the use of protective and cooling vests.

Data suggested that even short periods of work, regardless of environmental conditions, led to significant temperature elevations in working dogs. Even in cool weather, it took more than an hour for some dogs to return to baseline temperatures. In the summer, some dogs that wore a cooling vest, which contains two specially cooled packs that are held against the dog's belly, returned to normal body temperatures faster than when they wore nothing or a protective vest. There was considerable individual variation in the results but this preliminary work suggests that wearing cooling vests under some conditions could benefit working dogs.

## DO THE DEW (CLAWS)?

M. CHRISTINE ZINK DVM, PHD, DACVSMR

I work exclusively with canine athletes, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that required surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws.

If you look at an anatomy book, (Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of

Dogs is an excellent one – see Figure 1 ) you will see that there are 5 tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are 5 muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse. Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping, (see Figure 2) the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to

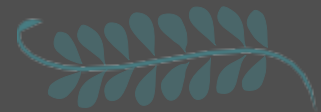
turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque. If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis, or perhaps injuries to other joints, such as the elbow, shoulder and toes. Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere. Perhaps you are thinking, "None of my dogs have ever had carpal pain or arthritis." Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not



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In the summer, dogs experienced significant drops in blood carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), which could be linked to decreases in performance. This is called respiratory alkalosis, and results from rapid expulsion of CO<sub>2</sub> from the lungs through panting. A similar condition can result in humans who hyperventilate. Humans with CO<sub>2</sub> values similar to those recorded in the study dogs report feeling extremely light headed and disoriented. Although performance was not tested in this study, trainers and handlers frequently commented that the dogs were less attentive and less accurate in completing required tasks in the summer heat. This may be related to the low CO<sub>2</sub> values, which can cause a significant decrease in brain blood flow.

Information from this study will benefit future disaster-preparedness plans, encouraging the use of cooling vests for working dogs and helping to define work and rest schedules. This will keep working dogs healthier and lower their risk of heat-related illness or death.



## GUENTER WEBER

Guenter Josef Weber, 76, of Brunswick, passed away Nov. 21, 2013, at Hospice of the Golden Isles. Mr. Weber was born Mar. 20, 1937 in Germany. He had lived in Brunswick since 1965, and served as a medic in the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharge. He was an active trainer for numerous law enforcement agencies and a training director of the Golden Isles Schutzhund Club and North Florida Schutzhund Club, a member of the Deutscher Schaeferhund Verein in Germany, United Schutzhund Club of America, Deutscher Verein der Gebrauchshunde in Germany, Leutkircher Schutzhundverein in Germany, World Dog Federation, and a participating judge in many dog training clubs. His love, compassion, and knowledge in training dogs made him locally well known.

tell us about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don't complain unless it is excruciating. But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I frequently can elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation. As to the possibility of injuries to

dew claws, most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury. In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs "just in case".

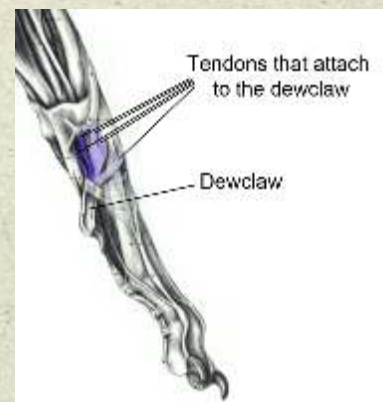
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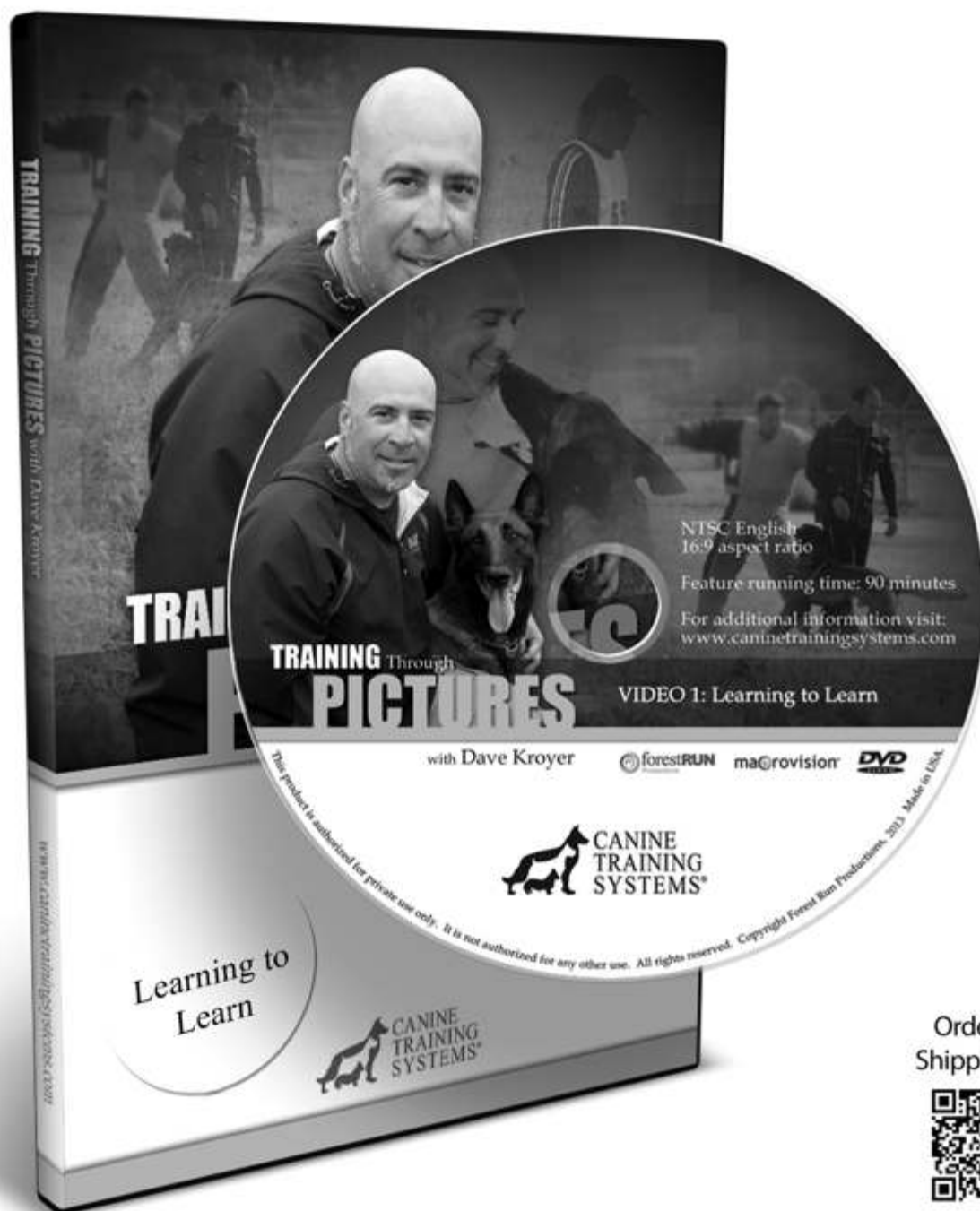
In this galloping dog, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn to the right, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque.

Figure 1.

Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog's left front leg demonstrating the five tendons that attach to the dewclaw.

--from Miller's Guide to the Dissection of the Dog





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## A Dog Named Gretel

Sarah Baumann, Amesbury, Ma

This is a story about a dog named Gretel. I adopted her from North Bennington, Vermont in 2007. She was 2 1/2 years old. She is what you would call a "rescue dog". When I adopted her she was called "Smarty" but I quickly changed her name. I found her from a link on the New England German Shepherd Rescue website and couldn't believe what I was reading. The article was entitled; "A Horrific Case of Neglect.'. There were 32 German Shepherds found on a school bus severely malnourished, some with open wounds and some with broken bones. The man who owned these dogs (name I have withheld) had already been cited for animal abuse in New Hampshire. He was recognized in Vermont on his way out "west." These dogs had been living outside in squalor conditions with no food or water, many had matted fur covered in feces and only a few crates to shelter the dogs. Many crates in the school bus had two large German Shepherds in them. There were also many dog fights occurring, some dominant dogs attacking one dog. The story also read these dogs would require a very slow socialization program, a lot of patience, can not go to homes with kids or cats, and some if not most dogs would be difficult or impossible to place in homes as many of them had little contact with humans. "If interested in adopting one of these dogs please call", so I called.

I drove the six hour round trip to Vermont and met up with the ACO, Chris Crawford who was instrumental in finding homes for these dogs. I brought home my new dog and discovered the article was right, she had many issues. Fear aggression, leery of people and unable to make eye contact. We both had to learn trust, I needed to learn to trust her and she needed to learn to trust me. I decided that I, (we) needed a professional trainer and after several interviews I found the right one, Kathleen. We worked very hard together to get the basics down, it didn't take long to discover that food was Gretel's motivating factor. Gretel even passed the Canine Good Citizens Test. I was then introduced to the Essex County Schutzhund Club, and Kathleen was the key.

This is where I met the most understanding, patient people who love working with their dogs. Guy, Roberta, Peter (Roberta's husband who would always ask how Gretel did after training), Selina, Ann Marie, Mike, Jess, Beth, Monica, Patricia and our trainer Gottfried. Training in the Schutzhund environment helped Gretel build her confidence. It provided structure, a sense of purpose and accomplishments. She actually began to enjoy being around people.

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The following three LV America participants have earned a place in the competition and have accepted the invitation to represent DVG America.

Scott Bakkala, Kathleen Foster, Renate Rank

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She is comfortable now and is known as the "food thief." It doesn't matter whether it is on the ground, in your hand or in your pocket, she considers all "fair game".

Motivational training is what I learned from Gottfried. As Gottfried reinforces, a working dog will love to work and be happy doing it. He also points out this allows the dog to think for himself, make errors, but gets a reward when he is right. We all agree that nothing is more pleasant to see than a dog on the field that is actually happy. As Gottfried says; "Don't train for excellence, train with fun for very good, excellence will happen".

With lots of help from the club and Gottfried, we finally accomplished the BH and IPO Tracking I. I learned that it looks easy but it's a lot more complicated than it looks! I remember the day of the trial for the BH like it was yesterday. It was fall, and I was sweating. I was nervous and anxious, but I had a great judge, Lisa Little who made me feel comfortable and was reassuring. I also remember the trial for the IPO Tracking I, getting out of car with Gretel and wondering how this will turn out, praying you and your dog will do ok. I had another great judge, Melissa Hepler who was very calming and encouraging. Gretel is not what you would call a "working dog" and this being my first dog made getting the BH and Tracking I difficult to say the least. But we did it and we did it together. She is far from perfect and still has issues, but this was more than getting a title. It was giving something to Gretel who started out with nothing.

"We are alone, absolutely alone on this chance planet and amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one excepting the dog has made an alliance with us."

M. Maeterlinck





IPO 3 Winners. L-R: Tracking judge; Lisa Little. Second place; Kathy Foster and Rugar, First place; Scott Bakala and Hero, Third place; Phil Hoelcher and Lux

The 2013 LV/DVG America National Championship competition took place on September 21<sup>st</sup> and was hosted by South Valley Working Dog Club. The trial took place in Elmira, Oregon which is west of Eugene. There were nineteen competitors who came from as far as Maryland, Florida, West Virginia, and Nevada.

Judged by Lisa Little, nationals tracking was not commonplace. The combination of strong winds, freshly plowed dirt and gloomy skies created a difficult barrier to overcome for some of the competitors. Overall, Kathleen Foster came away with the High In Tracking. Kathleen, accompanied by Rugar Von Willowind, completed the task with a stunning 100 points. In summary, four of the seventeen competitors failed in this step of the competition.

The second phase of the competition, obedience, claimed only one competitor of the nineteen to compete. Judged by Jennifer Reid, Ugne Schmitt-Sody claimed High In Obedience with an overall score of 97.

The third phase of the competition, judged by Wolfgang Pahl, brought nineteen competitors and resulted in two competitors being disqualified and two competitors being dismissed. The helpers, A.J. Pepper, Jani Turkia and Guy Ventura III showed swift, precise and safe helper work. Phil Hoelcher, accompanied by Lux Vom Fluchtweg claimed High In Protection.

The overall trial winner, Scott Bakkala, with Hero Von Den Herbstvitlosen, showed amazing command of the IPO essentials and walked away with a 278 score. Kathleen Foster, High in Tracking winner has taken second place overall. Both Kathleen and Scott will be going to 2014 BSP in Germany.

This competition showed our club and hopefully the competitors as a whole that there is a significant and deep camaraderie among this group. While IPO is a



IPO 1 Winners, Les Flores & Kathleen Fiebig



Protection Judge Wolfgang Pahl



Kathy Foster's Rugar



Phil Hoelcher's Calloway Cam



Renate Rank and Dustin



Emie Franck's Kimon



Bryan Hendricks and Judge Lisa Little

competitive sport, we received considerable contributions from vendors and fellow clubs that shows the level of commitment and connection these groups share.

A well-known difficulty of this trial was the last minute change in tracking venue and scheduling.

We truly hope this will be averted in future trials. While competitors seemed to adapt well, we cannot venture to guess at what effects these changes had on potential scores. South Valley Working Dog Club would like to extend a special thank you to Ann Thomas, Melissa Hepler, and Amanda Hoskinson for their assistance with trial logistics. There are many other people that contributed to the success of the event and we are eternally grateful for their support.



Beth Whitcomb and Argon

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Scott Bakkala's Hero



Elizabeth Kreitler's Norbo



Phil Hoelcher's Lux



Ugne Schmitt-Sody's Ayla



Amanda Hoskinson  
& Mondro



Emie Frank's Kimon



Phil Hoelcher's Cam



Melissa Hepler's Flash



Renate Rank & Dustin



Kathy Foster & Rugar



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# STEM CELL REPAIR PROCEDURE FOR GRACILIS CONTRACTURE INJURIES IN THE WORKING GSD

Richard Stuart, PhD

A year ago one of our German Shepherd Dogs (SchH 3, FH 1, KK1) was injured during training. After several weeks of rest he appeared to recover. However, after returning to training again the right rear leg lameness returned. This started a year-long education in veterinary medicine searching for a solution to the lameness. Our local vet prescribed the anti-inflammatory drug, Adequan. He improved, almost immediately. So, we renewed his training at DVG's Laguna Working Dog Club and the Police K9 Academy in Riverside, CA. Over the next couple of months the lameness returned, this time in both rear legs. Veterinarian specialists were consulted and x-rays were taken: Both hip dysplasia and neurological injuries were ruled out.

We consulted a Vet trained in Chiropractic. She identified and aligned the three vertebrae often found misaligned in working dogs as well as athletes -- upper neck, mid back and lower spine. After spinal adjustments, his energy improved, but the lameness remained. He was then taken to other specialists for evaluation. During another evaluation, a Veterinary Surgeon said "...what is this, feel this!" What I felt was a moderately hard "band" resembling a small flexible bone running from the upper and inner region of his right leg down to the knee. After some research, the Vet informed us the injury was a torn Gracilis muscle. This is a form of Muscle Contracture. With tearing the muscle, it actually shrinks, contracts. As a result of the contracted muscle, which produced a shortened stride, our GSD was accurately diagnosed with an "irregular gait." We were given a print out describing the injury as Gracilis Contracture and told to continue to work him. Now with a diagnosis I continued my search to find a treatment for the torn muscle.

Muscle Contracture, as a general description, includes Gracilis tears. It is defined as follows: "Muscle Contracture of a muscle occurs to some degree secondary to any muscle contusion that heals primarily by scar tissue. Muscle contracture or fibrotic myopathy is characterized by the replacement of most or all of a muscle by fibrous scar tissues that contracts to an inelastic band. Therefore, normal motion of the related joints is decreased or

lost" (Muscle Contracture - Wiki Vet). This is what caused the irregular gait which "...commonly occurs in medium-large working dogs, with a lifestyle of repetitive minor trauma, such as hunting," police/military work, and Schutzhund sport dog training. Initial identification of the injury can be accomplished by the owner/handler prior to seeing a vet. "Palpation of the Gracilis muscle is not painful and reveals marked atrophy and an inability to fully extend or internally rotate the shoulder. The dog holds the limb in external rotation and a slight abduction," which resembles walking with a pigeon toed shuffle. "The gait is characteristic, and includes marked circumduction and abduction of the foot with a 'flip' motion....Conservative therapy is not effective" (infra). Performing this examination prior to seeing a vet may help in correctly diagnosing the injury as the diagnosis is difficult and can appear similar to classic GSD Hip Dysplasia, possibly resulting in unnecessary surgery with questionable recovery.

The Gracilis Contracture injuries occurs "...most commonly in German Shepherd dogs with an active, working lifestyle. Repeated strain injuries are thought to be the cause. Clinical signs are progressive, but tend to plateau. The condition internally rotates the leg during stifle extension, shortens the stride, and leads to a characteristic jerky gait," described as a Gracilis gait. "The Gracilis palpates very firm and distinct from the other muscles. Transection of the muscle does not seem to work and recurrence of signs are common. Affected dogs usually remain active despite the lameness, and pain does not usually occur" (Infra Wiki Vet). However, the dog should be examined by a vet if you suspect a Gracilis injury, since maintaining a active working lifestyle can cause further damage prior to reaching a plateau. The cause of Gracilis Contracture injuries is not yet clear. Some authorities suggest it to be the result of hereditary factors while others suspect it is result of dogs being over worked. Perhaps it is a combination of both factors. Working dogs do not have the muscle mass in the Gracilis, found in wild dogs or wolves, but are being bred to compete at a similar level of activity to survive successfully in a

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a sport or work environment. This suggests that hereditary traits in dogs selected to be bred for work or sport may be a factor. More data is required.

After a year of consultations with veterinary specialists and animal chiropractors, I became resigned to the fact that the injury was probably not repairable. Various surgical procedures, including removing the Gracilis muscle had been suggested, but upon research had proven unsuccessful in the long term. Stretching helped, but had to be regularly maintained. Cold Laser helped, but did not correct the irregular gait or the performance. Then by chance, I came across an article on the web entitled "Stem Cell Treatment for Dogs: Revolutionary Treatment Helps Ease Arthritis." While this article did not address my issue related to Muscle Contractures, it did mention a veterinary Stem Cell procedure being researched and developed by "Vet-Stem Regenerative Medicine" in Poway, and founder Dr. Robert Harman. I filed that information along with literally a hundred other pages of related material and started researching veterinary specialists familiar with Stem Cell therapy. We found two in our area of Southern California. Unfortunately, they were not familiar with Gracilis Contracture injuries or repair and the consults produced more questions than answers. It seemed that the little knowledge I gained, from reading, was becoming detrimental during consultations.

The next article I found on Stem Cell Therapy was very exciting. It was entitled "Adipose-derived stem cell (ADSC) therapy for severe muscle tears in working German shepherds: Two case studies," by S. Gary Brown, Robert J. Harman, Linda L. Black. This seemed to be exactly what I had been looking for. The research material expanded upon what I had learned over the previous year of first trying to identify the problem and then finding a solution, any solution. Again, I found Vet-Stem Regenerative Veterinary Medicine in Poway mentioned once again and contacted them. They suggested several surgeons familiar with Vet-Stem's procedure for extracting cells. They were all located at Southern California Specialty Hospital, in Irvine. After consults with a surgeon and a neurologist, we scheduled the surgical procedure for removal of tissue cells. Cells were removed from the abdominal cavity rather than the shoulder or flank. The abdominal cavity allows for a greater number of cells to be harvested and to be available for any future injuries. Following surgery, these cells were sent to Vet-Stem for processing to remove the fat and concentrate the stem cells. Once concentrated, they were FedEx'ed to Veterinary Imaging Center of San Diego for IV and ultrasound guided injection by radiologist Dr. Seth Wallack. Both prior and during the delivery procedure, discussions took place with a UC Davis researcher and Dr. Gary Brown.

Successful correction or improvement of Gracilis Contracture injuries with harvested and delivered stem cells is new. While it has been proven successful in some working dogs, it is still questionable and very much dependent on the precision of delivery method and extent of injury. Case studies for Gracilis Contracture have followed strict guidelines under research conditions with dogs who have been recently diagnosed with no more than moderate injuries. Dogs diagnosed with more than moderate injuries reportedly continue to have irregular gaits after the Stem Cell procedure. However, they are able to experience a relatively pain free and more active life style. This procedure consists of processed cells placed in sterile syringes, than injected directly into the traumatized semitendinosus muscle tissue as well as being delivered throughout the body by intravenous drip. The cells should not be injected into the scar \

traumatized muscle. During a pre surgical evaluation, three scar tissue buildups were felt on the lower right Gracilis. A total of five distinctly different muscle tears in the Gracilis were identified by sonogram, four in the right leg and one in the left leg! All were located above the scar tissue buildup previously identified.

A sonogram is considered necessary for accurate cell delivery (ibid). Additionally, a radiologist who can differentiate between the two muscles and who is also familiar with musculoskeletal ultrasound is suggested. Physical Therapy is necessary after the direct ADSC injections and intravenous drip. The drip may improve other weakness not yet detected. Three known cysts were found noticeably smaller two weeks after the procedure, but that arguably could have been the result of post surgical antibiotics! After fourteen days the sutures were removed. We selected a physical therapy regimen of light cross training consisting of stretching, swimming, and walking: All three to be increased to a combined thirty minutes a day over a month and continued for the following three months. This is being supplemented with cold laser therapy three times a month over the next three months. For nutrition, we selected a mix of Wellness and Origin Red, supplemented with Buff K-9 and MSM.

The muscle healing process is very slow. Successful case studies have shown it can take twenty-two weeks for a full recovery (ibid). Success at various levels has been found in seventy-five percent of the dogs evaluated post op. After nearly four weeks, our GSD is off all medications, his energy has increased, he stands correctly, no issues with jumping in and out of the SUV, his right leg is showing improvement, his walking gait is balanced, but feet are still pigeon toed when walking. To date, this particular Stem Cell procedure appears viable for correcting or improving Gracilis Contracture injuries in working German Shepherd Dogs **if** performed early, after the initial injury, and before most of the muscle is replaced by fibrous scar tissue and becomes inelastic.

For further information, see the following articles or contact the author Dr. Richard Stuart at [BritAmAir@Gmail.com](mailto:BritAmAir@Gmail.com).

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"Veterinary Healthcare - Hind limb sprains and strains"

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## Working Rottweiler Association of Canada

Leslie Greenson



Garak

On October 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> the Working Rottweiler Association of Canada (WRAC) held its second trial of the year. Ray Reid was assigned to be our judge for the trial but unfortunately fell ill and could not make it. WRAC is fortunate to have judge Lisa Little in the club whom very graciously filled in and the trial did not have to be cancelled.

Jacki Purdham was the apprentice judge and made a great impression, she did a very fine job. Jacki critiqued our performances like a pro. She is a great judge and it will be a pleasure to trial under her in the future. Well done Jacki! The weather was perfect and the tracking conditions could not have been better. We were very lucky and the trial was off to a great start.

We had a good entry for the trial and the competition was tough, as always. There were 2 BHs, 3 IPO 1s, 1 IPO 2, 4 IPO 3s and a FH 2.

Almost all the competitors were successful there was just a bit of a glitch with the FH 2. Although that team was not successful earning their title that weekend we still watched them finish a great track. You don't get to see someone run an FH 2 very often and they showed the kind of sportsmanship we can all admire.

After some great tracks we headed back to the club and obedience started off with two very nice BH performances by Marla and her dog Cheska and Fred and his dog Kapitan, both passed with flying colours.

We had 2 first timers, Sue and Carmen for their IPO 1 winning 1<sup>st</sup> place IPO 1. They were awarded High Tracking with a score of 99 points and a super overall score of 278 for their first IPO title ever. My dog Garak and I were also first timers for our IPO 3 with High Obedience, 95 points, and High in Trial with 286. Pretty sure Steve and Yargo were holding back a little in protection so that Steve would not have to write the article but just enough for High Protection with a very nice routine, 98 points, and overall IPO 3 score of 285 on their first trial together.

We saw great performances from Heather and Vice, Sue M. and Carmen and Sue N. and Onzy for their IPO1 and Anne and Weiko for their IPO2 also with a really awesome 98 points protection routine. The IPO3 teams were Leslie and Garak, Steve and Yargo, Jen and Enso and Chris and Dax, a healthy dose of GSD vs. Malinois. (I can hear Gino's voice



Bulldogs in the competition!")

After being without a dog for a while, everyone was happy to see our helper Steve Clark trial and do such a great job with his new dog Yargo. They sure did click and make a great team! I predict they are going to have a really great future together. On Sunday Anthony came to work Steve's dog in protection before wrapping up the trial. I held my breath as we watched their protection routine, they needed 99 in protection to bump us into second



Leslie's Garak



Chris and Dax



Jacki, Leslie and Lisa



Fred and Kapitan



Heather's Vice

place and if anyone could do it, it would have been Steve and Yargo, well you got to watch out for Enso and Dax too!

Thanks to Lisa Little and Jacki Purdham for the great judging and critiques, Steve Clark and Anthony Hartelaub for their great helper work, to Steve Bellows for laying the IPO 2 and IPO3 tracks, Gino and Wanda for their hospitality and Joanne Fleming for laying the FH 2 track and as trial secretary, not to mention as our coach who has helped us all get there and the heart of the club who makes it all possible. We enjoyed a great trial with good friends, yummy food, and we had a lot of fun.



AJ receives Sport Medal from Ann Dolan

## Falconhurst's 61st Fall IPO Trial

### By Falcon Eddie

With the weather forecasters predicting rain all weekend, we dreaded picking up our Judge for this trial, our friend Ann Dolan, from the airport. The last time she was here it rained.

But this was a very special trial, so rain be damned!

This, our 61<sup>st</sup> trial was entirely dedicated to the memory of our long time, dear friend and mentor, DVG Judge "Sandi Purdy", who judged us this time last year and had very recently, and unexpectedly, passed away. With heavy hearts, including the Judge, we all took the same field we did in November 2012. This time with Sandy's spirit wishing us well.

Tracking began sharply at dawn with still very dry fields and with our Corps President A. J. Slaughter laying two IPO-2 tracks for the competitors.

In IPO 1 we had Matthew "Pizza Guy" Hycki and his old Malinois Kahn up first and they put on a show with an excellent 99 point track. Following them, after a draw, was Lee Dennehy and his GSD Max with a very nice 95 point IPO-2 track. Bringing up the rear was Dr. Lynn Winter and her Malinois,

Legend, who was on a mission so intense that he missed the first article and still ended up with a very nice 89 points.

Obedience began with three BH hopefuls to start. A. J. with his female Rottie "Asia", Dr. Lynn with her female Malinois "Keiko" and Matt with his male Rottie "Echo". When all was said and done Mr. Echo decided he wasn't staying on the field, but Asia and Keiko went on to successfully repeat their BHs. Way to go old girls!

Moving on to IPO obedience we saw Jerry Lewis (Legend) and Dean Martin (Max) put on some pretty funny stand up and long down comedy obedience routines. They would end up respectively with 78 and 70 points. The old man of the group Groucho Marx (Kahn) however would put on a very solid routine to bring up the rear with a 90.

With the weather still slightly cooperating, the blinds went up and we moved on to the lions share event, Protection. Our newest helper working this event was Matt "Pub Boss" Hopper, working his first solo trial. First up was Matt Hycki and Kahn with a slightly dirty 90 point routine to end up with a SG total of 279



points!. Way to go guys. Next was Dr. Lynn and Legend, also dirty but with 82 points he got his IPO 2 with a total of 249. Lee and Max had some serious attention problems and unfortunately would not pass. Thanks for the strong and safe helper work Mr. Hopper.

Congratulations went to Matt Hyki and Kahn on taking High in Trial. Also at the banquet, our Judge Ann Dolan presented our founding President A. J. Slaughter III with the DVG Grand Gold Sports Medal with Wreath awarded this year from Germany. On behalf of LV/DVG America, congratulations A. J. !

Thank you Karen Toy, our retiring Corps Secretary for the 19 years you have served, competed and partied with us. You are already very dearly missed. Thank you Boardwalk Veterinary Clinic for hosting our banquet. And finally thank you Ann Dolan for your very fair, seasoned judging. It's always a pleasure to have you here in Saginaw, Michigan. Even the rain waited until you were in the sky.



BH Competitors



IPO Competitors

## LRO Report, continued from page 6

In talking with the new LRO to be, it was decided that there should be a two point deduction for IPO 1 & 2, a one point deduction for IPO 3, and a 1/2 point deduction for FH 1 & 2, plus what you deduct for the article, with the exception of the last article because there is no restart.

Example: If an IPO 1 or 2 dog missed both articles, there would be a deduction of 23 points, because the articles in all 3 phases equal 21 points plus not showing a restart on the first article would be a minus 2 points.

We have a new judge starting this New Year. James Akin-Otiko was certified by Wolfgang Pahl on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013. We have another new apprentice that should be certified in the next 6 months. Jacki Purdham has 2 to 3 more trials to do before being certified.

Last but not least, I have sent an email to Germany requesting again that the clubs be able to select their own judge. There would be a rule that the club would have to have 3 different judges in between having the same judge return to the club. That would make sure the judges would be rotated through, so a club could not just use 1 or 2 judges for their trials. The LRO would still assign judges to the clubs that did not wish to participate, and also to KG and LV Championships. This would allow clubs to check airfare to find the most economical airfare and pick the judge accordingly. If they agree with me, it would make it more economical and more feasible to have more trials.

I have enjoyed the time that I have spent being a member and helping DVG in different capacities over the last 33 years and I know that it will continue to grow once we implement some fun things for clubs to do.

I wish the Best of Luck to Everyone!

Yours in the Sport,

Ray



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# ESSEX COUNTY SCHUTZHUND CLUB'S 7TH ANNUAL FALL TRIAL

Written by Anne Mari Appel (with help from Roberta Haskell)

As always, there are many people to thank and many competitors to congratulate after a successful trial but let's start first with Trial Day, October 5, 2013!

All participants and spectators were thrilled to awake to a perfect New England Fall day with slightly overcast skies, temperatures in the 60's, a little dew in the grass for tracking and the threat of rain that never came. Our newly appointed judge, Melissa Hepler, arrived in Boston the night before and was happily snapping photos of the spectacular foliage in all its glory on her ride to New Hampshire.

Saturday morning began by meeting for tracking at the Pembroke home of our trial hosts, Roberta Haskell and Peter Roy. As always tracking conditions can be wildly unpredictable, but Roberta had recently secured permission from a local landowner just around the corner to use their substantial acreage of grass fields for the trials. Melissa expressed her envy over the green grass seldom seen back home in Florida!

And the track laying began. Tracks were then successfully completed by Sarah Baumann and her "rescued" female Shepherd, Gretel for a new Tracking 1 title (!) and a passing score of 70 points. Then Selena Bartelmy's female Bouvier, Razz, put in a fantastic 95 point Schutzhund 1 track! Guy Ventura's female Shepherd, Myra then tracked her way to an 88 point Schutzhund 1 track, which left us with Roberta's two Schutzhund 3 dogs. Female Shepherd, Gina, on her first attempt at the title, tracked a very nice 91 points and her "brother", Yaro, a seasoned "3 veteran" followed that up with a very respectable 90 point track.

Breathing resumed and we returned to the home of the hosts for "breakfast" and the start of Obedience on the wonderful grass field behind the house.

Our first competitor was for the BH, a lovely male, Boxer, Rhino, owned by Patricia Carter. His passing performance

was followed by one Schutzhund 1 and two Schutzhund 3's.

Selena and Razz scored a very spirited 84. Razz has such personality and Selena handled her calmly and with evident joy in their relationship.

Roberta followed with her bitch, Gina, who had some minor glitches with the motion exercises and the retrieve but still achieved a passing score of 80 points. Gina's attentive heeling really helped her. Yaro followed up by not wanting to make his "sister" look bad and also missed his sit but still showed for 86 points. We had to wait for Guy and Myra to show at the very end as Myra was in standing heat.

I should at this point give thanks to Selena who through various team withdrawals, handlers showing two dogs and bitches in heat, etc volunteered to show three "honor dogs" in addition to trialing with Razz. So clearly, now we know - Selena is not living up to her "potential" as a trial handler - showing multiple dogs are not an issue for her!

Patricia and Boxer, Rhino then passed the "traffic portion" of the BH and our second new title was achieved!

After a brief break we returned for the Protection phase, hoping that all teams would be successful having





managed wonderfully thus far. With club Training Director, Guy Ventura's excellent helper work we began.

Selena and Razz turned in another spirited

performance for an 80 point routine and the new title of Schutzhund 1! Roberta and Gina then gave us a wonderful 91 point performance and Gina's new title of Schutzhund 3 was a reality! Roberta and Yaro then turned in a 92 point routine and a qualification for next year's Nationals! Already looking forward to that – they are always fun to watch and support.

Then a short rest for Guy and a chance for us to watch Myra in Obedience. Another spirited and energetic team. After an 82 point routine we took another pause and switched to helper, Brian Gallagher, to finish up with Myra's 88 point Protection routine and another new Schutzhund 1 title!

Lunch was then served as we discussed the day's successes with plenty of food donated by various club members and the generosity of our hosts in evidence again.

And thanks are now in order. To Roberta and Peter – thank you for so much for everything. None of this would be possible without your generosity. Your home is perfect for a trial – you truly go above and beyond. First you purchase a "Schutzhund property", and Peter mows fields and takes out trees and bushes for the field. Then you host weekly club training at your home. The week before the trial you host a weeklong seminar with Gottfried Dildei (not to mention monthly seminars with Gottfried and his "New England summer camp"). You open your home to participants for meals, for tracking and for sleeping and showers. It is amazing what you both do and how grateful we all are to you!



We are also grateful for the expertise and calm judging of Melissa. As a seasoned (and still active) competitor Melissa clearly understands what it takes to bring a dog to trial level. Her critiques were thoughtful and instructive, and her ability to calm "trial nerves" was appreciated by all. Hopefully we will see more of her here in New Hampshire.

Thanks also to our competitors. Hours, months and sometimes years of hard work are on the line during a trial. While we try to walk away from every experience



with our dogs as a learning experience, it is always nice when our handler/dog teams are successful in achieving their goals of new titles. This sport would not be possible without your support and we are fortunate to

have an amazingly wonderful, cooperative group to work with.

The guidance we get from Guy as Training Director is also critical and none of this would be possible without his excellent National Level helper work. Thank you Guy for everything you do to make us look good!



And then that leaves us with our coach and inspiration, Gottfried Dildei. Thank you for the years of hard work you give all of us. Your understanding of the dogs is unparalleled, your expertise

and knowledge greatly appreciated. Sometimes we are "handicapped" as handlers, but we manage to get through it, and we are grateful for your support!



# Cornhusker Schutzhund Club Trial, November 2, 2013

By Ann Kleimola

The Cornhusker Schutzhund Club's trial began before daylight as Paul Kononoff, in the illumination of truck headlights, put in the IPO 3 tracks so that they could age by sunrise. It was the day before the time change, so dawn arrived late and the club wanted to begin as early as possible. Our judge, Jennifer Reid, who had flown in from Portland, Oregon, the previous evening, also had a short night, but was ready to begin judging with sunrise. Jacki Purdham and Walker completed their IPO 3 track successfully, followed in short order by Charlie Purdham and Egar, who also had a successful IPO 3 Track. Paul Kononoff and Capone then took to the field and completed their TRK 2 title. Two TRK 1 tracks finished the tracking portion of the trial, as Ann Kleimola and Rajah, followed by James Akin-Okito and Bradi, ended our time at the tracking fields with very good performances on the track.

The center of activity moved to the obedience and protection field. Despite the bright sunlight, it was still breezy and a bit chilly, but the dogs were ready. Two teams, Jacki Purdham and Walker and Charlie Purdham and Egar, finished their IPO 3

Paul, Mandy, Leela, Gracie, and "Justice".



Charlie and Egar



Akin and Jennifer



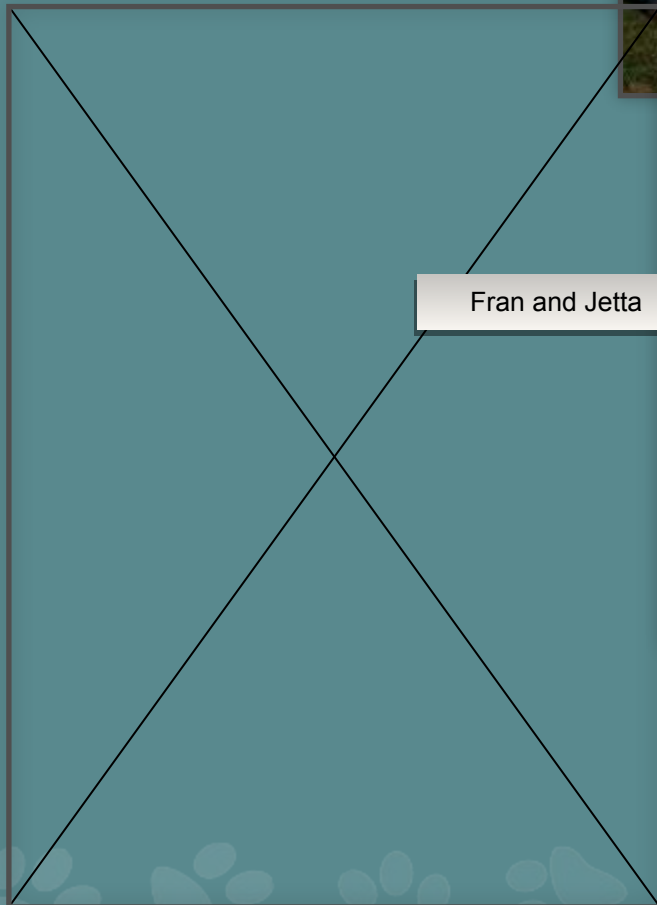
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titles. James Akin-Otiko and Bradi had a very good performance to complete their IPO 1 title. Paul Kononoff and his energetic young Justice handled the BH routine with aplomb. Fran Smith and Justice's littermate Jetta provided the "dummy dog" (the UKC title "courtesy dog" would be more appropriate, since Jetta is hardly a dummy) for the BH test, and their performance showed that Jetta will be ready for the next trial. Judge Jennifer remained calm and cheerful through a long day, providing critiques that were positive and helpful, pointing out where improvement was needed and praising the superior parts of each performance. She helped us to see the humor when the dogs added their own variations to the exercises. We are grateful that she was willing to leave her family and make the long trip to be here for our trial.

We are also grateful for the family, friends, and club members who turned out before dawn to cheer for the teams that entered. Their support is greatly appreciated. Look out for our upcoming Spring trial as the young club dogs will be ready to show their stuff on the field.



Fran and Jetta



Akin's Bradi

Greg Doud and Liza



## NORTHERN ILLINOIS SCHUTZHUND CLUB (NISC)

Northern Illinois Schutzhund Club (NISC) hosted its very first club trial as a DVG club on October 5, 2013. Although the entry was small, the performances were solid and the entrants truly represented the diversity of DVG as an all-breed club. We had two Rottweilers, two GSDs, and one Malinois! We also had a very large group of spectators who came out to support the competitors. That is always good to see, especially when the trial is so small.

NISC has been around as a club for a very long time. Many an "old timer" can tell entertaining stories of past trials held at various locations within the sprawling "Lake County Fairgrounds." The trial grounds are now known as the OLD Lake County Fairgrounds, because the fair itself moved to a new location just a few miles away. But the old fairgrounds still provide an excellent venue for an IPO trial! Entrants

and spectators met at 7:00 am to gather our wits about us and start the day. Tracking for the IPO 2 competitors took place in the far north east corner of the fairgrounds, whereas the FH 2 was laid in the massive field in the north west corner. Betty Sagan with Archway's I Liza ("Liza") pulled the first IPO 2 track. As soon as Betty directed Liza to "such" she put her head down and was on a mission. Tracking at a nice, consistent speed, she nailed the first turn and found her first article. She continued in the same steady fashion, found the second turn, and worked her way down the third leg to the last article. A beautiful track to watch earned Betty and Liza a well deserved 97 points. Next to track was Jan Gullick and Kaylee vd Olgameister ("Kaylee"). This was Jan's first time trialing for an IPO 2, and she and Kaylee rocked it. Although they had a few bobbles, Kaylee found both articles and worked her way through the track, resulting in a respectable score. Next, we turned to the BH competitors - two Rottweilers. The first to do the routine was Francine

**"The entrants truly represented the diversity of DVG as an all breed club"**

Lee and her bitch Trojans Sumr of Luv v Blkburne ("Summer"). This was Francine's very first BH, and she and Summer did a super job! They moved effortlessly through the routine, and her fellow club members are proud of her dedication to the sport and courage to step on to the field for the first time! The other BH entry was me, Kathleen Sanderson, with my boy Xwarik von Brukroft ("Warik") (in fact, the only male entered in the trial!). Warik showed a little too much enthusiasm at times, but overall he was a very good boy, and I was happy with our performance.

We went directly from the BH routines into the IPO 2 obedience routines. To be honest, I was so busy



putting my own dog up that I didn't watch the obedience routines as closely as I should have. And since I am the only club member who volunteered to write a report, a short report it will be...both ladies did a very nice job with respectable scores. The trial then continued on to the BH traffic portion, which both dogs passed with flying



Betty Sagan and Liza

colors, and after that was completed, it was time to run the FH 2 track!

Unfortunately, the FH 2 dog decided about half



Francine Lee and Summer

way down the first leg that she just wasn't into tracking that day. So the judge had to officially end the track. Of course, as soon as the judge turned



Kathleen Sanderson and Warik

around, the stinker continued on to track the rest of the track and find all of the articles...go figure!

Finally, we moved on to the last phase of the trial. Protection. Betty and Liza were up first, and they showed off a very nice, controlled, four blind search. Liza's bark and hold on the helper was rather entertaining for those who had never seen her work before...she engaged all of her core strength and performed a beautiful "sit pretty"



while barking and holding the decoy in the blind! The two offered solid teamwork for the rest of their routine. Jan and Kaylee then came on to the field to impress us all! Kaylee performed a beautiful blind search, bark and hold, and escape, and then came the time for the back transport. Sometimes handlers have poor timing when they're nervous, and just as the helper turned around to perform the re-attack, Jan yelled "FUSS!!" Thankfully, after hesitating for a second, Kaylee decided that the need to bite the approaching decoy was more important than



the need to bite the approaching decoy was more important than listening to her handler, so she engaged and they continued the rest of the program in fine fashion! Despite Jan's best efforts at unwittingly losing points for Kaylee, she ended up with a score of

86 and her very first IPO 2 title! Congratulations!!



Jan Gullick and Kaylee



Greg Doud and Kaylee

all of the spectators who came out to support the club and provide assistance! Here is to more IPO memories being made at the Fairgrounds!



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# Trial Results

Dog's Name	Handler's Name	Breed	Prior Title	Attempted Title	A	B	C	Total	Title Awarded
South Valley Working Dog Club- 2013 LV Championship		Judges: Lisa Little, Jennifer Reid, Wolfgang Pahl							September 21-22, 2013
Stoli vom HausReid	Kathleen Feibig	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 1	93	81	76a	250G	IPO 1
Holland Kitos V LeDobry	Les Flores	DSH	IPO 1	IPO 1	76	81	95a	252G	IPO 1
Clausse vom HausReid	Derek Neliton	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 1	85	78	Dismiss	163M	–
Ajax (Emmell)	Eva Emmell	MIX	IPO 2	IPO 2	–	–	DQ	Out of control	–
Rugar von Willowind	Kathleen Foster	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	100	84	93a	277SG	IPO 3
Dustin vom Sonnehof	Renate Rank	RSN	IPO 3	IPO 3	90	88	96a	274SG	IPO 3
G. Ehre und Stoltz vom Haus Reid	Bill Cassell	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	25	78	dismiss	103M	–
Argon Vom Land der Konige	Elizabeth Whitcomb	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	50	88	90a	228B	–
Chili Airport Hannover	Everhard (Hardy) Ernsting	MAL	IPO 3	IPO 3	74	94	95a	263G	IPO 3
Holland Hachi V LeDobry	Patricia Davidson	DSH	IPO 3	IPO 3	–	–	DQ	Out of control	–
Heplers Al Pacino	Melissa Hepler	MAL	IPO 3	IPO 3	0	62	96a	158M	–
Mondro V Rangan	Amanda Hoskinson	ROT	IPO 3	IPO 3	75	80	84	239G	IPO 3
Kimom vom Padberg	Emie Franck	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	88	86	96a	270SG	IPO 3
Norbo von der wilden Nachbarschaft	Elizabeth H Kreittler	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	75	94	91a	260G	IPO 3
Lux vom Fluchtweg	Phil Hoelcher	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	97	82	97a	276SG	IPO 3
Calloway Cam ot Vitosha	Phil Hoelcher	MAL	IPO 3	IPO 3	87	86	93a	266G	IPO 3
Hero von den Herbstzelosen	Scott Bakala	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	95	92	91	278SG	IPO 3
Stormvogel's Ayla Joy	Ugne Schmitt-Sody	MAL	IPO 3	IPO 3	65	97	96a	258G	–
Old Glory's Awful Pain	Bryan Hendricks	AMB	IPO 3	IPO 3	98	86	85a	269G	IPO 3
Essex County Schutzhund Club		Judge: Melissa Hepler				October 5, 2013			
Rhino	Patricia Carter	BOX	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Razz Ma Taz	Selena Bartemy	BOUV	BH	IPO 1	95	84	80a	259G	IPO 1
Myra von haus Pine Ridge	Guy Ventura II	GSD	BH	IPO 1	88	82	88a	258G	IPO 1
Yaro aus der Seiben Keltern-Stadt	Roberta Haskell	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	90	86	92a	268G	IPO 3
Gina von der Boyneburgker Strase	Roberta Haskell	GSD	IPO 2	IPO 3	91	80	91a	262G	IPO 3
Gretel (Bauman)	Sarah Bauman	GSD	BH	TR 1	70			70B	TR 1



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Northern Illinois Schutzhund Club		Judge: Lisa Little			October 05 2013				
Trojan's Sumr of Luv V Blkbume	Francine Luchsinger-Lee	ROT	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Xwarik von Brukroft	Kathleen Sanderson	ROT	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Archway's I Liza	Brigitte Sagan	MAL	IPO 1	IPO 2	97	81	80vh	258G	IPO 2
Kaylee vd Olgameister	Jan Gullick	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	79	85	86a	250G	IPO 2
Risky vom Haus Miller	Dotty Renier	GSD	FH 1	FH 2	3			3U	–
Ponderosa Schutzhund Club		Judge: Ann Dolan			October 6, 2013				
Family Dobes Alvin Vickor	Patricia Neller	DOB	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Dizel Szarikz Dragon	Kirk Russell	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Georgonav vom Himmelchoc	Thomas Barriano	GSD	BH	IPO 1	70	70	78vh	218B	IPO 1
Bruin von Ehret	Klaudia Pierowski	GSD	BH	IPO 1	73	85	92a	250G	IPO 1
Flannchaph von der Bavarienburg	Thomas Barriano	DOB	IPO 3	IPO 3	82	74	84vh	240B	IPO 3
Tudorose Slash-All	Klaudia Pierowski		BH	OB 1		88		88G	OB 1
Tyrone Royal Del Nord Vent	Kathleen Cirilli	GSD	OB 1	FH	84			84G	FH
Carmen	Wayne Kemper	MIX	BH	FH	5				
Meridian Working Dog Club		Judge: Amanda Hoskinson			October 12, 2013				
Moses' Winston	Rhonda Moses	AMB	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
TM's Swift Striking Katara of EWK	Lynda Myers	AMB	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Sprite's Hulabaloo	Peggy Robinson	TERV	IPO 2	IPO 3	82	75	92a	249G	IPO 3
Sprite's Jason Garrick	Sarah Hemberger	TERV	IPO 3	IPO 3	86	86	90a	262G	IPO 3
Sprite's Knick Knack of Fanfare	Kathleen E McClain	TERV	IPO 3	IPO 3	87	85	96a	268G	IPO 3
Moses' Party in Dega	Rhonda Moses	AMB	IPO 2	IPO 3	71	92	88a	251G	IPO 3
Centennial Schutzhund Club		Judge: Amanda Hoskinson			October 26, 2013				
erebos du champs 'des legends	Cynthia Gibson	BOX	BH	IPO 1	97	70	81a	248G	IPO 1
Luko	Kevin Walsh	MIX	IPO 1	IPO 2	93	81	91a	255G	IPO 2
Dallas von Haus Gerzabek	Dustin Darnell	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	97	90	89a	276SG	IPO 2
Winterfell Ayra	Michael O'Donnell	DOB	IPO 1	IPO 2	70	84	82a	236B	IPO 2
Delta Schutzhund Club		Judge: Melissa Hepler			October 26, 2013				
Hercules vom Schattendal	Robert Holley	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Wye K von der Hoehenluft	Kay Taylor	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Isa vom Landgraf	Mark Festervand	DOB	–	BH	Bestanden				BH

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Delta Schutzhund Club		Continued		Judge: Melissa Hepler		October 26, 2013			
Gelliena vom Schattendal	Robert Fortune	GSD	BH	IPO 1	85	70	80a	235B	IPO 1
Dexter vom Schattendal	Lorelei Sims	GSD	IPO 2	IPO 3	93	89	16ng	183M	—
Gangster van Huize Dimano	Mayko Bender	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	95	78	90a	263G	IPO 3
Atlas von der Heimat	Robert Fortune	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	88	87	86a	261G	IPO3
Mid Tennessee Schutzhund Club		Judge: Lisa Little		October 26, 2013					
Quoto vom Ruff	Barbara Ehren	GSD	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Austin vom Ruff	Barbara Ehren	GSD	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Fiasko vom Hugelblick	Stanley Krasinski	GSD	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Jynx vom Hugelblick	Karen Komonos	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	97	90	91a	278SG	IPO 3
Daska von der Bosentohle	Amelia Anderson	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	76	71	90a	238B	IPO 2
Black Diamond Schutzhund Club		Judge: Amanda Hoskinson		October 27, 2013					
Sydney v Silbernem Flusschen	Ryan O'Hayre	GSD	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Dogwood's Dude Abides	Joshua Lamm	CC	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Devel Going Going Gone	Alice Bradie	MAL	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Carmen	Wayne Kemper	MIX	BH	IPO 1	88	72	78vh	238B	IPO 1
Le Grande Ugh des Barriques Twin Oaks	John Hendershot	MAL	IPO 2	IPO 3	82	77	88a	247G	IPO 3
Blitz	Denice Kawecki	MIX	TR 1	TR 1	90			90SG	TR 1
Freyja	Leslie Fredrick	MAL	BH	TR 1	34			34M	
Moon Quest's Bank Shot	Susan Belfiore	MAL	TR1 PR 1	TR 1 / PR 1	87		79vh	166G	TR 1 / PR 1
Echo von Kemper Haus	Kathy Kemper	GSD	BH	FH 1	86			86G	FH 1
Yana v Atez Haus	Kathy Kemper	GSD	TR 1 PR 1	FH 1	74			74B	FH 1
Falconhurst Canine Corps		Judge: Ann Dolan		November 9, 2013					
Asia Vom Schwarstein	A.J. Slaughter III	ROT	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Fontain D'Or Keiko	G Lynn Winters, DMV	MAL	—	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Bruins Echo V Huffmaster	Mathew Hycki	MAL	—	BH	Nitch Bestanden				
Ukahn Fontaine D'Or	Mathew Hycki	MAL	IPO 3	IPO 1	99	90	90a	279SG	IPO 1
Heelynn's Legend VH Slaughter	G Lynn Winters, DMV	MAL	IPO 1	IPO 2	89	78	82vh	249G	IPO 2
Maximillian Von Frieland	Lee Dennehy	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	95	70	59vh	224M	—



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