

NATC 2004

North American Teckel Club

Supplement to Teckel Talk November 2004



Den, obedience, show!



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ZUCHTSCHAU 2004 REPORT

Anke Masters

This year we welcomed President Wolfgang Ransleben and Federal Breed Warden Hans Wördemann for the last time to our event. The site in PA was beautiful and the weather was perfect (of course, we were indoors!). The Natural Den Test was split this year and the first dog was tested in NJ. It worked well and earned the award with flying colors. Then we drove out to Carrie's place to find some more woodchucks. A group of interested spectators came up to watch and it must be Murphy's Law, but we could not find a workable den all afternoon. The mood was great anyway and we made plans for a nice dinner together near the Zuchtschau site, about one hour away. It took a bit longer, maybe due to Larry's 'shortcut' but we finally made it and had a great meal at a nice restaurant.

On Saturday we evaluated 35 dogs in the ring, set up in the horse arena at Alexandra's farm. Her husband had prepared the arena perfectly and everything looked great. This year we brought in lunch so our volunteers, Phyllis and Mike, did not have to work so hard and could watch the show. Of all dogs shown five received the highest rating of Excellent and were brought back into the ring. Of those five Herr Wördemann chose the little longhair zwerg bitch of Alexandra Weber as the best dog of the day. This was especially rewarding since the bitch just had a litter of six puppies two weeks prior. She was the first dog in the ring that day and was carried in the end to avoid contracting anything that could be dangerous to her or her puppies. Second place went to Augden von Moosbach-Zuzelek owned by Sherry and Phil Ruggieri, out of John and Jolanta Jeanneney's breeding. After dinner at a local Banquet facility we had our annual membership meeting.

On Sunday it was President Ransleben's turn to judge the Companion Dog Test. Six dogs were tested and all of them passed. I think this test will make a great addition to our testing program. Our goal was to add one additional test every year and I am glad this test addresses all members, not just the hunters. The Gun Shyness Test followed.



Maddie Weber practicing the show routine with one of her Mom's dogs. Maddie showed a great deal of natural talent as a handler!

I was very happy with the organization of the show. We had plenty of volunteers this year, which made everything run easier and more enjoyable for everybody. I would like to thank all of the volunteers, especially those who are found at every event, regardless of where or when. I start with Alexandra, who provided the beautiful site, who did all the research into hotels, restaurants, supplies and, together with her husband David, prepared the site exactly to fit our needs. Carrie did an outstanding job chairing this event, juggling the tremendous amount of paperwork, and helped with the Gunshyness Test and the Natural Den Test. Phyllis and Mike handled the lunches, coffee and sold our fundraising merchandise. Trudy has the beautiful handwriting to fill out the Formwert certificates. Teddy judged the Natural Den Test. Barbie sat at the secretary's table and handled all the paperwork. I apologize if I forgot anybody.

I would also like to mention Alexandra's and David's kids, who helped wherever they could, be it with selling merchandise, riding the bike during the companion dog test, fetching things for us ... or 'helping' with the computer work. It was refreshing and a lot of fun having the kids right in the middle.

All in all a successful event. Congratulations!



ZUCHTSCHAU 2004 RESULTS

Longs

1	Amazing Grace von Bakum DTK#: 0315494L Sire: Ch. Stonybrook's Presario Mario Owner: Michael Nothstein	DOB: April 19, 2003 AKC#: Dam: FC Sunlight Steffi Breeder: Michael Nothstein	Sex: Bitch very good
2	Ava von Bakum DTK#: 0315495L Sire: Ch. Stonybrook's Presario Mario Owner: Michael Nothstein	DOB: April 19, 2003 AKC#: Dam: FC Sunlight Steffi Breeder: Michael Nothstein	Sex: Bitch disqualified
3	Alex von Bakum DTK#: 0315491L Sire: Ch. Stonybrook's Presario Mario Owner: Michael Nothstein & Ray & Marlene DiMarino	DOB: April 19, 2003 AKC#: Dam: FC Sunlight Steffi Breeder: Michael Nothstein	Sex: Dog good
4	Arthur von Bakum DTK#: 0315492L Sire: Ch. Stonybrook's Presario Mario Owner: Michael Nothstein and Charles Augustine	DOB: April 19, 2003 AKC#: Dam: FC Sunlight Steffi Breeder: Michael Nothstein	Sex: Dog good
5	Teckelhof's Klein Erna DTK#: Sire: Ch. Wavecrest's Park Ave ML Owner: Edith Colaneri & Charlotte Borghardt	DOB: March 22, 2003 AKC#: HP04158905 Dam: Ch. Teckelhof's Undine ML Breeder: Edith Colaneri & Charlotte Borghardt	Sex: Bitch very good
6	Teckelhof's Valentine ML DTK#: Sire: Wingover's Gryphon MLD Owner: Edith Colaneri	DOB: February 14, 2004 AKC#: HP04158905 Dam: Teckelhof's Cool Mint Daisy ML Breeder: Edith Colaneri	Sex: Bitch v. promising
7	Teckelhof's Won For My Baby DTK#: Sire: Teckelhof's Haenschen Klein ML Owner: Charlotte Borghardt & Paul Goetz	DOB: February 17, 2003 AKC#: HP04332913 Dam: Ch. Teckelhof's Roeslein Rot ML Breeder: Edith Colaneri & Charlotte Borghardt	Sex: Bitch excellent
8	Wingover's Iago ML DTK#: Sire: Willington von Moritz ML Owner: Teddy Moritz	DOB: July 29, 2003 AKC#: HP07005703 Dam: FC Wingover's Black Phoenix ML Breeder: Susan Fuller	Sex: Dog very good
9	Wingover's I Like Ike ML DTK#: Sire: Willington von Moritz ML Owner: Bettina Hinckley	DOB: July 29, 2003 AKC#: HP07005702 Dam: FC Wingover's Black Phoenix ML Breeder: Susan Fuller	Sex: Dog very good
10	Lieslotte von Moritz ML	DOB: August 1, 2003	Sex: Bitch

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	DTK#: Sire: FC Aziz von Moritz Owner: Jenna Smith	AKC#: HP07652102 Dam: FC Nyssa von Moritz Breeder: Teddy Moritz	disqualified
11	Pia vom Eichkatztal DTK#: 03Z5247L Sire: Henk vom Pfauenhof Owner: Carmen Kosik	DOB: April 15, 2003 AKC#: Dam: Unka vom Pfauenhof Breeder: Heinrich Gottselig	Sex: Bitch without eval.
12	Jade von Zeldenrüst DTK#: 03Z5173L Sire: Zobel vom Dämmertal Owner: Carmen Kosik	DOB: March 12, 2003 AKC#: Dam: Birke von Zeldenrüst Breeder: Ingrid Harken	Sex: Bitch excellent
13	Ysette von der Bahnhofsnähe DTK#: 02Z5238L Sire: Quater von der Dömerhögte Owner: Alexandra Weber	DOB: April 19, 2002 AKC#: Dam: Winni von der Bahnhofsnähe Breeder: Edgar Wölfelschneider	Sex: Bitch excellent

Smooths

14	Applehill Red Pepper Jeli MS DTK#: Sire: Stardox Guardian Angel MS Owner: Jane, Richard, and Karen Jones & C. Hamilton	DOB: March 24, 2004 AKC#: HP10016301 Dam: FC Apple Hills Caliente MS, JE Breeder: Penelope Giovinco & Carrie Hamilton	Sex: Bitch disqualified
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Wires

15	Am/Can Ch. Shortshadows Diamond in the Ruff, JE DTK#: Sire: Ch Short Shadows Brutus Owner: Carolyn & Christopher Casoria	DOB: April 25, 1998 AKC#: HM77519604 Dam: Ch Waldmeer Zanie Zoe von Links Breeder: Carolyn & Christopher Casoria	Sex: Bitch good
16	Short Shadows Runaround Sue DTK#: Sire: FC Traelborg's Herbert Owner: Shawn Nies	DOB: May 18, 2003 AKC#: HP05237703 Dam: Ch. Shortshadows Diamond in the Ruff, JE Breeder: Carolyn & Christopher Casoria	Sex: Bitch very good
17	Short Shadow Missing N Action, JE DTK#: Sire: FC Traelborg's Herbert Owner: Carolyn & Christopher Casoria	DOB: May 18, 2003 AKC#: HP05237702 Dam: Ch. Shortshadows Diamond in the Ruff, JE Breeder: Carolyn & Christopher Casoria	Sex: Bitch very good
18	Badger vom Ahorn Wald DTK#: 0402205R Sire: Henri Anons Owner: Thomas Bricker	DOB: February 7, 2004 AKC#: HP08871701 Dam: Asta vom Ahorn Wald Breeder: Lore Mahler	Sex: Dog v. promising

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19	Bernd vom Ahorn Wald DTK#: 0402206R Sire: Henri Anons Owner: Baerbel Wills	DOB: February 7, 2004 AKC#: HP08871702 Dam: Asta vom Ahorn Wald Breeder: Lore Mahler	Sex: Dog v. promising
20	Ch. Re:Joyce Cyan True Blue SW DTK#: Sire: Ch Starhaven Andrew W Owner: Joyce & Paul Wilson	DOB: November 11, 2002 AKC#: HP0335704 Dam: Ch Starbarrack Main Course SW Breeder: Joyce & Paul Wilson	Sex: Bitch very good
21	Re:Joyce Digger O'Dell SW DTK#: Sire: Ch Kidada's High Wire Act SW Owner: Joyce & Paul Wilson	DOB: November 27, 2003 AKC#: HP09026402 Dam: Ch Starbarrack Main Course SW Breeder: Joyce & Paul Wilson	Sex: Dog no-show
22	Ch. Re:Joyce Amazin' Grace SW DTK#: Sire: Ch Kidada's Shadow of the Night W Owner: Joyce & Paul Wilson	DOB: May 8, 2001 AKC#: HM95643706 Dam: Ch Starbarrack Fantasia SW Breeder: Joyce & Paul Wilson	Sex: Bitch good
23	Ch. Re:Joyce Believ'n Magic SW DTK#: Sire: Ch Starhaven Andrew W Owner: Emily, Joyce & Paul Wilson	DOB: August 11, 2002 AKC#: HN00669401 Dam: Ch Starbarrack Fantasia SW Breeder: Joyce & Paul Wilson	Sex: Dog very good
24	Schnieders Konrad DTK#: 04Z1327R Sire: Schneiders Falco Owner: Howard Dodson	DOB: November 23, 2003 AKC#: Dam: Schneiders Jenny Breeder: Maria Schneiders	Sex: Dog very good
25	Stonebridges Csak Attack MW DTK#: Sire: Ch Ol'South's Beau Brummell MW Owner: Sherry Ruggieri	DOB: December 31, 2003 AKC#: HP09527402 Dam: Nanlou Stonebridge Belstar MW Breeder: Carol Gay & Nancy Edwards	Sex: Dog promising
26	Lothlorien Ping MW DTK#: Sire: FC Eli Looker Owner: Joann Frier Murza	DOB: October 9, 2003 AKC#: HP07590106 Dam: FC Hawk Dawg Scotch Breeder: Wendy S. Looker	Sex: Dog very good
27	FC Attila v Moosbach-Zuzelek, SchwHK/NATC DTK#: 0302392R Sire: GS99 & FC Alfi von der Hardt-Hohe Owner: Julie & Henry Holt	DOB: March 11, 2003 AKC#: Dam: FC Elli v Moosbach-Zuzelek SW Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney	Sex: Dog very good
28	Amy v Moosbach-Zuzelek DTK#: 0302395R Sire: GS99 & FC Alfi von der Hardt-Hohe Owner: Jolanta & John Jeanneney	DOB: March 11, 2003 AKC#: Dam: FC Elli v Moosbach-Zuzelek SW Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney	Sex: Bitch excellent

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| 29 | Augden v Moosbach-Zuzelek
DTK#: 0302393R
Sire: GS99 & FC Alfi von der Hardt-Hohe
Owner: Sherry Ruggieri | DOB: March 11, 2003
AKC#: HP04049104
Dam: FC Elli v Moosbach-Zuzelek SW
Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney | Sex: Dog

excellent |
| 30 | Billy v Moosbach-Zuzelek
DTK#: 0302392R
Sire: GS99 & FC Alfi von der Hardt-Hohe
Owner: Jolanta & John Jeanneney | DOB: February 8, 2004
AKC#:
Dam: FC Elli v Moosbach-Zuzelek SW
Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney | Sex: Dog

v. promising |
| 31 | Maximilian vom Wahlscheidskopf
DTK#: 0201495R
Sire: GS97, IACH97 Yago von der Fränkischen Schweiz
Owner: Ute Eisenach | DOB: January 30, 2002
AKC#:
Dam: Indra vom Wahlscheidskopf
Breeder: Erika Schumacher | Sex: Dog

very good |
| 32 | Alicia von den Colorado Bergen
DTK#: 0202092R
Sire: Leo von der Ferdinandsburg
Owner: Wendy Miller | DOB: March 19, 2002
AKC#:
Dam: Abigail von den Schwirzheimer Bergen
Breeder: Rainer Gerngross | Sex: Bitch

disqualified |
| 33 | Arno von Gronenwald SW
DTK#:
Sire: Archie vom Ahorn Wald
Owner: Andrew Bensing | DOB: February 15, 2003
AKC#: HP04095507
Dam: Bina v Moosbach-Zuzelek
Breeder: Duane Bush | Sex: Dog

very good |
| 34 | Schnieders Eyka
DTK#: 0372003R
Sire: Schnieders Michel
Owner: George R. Boyd | DOB: July 20, 2003
AKC#:
Dam: Dusty von Schellohne
Breeder: Maria Schnieders | Sex: Bitch

very good |



- 35 Czar von Moosbach-Zuzelek
DOB: May 13, 2000
Sex: Dog
DTK#:
AKC#: HM892959/03
very good
Sire: FC Asko von der Drachenburg
Dam: FC Ulricka von Moosbach-Zuzelek
Owner: Larry Gohlke
Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney

Judge Hans Wördemann with Anke Masters. At the desk Barbie Wills and Carrie Hamilton.



Ute Eisenach and "Oscar"



Alexandra Weber and Ysette



Mike Nothstein



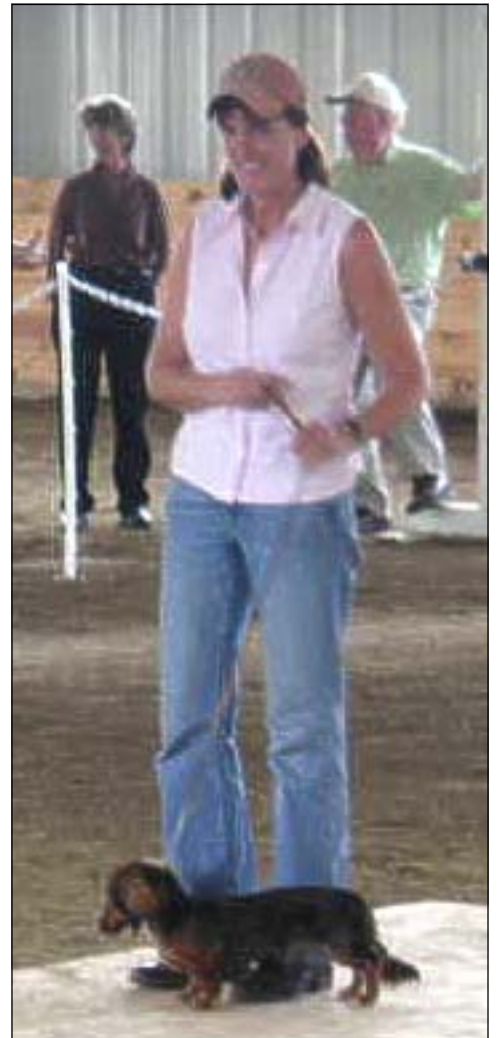
Henry Holt with "Attila Bear"



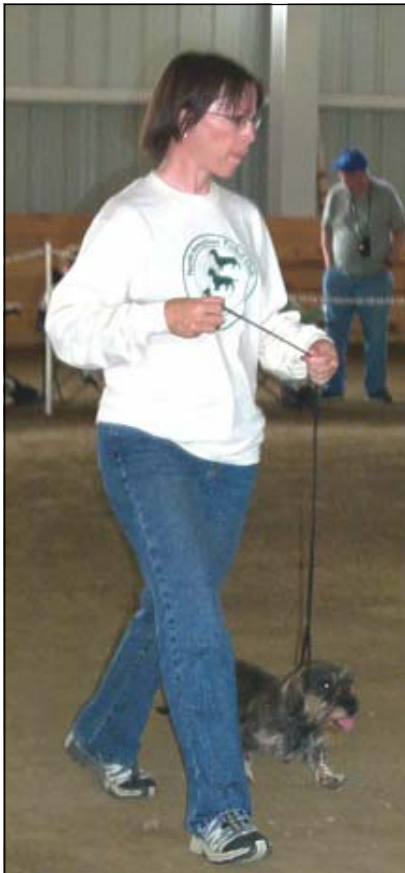
Jolanta Jeanneney showing Billy



Barbie Wills is holding Bernie while the Judge is examining his dentition



Jenna Smith with Lieslotte



Wendy Miller came to the show all the way from Colorado.



Teddy Moritz with Iago



Edith Colaneri with her daughter Charlotte Borghardt



George Boyd with Schnieders Eyka



Phil and Sherry Ruggieri, Carolyn Casoria and Shawn Nies



Left—Tom Bricker with Badger

Above—Cheri Faust showing Larry Gohlke's Czar

NATURAL DEN TEST

Jo Ann Frier-Murza

The natural hunting test portion of the Zuchtschau 2004 was held on Friday, September 24. Since the quarry is woodchuck, only miniatures able to go down a woodchuck hole are tested. This year, I entered Ping and Teddy Moritz entered Iago. Ping was tested in NJ while Iago was tested in PA. Ping is a miniature wire-haired dachshund who weighs 8 pounds and is 10 months old. He's been hunting woodchucks enthusiastically since I would allow it when he was 7 months old. He's had a great summer finding and working a good number of woodchucks under all kinds of conditions..

Anke Masters brought the Herr Wordemann and Herr Ransleben, and Teddy, David Kawami, and John and Jolanta Jeannenney joined me at my farm. Teddy and Herr Ransleben were the hunt judges. My farm is about 30 acres and it has soybean fields (aka, woodchuck food) and hedgerows next to another property with soybeans. There usually isn't any shortage of quarry. We took off from my driveway and walked the hedgerows near the driveway then started along a wide, well-vegetated hedgerow between my pastures and my neighbor's soybean field. As we walked, Ping searched the hedgerow for active dens. He quickly found a den that smelled good to him and he darted into it and started barking. It was a couple of feet from the base of a two and a half foot wide tree and, predictably, the tunnel went straight toward the tree. It was difficult to find his locator collar, although he was barking at the chuck and moving it around the area. I got some signals and followed his motion around the trunk of the tree. I finally got a really good signal from his collar as he settled into a place. Anke, John, and I started digging through roots and vines in sandy, dusty soil. When we dug through to him, he was working strongly about two feet down at a turn heading under the center of the trunk. We all decided to leave this one and go on, since the tunnel was precarious around him and the chuck was most likely safely hidden away directly under the tree.

We continued walking and letting Ping search the hedgerow under the tangled vegetation. Farther down the hedgerow, Ping blazed into a hole. I saw him go in and he

started barking immediately a few feet into the tunnel.. I called the others over to watch and help. We lucked out on this one, because the vegetation had been hacked away several years ago and hadn't yet grown back thickly. There were still roots under the surface, though. There were 3 entrances that we could find. Ping barked and pushed the chuck to another entrance where his voice became very loud again. We didn't see the chuck, but the barking told us he was near. We waited to see if the chuck would bolt,, but after a while, it decided to take a turn into a side tunnel where Ping followed about 3 feet and held it there. We dug to him and it where he was working. It was clear from Ping's behavior that the chuck was close and it responded aggressively to him and to a trowel I pushed into it. We took Ping out and left Teddy's lurcher, Celtic, to watch the hole while we dug to the spot where the chuck was. If the chuck tried to come out or go by, Celtic would

grab it. By the time we got through the roots and to the place the chuck had been, he was gone, having gone off to the side, somehow avoiding the lurcher. I searched around for the escape route by probing in the hole and we started digging where the dirt seemed soft. Woodchucks on the run will fill in behind themselves, making a wall that confuses the dog and slows the dog down. Ping had been released and was back in the tunnel now and digging there, too. He started to bark, then disap-

peared through the tunnel another way. We thought he had been put off by the "wall", but, as usual, he was absolutely right. A few seconds later, he started barking about six feet away (on the surface, perhaps 20 feet underground) where he had found the chuck. We quickly dug to the two of them. Again Ping was removed from facing the woodchuck and this time Teddy's lurcher removed it easily. The judges passed him and he now has a German hunting title.

I want to thank all the helpers that day, who made the dig more efficient by digging, holding Ping, keeping an eye on equipment, and hacking vegetation away, and Jolanta, who took some great photos of the entire event.



Ping emerging from the den



Den Test #2

Teddy Moritz

We hunted a nice hedgerow bordering corn and alfalfa fields. There were numerous holes but neither lagoon nor the lurcher showed interest in any of them. A number of spectators were along, hoping to see what this woodchuck digging was all about. Regrettably we didn't get to demonstrate the sport.

Eventually the lurcher marked a two hole den at the edge of a compost heap and a hedgerow. lagoon went in and barked a few times and came out. Then he went to the far hole and smelled and looked in and whined. He came back to the original hole and again went in but this time he started digging. A dog must stay in and mark quarry for about five minutes to satisfy the judging requirements. I ran a trowel into the den and found it partially collapsed about three feet in. I asked the two judges if I could open the den at that point and allow the dog in again. They agreed so I dug to the tunnel. lagoon entered and began digging at a wall of dirt. Apparently the woodchuck had back-filled and gone on. I tried once more and again found the tunnel blocked. We could have dug the chuck and taken it, but since it was constantly backfilling, the dog didn't have the opportunity to bay it for any length of time.

We checked many other dens with no results so we tried a big mound of weed and grass covered dirt. The lurcher again had marked the den and lagoon went in, barked and came out. Having worked this pup all his short life (14 months) I knew from his actions at this den and the others that the woodchuck was not right in front of him. I urged him to enter again and he did but this time he went deep and began to bark. He went quiet and we didn't hear him for several minutes. I tried to locate him using the receiver box but apparently he was deeper than the eight foot col-

Teddy Moritz (Judge, test #1) and John Jeanneney

lar transmitted. After another few minutes we could hear lagoon digging underground and if I ran my hand all the way into a lower hole I could get some clicks on the receiver box. Again the chuck had dug away from him and not allowed him to settle and bay it.

These hunts took place in September when the woodchucks have settled into their dens and do not come out to feed much. They are fat from summer feed and are not as active. Carrie supplied plenty of den sites but the woodchucks were just not cooperative. lagoon has worked chucks for me all summer and has earned an American Working Terrier Association Working Certificate and I know what he can do in a den, but on this day the woodchucks didn't cooperate.

My thanks to Carrie for the hunting grounds and my admiration to the spectators who stayed all afternoon.



At the scene of natural den test in New Jersey—Ping did a great job.



NATC members are going to watch den work in PA.



Iago checked many dens but none of them were active.



Susanne's Buster is working the pheasant scent while Herr Ransleben and David Kawami are watching.



Henry's Bear and John's Alfi are becoming familiar with the pheasant scent (pheasants are in the box), just before experimenting with a spurlaut test on pheasants.

First Companion Dog Test at the NATC

Wolfgang Ransleben

On September 26, 2004 the first Companion Dog Test of the NATC took place on the property of the Weber family. Of the seven teckels entered, six

The results:

- 1) Nexus von Dorndorf
- 2) Dux v. d. Bahnhofsnähe
- 3) Clown vom Talsteich
- 4) Attila von Moosbach-Zuzelek
- 5) Bach von Salix
- 6) Avignon von Salix

108 points

96 points

124 points

91 points

87 points

84 points

Prize I

Prize II

Prize III

Prize III

Prize III

Prize III

Handler: Patt Nance

Handler: Alexandra Weber

Handler: Susanne Hamilton

Handler: Henry Holt

Handler: Trudy Kawami

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teckels and their handlers took the BHP I test. The previous day the handlers had the chance to practice the program of the BHP I under my supervision one last time. This showed that the dogs were well prepared for the test. Their only weakness was in Heeling, which still needs improvement. This was later evidenced by the test results!

The large audience showed great interest as the test began with Heeling. It was noticeable that the majority of the teckels had problems with the leashed portion of the obstacle course. The unleashed Heel, on the other hand, was altogether good.

During the Recall the dogs mostly had good to very good performances, with one teckel performing a 'Stop'. For those dogs that only received a multiplier of '2', the handlers will still have to work on Obedience.

All the teckels passed the other parts of the BHP I were with very good results. This proves that the dogs are all well socialized and manage their surroundings in the

best possible way.

Once again it must be noted that it is not the number of points but the multiplier that decides the Prize class. This way the dog with the highest point result could unfortunately only receive a Prize III, due to obtaining a multiplier of '2' in the Heel. My special respect goes to the dogs, numbers 5 and 6, which demonstrated what can still be achieved by veterans.

Altogether, besides a very nice fall day, we had a very nice result. For that I express my recognition to all the dog handlers. My thanks go also to all the helpers and the Weber family for providing the property. Anke Masters translated again in proven form, where necessary. My heartfelt thanks!

It would be desirable if the BHP would become an integral part of the testing program of the NATC.

Wolfgang Ransleben
President, WUT and DTK

Translation: Anke Masters



The practice session





Trudy Kawami



Susanne Hamilton & David Kawami



*From the left:
David Kawami, Alexandra Weber, Trudy Kawami, Henry Holt, Patt Nance
and Susanne Hamilton*



*Alexandra Weber with
Dux v. d. Bahnhofsnähe*



Nexus's nose is always at work. Patt, on the other end of the leash, and Jolanta.



Patt's puppies attracted a great deal of interest.



The Weber Family—in the center



Barbie Wills, Jo Ann Frier -Murza and George Boyd are waiting for the gun shyness test to begin; Carrie Hamilton, in the orange vest, was handling firearms.



Congratulations were extended to all the participants of the Companion Dog Test.



*The Webers' property—the site of the NATC 2004.
Many thanks to David and Alexandra!*



'till next year!

Front Cover

Top left—Jo Ann Frier Murza is holding Ping, who passed the NATC Natural Den Test with flying colors

Top right— NATC Obedience Test Participants: Trudy Kawami, Henry Holt, Alexandra Weber, Susanne Hamilton, Wolfgang Ransleben (Judge) and Patt Nance

Center—Exhibitors whose dogs got an “Excellent rating” at the Zuchtschau judged by Hans Wördemann—from the left Charlotte Borghardt, Jolanta Jeanneney, Sherry Ruggeri, Alexandra Weber and Carmen Kosik

NATC 2004 Pictures

I would like to extend many thanks to Tina Hinckley, Ed Wills and Alain Charlain for sending pictures taken at the NATC 2004 events. Some of them are included in this newsletter, in addition to my own pictures.

I was asked why pictures from the NATC 2004 are posted on my private website jola.smugmug.com and not on the NATC website. And why people are charged for these pictures? Big misunderstanding.

Pictures posted at jola.smugmug.com can be downloaded **free of charge**. You have to click on a picture with the right side of your mouse and save the file to your hard drive. You can do with the file whatever you want, for example, you can print pictures on your home printer. However, if you order professional prints from that site, you will be charged (nobody is giving professional prints delivered to your door for free, right?). I understand that the quality of these prints is high and a number of people have used this service (I haven't). The website jola.smugmug.com is not free. I pay for it out of my own pocket \$99 a year and I post my private pictures there, pictures taken at field trials, NATC events etc. I have no limit on the number of pictures I can post there. Anybody can get a website like this from www.smugmug.com. Smugmug provides many advantages - quick upload in bulk, their proprietary layout and formatting, opportunity to order prints and so on.

On the NATC website we are limited by Megabytes we pay for; right now we are at 70% of allotted space of 50 MB. Therefore, when I post pictures there I have to reduce their size so they don't take much room. Reducing pictures' size helps to reduce time to bring them up on the screen, especially for people who do not have a cable modem. But reducing pictures' size takes time and it reduces their quality too. You are not going to get a good quality print done on your own ink jet printer when the picture is posted at the resolution of 72 dpi.

If anybody would like to help with the NATC website, keep it fresh and frequently updated, please let me know. I certainly could use help. Producing 6 newsletters (plus extra issues like this one) a year, posting and printing them, is a big job.

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