

NATC 2005

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Best in Show - Michelle Vincent with Kirsche's Red Axel

Zuchtschau Report

This year we returned to the beautiful farm of Alexandra Weber in Pennsylvania.

For the first time we welcomed Herr Petersen, the Federal Chairman for Conformation. This was his first time judging for the NATC but he fit right in and became a great friend immediately. The set-up was perfect and the team was working well together. Starting in September, all dogs must be weighed on a calibrated scale and also measured. Herr Petersen brought the scale with him in a heavy hard-case suitcase. We were a little apprehensive prior to the show if weighing and measuring of every dog might take too much time in the ring but everything went very smoothly.

Herr Petersen took his time to examine every dog very thoroughly and he put great emphasis on his evaluation. He wanted to make sure we understood his judging and it was very interesting indeed. He especially explained the problem of the short upper arm with all its consequences on the entire conformation.

We had 26 entries and five dogs received the highest Formwert of "Excellent".

At the end of the show those five dogs ran against each other. Kirsche's Red Axel, bred and owned by Kathy and Michelle Vincent, won the honor of best dog. It was a pleasure to see those five excellent dogs in the ring together.

On Sunday we started with an Eye Clinic with over 30 entries, followed by the Gun Shyness Test. In the afternoon we offered some games to provide some fun, as well as learning experience for the dogs and handlers. Carrie prepared a rabbit drag line and also offered the much favored Chuck 'n Pull. Inside the horse arena everything was set up for obedience training and another game. Unfortunately, there was almost no interest to use the opportunity to get some practice for the Companion Dog Test. The game, however, was a lot of fun and everybody seemed to enjoy it. All the components of the game were selected to have a deeper purpose and still provide some silly fun, which we needed

after the busy weekend.

Sunday night the last hold-outs went to dinner together and enjoyed tasty food among good friends. It was a nice ending to a stressful event.

On Monday I took Herr Petersen to Hawk Mountain, a raptor sanctuary, about 1 ½ hours from the Zuchtschau site. We climbed up to several lookouts, enjoyed the breathtaking view, the beautiful nature, and even saw some Turkey Vultures and Hawks, in spite of the cloud cover and later the rain and wind, courtesy of the remnants of hurricane Rita.

As always the event has been lot of work but all that is forgotten, when the event runs smoothly and we accomplish our goal.

I would like to thank Alexandra and Dave Weber for inviting us back to their beautiful farm, as well as the entire team, which worked so hard to make this event a success.

See you next year!

Anke Masters

To the North American Teckel Club

Mr. David Kawami
540 54th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11220

Dear Mr. Kawami,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I arrived back home safely and quickly and in the meantime I have recovered well from the strain of the trip and the time difference.

It is really my urgent wish now to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the invitation to participate in this year's events, especially the natural den test and the Zuchtschau, where I was allowed to judge the teckels entered. I was very pleased with this invitation.

The cooperation of the ring personnel – especially with my translator, Mrs. Anke Masters – was outstanding. Please relay my thank you to these ladies as well.

I was also very happy with the excellent hospitality you afforded me during my stay in the USA. I enjoyed myself with you and under your care and I am glad and happy that I was allowed to experience such fine days together with you there.

I enjoy reflecting on the nice days and the teckel-days in Crosswicks, NJ, and in Reinholds, PA. Once again therefore:
Thank you very much.

With warm regards
Yours truly,

Wilfried Petersen

Note from the Board: We have sent official thank-you notes to Herr Petersen, as well as to Herr Honsalek.

Z u c h t s c h a u R e s u l t s

LONGS

Heidi vom Pfauenhof DTK#: 01Z5635L/ZW Sire: Apollo vom Hagwald Owner: Alexandra Weber	DOB: September 6, 2001 AKC#: Dam: Ypse vom Pfauenhof Breeder: Werner Kolbeck	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: 112TQ958	Excellent
Teckelhof's Lucile ML DTK#: Sire: DC Wingover's Gryphon MLD Owner & Breeder Edith Colaneri & Charlotte Borghardt	DOB: July 13, 2004 AKC#: HP11310902 Dam: Ch. Teckelhof's Rotkaeppchen ML	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#:	Excellent
Teckelhof's Jaegerin v Wingover DTK#: Sire: DC Wingover's Gryphon MLD Owner: Susan Fuller	DOB: July 13, 2004 AKC#: HP11310905 Dam: Ch. Teckelhof's Rotkaeppchen ML Breeder: Edith Colaneri & Charlotte Borghardt	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#:	Disqualified
Wilma vom Nordender Rosengrund DTK#: 0415479L Sire: Ch. Laurin von Damsmuehle Owner: Susan Fuller	DOB: October 26, 2004 AKC#: Dam: Ch. Kari vom Nordender Rosengrund Breeder: Karin & Bern Neumann	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: 15PA87	Very Good
Andreas vom Weberschloesschen DTK#: 04Z5497L Sire: Dux von der Bahnhofsnaehe Owner: Susan Kogut & Scott Williams	DOB: September 12, 2004 AKC#: Dam: Ysette von der Bahnhofsnaehe Breeder: Alexandra Weber	Sex: Dog Tattoo#: 11US03	Good
Autumn Olive von Dorndorf DTK#: 0415428L Sire: Hound's Kashmir Owner: Patricia Nance	DOB: June 10, 2004 AKC#: Dam: Marta von Dorndorf Breeder: Patricia Nance	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: 05US07	Very Good
Teckelhof's Klein Erna DTK#: Sire: Ch. Wavecrest's Park Ave ML Owner: Edith Colaneri & Lorraine Warren	DOB: March 22, 2003 AKC#: HP04158905 Dam: Ch. Teckelhof's Undine ML Breeder: Edith Colaneri & Charlotte Borghardt	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#:	Very Good

SMOOTHS

Melwyn's Can't Buy Me Love DTK#: Sire: Ch Apple Hills Benediction Dam: Owner & Breeder: Lorraine Genieczko & Melissa Wynings	DOB: December 1, 2003 AKC#: HP09259103 DC Stardox Penny Lane v. Melwyn	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#:	Very Good
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WIRES

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 Tattoo#: 01US09	Excellent
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Badger vom Ahorn Wald DTK#: 0402205R Sire: Henri Anons Owner: Thomas Bricker Breeder: Lore Mahler	DOB: February 7, 2004 AKC#: HP08871701 Dam: Asta vom Ahorn Wald Very Good	Sex: Dog Tattoo#: 01US08	
Valli's Lilie v der Walkuere DTK#: Sire: Ch. Nightwind Littlewhim Amadeus Owner: Beate & Brian Richards	DOB: November 11, 2004 AKC#: HP12762802 Dam: Ch. Littlewhim Valhalls Valkyrie Breeder: Beate & Brian Richards	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#:	Very Good
Valli's Regin v der Walkuere DTK#: Sire: Ch. Nightwind Littlewhim Amadeus Owner: Beate & Brian Richards	DOB: November 11, 2004 AKC#: HP12762803 Dam: Ch. Littlewhim Valhalls Valkyrie Breeder: Beate & Brian Richards	Sex: Dog Tattoo#:	Very Good
Saytar's Corvina von Salix DTK#: Sire: Ch. RE:Joyce Carpe Diem Owner: Trudy & David Kawami	DOB: October 28, 2004 AKC#: HP13278005 Dam: Saytar's Salix Raven, JE Breeder: Trudy & David Kawami & Michael Reed	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#:	Very Good
Kirsche's Red Axel DTK#: Sire: Henri Anons Owner: Kathy & Michael Vincent	DOB: June 15, 2004 AKC#: HP10626505 Dam: Mein Suss Kirsche Breeder: Kathy & Michael Vincent	Sex: Dog Tattoo#:	Excellent
Ravsager's Xseptionel DKK#: 14548/2003 Sire: Trevor Bach Du Graal Owner: Philippa Jordan	DOB: May 31, 2003 AKC#: HP09266001 Dam: Atena Brzdac Breeder: Hanne Andersen	Sex: Dog Tattoo#: 208206000024025	Very Good
Billy von Moosbach-Zuzelek DTK#: 0401775R Sire: GS99 & FC Alfi von der Hardt-Hohe Owner: Jolanta & John Jeanneney	DOB: February 8, 2004 AKC#: Tattoo#: 02US12 Dam: FC Elli v Moosbach-Zuzelek SW Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney	Sex: Dog	Very Good
Millenium Moka di Valle Scrivia ENCI#: L01 01/4713 Sire: Lisander Dei Mamalgio Owner: Philippa Jordan	DOB: October 11, 2000 AKC#: HM94192401 Dam: Letizia Di Valle Scrivia Breeder: Luigi Guidobono Cavalchini	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: 0USC23	Very Good
Saytar's Coney von Salix DTK#: Sire: Ch. RE:Joyce Carpe Diem Owner: Carole Cramer & Michael Reed	DOB: October 28, 2004 AKC#: HP13278001 Dam: Saytar's Salix Raven, JE Breeder: Trudy & David Kawami & Michael Reed	Sex: Dog Tattoo#:	Very Good
Anja von Moosbach-Zuzelek DTK#: 0302396R Sire: GS99 & FC Alfi von der Hardt-Hohe Owner: Andy Bensing	DOB: November 3, 2003 AKC#: HP04049107 Dam: FC Elli v Moosbach-Zuzelek SW Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: 02US07	Excellent
Diamant Lily von Lowenherz DTK#: Sire: FC Asko von der Drachenburg Owner: Laurel Whistance-Smith	DOB: October 30, 2004 CKC#: PU985724 Dam: FC Lutra von Lowenherz, JE Breeder: Laurel Whistance-Smith	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: RU812P	Very Good

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Pagan von Lowenherz DTK#: Sire: FC Asko von der Drachenburg Owner: Laurel Whistance-Smith	DOB: October 30, 2004 Sex: Bitch CKC#: PU985723 Dam: FC Lutra von Lowenherz, JE Breeder: Laurel Whistance-Smith	Tattoo#: RU811P Very Good
Rose Farm's Range Rover MW DTK#: Sire: Ch. Poole's Ide Swanky Frank MW Owner: Richard & Cheryl Reynolds	DOB: October 17, 2003 Sex: Dog AKC#: HP07855701 Dam: Rose Farm's Scary Spice MW Breeder: Dorothy Hutchinson	Tattoo#: Very Good
FC Czar v Moosbach-Zuzelek DTK#: Sire: FC Asko von der Drachenburg Owner: Marie & Alexander Gohlke	DOB: May 13, 2000 AKC#: HM89295903 Dam: FC Ulrika von Moosbach- Zuzelek Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney	Sex: Dog Tattoo#: Very Good
Frieda von Lowenherz DTK#: Sire: Henri Anons Owner: Dan & Joe Anne Laviolette	DOB: July 9, 2004 CKC#: PN958303 Dam: Gabby Pantel von Lowenherz, CD, TD Breeder: Laurel Whistance-Smith	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: RU81P Very Good
Willagaye BBB's Onenitestand MW DTK#: Sire: Ch. WW Willagaye Beanie Baby MW Owner: Richard & Cheryl Reynolds	DOB: February 22, 2004 AKC#: HP08756501 Dam: WW Cirdan Energizer Bunny MS Breeder: Karla Deithorn	Sex: Bitch Tattoo#: Disqualified
Schnieders Konrad DTK#: 04Z1327R Sire: Schnieders Falco Owner: Howard Dodson	DOB: November 23, 2003 AKC#: Dam: Schnieders Jenny Breeder: Maria Schnieders	Sex: Dog Tattoo#: 02TQ742 Very Good



Michelle Vincent with Kirsche's Red Axel - Best in Show

Judge Petersen with Andy Bensing and his Anja von Moosbach-Zuzelek, Reserve Best in Show





Zuchtschau
2005
Pictures





Schussfestigkeit Test held on September 25, 2005 in Reinholds, PA

Wilma vom Nordender Rosengrund
 Zwerg Long
 DOB: October 26, 2004
 Sex: Bitch
 Color: Black & Tan
 DTK#: 0415479L
 0415479L
 Sire: Ch. Laurin von Damsmuehle
 Dam: Ch. Kari vom Nordender Rosengrund
 Owner: Susan Fuller
 Address: PO Box 5544, Central Point, Oregon 97502
 Breeder: Karin & Bern Neumann

Saytar's Corvina von Salix
 Standard Wire
 DOB: October 28, 2004
 Sex: Bitch
 Color: Wild Boar
 AKC#: HP13278005
 Sire: Ch. RE:Joyce Carpe Diem
 Dam: Saytar's Salix Raven, JE
 Owner: Trudy & David Kawami
 Address: 540 54 St. Brooklyn, NY 11220
 Breeder: Trudy & David Kawami & Michael Reed

Saytar's Coney von Salix
 Standard Wire
 DOB: October 28, 2004
 Sex: Dog
 Color: Wild Boar
 AKC#: HP13278001
 Sire: Ch. RE:Joyce Carpe Diem
 Dam: Saytar's Salix Raven, JE
 Owner: Carole Cramer
 Address: 36 Pommer Ave. Staten Island, NY 10304
 Breeder: Trudy & David Kawami & Michael Reed

Saytar's Callida von Salix
 Standard Wire
 DOB: October 28, 2004
 Sex: Bitch
 Color: Wild Boar
 AKC#: HP13278007
 Sire: Ch. RE:Joyce Carpe Diem
 Dam: Saytar's Salix Raven, JE
 Owner: Carole Cramer
 Address: 36 Pommer Ave. Staten Island, NY 10304
 Breeder: Trudy & David Kawami & Michael Reed

Saytar's Cadman von Salix
 Standard Wire
 DOB: October 28, 2004
 Sex: Dog
 Color: Wild Boar
 AKC#: HP13278006
 Sire: Ch. RE:Joyce Carpe Diem
 Dam: Saytar's Salix Raven, JE

Owner: Maryanne Santomauro
 Address: 9425 Shore Rd. – 1F, Brooklyn, NY 11209
 Breeder: Trudy & David Kawami & Michael Reed

Ravnsager's Xseptionel
 Zwerg Wire
 DOB: May 31, 2003
 Sex: Dog
 Color: Wild Boar
 DKK#: 14548/2003
 Sire: Trevor Bach Du Graal
 Dam: Atena Brzdac
 Owner: Philippa Jordan
 Address: 2350 Broadway, NY, NY 10024
 Breeder: Hanne Andersen

Millenium Moka di Valle Scriveria
 Zwerg Wire
 DOB: October 11, 2000
 Sex: Bitch
 Color: Chocolate
 ENCI#: L01 01/4713
 Sire: Lisander Dei Mamalgio
 Dam: Letizia Di Valle Scriveria
 Owner: Philippa Jordan
 Address: 2350 Broadway, NY, NY 10024
 Breeder: Luigi Guidobono Cavalchini

Anja von Moosbach-Zuzelek
 Standard Wire
 DOB: November 3, 2003
 Sex: Bitch
 Color: Wild Boar
 DTK#: 0302396R
 Sire: GS99 & FC Alfi von der Hardt-Hohe
 Dam: FC Elli v Moosbach-Zuzelek SW
 Owner: Andy Bensing
 Address: 1411 Cross Keys Road, Reading, PA 19605
 Breeder: Jolanta & John Jeanneney

Rose Farm's Range Rover MW
 Zwerg Wire
 DOB: October 17, 2003
 Sex: Dog
 Color: Wild Boar
 AKC#: HP07855701
 Sire: Ch. Poole's Ide Swanky Frank MW
 Dam: Rose Farm's Scary Spice MW
 Owner: Richard & Cheryl Reynolds
 Address: 143 Westervelt Ave. Tenafly, NJ 07670
 Breeder: Dorothy Hutchinson

Willagaye BBB's Onenitstand MW
 Kaninchen Wire
 DOB: May 18, 2003
 Sex: Bitch
 Color: Black Tan

AKC#: HP08756501
Sire: Ch. WW Willagaye Beanie Baby
MW

Dam: WW Cirdan Energizer Bunny MS
Owner: Richard & Cheryl Reynolds
Address: 143 Westervelt Ave. Tenafly, NJ
07670
Breeder: Karla Deithorn



Saytar Penny Serenade SW
Standard Wire
DOB: February 4, 1997
Sex: Bitch
Color: Wild Boar
AKC#: HM69637101
Sire: Ch. Saytar's Ron Barrilito
Dam: Buena Vista's Lilly of Saytar
Owner: Carole E. Cramer & George W.
Cramer
Address: 36 Pommer Ave. Staten Island,
NY 10304
Breeder: Michael Reed & Laura Murphy



Audi Oslo von Dorndorf
Standard Long
DOB: June 10, 2004
Sex: Dog
Color: Red
DTK#: 0415424L
Sire: Hound'd Kashmir
Dam: Marta v Dorndorf
Owner: Patricia Nance
Address: 4047 Twp Rd 308 Corning, OH
43730
Breeder: Patricia Nance



Patt's Report

This report was written by Patt Nance and posted on several dachshund related discussion forums on the web. It is very informative, and it is included here with minimal editing. Thank you Patt for permission to publish the report in Teckel Talk.

Hi. Got back yesterday from the 6th annual zuchtschau (breed show) and other events of the North American Teckel Club www.teckelclub.org. This was held in eastern Pennsylvania just off the turnpike between Reading and Lancaster on the beautiful grounds of the impressive D-Bar-W Equestrian Center, owned by NATC members David & Alexandra Weber. <http://www.dbarw.com/>

Our judge this year was Wilfried Petersen from northern Germany. Herr Petersen was very thorough in his examination of the 26 dachshunds entered, and also very thorough in his verbal critique of every animal. Whether one agreed or disagreed with points that he made, no one was in any doubt of what Herr Petersen liked and did not like about every dog.

To start the show on Saturday morning, NATC President David Kawami greeted all exhibitors and spectators, and introduced our judge. Herr Petersen thanked NATC for the invitation to judge and said he had been looking forward to this North American assignment. He has been to the States on previous occasions, but had not judged dachshunds here. He then made an interesting announcement: As of September 1, all dachshunds at DTK shows will be weighed and measured (chest circumference) and these size specifics will be entered on the dogs rating certificates (Formwerts).

As per the FCI Standard, preferred weight limit of the standard dachshund is about 9 kilograms (20 pounds); Herr Petersen said one kilogram more than that is tolerated (10 Kgs = 22 pounds), and above 22 pounds, a dachshund cannot receive the top rating of V (Vorzuglich/Excellent) any more. Herr Petersen carried a heavy, digital, calibrated scale in

its own suitcase with him from Germany to weigh every dog he judged.

There were 26 dachshunds entered: 13 standard wires, 5 miniature wires, 6 mini longs, 1 standard smooth, 1 standard long. The dogs were judged one at a time, first by being placed on the scale and weighed, then their chest measured, then the teeth/bites thoroughly examined, then the tail examined vertebra by vertebra, the testicles, the coat, the temperament, then the overall impression of the dog - all of this done on the table with little to no handling by the handler. After this, the handler was instructed to move the dog which was done in a large circle, around, and around, and around, and around, and around, and around, and around...Occasionally a handler would be asked to stop the dog (and there was no touching or stacking of the dog), then the gaiting would resume again. Without exaggeration, every dog was probably moved around the ring a minimum of 20 times.

To be used for breeding within the DTK system, a dog must have a conformation evaluation of Very Good or Excellent.

3 standard wires and 2 mini longs received the rating Excellent. One of the mini longs was a black & tan bitch of American breeding owned and bred by Edith Colaneri and Charlotte Borghardt.

10 standard wires, 5 mini wires, 2 mini longs, 1 standard smooth and 1 standard long received the rating Very Good. Sometimes it was one point of conformation that kept an otherwise Excellent dog from receiving an Excellent rating; for example one standard wire male, bred and owned by John & Jolanta Jeanneney, that the judge really liked weighed 10.5 kilos = 23 pounds and so was over the tolerated weight limit. The standard long, a 15 months old bitch bred and owned by yours truly, was evaluated as coat being too sparse; he said that he would forgive the lack of belly hair but not the sparcity of feathering at this age. (I knew I should have waited until next year to show this youngster to a German judge but I showed her anyway. Next year, she will have more coat, as she did

this spring but blew it this summer, and I will show her again in hopes of raising her rating from Very Good to Excellent.) One mini long, a blk & tan bitch imported from Germany, was rated Very Good after being faulted for her overabundance of tan markings.

1 mini long received the lesser rating Good d/t poor rear angulation, rear movement, and topline.

1 otherwise excellent mini long received the rating Disqualified for missing teeth.

Herr Petersen frequently included "short upper arm" in his critiques. He noted the faults associated with this problem which may include: less visible forechest, incorrect front movement, incorrect front stance, and/or softening of the topline behind the withers which often becomes more pronounced the longer a dog moves. Short upper arm seems to be a universal problem in our breed.

Judging began at about 11am and finished about 4pm. A standard wire male, Kirsche's Red Axel bred & owned by Kathy and Michael Vincent was named Best in Show. Standard wire bitch Anja von Moosbach-Zuzelek, bred by John & Jolanta Jeanneney and owned by Andy Bensing, was 2nd Best in Show.

The judging was followed by an enjoyable dinner and membership meeting at a local restaurant.

Sunday morning started with an eye clinic by a canine ophthalmologist. One of the DTK requirements for breeding is that the eyes of both dog and bitch must have been certified "Normal" within 24 months preceding the mating. Therefore, a breeding animal must have his eyes examined/certified every two years. Examined this day in a small office in the main barn were about 25 to 30 dogs, including a few non-dachshunds. Since it had been 1.5 years since Nexus was examined, I had his eyes re-evaluated a this time, and also 15 months old Owl and Olive for the first time.

Patt's Report

After the eye clinic, there was an official DTK/NATC test for Gunshyness. A dachshund must pass a gunshyness test to be eligible to enter any other hunting test. There were about a dozen dogs tested this day. The judges were Carrie Hamilton and Larry Gohlke. Our gunner was Cheri Faust.

At a test for gunshyness: One at a time, the dachshund accompanies his handler into an open field. The nearby gunner waits for a hand signal from one of the judges. The dog is unleashed and is to move at least 30 meters away from the handler in a free search at which time one of the judges signals for a shot. Then another. If the dog runs away from the shot or tries to hide, he is considered gun shy and barred from DTK-sanctioned hunting tests and tests of innate abilities.

A dog that shows a fearful reaction may be tested again after at least 30 minutes. A dog may enter any number of gunshyness tests, however, the results of every test are written on the back of his DTK pedigree, and so are readily available to anyone interested in seeing them.

A few dogs may be a bit iffy in their reaction to the gun shots but there is no mistaking a truly gunshy dog. At the shot(s), he will immediately lower his head and body, flatten his ears, tuck his tail, and run to get out of that field as quickly as possible. Everything, including his handler, ceases to exist for him except the urgent need to escape. Besides dachshunds, I have seen Field Champion beagles react this way; it is certainly an unfortunate, unuseful behavior in a hunting dog. We do not do our hound breeds any favors when we do not test them for gunshyness.

I didn't watch all the testing, but I believe all the dozen or so dachshunds tested this day passed. This included Oslo, a 15 months old standard long male pup of mine that I didn't have with me, and who therefore wasn't tested with some littermates at the NATC hunting workshop in June.

After a lunch break, the games began. I debated about staying to play or getting a jump on the 400 mile trip home but decided to stay. I don't get to just plain have fun with my dogs away from home very often and I do enjoy it when I get the opportunity. And I know that my dogs enjoy it, too.

The first game was a timed obstacle course. The course had 10 "stations" and you can see for yourself how creative it was. <g>

1. Time started when dog and handler stepped over the handle of a pooper scooper lying on the ground. (This course was set up indoors on the dirt floor of a large horse arena.) Handler held a small spoon with a potato on it - in the same hand that was holding the dog's lead. If the dog jerked the lead at all while heeling to the next station, and the potato fell off the spoon, the clock continued to run while the team had to return to the start line and begin again.

2. Handler, dog, and potato arrived at a table with darts lying on it. Handler put down spoon and potato, picked up a dart, and threw it at a large board to which there were balloons attached. The requirement at this station was that the handler pop a balloon (and the dog not freak out). Most handlers managed to bust a balloon with the first dart they threw.

3. On to the next station which was a double hay bales obstacle that the dog had to jump up on and over.

4. The dog was then directed through a small agility-type practice tunnel.

5. Dog & handler arrived at a child's wading pool that had some water in it; the dog had to jump into the pool, then jump back out again.

6. Dog & handler together negotiated a set of very large (horse-sized) "weave poles", serpentine fashion.

7. The team came to where 7 small cloth pouches were lying on the ground, scent article style, one of which contained

a piece of hotdog. The dog had to identify the pouch that contained the piece of meat. Handler took this pouch...

8. Hurried with dog to a waiting wheelbarrow and put the dog in the wheelbarrow. Handler pushed the wheelbarrow around a chair sitting a little distance away and over to a small canvas dog cot.

9. Handler took the dog out of the wheelbarrow, put him on the small cot, aka pause table, and had the dog sit or lie down. The piece of hotdog was taken out of the pouch and put on a paper plate which was put on the ground in front of the dog.

10. The dog had to remain sitting or lying as instructed while handler grabbed a cookie and cup of water off a table, and ate the cookie and drank the water in front of the dog. When finished chomping and gulping, the handler reached down to pick up the piece of hotdog and give it to the dog. The clock stopped when the dog received the hotdog from his handler.

Eleven teams "competed" and, needless to say, this was a lot of fun and VERY FUNNY to watch! My standard longhaired partner Nexus and I were proud to clock the winning time of 1:20. 2nd place in the time of 1:45 was Carrie Hamilton and mini smooth Cayenne; . 3rd place in 1:49 was Barbie Wills with standard wire Bernie. Nexus, Cayenne and Bernie all received squeaky toy prizes. It was a kick just to do something foolishly fun!

We then went outside to a horse pasture to run the scent trail. Earlier in the afternoon, Carrie Hamilton had laid a horseshoe-shaped scent line that was a mixture of rabbit scent and deer blood. There was a scented piece of fur inside a den liner at the end. The handler had to unleash the dog at the start and walk with the judge on the inside of the horseshoe while the dog worked the scent line away from and around them, to the end. This activity was timed, too, and Nexus came in 1st again, with Larry Gohlke's standard wire Czar 2nd.

The last Games of the day was the woodchuck pull. Safe to say this will never be an Olympic event, but the dogs had a blast! An entire, large, stuffed woodchuck hide (I believe this was the hide of the 10 pound woodchuck taken during the den test on Friday) was attached to a cord. With the dog watching, the woodchuck was pulled inside about 10 feet of den liner that was sitting on the ground. One at a time, the dogs were to run to the den liners, go inside to the end, and pull the woodchuck out of the den. No doubt about it, this game was the dogs' favorite! Observing enthusiasm, determination, and speed, Nexus was judged the top woodchuck puller of the day and once again got to select his prize from the squeaky toys prize box.

These activities turned out to be a great way to hang out and hang loose and truly have some fun with the dogs at the end of the weekend. My appreciation to Carrie Hamilton and Anke Masters for The Games. Participation was more fun than I'd anticipated and I was glad I stayed.

After all was packed up, and everyone was loaded up, and goodbyes were said and done, the six of us who were last to leave went to dinner together before leaving town on our separate ways. Thanks to Herr Petersen, Anke Masters, Cheri Faust, Larry Gohlke, and Carrie Hamilton for enjoyable dinner company.

Hope to see old friends and new at the North American Teckel Club show next year!

Patt

