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REGIONAL NEWS

Wow! Our February training day was a great success. It was a beautiful, sunny day although the strong south wind kept us bundled up. After a tasty, hot breakfast prepared by Gayla we began our training day learning how to whoa train our dogs on the whoa post. Phil showed us how to properly rig up our dogs to the post and worked each dog for approximately 30 minutes while proud owners stood by. During the whoa demonstration we all worked on halting our dogs in preparation for the Wesen test. After a lunch break we walked across the street to run a Mock Derby. We started the puppies on a

goose drag. They were all excited about the scent and found the goose without issue. Picking up and carrying the heavy bird was a challenge though for a few of the young puppies. After the bird drag the quail were planted and the puppies were sent out into the field on by one. The planted birds were exceptional and there was no chance of the dogs catching the birds. There were several points on a poor Hoover Hog (aka armadillo) who was defiantly in the wrong field on the wrong day but all other points were steady and intense on quail. The puppies had a reminder of the whoa training around their waist which was tugged on if nec-

essary while the pup was on point. Each pup presented different challenges in training and the discussions surrounding these difference presented each trainer with food for thought on the journey home.

If you need your dog notated as Sichtlaut (loud on fur) which is a requirement for the upper level blood tracking tests, you will have the opportunity during the Spring Derby. Be sure to contact Patrick Taylor if you plan on participating in or need more information about the Derby, VJP, BTR, and Sichtlaut scheduled for April 14 & 15.

Weidmannsheil,
Alex Taylor

TRAINING DATES:

Sunday, 18 March 2007

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW SPRING TEST DATE:

Derby, VJP, BTR scheduled for April 14 & 15 in Perry, Oklahoma

SOLM/AZP/VGP TEST DATES:

December 1 & 2



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DEVON VOM RIVERWOODS



Harry, Myra, and Emilee Lopez and Devon vom Riverwoods drove from Delcambre, Louisiana to Perry, Oklahoma, an 11 hour drive, just to participate in the February training day. The Lopez family had several days off in celebration of Mardi Gras and

utilized the time to learn more about the Deutsch Kurzhaar and the testing system of the NADKC. We look forward to seeing the Lopez family again in April when Harry will run his first DK, Devon vom Riverwoods, in the Derby.

WHOA TRAINING 101



It is difficult to convey all aspects of this training method in an article or conversation. Especially when you get a dog that rebels a bit. Fortunately we did have one show some attitude. Demonstrations are better than explanations. We are willing to show this method at all of our training days if help is needed.

The premise of this method is to teach your dog with pressure points. Showing our companion what we expect, giving him the cue, and making him obey. All done without talking. The whoa or stop cue is given from the rear, therefore taking the blame, so to speak, off of you as the trainer. The dog will learn by applying the cue by his own actions.



I was lucky this weekend to work with a few young dogs and their owners that were very willing to learn. Whoa training is the one command that all hunting dogs have to learn.

The pictures show how we set the ropes up on the dog. They don't show the post. The rope that is attached to the dogs flank loops around a post then returns back to one of your hands. The idea is to be able to stop the dog with one hand and keep the dog upright and his attention on you with the other.

Remember, the trick to dog training is knowing how to read them and knowing when to quit. Training sessions for younger dogs should be short and sweet and always end on a good step. As shown in the last picture, remember praise is the reward for training. Don't forget it!

We hope to see all our members and newcomers on March 18th for our training day.

Kurzhaar Voran!

Phil Salvati



DERBY DAY CRAWFISH BOIL

If the friendly folks and the fantastic dogs don't tempt you to come to the Mid-South Region Derby scheduled for April 14 & 15 how about fresh crawfish from Louisiana! During our most recent training day with our new friends, the Lopez family, we decided that an old fashion Cajun crawfish boil was a must. After the testing is complete on Saturday

we'll bring out the propane burners and big pots and start the party. Please bring a chair, a portable picnic table if you have one and something to wet your whistle.

The cost will be \$15 per person which includes the crawfish, potatoes, and corn on the cob. We hope to see you at the Crawfish boil!

BACKWOODS HUNTING AND FISHING EXPO IN OKLHOMA CITY

The Mid South Region was well represented at the Backwoods Hunting and Fishing Expo held March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The booth was a great representation of the many capabilities of the Deutsch Kurzhaar. Phil and Gayla Salvati made a beautiful NADKC sign out of metal; it has two black DK silhouettes and the letters NADKC are gold in color and centered between the two silhouettes. There were many interested people who stopped by the booth. The most common question seemed to be: "What kind of dogs are those?" There was a good turnout Friday with many people requesting information. Phil and Gayla had Fine on display

and Sharon Breaker brought her DK Cisco.

Saturday morning shift included Phil and me with Asta being the dog on display. Steve Boyd arrived a little later with Avery. The two dogs were a huge hit with the kids and adults couldn't resist the chance to pet the dogs either. There were several people who showed interest in attending the March 18th training day in Perry, OK. If half of the people that showed interest show up on the 18th we will have an excellent turnout. We handed out a lot of information to prospective DK owners.

Written by Patrick Taylor



Phil Salvati and Steve Boyd in the NADKC booth.

THE WESEN-TEST AS DEFINED IN THE GREY BOOK

Determinations of the temperament and characteristics of our DK dogs at the Derby and the Solms Tests.

1. During the Derby and/or Solms tests a 10 minute rest period is to be observed following the lunch period during a hunt. At this time dogs tested in Derby are leashed, dogs tested in Solms are off leash or leashed and made to lay down. The distance between dogs and handlers or judges has to be at least 20 meters and the downed dogs should be at least 5 meters apart. The behavior of the dogs is to be observed and judged during this time; also judged is interference of the handler with his dog during this down time.

The following boxes on the test sheet are to be marked:

Dog stays down without

barking (or standing in the Derby). The behavior would not interrupt during a rest period at a hunt. Handler does not interfere.

Dog tries to leave several times but remains in place without barking after a gesture from handler. Would probably not interrupt a rest period during a hunt.

Dog pulls on lead; comes frequently to handler (at Solms); howls or whines clearly. Would interrupt a rest period at a hunt.

Not able to restrain dog; tries to bite through the lead; not able to keep dog down; barks loudly. Would definitely interrupt a rest period at a hunt.

2. During the test period including the determining of faults at Derby and/or conformation tests at Solms,

until the end of testing (even if dogs themselves are not tested in all categories of field or water) they are to be observed and judged on their behavior, for instance:

1. Difficult to examine bite
2. Shows manshyness
3. Whines or barks frequently or all the time
4. Is uncontrollable in motor vehicle or on the positive side— no indication showing fear, nervousness or other temperament faults. According to the findings mark one of the boxes on the sheet for “behavior during a test” listed as:
 - a. Quiet/calm
 - b. Whining/upset
 - c. Fidgeting/restless

After the testing the conclusion is to be marked on the form for “Disposition or Temperament” and a short explanation for results is to be given. If there is no established reason according to #10, #5-7 of the test regulations of the DK Verband (for instance being eliminated from further testing or excluded from receiving a prize) the results to #1 and #2 should not influence the test scores nor be taken into account regarding a prize qualification.

Taken from the translation of the Deutsch-Kurzhaar-Verbandes (“the Grey Book”) on the NADKC website.



Jette vom Borsumer Hoff



Devon vom Riverwoods