



SRHP Newsletter

The Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Club (Provisional)



Ansona Bliss – image courtesy of Sara Wroe

KC DOG NEEDS YOU!

As part of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, local authorities have the power to issue dog control orders for standard offences including: failing to remove dog faeces; not keeping a dog on a lead; not putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer; permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded and taking more than a specified number of dogs on to land.

KC Dog acts as an intermediary between local authorities and their residents and relies on information from its participants in order to do this as effectively as possible.

KC Dog emails alerts to participants to update them about current consultations, maintains the KC Dog web page www.kcdog.org.uk which provides tips on how to respond to consultations and distributes a quarterly bulletin.

As a result of KC Dog's involvement, several dog control orders have been amended to address the concerns of dog owners. To date over 40 local authorities participate in KC Dog, allowing their consultation process to be as open and democratic as possible.

At Crufts 2007, KC Dog celebrated its first anniversary and welcomed its 1000th member to the group. If you wish to become a KC Dog participant please contact kcdog@thekennelclub.org.uk

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Images right, courtesy of Michal Urban

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

DON'T FORGET!

The Slovakian Rough
Haired Pointer Club
(Provisional) is holding a
Gundog Training Day
with Hunting, Retrieving
and Water on
Sunday 7th October



DISCOVER DOGS 2007

Earls Court 2, London
10 - 11 November
Tickets on sale from the
Discover Dogs website
www.discover-dogs.org.uk



CRUFTS 2008 NEC Birmingham

6th March
Toy and Utility
7th March
Gundog
8th March
Working and Pastoral
9th March
Terrier and Hound

Tickets on sale from
September
www.crufts.org.uk

Congratulations

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WIN!

Denise Curren writes:

I am delighted to announce that
Ansona Brigadier was placed first in
the Open CD Stake at North Eastern
Counties Working Trial on the 7th July,
qualifying with 88 points and gaining a
Certificate of Merit.

He is by Shiro De L'Etang aux Colverts
ex Emmaclan Anya at Ansona and was
born 20/08/04 and bred by Tricia
Grime.

I am still in shock, as Fuzy (named
very appropriately with the Slovakian
word meaning face hair/beard, but we
soon discovered it was more a
descriptive word of how he thinks)
frequently forgets to put his brain into
gear.

Fuzy is laid back only when he is
asleep and biddable only when I have
a pocket full of food - the rest of the
time he is like a bull in a china shop.
He has had several accidents, which
have threatened his working career,
and this has made the win very special.

Amazingly he has always bounced
back, even from a torn hamstring and
severed tendons in his paw. I hasten to
add that none of his injuries were the
result of training, but due to his
exuberance and antics at home or on
walks.

Even though he regularly has me
traumatised, he is so friendly and
lovable, I and all who meet him cannot
resist from loving this bundle of trouble.

Let's hope we can stay out of trouble
and away from the vets so we can
collect some letters to put after his
name in the coming months.



Image courtesy of Liza Brown

DANGVORD DIDO AT BRAKABREEZE (ENDI)

On Sunday 17 June, Liza Brown ran
Endeavour - her Slovakian Rough
Haired Pointer bitch - in her first
working test. Despite being the
second youngest in the puppy class,
Endeavour was awarded a third
place at just over 8 months old.

Liza believes she is the youngest
dog in the breed to obtain a working
test award. She also attained
another placing - a 3rd in Puppy at
the German Shorthaired Pointer
Club's Sussex Branch Working Test
held at Knowlands Farm, East
Sussex on 14 July. Well done!

ENDEAVOUR'S VITAL STATS

Dangvord Dido at Brakabreeze
Born 28/9/06

Sire: Evar Kaicul at Stormdancer
Dam: Ansona Annalisa
Breeder Alistair & Janet Ford

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

News from Sara Wroe - her bitch,
Ansona Bliss has a KC/BVA
hipscore of 4:4. Mishka is pictured
on page 1 of the newsletter.

If you would like your dog's hipscore
listed within the newsletter, please
let me know.



Field of Dreams



Ansona Alara avec Achouffe, the first Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer to gain a Field Trial Award in this country.

Words by Mark Hodgkinson

It was Julie who had at first been introduced to this beautiful breed whilst out training with Tricia Grime (Ansona).

Julie and I had been looking for a Weimaraner puppy but were unable to make a decision on the breeding, meanwhile Tricia wondered if we would be interested in a Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer as she had just bred a litter. Not being quite what I had in mind, I declined but following further conversations and a little gentle persuasion from Julie, the following week we decided to go and have a look.

We were very shortly on our way back home from that visit with a small fluffy ball of grey puppy. We named her 'Fen' as we were also looking to buy a property out on the Fens in Lincolnshire at the time. She was certainly very hairy and a lovely silver grey colour. Having been introduced to our three Weimaraners, and living on a farm it was time to meet and respect our horses, cats, chickens and the livestock.



As a new puppy, Fen was very laid back and took everything in her stride. She was friendly and extremely happy surrounded by any animal or human, and she was not fazed by the large farm plant and machinery. I was struck with her attitude and natural abilities. There was a local syndicate shoot, which took up a quarter of the farmland, which had pheasant pens beyond and her nose took no time at all to switch on. Seeing how she handled different scenarios gave me the urge to want to work her for real.

It was a great learning curve for me, as my first mistake was to treat her training as one would train a Weimaraner – wrong! I quickly learnt that she would not respond to any harsh words or raised voices. I thought of some advice I had received from Val O' Keefe years ago: "Trust your dog, it knows what it is doing". I put my faith into Fen and refrained from using too much whistle and concentrated on hand signals and gentle commands. Once that was established she came along in leaps and bounds, her natural abilities taking over, and her hunting was excellent with great ground coverage.



Fen

All images courtesy of Julie George-Ainscough

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The following instructors can offer advice on the basics and how to start training with your Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer.

If any member needs further help or assistance in finding a trainer outside of the areas then please contact the Field Trial Secretary.

**Liza Brown:
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07799 664909**

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Oxford**
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**Yorkshire, Lincs, Lancs,
Co. Durham**
Penny Pickstone:
(Penny's classes are
geared just for hunting)
01482 657337

**Kent, Surrey, Sussex,
London, Berks**
Margarita Booker
01293 871373

I had every intention of eventually Field Trialing Fen but found that one thing or another or maybe the sad loss of my Weimaraner 'Zulu' who had become ill during Fen's training, had kept me from entering her at some working tests and trials during the season. The fact that Fen had not been on any 'shot over' days or really been on warm game either, didn't instill me with confidence.

Liza Brown (Brakabreeze) had seen Fen out working many times and had constantly harassed me to trial her, for which I seemed to always have an excuse. Feeling the dog was being wasted she and Julie came up with a cunning plan of their own. Unbeknown to me, what I thought was a show entry I was signing for, was actually my own entry for the last Field Trial of the season - run by the Weimaraner Association. Before I knew it, Fen and I were on the ground at Benniworth and about to attempt our very first Field Trial.

What followed was truly remarkable. Fen's first run went well, as did her second and on her third she pointed and flushed a pheasant in very thick cover, the bird was shot and landed a fair way from her and because the cover was so thick she couldn't possibly see where the bird had landed. I gave her the command to fetch and held my breath. To my relief she went straight out, scented the bird immediately and brought it back to hand, very impressive.



It seemed a long wait to see if we had made it to the water. Just three numbers were called and goodness me, we were one of them, and the first to go! A pigeon was thrown into the water to shot. Fen does swim, though she has to think about it first and enters any water like a real lady with great caution and without so much as a ripple. I was apprehensive and thinking the worst even before we got near the edge.

Fen on the other hand, had marked the bird and made her decision for a steady entry, bringing the bird straight back to hand.

There were no placings that day but Fen and the remaining two runners were all awarded a Certificate of Merit, now how cool was that! Fen had made a little bit of history for the breed in this country, and the day became even more special as we were given the Guns' Award for the day too.

I will certainly be trialing Fen again this year, and hopefully as the breed gains popularity, I will not be alone. They certainly are a great leveller and once I had got to grips with the different training method required to first understand this gentle and endearing breed, she really was a breeze. My heartfelt thanks go out to all the people who have helped me over the years in the field of work, Val O'Keefe and Jackie Doyle, but special thanks go to Liza Brown, a most accessible trainer and, like a true professional, one who never gives up!

Thanks also to Julie for believing in me and hoodwinking me ...



Photo courtesy of J & J Jordan

The Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Club is willing to arrange a GCDS training day if there is sufficient demand, then an actual stage a test day! To find out more about the different levels of the Scheme, visit the Kennel Club website, then if you would like the club to arrange a training day, please contact Mick Heap 07746 819297

"I really recommend this scheme as you end up with a sociable well mannered dog and a few certificates on the wall!"



GOING FOR GOLD!



Quantico Artan (Potter), bred by Mick and Helen Heap, took his Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bronze Award at the beginning of the year. Words by Jane and Tim Jordan...

We had to attend obedience classes for a few weeks prior to the test so we had the right training - this is really all about manners and good behaviour. It was good fun and you build up a relationship with your dog; they have to behave whilst having their collar and lead put on – on the collar must be an identification tag.

You have to be able to walk your dog amongst other dogs and people in a controlled manner which was a bit testing at first as Potter loves both and could not understand why he couldn't jump all over them!

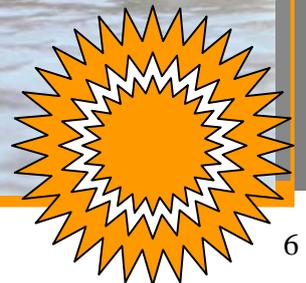
We eventually sorted that out and he is now a better mannered dog. He has since gone on to achieve his Silver Award at 13 months old. This test was a little more in depth as he had to heel along the path and sit at the kerb waiting to cross the road etc.

I really recommend this scheme as you end up with a sociable well-mannered dog and a few certificates on the wall! We are now working towards our Gold Award so fingers crossed.

Pictured top left and bottom: Quantico Artan



Photo by Nick Ridley





SLOVAKIAN ROUGH HAISED POINTER CLUB (PROVISIONAL)

...is holding a Gundog Training Day with Hunting, Retrieving and Water on Sunday 7th October 2007 at 09.30am for 10.00am start, until approx. 4.00pm for Slovakian Rough Haired Pointers with an invite to Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas, Bracco Italiano and Italian Spinone.

Trainers: RORY MAJOR, PENNY PICKSTONE & MIKE BEVAN

All levels will be catered for, from complete beginners to potential field triallers or for those wishing to work their dogs on a shoot. Come along and have a go and have some fun!

Tea, cake and biscuits will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There will be a raffle and any donations will be gratefully received.

**The Venue: by kind permission of Tony and Paul Barrett
Mooredge Farm, Knabhall Lane, Tansley Nr Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5FS
Tel: 01629 583980**

There may be limited spaces for caravans, tents etc, please contact Mooredge Farm direct.

Directions: Junction 28 off the M1, A615 to Matlock at major crossroads follow signs for Scotland Nurseries, Knabhall Lane is the next right, Mooredge Farm is situated second on left.

The Cost: £9.00

For further details please contact Field Trial Secretary Liza Brown on 07799 664909
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Please complete the form below with cheque/P.O. made payable to:
'The Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Club' and return it to:

Liza Brown. Brakabreeze Lodge, Breckles, Norfolk NR17 1ES

Owner's Name:

Address:

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Tel/Email:

Dog's name and breed:

Please circle and state level of experience, i.e. Beginner, Novice, Would be F/T

DID YOU KNOW?

At time of going to press, there are 174 Slovakian Rough Haired Pointers registered with the Kennel Club.

Since 1997 there have been 13 registered imports with the Kennel Club, and they are:

Amaretto vom Kapffelsen of Emmaclan
Amie vom Kapffelsen of Emmaclan
Santal Zo Sorosa of Emmaclan
Spek Zo Sorosa of Emmaclan
Supa Zo Sorosa of Emmaclan

Setsuhen De L'Etang aux Colverts of Aucassin
Shika De L'Etang aux Colverts
Shiro De L'Etang aux Colverts
Sholto De L'Etang aux Colverts
Sora De L'Etang aux Colverts

Argo od Vitalosa at Stormdancer
Eny Kaicul at Stormdancer
Evar Kaicul at Stormdancer



Name that Newsletter!



The SRHP Newsletter. It's a practical title but it's not exactly snappy! Can you think of something better?

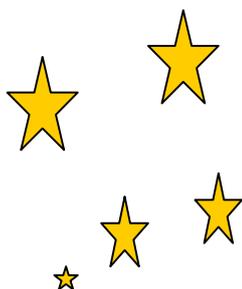
Get creative and send your suggestions by email to Daniela Tranquada by no later

than...

November 16th, 2007

All suggestions will be considered by the committee.

Daniela Tranquada
armeiro@ntlworld.com



CALLING DISCOVER DOGS VOLUNTEERS!

10th to 11th November 2007 at Earls Court 2, London

Discover Dogs, organised by the Kennel Club, is the ideal place for prospective dog owners to discover over 180 different breeds of dog, all under one roof. Not only is it a convenient way for the would-be dog owner to research their future canine partner but it also offers the breed booth volunteers the opportunity to educate and advise future owners about their breeds – good and bad!

If you feel you could give up a day with your SRH or even half a day on the 10th and 11th November 2007 at Earls Court 2 or indeed Crufts (6-9th March 2008) then please contact one of the following:

Julie George Ainscough 01526 861431
Mick Heap 07746 819297
Rachel Blackburn 01924 499545

Your help and input would be much appreciated!

www.discover-dogs.org.uk

Pictured left: Discover Dogs 2003 (from l-r) Carole Tranquada, Alistair Ford and Daniela Tranquada with Ansona Ammara at Stormdancer and Multi Champion Ansona Arabella at Stormdancer.

Picture by Sandra Rowbury

If you would like your dog to appear within the next newsletter, send your news and pictures to armeiro@ntlworld.com
No news? Send us a picture instead!

THE SLOVAKIAN ROUGH HAired POINTER CLUB (PROVISIONAL)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**:

PRIMARY MEMBER: SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME(S): _____
JOINT MEMBER: SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME(S): _____
ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____

TEL. NO: _____ KENNEL NAME (if owned): _____

EMAIL: _____

OTHER BREED(S) CURRENTLY OWNED: _____

REGISTERED NAME OF DOG: _____

BREED: _____ SEX (D/B): _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF SIRE: _____

NAME OF DAM: _____

NAME OF BREEDER: _____

BREEDERS ADDRESS: _____

Please continue on separate sheets as necessary.

Please CIRCLE main interest:

GUNDOG WORK COMPANION OBEDIENCE / AGILITY SHOWING

FEES:

The Fees required at Application are the first year's **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION** are:

£15.00 for a JOINT* MEMBERSHIP **£12.00** for a SINGLE MEMBERSHIP and **£8.00** for ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP

*JOINT MEMBERSHP – Any two members of the same household **OR** joint owners of a dog.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE: **1st February**

If joining after 1st October you will be entitled to membership not only until the 1st February but also for the following year.

The Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Club will hold your membership details on computer to facilitate the production of mailing labels. We are also required to submit a copy of our membership list to the Kennel Club annually.

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE _____ NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) _____

In consideration of being accepted as a member of the SRP CLUB I/We agree to abide by the Rules, as amended from time to time.

SIGNATURE(S) _____ DATE _____

In the case of Joint application BOTH APPLICANTS must sign the form.

I/We enclose a Cheque/Cash for £ _____ for a _____ Membership Made payable to The Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Club