

DKGNA Solms/ AZP & Zuchtschau Logan, Utah September 25 & 26

by Tyler Smith



Judge Francois Aldrich
with a handler

The test started off with a gorgeous sunrise over the towering mountain here in Utah. The venue Muddy Road Outfitters. The fields were pristine and so was the water. The test Friday started out with two experienced handlers and two first time handlers. Judges for the event were Mark Peasley, Test Director, Francois Aldrich, Senior Judge, and Todd Synoground.

All 4 dogs made quick work of the field search and pointing section. With no errors the group moved to drags.

The one-foot high alfalfa still had the morning dew on it. All 4 dogs passing the feather drag we moved into our rabbit drags. Nerves were high but all the dogs carried through. One of the highlights from the drags was Astro vom Mountain View (Trained & Handled by Alec Losee), who like a vacuum stuck his nose to the ground and did not lift off the ground until he was at the rabbit. Well done. Next Abby vom Bosque River (Trained & Handled by Rocky Watt) flew down her drag with precision to the rabbit and returned promptly. Well done. With drags behind us we decided to move to Wesentest and take a break for lunch.



Astor with Alec Losee

Wesentest is a key difference in our DK testing program versus any other breeds. If you haven't sat in the field with a field trial shorthair with no off switch, please do such then come watch this test. The dogs are lined out with no leashed and told to go on the down command. Dog are not to move or make noise during this part of the test. Essentially, they are to stay calm and not disturb the other dogs or group. One of the calmest dogs in the group Adele vom Hochland (Trained and Handled by Mike Madsen) decided to take a chill and rest under the apple tree as thou she was going to dose off. Well done!



Berlin in pursuit of the duck

Next up was the water section. Unfortunately, on the blind one dog did not complete it. With the rest of the group moving to live duck hopes were high. Berlin vom Hochland (Trained & Handled by Tyler Smith) went straight into the water immediately tracking the duck into the cover, producing the duck for the shooter. In hot pursuit the shot was made! The remaining three dogs

passed their live duck searches and completed the test.

Day 1 results:

1. Astro vom Mountain View: Solms Prize 1. Leader Alec Losee
2. Berlin vom Hochland: AZP Prize 1. Leader Tyler Smith
3. Adele vom Hochland: AZP Prize 3. Leader Mike Madsen
4. Abby vom Bosque River: No Prize. Leader Rocky Watt

Day 2 of the test began the same way. All 3 handlers were new to the German system. We are proud to call them ours. All 3 dogs made quick work of the search and pointing. One of the best moments of this was Annie vom Mountain View (Trained & Handled by KC Davies). This dog has a cannon of a nose. With scenting conditions being tough Annie put on a fine display for what a DK dog is and should be. Well done!

On to drags the group went. The duck drag was made to look easy by Angus vom Mountain View who didn't stop even smell the roses as he flew to the end promptly found the duck and returned to the handler (Trained & Handled by Tom Reiff) . Well done!

Next up was the rabbit drag. Argo vom Mountain View (Trained & Handled by Ryan Boren), had the most relentless pursuit of the rabbit this day. For a moment we thought we had admitted a hound to the test as this dog tracked better than one. Well done!

Unfortunately, all 3 dogs were unable to complete the test for various reasons. Regardless of them completing the test we are proud of what they accomplished. The Solms/AZP is a super hard test to pass. But as was mentioned many times at the test, they will have fine hunting companions this fall, and we will see you next testing season.

Day 2 Results:

1. Argo vom Mountain View: No Prize. Leader Ryan Boren
2. Angus vom Mountain View: No Prize. Leader Tom Reiff
3. Annie vom Mountain View: No Prize. Leader KC Davies

The Zuchtschau was split up because of travel. Judges were SVR Francois Aldrich with Mark Peasley apprenticing. The best part for most of us was the two female handlers that decided handled dogs. Malia Jacob a 13-year-old handled Caro von der Nieder Heide to an adult rated SG. Well Done! Gaby Smith handled Berlin vom Hochland like an old pro to and adult rating of SG. Well done!

Zuchtschau Results:

Youth Females:

1. Abby vom Bosque River: SG (J) Rocky Watt
2. Annie vom Mountain View: SG (J). KC Davies

Youth Males:

1. Axel vom Mountain View. SG (J). Tom Gambles
2. Astro vom Mountain View: SG (J). Alec Losee
3. Argo vom Mountain View: SG (J) U. Ryan Boren
4. Angus vom Mountain View: SG (J). Tom Reiff

Adult Males:

1. Bodin vom Hochland. V. Dallas Erickson

Adult Females:

1. Basil vom Hochland. V. Tyler Smith
2. Berlin vom Hochland. SG. Gaby Smith
3. Caro von der Nieder Heide. SG. Malia Jacob
4. Adele vom Hochland. SG. Mike Madsen

Thank you to everyone who helped make this test a success. Kurzhaar Kulture at its finest!