

California Solms/AZP

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On October 23, the DKGNA held a Solms/AZP near Los Banos, CA. The test was held at Little Panoche Reservoir. John Kalandra, Jeff Martin, and Francois Aldrich judged five dogs handled by Brandon Gomes (Elk vom Wustenjager), Ralph Martinez (Lord vom Canuck), Clint Miller (Ash Vom Preesterholt) ,

Mark Peasley (Bristle vom Mountain View), and Malia Jacob (Ash Vom Preesterholt). We also had Bo Waller and Tyler Edwards from the Drahthaar club as apprentice judges. Callum Donnelly helped with the birds and anything else to keep the test moving along.

The fields were very good for the searches and drags, but this year we were very challenged to find good water in California. The judges managed to make it all work so the dogs could show us their stuff. The weather was crisp in the morning, but quickly heated up so the dogs were happy when they got in the water. All the dogs were impressive and all are fine hunting dogs. At the end of the day, we had three Prize II and one Prize I. It was a fun and successful test day for the DKGNA.