

# 2022 Dr. Kleemann Prüfung Insel Fehmarn/Ostholstein

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I just returned from the 2022 Dr. Kleemann Prüfung, in Insel Fehmarn/Ostholstein, Germany. Hosted by Klub Kurzhaar Nordmark the event was very well run with a great facility for the headquarters and large fields with plentiful game and good water.

The Kleemann was smaller than usual because of the misguided restrictions imposed because of fear of too many dogs having COVID causing the cancellation of the 2020 Kleemann. In all only 86 dogs entered the event, down from the usual 120-130. The number of dogs be lower did not impact the quality of the dogs as there were many excellent dogs participating.



Top 5 males (Results attached)

males and the other for females. Or you can watch both by standing in the walkway between the two rings. One of the DKGNA Senior Judge's Jeff Martin attended the Kleemann this year and it was fun to visit with Jeff and discuss each dog as the final group of 10 for both males and females were whittled down to the top ten.

Thursday was registration and the Zuchtschau. It's your opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. Additionally, you have your first look at all the dog's, and each is evaluated by a panel of judges. The dogs are split into two rings one for

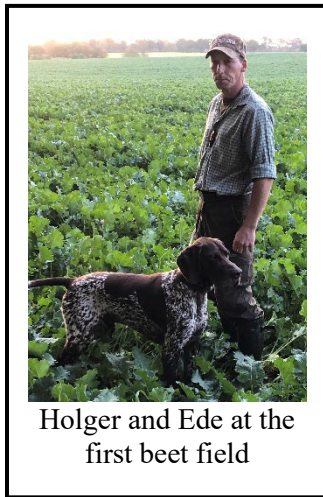


Top 5 Females (Results attached)

The next decision to be made would be which group to follow. For the first time since 2006 we would not have a dog in the Kleemann, and I must decide which group to follow. I chose to following Group #1 which included Ede vom Ährenfeld, Holger Hensel leader; Carlo vom Goldensberg, Kerstin Schulz-Luft leader; and King von der Königsletite, Hans-Jürgen Meier leader. This group was of particular interest to me as Holger had trained Maggie KS vom Trocken Bach to the Kleemann in 2018 and our last litter was by Ede vom Ahrenfeld. Additionally, King von der Königsletite was the V1 male at the Kleemann and the Helmut Klotz would be the Head Judge for Group #1. Mr. Klotz led Claudia KS vom Hege-Haus to the 2008 Kleemann for us. It would prove to be a very interesting group.

The most important task of the day is to arrive at the meeting place on Friday morning at the appointed time. One of the first things you are told is to be there on time as they will not wait for anyone. I decided to ensure my arrival by following Holger and Paul Huneke, one of the three judges, from the hotel.

Upon arrival Mr. Klotz introduced the Judging team, which included himself, Uesula Sciba, and Paul Humeke, to the leaders. Fortunately for me. Uesula speaks excellent English and asked me if I could understand what was being said. I told her I could understand a few words but not much. Uesula was kind enough to become my translator for the day, which I much appreciated! Once our guide (field man) arrived we were off for the adventure – let the test begin.



First stop was a large sugar beet field. Mr. Klotz informed the leaders that each would have the opportunity to work for 20-30 minutes and could encounter hare in this field. The dogs running order would be Ede, Carlo, and King. Each dog work extremely well on their first run. And we would move on to the next field.

The next stop would be what I would call a shelter belt in the middle of a grass field. The cover in the shelter belt was chest high and very thick. The dogs would be asked to hunt the edge of the belt and scent fur game. Upon indicating the presence of game, they would enter the high cover and point the game. They be evaluated on steadiness to fur when a shot is fired. Ede started down the edge and within 20 yards indicated game, was asked to move into the deep cover and point the game. A roe deer was produced, and a shot was fired. Holger came back from the area pleased and quite relieved. Next would be Carlo and Kerstin. Carlo searched the edge for a longer period and finally indicated game. The process was repeated, and Kerstin returned very relieved, the cover was really challenging for her. King would be next, and the first mishap of the day would ensue. The group had made the corner of the belt and we could no longer see the dog and only the top of the people's head on the far side of the cover. As they walked along, we saw King come out on our side and I knew that wasn't good. The leader and the judges continued up the far side and we could hear the whistle and we knew something was amiss. Soon a shot was fired, and we thought everything was good. The judges returned but not King or Hans-Jürgen. We could see Hans-Jürgen at the next shelter belt walking through the high cover and blowing his whistle, I knew that wasn't good. The judges told us that the first two dogs had done very well. Unfortunately, during this task, King had apparently

become disoriented and was lost. To my surprise we were told to go to the cars, and we would proceed to the water with the two remaining dogs.

When we arrived at the water the judges were taken to a far pond where the testing would take place. Ede would again work first, and we all followed him to the pond. First, he would be asked to search without the duck. Ede entered the water and thoroughly search the cover all over the pond, producing two wild ducks. He was called back and lead away while a duck was released in the cover on the far side of the pond. Ede returned and entered the pond with the command to cross and search. Going directly across Ede scented the duck and entered the cover producing the duck. Holger harvested the duck and Ede completed the task by delivering the duck. Carlos would be next; he entered the water and search well again producing wild ducks. Unfortunately, during the search of the reeds Carlos was injured, his right hind foot was cut by the reeds. Following a delay to attend to his injury, Carlos re-entered the water to search for the duck. He was successful and the duck was harvested and delivered. Both dogs had completed their task and we would return to the field.



Back Row ( L to R) Helmut Klotz, Kerstin Schulz-Luft, Paul Huneke, Ursula Scriba, and Holger Hensel. Front Row (L to R) Carlo KS vom Goldensberg and Ede KS vom Ährenfeld.

We proceeded to the farm of our field guide and each dog would search in hopes of producing pheasants and possible hare. Both dogs did well, pheasants were encountered, pointing took place, shots were fired, and the task was completed.

There would be one additional search, the paired search. It would have to be modified to accommodate Carlo's injury. The dogs worked in field at the same time but at a distance. This would be the final event. Now everyone would gather to receive the final scores. Mr. Klotz informed the leaders and the followers that both dogs had done extremely well and would receive their KS!!!

Before we left the field Ursula informed us, she had just received a message from Hans-Jürgen, King had been found. The search had lasted 4 ½ hours but he was safe and sound.

Saturday would be the presentation of the KS dogs back at the headquarters. It is the opportunity to see each of the KS dogs in one place and to acknowledge their accomplishment and that of the leaders. The atmosphere at this event much

different than the previous days, the test is over, and all are much more relaxed. Let the party begin. [\*Click here to see Kleemann Results\*](#)

Saturday evening the banquet take place and the awards were presented. I think that Klub Kurzhaar Nordmark can be proud of the event they hosted. The event was well run, and the Klub did their part to ensure everyone enjoyed their participation. It was unfortunate that the rule changes restricted the size of the Kleemann. Worse than the effect on the 2022 Kleemann, by having the Kleemann in 2023 for the dogs that these new rules that should have been included in 2022 but were eliminated by the rule changes will ensure that there will be another small event in 2023. Hopefully, changes will be made in February at the Presidents Meeting and be ratified at the General Meeting in March and sanity will return for the 2024 Kleemann.