## **2023 NAKP Judges Reports**

## Gruppe 1/ Group 1:

### RO/Senior Judge Francois Aldrich; Judges: Dan Myshin, Travis Sears

#### **Program Nr. 3 Astor vom Barlager Forst, 1154/18, sg4, 136 Points, Prize 1** Führer/Leader: Vito Caramia



The dog entered the water on one command from the handler, He systematically swam and searched across the open pond to the opposite bank. He proceeded to thoroughly search the vegetation but stayed in the water at all times. Once he cleared half the pond the handler gave him only a hand signal and he proceeded to do the same excellent search of the other half.

This search was very thorough using his nose at all

times and in complete harmony with the handler. It is difficult to imagine a more thorough display. The duck was not found and we instructed the handler to recall the dog. A dead duck was thrown in front of the dog, a shot was fired and the dog retrieved the duck correctly. For this outstanding work, a 4H was awarded.

The first 20 minute field search was very good. Systematic, using the wind and his nose at a good pace showing excellent endurance and persistence but never hectic. A chucker was pointed, spontaneously flushed but no shot was fired. A second similar search resulted in an excellent point, flushed by the handle, with a shot fired. The dog exhibited excellent manners behind the game. He was awarded 4's in field search, pointing and use of nose.

A duck was thrown in dense cover which the dog correctly located and retrieved, and was awarded a score of 4.

As mentioned, the dog's manners in the presence of game and in the absence of game was perfect earning 4's.

## Program Nr. 9 Coco vom Hügel-Hafen, 0766/19, V2, 111 Points, Prize 0

Führer/Leader: Joshua Morris



The dog entered the water on a single command, searched across the pond and found the duck quite quickly. The duck was pushed into the open water, where it was shot and retrieved. However, the dog did not sit, for a retrieving score of 3. Search behind the duck, a score of 4. Solid field searches where the dog covered large parts of the fields, producing birds, for a score of 4. Pointing was solid, a score of 4. The dog broke on the first flush, but was easily stopped by the handler. No shot was fired. On the second bird

she broke on the shot, but was again stopped with verbal command, awarded a 3 in this category. Obedience with game was rated 3, without game 2.

The dog was sent for retrieving a duck in appropriate cover. The dog returned with the duck, ignored her handler and stopped approximately 30 yards beyond the handler. She did not put the duck down, proceeded to where the judges were standing and refused to acknowledge her handler. Her manner with the duck in her mouth was not correct either. Therefore no prize could be awarded.

#### **Program Nr. 13 Zula vom Trocken Bach, 0827/21, V3, 117 Points, Prize 0** Führer/Leader: Jeff Martin



The dog entered the water on command but proceeded to search the bank for a while. The handler used hand signals to send her across the pond where she subsequently searched and caught the duck from thick cover. This was correctly retrieved and subsequently a second duck was thrown in front of the dog, followed by a shot with correct retrieving. This earned her 4's for searching behind the duck and for retrieving.

The dog had a fast, thorough and energetic field search, producing birds on both of her 20 minute searches. Pointing was solid with very good use of the nose observed. She was rewarded all 4's in these categories. Unfortunately she broke on the flush of the first bird, but the handler was able to stop her with loud commands. No shot was fired. On the second bird she was steady to flush, but broke on the shot and the handler was unsuccessful to stop her, with multiple loud commands. The dog chased for a very long distance, thus unsuccessful in passing the test.

The dog correctly found and retrieved the duck from the thick cover.

## Gruppe 2/ Group 2:



**RO/Senior Judge Harald Beyer, Judges: Brigitta Krause-Hofstetter, Joe Kelly** 

#### **Program Nr. 1 Bentley vom Adlertal, 0544/21, sg1, 136 Points, Prize 1** Führer/Leader: Barry Childs

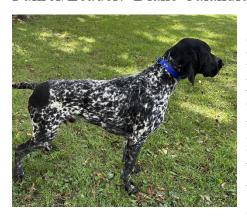


Field: The first search was along bushes searching wild pheasants. Bentley always turned into the wind correctly with good connection to his handler. In an alfalfa field the dog found a chucker and displayed very good pointing. The handler flushed the bird and fired a shot. The bird fell down and Bentley brought it correctly. He did it again on a second bird. In the second search he couldn't find a bird. He always turned into the wind correctly with good connection to the handler. So everything was fine, score 4 in all categories.

Water: The duck was sitting on the other side of the pond between the bushes. The handler showed Bentley where he had to swim. He swam

straight to the other side, about 100 yards. The dog found the duck very quickly. The duck was shot. Retrieving was fine. Score 4 in water work and retrieving.

#### **Program Nr. 5 Earl vom Soestental, 1798/21, sg3, 113 Points, Prize 2** Führer/Leader: Diane Calandra



Field: First search in alfalfa, the work was fast and far. The dog turned into the wind correctly, with good connection to his handler, but he couldn't find a chucker. So there was no pointing in the first search. In the second search, the dog did his own thing, not really following his handler. After a while he came back and the search was going the right way. He found two birds and displayed very good pointing. Shot was okay, retrieving also correct. Only he didn't sit. In a third search he needed a little bit to get in the right way, after a while the search was like we want to see it.

Scores: Nose and pointing 4, Search and retrieving 3

Water work: The duck was on the other side of the pond. Earl was sent to the water, which he entered at once. He searched left and right, but he didn't cross the water. So he couldn't find the duck. After 15 Minutes a dead duck was thrown in and shot. He retrieved it, but he didn't sit.

Scores: Water work and retrieving 3

#### **Program Nr. 10 Aria von Reinheit, 1098/21, sg, 74 Points, Prize 0** Führer/Leader: Brad Childs



Field: In the first search Aria's work was not really methodical and she didn't find any birds. In the second it was wasn't better, but she was pointing. The handler flushed a chucker and Aria caught the bird before the handler could shoot. Retrieving was okay. She pointed another bird very well. The handler flushed the bird and shot. Aria saw the bird falling and retrieved. About 20 ft.

away from her handler she lost the bird. So the test was over. Scores: Nose, pointing and obedience without game 4, search and obedience with game 2.

## **Gruppe 3/Group 3**



# **RO/Senior Judge Holger Hensel; Judges: Ursula Scriba, Lee Root**

#### **Program Nr. 7 Wren vom Trocken Bach 0770/19, V1, 136 Points, Prize 1** Führer/Leader: Frank O'Leary



Field: Wren showed a wide, fast search characterized by the will to find, with an excellent search pattern, correct turning into the wind and impressive head carriage at all times. The dog showed this compelling performance throughout the day. Search 4H. The male dog pointed the game birds very well and firmly, even as the game birds flushed. Wren was steady to shot. The game bird is quickly found and then quickly retrieved.

Water: Wren was sent into the water with a single command, swam to the opposite side of the pond and quickly found the duck there. The male dog caught the duck and brought it to the handler alive and delivered it correctly. The steadiness to shot and the retrieve were flawless.



## Program Nr. 11 Tilly vom Trocken Bach 1123/16, V4, 136 Points, Prize 1

Führer/Leader: Cierra Bennett

Field: The bitch displayed several systematic, planned searches characterized by the will to find, with the best use of the wind and very good bonding to the handler. Search 4H. The sympathetic black and white ticked bitch pointed the found game birds firmly and is calm. The retrieving of game birds is done perfectly.

Water: After hesitantly accepting the water, Tilly works very independently, pushing several ducks out of cover and working the entire pond. After a duck had been shot, she brought it to the handler correctly.

#### **Program Nr. 12 Wildrose vom Trocken Bach 0772/19, V1, 136 Points, Prize 1** Führer/Leader: Marianne O'Leary



Field: This elegant brown bitch was nicely presented by a first-time handler. A fast, wide-ranging search characterized by the will to find with very good pointing of game birds. The handler was able to approach the bitch calmly and shoot without no need to intervene intervention. The game bird retrieve was done very well.

Water: Wildrose was sent into the water and worked the left bank, circled the entire pond from the water

side and pushed the duck to the open water area, where it was shot and then brought to the handler correctly.