

# An amazing experience...

*by Lisa Davis*

Last year I became fortunate enough to end up owning Eden vom Adlertal also known affectionately as Eve. Eve was just 9 weeks old when she came to be mine, my husband Wayne went down to Utah to bring her home for me as I had to work. It was obvious to me early on that Eve was very special, however I truly did not realize just how special yet.

Eve did so many things as just a wee puppy. She had her first rabbit drags in the woods edge at 11 weeks old, short dead duck retrieve from water at 10 weeks old, duck drags at 12 weeks old. All of Eve's deliveries have always been with a sit for the retrieve since about 4 ½ months old.



At 5 ½ months old, Eve went on her first legitimate hunting trip. We pursued Sage Grouse for two weeks! On our first day out, Eve and I left the truck and happened into a nice covey within 20 minutes or less. I shot one and Eve went over, picked it up, and retrieved it to me with a perfect delivery! Day two, we were just as fortunate as day one and Eve was hooked! After returning home for 1-2 weeks, we again left for

Montana sharptail, pheasant, and huns. Eve got on all but the huns this trip and handled them like a pup far older than her days!

This spring, we worked rabbit tracks as well in preparation for VJP as I wanted to test her also on rabbit tracks, she excelled in them. I entered Eve in the JGV-RM VJP in Mountain Home, Idaho. I'd judged this tests the year before and was impressed with the number of rabbits we were able to find.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> the wind was blowing at 25-30 mph and gusts to 44 mph. Eve and I began the VJP test with rabbit tracks! Eve did a great job in her first track taking each of the two turns the rabbit made within sight. After a time when Eve came back around, she restarted again on the track on her own and took it a second time through the two turns visible. Her second rabbit went through a fence and relatively near by a deer had been seen by everyone leaving the area. Eve tracked out her rabbit through the fence the first go, came back around and took the track a second time. Eventually she had come around and took the deer track, something she's never smelled!

On to field search and pointing we went. The wind was blowing so very hard. Eve never seemed to notice. Her search was wide and industrious yet always in contact with me, and never too far in front. When she came to her bird, it was one who had left the cover and sat in the open grass in full view of her when she pointed it. When the judges told me to pick her up, after they took some pictures, she went in once I was approaching

and close by, the bird went up and flew quite a distance, but Eve still chased it down and brought it back.

At the end of the long windy day, Eve ended up with a score of 74 and the highest scoring pup of the weekend's testing! This was my first time running a VJP and Eve made me so very proud!



Two weeks later we were up for our Derby test on May 17<sup>th</sup>! We started the day with a field search in very thick sage brush. This, Eve handled with ease as her experience on Sage Grouse prepared her well for it! Once again, her search was wide and expansive yet always in contact without whistle or calling. Her second search where she would encounter birds, Eve had a huge search across a creek and across a hillside! As we turned and worked down the hillside toward the bird contact area, she caught the scent cone and dropped down into the sage where she locked onto point, relocated on the moving bird pointing again, and then the bird took to wing. Luckily it flew out of the area and Eve went back to searching for more. Her second bird was a tight sitting bird which Eve locked on point and never broke! I went up, when told to pick her up, and picked her up and carried her away. Yep, buttons were busting!! Weisen test was next and Eve stayed down without any encouragement, signals, or influence of any kind. This is something she does very solidly. Eve's scoring was all 4's with a 4H in search and 4H in pointing!! Again, achieving the top scoring pup of the 17 dog test!! To top off the weekend Eve received SG2 of 9 females in the Zuchtschau!



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Back to training for tests to come in her future!! This training started the day we brought her home, now we push forward further. See you all in the fall!!!