



DPCNA NEWS

DRENTSCHE PATRIJSHOND CLUB OF NORTH AMERICA

Chairman’s Message – Jenna Myers



Happy Holidays fellow Drent lovers! I hope this newsletters finds you well and that most of you have have plenty of opportunity to keep warm with your Drent - to all of our more Southern residents, I am jealous of your sunshine and above freezing temperatures right now. We have still been getting out with the dogs consistently enough to have a freezer full of pheasant, but the cold winds yesterday had our faces frozen within minutes.

But I digress. In this issue you will find some fun Drent stories along with some other important club information. I hope you take the time to read and enjoy it all. I would also like to add a bit about the loss of our Paxson. To those who knew him, you know he was always a good boy. And for those who didn't, know the DPCNA lost a great ambassador. Paxson was the first Drent I ever saw and my gateway into the breed, as he was for many others. Without him, I wouldn't be living this life. He is and always will be missed. I'm saving you all the cookies Pax. All the best. - Jenna

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Special Holiday Deal!

50% off of all DPCNA merchandise. Visit the DPCNA Store soon to purchase DPCNA products for you and as gifts for your friends. This is a great way to support the club and brag about your Drent.

Visit the Merchandise page at <http://www.dpcna.org/dpcna-merchandise.html>

For DPCNA Members only. Valid until 12/31/2019.

Coming Soon...Drent Tutorial Videos!

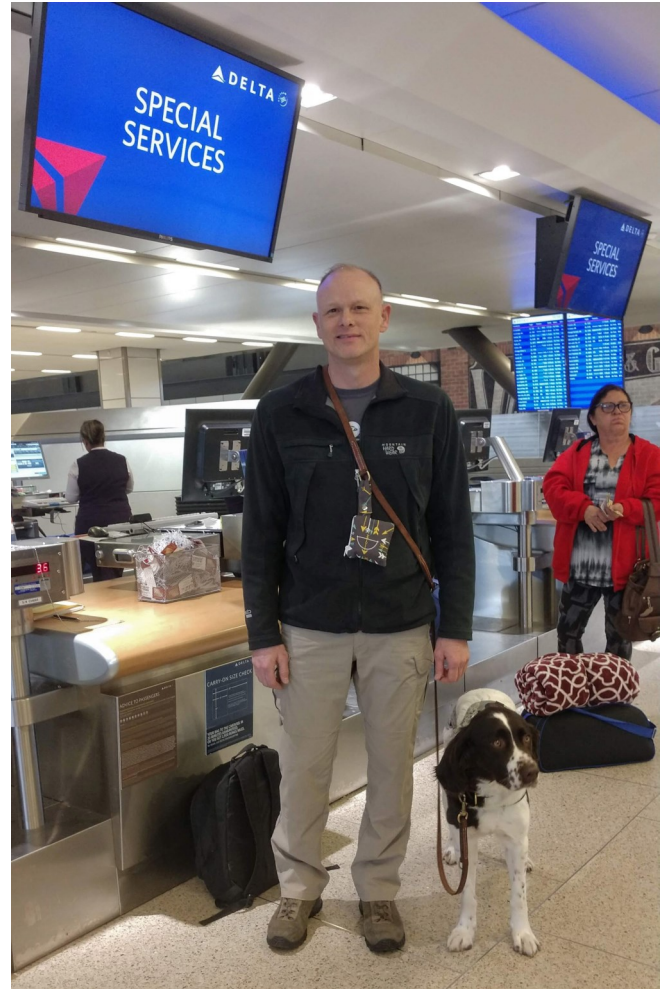
We often get requests from DPCNA members for information, help, and tips about topics related to Drent care and training. In response to this, Barbara Domanchuk has generously volunteered to take the lead on creating some tutorial videos for DPCNA members. **We need your help!** Please submit questions and topic ideas to Barbara at bad@humboldt1.com.

An American Drent in the Netherlands

- Brian O'Connor

Breeding Powder to a Dutch dog in the Netherlands was always something I had wanted to do, however, for her first litter I chickened out. It has been said that traveling to Europe for breeding is not a trivial matter and will attest to it. But it isn't mission impossible either. This past spring became my fifteenth occasion of flying a pet internationally, though this time was another level for a couple of reasons.

After receiving approval from the Club, I worked with the stud owner to register the dog I was approved to use with the AKC Foundation Stock Service. The required DNA kit was then ordered, and when it arrived I carefully set all of the paperwork aside to be packed later. Naturally, Powder flew with me in-cabin as my Service Dog, which required a few extra forms to be completed by my veterinarian for the airline; this was easy, but a step to be taken never the less. Then we waited for Mother Nature to do her job. Once things got started, we scheduled Powder's first progesterone test and all of the appointments to get her veterinary paperwork in order: State health certificate, European Union/USDA paperwork, official rabies certificate and of course full vaccination summary.



Purchasing plane tickets in advance is pure folly and this occasion was no different. With so much on the line, using the old school breed on day ten method was out and we had no choice but to use progesterone testing to determine ovulation timing. The results of Powder's progesterone tests confirm what we knew to be true, based on previous testing. Her ovulation would be right at her day fifteen. Which meant I had only a few days to buy tickets, execute the veterinary paperwork, get a reservation at a B&B, hire a car, and so on. Flying a pet internationally is quite involved on its own accord, but now with an acute time sensitivity and no room for error.

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Checking in at the airport was quite simple with all of Powder's paperwork in order, no small thanks to Jenna for this! Getting Powder through security was an interesting process, and she endured her first TSA "pat down" with aplomb. With a Service Dog you train to pass the Assistance Dogs International (ADI) Public Access Test, amongst other oddities you expect your dog to encounter. All of this in addition to the actual service they provide for you. Still, here in Spokane there just aren't many places with escalators, crazy tram cars, giant voices and so on – so you just never quite know until you do. But you do hope the things you have worked on were close enough and that those training events would effectively generalize for the dog. Powder was a champ! She handled the crush of people, the whirring of service carts zipping by, riding escalators and tram cars, rotating doors, and crazy voices like a seasoned pro.

Bastiaan and Sandra den Haan are the owners of Joeri, the handsome stud used for this litter, and they were amazingly helpful in addition to being incredibly kind, friendly and generous hosts! Sandra made a delightful Dutch specialty for dinner one evening, white asparagus with all of the traditional fixings – oh, buddy that is good living right there! She also helped nail down a dog friendly B&B for Powder and me. As it turns out "De Wijnberg" is owned and operated by a fellow Drent enthusiast Inez de Baar-Le Grand.



During the short and quickly paced visit, Joeri made three successful covers, and the two dogs got along like peas and carrots as I had hoped. Joeri is handsome to behold, a real gentleman and a very sweet boy. He is a Drent I would happily add to my own household without a second thought. It was a real pleasure to make his acquaintance. Moreover, it was fantastic making new friends with Bas & Sandra. I can't thank them enough for opening their home to me and being so accommodating and helpful.

Powder birthed nine lovely pups, six girls and three boys, in about two and a half hours without a hitch.

Hunting in Belgium, like much of Western Europe, is very different from the upland style of hunting in the United States. While Americans typically hunt for pheasant and other game in open country, Western Europeans often hunt in and around farmers' fields adjacent to country villages. I've had the good fortune of joining two hunts in Belgium, accompanied by Drents and other breeds, when I've travelled to breed Claire. Similar techniques were used in both hunts. Described below is the more formal



Preparing for the Hunt. Kiet (left) and Lassen MG

hunt that I joined in November 2018.

The hunt was well organized with three distinct groups of participants along with a huntmaster. There are gunners, flushers and dog handlers. As the names suggest, the gunners carry shotguns and may have paid for the honor of participating. The flushers walk through the fields and bordering woodland shouting and literally beating the bushes with walking sticks. The dog handlers work with the dogs, who help to find, flush and retrieve game.

The hunt was in Houtem, practically in the shadow of Brussels' international airport. We covered a series of adjacent fields and the bordering woodland. After gathering at the lodge, where meals were provided, the handlers, dogs and flushers traveled in a rough trailer to the first and subsequent hunting locations.

The huntmaster would organize the troops. The gunners would line up at one end of the grounds while the handlers, dogs and flushers would line up at the other end. When all were in position, the huntmaster would blow the bugle and the hunt began.



Commencing the hunt



Hunting in a field of mustard



Lassen MG with pheasant retrieve



Beating the bushes

We worked four or five different areas that day, always with the same routine. As expected, the Drents acquitted themselves very well. I carried a camera rather than a gun. Rather than push my way through the fields with the dogs, I lined up behind the gunners for my photos. The flushers beat the bushes and were responsible for collecting the game and returning the game to the lodge. There were plenty of breaks during the day. Refreshments and stories were shared.



Taking a break



Collecting the game



After a day's hunt

At lunch as well as after the hunt, a hearty meal was served. Here we have a wonderful beef stew served over French fries, which are really a Belgian creation. Pheasant comprised most of the day's bounty, along with two pigeons, a duck and a rabbit.



Post hunt meal



Tired after a long day

Probie's NAVHDA Utility Test

- Beth Mello

The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to foster, promote, and improve the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America; to conserve game by using well trained reliable hunting dogs on both land and water; and to aid in the prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging non-selective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs. NAVHDA has hunt tests in which you can compete against a standard and have your dog evaluated.

One such test is the Utility Test (UT). The UT test evaluates trained dogs in water and field, before and after the shot, as finished versatile hunting companions as well as many other specific tasks. The UT Test is comprised of two land and two water situations in which they are to demonstrate their hunting abilities.

The land: The dog is to demonstrate their abilities in searching, pointing, steadiness and retrieve of shot birds, and retrieve of dragged game.

The water: The dog is to demonstrate the ability to search for a duck, walk at heel, remaining steady by the blind, and retrieve of a duck in the water.

Throughout the test, the dogs are judged on the use of nose, desire to work, cooperation, stamina, obedience, and physical attributes.

We tested our Drent, Probie, in this fall's Utility Test. It was a very nerve-racking day for me, but Probie was having a great time as she was doing what any hunting dog likes to do. The day started with a 30-minute hunt in the field. Probie came upon her first bird, held her point, remained steady to shot, and retrieved the bird to hand. She completed this scenario several other times, each time was as perfect as the first. Finally, the judges dismissed us so we could go to get ready for the next event: the duck search.

In the duck search, a duck is released by the judges, out of sight of the dog and handler. The dog is released into the water to find the duck. This test demonstrates the dog's ability to locate wounded waterfowl. Probie was excited as we walked down to the water. Once at the water's edge, I told Probie to sit. Probie sat patiently as I fired the shot; I reached down, tapped Probie on the head, and sent her for the search. Probie was off. At this point, my job was done as all I had to do was to stand quietly for ten minutes and hope that Probie would put her nose to work and search for the duck. Probie gave it her all.

The next event was the drag of game, where game was dragged 100 yards through a field of tall grass, into the woods. Similar to the duck search, this task is all on Probie as my only part is to walk her to where she is to be released. I sent her off, through the field she went and into the woods. At this point, she was out of sight, and all I could do was stand and keep staring at the woods, listening to my heart pound and waiting for Probie to come out. Probie emerged with the duck in mouth, she looked up, saw me and came running, only to do a somersault (this is not part of the test), and down went Probie, but she quickly jumped up, picked up the duck, and delivered to hand. That's my girl.



Probie's NAVHDA Utility Test - Beth Mello



At this point, all we had left was the blind. We had to heel a zig-zag course to the blind. In this event, not only was Probie being judged, but so was I (keep this in mind). We finished the heeling, I placed Probie in the blind, walked out of sight and fired two shots, and returned the blind. Probie remained steady at the blind. Once again, Probie shined. The final sequence is the retrieve of the duck from the water. After a few more shots I sent Probie for the retrieve, Probie took the job to heart and off she went and retrieved the duck to hand.

The test was over, and I was able to take a deep breath, but the worst was yet to come, waiting for the judges to tally up Probie's scores.

I sat around with the other handlers who tested with Probie, and we chatted about the events of the day and what went well for us and what didn't.

Finally, the judges are ready to read the scores. As I applauded the other handlers as their scores were read, I could not help to think: "did Probie do that well?" The time had come for Probie scores, as I held back tears of nervousness, I took a deep breath and listened.

I could not believe how well Probie did; she shined in all the events. I, on the other hand, made an error in the heeling which caused Probie a low score in heeling. In the end, Probie ended up with a total score of 192, Prize 2. Had I not made the critical error in the heeling she would have ended up with a Prize 1.

All in all, I am very proud of Probie as not only did she do well, she let it be known that Drents are indeed a versatile hunting dog breed.



Service Dogs and Detecting Fakes

- Brian O'Connor

Discerning a real Service Dog from a “service dog” can generally be accomplished by observing the handler and how the dog carries itself. Top signs of a fake are: if the dog is being carried or in a cart (there may be a couple of exceptions here), not on a leash or some form of bridging handle (the leash is used to protect the dog), the dog is pulling on the leash (although it should be like the leash isn't needed), the dog may be barking and/or whining (unless it is prompting their boss to do something), it is sniffing everything (dogs are going to sniff, but a dog without a focus on his boss will have his mind elsewhere), having potty accidents (speaks for itself), stealing food (or snatching stuff off the ground – it's all about self-control), seeking attention (not being focused on the job at hand), looking nervous or being aggressive (they should be alert but not reactive). The absolute Number One sign is, the owner probably has a cleverly designed identification card from one of at least twenty different companies easily found on the internet – those are all just scams, each and every one of them.

In the U.S. currently there is no formally recognized certification for Service Dogs. The ADI is the standard we are moving towards, and it is likely there will be a codified certification process and licensing process in the near future. Fake Service Dogs are illegal. The dog should be required due to the owner/handler having a disability (you can't legally ask) and the dog must be specifically trained to mitigate a disability (you can ask the animal's purpose e.g. Medical Alert).



Powder's vest has a pair of pockets, and inside one is the documentation which

covers my disabilities in a Privacy Act compliant way – because people do ask, and I am more than happy to let them know I am authorized to have a Service Dog. A service dog's training is always in the works and being finetuned. During our recent breeding expedition, the flight process from check-in to ground transport was Powder's biggest “on duty” shift times two. She really did an impressive job of staying focused and she surprised her fellow passengers as well as the aircrews based off the comments, we got from everyone before, during and after both flights. I am very proud of her.

So, when you see a Service Dog Team here are a few do's and don'ts. DO feel free to speak with the owner/handler. Be sure to talk to the person vs. the dog. DON'T touch the dog without seeking and receiving permission first. If you happen to be out with your dog, DO keep your dog a distance away from any working dog, Service or otherwise. DON'T offer food to a Service/Working dog. Do treat the owner/handler with respect. Asking personal questions about their disability is an intrusion of their privacy, and out of bounds. Also assume the Service Dog Team can handle themselves, if you think they may need help, ask first before acting. DON'T assume a sleeping Service Dog is off duty. Do inform the handler if the Service Dog approaches you, it's the handler's job to correct not yours. DON'T assume Service Dogs never get to ‘just be dogs.’

1. Roll Call of Officers and Members

2. Financial Report

As of 10.29.19

- Paypal: \$6,033.45
- Wells Fargo: \$1,732.63
- Receivable: N/A
- Total: \$7,766.08
- *Due Out: \$75 member event, \$50 office supplies (PROJECTED)*

3. Report of Officers and Committees Report

- a. Social Activities
- b. Merchandise
 - i. Inventory hats – (5) orange, (12) khaki
 - ii. Inventory shirts – (6) L green waffle(5) L gray waffle, Blue s/s: M-5, L-12, XL-8, 2XL-2 Green s/s: M-2, L-14, XL-4, 2XL-3



MayBelle making the retrieve

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Create “how-to” videos (grooming, training, whatnot) i. The club would likely need to start a YouTube channel to serve as a parking place for these videos. At this stage, no real requirements are set, other than submissions would need to be submitted to the executive council for approval to be used as an official Club “how to” video. (OPEN)
- b. Merchandise ideas
 - i. Orange shirt for 2020?
 - ii. Mug sales
- c. Encourage local Drent meetups (TABLED/OPEN)

5. New Business

- a. Establish nominating committee for 2020 election
- b. Clean up annual election meeting wording/better define how vacancies in the Board are filled
- c. Establish guidelines for using dogs graded “Good” on conformation. Currently we allow them to be bred, but we are the only club to do so. Consider requiring dogs graded “good” to be re-evaluated prior to all breeding requests and each potential mating looked at on a appeal basis similar to that of the Foreign Breeding Exceptional Qualities evaluation.
- d. Update/codify Foreign Breeding Policy, add decision time requirement.
- e. Look at new AKC Temperament Test and NAVHDA temperament evaluation as avenues to fulfill temperament requirement.
- f. Plan 2019 Meeting

6. Closing Remarks



Here in the Pacific Northwest fresh fruits and berries are a way of life. For me the madness hits full stride once the Bing cherries are in and hits it's zenith when Huckleberry season is in full swing. I suppose you could make Huckleberries Jubilee...and just maybe I'll give it a whirl. But for now let us focus on the classic Cherries Jubilee.

Ingredients:

- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 pound Bing cherries, freshly pitted
- Juice of one orange
- Zest of one orange
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1/2 cup Cherry Brandy or Fireweed
- 1 pint vanilla bean ice cream

Ingredients:

- 1/2 stick sweet-cream butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Cup fresh Huckleberries
- 1-1/2 tsp Lemon Juice
- Zest of 1/4 lemon
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1/4 cup Brown Sugar Bourbon or other light bodied Brandy/Bourbon
- 1 pint vanilla bean ice cream

Directions:

- In a large sauce pan, over medium heat, melt the butter. Stir in the sugar and cook for about 2 minutes, or until the sugar dissolves. Add the orange juice and orange zest and cook until the syrup thickens slightly, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the cherries/berries and cook until they are tender, 2 to 3 minutes longer.
- In a small cup, stir the cornstarch and water together to form a slurry. Stir the slurry into the fruit mixture and cook until the sauce thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon, 2 to 3 minutes.
- Pour the brandy over the fruit mixture. Place the pan back on the heat and carefully shake the pan several times to ignite the pan. If the pan does not light use a match to flame the fruit napalm and cook until the alcohol evaporates and the sauce is thickened.
- Divide the ice cream between four shallow bowls. Spoon the Jubilee mixture over the ice cream and serve. Guard your bowl, there are no friends when this recipe is in play.



Thiele



Oakley



Bosch



Tallie



Ila



Biggs

Timo



Booker

Powder

Ember

Tule

Paxson

Ila

In order of mating/projected birth most recent to latest:

- Two Gun Kennels: Powder x Joeri (Washington/Netherlands) anticipated March 2019

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Powder

“Rainshadow’s Powderhorn Cascade, TBI-Service Dog, CGC”



Cooper

“Udo Fan ‘t Suydevelt”

Recent DPCNA Litters



Two Gun Kennels—Powder x Joeri
9 puppies, born 6/3/2019



Duck Creek Dreents—Tule x Fowler
2 puppies, born 6/3/2019

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Paxson the Gloucester CGC

9 June '06 - 13 November '19

Brian O'Connor



Paxson in Gun Dog magazine. Photo credit: Dave Carty

Whether the North American Drent community realizes it, we have all suffered a great loss with the passing of Paxson. Without so much as making a deliberate effort, he became the face of the Drent in North America - a true ambassador for the breed. It is without ego that I can say, if a North American has a Drent under the age of eleven, odds are the owner learned about the breed because of Paxson. If it were not for him there would be no DPCNA, the Drent would very likely not be part of the AKC's Foundation Stock Program and been one of the first breeds to be allowed to participate in both Hunting and Retrieving tests, and I most certainly would not have written any book.

Most dog owners would say their dog has enriched their lives, made them more complete and/or balanced. Some may even say their dog had been instrumental to their ability to pull through some dark times (I can count myself among this crowd). After all dogs are pretty much perfect companions. Paxson did all of that, but he did more. He changed my life in ways no other dog has, because of his love I was inspired to create the DPCNA, connect with the AKC, as well as Gun Dog Magazine, and write a book. Because of this many more people are now coming to learn about the Drent and their ability to move into your heart. Because of him the best kept Dutch secret is out.

Rob en Tiny Key, of the Gloucester kennel, selected Paxson for me. They could not have chosen more wisely. I will forever be grateful for their mentorship and friendship over the years. Most of all I will forever be thankful of the gift which was Paxson. Smart, affectionate, gentle are some words which come to mind, but so do goofy, and athletic. He was selective with who he warmed up to and those he deemed worthy of his attention and love generally were gifted with a dog willing to make himself a fool for you. It was always interesting for me to see who he approved of.

Paxson was my first from pup bird dog and sadly my inexperience and lack of understanding of training in this field were evident in his work, but it was through no fault of his own - it was all me. Still over the years he managed to overcome many of my missteps and became an effective pheasant hunter and when hunted alone he was deadly on Mearns quail. There wasn't much Paxson and I didn't do together: hike, hunt, bikejor, and canicross to name a few. Most of all he was my beautiful friend, always nearby and always ready for a new adventure. He was the consummate 'good boy' from his first days to his last.

Paxson was born in Boxtel, The Netherlands, and because of my military career, he lived in The Netherlands, New Mexico, Spain, Idaho and Washington. He also had the opportunity to travel to many other places in between. His stately looks and gentle disposition drew people to him wherever he went. Paxson had a life filled with love, as many mud rolls as he could manage, and plenty of adventure.

I can't imagine a day where I will not miss him.

