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Chairman's message – Submitted by Brian O'Connor

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The summer of 2010 has come and gone and somehow the rest of the year along with it, but not without several significant things happening for the DPCNA! Where to start? For starters, in case you've been spending all of your time out with the dogs and away from your computer, the American Kennel Club accepted the Drentsche Patrijshond into their Foundation Stock Service program and just as importantly we have been able to register 25% of the Drents needed to be able to petition the Drent for the AKC's Miscellaneous Class. Also we have some really nice information up on the AKC's web page now, I hope you have stopped by to check it out. All great strides towards being able to bridge back to our breed's European origins. It is notable that our membership continues to slowly grow and current estimations indicate about 20% of North American Drent owners are current members - something we all should be proud of!

So what is the DPCNA fixin' to load in the chamber next? Well the next most important thing is already in the works, our Vice President is in the midst of translating the "new" Dutch breed standard into "American English" since it is pretty well accepted the current FCI English standard isn't as detailed or accurate as the Dutch standard. Once the standard is translated we will be on the fast track towards being able to participate in AKC Conformation events. In the mean time, effective 1, Jan 2011 we are on the AKC's books to participate in all AKC performance events, (<http://www.akc.org/events/performance/>) please take advantage!

Also we are hoping to formalize talks/agreements with the North American breed clubs of other Dutch breeds in North America so we can begin full up conformation showing using highly qualified and experienced Dutch judges.

More importantly we need volunteers, yes you, to help the DPCNA continue to move forward and no job is too small! Contribute an article, set up a Field Trial/Hunting test, help us devise our retrieving test, got web skills? Many hands make for a light load. Please think about it. I can speak for the entire DPCNA executive council on this one, we sincerely appreciate your support, in tough times like these every little bit has the ability to make a big difference. We have deliberately maintained our incredibly low operating costs and have no intention of increasing membership dues or any other of our administrative fees.

Well it's time to oil the tin-cloth, thank you one and all for your support, it's been an amazing year!

Sincerely, Brian



Dutch enjoying his first snowfall

At the minimum the following items will be up for discussion at the 2010 Board meeting. If you have an item you feel should be included please send your concerns to the DPCNA Secretary, before 15 December 2010.

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DRAFT—2010 DPCNA Board Meeting Agenda—DRAFT

- Revise (include) Hunt Test vs. Hunting Trial language in by-laws
- Create a “DPCNA Distinguished Service Award” for volunteers which have provided substantial, stand out, lasting contributions to and for the organization
- What titles should/will the DPCNA recognize? AKC & FCI affiliates only? We included the VHDF in the by-laws from jump street so should we include “ALL” other organizations as well – to include the UKC?
 - (AKC & FCI affiliates (i.e. NAVHDA) & organizations already included in the by-laws only)
- Devise DPCNA hunting and retrieving tests
 - Utilize the current AKC water test for pointing breeds. There are two breeds that require a pass in this water test prior to being awarded a Senior Hunter or Master Hunter title. After the Drent has started to participate in existing Pointing Breed Hunt Test program, the DPCNA could request the addition of a water test for SH and MH titles.
 - Another possibility - There are many breeds that have unique requirements in order to test for their historic function. AKC encourages Parent Clubs to develop their own breed specific tests and awarded what is commonly called a “parent club title”. Once a parent club program has become well established, AKC will consider recording these parent club titles, meaning the title would appear on a dog’s pedigree.
- Create a formal Breeding Commission:
 - Invite Dutch breeders to make direct inputs regarding our breeding program. Bloodlines to look towards , advise and assist us to achieve the highest quality breeding program and importation recommendations
 - Establish written guidelines – intent
 - Ensure guidelines in our by-laws regarding breeding age, timing, etc. mirror “the Dutch way”
- Newsletter:
 - Appoint someone to manage the Club newsletter
 - And/or reduce to an annual basis to be published within 1 quarter of the annual meeting
- HOT & Working: Must have “new” Dutch breed standard translated to American English – and voted on for Drents to be able to participate in AKC Confirmation Activities



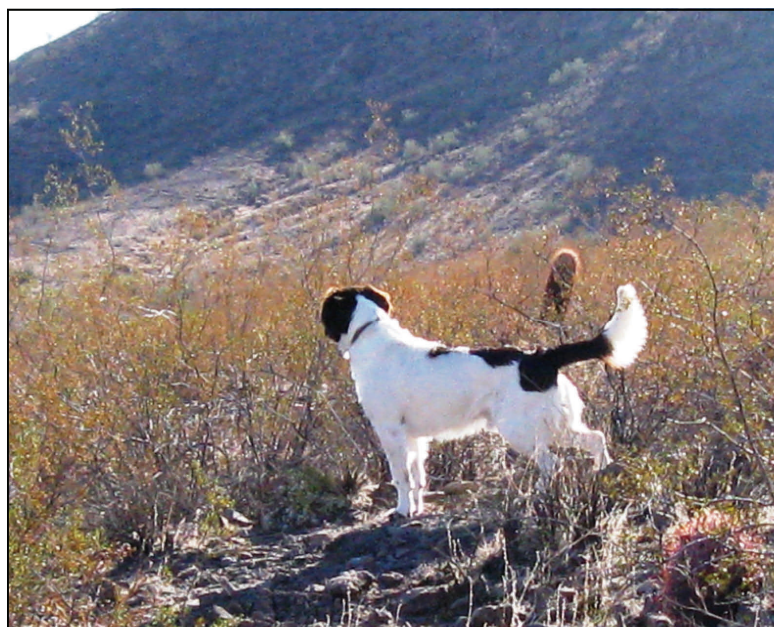
Dirk the Gloucester bounding through a Dutch wheat field

I have two training tips I think may be able save folks some money in these tough times:

Tip 1. The check rope(cord): this one my brother came up with. I was having trouble with my check rope hanging up on any and everything and tried most all ropes, none worked very well. My brother gave me one of his old calf-ropes and it worked great. The rope I like best and use is a lariat, aka a lasso, used like a healer's rope it is 30' long, 95% hang up free, and is ridged enough to be able to stop a dog at run just buy stepping on it. A lariat rope has two ends; the "hondo" is the end which has a knot or spliced eye through which the other end is passed to form a running noose and the open or frayed end is called the "tail". In this case the tail is where you will attach a snap hook by dividing the ropes fibers into two separate strands. After separating the strands approximately 6 inches from the end, feed a snap hook onto half of the strands and tie a sturdy knot. Don't bother to cut away any of the excess rope, simply lay it back along the length of the rope and carefully wrap the loose ends in duct tape trying to leave a clean surface. Cut the hondo off and use a lighter to burn the ends of the fibers to seal the end from unraveling, I also duct tape this end. In AZ this type of rope is a must have given all the brush and cactus we have...this rope slides right through and rarely picks up cactus nettles. This rope will stretch out after a few uses, but isn't anything to worry about. You can find a lariat at most tack stores for horses are over the net (<http://www.nrsworld.com>, found at random), I've even seen them on even eBay. These ropes are very strong! I have had a dog fall into a mining test hole someone neglected to fill in and had to use my lariat to get her out by having the dog walk through a loop and pull her up.



Tip 2. Training dummies: I make my own by using 11" sections of 1-1/2" PVC pipe. By drilling a hole at one end about an inch in I can attach a rope to better throw the bumper. I like to use a cotton rope so I can apply scent for blind retrieves. Since these bumpers are hard, they also discourage hard mouth. Additionally, to introduce pups to feathers, they also make a great feather buck by attaching feathers with heavy rubber bands and they float level on the water for blind water retrieves. If you would like the bumper to float higher in the water fill them with some spray in expansion foam. To add a challenge to blind retrieves I also have a few covered in camo duct tape. The rope and PVC pipe can be had at your local hardware store for a minimal amount of money. So you can save your hard earned money on the Dokkens for finish training. Two of my PVC bumpers have lasted over 20 years!



Pictured above: One of Scott's Drents in the Sororan desert of Arizona. This past year, Scott and his wife Pamela were able to successfully campaign their Drents to earn the 1st Drent UKC confirmation titles

On June 14 this year was the Club Championship of the Drent Partridge Dog place. This is an annual event. From across the country are fans of this race together for the best show dogs. The Drent Partridge Dog is an Old Dutch also a sporting breed farm dog in the yard watching, while nonetheless a very sweet character. The dog has been depicted in ancient paintings.

Nico Klaassen is too early to stand up and his dog Floris participate in this championship. The Club match was held this year in the Hanzehal in Zutphen, and was attended by 157 dogs. It is always a happening as much Drent Partridge Dogs who merrily spin-tails in one place, and where everyone, dog and owner, is warm and friendly welcome.

The dogs were divided into different classes, baby-open, intermediate, youth, farmers, use, veteran, and champion class, males and females separately classified. Floris Phébe of Groevenbeek (the second name is the mother and the last name is the kennel where he came from) was the champion in class. The groups were tested 6 different labeling masters. The final inspection was done by two judges, Mrs. T. Adrichem of Boogaert-Kwint and Mr. Andringa. Floris was number one in his class and had to fight the first of the other classes and became **best dog of the breed**. He also had to compete against the best female of the race, with the result that the best Floris Drent Partridge Dog of the year and became the title Club Winner to be armed. All the judges were agreed that one of Floris excellent showreport number one. The winners of the show names received beautiful trophies (Floris 5 pieces) and also the sponsor gifts in the form of dog food and blankets their appreciation. According to real connoisseurs, there was strict but fair approved. Nico has been eight years a real Drent Partridge Dog lover and therefore has discovered a new hobby. Outside the show he also hunting training (he is actually more fun.) Floris is extraordinary beautiful dog and a real Drent according to insiders, and thus an excellent hunting dog for standing, he neatly brings the game to his boss. Even the chickens from the neighbors are not safe, he does not scratch them neatly at Nico delivery. This dog is mellow in the mouth so it can give off livestock without damage. Even eggs from a duck, he last year for a very clean delivery.



And to think that the dog also called an egg feast. Meanwhile, Floris Nico all C and B certificates for hunting achieved. Many a championship, he with his dog in the Netherlands recovered. The first show was visited with Florence was the Winner in Amsterdam, the largest organized show in the Netherlands with many foreign

visitors. Here Floris, one year old in his first breeding group and also Winner and Junior Winner of the race. 1 ½ years old he became Dutch junior champion, reached by March 1 this many games to win points which you must collect. Floris was 28 months old Dutch champion, this in order to qualify, the dog at least 27 months old and at least four shows have won, leaving 4 points earned. Floris had already reached 6 points. That same year he was reserve world champion in his breed in Sweden. There is a long list of championships won arise where Nico enjoyed his dog Floris has shown. Want to know more about the breed of Drent Partridge Dog please take a look at www.drentschepatrijshond.org

Meanwhile, Floris 3 litters and should provide for another 2 litters born. In Sweden and Norway, he is now walking and descendants of the last litter is 1 male and 1 female to America.



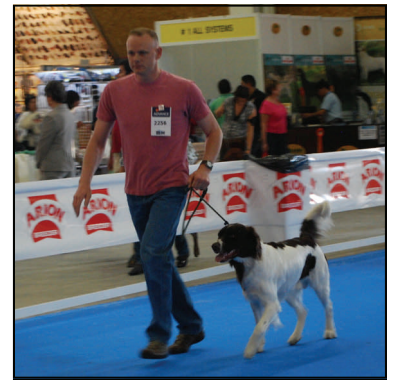
Below is a selection of the many reports: Well-constructed dog of good size and excellent type. A beautiful classic Drent with good length to height ratio. Beautiful head with beautiful eyes and expression. Well formed ear. Slightly rounded skull. Well-shaped muzzle. Excellent body. Excellent top and underline. Shapely feet. Normal angulation front and rear. Beautiful bushy tail. Beautiful coat condition and color. Gait is sufficiently smooth and supple. Excellent presentation and ring behavior.

Hinke.

Showing your dog in Spain is possibly the only place where you will get to here, “la paella está listo” at 2:30 in the afternoon for lunch and watch the show rings empty. Sadly we missed the photo-op in Cuenca where they had an eight foot diameter paella. By the time we had it all figured out and made it through the line the paella had been devastated by the crowd. But, you probably want to hear more about the European show circuit than giant paellas. As an American it is a wonderful opportunity to meet people



and see dogs you would normally only see in books. Moreover, having your dog judged by the Netherlands top sporting dogs judge and then have his words validated by some of the best international judges in the world, staying in 4 star hotels and got to see a lot of Spain was just as nice. After a year of hard campaigning and earning the bragging rights on having a titled dog is kind of fun, but really I didn't need the word of experts and fancy papers to change my mind about my dog. He's still just my Little Booker.



Here at Talavera, Spain—Booger secures the last “punto obligatorio” needed to become the first Drent to earn a Spanish Show title.

Named after Booker's bourbon. He is just as Mark Vaughan, editor and publisher of [Santé, The Magazine of Wine and Spirits Management](#) says, “Booker is a runaway locomotive”

DeVereniging's Spring 2010 Breeders Day— submitted by Nikki O'Connor

Where else can you find nearly 250 Drents in one place on the same day? De Vereniging's Breeders Day is a Drent fanciers dream come true! Counterclockwise the photos are: Mr. Wellens in action, Happy Drent!, tails-a-waggin', a face only a Drent mom could love, Drents and their

people waiting for their turn in the ring, A man and his Drent participating in show handling course, Center: Nadezja the Gloucester.



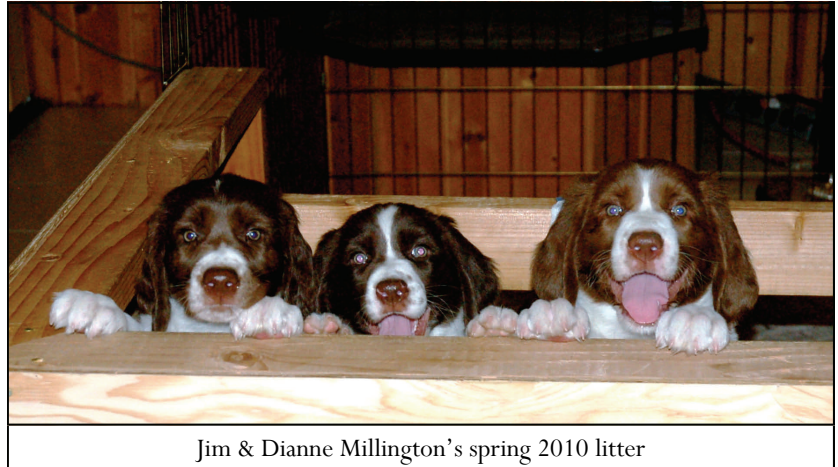
Grilled Black and White Pepper Quail — a favorite, quick and easy recipe by Bobby Flay

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons ground white pepper
- 3 tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 quail, de-boned (or not)

Directions

Combine both peppers and salt in a small bowl. Brush quail with oil on both sides and season with the pepper mixture on skin side. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side. Add only a few minutes for roasting whole quail. Enjoy Booker's favorite!



Jim & Dianne Millington's spring 2010 litter

Parting Shots

Any member(s) wishing to join the Board in Arizona for the Annual DPCNA Board meeting should contact Brian as soon as possible for dates and details. Our meetings are pretty relaxed affairs; have fun, take care of business, talk dog & maybe chase a bird.

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As we begin to roll through this 2010 holiday season I hope you find yourselves well and surrounded by your friends and families. Don't forget to raise a toast to the New Year for it what can hold for us one and all! From our family to yours Merry Christmas, Happy New Year - and of course Happy Holidays for everyone's important Holiday events!



At left, DPCNA & Chairman's friend & mentor: Rob Key

If you have something you would like to share with DPCNA News, please get in touch with one of our Board Members. We are open to your ideas, and suggestions and would sincerely enjoy hearing from you.

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Have a little bit of spare time you wouldn't mind donating to assist the DPCNA? Please let us know what you might be interested in helping with. No job is too small!

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