

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CONFORMATION SHOW 2008

Diary & Slide Show

The Pre Show Disaster!

For several weeks prior to the show, our dedicated team of "E" litter puppy owners worked with their puppies to teach the stand stay, practice stacking for the stand for exam, showing teeth, and gaiting. None of the owners had experience in double handling, but they were eager to learn and worked to motivate their puppies in movement. We could not have asked for a more dedicated group of owners.

We planned to show 3 of the "E" litter females in the baby puppy 4-6 months class, as well as two "E" litter males.

These owners jumped into the event with both feet, and even decided to spend the the night prior to the show at a local hotel, to make travel time easier on show day.

The day before everyone was leaving, I received late evening news. Our puppies had been determined ineligible to show. While they were over 16 weeks old, the organization did not consider them 4 months old, the cut off age, until July 1. This was a huge disappointment - and we were so upset for our families who worked so very, very hard to prepare. Had we known a week prior, it would have been easier to swallow.

With a heavy heart, I emailed everyone to tell them the bad news. To my surprise and great pleasure, all but one family opted to come along to the show as part of our Team, and support us, anyway.

The judge was gracious enough to agree to let the owners present their puppies to him in a class that did not count for a USA rating, & he agreed to evaluate the puppies!

To the "E" Team... Matt & Enya, Danny, Patty & Elektra (Lexi), Rob, Ellen & Ella,(Bella) Darlene, Scott, & Emerson (Rex) you guys are absolutely the best of the best as owners and friends! We are so proud to have you on our team, and we know your puppies have a bright future ahead!

Team Monadnock

Monadnock Hundesport was represented by 3 of our Breeders; Vom Haus Hutfeld, vom Boulder Run, & vom Traumhof

Together, we dominated!!! Most notably, it was Anna & Bob's day as their mostly working line male puppy, Indy, won his class, followed by his mother, a working line bitch, winning hers! Between us we took home:

4-6 Females places 1,2,3

Our Team had no 6-9 f/m entered

9-12 females 1st
9-12 males places 1,2
12-18 females places 3d
12-18 males places 1,2
Untitled Females 24 plus - 1st
Working Females places 1st !!!
Working Males places 2nd

We are proud to be part of Team Monadnock, and proud of the way everyone pulls together to get the job done! Anna helped groom and prepare before we entered the ring, & she was an extra doubler, calling to our dogs who needed motivation in the far corners! Sabrina and Roger are unbelievable about being everywhere for everyone... Super handlers, who present everyone's dogs at their best! And everyone - including non breeder club members with no dog entered -was ringside to cheer and offer support or call dogs when needed. Not to mention the efforts of our Puppy Owners as they helped set up, run equipment back and forth, take photos, water dogs ringside, hold dogs: you name it, they did it! Super, super effort everybody!!!! GO TEAM!

The Puppy Evaluation for the "E" pups

It was apparent the work everyone put into teaching the stand. The pups were cooperative while Roger stacked each and every one of them. The gaiting went smoothly as well. The Judge said all the puppies would have been awarded VP if they had been old enough. He commented on the expression, pigment, substance of the puppies, and the hind angulation. He especially liked the male puppy, Emerson (Sherry x Xeniali) & said he had the type of his father with excellent topline and excellent hind angulation and movement.

After the class, Roger also commented, as a handler, how great it was to handle puppies who are cooperative. He was impressed with Ellen and Rob's Ella, who stacked like a pro and stayed owner focused while the judge looked at her.

Watch out for the "E" pups at the next show!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

4-6 females & Autumn's Super Job!

We had reserved Autumn LeBlond, a very young Jr Handler, to handle one of our E puppies. When they were not allowed to show, we transferred Autumn to our 5 month old puppy, Danka.

Danka is a powerful puppy, much bigger than the young E pups, and Autumn had her hands full, but managed Danka quite well. Danka finished in 2nd place!!! We have no doubt Autumn will follow in her big sister Megan's footsteps to become the most in demand Jr. Handler!!!!
Autumn and Danka were also voted Cutest Puppy in the show, and given a special wreath. Great Job Autumn!!!!!!

12-18 Female

Our Sherry/Xeniali daughter Brielle (AKA The Bunny) was SG3!!!!
We are so pleased that our favorite little Herding Dog puppy (Aiming for her HGH!) is becoming so ring savvy and doing well! The day after the show, Bunny attended an AKC Herding event and was awarded her HIC. She had a big weekend!

Working Male

Sherry did me a big favor and started to shed a couple weeks prior to the show. He was therefore, out of coat. However, you can't deny quality, and he presented himself well anyway, finishing 2nd, Vice Sieger. The judge commented:

The reason he is not the winner is his size. (The judge's preference was for smaller dogs.)

Other than size, he said Sherry had excellent expression, type, pigment, straight in front, high withers, good croup, well angled behind, powerful movement.

My additional note: Sherry was the only working male with progeny showing.

The Traumahof Tiki Bar & Seeing Friends

We decided that despite our disappointment in being denied the opportunity to show the E pups, we were going to have fun. We had an absolute blast with our Tiki bar & Team Lunch. Rick makes the best frozen Margaritas and Mojitos!

We made our own party, and we were so happy to see old friends we see a few times a year at shows (not often enough!), as well as new friends. For me two highlights were Karen M bringing Bunny's sister from our 2007 litter, Bronwyn, to visit (Bronwyn looks fabulous and I hope to get her in the ring soon!), and Marty & Nancy S. bringing Delila, Danka's sister from Kiddie/Sherry litter to visit!

Our future puppy team also showed up - thanks Bob B for coming, as did our friend Daniel, a fellow breeder, who just bred his nice bitch to Sherry!

Scott C. we are glad to see that Rick didn't "disfigure" you last fall with his medical prowess!

And it was great to see Pete & Lenore. Pete - we are always glad to see you... even if you were working for "The Opposition!" (Said with a smile!)

It is always so great when a bunch of us, who all love the German Shepherd Dog, can get together and have fun!

Outkast Photography

A special Thank You to Julia at Outkast Photography; the show photographers. I have done many shows with my dogs, and somehow, the show photographers never managed to take photos of most of them. (When my Banner won his class at a Regional event, there was not one photo. Nor did I get a photo when he was 3d at another Regional.) Julia & Betty managed to photograph ALL my dogs - and from what I can see, ALL the dogs, period! And Julia even agreed to a couple special request shots of Sherry & his puppies with the judge.

THANKS JULIA!!!

The Bunny (formally, Brielle) has NEVER had a show photograph... and she has already been VP and SG at several shows. Julia got the first Bunny shots!!! YAYYYY!!!!!!

Special Thank You

Special thanks to our Club Prez & good friend, Roger Hatfield. Roger helps prepare our dogs for the ring, doing countless rounds of gaiting and stacking.

Roger does this generously, and happily, truly wishing everyone's dogs to show to their best.

Roger runs in almost every class, and he never complains about heat, dogs who are difficult to present, or classes that run forever.

Roger ran for both Working classes, and he pushed to the end. When the classes were sorted, he handled the Regional Siegerin and Vice Sieger, as well as in every other class all day long!

We are very grateful, Rog, for all you do!!!

K&R and everyone at Traumhof