



HCNA Fall 2019 Specialty Show, Temperament Test, Annual Meeting, and Training

**October 11-14, 2018
West Milford, New Jersey**

Mark your calendars! The Hovawart Club of North America will be holding its Annual Fall Meeting, Specialty Show, Temperament Test, and Training over the Columbus holiday weekend in October. In addition to the regular conformation show and temperament evaluation by the highly experienced Kirsten Wesche, we are excited to have trainer Antje Engel return to provide her teamwork seminar to our club.



Our Judge: Kirsten Wesche



Judge Kirsten Wesche (left, with HCNA Vice President Deb McIntyre) will be the judge for the specialty show, will evaluate dogs' character during the temperament test, and will assist Antje Engel with the training. Her son Bjorn (right, above) will love meeting your dogs, too!



Kirsten has been one of the RZV breed wardens since 1997 and an advisor to the HCNA breeding committee since 2015. She has judged for our club at events in Indiana (2013), Georgia (2015), California (2016), and Pennsylvania (2017) and has been a wonderful promoter of our small club. With her assistance we have imported multiple puppies from Europe and developed our successful breeding program within the club. In addition to judging for us periodically in North America, Kirsten regularly judges across Europe and was one of the judges selected for the International Hovawart Federation World Championships in 2014.

CreaCanis Training - Antje Engel



Those of us who recall Antje's wonderful training events from 2008, 2012, and 2013 will remember the bonding and fun we had with our dogs and one another, and we look forward to another great weekend learning from her.

Since 2002, Antje has led the puppy school at the Shepherd Dog Association Austria (SVÖ). In 2011 she became the chair of the SVÖ, striving to spread a positive dog education in a playful way within their club. In 2011 she also became a certified puppy trainer and SVÖ instructor.

Qualification:

- * trained Lind-art® trainer, tutor, and lecturer (licensed by Lind-art® until 2016)
- * SVÖ (Shepherd Dog Association Austria) puppy trainer and SVÖ instructor
- * Focus: Roots, Education, Sports, IPO, & Obedience

After years as a trainer with Lind-Art®, Antje co-created CreaCanis in 2017 to guide people in developing a team bond with their dogs.



Dipl. Ing. Antje Engel



Website: www.hovawart-saalfelden.at



Denzel Grofje Celjski, and Banja vom Seidenspinner, Antje's dogs.

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TEAM Building ROOTS

As she states on her website (<https://creacanis.wordpress.com>): *“Two highly different species - one team. This is both theoretically understandable and practical. We teach people to accompany, promote, guide, and protect their dog in our society; to understand the dog, to give it freedom and to show it rules, to get to know each other and to approach one another and to become one. We impart knowledge about the learning behavior of dogs, the species-specific communication, the gaming behavior, and implement this practically, in an appropriate and needs-oriented manner.”*

Playing with dogs is an important component in Antje’s training. It is the basic building block of a successful team building. The frequency and style of playing is an indicator of the human-dog relationship! The inter-species playing is not only useful in training, but also relevant for the development and strengthening of an emotional bond between human and dog (Bradshaw, 2015).

A proper and dedicated way to play with the dog - with and without an object - demonstrates that their behavior, language, expression and capability are encouraged. Everything that motivates the dog is used and allowed. In return, it is about serenity and peacefulness, the acceptance of authority signals, and the observance of rules - proper communication is the magic word.

The focus of the dog should always be the human being, not the object or the reward; this is supported by emotional and social learning.

and learn where our club stands. But it is also a wonderful chance for many of our members to meet one another, see more hovis than you may have ever seen, and reconfirm why we love them so much. Conformation is more than a beauty contest, and temperament testing is more than just a walk in the woods. These events really educate all of us on our breed, its health, its personality, and our continued efforts to keep this active working dog’s pool as strong as possible. (Plus, these events are really fun.)



The Event

Friday, October 11, 2019

Passaic County Camp Hope
1792 Union Valley Road
West Milford, NJ 07480

5:00pm CreaCanis Training
Two-hour introductory presentation.
All training participants (without their dogs)
are expected to attend.
This is the first part of the training.

7:15 p.m. Meet and Greet. Light food and drinks will be available
All event participants are welcome

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Passaic County Camp Hope
1792 Union Valley Road
West Milford, NJ 07480

8:30 am Registration

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 am Conformation Show

11:00 am - Noon Training with Antje Engel
(12 dog/handler teams and
unlimited audit spots)

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Training continues

7:00 pm Annual Meeting and Club dinner - TBD

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Passaic County Camp Hope
1792 Union Valley Road
West Milford, NJ 07480

9:00 am - 11:00 am Temperament Test



11:00 am - Noon Training with Antje Engel

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Training continues

Dinner on your own

Monday, October 14, 2019

Passaic County Camp Hope
1792 Union Valley Road
West Milford, NJ 07480

9:00 am - Noon Training with Antje Engel

Event concludes after training

Accommodations:

Hotel	Cost/ night	Pet fee
The Breezy Inn (11 minutes away from Camp) 620 Jersey Avenue Warwick, NY 10925 (845) 477-8100	\$125.00	-
Warwick Motel & Suites (18 minutes away from Camp) 1 Overlook Drive Route 17a Warwick, NY 10990 (845) 986-6656	\$100.00	
Homewood Suites by Hilton (27 minutes away from Camp) Mahwah, Mahwah 375 Corporate Dr. Mahwah, NJ, 07430 (201)760-9994	\$149.00	-
Super 8 by Wyndham Mahwah (25 minutes away from Camp) 160 Route 17 South Mahwah, NJ 07430 (201) 252-4479	\$85.00	\$20 x pet x night + \$50 cleaning fee

In addition, rental houses can be found near Camp Hope in West Milford and around Greenwood Lake. Be sure to select houses that are pet friendly on your search. Check either <https://www.airbnb.com/> or <https://www.vrbo.com/>. Distance to the Camp site from any of these cabins averages 10 to 15 minutes' drive.

Remember to bring

For yourself

- Folding/camping chairs, you may want to sit around the ring.
- All weather clothing – this is a rain or shine event!
- Printed copy of your registration to the show.
- Jackets, as the evening may be cooler

For your dog:

- Registration papers/pedigree of your dog.
- Proof of vaccination or titer test.
- Collar & leash (no prong/choke collar, halti, or harness in the show ring).
- Crate (only if you have one)
- Food/treats for your dog, water and poop bags will be available.

Registration:

Training Registration

Be aware that enrollment is limited to 12 working teams.

- Working Spot: \$300.00 per team
- Audit Spot: \$150.00 (without dog)

Registration will be on a first come-first serve system. Since this is a very exclusive opportunity, we hope that you understand that only one person per team is included with each registration. Once the 12 working spots are taken, applicants will have the option to pick an audit spot and be placed on the waiting list for a working spot. Applicants who hold an audit spot and are on the waiting list for a working spot will be given priority if the latter becomes available!

For the training registration, we will give priority to hovawart owners to register for one of the 12 working spots available. After September 22nd, registration for teams with conformed by other breeds will be opened. Audit spots are open to all breeds.

Spots are only reserved with full payment. A refund will only be possible if the spot can be filled.

Conformation Show and Temperament Test Registration

The conformation show and temperament test are open to all Hovawarts with HCNA, FCI, CKC, and AKC papers. Hovawarts without approved papers are welcome to compete in the spay/neuter class.

To allow for a full weekend, conformation will be limited to 15 dogs. Temperament Testing will be limited to six dogs.

Please refer to the attached registration form for available classes for the conformation show and whether to enter the junior (12 to 24 months of age) or adult (24 months or older) temperament test. If you are unsure whether your dog's papers are eligible for participation in an official conformation class, do not hesitate to contact us at info@hovawartclub.org.

If you plan to attend, it is greatly appreciated if you register as far in advance as possible! You have two choices to register for the event:

1) Sign up on-line – this is the most convenient way! Just go to www.hovawartclub.org and click on “HCNA Fall Show.” You will be able to pay for registration through PayPal (it is a secure site). Please note: you do not need a PayPal account to use this feature. You can simply use your Credit or Debit Card to pay.

What else to know:

Dogs have to be on leash and under control **at all times**.

Please be aware that not all dogs get along with each other, so keep some distance between dogs especially between males. Please make sure to keep your dog under control if you approach an area where other dogs are located. During the conformation evaluation and most importantly, during the temperament test, it is very important that all dogs are kept **away** from the evaluation area. We do not want the dogs being evaluated to be distracted and possibly fail because of other dogs.

Registration will take place the morning of the show. Judging will start as soon as everybody has completed their registration process.

Contact information for questions, concerns or suggestions:

Hosts:

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SPECIALTY SHOW FAQ

Q. Why Should I Attend an HCNA Show?

A. The HCNA strives to preserve and protect the hovawart by promoting the physical standard set by the F.C.I. while also promoting a temperament desired in the breed. Presenting your dog at an HCNA Show and participating in the temperament testing lets you, your dog's breeder, and the club know how well a certain dog meets those standards. This information is, naturally, very important for future breedings. Even if you have no intention of breeding your pet, participation in the event will give the club and your breeder important information about your hovawart and its litter, which in turn helps us determine what we should consider for future breeding approvals.

A proper hovawart is a well-balanced dog. It will have an appearance that matches our standard with the health and personality traits that we wish to promote. We want our dogs to be good pets, but we also want them to be true hovawarts. And while showing a dog may not be something you ever thought you would do, your breeder and their future puppy buyers will greatly appreciate your effort.

Additionally, attendance allows you to meet your fellow hovawart owners. We may be biased, but we think the HCNA has great members. It is likely you don't have other hovawart owners located close to you. Getting to know club members and meeting their dogs is enjoyable. Trust us: great and long-term friendships have begun at these shows.

Q. Does My Dog Need Any Special Training To Participate?

A. The short answer is no. The slightly longer answer is maybe a little obedience training wouldn't hurt. This is not Westminster. Nobody expects you or your dog to be experienced, much less expert, showing handlers. The HCNA goal is to promote the "whole dog" and there are no "show lines" in the HCNA. But you will be in a ring with other dogs and their owners, jogging in a circle, and allowing the judge to touch your dog – even its teeth. So it will help if some basic obedience and socialization is had. Everyone starts at the beginning, and everyone can do it.

Shows will have experienced members ready and willing to help you. Our judges, though highly experienced and qualified themselves, know they are here to judge the dog and not the owner.

Q. Does it Matter if My Dog is Spayed or Neutered?

A. As another indication of the club's goal to promote the overall health our dogs, we allow all our hovis to be shown. Some breed clubs don't. Spayed or neutered, the results will help the club and breeder. And we know many of our members have pets without any intention of breeding them. We want you to participate fully, as well. That said, a spayed or neutered dog cannot compete for best in show. Your dog won't care, though.

Q. Is My Dog Too Young To Compete?

A. No. We have nine different classes divided by age. The puppy class is from three to six months of age and the veteran class is for dogs eight years or older. Although old dogs can learn new tricks, we definitely encourage you to start as soon as you can make it to a show. You and your dog will only grow more comfortable with the event.

Q. What is the Appropriate Attire?

A. You should dress as comfortably as you want. Our shows almost always take place outside, and if jeans and sweatshirt feels right, then it is perfect. If you're more comfortable in formal wear, we won't turn you away, either.

The hovawart is a natural, working dog, and it should look that way in the ring. Certainly no special trimming is needed, but a good brushing is appropriate. Get those knots out, but keep the bows at home!

Q. One Last Pitch

A. We are an open and friendly group. If you think your dog will react to other dogs in the ring, let everyone know. If you think you can't perform, trust us: you can. Win or lose, it is a fun opportunity to learn about the dog you love so much and meet new friends.