

Fall HCNA Conformation Show, Temperament Test and Annual Meeting

On the weekend of October 13 to 15, the HCNA hosted its Fall event in Pittsburgh, PA. We had a wonderful event which included great dogs, great human companions and we were very lucky that the beautiful weather remained throughout the completion of the evaluations.

We would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who came to the event. It was such a pleasure to see you all the new and old friends as well as all your dogs. You all helped make this HCNA fall event a success.

We also want to acknowledge the presence few additional four-legged friends that accompanied us during the event but that did not participate at any of the evaluations (Emma, Freya, Seti, Sundance, and Zeus). We were honored with their participation during the game time on Saturday afternoon.



A special **Thank You** to Kirsten Wesche for judging the conformation show, completing the temperament evaluations and for sharing her knowledge on the hovawart breed standard through your PowerPoint presentation. We also enjoyed your historical videos on working hovawarts in Germany from the 1950's. Thank you Björn Wesche for assisting during the games and for taking all the love of our dogs.



Thank you to **Wayne Wyant & Marie Medvitz** for being wonderful hosts and sharing your Pittsburgh pride.



Friday October 13th Meet and Greet

After few issues for some of us locating the Banquet Hall at the Skating Rink, Schenley Park, we had a great time getting to see old friends and meeting some new members. Almost everybody was able to make it to the meet and greet. Few others were still driving to Pittsburgh and were able to join us bright and early on Saturday morning.





Saturday October 14 at the Prospect Shelter Area, Schenley Park, we started around 8:30 am registering dogs for the conformation show, and providing all the participants with their number of show. Everybody was on time and ready to participate. The evaluations started few minutes after 9am. As usual, the evaluations started with the males and then continuing with the females, from the youngest to oldest, finishing with the dogs belonging to the Spay/Neutered/other class. We had a total of 13 dogs participating on the evaluations 7 males and 6 females.

Results from the Conformation Show:

Male Dogs	Nickname	Pedigree name	Owner	Rating	Placing	Award
Youth (6-9 months)						
1	Magni	Matti vom Vogele Hof	Debra McIntyre	Very Promising	1st	
Intermediate (15-24 Mo)						
2	Ben	Benton Gianascoli	Wayne Wyant	Very Good	3rd	
3	Bosse	Bosse von Thuenenmeyershof	Ilse Kersten	Very Good	2nd	
4	Chester	Chester von den Heiligen Pfulen	Casey Collins	Excellent	1st	
Open (15 Mo +)						
5	Alkiz	Alkiz von den Heiligen Pfulen	Casey Collins	Excellent	2nd	
6	Buddy	Baron Vom Obstgarten Weg	Michael Darling	Excellent	3rd	
7	Barrett	Booker Lafarr Star	Tara Siler	Excellent	1st	BOS
Female Dogs	Nickname	Pedigree name	Owner	Rating	Placing	Award
Intermediate (15-24 Mo)						
8	Angel	HoviHugz Aretha	Christine Hendon	Good	1st	
Open (15 Mo +)						
9	Bea	Bea vom Sternenparadies	Tina Hartz	Very Good	4th	
10	Zoe	DeNova's A Touch of Sass	Stacey Mack	Excellent	1st	BIS
11	Rachel	Helderberg Ever After, Happily	Bobbi LaVoie	Excellent	3rd	
12	Gretel	SeaBreeze's Evening Star	David Paulus	Excellent	2nd	
Spay/Neut/Othr						
13	Bree	HovaHeart's Brenna	Wayne Wyant	Excellent	1st	

Congratulations to **Stacey Mack** and **Tara Siler** in taking home Best in Show and Best in Opposite Sex, respectively



By the end of the Conformation evaluations, we were surprised by the visit of Mr. Corey O'Connor, City Councilman for Pittsburgh's District 5. He told us that he was going to make a proclamation in honor of the Hovawart breed. The most important section from the proclamation reads:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the Hovawart Club of North America on their mission to preserve, protect and steward the ancient German Breed of Hovawart dogs and congratulates them on their Fall Show to be held in Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 13, 14, and 15, 2017, to be ‘HOVAWART DAYS’ in the City of Pittsburgh”

Thank you very much **Councilman O'Connor**. That was a nice honor for the HCNA!



Pittsburgh City Council



Proclamation



WHEREAS, the **Hovawart** is a medium to large size ancient German breed of dog whose name means "estate guard dog" and which breed originated in the Black Forest region of Germany, first described in text and paintings in medieval times; and,

WHEREAS, the **Hovawart** is an outstanding watch dog who is sometimes reserved towards strangers. They make excellent family dogs, exhibiting complete devotion to their family. In addition, they are a working dog breed who do exceptionally well in search and rescue, tracking and working dog activities. They possess the ability to think and act independently, are handsome, rugged and protective dogs, possessing a distinctive temperament and loyal disposition; and,

WHEREAS, **Hovawarts** are one of the longest-lived and healthiest of the working dogs due to the stringent breeding regulations of the International Hovawart Federation. Breeding within the ICNA means that before dogs can be bred, they must pass health, temperament and conformation tests, and their pedigrees must be evaluated for genetic diversity; and,

WHEREAS, The **Hovawart Club of North America** is a breed club solely dedicated to the betterment and stewardship of the **Hovawart** within the USA and Canada. The ICNA Fall Specialty Show, Annual Meeting and Temperament Tests will be held at Schenley Park on October 13-15, 2017, with a Meet and Greet, a Conformation Show, Games, Lunches, Presentations, Temperament Testing and Judging.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 13, 14, and 15, 2017, to be "**HOVAVART DAYS**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Passed in Council on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Bruce A. Kraus
President of Council

Attest: Brenda Pree
City Clerk



SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR

CO-SPONSORED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRUCE A. KRAUS
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RICKY V. BURGESS, DANIEL GILMAN,
DEBORAH L. GROSS, DARLENE HARRIS, R. DANIEL LAVELLE,
NATALIA RUDIAK AND THERESA KAIL-SMITH

After lunch all dogs and humans joined Kirsten and Björn and participated on their doggie games. We started with a form of musical chairs, without the chairs, we carried potatoes on spoons across the field, used chop sticks to select different treats to feed our dogs and walked with bowls full of water. We have three big winners:

David and Gretel – 1st place
Ilse and Bosse – 2nd place
Deb and Magni – 3rd place



But at the end everybody got some HCNA commemorative leashes and lots of fun. For sure all dogs slept well that night.



We gathered that afternoon for a wonderful presentation on the Hovawart breed standard from Kirsten. Everybody at the end of the presentation understood what the judges mean when they talk about angulation, loose lips or back straight and tight.



At 7pm we all were looking good and gathered at Big Jim's Restaurant. The food was delicious and plenty. Everybody had doggie bags for the next day. During the club's dinner, we had our Annual Meeting. We heard about the board elections results, about the approval of changes on the Bylaws and Constitution and about the winners on the Photo Contest. But the most important part from the meeting was the awarding of the Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex dogs from the morning show. Matthew awarded Stacey and Tara with their trophies and the club gave a gift to Kirsten to thank her for all her hard work.





Saturday night after dinner, some of us stayed a little late at the hotel's lobby watching some historical videos on hovawarts being trained in the 1950's in Germany, that Kirsten shared with us. What a great experience to see hovawarts working hard almost 70 years ago.



Sunday morning at 9am we were ready to work again. Kirsten assisted by Matthew, David, Deb and Elisabeth set up the different stations for the test. The dummy was built for the two junior tests; the mushroom picker was dressed and the overall was hanged. Everybody had a role during the Temperament Tests. We were all ready in our corresponding positions. We had a total of 2 junior tests and 9 adult tests.



Results from the Temperament Evaluations

Junior Temperament Test				
#	Nickname	Pedigree Name	Owner	Pass/Fail
1	Ben	Benton Gianascoli	Wayne Wyant	Passed
2	Magni	Matti vom Vogele Hof	Debra McIntyre	Passed
Adult Temperament Test				
#	Nickname	Pedigree Name	Owner	Pass/Fail
1	Buddy	Baron Vom Obstgarten Weg	Michael Darling	Passed
2	Bea	Bea vom Sternenparadies	Tina Hartz	Passed
3	Barrett	Booker Lafarr Star	Tara Siler	Passed
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Thank you, Pittsburgh, for allowing us to have such a successful show!