



Bur Oak Hundesport News

*A Dog Sport Club in Northern Illinois Specializing
in IPO and German Conformation*



Ellie Bruckner and Otto, BH (top left photo, clockwise); Derek Majka (center), High in Bur Oak's Regional Trial and High in Obedience and Protection, with Club President Bob Dulay (left) and SV/Foreign Judge Bogdan Sergo; Helper Mike Karlov with Derek Majka's Danger, new IPO1; Danger over the high jump; and Helper Mike Karlov with Judy Braginsky's Amos, new IPO1. (Photos by Ellie Bruckner)

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What We Are

Bur Oak Hundesport was formed as a non-profit organization on Jan. 12, 2003 to encourage & promote training of purebred German Shepherd dogs & other desirable breeds for the dog sport of IPO.

Diverse founding members include several breeding kennels, & expert through novice proponents of all three phases of IPO training & competition (tracking, obedience, & protection work). Other key interests of the Club involve conformation & ring training.

Bur Oak Hundesport is affiliated with the German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA). All members of Bur Oak Hundesport are part of the GSDCA.

Where We Train

Bur Oak Hundesport's regular training facility is located at Gridley Field in Long Grove, IL, just east of Route 83 & Gilmer Road.

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Bur Oak Hundesport Training Schedule

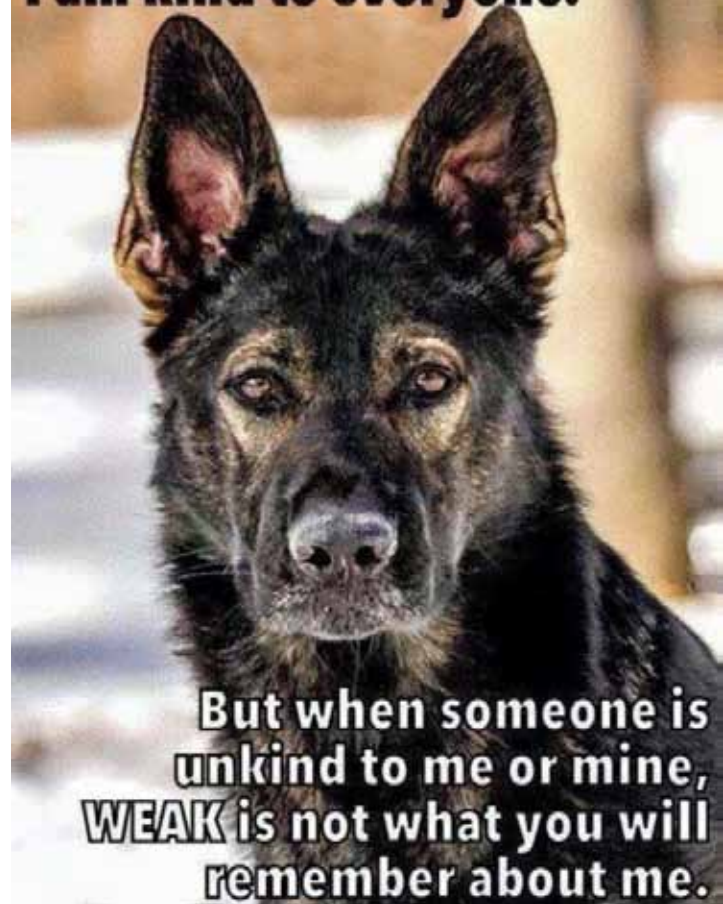
Each Sunday, the following IPO training is available on the field. Club members pay the Helper \$20 (\$10 per second dog) per combined Obedience/Protection/Tracking session. Guest training is available, after Club members have finished working their dog, at \$30 per dog, \$15 for a second dog.

TRACKING -- 8:00 a.m.

OBEDIENCE -- 9:00 a.m.

PROTECTION -- Approximately 10:00 a.m. until all dogs are worked.

**Do not mistake my
kindness for weakness.
I am kind to everyone.**



**But when someone is
unkind to me or mine,
WEAK is not what you will
remember about me.**



Club news...

Welcome New Members

Bur Oak's newest members include Eva Fujudski-Andres of Gurnee, IL, and *Casa deMandingos Zafir Asim*; Ken and Elizabeth Bruckner and Jill Harris of Deer Park, IL, and *Otto*; Nicholas Choukas of Ingleside, IL, and *Yersinnia* and *Ursa*; and Al Franceschini of Kenosha, WI, and *Ruger*.

Also voted into Club membership was Derek Majka of Bannockburn, IL and *Danger* and *Franz*.

New probationary members include Jason Reynolds of Burlington, WI, and *Moxie*, and Michael Carlson of Lake in the Hills, IL, and *Ares*.

Training Grounds Availability

The Long Grove Park District has released its summer activity schedule which will affect when we can use Gridley ball field and nearby area to train our dogs for much of the summer.

Sports activities have been scheduled at Gridley some weekday mornings and evenings for most of the summer, and 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays for 5 weeks.

Sundays are still good to train at Gridley. For a schedule, call 847-438-4743.

Good Show

Club member Mary Wijas' *Lieda Haus Juris* went VP8 in the 9-12 month male puppy class at the USCA Sieger Show April 29-May 1 in Indianapolis, IN.

A week earlier, her dogs earned the following ratings at Bur Oak Hundesport's Midwest Regional Trial/Conformation Show and Breed Survey in Long Grove, IL: *Griffin vom Wundersee*, VP2, 3-6 month male youth class; *Lieda Haus Juris*, VP1, 9-12 month female youth class; *Levi Haus Juris*, VP1, 9-12 month male youth class; *Jadyn Haus Juris*, IPO2, KKL, V3, 24 months and with title, working class female; and *Gigi Haus Juris*, IPO2, KKL, passed her breed survey for life, Kkl LBZ.

Bob and Jeannie Dulay's *Panzer von Melanchthon*, meanwhile, passed his breed survey for life, Kkl LBZ, earned another IPO3, and was rated V1 in the 24 months with title working class male class at Bur Oak's show.



Ode to Schutzhund...

by Tracy Stowers

For many people we seem to be geeks
Because of that 300 we always seek.
Training on days sunny or wet;
And even in snow, I'm willing to bet.
Running our dogs, two or three miles
When we'd really prefer to be flipping that dial.
Staying up late is a thing of the past.
Gotta be up early while the dew lasts.

Tracking in grass both high and low
Counting the days 'til the hayfield is mowed.
Looking for articles: new lost old found.
Do you remember the corner? (*Before or after the mound?*)
The birds ate the food, can't find the mark.
Wouldn't it be easier to track in the dark?
Then on to obedience, the second of three;
Hey, watch your dog. Don't let him pee!
Heeling up and down. Back. And forth.
Can't get a straight sit for all it's worth.
The sit is slow; the stand a walk.
And now at the high jump damn dog starts to balk.

Your goal is a trial, one month away.
Then you sit down and think: it's ONLY 30 days.
We get to protection, the dogs' favorite part.
Helper and dog --- it's really an art.
The intent of the stare, the desire to please.
Always alert, never at ease.
There's nothing more beautiful
Than a good courage test.
A way to weed out the chaff from the best.
Helper and dog, together as one.
No wonder the dogs have so much fun.

The day of the trial, one you'll never forget.
No matter what happens, what score you get.
Perfection is rare on that never-ending track.
Most often you wish time would go back.
Obedience is another time you pray
Hoping not to repeat it some other day.
Protection, you hope, your dog shows its stuff.
To prove that it's not another piece of fluff.

The next day you start all over again,
Unless your old man is starting to wane.
(Source: *Schutzhund USA magazine*)



Helpers Eddie Calderon (left) and Mike Karlov



Helper Eddie Calderon (from left photo) working Mary Wijas' *Gigi*; Mary Wijas' *Lieda*; and Mary Wijas heeling *Jadyn* in the ring at Bur Oak Hundesport's Regional show.

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Bur Oak's 2016 Midwest Regional Trial

Bob Dulay & Panzer, IPO3



Derek Majka & Danger, IPO1



Judy Braginsky & Amos, IPO1





Agata Buczak & Luigi, BH



Mike Lichtwald & Molly, BH



Ellie Bruckner & Otto, BH



It took a village for Bur Oak Hundesplort to put on the Midwest Regional Trial/ Conformation Show and Breed Survey April 22-24 and, well, mission accomplished.

IPO and AD titles and BH certifications were earned by Club members, with SV/Foreign Judge Bogdan Sergo and Trial Helper Mike Karlov, while our conformation show/breed survey shined with 66 entries, with SV Judge and Koermeister Bernd Weber and Breed Survey Helper Eddie Calderon.

A big thank you to all who lent a hand to make the event the big success it was, including Trial and Show Secretary and Catalog Editor---Jill Harris, supported by MaryKay Karlov; Food---Gina Bromberg and Mike Karlov, and Photographer all three days---Ellie Bruckner.

More thanks to Ken Bruckner, for donating a grill to the Club, Kevin Lind for donating a bike for the BH testing, and to all the others who helped with tasks large and small that needed to be done to ensure a well-run event (taping the conformation ring, setting up blinds, being a member of the group-a, securing the tracking field and laying track, and ensuring that there were enough blanks for the starter gun.

Allan Ross & Hawk, AD



MaryKay Karlov (above), with Binka, helped keep things going smoothly at our Regional Trial



Club Vice President and Helper Mike Karlov (from left), Club President Bob Dulay, Trial and Show Secretary Jill Harris, and Trial Judge Bogdan Sergo

Pretrial-itis

(Training Director of the South County Schutzhund Club, David Deleissegues, has competed at the International Meisterschaft in Switzerland and won the USCA North American Schutzhund Championship with his dog, Hark Vom Hause Anin.)

by David Deleissegues

Do you feel extremely nervous, slightly sick, tremendously apprehensive, or maybe even ready to run and hide? If you suffer from these symptoms, you are either facing a firing squad or you may be entering your first Schutzhund trial.

I know from personal experience that even having 50-plus trials under my belt hasn't helped these symptoms disappear. Even the most seasoned and successful trainer will suffer from some form of anxiety.

If you are new to the sport and are about to enter your very first Schutzhund trial, take heart, because even the cool, calm-looking old pro next to you will be somewhat nervous. They have just learned to mask it better.

The side effects of this "pretrial-itis" are many and can start to wear and tear on the handler and the dog in the weeks prior to a trial.

The nervousness intensifies, leading up to the last few seconds before reporting to the judge, and then you must report to the judge and pass not just one phase, but three phases.

It is during this "pretrial-itis" period that many of our worst training errors occur. A majority of these errors are caused by the handlers' insecurities. Many novice, and even experienced handlers, fall prey to the temptation of making these errors.

We sometimes lose our cool and put unfair pressure on our dogs, or simply over-train the last few weeks before a trial.

This over-training and extra pressure is most evident in the tracking and obedience phases. The over-trained dog usually gives a listless, flat, and tired-looking performance, while the over-stressed or force-trained dog gives a slinking, cautious, and unhappy routine.

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These dogs are more concerned with where the handler is, or what they are doing, more than the job at hand. This type of performance makes a bad picture and will cost not only points but also a reprimand from the judge and our peers.

Handlers, from an advanced international competitor to the novice Schutzhund first timer, will all react differently to the pressure, depending on their nerves and temperament. I've seen experienced top notch handlers make stress-related errors during this critical pre-trial period.

Wise trainers know the last week to 10 days before the trial is not the time to teach something new, nor is it the time for heavy force. Instead it is time for correct, and motivational, work to bring the dog to his peak -- physically and mentally.

If your dog needs more teaching or enforcement, don't rush; pass on the upcoming trial and enter when you are both capable and ready.

Another common error that novice and experienced handlers alike make is they lose sight of their dog's capabilities as they perceived them to be. No dog can be perfect, nor can they withstand overtraining and pressure.

I've often thought that if we subjected the handlers to some of the unreasonable pressures applied to our dogs, we would become much more fair in our training methods. Poor training and incorrect pressure consistently ruin good dogs.

I believe the toughest part of Schutzhund training is knowing how to "peak" a dog for trial day. We don't want our dogs to peak in their training three weeks before the trial.

Novice Schutzhund handlers will sometimes not train over a long enough period of time, or they become lazy. Before they know it, the trial is almost upon them and their dog is not ready.

Rushed methods and "stop-gap" measures are applied close to trial day. This can often set the dog back months in their training, just for an attempt at a title that was not properly prepared for.

The novice trainer with natural ability and performance drive will many times work their first dog too long and hard right up to the trial. Their logic is more training will make the dog better and better. It's usually not true. Dogs need time off and

rest as well as drive motivation and a strong dog-handler bond.

It's important to keep the work varied and stimulating to the dog.

I am not ashamed of making errors and mistakes the first time. I won't accept making the same mistake or poor judgment a second time.

Here are a few tips that I believe will help your training program:

1) HAVE A TRAINING PLAN for whatever phase you plan to train that day. Take a couple of minutes to think about what you need to train on that particular day. If you're not mentally into training on a certain day, you're better off to forget it that day.

2) DON'T LET YOUR TRIAL nerves create over stress on yourself, as you will relay this uncertainty to your dog. You must be able to get pumped up and yet remain calm and confident. Get focused on the task at hand. Get in the mental zone which will shut off outside stimuli.

3) DON'T WORRY ABOUT what others may be saying or worry that their eyes are on you. Do your best and it will work out.

4) TRIAL YOUR DOG WHEN you are both ready. You will have more confidence and you will therefore do better.

5) REMEMBER, YOUR DOG will need rest the week or so leading up to the trial.

6) DON'T TRY TO FORCE points out of a dog that is not capable of doing what you want. It's not fair to the dog.

7) KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN to what are good as well as bad ideas. It's sometimes better to know what not to do to your dog in training as well as what you should do. Mistakes and bad judgment can cause many long-term problems that correct, well thought out training can prevent.

8) REMEMBER, NO ONE knows everything. You can respect experience, success and knowledge, but don't worship or follow them blindly, because no one person is perfect.





HEALTH CORNER...

Leptospirosis: Be On Guard

by Judy Braginsky

Leptospirosis is a disease that's been around for a long time and that Club members need to be aware of with their dogs when they're out and about.

Dogs infected with the bacteria commonly may develop fever, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, refusal to eat, and muscle weakness. Or, there may be no symptoms.

In people, the symptoms often mimic the flu but sometimes also can develop into more severe illness.

The disease is caused by a spiral-shaped bacteria that is spread through the urine of infected animals, which can get into any stagnant surface water, moist soil, and recreational water sources like ponds and lakes--and can survive there for weeks to months, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Bacteria can enter the bloodstream through a cut in the skin or through mucous membranes like the eyes, nose, or mouth.

Drinking contaminated water from lakes or ponds can cause infection. Even fenced yards can be contaminated by wildlife.

Since dogs constantly sniff the urine spots of other dogs (and wild animals), they are at greater risk than humans.

Incidence of leptospirosis in dogs rises during summer and fall and during periods of warm, wet weather, especially with heavy rain and flooding.

Leptospirosis is treatable with antibiotics; and if the animal is treated early it may recover more rapidly and any organ damage may be less severe.

A vaccine is available but does not provide 100% protection because

there are many types of leptospires; and one vaccine does not provide immunity against all strains.

"Most veterinarians today use a vaccine that protects against four of the most common strains of leptospirosis being diagnosed (including newer strains, *L. grippityphosa* and *L. pomona*), says George Rudawsky, DVM, a long-time veterinarian at Northwest Animal Hospital in Des Plaines, IL.

Adds Marilyn Cuevas, Project Manager at Skycrest Animal Clinic in Long Grove, IL:

"As far as concerns for vaccine allergies, (the possibility of) hypersensitivity reactions is not limited to only leptospirosis vaccines; many dogs can have an allergic reaction to distemper, rabies, etc.

"If your dog is at a higher risk for leptospirosis (for example by participating in outdoor activity), it would be a good idea to vaccinate him, despite any allergic reaction."



New Leptospirosis Test Available

A recent increase nationwide in cases of a serious bacterial disease has caused concern among dog owners in the United States, but thankfully a new test is available that may speed diagnosis and allow quicker treatment.

In July, 2015, the veterinary diagnostics company IDEXX Laboratories announced the release of the SNAP Lepto Test that detects antibodies for leptospirosis, a sometimes life-threatening bacterial disease affecting humans, dogs, and many other animals.

Dogs can develop leptospirosis by contact with water, food, or soil contaminated by urine from infected animals. Many wild animals can carry the bacteria, such as raccoons and deer.

Although there is a vaccine to protect dogs from leptospirosis, the vaccine does not provide 100 percent protection.

The disease can be caused by several different strains of the bacteria, and the vaccine does not provide immunity for all of them.

In the past, veterinarians have reported a somewhat higher percentage of rare but sometimes serious adverse reactions in dogs with the leptospirosis vaccine as compared to other inoculations. However, newer versions of the vaccine are said to be less likely to cause negative effects.

Owners should discuss with their veterinarian the pros and cons of vaccinating their dog for leptospirosis.

(Sources: German Shepherd Dog Review, November-December 2015; American Veterinary Medical Association website www.avma.org/lepto)

Schutzhund



Let me train well but fairly.
Let competition make me strong, but not hostile.
Seal it in my heart that everyone who takes the field
Becomes my ally.

If I know victory, grant me happiness.
If I am denied, keep me from envy.
See me not when I am cheered but when I bend
To lift my opponent up.
Remind me that this, like any sport, is a game.
Teach me something that will matter
Once the trial is over.

And if, through trialing and showing my dog
I set an example, let it be a good one.

--- Anonymous

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