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The Spinone News



The Fall Hunt





Nina & Friend on the beach

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Regional Reports

The Northwest Regional Report

Submitted by Mary Faeth

The Northwest region is comprised of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Alaska and Hawaii. I welcome any news you have to pass on to me. I can be reached at 530-365-7141 or mary@bmf.com.

Conformation News: On August 14, 15, 16 and 17th in Santa Rosa, CA the Boes Ch. Mals-About Wired For Success (Spike) went Best of Breed, the Faeth's Ch. Spinfandel Mariah's Storm JH (Mariah) went Best of Opposite. On August 22, 23 and 24th in Santa Barbara, CA Spike went BOB again. He achieved a Group 4 placement on the 23rd. On August 24th in Redmond, WA Suzanne Hudson's Rhodadenrun My Phyllisofical Valentine (Rhoda) went Reserve Winner's Bitch. On August 30th and 31st, Mariah went BOB. On September 4th in Eugene, OR Mariah went BOB, while Sue Vericool Leggenda (Elsie) went Win-
McGregor's Del Mare ner's Bitch. On September 5th,
Jamie Aus- Tangerine tad's Ch. Javal
while Elsie Man went BOB,
6th, Jabbara went BOS. On the
Gates Za- BOB, champion- Edwards' Nine
Javal Tan- rina Vesta went
BOS, and Grace Lucini's Bella Luce Bruno JH went Winner's dog, and Elsie went achieving her
Reserve WB. On the 7th, Rhoda went BOB for a major, Ch. Javal Tangerine Man went ship, while Ch.
Reserve WB. On September 20 and 21st in Gig Harbor, WA Ch. Javal Tangerine Man went gerine Man went
BOS, and Rhoda went Winner's Bitch. On September 27 and 28th in Burbank, CA, Spike went
BOB. On September 27 and 28th in Carson City, NV Mariah went BOB, while the Belt's Spinfandel In a Tizzy Ezabella JH (Tizzy) went Best of Winner's. On October 19 and 20 in Pleasanton, CA
Mariah went BOB, Spike went BOS, while the Faeth's Boxlock Florence (Trella) went WB. On
October 26th in Ridgefield, WA Jabbara Edwards' Franceska Allegra Zia De Gioia went WB. On
October 25th in Dixon, CA, Mariah went BOB, Tizzy went WB, Trella reserve WB. On the 26th,
Trella went BOB. In November 8 and 9th Mariah went BOB and Trella went WB. A big congratu-
lation goes out to all of them! For complete results see www.akc.org/events.



Hunting News: In Bridgeport, CA on 9/14, Todd Teresi's Double K Nina Grandi Piedi (Nina) achieved a Prize III in NAVHDA Natural Ability.

Social News: Nothing to report in this area.

Regional Reports Cont.

The Rocky Mt. Regional Report

Submitted by Jeff & Kimber Johnson

A Note from Becky and Tony Koch:

This year we have been very blessed. What more could you ask for, family, home, good friends, your health, *and* Spinone.

In April we attended the SCOA National Specialty at Rend Lake. If you weren't fortunate enough to make it, I would suggest you try and make it in 2009. What a terrific place for a National. We plan on making the trip again this April.

In June we held our annual Spinone round up. Given the price of gas and that some had unexpected circumstances arise; we had an impressive turn out. There was an abundance of delicious food that guests brought and the weather was order perfect. Next year we are talking about having the round up on the 4th of July so people can combine the trip with vacation and local activities. Be sure to mark your calendars and make the trip and make your motel reservations early as we fill up months ahead of time on the fourth.

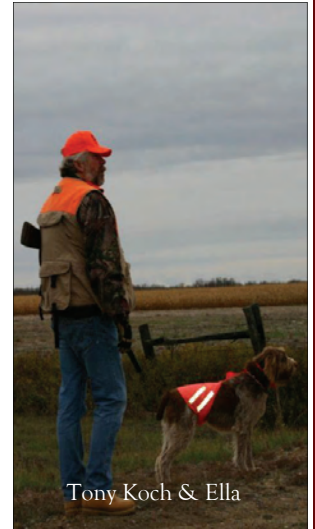
Joe and Penny Maser generously invited us this last September to attend their annual Spinone picnic in New Plymouth, Idaho. There were more Spinone in attendance than people. What a blast. Very gracious hosts.

October brought us to the grand finale for 2008. We went to North Eastern Montana for a week of bird hunting. We did not want to come home. I must have walked 10 miles a day and loved every minute of it. You just can't set up a training practice to prepare your dog for the real thing. At times you would see 40 plus pheasant flush wild. Sure shows you where the holes are in your training.

Mountain Valley Marachelle "Ella" received her JH and her first leg toward her SH. Mountain Valley Idaho and Mountain Valley Agatha both finished their championships with Mountain Valley Tug and Brier Creeks Baci Beatrice trailing closely behind. Mountain Valley Vera has just started her show ring career. On her first time out she received best of breed. Litter "V" is our only litter for 2008. I just love how they are turning out. It's taken me nine litters and six years to get here and I think it's paying off.

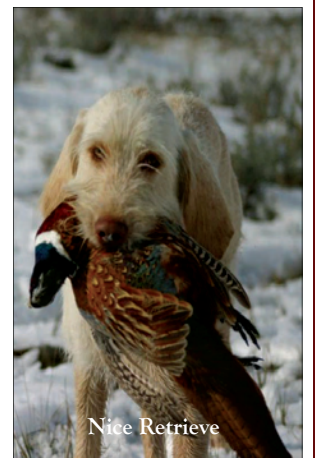
I can't believe it's been three years since we lost Gertrude. It seems like only yesterday that I was using Gert to help me train the young pups and now it's those young pups that are helping me train Gert's granddaughters, grandsons and great granddaughters. I am so very thankful that I had such a great beginning and that we all have had the option of benefiting from those who were breeding long before we all came into the picture.

Rebecca Koch Mountain Valley Spinone



Tony Koch & Ella

Next
 Newsletter is
 February 15th
 2009



Nice Retrieve

*Paws Up!
This Paws up goes
out to Diana
Cannon.
Diana, who
recently had 2
litters of Spinoni,
swabbed each of 16
pups plus the Sire
and Dams for
Keely's Lymphoma
project. Not
having a complete
litter + parents was
holding up the
project, but thanks
to Diana it can
now proceed.
Thank You!*

Regional Reports Cont.

Note from Jeff and Kimber Johnson:

Jeff and Kimber Johnson were fortunate to go hunting with Becky and Tony Koch in Montana! WOW!!!! What a blast. While we were getting ready to go hunting, the rest of the Rocky Mountain Region were competing and picking up points, ribbons and kudos!

- Heather Jenner's Kip "CH Gisa's Fantascienza of Isis RN" finished his Rally Novice title at the Rapid City Kennel Club Dog show in October
- Heather Jenner's Perry "CH Jefcu Di Periono CDX RA" earned his 2nd leg towards his Rally Excellent title at the Rapid City Kennel Club Dog show in October
- Becky and Tony Koch's Aggie "Mountainn Valley Agathia" became a CH in September at the Evergreen
- Beck and Tony Koch's "Ida" became a CH at the Rapid City shows in October.
- Shirley Bauer's "CACCIA CANE FONZIE" became a NEW CHAMPION in Greeley Colorado

Supported Entry:

We will have a Supported entry, February 14th at the Plum Creek Kennel Club show. We historically have had between 19-25 Spinone at this show.

Regional Specialty:

We will also have our First ever SCOA Regional Specialty August 14, 2009 in Greeley Colorado. Please come and support this event! We are very excited about it. Thank you to Debby Forry for getting both of these big shows organized. Without her it would not be possible.

Midwest Regional Report

Submitted by Kathy Hamaker

Hello once again from the Midwest!!! Did not get a lot to report-those of you who have a story to tell about hunting, training, showing or any other activity, please send before the next deadline! We want to hear from everyone, not just a few as we care about all the Spinoni in our district.

Teri Turner reports that her Mas (CH. Bramosole di Morghengo CD) got her CD in 3 shows, "Bing, Bing, Bing!!" You can see the full story on pg. 13. She, as other Spinoni have done, did it while being the entertainment of the day. She also completed her TDIIV-Therapy Dog International Active Volunteer in May. We are so happy to hear when our breed is used for something

Regional Reports Cont.

they thrive at-comforting those in need.

Debb Brookman reports that her dog Marko attended the Hunt Test with her in Northeastern Ohio. They received a qualifying score on Sunday. I understand that there were other Spinoni that qualified as well but as I do not have their names, cannot report them. Heather Hauser was there taking pictures.

Caroline Smith from Illinois, is happy to announce that her first ever Champion also garnered an invitation to the Eukanuba Dog Show. She is happy to have the invitation, but due to some unexpected surgery she will be unable to attend. She also reports that her 2 year old daughter Amanda, can now tell the difference between the Great Danes and the Spinoni at her house and she prefers the Spinoni.



Amanda & Peanut

Stacie Coats from Indiana, reports that she spent a day learning to train for a Junior Hunter Title with her dog Gabi. Mike & Kay

McLeland were kind enough to invite her down and helped the learning process to start. Gabi, a new champion, felt at ease in the field. Her brother, Auggie, owned by Mike Baks, just received a Prize II in Natural Ability in Virginia.

Elle, owned by Kathy Hamaker and Matt Cole, spent opening day finding a pheasant, pointing and then retrieving it to hand. Thanks to Mom & Dad (Carmella & Enzo) for that great instinct they all inherited.

As that is all I have right now, I will only say, please remember to pay your dues as this is a voting year in our club as well as our National. We have some important issues that will be brought up and we ALL need to protect this breed.

Until next time, Kiss your Spinoni!!! Kathy

Northeast Regional Report

Submitted by Chris Sweetwood & Lauren Friedman

Since we did not receive any reports from the Northeast and are about to leave for a hunting trip out West, we decided to keep this report short. We will just cover some basic issues that we see when judging hunt tests and participating in other performance events.

Before entering a hunt test, Rally or Obedience Trial or any performance event you should obtain the book governing that event. Sit down one evening and read it cover to cover. The book contains the rules for the event. In short, what you need to do to qualify and includes what you can and can not do during the test.



Gabi Retrieves



Ainsley & Aldo

NEWSLETTER RE-MINDER!

1. Mark ALL correspondence for the newsletter as NEWSLETTER so that they won't be missed

And if you haven't heard back from me, Keely, e-mail me at keelyreg@aol.com-I might not have received it!

1. Anything received after the Deadline will be held over until the next issue. NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. All articles, reports, etc. MUST be sent as an attachment-NOT inside an e-mail. If they are not in an attachment they will be sent back to you.
3. Send articles in Word, pictures in jpeg. If these programs are not available to you E-mail me Keely at keelyreg@aol.com and we might be able to work something out.

Thanks for your Help. Remember its your Newsletter so participate!

Regional Reports Cont.

Then read it again and take notes. List the specific tasks that you and more importantly, your dog must perform. Place these tasks on a 3x5 note card and carry it with you. Read it often, especially before you train and before the test. This little card reminds you what you need to do, and in many cases, especially obedience, in what order it needs to be done.

Then start training for the test. This usually starts in your living room or basement and progresses to your yard. Once you have it all down, change the order around and then move to a new location, such as a park or town green. The idea is to add more and more distractions to your training and start "proofing" your dog with outside influences such as activity from other dogs, people, noise and birds. Next, start adding in all the little things that can go wrong during a test/trial. The wild flush of a bird, a squirrel running by, someone with a whistle, car horns, the handler falling down while flushing, the bird flushing right at your dog, ring-side distractions, the dumbbell landing outside the ring, necessitating a second throw. Think about all the things that can and will go wrong. On the down or sit stays in obedience another dog will get up and walk around. Someone will yell. A loudspeaker will blare an announcement. Can you "Whoa" your dog in any circumstance. Will your dogs brace mate steal point or interfere with a bird find? Will the other handler yell a lot? Does the judge wear a big hat? Are the judges on horseback?

Train for all the possibilities because they are the realities of test day. Then take a deep breath, remember to breathe, and head into the ring or field with the knowledge that you are ready. Remember each time you test it is a learning experience whether you pass or fail. Evaluate what you did and did not do and fix what did not work.

Get to the test early. Bring food, treats and plenty of water. Dress appropriately for the weather. Do you have all your equipment? Blank pistol, leash, dumbbell, collars or whatever you need. Can you find it? Find an area that is as distraction free as possible so you dog and your dog can relax. Check in with the Test Secretary or Steward to find out the running order. Watch the test. This sometimes help you calm down as you know what to expect. In Rally, walk the course as many times as you can, exactly as if your dog was with you. Give the verbal commands or hand signals the same as you would if it were the real thing. Watch the heeling course in obedience and mentally walk through it before going into the ring. Watch the dogs running the course in any event to see how it is progressing and how you may have to modify your handling. Be ready when it is your turn.

Be consistent. Dogs learn through repetition. You have to give the same command, the same way, with the same voice each and every time. Do the same on test day. Listen to the judge. They are there to help you get through the course. Seek them out afterward and politely discuss what worked and what did not.

A hunt test, obedience or rally trial are not the places to train your dog. You can not make the corrections you need and this will create training issues for the future. Instead, take the time to fully train your dog in classes, the field or enter matches before entering the test or trial.

Hopefully this helps. Good Luck at your next event.

Chris Sweetwood (CSWEET@OPTONLINE.NET) and Lauren Friedman (LMF@OPTONLINE.NET)

More “Fonzie” Firsts

It’s been just over a year since this “Newbie” started a new chapter in my life, with a special Spinone named “Fonzie.” I had never had a purebred dog before, let alone a hunting dog. I was never in a dog show or hunt test before I got “Fonzie”.



Our first dog show, and win, was in Rapid City, South Dakota October 18, 2007. That not only gave me the motivation to continue entering dog shows this past year, but to enter a hunt test as well.

Armed with knowledge gained from the “hunting lessons” with Jeff Johnson, (thanks Jeff) 2 NA training days, and some “swimming lessons” with Pete McIntosh, the NA trainer from NAVHDA, we entered our first hunt test, The “Natural Ability Test” in May, 2008. I decided to “go for it” as “Fonzie” would be too old for that test after he turned 16 months of age, 06/02/08. The test was harder than I thought, but considering

I don’t hunt, “Fonzie” did pretty good. I loved watching him point and I was amazed when he leaped up and caught a bird in mid air!. One of the judges remarked, “You have a heck of an outfielder there.”



“Fonzie” had done just fine “tracking” during the NA training days. But, on the day of the test... not.. so.. good. “Fonzie” sort of “flipped” me the “Puppy Paw” and decided to find his own pheasant instead of the pheasant track that was laid for him. It wasn’t all his fault. It was the first time I had put him on a feather pile and track by myself. Unfortunately, per one of the judges, I was standing on the track! Ha! No wonder he didn’t

pass! “Fonzie” did pass the swim aspect of the test however, and I hoped he had done well enough to get a prize. But without passing the tracking, he couldn’t. I am still proud of him, and proud we did as well as we did. Looking back, it was a good experience and many of the things “Fonzie” did, were pretty funny!

I have to admit I was pretty discouraged about “Fonzie” not getting a prize, but Pete told me, that most of the dogs testing that day, had at least 25 days of hunting experience, so not to feel bad. I still wondered “What was I thinking” trying to do this stuff? I was almost ready to give it up, but then I talked to Kimberly Johnson and Bobbie Benson, and that was very helpful.



I also want to thank people like Julie and Tom Swezey from “Indian Brook Kennel” and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of NAVHDA, for their help. Special thanks to Pete McIntosh for the “swimming lessons” for “Fonzie” (Especially the “swim lesson” in a middle of a snow storm at Chatfield reservoir!) I will never forget it.)

We did more conformation shows throughout the year and on July 12, 2008 in Eagle, Colorado, “Fonzie” got his first Major with his first “Best Of Breed” Win. On August 17th, 2008, “CACCIA CANE FONZIE” became a NEW CHAMPION in Greeley, Colorado with his 2nd Major win and “Best Of Opposite Sex”.

With “Fonzie” finishing his Championship, I decided to try another hunt test. Our first AKC Junior Hunt Test was October 11th and 12th, 2008 in Agate, CO. I have to say, it was easier than the NA test, but I still wouldn’t call it easy! We were successful both days! “Fonzie” has his first 2 legs of the Junior Hunt Test completed and we are highly motivated to finish the hunt test next spring! I will keep you posted. Oh, by the way, a huge thank you, Debby Forry for the advice. Also thanks to Becky Koch, Megan, Leslie Kunz, Drew, Crys and others for your help this year. You’re the best!

By Shirley Bauer

*Do not forget to send
Your nominations in
for the Special
Trophies given out at
the Annual meeting .*

Categories are:

The Kemo Cup

Top Field Dog

The Rufus Cup

*Excellence in both the
Field & Conformation*

The Ty Cup

*Exceptional Performance
in 3 or more Activities*

The Cos Cup

Ultimate Companion

Asti’s Compassion

Therapy Spinone

*Send your nominations
to Anyone on the*

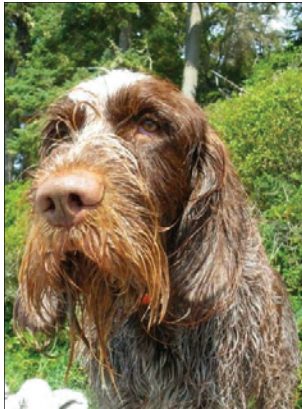
Awards Committee

Contact info pg. 22 or

Any of the Board

members contact info

on pg. 23



Committee Reports

Supported Entry Report

Submitted by Debby Forry

Come join the "Friends of the Rocky Mtn. Region Spinone" for another great Denver supported entry & sweepstakes. Last year the show was well attended with over 25 Spinoni each day of the four day show circuit. Plan to attend our Saturday evening dinner to talk about the show and meet new people. Bring your old guys out for the veteran sweeps and get those new puppies out for the puppy sweeps. You all will have a great time.

Dates: February 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 2009

Where: Denver, Colorado

Show Superintendent: Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, www.onofrio.com

Breed Judges:

Friday: Mr. Robert L. Robinson

Saturday: Breed: Mr. Frank W. Summerside

Sweeps: Mr. Kirlin Foutts

Sunday: Mr. LaMar Mathis

Monday: Dr. Ronald Spritzer

Hope to see You there!

For more information please contact Debby Forry

sweetjetta@comcast.net or 729-302-3414

Help Us Make Your Newsletter Even Better! A note from the editors...

How do you think we can improve the Spinone News? Is the content relevant to your interests? Do you enjoy the photos? What type of articles would you be interested in reading? We even welcome suggestions about how the newsletter looks...

Bear in mind that we are not professional publishers, but we do our best to make the Spinone News valuable and interesting to all SCOA members. We welcome your input! Please take a moment and send us an email or a snail mail with your suggestions to:

keelyreg@aol.com or gbrezza@hotmail.com

Snail mail to: Sue McGregor

Thanks!!! Keely and Sue

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Port Townsend, WA 98368

SPINONE CLUB OF AMERICA

SUPPORTED ENTRY APPLICATION

Guidelines:

- 1. Applicant must be a current SCOA member.
- 2. The supported entry must not be held in conjunction with a show supported by another Spinone breed club.
- 3. Past entry numbers should support the expectation of an entry of 5 or more Spinoni. If past entries do not support this expectation, the applicant must explain why an entry of five or more Spinoni are expected if the entry is supported by SCOA.
- 4. Applicant is responsible for determining how the SCOA funds are to be used. They may choose what categories for which trophies will be awarded. Cash awards may be offered. The applicant should endeavor to spend the entire amount on the trophies.
- 5. Submit completed application to Debby Forry, 4055 Hopeful Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80917.

Email: sweetjetta@comcast.net.

Show date: _____

Name of show-giving club: _____

Location of show: City: _____ State: _____

Previous 3 year's entry: _____ Expected entry: _____

Name of supporting club: _____

Name of applicant (print): _____ SCOA Membership #: _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Phone # or email: _____

Name/address of person responsible for receiving SCOA trophy fund check:

_____ FOR

SCOA USE ONLY

Approved

Denied: Reason: _____

Committee Member Signature/date: _____

Applicant notified

If approved, check requested from SCOA Treasurer



Committee Reports Cont.

Hunt Test Committee Report

Submitted by Alyssa Pease

The Hunt Test committee would like to thank Jeff and Sue Rhodes for their extremely gracious hospitality in October. Not only did they welcome us into their home, but also provided us with great grounds at their hunt club for our AKC hunt tests on October 4th and 5th in Wooster, OH. For those of you in the area who didn't get a chance to come out and participate or spectate, you really missed out. There is a knoll at one end of the field with a super view where you can sit and see a lot of the action as the dogs are working. Add to that a clubhouse (fresh coffee! indoor plumbing!), beautiful weather, and a friendly group of helpers, handlers and judges and you get two terrific days of testing. Many thanks to the Wayne Coon Hunters Association for the use of the facilities and grounds, to everyone who came out and helped with gunning, bird planting and other supporting roles, and especially everyone who ran a dog with us. Congratulations to the following SCOA dogs and owners who earned qualifying legs in Wooster:

Saturday 10/4

Master Hunter

Ruff Creek Hallie SH (Rhodes)

Junior Hunter

Osage Edonista Cody (Rhodes)

Osage Duxun Limited (Rhodes)

Sunday 10/5

Master Hunter

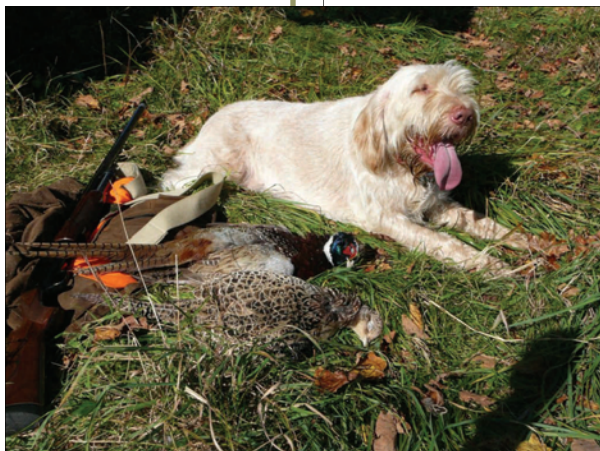
Ruff Creek Hallie SH (Rhodes)

Junior Hunter

CH Gisa K-Y Marko of Isis (Brookman)

Osage Edonista Cody (Rhodes)

Osage Duxun Limited (Rhodes)



Congratulations as well to those who earned qualifying legs at our November tests in Hustle, VA:

Saturday 11/1

Junior Hunter

Emilio Aqua T Chase (Chase)

RB Jake & Geisla's Little Girl (Hight)

Sunday 11/2

Junior Hunter

Emilio Aqua T Chase (Chase)



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Osage Duxun Limited (Rhodes)

RB Jake & Geisla's Little Girl (Hight)

Osage Edonista Cody (Rhodes)

Osage Ecco (Rhodes)

Mark your calendar for next year's AKC JH/SH/MH tests as follows:

March 21 & 22 in Hustle, VA

April 22 & 23 in Whittington, IL

October 3 & 4 in Wooster, OH

October 31 & November 1 in Hustle, VA

All test dates pending AKC approval, watch the events calendar on www.spinone.com or www.spinoneus.org for confirmed schedule.

Please note that the NAVHDA test at the 2009 SCOA Annual Meeting will be one day only, Tuesday April 21st. The sponsoring chapter is Western Illinois, and the test secretary is Kandi Kwirant. Anyone wishing to enter this test should contact Kandi at spinnewf@machlink.com or 563-263-8616 as soon as possible to secure a slot as space is extremely limited.

Finally, the committee has a question for you members out there. What events would you like to see added going forward in the hunting arena? Training sessions, workshops? Please contact committee chair Alyssa Pease at spinonecos@yahoo.com or 703-765-5715 with suggestions.



Attention SCOA Member Breeders

The 'Breeder List' which was proposed and approved at the 2008 annual meeting is up, running and is being viewed regularly. Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your kennel information listed. It is easy to do.

See: www.spinoneus.com

1. Scroll down to the Litter & Breeder Registry
2. Click on the Breeder Registry.
3. Click on Listing Requirements & Information to view summary information
4. Click on Breeder Listing Application Form (you may type in the form or print it out and complete it by hand).

Just complete the form. Enclose a check for \$25.00, made out to SCOA and mail it to:

Bobbi Benson, 6442-114th Ave. Wapello, IA 53653

The application form may also be found on page 40 of this newsletter *Bobbi*



SCOA NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2009

REND LAKE RESORT, IL., April 21 - 26

Time is fast approaching for the 2009 SCOA National Specialty. Plan to join us in Celebration of the Spinoni! For those who attended the 2008 specialty in Rend Lake you already know what a great facility and time that was had by all. For those of you who missed 2008 specialty in Rend Lake, don't make the same mistake in 2009. The Rend Lake facility, staff and the SCOA National Specialty committee made the 2008 a very successful National Specialty for SCOA. Our goal in 2009 is to build on that success and make the 2009 National Specialty even bigger and better.

Recent conversations with the Rend Lake staff have indicated a large number of advance reservations already. I would urge anyone who plans to attend to make your reservation now. I truly hope we will sell out and book the entire facility for our specialty. Rooms in the main hotel, boatels, and cabins are at the same rate as last year. When making your reservations please refer to group 2118, Spinone Club of America. The contact information for Rend Lake is as follows:

Rend Lake Resort

Wayne Fitzgerald State Park

11712 E Windy Lane

Whittington, IL 62897

(800) 633-3341

www.rendlakeresort.com

RV Parking and camping is available at Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area

The show committee has been hard at work to ensure there is something for everyone in 2009. This is the current schedule of planned events

Tues: NAVHDA Tests

Wed: AKC Hunt Test

Thur: AKC Hunt Test

Fri: National Specialty - Ms. Sandra Goose Allen, Judge

Sweeps and Junior Showmanship - Carol S. Brown

Obedience and Rally - Mrs. Suzanne Hemminger (back by popular request!)

Sat: Parent Club Specialty - Mr. Sam Houston McDonald, Judge

In addition to the above scheduled events, some of the other activities planned:

Spinone Olympics, Puppy Match, Handling Clinic, CERF Clinic, Field Training Ed Erickson, Shotgun & Shooting Clinic

Dan Griffith, AKC Tracking Seminar and Scent Work Pat Norris, Holistic Approach to Animal Health Care Genetic Research Presentation Liz Hansen, Univ of Mo. And what SCOA Natl would be complete without the nearly famous, with something for everyone, and something everyone needs, AUCTION!

Capping off the week with the "Total Spinone Demo"

Showcasing the truly versatile talents of the breed and how it all comes together to be the Total Spinone we all adore. Make the Spinone Club of America National Specialty at Rend Lake that one thing you do in 2009. You deserve it and so does your dog. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

1-605-343-9573 or at rubicon19@rap.midco.net.

Brian Dail Show Chairman

Mas

Hum let me think... How's this?

Mas has always done things in her own way. She needed to "grow-up" a little (she's 6) before she decided that walking on a loose leash was the thing to do. I always told people that she was a kangaroo in a Spinone body. Our first leg for a Companion Dog title was at Fort Dodge, IA. We were only entered one day since I wasn't sure she was really "grown-up" enough, but the test was close so what the heck we went for it. She didn't have a perfect heel but she sat immediately when we stopped and did an awesome recall, nice long sit and long down so we qualified. Her second and third shows were in MN. Her first day the judge told me to watch my heel on leash, I was too tight with it but that Mas had an excellent off leash heel. Her recall was her own variation. I knew her sits and long downs were not going to be a problem because she loves to sit and watch all the goings on. We qualified, let's just say, that it wasn't pretty but it did count. So ok we had a little time to brush up, but I guess Mas had other ideas as to how it should be done the following day. We're doing fine on the first run, until I do an about turn. I guess Mas wasn't ready to go back where she just came from, she decided to do her own exploring. I did my right turn, proceeded to heel dog-less, when Mas finally decided to come join me. She heeled perfectly and sat beautifully then looked at me as if to say, "I'm baaaack, aren't I good!" We moved on to the recall, which was less than perfect, but she did finally come, sat nicely in front, did her own little half circle version of the finish and nudged my hand for her good dog approval. The long sit and down were no problem, in fact I thought she was going to fall asleep. The judge said she really had a great on leash heel but was very close to an N.Q. on her off leash. If it were not for her strong finish, she would have not qualified. So again it wasn't pretty but it was her third and final leg! Yeah we're now officially a Companion Dog! I think her little spin on things is her way of keeping me humble... It works! I think we'll start work on Rally but then again maybe not!

In May Mas received her TDIIV (Therapy Dog International Active Volunteer) pin for 50 therapy visits. Mas splits weekly visits at school where she loves to lay around and have the children read to her. The kids truly believe that Mas understands what they are reading. She also visits our local residence homes for special needs students and adults where she gets her much loved pets and hugs. It's nice to get recognition for these visits but the real joy is in the faces of the people she touches while on the visits.

By Teri Turner





Bria & Medal

*Do Not Forget to
Nominate Dogs for
the 6 Special
awards at the
Annual Meeting!
**The Kemo,
Rufus, Ty, Cos,
Asti and High in
Trial**
Details in this
Newsletter.*

2nd Annual Spinoni Fun Day

In October, Phil and Deanna Cuchiaro hosted the 2nd Annual Spinoni Fun Day in New Jersey. There were 69 people and 47 dogs that joined in the fun. A special thanks goes out to the judges: Thomas, Cameron, Sophie, Ashley and Aaron.

And the Winners of the Spinone Olympics are:

Hotdog eating contest: Nina Samuel & Denali Ipcar-Landis

Best Costume hat with Italian theme: Guiseppe Parker, Denali Ipcar, Ella

Best Kisser: Nina Samuel, Enza Hines

Dog and Owner look-a-like: Rick & Emma Morrow

Best Tail wagger: Henry Haynes & Olive Redner

Best Barker: Bart Rosman, Luna Dioguardi & Massimo Mihalik

Egg on Spoon: Henry Hayes, Pete Vanderbilt & Denali Ipcar

Tennis Ball Toss: Bart Rosman, Henry Hayes, and Massimo Mihalik

Best Swimmer: Enza Hines, Brasch Beyer-Bagnell, & Annie Vanderbilt

Traveled the farthest: Vivi Duda from VA & Arno Alvarez from Cape May, NJ

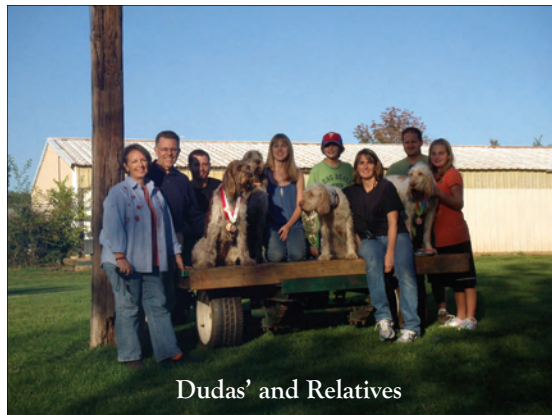
Youngest: Bria Beyer-Bagnell, 5 months, Olivia Redner 7 months & Massimo Mihalik 8 1/2 months

Best Beggar: Denali Ipcar-Landis

Best Trick: Luna Dioguardi, Vivi Duda, Olivia Redner

Best Lap Dog: Henry Hayes, Luna dioguardi and Ella

Thanks to Everyone that participated!! Lost & found: One white visor



Dudas' and Relatives

Fourth Annual Spinoni Only Meeting in NY

In September, Steve & Pat Cuzzacrea hosted a Spinoni Only Day. A great day was had by all! It was great to see old friends and meet new ones over 40 attendees & 60 Spinoni. One member flew in from Arizona, Rae Lyn Jirsa! There were also people from NY, VT, MA and NJ.



EXPERT Q & A: Veterinary Acupuncture

Ann Bagnell asks the experts...

Expert: Sabine Heuchert O'Mahony, DMV, PD

Graduated in Veterinary Medicine from the University of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1992. Completed PhD in Parasitology (epidemiologic studies) at the Veterinary College of Hannover, Germany in 1996. Certified in Veterinary Acupuncture through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society in Florida, USA in 1998. Presently completing an additional Master's degree at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in New York City.

Introduction:

About seven years ago Karen Beyer and I had a dog that developed issues after surgery, including inflammatory bowel disease and being unable to walk. We wanted to give her the opportunity to recover, but didn't want to keep her on all the medications (prednisone, rimadyl, etc.) We found John and Sabine O'Mahony, who focus entirely on veterinary acupuncture, especially horses and dogs.

We carried Bhervi in for treatment, and Sabine checked the dog over, looked at x-rays and other medical records, and then proceeded to gently insert very fine acupuncture needles. The dog was calm and rested gently for about 20 minutes. To our amazement, after only one treatment, Bhervi was able to stand up, walk around the block, and have a normal bowel movement. She gradually stopped taking all the medicines and continued to be treated once a week for the rest of her life. While not a cure for old age and other ills, the treatment clearly boosted her immune system and helped her to live with a better quality of life.

*Next
 Newsletter
 Deadline:
 Feb. 15th
 May 15th
 Aug. 15th
 Nov. 15th*



Sleep!



Sleep!



We Love It!

EXPERT Q & A: Veterinary Acupuncture Cont.

Questions and Answers:

What is veterinary acupuncture?

Veterinary Acupuncture is an ancient treatment method from China. Acupuncture is believed to balance the body's energy flow and assist the body to heal. Acupuncture involves the insertion of needles into specific points on the body to cause a desired healing effect. It is a method of encouraging the body to promote natural healing and improve function.

How does veterinary acupuncture work?

In Western terms, acupuncture can assist the body to heal itself by releasing brain chemicals such as endorphins, blocking transmission of pain signals up the spinal cord to the brain, regulating the endocrine system, relieving muscle spasm, and stimulating the immune system. Function is also enhanced through increased blood circulation to the area needed.

What conditions does it treat?

Ideally, acupuncture is used in conjunction with Western medicine. The most common uses in dogs and cats are in the management of pain and weakness associated with hip dysplasia and other muscle, bone and joint problems, such as arthritis and vertebral disc pathology; neurological disorders; skin problems; immune disorders, such as allergies; emotional disorders; respiratory problems; gastrointestinal problems; and selected reproductive problems.

Is acupuncture painful?

The insertion of acupuncture needles is virtually painless. Most animals become very relaxed and may even become sleepy. Nevertheless, acupuncture may cause sensations that may be uncomfortable to some animals.

Is it safe for animals?

The healing art of acupuncture has been practiced for centuries on animals. The Chinese regularly practiced acupuncture on horses and then gradually tried it on other farm animals and finally dogs, cats and birds.

Acupuncture is one of the safest forms of medical treatment when it is administered properly. Side effects are rare, but do exist. An animal's condition may seem worse for up to 48 hours after a treatment, or an animal may become lethargic for 24 hours after acupuncture. These effects are an indication that some physiological changes are developing and they are most often followed by an improvement in the animal's condition.

How long do acupuncture treatments take and how often are they given?

The length and frequency of acupuncture treatments depends on the condition of the patient and the method of stimulation that is used by the veterinary acupuncturist. Stimulation of an individual acupuncture point may take as little as 10 seconds or as much as 30 minutes. A simple acute problem, such as a sprain, may require only one treatment, whereas more severe or chronic ailments may need several treatments. Positive results are generally seen after the first to fourth treatment. When multiple treatments are necessary, they usually begin intensively and are tapered to maximum efficiency.

How do I find an acupuncture vet?

Your local vet may be able to recommend a specialist to you, or you can search at <http://www.ivas.org>. To suggest topics for future Expert Q&A columns, email annbagnell@gmail.com.

News From the Board

Presidents Report, November 2008

We in the Spinone community are saddened by the passing of one of SCOA's founding fathers, Guido Malandrucolo. There is an article elsewhere in the newsletter about the man who had such a tremendous impact on Spinone in North America. Also, a memorial is on www.spinoneus.com for all to read and post their own comments and pictures. If you have trouble accessing this put Guido Malandrucolo in the search category and the memorial will be there without your having to read or go through the hundreds of other postings.

Plans are underway for the April 2009 meeting at Rend Lake IL and will be posted on the SCOA website at www.spinoneus.com.

We still have a lot of issues to discuss for the future of the Spinone. A motion was made at the annual meeting to change the SCOA current health requirements to just guidelines.

One of our newest SCOA members responded to the information posted in previous newsletters about this motion. He is trying to have an article posted in a future newsletter if not in time for this one, but this is a summation of what he had to say: "I am in total agreement with putting the code of ethics in the SCOA bylaws. If the COE becomes voluntary it becomes useless. I think sometimes people get hung up on the business side of raising dogs and are willing to look the other way when it comes to deciding to make a buck or look out for the future of their breed. On the other hand some are also in denial, they aren't looking to make money, but they can't face the fact that the dog they have spent so much time on should not be bred. Either way, there needs to exist an authority who objectively draws the line and says 'we will only do what is best for the breed'. If you water that down what is the purpose for the SCOA's existence." A responsible breeder would not be concerned about requirements as they would be already breeding responsibly! For something that is so important for the future of the Spinone and its health, I feel that the entire membership should become involved in our Spinone's continued well being and health. A ballot making the SCOA Code of Ethics part of the Constitution and By Laws is being prepared and will be sent in the near future to the entire membership to vote on this issue. If the COE is made part of the Constitution and By Laws, future changes to the Code of Ethics will also have to be sent to the entire membership for their vote. As the Code of Ethics involves all of you and your Spinone, all of you should step forward and get involved in protecting our Code of Ethics for the Spinone. We have spent 22 years to get where we are today. Don't let 46 (or less) people decide the future of the Spinone for you. Get involved and stay involved, Research yourselves what these issues might involve or how they could set the Spinone's health back, instead of forward. Ask questions about issues and find out why SCOA has proposed these issues during the last 22 years. But most importantly vote on these issues yourself. Please don't let a few decide the future of the Spinone. For all of you have not read or studied the SCOA Constitution and By Laws, it is clear that only 2/3 of the current membership CAN change the Constitution and By Laws; I will add the section that refers to that and encourage the members to read this club document in its entirety (posted on www.spinoneus.com and page 41).

I discussed in previous newsletters about the current financial state of the world which affects SCOA, and our needing to take a hard look at any proposal or plan if it will negatively affect the financial future of SCOA. With the vote at the meeting to put the newsletter online free to anyone whether they are SCOA members or not, we have lost one of our main incentives of being a SCOA member, that of the newsletters. This has already had a negative impact on the membership of SCOA. On the plus side over 4000 people have accessed the free June newsletter already and almost half that have viewed the September one.! But, we are still down about 200 members from this time last year, with only 4 new members and one lapsed member since the last newsletter. This amounts to about \$8,000 in dues not being available - how will we handle this new lack

Lymphoma Update

Well its been an issue since I have updated all of you on the progress of the lymphoma project. Basically we were at a point that we could not go any further until we received the DNA (swabs) on a complete litter + parents. The reason we needed these was to prove that we could trace a litter of pups back to the parents using DNA and our technique. Thanks to Diana Cannon she not only sent the swabs on one litter, but two! Both litters have the same Sire but

News From the Board Cont.

of funds? We had volunteers who contacted the lapsed members to see why they did not renew (the one lapsed membership renewal was prior to this). The names and reasons for their not renewing will be provided soon on the website www.spinoneus.com by the volunteers and some update on this work may be available elsewhere in this newsletter.

The new SCOA member quoted above also said, "As for the newsletter issue, I would suggest that you take those people who voted to open up the newsletter and put them on a fundraising committee. This is the problem with running organizations. It is real easy to vote, it is hard to live with the results of the vote."

The SCOA Hunt Test Committee is trying to encourage more AKC hunt tests in various locations. Jeff Rhodes and Alyssa Pease put together October AKC hunt tests in Ohio successfully. November AKC hunt tests and NAVHDA tests were also held in Hustle, VA. Many people showed up weeks before the events and helped "newbies" train their dogs, not the least of which were Joe Zawadowski, Jeff Rhodes, Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman. We really appreciate all the support at these SCOA events and the participants. Keep up the good work and thanks especially to Alyssa for all her help.

Several of you voiced concern about the financial reports. Denise posted an update in response to the requests at the annual meeting. This was posted in June 2008 on the website www.spinoneus.com. Unfortunately only 22 of the members have spent the time to view this posting! It is your club, get involved and make sure you have all the information! Jeff Rhodes, SCOA Vice President, has an article elsewhere in the newsletter discussing this issue as does Denise Hanna Nosko, SCOA Treasurer.

The SCOA calendar has continued to bring in funds to the club. Kandi and Bobbi are working hard on this year's calendar already. Support their efforts by ordering early!

The DNA test for CA is producing results already. To date, March through October 2008, 190 tests (with 11 additional proven carriers discovered) have been posted on the AHT website. A motion was made and approved at the last annual meeting to allow breeding of the Spinone tracing from potential or proven CA lines if those dogs were cleared by these DNA tests and met the other SCOA breeding requirements. The AHT has a posting on the website www.spinoneus.com detailing information about how to access these results and how to obtain the swabs and submit them for testing.

A motion was also made and approved at the meeting to allow hip x-rays from Canada, England and Italy be approved for breeding without additional OFA/PennHipp tests having to be made. The Health Committee has completed recommendations from comparisons of these countries' x-ray methods/results to OFA/PennHipp tests to determine what scores from these countries would be acceptable. By the time you view this newsletter that information should be online at www.spinoneus.com and will be in the next newsletter. The Officers have no objection to adding CHIC to our requirements for the breed, as OFA & CERF are already included in CHIC database. We are waiting on the results of a member's volunteer several years ago to further this work. Let's get on with this and make CHIC a requirement for the future of the breed. As the membership decides that we need additional health checks and requirements, they can be added to the CHIC database. This brings up a final issue, submitting your health results and issues to the health database (forms available elsewhere in the newsletter). If a problem has not been reported how can it be addressed or even identified as a problem. This is your breed & club, lets make it even stronger.

We need volunteers for many positions and events. Let us know what you can do or are willing to help with. Don't continue to let just a few members do all the work. Suggestions, requests and advice are great, but we need people to follow through AND implement these also. Get involved with SCOA. Jim

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Recently many members claim that the financial reports voted on at the 2008 meeting have not been produced. These reports (minus a statement of retained earnings which could not be produced by my program) were posted the middle of June on spinoneus.com. A small number of members have been on the site to look at the reports. The 45 day time frame was not met due to personal issues which took my attention away from my volunteer position. I am sure those who find fault with that would have done the same. Please feel free to look over the reports on the site mentioned above.

The checkbook balance as of now is \$19,257.17. This includes the deduction of the Rend Lake deposit for the 2009 meeting. This is a nice change from last year at about this time when our funds were quite low. The financial changes implemented over the last year have proven effective. SCOA should be financially ready to take on the upcoming bills for the 2009 meeting and election costs.

Happy Holidays!

Denise

SCOA BOARD VOTING RECORD

AUGUST 13 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2008

TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF 08/20/08

Attended by: Jim Channon, Jeff Rhodes, Joseph Zawadowski, Elizabeth Bodell and Ed Applegate.

MSP to approve secretary's report: Aye-unanimous

Vote to appoint Debbie Forry as supported entry committee chair. Aye-unanimous.

Vote to approve supported entry in Oregon submitted by Debby Forry. Aye-unanimous.

Vote to fund sending Jim Channon to the September AKC delegates meeting in N.J., estimated to cost \$400-\$500. Aye-unanimous, Channon abstained.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF 09/16/08

Attended by all board members.

MSP to accept minutes of 8/20 meeting passed unanimously.

Vote to drop the Dog World Ad, as it only generated one inquiry last year. Aye-unanimous.

MSP to accept treasurer's report passed unanimously.

Lymphoma UpdateContinued

*different Dams. This will prove interesting since we should see some variation between the two litters. So once again we continue this project. This is basically quality control of our system. Once we prove we can trace a known litter back to known parents, we can begin the real project of typing actual dogs. This is very exciting and I am very Thankful to Diana Cannon and her puppies
Keely*

It will soon be the Holidays and we would like to thank all of you for another successful newsletter year. This issue marks our 5th year!

*Have a Great Holiday Season
Sue & Keely*

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In regard to selecting conformation judges for the 2009 annual meeting:

MSP to have Brian Dail submit a ballot with five judge's names to the newsletter. The ballot will include four judges selected from the names submitted by the membership and fifth name will be Lena Amirian as submitted by the board. The postmark deadline for returning this ballot will be September 30, 2008. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Channon abstained from the vote and requested the minutes state he feels the board is going about this the incorrect way.

In regard to a proposal for a regional specialty, to be held on Aug. 14, 2009 in conjunction with the Greely, CO Kennel Club shows, submitted by Debby Forry:

MSP to have the secretary draft an e-mail to be sent to Debby Forry and submit it to the board for approval. This e-mail will ask her to agree that SCOA will cover a maximum of \$2000 in expenses incurred by the proposed regional specialty. If she agrees to this offer of support, the board will consider her proposal as approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF 09/24/08

Attended by: Jim Channon, Jeff Rhodes, Joseph Zawadowski, Ed Applegate and Elizabeth Bodell.

In regard to the fact that six names were put on the ballot for selecting the 2009 annual meeting conformation judges, rather than five as the board voted on 9/16;

Vote to use the six names on the ballot in the newsletter and on the post card ballot as the choice available to the membership for the 2009 annual meeting. Aye-unanimous.

Vote to confirm the e-mail decision that postcard ballots to choose conformation judges for the 2009 annual meeting be sent to those SCOA members who receive the newsletter by snail mail. Aye-unanimous.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF 10/21/08

Attended by all board members.

MSP to approve minutes of 9/16 meeting-passed unanimously.

MSP to approve minutes of 9/24 meeting-passed unanimously.

MSP to accept secretary's report-passed unanimously.

MSP to accept treasurer's report-passed unanimously. Bodell abstained.

In regard to a petition received by the board that a committee be set up to audit the books and create financial reports:

MSP to respond to Carmen Alvarez with a statement that the review committee will be Denise Hanna-Nosko, Jeff Rhodes, David Johnston and Ray Duda (if David and Ray agree to be on in). The motion passed unanimously.

SCOA BOARD E-MAIL VOTES

Seven new memberships and one renewal of a lapsed membership were approved. No membership

News From the Board Cont.

applications were denied.

09/17 Approve draft of letter (with edits) to Debby Forry regarding regional specialty proposal. Aye-Applegate, Rhodes, Hanna-Nosko, Bodell, Hanna

09/18 Vote to extend 2009 conformation judge ballot return deadline from Sept. 30 to Oct. 12. Aye-Zawadowski Nay-Applegate, Bodell, Hanna-Nosko, Hanna.

09/18 Vote to agree to send a postcard ballot for above to members receiving the newsletter by snail mail. Aye-Bodell, Hanna-Nosko, Rhodes, Zawadowski, Applegate, Hanna.

09/29 Approve Colorado regional specialty for the record. Aye-Hanna, Rhodes, Zawadowski, Applegate, Bodell, Hanna-Nosko.

10/06 Approve Ohio AKC hunt test expenses including \$437.50 for birds and \$400 for use of the grounds. Aye-Zawadowski, Applegate, Bodell, Hanna

10/08 Approve \$635 for D&O Insurance. Aye-Hanna, Zawadowski, Rhodes, Applegate.

10/08 Approved newsletter costs of \$406 for printing and \$227.10 for mailing. Aye-Hanna, Zawadowski, Rhodes, Bodell, Applegate.

10/26 Approve \$900 deposit to Rend Lake for 2009 meeting. Aye-Zawadowski, Bodell, Rhodes, Applegate, Hanna.

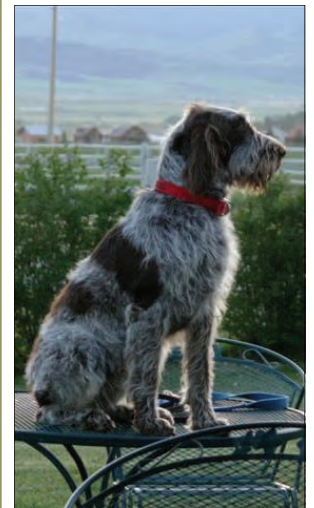
All Members,

The board would like to announce that we have formed a finance committee to oversee that the proper accounting and legal procedures are followed to maintain our not-for-profit status. The committee is made up of 2 board members and 3 members in good standing. Board members are Jeff Rhodes Vice President, Denise Hanna-Nosko Treasurer, and members are David Johnston, Ray Duda and Joanna Middleditch. Everyone on this committee is volunteering. We will report to the board as we progress and will issue announcements to the membership as the board directs. I would like to thank the other members of this committee for volunteering to help get this job done. We hope to make this an efficient and productive process.

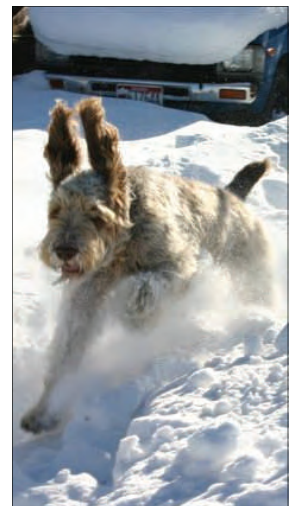
Thanks,

Jeff Rhodes

Vice President SCOA



Don't forget!
January 15th
2009 is the dues
renewal deadline
Renewal Form on
pages 33-34



Rend Lake, IL April 21-26

Be There!

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November, 2008

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The 2009 SCOA Photo Contest

As you are watching your beloved Spinone with camera in hand, remember these categories:

1. Spinone Head Shots (close ups)
2. Just Being Spinone
3. Field and Water
4. Puppies

There will be a winner from each category, and an overall winner will be chosen from them. The winner will be the cover picture for the 2010 calendar. The other winners from each category will be the main focus pictures on a calendar page. All winners will receive a 2010 calendar.

No Professional photos please. They will be eliminated

Please use **HIGH RESOLUTION** digital or 35mm film. Those make clearer pictures when enlarged and transferred to the calendar pages. If you win the cover, we will want you to e-mail us the photo as large as you can send it.

Submit 4x6 photos only NO E-MAIL photos will be accepted

Put yours and your dogs name on the back of each photo (address labels work nicely), and which category you want your pictures entered into. Also this year I am asking everyone to put his/her e-mail address on the back.

Those who would like their photos returned, please include a SASE with submitted photos. It may take a while to get your photos back to you but they will be returned. Please double check and make sure your have put the correct postage on the return envelope.

Cost will be \$6.00 for the 1st photo and \$2.00 for each additional photo after that.

DEADLINE IS MARCH 16TH, 2009

Mail photos and checks (made out to SCOA) to:

Kandi Kwirant
2630 Seven Oaks Park
Muscatline, IA 52761

Any Questions please call or e-mail Kandi at:
563-263-8618 or spinnewf@machlink.com

A Point of View

Well.....I really didn't want to get up on this soap box....or should I say whipping post....but....

At the 2008 annual meeting I (Liz Bodell) voted in favor of changing the Code of Ethics from Requirements to Guidelines. I am also opposed to adding the Code of Ethics to the By-laws, but maybe not for the reasons people think.....

First of all, our Code of Ethics gives puppy buyers and newcomers to the breed a false sense of security. As you all know, breeders must get a CERF test each year and have the dog ofa'd and/or penn-hipped with a passing score after age 2. The general puppy-buying public then sees the ad saying "we are members of SCOA and abide by their Code of Ethics" and thinks the parents are wonderful with no health problems.

My Gosh.....would you as a breeder buy a spinone if that is the only thing you knew about the parents? You know you wouldn't and neither would I. Those tests are totally insufficient and tell us barely anything. As long as you don't "know it" it's okay if you breed a bitch that has epilepsy on both sides to a sire that has epilepsy on both sides. It's okay if you breed a dog who has elbow dysplasia to a bitch who has elbow dysplasia. It's okay to breed a bitch who has an OFA good but who has 5 dysplastic littermates to a dog who has an OFA fair and has 5 dysplastic littermates. It's okay for me to breed Jack again even though he has a daughter with kidney disease.....after all it was only one..... None of that is okay in my book and I'll bet it's not okay in yours either.

I would like to see SCOA join CHIC and recommend much more extensive testing. That way the tests that a breeder does or doesn't do are there for everyone to see. Everyone will get a more complete picture. IMO it is far better for the future of the breed and it also is a far better way to educate the newcomers to the breed. SCOA doesn't even have a vet on the Board, never mind a canine geneticist. Don't you think that these decisions should be made by a balloted vote of the membership after hearing from reproductive vets and geneticists? Wouldn't you think the Board should listen to and follow the recommendations of the SCOA Health Committee before voting to send the COE to the AKC for addition to the By-laws?

If the Code of Ethics is added to the By-laws it will make the COE very difficult to change. I sure would want to make sure that the Code of Ethics is re-written and reviewed by a team of vets and geneticists before it is made virtually impossible to change by adding it to the By-laws.

Let's face it, we have some very serious health problems in the breed which aren't even mentioned in the COE. When I first got involved with spinoni 11 years ago, I was very skeptical of people who said to me, "we have far far worse problems than CA in the breed." Well, no kidding. I don't want to belittle CA, but I'd far rather my wonderful Cash was a CA carrier than living day to day with 20% kidney function.

The second problem I have with the COE being rules rather than guidelines is that there is no possible way to ensure that the rules are evenly and equitably enforced. And they aren't. If you can tell me a way to make them evenly and equitably enforced in a country the size of the US, then I'll rethink my position on this.

Thirdly the CERF and OFA test reports must be sent to the secretary of SCOA before every breeding takes place. I'm sorry, but I have a real problem with this one. I went to a Quaker school for 15 years which operated on the honor system, I'm allowed to vote, run for president of the US.....but I can't be trusted not to breed dogs that haven't passed the CERF and OFA exams?

I find it incredibly offensive that I have to "prove" my dogs have passed these minimal tests by sending the results to one person. (no offense intended to our very overworked secretary.)

I have no problem at all submitting health tests to CHIC where everyone in the world can see them. In fact I'd prefer to have pedigrees published as well.

I'm sure I've forgotten to expound on some other point in the COE, but at this point I think I'd better get off my soap box.
Liz Bodell

Another Point of View

Step Aside - Please.

There comes a time in everyone's life when they must let go. Be it letting go of a well-reared child now spreading his wings into adulthood, a beloved sweater that's seen better days, or a once reliable car that simply costs more to keep than to replace. When we come to these life passages, understanding the benefits gained oftentimes eases the pain of the loss. And so it is with SCOA.

I read with dismay the President's letter following this year's Annual Meeting, but I gritted my teeth and moved along. When I saw it again the following newsletter, I realized that it was time to speak up. While it is with some trepidation that I write this article, it is also with the belief and knowledge that it is the right thing to do.

The President's letter states many things I take issue with, but in the interest of brevity, I will address only the first paragraph to make my point.

At the Annual Meeting of 2008, which I did not attend, a discussion was held regarding the changing of two health test *requirements* to *guidelines*. While viewpoints vary and arguments resound over this issue, the point is that regardless of anyone's personal view on this matter, a voice for change has been raised. The "46 people" referred to in the President's letter was a number just one short of *half* of the people in the room. *Half. Half* of the people who paid good money, took time from their work, their families, and their lives to attend a week-long event involving their beloved Spinoni, raised a voice for change.

As we have recently seen in our country's politics, when a voice for change is raised, whether people agree with the change or not, the voice is heard. People respect one another's viewpoints and at worst, agree to disagree. That is what a Democracy does and that is what a Constitution protects. But not so with SCOA. When *half* of the people representing the Spinone fancy raised a voice for change, our President and our Board moved swiftly to stifle that voice, to push it forever into the "Code of Ethics" so that only those on the Board would have the opportunity to allow such change to be made, when and if they see fit. The President's letter states that "we" have spent 21 years to get where "we" are today. The letter admonishes the reader "don't let 46 people decide the future of the Spinone for you" and further suggests that those "46 people" *half of the represented members at the Annual Meeting* "could set the Spinone's health back, instead of forward"... and you gentle reader are to "find out why SCOA (SCOA? Aren't those 46 people members of SCOA?) has proposed these issues during the past 21 years."

Instead of hearing the voice of *half* of the people represented, the President suggests we place this issue into a forum that allows only 4 people {the President and 3 like-minded Board members} to decide the future of the Spinone for us. Only *the Board* can decide what the membership will be allowed to vote on regarding the Code of Ethics. A majority of 4 *Board* members is all that is needed to determine whether *or not* a Code Of Ethics change can be brought forward for us, the other 800+ people, to vote. But even *that* is not the point.

Unlike the President's letter, I am not writing this to suggest that our Board or our President is trying to set the Spinone back. I am not writing to suggest that we cast a jaundiced eye toward those with whom we disagree. I am, however, writing to suggest that this small group of people who, while well-meaning, hard-working, and wholly devoted to their cause, have come to a time and place of possessiveness that requires them to let go.

When a person or group becomes involved, then passionate, then obsessed, then possessed, then possessive of any people or entity, it is time to step back in an effort to regain clarity and a healthful viewpoint for all involved. SCOA has grown to a large membership of people with a vast amount of experience and perspective, all of whom deserve respect and acknowledgement. Yet those who

One More Point of View

have worked so hard at the beginning of this journey have now become so over-invested in *their* cause, that they have lost sight, and perhaps the ability, to accept viewpoints in any way contrary to their own. This is never healthy for a Club of any kind.

The same small group of people virtually controls every significant aspect of SCOA. The Board, the Membership List, the Treasury, the Committees, Judges' Education, the multiple Web Sites, and even the final editing and posting of the Newsletter. These are all vital and time consuming aspects of SCOA. Any one of these areas is a full time job. Yet the same people have toiled in these labors for the past 21 years.

It is time to allow others to roll up their sleeves and step in. We are a diverse group of intelligent, experienced, positive people who can truly move this breed forward where others were left behind. Most of us come from other breeds and have witnessed the positives and the pitfalls therein. We bring to the table years of firsthand knowledge and a will to insure that the Spinone maintains the essence of the Breed in all possible ways. There is nothing to fear when 46 people raise their voices for change. But there is a great deal to fear when the Board's reaction to these voices is to swiftly silence them.

We have an opportunity to step back, re-think, and re-assess where in fact we *are* going with this Breed. We have the ability to move forward with health studies, training expertise in all aspects, judges' education, publications, and so much more. But it takes a willingness to look at ourselves from a new perspective. It takes the ability and desire to recognize that we have come a long way in 21 years, and what was once thought of as status quo, may no longer be what is best. Again, I am not writing to argue the point of guidelines vs requirements. I am writing to humbly and respectfully ask those in command of this club to loosen the grip, let others in, and recognize that a difference of opinion is to be valued, not silenced. And last, to ask that small group of hard-working, dedicated, and undoubtedly worn out people, to realize that it is time to let go and allow others to take on the challenges of a new direction for SCOA.

I write this in the hopes of expressing a viewpoint, mine, possibly that of others. I mean no offense or disrespect to anyone mentioned or alluded to in this writing. I am writing from my heart and my sincere belief that it is time for a new Board for SCOA, a new group of Committee Chairs, and a new breath of fresh air so we all may participate in the future of a breed we cannot possibly help but to love.

THIS ARTICLE IS TO BE PRINTED IN ITS UNALTERED ENTIRETY ONLY.

Sue Acquistapace

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to comments made in the last two President's messages. I am extremely concerned about the Code of Ethics being added to the Constitution and By Laws of SCOA.

The president says he doesn't want 46 people to decide the fate of the breed. If the Code of Ethics is placed into the By Laws then a board majority will decide the future of the breed. That means FOUR people. If those FOUR people do not want an issue before the membership they can quash it. FOUR people can decide not to send it out for a vote even if ONE HUNDRED club members support the idea. This is not a far fetched concept. According to minutes published in the newsletter the board has refused to send issues to the membership for a vote even after the quorum majority at an annual meeting has voted to do so.

Also, if the Code of Ethics is added to the By Laws then it cannot be changed without AKC approval. ALL changes to the

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Constitution and By Laws MUST have AKC approval. AKC could refuse to accept changes that the club considers vital. The AKC could refuse to accept Code of Ethics changes based on other issues in the By Laws that they want changed. And getting AKC approval is an extremely time consuming process. The ability to change the Code of Ethics would be seriously hampered.

There are ways to protect the voice of the entire membership without adding the approval of an outside entity. The board could finally set some standing rules for the club. One of which could be that any changes to the Code of Ethics must be approved by a vote of the entire membership.

Finally, the President mentions all the progress that has been made in the last 21 years. If the Code of Ethics is such a large part of that progress, that it deserves to be in the By Laws, then why hasn't the breed seen any progress in its health issues? The OFA report was published. We are NOT improving in hips. I've seen the CERF report and we are not improving in eye anomalies either. We aren't getting any worse but we aren't getting better either. These are the only two areas of required testing in the Code of Ethics and according to published reports we haven't seen any progress. European experts who have attended the annual meeting have stated that they believe many of the Spinone bred in America have lost breed type. So if there has been no progress in curtailing health concerns and we've gone backwards in breed type, what exactly has the Code of Ethics protected?

Shirley Sue Jeffcoat

SCOA Member # 447

Tail Waggin' Bragg'n



Bella Campo Summer Sun JH

Aka Cira took back to back Best of Breed wins on September 27th and September 28th at the Monroe Kennel Club.

Judge Mrs. Evie Sullivan

Mike & Kay McLeland

Breeder, Owner, Handler

Tail Waggin' Bragg'n Cont.



McPherson's Tessa di Faiville CDX JH owned by Dave & Cheryl Palmer won the Yankee Retrievers Club Pheasant Championship yesterday much to the horror of the labs, goldens and chessies that were outgunned and outmaneuvered by the outstanding Tessa who searched, pointed, flusher and retrieved 4 out of 4 pheasants in 12 minutes. Which just goes to show you that when you show them what you want them to do, no dog does

it better than a Spinone! Tessa is out of Killick di Morghengo x McPherson's Gabriella

Elliott (CH Busy B's Elliott Ess) became a Senior Hunter at the Long Island Pointing Dog Field Trial Club, in Riverhead, NY. It was a beautiful day and the people there were so nice, which made the whole day even better.

Elliott is owned and handled by Alex Costello



Emilio Aqua T Chase JH, owned by Amilia & Dawn Chase, earned his final leg towards his JH Title in Hustle, VA on Nov. 1. He ran on Nov. 2 just for the fun of it. Thanks to all the Spinone Club members for helping out both days. Pictured here are judges Chris Sweetwood & Lauren Friedman, owner Dawn Chase & Emilio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF AND SUE RHODES

OF OSAGE KENNELS, OWNERS

&

LARRY AND JANE DICKEY

OF RUFF CREEK KENNELS, BEEDERS

OF

RUFF CREEK HALLIE

ON HER COMPLETION OF THE MASTER HUNTER TITLE AT THE AKC POINTING BREED HUNT TEST HELD BY SCOA IN WOOSTER, OH ON OCTOBER 5, 2008

Membership Survey

A number of members have taken issue with the statement in the President's column of the June 2008 newsletter that members had failed to renew in 2008 because the newsletter is now available on line to non-members. Although we pointed out that memberships lapsed on February 15th and the decision to go to an open newsletter was made in the April annual meeting, almost 2 months after the lapses, the president repeated this assertion in the September 2008 newsletter.

While memberships cannot have lapsed as the result of something that had yet to take place, it seemed reasonable to look into the real reasons for membership turnover, as a loss of 200 members seemed high. We decided to survey anyone who did not renew their membership in 2008. Unfortunately, the membership secretary was unable to assist us in this effort, as she has no electronic records of past members; but we were able to collect and compare hard copy membership lists and make our own list of non-renewers.

We identified 199 SCOA members as failing to renew in 2008. 165 of them had phone numbers published in the lists distributed to membership, and we called them all. The questions asked were 1) Why did you let your membership lapse? 2) Is there something we could do that would get you to rejoin? 3) Do you still read the newsletter?

I am still counting, but here are some preliminary findings:

A surprising 38.6% of the people simply could not be reached. Some had answering machines and did not return calls, others simply rang off into infinity at any time of day, evening or weekend. Almost half of the people we were unable to reach had numbers that were wrong, non-working or had been disconnected with no other information. We'll be attempting to contact these people by mail wherever possible.

18% of the people we reached didn't know they had lapsed, or had forgotten to renew. They will be getting renewal forms from us. It costs \$321.75 to print and mail out a thousand two-sided reminder postcards by first-class mail and only \$64.35 for the 200 people who didn't renew without a mailed reminder; next year we should consider spending the money if we have that many non-renewers. (There is simply no need to send those multiple page, multiple signature forms for a renewal, a postcard would do fine.)

10% of the people we reached mentioned the way the club is run as a reason for lapsing. When pressed for details, half of these people cited other reasons as well, but 5.3% of respondents had club operations as their only reason for leaving. Needless to say, we encouraged them to come back and work towards change.

That left about 38% who left the club because they were simply no longer interested. Their dog had died, their dog was "just a pet", the club didn't have activities in their area of interest, they were suffering financial stress, divorce, etc.

Of the people interviewed, NONE canceled membership because of the availability of the newsletter on line. Only one person has continued to read the SCOA newsletter and that was a lovely woman whose dog had died, whom Maxine personally had very kindly set up with a password to read the newsletter on-line in spite of her non-renewal.

I hope that these results have not only put an end to the mistaken assumption that memberships are lapsing because of the "open" newsletter, but that it will prompt the Board to resume mailing membership renewal reminders. These results are still preliminary; I am unable to compile the final results before this newsletter's deadline. Anyone who would like to see the final results before the next newsletter, can e-mail me at ekvanderbilt@gmail.com for a copy of the complete report when available.

Kim Vanderbilt

A Special Farewell

How does one express the emotions that are generated by the loss of one human life? Especially when such a human being was my mentor and friend.

Guido Malandrucolo was a passionate force for the Spinone in the United States, Canada as well as “the Old Country”, Italy. He showed me his vast knowledge of the breed while traveling together in Italy. We visited kennels together and imported Spinoni together. I was the new-comer-he was the Pro.

I was always struck by his genuine love for the Spinone as well as the people who had the breed at heart. So many times we would talk on the phone about his beloved Spinoni and mine. We would discuss bloodlines, kennels in Italy that we had visited together. We would also talk about where the breed was heading in Italy as well as here and invariably would end up talking about our latest hunting stories.

The Spinone had to have “fire in his belly”, he used to say, or it wasn’t a true Spinone. He was talking about hunting instincts, since that was



Lena, Guido & Olivia

what Guido was breeding for as well as a “sweet temperament”. That became the trademark of his and Margaret’s Spinoni. But he did not stop there. He and Margaret dedicated their lives to furthering the Spinoni in the field as well as the show ring.

Guido imported numerous dogs from Italy, orange and whites as well as brown roans. He worked tirelessly to develop his own lines in Canada. I reaped the benefit of such a dog ten years ago. Guido called me and said “I have something special for you.” As I stepped into Guido and Margaret’s house, they were both beaming. There was always excitement in the air when Spinoni were the topic. Guido never stopped talking until he lifted the orange & white puppy and lovingly showed me the “beautiful crown” as well as the “gentle expres-

sion.” This was RUFUS and I will always be grateful to Guido and Margaret for giving me the opportunity to choose this wonderful dog.

Rufus has taken me for a ride of a lifetime with show wins as well as sharp-tail, Hungarian partridge and pheasant hunts in Montana, North & South Dakota, Mass as well as Canada. He has also hunted grouse and woodcock in New Hampshire and Maine. He is still in his prime and reminds me of Guido daily.

The highlight came when Guido and I took Rufus to Italy for the second time and competed in the Spinone National Championships there. Guido walked in the field with us and animatedly entertained the president of CISP (Club Italiano Spinone). Rufus qualified with a 2 degree ECCELLENTE, the next to the highest reward. Guido and I were proud beyond belief! This is a moment etched in my mind forever!

Guido was a gentle man, full of passion for life around his beloved Spinoni. There was always a twinkle in his eyes and a friendly smile on his face. He always wanted people to have “a good time together,” to share good Italian food and wine, especially his own.

The Spinone Community has lost a propelling force in Guido Malandrucolo, but has also reaped and will continue to reap the benefits of Guido’s lifelong work. May the countless lives he touched through all his dogs remain vigilant in preserving the essence of his beautiful Spinoni

Lena Amirian

My Once In A Lifetime Dog.... “Family Member, Companion, Friend”



Tia 12/11/96 - 8/18/08

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we inform you of the passing of our beloved Ruff Creek Elda (Tia). As you can see by the date of her passing, this note is long overdue but I have not been able to put to words the tremendous loss we feel without her here. As Dee often said she was the “other woman”. I could write pages and pages about her too short 11 years and 8 months of life, she enjoyed all but the first seven weeks with us. Her legacy lives on in all of your own beautiful Spinone that she was the Mother, Grand Mother or Great Grand Mother to.

To try and recap her life and all she accomplished as a hunter and producer of some great Championship breeding stock, pales in comparison to the companionship she provided to Dee and I. Tia’s last day was very sunny and pleasant, she had been on meds for a Gagging episode but on Sunday she was out in the sunshine and was very active and enjoying the weather. That evening she danced for her Supper and was very puppy like in her spirit. Two hours later she appeared to have a problem and stood motionless for several minutes before lying down where she stood. This was the second episode of this behavior in three days but it was evident that she was not going to pull through this one. (Tia had survived Bloat and the surgery two years earlier). The next six hours were spent moving from place to place, with her slightly labored breathing and declining motor functions. I would lie beside her and try to comfort her with reassuring words, pats and scratches under her chin, and reliving our years together hunting birds and all the daily activities she enjoyed so much. The end was peaceful with her lying under our kitchen table in the typical Spinone posture of lying upright with her paws stretched out and her head resting between the paws. She was laid to rest in the same position over seeing the fields and orchard she hunted daily in the hopes of finding a bird that maybe Dad put out just for her.

Her cause of death was either congestive heart failure or she suffered a stroke. If it was a stroke it was a second stroke the first being 3 days earlier at 7:00 AM prior to any food or heavy exercise, her symptoms were similar but she recovered in a few hours from that episode and was doing very well and since we had just had x-rays and complete blood work a week earlier and everything was good we were not suspicious of a major problem. Chuck & Dee Gern Dee Tia Kennels



Spinone Club of America Dues Renewal Form

I here by apply for renewal of membership in the Spinone Club of America, Inc. My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to support the Constitution and By laws and rules of the Club and the AKC, to abide by the Code of Ethics of the club (see on back), to encourage high standards in breeding, training, showing and hunting the Spinone, and promote the welfare of the Spinone Breed.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CURRENTLY OWN A SPINONE IN ORDER TO BE A MEMBER!

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail adress: _____

Your name, address, phone number and e-mail address will appear on a membership list that is available to both club members and the public. If you do not want your personal information to appear on the membership list you MUST choose one or more of the following options:

Do not list my phone number ___ Do not list my address ___ Do not list my e-mail address ___

I Own: _____ Spinone(i) _____ Female(s) _____ Male(s)

Dog's Name	Reg. Number	Color	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____

For additional dogs, include a second sheet with the above information for each dog

Please indicate how you wish to receive future newsletters:

By postal mail ___ By website _____ By e-mail _____ (please submit your e-mail address)

Single Membership: \$35.00/year (\$40.00 if outside the U.S.A.-Please write "U.S. Funds on check"). Add \$5.00 for postal newsletter delivery.

Family Membership: \$40.00/year (\$45.00 if outside the U.S.A-Please write "U.S. Funds on check"). Add \$5.00 for postal newsletter delivery.

I have enclosed \$ _____ for a Single Membership: \$ _____ for a Family Membership

Signature Date of Renewal

Send Application & Check to: Spinone Club of America

P.O. Box 307
Warsaw, VA 22572

Code of Ethics

Membership in the Spinone Club of America carries with it certain responsibilities. The Club has been formed for the purpose of preserving and protecting the welfare of the Italian Spinone. It falls to its members to see to it that these responsibilities are upheld. To that end, the Spinone Club of America put forth the following standards of behavior and practice for its members.

1. All members will put the well being of their dogs and the breed as a whole before any personal gain.
2. All members will conduct themselves honorably and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Members will never knowingly make unfair or untrue statements regarding the dogs or practices of others.
3. All breeding will be aimed at improvement of the breed. Members/breeders will be familiar with the standard of the breed; stay informed of medical, behavioral, and genetic developments, which will influence breeding; and will do everything in their power to discourage irresponsible breeding.
4. The breeder will be familiar with AKC rules governing record keeping, registrations, sales and transfers of dogs, and shall abide by these rules.
5. No dog exhibiting unsound temperament, a disqualifying hereditary defect, or poor health will be used for breeding.
6. If a dog or bitch produces offspring with the same serious defect detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness, or impairment of bodily functions, from the litters by two (amended 04/2004 from three) different mating partners, the member owning that dog or bitch will no longer use that animal for breeding.
7. Members will not produce a litter from any dog or bitch that has not been certified clear of hip dysplasia by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals and /or received a Penn Hip score of 0.70 or better with no evidence of degenerative joint disease (done after the dog or bitch is 2 years of age or older)(amended 04/2002).
8. Members will not produce litters from their bitches before the age of 2 or breed bitches on or after their eighth birthday and will have the option to produce litters from two breedings back to back but will not produce more than 2 litters without resting the bitch for one cycle. In no event may a bitch produce more than 6 litters in her lifetime. (Amended 04/2005).
9. No member shall knowingly be involved in the sale of dog(s) through pet shops or any other wholesale outlets or sell to institutions involved in research.
10. All advertising shall be factual. It should not be worded so as to attract undesirable buyers or encourage raising and selling dogs for profit.
11. Breeders will take care to evaluate prospective buyers for suitability of the home being provided. All prospective owners will be told of both advantages as well as disadvantages of the breed. New owners will be given full and accurate pedigrees with general feeding and maintenance instructions for the dog.
12. Breeders will take full responsibility for all dogs they have bred. If need be, they will take back any puppy and provide for it until a new home can be found.
13. Members will not produce litters from a (amended 04/2003) dog or bitch that does not have a current CERF number (CERF registration) from the Canine Eye Registration Foundation. (Amended 04/2005).
14. Members will not produce litters from any dog or bitch that is known to carry the lethal recessive gene for Cerebellar Ataxia (CA), or any dog or bitch from known CA lines (amended 04/2001-added).
15. Members are required to provide proof of OFA and/or Penn Hip and CERF certification (as required in the code of ethics) to the secretary of SCOA before any breedings take place. It is the responsibility of the bitch owner to make sure that the stud dog's information has been received before the breeding takes place. It is the stud's owner responsibility to make sure the information has been received on non-SCOA bitches before any breeding takes place. The club will not retain this information. The information must be supplied before every breeding.

Members Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spinone Club of America – Breed Health Survey

Today's Date: ___/___/___ **This form is an** ___ **Initial or** ___ **Follow-up SCOA #(s):** _____

Owner's Name (Last, First):			Please complete an additional form for each dog being reported	
Home Address:				
City	State/Province	Zip Code+4	Home Phone (Area Code) ()	
Dog's Registered Name:		Sex Male _____ Female _____	Color (Select One): White: _____ White & Orange _____ Orange Roan _____ White & Brown _____ Brown Roan _____	
Dogs Call Name:		Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yy)		
Dog's REGISTRATION NUMBER:		Weight (lbs.):	Height (In.):	
Microchip:	TATOO:	Spayed or Neutered: ___ YES ___ NO At what age (Yrs/Mos) ___ / ___		
Sire's Registered Name:		Dams Registered Name:		
Breeder's Name (Last, First):				

GENERAL HISTORY

Dog's Overall Health: ___ Poor ___ Fair ___ Good ___ Excellent

CURRENT MEDICATIONS: (Select or list additional -include ___ HeartGuard ___ Advantage Heartworm and/or Flea ___ Sentinel ___ Interceptor Preventatives) ___ Frontline ___ Preventic ___ Invermectin ___ Program	VACCINATIONS: (Select ALL that Apply and List Additional or ___ Rabies ___ Distemper Special Test/Results like ___ Lyme ___ Lepto Leishmaniasis) ___ Bordetella ___ Hepatitis ___ DHLPP ___ Parvo ___ Corona ___ Parainfluenza
DIET: (Select ALL That Apply and List any Other) ___ ProPlan ___ Science Diet ___ Hi Pro ___ Eucanuba ___ Iams ___ Purina Chow ___ Nutro ___ *Lamb & Rice ___ Neura ___ *Chicken & Rice	DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS: (Select ALL that Apply, List Brands and ___ Vit. C ___ Glycosomine other Herbs, Vitamins, etc.) ___ Vit. E ___ Cottage ___ Multi-Vit. ___ Cheese ___ Skin Suppl ___ Yogurt ___ Brewer's Yeast

MAJOR HEALTH PROBLEMS

SKIN: (Identify Allergies and severity, explain expressions. Dermatitis, hot spots, gen. demodex, etc.) Allergies: ___ Flea ___ Food ___ Other ___ Mild ___ Medium ___ Severe	NEUROLOGIC: (Such as epilepsy, disk disease, etc.) ___ Seizures (explain): ___ CA Known Carrier ___ CA Suspect CA=Cerebellar Ataxia
MUSCULOSKELETAL: (Orthopedic problems, such as Hip Dysplasia, elbo and/or shoulder dysplasia, etc.)	EYES & VISION: (Progressive retinal atrophy, glaucoma, etc.) Loose Lids: ___ Mild ___ Medium ___ Severe Cataracts Origin: ___ Unknown ___ Acquired ___ ? Inherited Other:
HIPS: OFA SCORE: (Example SI-12G24F): _____ PennHIP Distraction Index: Right: _____ Left: _____	EARS: (Otitis, Deafness, Mites etc.) ___ Ear Infections: ___ Recurrent ___ Mild ___ Severe
ENDOCRINE: (Abnormalities such as hypothyroidism, diabetes mellitus/Insipidus, etc.)	DENTITION: Missing Teeth: how many: ___ Bite: ___ Normal ___ Level ___ Scissor ___ Overshot ___ Undershot ___ Butt Bite
DIGESTIVE: (Such as out of the ordinary vomiting or diarrhea, Bloat, special diets, etc.)	RESPIRATORY &/or CARDIOVASCULAR: (Lung, Heart or Vascular Diseases, i.e. SAS, etc.)
TUMORS: (Benign such as lipomas, or malignant cancers)	URINARY: (Such as infections, congenital defects, etc.)

(attach additional pages if necessary)

Spinone Club of America – Breed Health Survey

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Goals of the Breed Health Committee:

To assist in developing the Spinone Italiano as a brood in the United States, to identify potential hereditary problems in the breed, to assess disease propensity in the breed, and to educate breeders and owners in understanding screening and treatment modalities for identified or potential health problems.

How will this information be used?

All information collected by the BHC will be considered confidential. Statistics based on the reported information will be provided annually in the SCOA newsletter. No information will be reported on an individual dog, owner, breeder, or regional basis. Information will be analyzed by age, sex, spay/neuter status, litter size, and health issue.

BREEDING / REPRODUCTIVE PROBLEMS

Has dog been bred: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reproductive problems (Such as monorchidism/cryptorchidism, fertility, whelping, etc.)	
Breeding Difficulties: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
MALE: Breeding Soundness Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Insemination <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Cover or <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Insemination Collection	FEMALE: Regular Heat Cycle <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Insemination <input type="checkbox"/> Natural or <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Insemination Litter Size: _____ Live Births: _____ Surviving Puppies: _____	If bred, give short description of any problems encountered:

TEMPERMENT AND HABITS

<input type="checkbox"/> Stool Eating <input type="checkbox"/> Digging <input type="checkbox"/> Chewing <input type="checkbox"/> Barking	Describe Other Habits, Repetitive Behaviors, etc.	My Dog is Friendly to: (Select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Friends <input type="checkbox"/> Strangers <input type="checkbox"/> Other Dogs
		My Dog is Usually (Select ONLY ONE): <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Anxious <input type="checkbox"/> Fearful <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperactive
		My Dog is usually (Select ONLY ONE): <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing <input type="checkbox"/> Cautious <input type="checkbox"/> Shy <input type="checkbox"/> Fearful <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive

ACTIVITIES – FIELD / HUNTING / OBEDIENCE / SHOW RING

NAVHDA HUNT TESTING			AKC HUNT TESTING			CONFORMATION Titles Received (list w/ date):
Prize: None, I, II, III, Eval	At Age (months)	Score (points)	At Age (months)			
Natural Ability			Junior Hunter _____			List Disqualifying Faults:
Utility Prep			Senior Hunter _____			
Utility			Master Hunter _____			
If in training, preparing for: <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> UPT <input type="checkbox"/> UT			If in training, preparing for: <input type="checkbox"/> JH <input type="checkbox"/> SH <input type="checkbox"/> MH			Severely Penalized Faults: (explain) Bite: Coat: Back Rear Limbs Eyes:
Hunting Desire Ratings (scale 0-5) 0=none, 1=low <2> 3=medium <4> 5=High			OBEDIENCE TITLES Achieved			
Willingness to Please:			AKC	UKC	OTHER	List ALL other Activities
Birdiness:			CD:			
Blinks Birds:			CDX:			
Nose:			UD:			
Search:			If in Obedience training, this dog is training for: <input type="checkbox"/> CD <input type="checkbox"/> CDX <input type="checkbox"/> UD <input type="checkbox"/> OTCH			
Point:			Organized Activities We Participate In:			
Desire to Work:			Agility _____ Hunting _____			
Willingness to Retrieve:			Conformation _____ Field _____			
Enjoys Swimming:			Obedience _____ Tracking _____			
Retrieves Willingly in Water:			Therapy Dog _____			
GUNSHOT Sensitivity:						

Enter any additional information or comments on additional pages

VETERINARY CONTACT (Please sign below if you give the SCOA Breed Health Committee permission to contact your veterinarian.)

Veterinary's Name (Last, First):			I give permission for health information of the dog named above to be released to the SCOA Breed Health Committee by my Veterinarian
Address:			
City	State/Province	Zip Code+4	Signed - Date
			Veterinary's Phone (Area Code) ()

MAIL COMPLETED SURVEY TO:

JOHN KERR
175 N. PASSAIC Ave.
CHATHAM, NJ 07928

(attach additional pages if necessary)

Deb Brookman's Voluntary Open Health Registry

Registered Name of Dog: _____ Call
Name: _____

AKC/NAVHDA Registration Number: _____ Sex: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death (if applicable): _____

Color: _____ Intact, Neutered, Spayed (Date): _____

Tattoo/Microchip # (if applicable): _____

Sire: _____ Sire's AKC Reg. #: _____

Dam: _____ Dam's AKC Reg. #: _____

For each diagnosed health condition, please describe the problem and include age of onset. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Heart Disease (SAS, etc.): _____

Thyroid Disease: _____

Eye Disease (Cataracts, cherry eye, etc.):-

Dysplasia (Hip, Elbow): _____

Ear problems (Chronic ear infections, etc.): _____

Neurological disease (Seizures, CA, other neurological problems): _____

Allergies: _____

Cancer: _____

Deb Brookman's Voluntary Open Health Registry Cont.

Reproductive Problems: _____

Name of Person Submitting Information: _____

Signature of Person Submitting Information: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Name, Address, Phone Number of Owner and/or Co-Owners:

Name Address, Phone Number of Breeder and/or Co-Breeders:

Please attach the following applicable paperwork:

1. Submission Form
2. Copy of AKC Registration Paper
3. Diagnostic Report
4. Statement from diagnosing Veterinarian with specific references to the AKC registration and the affected dog's name, any tattoo or microchip identification as well as symptoms and diagnosis.
5. Signed Open Health Registry Waiver.

Please submit your paperwork to:

Registry Administrator

Debb Brookman

586 Hefner Dr.

Lima, OH 45801-3861

www.dobie@wcoil.com or forms to go www.spinoneus.com/Forum/admin_upload/openhr.pdf

2009 SCOA Calendar

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Order Now!

Calendars will ship in December.

Proceeds Go To Spinone Health Research & Rescue

The Calendar will feature **Many** photos taken and submitted by members!



Name: _____

Address: _____

Street	City	State	Zip
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Quantity: ____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Send \$20.00 each + \$2.00 shipping

Add \$1.00 shipping for each additional calendar mailed to the same address.

Make Checks Payable to: SCOA

Mail to: Bobbi Benson, 6442 – 114th Ave., Wapello, Iowa 52653

Calendars will be shipped in December!

Your business tag line here.

**SCOA Breeder
Web Site Listing
Application**

★ Kennel Name: _____

★ Contact Name(s): _____

★ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

★ Phone Number(s): _____

★ SCOA Membership Number(s): _____

★ Services Provided: ___ Puppies ___ Stud ___ Mentoring ___ Visitors Welcome

★ ___ Other Services (list): _____

Email Address: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Additional Information (25 words or less): _____

★ Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please type or print clearly.

Enclose a check for \$25.00 payable to SCOA.

Mail to: Bobbi Benson, 10447 - 55th Street, Wapello, IA 52653

Starred fields required

Listing runs for one (1) year from date of entry.

By my signature above, I hereby agree suspension from AKC or SCOA or reprimand by the SCOA Board for COE violations will cause the breeder listing to be suspended for a period of 6 to 12 months, in the case of COE violations or a like period of time, in the case of suspensions, and the listing fee will be forfeited during that time.

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Article VII, Section 2. The constitution and bylaws or the Standard for the breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of the mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual envelope procedures described in Article IV Section 4(d) shall be followed in handling such ballots to ensure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date postmarked by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. The favorable secret vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

Section 3. No amendment to the constitution and bylaws (or to the standard for the breed) that is adopted by the club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

AKC has been made aware of the desire to make the Code of Ethics part of the Constitution and By laws and thus give all of the current membership the choice for this inclusion. AKC will have submitted its response shortly.