



NEW ZEALAND UNITED SCHUTZHUND CLUB

2009 END OF YEAR REPORT

Hawkes Bay Region

You almost wonder what happens in 12 months when time seems to go by so fast, as it has in 2009. Once the holiday season was over our small group of dog handlers started training towards our first goal, which was a planned trial in May. Weekly training sessions began, as always, under the watchful eye of our head trainer, Paul Achten, who put us through our paces.



For our May trial we had the opportunity to invite Uta Bindels (Germany) - a former World Champion, to our shores. With a full field of 10 competitors, the big day was planned and getting

closer; For our entries we had 4xBH, 1xSch1, 1xSch2, 3x Sch3 and 1xTR2. On the trial day itself the weather was brilliant, also for a number of the competitors with 3 passes in BH - congratulations Paul Achten with Abby von Zorcha, Anthony Bewley with Duke von Heisenberg and Peter Crocker with Hogan von Heisenberg. Congratulations are also in order for Wendy Bragger for making her TR2, as well as Glenn Curran (Zago v. Haus Stanford) and Natalie Woelfel (Dutchie v. Achten) for their passing scores in SchH3, both in Good.



Also in 2009 congratulations also go to Donald Badish and Aischa von Zorcha in attaining his TR1 and OB1, as well as Theresa Friis and Wyndova Yoko for IPO1 at a Dogsport NZ Trial in Hamilton.

After the trial Uta Bindels held a seminar for the club. She shared with us her skills and her vast knowledge of dog training, especially an insight into clicker training. Great fun was had learning a new method of teaching handlers how to approach training using this alternative method and over the next two days we managed to progress our skills and our ideas about clicker training for use on future puppies.



In August NZUSC held its AGM, where we saw some changes with Paul Achten resigning as President and Theresa Friis resigning as Secretary. It must be noted that five years in these executive roles, Paul and

Theresa have put in a tremendous effort in keeping NZUSC functioning. Their hard work and the amount of time devoted to these roles ensured the group could move forward. Paul, now retired from dog training, is following a new passion on two wheels - watch out "Tour Down Under."

Welcome to the new BOM; Nigel Sims - President, Beverley Wickenden a- Secretary, Simon Byrnes - Vice President and Monique Verkade - Treasurer.

As the new President and on behalf of the other NZUSC members, I would like to congratulate Simon Byrnes and his group at holding their Inaugural Trial and to say that we are all looking forward to the next one.

To Paul - your skills will be missed and your friendship also. And a very big thank you also to Theresa for being such a great Secretary. Lastly, on behalf of all the members of New Zealand United Schutzhund Club, I would like to extend our congratulations to all our Australian Sportdog handlers who put their best foot forward at trials during the 2009.



We wish you and your clubs all success during 2010.

Nigel Sims
President NZUSC

In life the firmest friend, the first to welcome, the foremost to defend.

HAWKES BAY PHOTO GALLERY - TRAINING DAYS



Axel marks article



Anthony "damn he missed"



Theresa, Marcus & Axel



Theresa and Axel



Marcus and Moose



Draco & Jenny tracking



Nigel, Moose & Marcus



Axel & Theresa tracking



Axel & Theresa



Draco, Jenny & Marcus



Axel, Theresa & Marcus



Draco & Marcus



Jenny & Draco



Marcus & Axel



Abby & Glenn



Marcus Lauber



Marcus, Draco & Jenny



Paul and Abby



Keith & Tara



Gary & Jan



Moose & Marcus



Natalie & Dutchie