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The Common Denominator

Examination of NAVHDA records shows the average (mean) Natural Ability score for the pudelpointer to be 96 points from 1969 to 1997. Since the formation of the North American Pudelpointer Breeders Alliance the average (mean) Natural Ability score for these breeders dogs tested is 102 points from 1997 through most of this 2007 testing year. There are several inimitable reasons for such an improvement during the past 10 years of testing, but the one common denominator that has been continually surfacing over the past five years is a dog called Cedarwoods First Offense (aka Tukr). Tukr has raised the bar of breeding excellence beyond that of any of the breed's past stud dogs. An assessment of his own pedigree explains some of his genetic prowess, as it displays 27 out of the 28 dogs there to have earned a NAVHDA Natural Ability Prize I with all of these dogs also earning a Utility prize.

Tukr earned a NAVHDA Natural Ability Prize I with 110 points followed with a Utility Prize II with 194 points. He has also taken First Place in NSTRA field trials. He is our house companion, residing like a shadow wherever I go throughout our home. He has worn out the seat cushion of the passenger seat of two pickups to date, as that has become his traveling kennel. He refuses to spend the night in an outside kennel, insisting the neighbor boy's bed is much more suited when we are away from home. If we don't leave home for several weeks, the boys call us for a Tukr sleepover. He may seem passive in nature, but people never forget Tukr after visiting our kennel and witnessing his explosive water entry or his intensity on birds – he's definitely the "real deal." His "claim to fame" came, however, on a Nevada chukar hunt when he retrieved the dice off the craps table in the casino he and I were cruising. Seeing those dice in the air was too much for him to resist, even at the expense of getting us bounced from the establishment for scattering the table's chip assortment.

Where Tukr's breedings have excelled the most has been with imported females. When bred to two different Czech imports that were

imported and owned by Bill Athens' Killbuck Kennels in Ohio, Gora Ze Straziste and Heidy Ze Strazistskych Lesu, both proved to be an exceptional "nick" for the pudelpointer. Of the 10 dogs Natural Ability tested from these two litters the average (mean) score was 110 points with 9 of the 10 earning a Prize I. A third Czech female imported by Bill Athens, Chajra Ze Strazistskych Lesu, was bred to Tukr last spring and I expect to find the same Natural Ability results next year from this breeding as came from the two previous Czech breedings from what I'm currently seeing in my little stud fee puppy.

There are few dogs of any breed that have produced the proven quality of progeny as Tukr has done, let alone a dog from a rare or unique breed such as the pudelpointer. The next 10 years hold even higher expectations for the pudelpointer, as many of Tukr's daughters (now qualified for breeding) across North America will be bred to males out of my Czech import Hery Ze Strazistskych Lesu in hopes to find another special "nick" for the breed. The next revelation for this breed could possibly surface from this.

STATISTICAL SUMMATION OF TUKR'S BREEDING LEGACY

- 1) Ninety of his progeny tested in Natural Ability with an average (mean) score of 104 points.
- 2) Fifty percent of his progeny earned a NAVHDA Natural Ability Prize I.
- 3) Twenty-one Utility progeny NAVHDA tested with an average (mean) score of 181 points
- 4) Forty percent of his progeny earned a NAVHDA Utility Prize I
- 5) Tukr has produced two Versatile Champions.
- 6) Tukr has been used by six pudelpointer kennels for breedings.