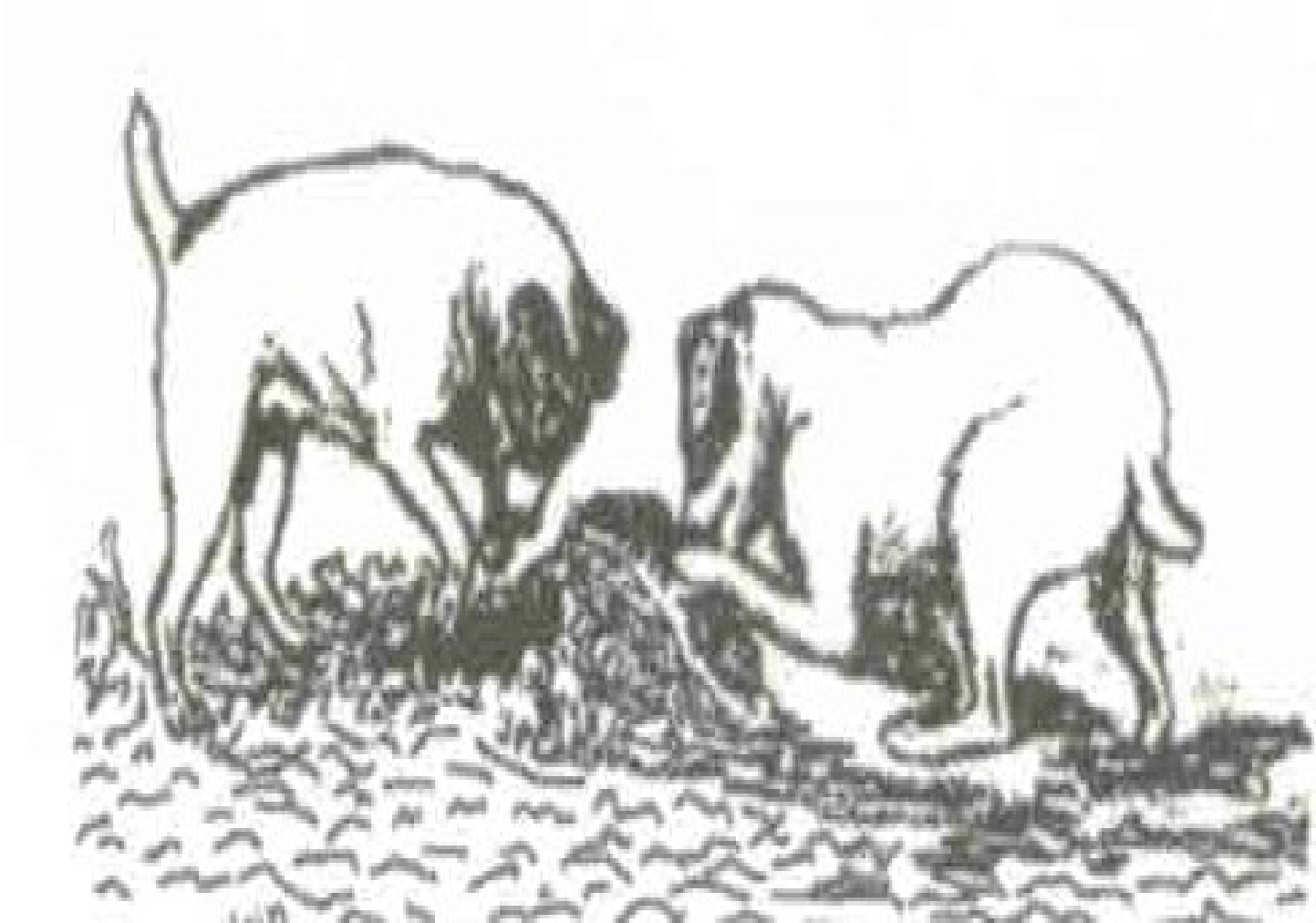


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ATTENTION MEMBERS

Don't forget to renew your memberships with the SCJRTC and the JRTCA. They are due soon for the 2009 season. Also, Breeders, don't forget to sign a your Breeders Code of Ethics for 2009. Breeders: Sign the BCOE and send a copy to the JRTCA Club Office and a copy to the SCJRTC Secretary, Sharon Greene.

Well, last issue I told you about a new publication that was coming out about the JRT, working the JRT, Trials , etc.... I got the first issue in May. Not bad, but the folks who put this publication together, need some help. They need your stories, photos, brags, and most importantly your subscriptions and advertisements. If you are interested contact Ashley May at somedaysoonjrts@hotmail.com

June Hunting in Kansas

Hello, I am back. I had a very busy June. First was a hunting trip to Kansas then was the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge. But this story is about my hunting trip to Kansas.

The fun all started before I arrived at the San Diego Airport to fly out. A week prior, we picked up Lincoln from LAX. He was flown down to go hunting with us by Michelle Davies. Well, as soon as he arrived, our 11 month old female pup went into heat. So, Lincoln, being an intact male was out of his poor mind and lost a lot of weight. On top of that, I had to try and gain his trust and work with him off lead. For Michelle had told me he had a tendency to bolt. Talk about bad timing for the little guy. I felt bad for him. But as you read on, you will see it all worked out okay.

So, finally I arrived at the San Diego Airport. Once there, an hour and a half early, I had to stand in line to check in the dog for over an hour, making me miss my flight. The good thing was, they didn't charge me for the dog, but I had to wait until almost 9 am to fly out.

But, once I was in Kansas, the fun was about to begin. I had along with me, Owl Canyon Lincoln. A new addition to the gotjack family that we are pleased to have. Lincoln is a 1 year old 12 1/2" tri color male that we are privileged to co-own with Michelle Davies.

We started our hunting on a 3000 acre farm that Rob has permission on. Before getting in the field we stopped by the farm office to check in with the land owners. They were glad to see us, for they have had a problem with 3-4 groundhog living in a old grain bin by the house. They directed to the bin. It was more like a breeze way barn. The side floors of the barn were raised platforms, with a small crawl space underneath. The center of the bin was a large cement slab where a tractor was parked. Looking under the platforms, we could see several holes in the dirt floor. I collared up Lincoln with a Bellman & Flint Collar (B&F) and squeezed him in under the right platform. Rob collared up Zulu and entered her under the left platform. Both terriers were hell bent on finding something, for there was plenty of scent trapped under there. Lincoln continued to try several of holes and

even found a way through the foundation on the outside of the bin and then re-entered. He found a hole that led under the cement slab in the middle of the bin. But because digging to him under the slab would have been impossible, he was removed and the hogs were left to live another day without being disturbed.

We moved on to a large field with several pond dams. The pond dams were checked for sets, but we were only able to find one with fresh kick out. We entered Lincoln but he didn't like it. We entered Zulu and she said no one was home. So we moved on.

The next field we checked, I decided to let Lincoln try to run in a pack. But, just as Michelle had said, he took off. After chasing him for about an hour, he ran to the top of a hill where there was several sign of badger. I finally caught the little guy and held on to him. We found a very nice 1 hole set made by a badger which had some fresh clean out. This would be Lincoln's chance to prove himself. I stuck Lincoln in front of the set and he entered without hesitation and disappeared. I was feeling as though we might have a dig to a badger with this novice terrier, but he came out and would not re-enter. We tried Zulu and she did the same thing so we moved on. This time Lincoln took off again and went into the woods by a creek. The woods were thick and over grown so it was hard to find him. But using the B&F, I found him scratching

around a fallen tree in some raccoon poop. There was no set, so we picked him up and went home. Oh, did I mention that it was about 95% humidity and the temperature was about 92 degrees. We were all spent.

The second day of the hunt proved to be more fun. Lincoln was on a 20 foot long lead this time. We went to the back of golf course and followed a stream where Rob had previously dug to some Opossum. We went south down the creek and checked several sets but no one was home. We then walked north along the creek and found a well used set in the bank. Rob took Lincoln and he was able to squeeze in and disappear. Lincoln was in the set for some time and digging and cleaning out. So we were starting to get excited. Then Rob put a damper on things when he said that we would have to trench in from the bank since the set went right under a huge ash tree about 5 feet up from where Lincoln entered. After about 10 minutes of digging around, Lincoln came out of another tunnel that was in the same set. Apparently, the 1 hole set forked about a foot in and made a big loop. Mystira was entered and she did the same thing but in the opposite direction. It was time to move on.

We decided to go to Missouri and try to find some permission to hunt on. While scouting some fields, we got a call from Poppe. She said she new where we might be able to get into some opossum. So we made our way to Poppe's house in Kansas and made our

way to creek where she has permission in Lawrence. Once there, Lincoln was nose to the ground and checking hole after hole in a huge set only to find that no one was home. We crossed the road to check one more set when Poppe told us that her terriers had bolted a family of raccoon and killed a baby. We found the baby and let Lincoln and Rob's pup, Recon, drag the carcass. After a few minutes we continued on. We found a set that Poppe had to be lowered to on a rope. She took Lincoln with her. Poppe entered Lincoln and he went in and disappeared. After a few moments, he appeared at the bottom of the ravine with no way of getting back up. He took off down the stream. I thought to myself, here we go again, chasing Lincoln down. I walked along the ravine until I got to a spot where I could walk down to the stream and called for Lincoln a few times. After the last time I called, I saw jumping through the thick undergrowth trying to make his way to me. Once he got to me, he sat at my feet and waited for me to pick him up. I collected and told him "good boy". For the day before, he wouldn't come when called. This was a great improvement. After rejoining Rob and Poppe, we called it a day and went home. Although we did not get on any quarry, it was good time for me and Lincoln to bond. We will come back to Kansas in the winter when the critters are in the ground. Lincoln also showed promise. He was not afraid to enter a set or to negotiate the tunnels.

He has a bright future in the field as long as we can work on his recall and get him stay with the pack. Until next time, happy hunting!

Sam Hummel

Purina Incredible Dog Challenge **Western Regional**

The Purina Incredible Dog Challenge (PIDC) came and went this past weekend. We had a good turnout of fast terriers. We had folks from Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona and from all over California. Twenty-four terriers to race for one invitation to Purina Farms for the Championship.

Friday we had a nice lunch together and met the organizers and the head honcho's of Purina. Then it was practice time for the terriers. After setting up the equipment, it was tested. The lure ran fine but the starting box was a little slow to open. After a few quick fixes, everything was fine and the terriers ran. The people at Carson were really nice and met every request we made to improve the equipment.

Race Day!! Everyone who showed up, was excited. I think just about everyone missed lunch. I know I did because I had butterfly's. I think it was because of all the cameras. Terrier racing was scheduled to run right after the Dock Dog Competition. While that was happening, the racing equipment

Was set up, the competitors were given the bibs to put on their terriers and were staged at the race box. The four qualifying heats went fast but the lure got hung up a few times at the finish. The Carson folks would not re-run the heats that the lure got hung up on due to TV time restrictions. So, I apologize to those whose terriers did not make the semi finals because of this.

We had two semi finals that went really good with only one under dog making it to the finals. And what a finals it was. Livingston, BR, Brady, Chase and Frito. All the dogs in the final ran very hard and the whole was close which made for an exciting finish. Congratulations go out to the top three:

In **First Place** was ***Kimberlite***

Livingston owned by Allison Cook-Cilliers, **Second Place** was ***Hines Hill***

Boddy Road (BR) owned by Rob and Pam Haar and in **Third Place** was

Glenwood Brady owned by Bud and Sharon Green. Unfortunately, only the first place terrier gets the invite to Purina Farms. But the good news is, I told by the Carson's that the PIDC would be coming back to San Diego and they would try to make it a permanent location for future Incredible Dog Challenges.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Ad special thanks to those who stepped up and helped in the catch pen and to Barb Chestnut, who helped and organized the competitors at the start box.



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Events:

GTG/Earth Dog
Racing
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Entery Fee:

\$10 per Terrier

Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday

Pot Luck Lunch

Bring your favorite dish!

All terriers are welcome

Affiliate News

Diggin West Challenge

September
Madera, California
Madera Fair Grounds
Saturday Sunday

Conformation:
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Douglas, Wyoming
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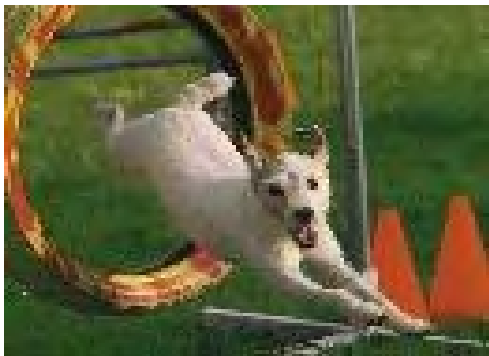
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