

## AINSWORTH - 2002

Aug 2 -Camp is starting a little late and short a few people. Robin & Bryon can't make the trip due to his recent injury but at least he'll be okay. That's the main thing. Dennis & Bonnie arrived in camp late Friday night with birds and horses. Alex and Alexandra rolled in also, a little weary after a long day at the airports making connections.

Aug 3-Sat. They spent Saturday setting up camp, getting the birds out, cutting grass, putting out the barrels and stake outs, water buckets and just general cleaning. No shortage of work in setting up camp, that's for sure. Alex washed some clothes, hung them out and the rains came. He's a hero in Ainsworth.

Aug 4 -Sun They had drizzle during the night and a fog this morning - but they did get to run a few dogs on the hills. The rain got rid of the 100+ heat and it was a really pleasant day to run dogs. They had a good time with Bonnie & Dennis heading home leaving Alex & Alexandra in charge of camp. They spent the week fixing, cleaning and working some dogs, feeding birds and caring for horses but everything was in great shape. The heat rolled back in along with winds and they had a pretty warm week.

Aug 8 -Thur Today the Ruff mobile got rolling with Phil, Lucas, Owen & Kelly. Kelly is Lucas & Owens cousin and she fits right in to the program as she's a great rider and very hard worker. manning the horse hauling rig and us the rest of the gear. We kept it to a minimum this year. We have so much stuff that stays in camp permantly, it makes it much easier to load. I had to work Thursday morning so we didn't pull out till 3 in the afternoon. Made pretty good time, just hit a drive through restaurants and stopped near Blair, NE around 10:00 pm. Got the dogs staked out, fed and Linda tried the room - not pretty - forgot to clean and bugs. They gave us another room - this was a burial ground for all the euthanized crickets in that part of the world - NO WAY WE'RE

SLEEPING IN THERE!!! or words to that effect, at least Phil had an okay room. Linda and I slept in the trailer and had a good sleep. Not to many motorcycles coming home from Sturgis after midnight. Ah, life on the road to Ainsworth.

Aug 9-Fri Up bright and early - beautiful morning and the road to camp. Got to camp around 2 in the afternoon and Alex was waiting. Really nice just to unload dogs, horses and be all set up. We are home again - really feels good to be here. Even had a nice afternoon shower - .35" and real cool.

Aug 10-Sat Saturday AM the crew ran some puppies just to get everyone on the hills. Get the horses limbered up. Ran the Hidalgo string and let our dogs get settled in. It was very cool this morning - actually needed a jacket and blankets sleeping. This is nice.

**Meadows** Addie, Spot, Penny & Daily - they kinda went all over, dogs people, kids - birds - just a nice lap. Dennis was here and kinda got the group around.

The rest of the day was getting everything together, atv sleeping arrangements, shock collars, computers - Jason hauled out the old freezer. Jason been helping Alex all week long. Got ready in the middle of the afternoon and went to Atkinson for the Purina dinner. Kinda boring - no displays, no bird people but a nice visit with old friends. Jerry McGee in the area working south of Valentine, he had a couple of broken bones in his hand - met a badger hole he had a craving for but he's still riding. Roscoe Staton out with his granddaughter - feeling good.

We got home pretty early with the promise to ride the hills tomorrow. Lots of lightning, some hail and a good rain was the schedule for the evening - had to check the clothes line- yep Alex had clothes hanging. This is getting to be a habit. Well, we need the rain - great to be in camp.

Aug 11-Sun Nice morning but warmer than yesterday and quite a bit more muggy. We're getting ready to hit the hills. Dogs on the truck - horses loaded - some riding to triple gates - we're set - Linda off with the roading rig. WE'RE OFF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A call from Linda out in the meadow sent Alex out with the other atv - they couldn't get it going so Alex headed for a tow strap and pulled it in. Seems Linda forgot to feed her atv this morning. Got some 89 octane for her and she was good to go.

**Roading** Lightning, Clancey Bandit & Bo - a short 15 min if you could call it that - well a shake down run anyhow.

**Hills** Clint & Cali - WE'RE OFF!!!!!!!!!!!!!! got the A-team on the hills and we're hitting a lick - Cali to a pond and a point - good manners - Clint a command back - 2 chickens all in order at 12 min mark - look behind us - the sky is getting black and we have lightning - ( not the 4 legged kind) - off we go to triple gates - load up the horses and head in - it's ugly w/ lightning all around . Back to camp we finally call it a morning - back to chords.

**Roading** Clint, Cali & Rocky - after a healthy breakfast Linda and her atv hit the hills for 21 min.

We worked on the birdhouses & misc. projects - got the atv motor replaced ( next day blew through the old motor - works now) - got the speakers hooked up and watched the wind get ripping.

I THINK WE'RE READY !

**Meadows** Molly & Lea -Lea chased Molly all over the place - just an airhead all day.

Aug 12- Mon A real good night sleeping and this time we are going to

get the program rolling. Kids up and we're just moving in a straight line. I have office chores this morning but the crew is determined to jump start us.

## **Roading**

A full fuel tank, water supply working and Linda is off!  
Clint, Bo, Layla, Lightning - 21 solid minutes - pulling.

Zooka, Brie, Dolly - Zooka & Dolly in season - 21 min and Brie a pro in her first time on the rig.

Bandit, Roxie & Dusty - 27 solid min.

## **Meadows**

Lea & Buzz - Phil liked Lea better, Alex liked Buzz but they both showed some signs of hunting - Buzz has no class moving though.

Molly & Chopper - the long lay off shows in Molly - she was flat today - didn't do anything at all till half way around then left for the hills - kind of an empty head - Chopper dog of the day - nice run- with plenty of hunt.

Old Molly & Addie - good hunting for Molly - never done this before - Addie - not her best day - finally left and came back to camp.

The afternoon brought some new friends to camp. Jan and Elizabeth from Norway. They are very active field trialers in Norway where the red dog is probably the 3 rd most popular hunting dog. They are interested in breeding to some US reddogs and are here to get a feeling for what we have. I sure hope they enjoy themselves. We introduced them to our crew and are going out this afternoon to birdwork a few. We'll see.

## **Meadows**

We're doing some birdwork at the Johnnie house by what's left of the pond. It is amazing on how short they are for rain. The meadow is green due to recent moisture but they just didn't get any hay. About 1/3 of normal and all the water is

significantly less than we're use to. They tell me the old Hitchcock place is now about water -we'll have to go see.

Clint - handled well, hunting nicely and a good find on a chukkar.

Brie - no collar on - just cut her loose - got to close and knocked a bird and gave a semi chase - we grabbed her and whispered sweet nothings into her ear. Worked her and she pointed nicely - a little tendancy to step and soften after the flush - put the collar on her belly and did one more - very nice and no movement. Good for this very young bitch. Quit on a very positive note.

Lightning - cut loose and pointed nicely - bird ran out and I let her relocate - she worked all the way out into the open meadow - pointed - bird left - so did Lightning - she's saving it for trial season.

Rocky - let him drag the cord - had a NP - tried to move on his own - I corrected and sent on -- he had a v/nice find on a single - good style and manners.

Heidi & Thunder - got a bunch of chukkars tossed for them - still rather spooky - we need to expose them a bunch. Will do the pigeon program for a few days with Lea & Buzz.

Old Mollie - cut her loose - looked she'd been hunting her whole life - worked in and pointed moved on - used her nose - solid point and chase with gusto - shot over - no problem. This dog has some talent. Got to see where she goes from here.

Alex, Alexandra, myself took Jan & Elizabeth for their 1st horseback ride. Actually, Elizabeth's 2nd-- they did just fine and no major problems. We'll take it easy tomorrow and try and let them see some dogs in the hills. Nothing like the hills!!!! The kids went swimming in Long Pine - 90 degrees

and a fun time for them.

Back to camp, lots of bird dog talk with our new friends and Linda made a great dinner - Stuffed Peppers, garlic mashed potatoes, corn - just a great meal. We had a great day. Worked a ton of dogs, nice weather - good meals - we are definitely in the swing.

Aug 13 Tues Another very cool night - lots of blankets needed in the trailer. We have the crew up and running pretty good this morning - rolling out of camp by 7:00 am heading south.

**Hills** Just a beautiful morning. Phil brought his own chauffer to camp and Lucas drove them to the hills. We decided to run the bitches in season first. I will question that call for awhile!

Zooka & Dolly - both got off to a real nice start - moving well out front and lots of hunt. Zooka worked nicely and pointed ( a little tentative) but well mannered on a nice covey of chickens - 8 or so birds - Dolly in for the command back. Onward both doing a very good job with Dolly a little more range and at 17 or 18 min . Dolly left us - just gone - we had her right with us and then gone - they kept going with Zooka who tired some at the end but overall had a good day. Dolly was gone - back at the truck we sent Alex, Alexandra, Kelly on horseback--- Phil, Lucas & Owen in the truck and the search resumed. I got Linda on the cell phone and she came out on the atv - checking camp first.

Finally, Alex and crew found her heading in the general direction of camp. A big smile, sealed lips and a thank you card in collar from WILEY COYOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Oh , Oh -- what does this mean.

This slowed us down considerably but we were not to be deterred.

Bo & Roxie - a few comments have been made about Roxie needing a little more space at camp but she made us all believers with a solid course, good stamina and a NP - worked on a relocate for a good distance than moved on and a STF on what very well could've been her bird. A 2nd STF - was also mannerly and probably the same situation. Bo had turtles on his mind - multiple points, retrieves & just a belligerent attitude w/turtles earned him a serious spot on the meadows with his father. This is definitely a case of father like son. Stamina good - 35 min.

Clint & Layla - a med gun dog course for these 2 w/layla getting cactus early and never really recoving. Clint - okay course - good hunt but not really one of his power runs. Had a couple of turtles but nothing seen with birds. 30 min.

A few horse acrobatics with Eb and Jan - Eb decided to go up in the front and Jan decided to bail - no harm - no foul rule was in play here and he got back on him and did okay the next brace but in the great words of our Norwegian FRIEND - " it's not as easy as it looks" . No doubt the hills are tough & take some time learning to ride.

Clancey & Spot - well Spot does like to reach - I'm not quite sure of his application but he goes - gave some tweety birds a ride & then some chukkar - no point but a solid chase Clancey - big and smooth - 2 NP's where chukkar are in the area but I couldn't produce. Fun to watch and handled great.

**Roading** Cali, Dusty & Lightning - 30 min. - Cali a little sore and tired.

Bandit, Rocky & Brie - 18 min.

Phil took the kids fishing late afternoon and it was just a beautiful day. Upper 70's.

**Birdwork** 6:30 we took dogs out to the pond johnie house and did some birdwork.

Layla - Phil handled Layla - she started with a mannerly STF and then sent hunt hit a stylish point - moving in she bumped birds and was corrected. Needs plenty of this work.

Brie - no collar - she worked well and had a NP w/ a relocate just couldn't produce - then a very solid find w/good manners. All in all a good session.

Rocky - very legit STF - wanted to leave a little but he was stopped - then a v/good find - couldn't produce then found under tree( probably what Brie had) nice job - one more find and well handled. Dragging cord but didn't need.

Bandit - on checkcord - worked well and hit a solid point - good manners for flush and shot. Worked on 2nd planted bird and hit very high and tight - good job for 1st session.

Called it an evening and went back to camp for a late dinner and a very pleasant night. Roger & Devin down for the evening.

Aug 14-Wed A very pleasant sleeping night - cool and clear. Morning has a little wind and a high of 90 predicted. Better get going quick this morning. Jan & Elizabeth are back in camp - ready to see some dog work.

**Meadows** Took 6 puppies - Lea-Buzz-Heidi-Thunder-Peekaboo-Dixie and staked them out behind the woods at camp. Released several pigeons for the staked out dog - cut Thunder & Lea loose - they chased the pigeon and went all the way to the hills in the west - heck of an opening move. Buzz & Heidi - not as much enthusiasm - Heidi kinda unaware of what was going on but some run. Dixie & Peedaboo - Dixie all business - Peekaboo - all run but not bad first day.

Packed up the crew and went to Sidell's johnie house - did

Lea- Thunder - they were all over the place - ran over a single , didn't want to come back - I walked up the covey but no dogs involved - Dixie got loose and joined the action she was hunting - Lea a little hunt - Thunder learning. Did Heidi, Buzz & Peekaboo - same thing - one chased a bird but not much hunt - plenty of run.

**Meadows** Clint - walked him from the pond to Sidell's - good GD hunt - 1 chukkar chase at house - corrected - it's getting warm already. No other birdwork but okay on the ground. 22 min.

Rocky - ran a little shorter course - good hunt, nice application - no birds - in the area with a puppy maybe chasing - he stopped - was okay - saw a horse running loose on the trail - Roger's horse - saddled but not bridled - we went to help. 19 min.

Just want Jan to see the dogs hunt on foot. He says they seem to pattern very similar to his dogs - actually his might be bigger running on foot - ours not yet in real shape so run is lacking right now. Very interesting to discuss the likes and differences of the dogs.

**Meadows** Alex & Alexandra handling  
Chopper & old Molly - Molly has hunt and some bird desire- good progress - Chopper all over the place - not into handling for Alex right now.

Dailey & Addie - Dailey all over her - a serious problem is evolving - need to plug her in and get this done with.

Phil and Kelly went to help Roger move cattle while we called it a morning. More birdwork tonight.

**Roading** Lightning, Bandit & Brie - 19 min

Zooka, Dolly & Roxie - 34 min

Great night - beautiful but hot all afternoon - too windy! to do much bird work - just called it a night. Got the grill started - chickens on-- whoops - steak grease and chicken grease burn well - a small fire drill but we got it under control - glad our grass had been watered. We got the tunes cranked - corn on the cob - a little pasta, some good wine- a clear night - out came the telescope and we kiced back. I think our new friends from Norway are enjoying themselves - sure hope so. We have so much in common what we're looking for.

We stayed out till around 11 or so and really had a nice v/cool evening. Just a nice night.

Aug 15-Thur A very cool night sleeping - just couldn 't be better - clear skys and we're off. Dogs are being worked pretty hard so just will have an easy day today. Less dogs overall to work so sometimes you work them harder than you realize. Have to remember that the hills add serious stress to conditioning plus the barrel life, competition -- all things considered we're in pretty good shape.

**Roading** Roxie, Clancey, Penny, Cali - 36 min. several stops to get Penny down pat - she must a right handed dog - does fine on the right but the left is unacceptable.

**Hills** Dusty & Bo - well it's off to the races with Dusty - he started quartering w/Bo doing a nice job early also. Got after Bo for getting into a turtle and tapped him w/the collar. No more turtle pick ups but a more restricted race-handled but got short on stamina v/very little water available and the dog just dry. Alex said he saw Dusty pointed and then chasing chickens - I saw him pointed but never saw him chase anything - granted he was a long way away. Alex went to look for him with Alexandra - I had Bo but Phil was handling Dusty now so he had him rimming the field and for the first 25 he was a dot but handling. I liked

him. We say some chickens w/a coyote in the area but no dog - Phil was pretty sure Bo knocked a grouse but nothing official on either dog. 34 min. - they were done. We were at Richardson's.

Rocky & Layla - on the meadows - heading to camp. They started out a little like boobookends w/Layla leading and Rocky the boat anchor. He got over it after the first 10 and started to get into a nice race. Layla had a reaching - front moving race especially the last half. Rocky pointed by the west end caller - just down the way - not very stylish - took a couple of extra steps and out comes a big covey of quail - he took off and we corrected. Put the hook on him and onward we went. Layla had a poorly handled STF - corrected - then got hung up in the last treeline - finally knocking a pheasant. She got the hook. 28 min.

Kay & Bill Bedeau due in camp tonight. Spent the day in the office. Alex doing projects - Phil too - he finally took the kids to the river late in the afternoon.

We're making steady progress with these dogs - we have a nice number to work.

Kay and Bill came with some folks picking up a puppy from them - we went out and did birdwork. Had a great dinner Linda made carrots and rice ( a favorite) and pork chops on the grill. We had a great night visiting with our Norway friends and our South Dakota friends and the new friends from Missouri. Played some tunes and sat up talking under the stars till after 11 - very nice night.

### **Birdwork**

Layla - worked her up on a single - very tentative - we put a little pressure on her this morning when she messed up and it showed now. Pointed but not very stylish & flagging - good manners and a pop to her step when I sent her on. Put out one more and she hit it solid - v/good manners and style - much better.

Rocky - hit the bird down in the bottom - long way off - let him relocate and he hit it good - praised him for a job well done. Good looking dog.

Brie - worked well - hunting and had a STF running fast then a decent find - not a bad job for such a young dog.

Bandit - checkcord in hand - she hit a nice stylish point w/ good style - broke for flush and shot. Let her loose dragging the cord and she left the area hitting a point across to the east woods - 100 yds away and pointed stylishly - stood for me walking to her, flush and shot - very good girl. Looks fine so far.

Worked 2 of Kay's dogs on birds - Ice and Julia - good experience for both of them.

We called it a night.

Aug 16-Fri Another good sleeping night and a cool, overcast morning - we're ready for the hills. Last morning on the hills for Jan & Elizabeth. They've decided to breed to Clint and I'm very excited about the potential. They live in the center of Norway and there local club has 200 members all hunters & trialers. What's wrong with this picture.

**Roading** Dolly & Zooka - 42 min.

Dusty & Bandit - 26 min.

**Meadows** Clint & Lightning - the dogs started out hittling a lick w/ Clint the better application but Lightning a nice job - the dogs were getting hot early - got them to the tub - they picked up with Clint backing Lightning with class - Phil saw a covey walking - we flushed to no avail - let Lightning relocate - then Clint and couldn't find then 100 yds away she bumped a huge covey ( 20 + chukkars) that flew like

rockets - Clint watched them fly over as he jogged back to me but we got him stopped. Great birds. Sent on the hunted the big field - some good reaching and line running using the wind. Overall a nice brace - 41 min - Jan used the atv to follow ( his horse experience was okay but he needs a little more practice) and got some pictures. Elizabeth drove the dog wagon and I told her to go to the 1st closed gate ( she had Owen with her) - Roger had opened triple gates so she was a mile too far south. We had walkie talkies so we got her back on course.

Clancey & Brie - going back w/phil at the controls for Clancey. Brie started out good but blinked a back and I didn't have the antenna on the collar - didn't work so I got in a couple of feet from her so she was a tad bit confused - really running quite nice til then. She was a little erratic after that but still hunted - actually sighted part of a a covey of chukkar walking and stopped and handled it but then went to the next feeder and bumped and chased - she got the hook. A little confusing for the young dog but she handled it & shows tons of promise. She'll have a birdwork session next.

## **Birdwork**

Staked out:

Dixie, Lea, Picabo & Kays dog:

Heidi, Thunder, Buzz & Kay's dog:

Had the whole string together - just threw pigeons in front of all the pups - a bunch - got them wired - cut the 1st group loose and Picabo & Lea left the county - Phil took them to the wood and Dixie got serious and found a chukkar - v/ good 2nd session.

- cut the 2nd group loose and they did a nice job too w/ thunder and heidi showing big improvement and Buzz doing the most mature job - good pups -- I see v/positive signs.

Back to camp: photo session with Jan & Elizabeth - they hit the road and we felt we've made some really nice new

friends. Lot's of hugs and promise to correspond. A few litters in the future. Linda and I have met so many wonderful people that own Irish Setters and run bird dogs. I think our breed just attracts the right group. The group keeps expanding and that's a positive sign for the Irish in the field -- you know that's where they belong.

OH - OH --- HOT, HOT, HOT --- NOW WINDY, WINDY, WINDY - A VERY WARM AFTERNOON 90+ W/WINDS OVER 25 MPH - THEY'RE PROMISING BIG GUSTS TONIGHT AND HOT AND WINDY TOMORROW. WELL THE DOGS NEED A BREAK ANYHOW.

Bonnie's folks rolled into camp around 1 pm - they got themselves all set up - had a slight electrical problem which Alex worked on this afternoon. He finally had to hire an electrical engineer to fix the problem ( Phil) got the okay and they were in business. *boy does Betty make good peanut butter cookies* -- she'll be welcome back anytime.

Phil & the gang are pulling out tomorrow early in the morning since we have so much wind. Just talked to Kay and told them no rush to come to the wind tunnel - we'll eat dinner later and the dogs will get an evening of rest.

Phil and the kids hit the Niobrara. Did some swimming and they all had a good time. We cooked stir fry in camp and watched as the weather changed - listening to tunes -the winds kept changing - hot - humid than cool & dry by 10:30 it was cool, needed a jacket.

Bonnie and Dennis rolled in around 3:30 am - we never even heard them.

Aug 17 -Sat Well, it was a great morning - winds had let up, Phil & the kids last morning. Jason and Lucas started loading the truck and we ran dogs. All the kids had a great camp, Lucas and Kelly road the hills alot and Owen learned to ride Eb - they're all doing a great job and were a big help the whole

time in camp. They got some great water time in too at Long Pine and the Niobrara. Sure is fun having them in camp.

**Meadows** Miss Molly & Addie - Molly a dork - big and to the rear - finally Alex went and put the hook on her - just never got with the program. Addie had some decent moments but not really a burn burner. 23 min.

**Hills** Spot, Lea, Becky - well these 3 young dogs just lit it up - Spot the most independent and biggest but Lea & Becky no grass growing under their feet. Lea picked one to stay with but not totally and they just rolled around the country side with several huge casts and a very good hunting finish in the meadows. 30+ min - a real fun brace.

**Hills** Cali & Layla - Cali a solid race with some real good moves - Layla some hunting but rather sore footed in the cactus patches. We got them around but no birds in the wind - all in all, not a bad time down for Cali and Layla showing some improvement. 35 min.

Birds are still at a premium both on the meadows and in the hills.

**Roading** Bo, Clancey - 49 min

Bandit, Brie, Rocky - 30 min.

Dennis, Alex and I worked on putting a metal roof over the porch. Dennis had brought the sheeting and Alex got it on the bird pen. Alex had wood stipping on - Dennis and I put the metal on.

**Birdwork** Penny-Chopper-Dixie-Lea-Buzz-Picabo-Heidi-Thunder

Alex, Jason, Devin, Linda and I went to Youngs then the Peppermill for dinner then the rodeo. Had fun at the rodeo - a great clown act with a Brahma Bull - 7yr old that sure

put on a show - road through a ring of fire up onto the truck. Just a good time - great wild horse ride and a real pretty night with over 1/2 a moon. Got home around 11 - then the coyotes came out and made for a long night.

Aug. 18-Sun Cool & cloudy at daylight - we have Alex and Alexandra heading home today. They're going to the hills with us - pretty cool out. We were looking for some things this morning and I had gloves missing - also the spare battery for the screw gun -- oh - oh - we found the flashlight and used it to determine the gloves and battery pack were under the roofing -- now that's a challenge. Well it just seemed like it was a morning for forgetting things but that's another story - we are training dogs now!!

**Meadows** Roxie & Dusty - ran these 2 out & Roxie just blinked the edges for the 1st ten than starting hitting the cover - Dusty rolled around the edges but out indecision got him going the wrong way and the whole thing was just erratic. Roxie a NP with Dusty blinking the back - relocates - no birds then a yoyo in the open field for Roxie and a backwards move by Dusty. Not a bang up start to the day - not a single bird seen. 36 min.

Daily & Luke - Daily was plugged in for chasing, Luke off and running - Daily got a jolt and it slowed her down - no more bad stuff but constant cactus problems for both dogs - never really put it together. Luke in the are when we flushed a covey of chickens - 8 or 9 - 3/4 grown - nice birds but only a so-so command back on the situation. 30 min - not pretty.

Bo & Buzz - Buzz a puppy but some pretty good moves, mainly front - no birds and an empty tank at the end. Bo rolled - one of the best races I've seen out of him - big reaching the windmill island 1st - 1/2 mile away then Richardson's woods Bonnie turned him than down the fenceline - showing in the right spot, right side of the wind. We lost him again - Bonnie got to him and watered waiting for me - we sent him on but

his tank was empty - 25 min. - no birds ( nobody is getting birds today ) but a great race. Got to be DOD.

Chopper & Becky - Chopper rolled around pretty good - nice hunt, handled and overall a decent job - Becky some hunting but not up to here usual stuff yet today. No birds again. 30 m.

Devin heading out for school today, we'll see him next week. Still cloudy, slightly windy and quite cool today. A great day to keep working dogs.

**Roading**     Zooka, Dolly - 37 min

\_\_\_\_\_ Clint, Lightning, - 42 min

\_\_\_\_\_ Penny - 25 min

**Birdwork**     Layla - a little soft on the 1st one but good on the 2nd-loose

Bandit - dragging the cord but loose - 2 perfect w/style

Brie - smooth, crisp and stylish - 1 find - loose

Rocky - 10:00 style but good manners - loose

Penny - starting to break, good session

Addie - good point on cord

Miss Molly - knocked 1st one after a flash point than a solid one - very natural for no experience.

Spot - no pointing on the cord yet

Dixie - worked on birds but don't remember if she pointed

We had a verry good day all day. Lots of work done and great having Bonnie, Dennis along with Bonnie folks - John & Betty

in camp this week. They are really fun to have around. Linda has real good support while I'm on the road this week.

Aug. 19-Mon A full day for me at the office and I'm leaving for North Platte after dinner to catch a very early flight tomorrow morning. Beautiful day for running dogs. The crew is off to the meadows today.

**Meadows** Cali - by herself she went to the south caller and was observed taking a bird for a ride. Corrected, she went on and had a so-so race with a set up find near the end. Clean on that one. 56 min.

Lightning - by herself - a decent 35 min w/one stylish broke find for herself. Trying to be good.

Addie & Molly Malone - Addie the one w/a purpose but Molly really not showing signs of clicking on. 26 min.

Spot & Lea - plenty of run especially Spot, bird contact but no pointing today.

We had an early dinner - hamburgers on the grill and fresh corn - I'm off to North Platte and Bonnie's making the notes. I hate to leave camp but work calls. Got to go to Raleigh, NC for a consulting job. I plan on being back by Thurs. birdwork time.

**Roading** Linda's got the roading program coming along nicely. She really has to be quite careful due to the lack of water and abundance of cactus along with dry meadows - easy to make tracks on. She's altering her pattern, keeping the dogs away from the cactus patches. The water tank is an absolute must in this type of conditions. Great having her handle all the road work.

Bo, Roxie, Clancey, Dolly - 40 min.

Zooka, Bandit, Brie, Rocky - 43 min.

John roaded his whole string of dogs.

**Birdwork** Penny - good for green broke

\_\_\_\_\_ Chopper - good for green broke

Daily - Brief point then wanted to dive in

\_\_\_\_\_ Cali - 1 good fine, average style and intensity

\_\_\_\_\_ Dusty - 1 point good, next bum and chase then nice find

\_\_\_\_\_ Lightning - very nice point and relocation on running chukkar-  
A+ work.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dolly - point where other birds had been/ then a point on  
birds but leaped at the flush.

Aug 20-Tues Ran from s( gate south of triple gates) end of that pasture.  
Mom always said there'd be days like this. We turned loose  
the first dog at 8:30 am. Hindsight being 20-20 we should  
have quite right then.

**Hills** Jack - ( John's pointer) ran for 50 minutes mostly where he  
wanted. The best part of the brace was how good the scout  
horse worked. That was Jack's last chance. We all gave up on  
him.

Next came Clint ( aka handsome) and Dusty. They rand and  
handled nicely, Dusty the wider of the two. Clint and carried  
four turtles. Dusty pointed at 31. Stood for a few minutes  
than knocked and chased. Clint had STF at 35 but decided  
to chase. After corrections both continued forward to tank.

**Meadows** Jason checked the johnie house and had to take care of a  
Possum that killed an ample amount of birds.

Perky & Daily - ran well, down for 30 , Daily had a beautiful find near camp.

Chopper & Luke - They didn't have it today . It seemed like a long 25 min.

Rocky & Becky - Rocky tagged Becky twice, then left her alone. Got to Johnie house by the dry pond and would not leave so was picked up at 15 min. Becky went home. Recommend shock collar on Rocky next time for intimidation.

**Roading**     Cali, Zook, Lightning & Penny - 46 min.

Clancey, Layla, Bandit - 42 min.

Aug 21-Wed No a.m. chill - it got hot early

**Hills**             Went one gate s. of triple gates and took 1st brace south.

Cali & Spot - Cali started slow, both chased ducks. Cali got wider as she went. Spot nice and consistent. Cali birdy at 25, Spot took chicken out before she got them pinned. Both chased. Cali caught and corrected went on to finish a big kind handling race @ 47 . Spot kept going, wouldn't get caught to 76 min. Found chicken again at 35 min but no point.

Dolly & Addie - Dolly started strong and gave us the slip at 6. Found her with the tracker and had her back to the front by 20. She was tired by then and ran short but listened till pick up at 35. Addie was short the entire. Confused over different handler early.

**Meadows**     Molly Malone & Dixie - Dixie tagged. Molly pointed chukkar and took them. Dixie came in for chase, too hot to run long, both wanted to quit early. Picked up Dixie @ 15, Molly @ 18.

Y ( yard work- barrel)

YP( yard work w/pigeons)

**Barrel**The following dogs were done on the barrel in the shade on Wednesday afternoon. Pigeons were released for all of them.

Brie - excellent - doesn't really need this.

Layla - Good on both birds.

Rocky - nervous about barrel, wanted to go with 1st pigeon stood for 2nd pigeon.

Penny - fair on 1st. Very good on 2nd pigeon.

Spot - wouldn't stand for 1st pigeon, pulled him up by collar & whoa'd. Stood excellent for 2nd bird.

Daily - wouldn't stand at first but steady for both birds.

Addie - nervous about barrel, wouldn't stand up at 1st, then stood nicely for flight of both pigeons.

Chopper - Didn't want to be up there, but calmed down stood on 1st pigeon, poorly. Did well on 2nd bird.

Dixie - Stood on barrel nicely. Let me walk all around-stood to watch bird fly. Nervous at shot, no more shooting unless she's chasing.

**Roading** Bo, Roxie, Dusty -48 min.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clint, Layla, Brie, Rocky - 45 min.

**Birdwork** Warm, calm evening

Molly Malone - checkcorded on 2 birds, pointed both , broke at flush.

Miss Molly - checkcorded on 2 birds, pointed first one nicely , got hot couldn't locat the 2nd bird.

Picabo, Buzzy, Lea - on chain gang to see "the molly's". Then released to chase and find chukkar. Lea, some great moves, Buzz found and caught chukkar.

Heidi, Thunder & Dixie - also watche "molly's"from chain gang. Chased 2 chukkar, got enthused about looking for more till they got too hot.

Aug 22-Thur

Got a little bit of rain in the evening last night. We're missing Ken but he'll be back tomorrow! Nice Day! Cloud cover till afternoon. Stayed cool enough to work til mid afternoon Dogs were pretty co-operative too!

**Roading** Bo, Zooka, Lightning, Bandit - 46 min

Clancey, Dolly, Brie, Penny - 45 min.

**Hills** Ran 1 brace on south east pasture at Triple Gates!

Dusty & Roxie - Dusty was hunting cattle too much but did manage to make some nice moves. Roxied barked for awhile then settled in, ran pretty nice race. No birds seen.( 55 min)

Chopper & Luke - Luke ran strong, consistent race. Chopper made some big moves but mostly ran a medium GD race. No birds een. 35 min.

Daily & Becky - cactus bothered both until a chicken was flushed near Becvky and she fired up. Daily took a horse-back ride to the meadows and then ran well on good footing. 2 chickens seen - 28 min.

**Meadows** Buzz & Lea - Buzz hunted hard and used the wind better than Lea. he found chukkar and Lea was in for the chase. She was

stronger on the ground but both nice pups. 19 min.

Thunder, Heidi & Dixie - Debut for the 1st 2 off horseback. Thunder jumped on horses so needs good puppy horses. Heidi checked the horses out too but not underfoot. Dixie helped draw them out and to the cover. Dennis let some chukkar out and they all got to chase. 12 min.

**Birdwork** Brie - A+ on tyle and manners.

Layla - 11 o'clock style, good manners and intensity.

Rocky - 10:00 style, good manners and intensity- started to break on shot but stopped on "no". Seemed happy about it all.

Miss Molly - wanted to see the bird, pointed too close & not long enough.

Penny - high style & intensity. Steady for flush, would have gone at shot if not checkcorded.

Addie - for where she's at, she did nicely. Pointed high & tight. Would have gone with birds if not for cord.

Spot - Pointed briefly, wanted to make if they fly( on cord)

Dusty - Stopped to bump on chudder, then pointed covey- stood while Denny went to him and then flushed & shot - was high and tight. Very good!!!!

Aug 23-Fri Jerry McGee came over from Valentine to work. A few dogs with us. We started on the meadows with 3 braces so Ken could get in form North Platte before we went to the hills. Promised to be a hot day.

Ken's note: a trip from hell on Friday - 3.25 hours on the airport runway at Raleigh - got to the airport @ 6:00 am - eastern time - got to North Platte at 11:15 at night. Stayed

there and came into camp early.  
**Meadows** Addie - Perky - Jerry's brit -Addie made big early move and was gone. When the other 2 found chukkar. All 3 ran around pretty good.

Molly Malone - Picabo - Jerry's Greenboke Brit - Britt got some good work in. Picabo made some real nice moves for her age- Molly tagged and ran out of gas. 30 min for Picabo and Britt/ 23 min Molly.

Layla - Spot - Spot ran pretty nice race, found chukkar - no point. Layla appeared to be hunting, short to med range but no birds. - 22 min.

**Hills** Southwest from Triple Gates

Dolly, Lightning & Feather - Feather had cactus trouble but also a STF on chicked w/Jerry producing more birds. Dolly & Lightning ran comfortable races. Dolly tried ditching us at south end but failed. Both red dogs backed mannerly w/Lightning a clean stylish find on a duck. 39 min.

Cali & Clint - east to Lake from triple gates. Cali ran well for the most part. Chased Duck to lake. Clint some nice moves and only picked up one turtle. Both hunted well. 33 min.

**Roading** Zooka, Clancey, Bandit, Rocky, Penny - 48 min.

**Barrel**Penny - stood very well for flight and shot.

Rocky - steady as a rock.

Addie - stood nicely for flight & shot

Spot - stood fairly well for flight and shot

Chopper - nice job

Daily - ok stanced for flight and shot

Dixie - excellent for flight - no shot

Lea - fairly comfortable - no birds

Buzz - nervous @ 1st then good stance.

Picabo - nice job for young dog!

Heidi - nervous at 1st - then stood well.

Thunder - scared at 1st then release & stood well.

No birdwork tonight then the Painter clan coming for a shish-ka-bob elk dinner with homemade icecream. Every had a great time. Just a fun time with the whole crew. Gerald & Mildred made it down and was just fun to see our friends again for a nice get together.

THANKS BONNIE FOR DOING THE WRITE UP AND THE WHOLE CREW ( BONNIE, DENNIS, JOHN, BETTY & LINDA ) - GREAT JOB WHILE I TOOK THE TRIP FROM HELL. SURE GLAD TO BE BACK IN CAMP!!!!!!!!!!

**Aug 24 Sat** Nice rain at night - about .6 of inch - the place has greened up considerably but still no water in several of the ponds. Just too darn dry out here this year. We have the Devin & Sonja on the hills today and they have been most weekends and we sure enjoy it when they're here.

**Roading** Linda gave her crew the day off. Everyone is a little bit sore at this point and we're really piling on the roading miles. We only have 2 weeks till they run the hour so we better get it done now. They needed a little break.

**Meadows** We say the meadows alot this year but in reality we use the

hills with the meadows and quite often we're on some of each. Very dry conditions, low bird count and shortage of water has slowed down the pace of going to the hills but we still use it for many of our braces.

Bo & Dusty - Bo w/the collar and off we went . Bo was quick forward and edge running- very good handle but plenty big. A v/nice point at the island - mid point - halfway up a log pile - good style and stood for chukkar walking up the pile - threw a log to force flush - solid and intent but fell off the log and stood suspended on his chest for shot. Dusty had a bump/chase - correction and then good find w/a large race. 36 min

Zooka & Brie - Zooka used the edges and woods the best I've seen her - nice for just coming out of season. A stylish NP w a great back by Brie - sat while waiting for flush - no pressure - just set up and onward - Brie a nice hard hunting race w/3 good finds ( tons of clash) 2 backs and an overall great job. Zooka 2 good finds in the cover, 1 back and a NP w/good race. Brace of the day w/Brie winning. 31 min.

Roxie & Dram( Walt Nemenan's here) - Roxie with Sonja @ the handle and Dennis scouting - Sonja did a great job and she was encouraged to hunt the edges. 2 vg finds w/ 2 relocates properly handled and a great job for Sonja. Roxie looking good - Dram not really broke but a nice way of going - just needs some real polish. 30 min.

Miss Molly & Chopper - Molly good hunt - goes w/you and some nice drive. Chopper plenty of hunt and drive. Both had points on a chukkar but unfortunately chopper ended up catching one. Still a good job. 29 min.

## Hills

Lea & Luke - ran the hills w/Luke booted. Lea started pretty good but Luke rolled - a v/nice SD - Lea solid for 10 but tender feet slowed her down the last 12 or so - still good for a young puppy. no birds 29 min.

Spot & Becky - Spot a v/nice handling SD race w/brains and application. Becky big and hunting nicely early - hit the windmill and then bolted for camp - showed front but not really handling for John. Still fun dogs to watch. Spot a real pleasure. 35 min. Spot a possible flash point on small covey of chukkar.

**Meadows** The chain gang was at it again in the Sidell loop.

Lea, Buzz & Heidi - all got into birds and chased w/lea giving us some points, Buzz a nice one and Heidi plenty of drive.

Picabo, Thunder & Dixie - Dixie & Picabo into plenty of birds and lots of chase - Thunder not as tuned in but still doing just fine for his age. Everyone is spending time w/ heidi & thunder working on making them more social - seems to work well.

**Birwork** Dram - did the barrel at camp - perfect. Checkcord at the Sidell loop on checkcord and he doesn't make the connection - not really broke or into what it means. Got the tools but needs polish. I like what I see that he'd be worth trying a litter out of.

Lea - worked on checkcord and got stylish point for photo op.

**PM** Well, we had a nice afternoon. Annie & Ron made camp and got them all settled in. Switched some dogs around and horses too. Bob and Amy rolled in just about dinner time w/ re-enforcements - sweet corn and scotch. We're ready. New group of warriors this weekend. Keeps the energy level quite high. A real nice dinner, plenty of sweet corn, little pasta, marinated chicken - we're happy -even a little birthday cake for ????? can't remember who but a great day none the less. We'll figure it out later.

Went to show off a few dogs for a friend of Devin.

Penny - did just great, stylish and mannerly for wing and shot.

Layla - soft, flagging and just not very intent at all - go figure. Mannerly but not having fun.

Bandit - oh!!!!!!! this was a mistake - let go she - locked up w/great style - moved in a little then when I got there - tried to leave - not pretty - a real space cadet. Tried one more and she wasn't going to even point it -- I picked her up and we called it a night. Not the note to end on but we put Clancey away. Didn't want to ruin it all.

Back to the house, pie - homemade icecream, presents - a candle and a Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Sure wish I could remember whose party but it was fun and great cards, gifts and most importantly - some real good laughs. Very nice place to be on your b-day.

Aug 25-Sun Beautiful sleeping night but not for me. A little bug of some kind plus some coyotes and wondering dogs just made for a very long night. I passed on the morning run and opted for sack time. Devin and Jason were here so they had enough for the hills. John & Betty packed up with Ron & Annie catching some extra zzz''sss after a 1500 mile trip. They got a great rig and the ultimate jacked up Ford Diesel - power to burn!!!

**Roading** Lightning, Clancey, Layla & Penny- 59 min. w/some stops for cattle in the wrong spot. Linda left a note for the crew and continued on. Still a good time for them and everyone holding up quite well.

Sunny & Shane - 24 min for these 2 - just losing them up.

**Meadows** Cali & Clint - not bad races but Clint had a borderling STF - then a bump and chase. Cali a chase then a good find. These

2 pro's need some polish. Races are fine but birdwork a little rough. 39 min.

Dolly & Rocky - Dolly being blackhearted and tried to leave but Bonnie kept her under wraps. A point then a chase for Dolly - needed a correction and got it - Rocky messed up at flush - a 2nd fine both - on each side of a point on the island - good manners of both on seperate flushes of birds. 33 min.

**Hills** Addie & Daily - Daily got to be booted. Addie slow beginning but great 2nd half - Daily likes to go but has tender feet w/ some good moves. No birds.

**Meadows** Piccabo, Dixie & Heidi - Piccabo & Dixie really rolling out of the box w/ Heidi doing pretty good. Lots of speed for all 3 - these are all competitive pups. 22 min.

Sunday afternoon, John & Betty hit the road and then Bonnie and Dennis. They sure got alot done this week. Steve due in later today. A very nice day today but temperature is rising.

Steve rolled into camp late in the afternoon. We got him all set up & staked out. Had a relaxing evening at camp. Clouds were building and we were set for rain. Got a nice rain that evening and the threat of big rains at night. About .2 - things are getting real green.

Aug 26-Mon We got wind, clouds, lightning and rain. Not a gully washer but enough lightning around that the morning was on hold. We were just doing Monday morning like chores -Ron & Annie caught their horses up - then let them use - not going to be a horseback type day. We ended up loading pups and going to the pond johnie house and worked pups.

**Meadows** Dixie, Sara, Wally - ran the pups after throwing birds and they had ball chasing birds - good experience for the 2 new

ones.

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Heidi, Buzz, Bufford, Picabo - these dogs had a ball also, running all over with plenty of bird contact.

**Roadwork** Linda tried - the wind was blowing bigtime.

Amber, Jade, Worf, Bailey - 17 min. - 1st time down.

Bo, Zooka, Roxie, & Dusty - 30 min is all they could handle but at least they got something done.

Took Ron's big wheel over to the Salzman's set aside and decided we needed to run there as soon as possible. They hayed the field and it had nice cover to run on with plenty of motts to hold birds.

Storms loomed all afternoon with several sprinkles but no big hits but it kept us from saddling up. We got some other things done - like a good nap and had a great mexican dinner that Annie prepared. Spent the time telling old war stories and had some good laughs.

We called it a night with the wind howling! Had to bungy cord the front door and batten down the hatches to keep things together. More promise of storms but none really hit.

Aug 27-Tues

Cloudy, cool and the threat of more storms. Still looks like we'll get some work in at least we're planning to. A nice thunderhead just to the north of us - kinda just sitting - we got horses ready to roll. Bob w/his ace scout Amy, Ron and his new scout - Annie along with Steve are ready to get the job done while I do a little work. Linda has the roading rig up and ready to roll as soon as the weather slides out of here. Heidi off feed today - actually since yesterday. Seems perky but not eating right.

**Roading** Amber, Jade, Worf & Bailey - 31 min. but 6 min. delayed in camp. Amber & Worf no problem but Jade & Bailey were quite tired.

Sunny, Bandit & Shane - 30 min.

Cali, Clancey, Layla & Zooka - 47 min. - Clancey scooped one up - in the process Linda rolled over him and his came up for air - the turtle went flying. Cali was busy chewing on grasshoppers and Layla w/Zooka just along for the ride.

**Meadows** Addie & Molly Malone - a divided find with both high - Molly too high - but good anyhow. They said they hunted okay but not a forward pattern to either dog. From the sounds of it Addie the better of the two. No surprise there. 25 min.

Chopper & Lea - rock and roll time - Chopper w/3 or 4 finds - nice points - Lea one NP & one solid point - both hit a good lick all the way around - nice young pups w/chopper getting the nod.

Miss Molly & Buzz - Molly the better of the two but got tired - she had a nice point - both hunted okay but the 2nd brace set a very high standard. Molly showing lots of talent for so little exposure.

**Hills** We'll call it the hills but actually we went to the Salzman CRP on Hitchcock road. Still mild out but a stiff breeze actually a wind blowing. 20 mph+ - warming some but still good for the dogs. Over 1/2 the land was hayed with nice lines for dogs to hunt and the cover areas were something you could ride through.

Not alot of great dog work but plenty of birds - way too windy to handle pheasants - At least 50 birds seen in the two braces - several mule deer - a couple of whitetails, jack rabbit , young chickens -- and Lightning stopping to

take a dump - a fawn jumped next to her - right at a hay bale - she finished - walked over the hay bale and started licking the twin on the butt - who promptly took off - Lightning was just being maternal.

Clint & Brie - not a lot a pop to Clint today - actually got better the longer he was down but saw a pheasant in the air and gave it a ride - backed a NP and hunted much better the last half but lacking drive. Brie - a point and a chase when the rooster left , a NP - a almost clean find and a very nice find at the finish. Neither ones course flowed like you would like in the wind - we could've gone a little better direction also but overall a good exposure for both dogs @ 41 min on a sunny day just before lunch time.

Dolly & Lightning - Bob handled Lightning and I took Dolly- she's really got a mind of her own - she rolled - big and front for 10 then got lateral punching the wind - Steve rode to her - got her going -had a command back on a NP by Lightning in a good spot- then she slipped me again - hunting the wind but not with us - I had to ride a long way to get her but I got her - a little talk and we were together again- slightly on the handy side - a reasonable STF on a hen but then left - yelled and she stopped - sent on and we had a very enjoyable last 15 min. - big - flowing but handling and overall we're on the same page. 44 min. w/the best stamina of the day. Lightning only a NP and the deer - out of gas at 35 - picked up after noon. 35 min.

Great place to run this year - we'll be back at dawn. Back to camp, lunch and some work. Every off taking care of things. Birdwork on the agenda this evening.

A nice afternoon with the high around 80 degrees.

**Birdwork** We had the whole crew out and the camera's were clicking- just a nice night to work birds - not much breeze but enough- worked out at the 1st island. Had at least 20 birds in the

house.

Clint - good stylish find - good at flush but then broke - we had a nice talk and he said - he understood the nature of my request. 2nd one clean and crisp.

Dolly - a nice stylish find to start - good style - did a 2nd one and she was sharp. No problem - she needed some of this.

Brie- good stylish find but decided to step and walked on- 2nd one better but not perfect - 3rd was legal but still a tad antsy. Style good on the birds.

Clancey - had the collar and he hit fine but wanted to step after the shot - then worked again and he was okay let loose he was going to leave - had the collar - gave him a little wake up - he spun around and froze - encouragaed him to come and he said - sure enough!

Rocky - nice solid point but a mark and steps - yelled and got him to stop but on his belly. Worked on another and got the find and ended up positive.

Lightning - nice find on a single - good style and manners.

Back to camp - Amy rented a movie - everyone sat around with some ice cream and relaxed. I just couldn't stay awake - big day tomorrow.....

Aug 28-Wed

A good sleeping night - cool and the dogs pretty quiet. We're ready to rock and roll. We're doing the meadows this morning.

**Roading**

Bo, Dusty, Brie, - a rather easy day today for the roading crew- Dusty just doesn't feel well today and Linda cut it short. 29 min.

**Meadows** Roxie & Sunny - Sunny in season and a total brain dog performance. Roxie - not her best time down - just kinda going through the motions - a little sore I think. 27 min

Layla & Shane - Shane a great opening move ending up pointed out on the long east west line - v/good style - moved up up as Bob approached but still a nice find that just as easy could've been a bump. His next find, point w/a long relocate that ended in a point and chase - hard to catch - corrected, he had a point off the island- relocate to a STB and he chased - corrected again - had to get a bird planted and he handled it - Bob called it a morning. Layla knocked a pair of quail and chased at the back island. Corrected and onward - a clean but flagging finding on quail - little aggressive mark but just ok - went on - stepping better - more hunt - now a find along the long line heading back - not much style but good manners - onward to the island and a stylish point w/ a good find on a covey of chukkar -improvement going on. 32 min.

Clancey & Rocky - Clancey hitting a nice lick and Rocky a little too much tailing - a point by Clancey with some crowding - a STB at best - rocky gave chase - corrected - onward - Clancey a handful - headed the wrong way and finally got him back going with us - another stb by Clancey and a chase by Rocky - we called it a morning - 20 min.

Thunder, Dixie & Picabo - Thunder a affection for the horses not shared by Steve's horse - Amy took him on but not really his best time down. The other two had a nice lap and all ended up just fine.

Wally, Bufford, Sarah - worked these 3 on foot in the Sidell loop - let them chase quail and a good time was had for these young pups.

**Barrel** Mr. Geddeis the barrel man -

Layla, Brie, RockyChopper, Dixie, Lea, Buzz, Picabo  
Shane & Worf - all had a good day on the barrel.

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**Birdwork** this was a real disaster - only one dog worth keeping - I'd take any offers tonight.

Daily - the only good one - on a checkcord a nice stylish point - let me stroke her up and quite solid.

Rocky - actually a clean find - let me style him up and put up - his problem was yet to come.

Bandit - I hope she's coming into season - if not then she's going downhill & I have no idea why - let her loose dragging the cord - she hit scent w/no style - for the 1st time I said whoa so she wouldn't crowd and it would turn into a positive experience. She just left the bird - put her back and went through the motions. I worked her again and she just blinked the bird - got the cord, led her in and she barely stood the bird. Clean but absolutely ugly.

Shane - one's his lucky number because he can't handle two birds in a row - 1st one just fine - next one we couldn't get him to come in and point - let Rocky out to find the bird - he pointed - Shane came in - stole point and knocked bird taking Rocky with - a rather long chase ensued - we finally caught Rocky and put him away - put the collar on Shane - gave him a wake up call and then he worked one - did okay but not a pretty picture.

Back to camp, a really pretty night - we sat and talked - the ladies doing a puzzle and we finally hit the hay - 9:45 - got an early start tomorrow morning.

Aug 29-Thur

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINDA !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Finally over the hump and can't hassle me about being older than her. Real nice morning

and we're up and ready to hit the CRP down the road. Really could be a good morning for the dogs.

**Roading**      Birthday or not, Linda's got her roading crew doing it to it. Clint, Lightning, & Dolly - 51 min.

Amber & Worf - 29 min.

Bailey & Jade - 28 min.

**Hills**      Cali & Zooka - well this was quite the brace - Cali the bigger going of the two but Zooka no slouch and she won the day. Cali just couldn't connect with birds until 35+ min and then it was pretty, knocking a pheasant and giving chase, she winded it 1st so no excuse. Zooka started by exercising a legit STF at 5 - working the bird but it got off to her side - running nicely, she had a good find at 10, a better one @ 18 and still another good find @ 25. A solid GD race with plenty of very good birdwork. 42 min.

Clancey & Bo - well as good as the the last brace was this one was ugly. Ron handling Clancey - he was observed under a pheasant at 5 and it went down hill from there ending up with at least 4 knocks plus a turtle- Bo no better - just getting the whole thing wrong, a wrong turn at the beginning, a couple of bumps and finally he was plugged in and reminded of the rules which he sorely needed. 38 min.

Spot & Lea - Spot just a pretty sight to see had a pheasant chase at 7 - big race. Lea looked good but not the range of Spot still showed nice hunt. They both hooked a deer with Lea coming off at the fence, Spot just getting going - he was long gone but finally came back and went to hunting again. Getting hot now, they slowed a little. Back at the trailer at 30 for Lea- Spot just rolled on by - across the road and gone - no sign of coming so we moved the trailer over to the CRP and he hunted - knocking a big bunch of birds in the back - everyone went to get him and 15 min. later they finally caught him. 60 min of power.

Addie & Buzz - Addie a nice job reaching all the way across the CRP - Buzz hunting but more of the GD type - got both hunting nicely in the back then swung back to the trailers with both dogs making the move all the way back and were waiting for us when we got there. 15 min. but I didn't care for that last move.

Back to camp and we are getting ready for Linda's party. Got the Painter crew over for dinner - special stuffed pork loin roast and a special pasta recipe. Warm sunny afternoon but not oppressive. We've been quite lucky with the weather, quite moderate lately and enough rain to green everything up.

**Barrel** Mr. Geddeis- yesterday's barrel man told me "that you really need 3 people to do the barrel: 1 to get the birds, 1 to get the dogs, and 1 to do the barrel" I said to him " **or one good woman to do it all** " Bonnie did it all last week by herself. I guess that's the end of barrel work as we know it!

Sonja gets done with volley ball at 6:30 and the crew gets here after that - we sure had a great time and I think Linda really enjoyed her birthday. A nice dinner, great deserts thanks to Annie and Mildred.

Aug 30-Fri

Overcast skies with a chance of rain. Going to warm up this weekend for the rodeo and my judging. I'll be out of camp judging the shortair championship for a few days.

Last day in camp for Annie & Ron, they're going to take home one of the pups. It's there " 1st born" so it's a big deal to make sure they get the right one.

**Roading** Sunny & Bandit - 27 min.

Amber, Worf, Dusty - 36 min. Layla running on the meadows came to see her Mom.

Jande, Baily & Shane- 42 min. - Linda gave Annie a lesson in the fine art of roading.

## **Meadows**

Rocky & Brie - using the meadows completely, we cut these 2 loose w/both starting out nice and Brie showing more maturity in her application. A nice find for Brie along the long west line - but steps on the shot -Rocky a little sticky but got him going & he understands I tell him where the front is - around the Sidell loop - a nice find on a small covey for Rocky w/Brie a v/nice back - hunt through the woods and Brie has a very nice find on a covey w/Rocky failing to back and corrected -back to the east, Brie takes the other way( delayed chased?) around - Rocky kinda slow now - around the loop and another failure to back by Rocky. A learning day for both dogs but progress being made. 41 min.

Roxie & Layla - Layla's best time on the ground showing some real spark after we moved her to the trailer. She was v/ independent early and good again later on but no birdwork today. Roxie a very solid GD - in the woods and on the edges after the 1st 7 w/2 very good finds and definitely DOD.

Molly, Miss Molly & Chopper - Molly is back to her old self running the country and 2 stylish finds, Miss Molly a very good job w/one nice find - Chopper fast and hunting but too much behind today. 22min.

Stan & Denise rolled into camp this afternoon - a quick trip out here - 11 hours. They are ready to hit it hard. A real good trip out - Stan said Denise sure made the change on the way out - something about Bob going from "corporate Bob" -- to " Bobby love" - .

## **Birdwork**

Wally, Sara, & Bufford - worked the 3 pups seperately on pigeons - each showed a good nose and plenty of bird desire but an intellegence not to run into a barb wire fence a 2nd time.

Bandit - Stan handled Bandit - thought we'd try something else - she wanted to leave bird - just a flake - maybe she's coming into season.

Sunny - good sharp find but a little softness as I went back to her - she still has the tools - coming out of season.

Brie - one nice find but steps after the shot - needs some more polish - 2nd bird crossed was better.

Rocky - smooth and nice - not a real high tail but a solid piece of birdwork - steady progress here.

3 pups - seperately on a chukkar - each smelling the bird and a little unsure what they were but gave good chase.

A great meal before birdwork - only problem Steve really bagged his nose in the trailer. Sure looks like it was broken - he's on the disabled list at least for the morning.

Amy is roaming the countryside with Jason, Sonja and Devin tonight - her last night at camp.

Aug 31 Sat Well I'm off to the Shorthair trial - should be an interesting Labor Day weekend. Bob took Amy to the airport at o'dark hundred. Sonja along for the ride. Yelling at the dogs at o'dark hundred I learned a new law that according to Linda should have left to common sense: *thou shall always wear foot protection when walking outside at Dog Camp - especially in the dark- or thou shall get squishy toes!!* I shall remember - maybe I won't listem but I will remember.

I did the field trial thing for the next 4 days. They had beautiful grounds and great facilities- good bird population and the biggest grounds I've ever been on - really a good a time judging with Tom Milan - a very nice Brittany man from Waco, Tx. We had fun and agreed all the way.

Stan did most of the notes the next 4 days!

**Roading** Bo, Penny- 51 min.  
Clint, Lightning, Clancey - 52 min.  
Amber, Jade, Worf, & Bailey - 27 min.

**Hills** Cali & Dolly - 51 min. - hills at the S. pasture, next gate s. of triple gates. Neither wanted to punch the wind. Cali made a few good moves and handled. Dolly handled but not as good as desired. No birds seen.

Zooka & Dusty - 40 min. - triple gate pasture - west from south end. Zooka pointed turtles stylishly. Dust took out chicken(single) & chased. Dusty ran nice race overall. No other birds were moved by dogs, but several seen just before Dusty's chase. Zooka quartered the entire brace.

**Meadows** Dixie & Buzz - 23 min. - Both ran nicely for 23 min. Dixie may have had chukar contact but nothing for sure - got hot and we quit for am.

**Yard** Bandit  
Addie  
Spot  
Chopper  
Daily  
Dixie  
Lea  
Picabo  
Heidi  
Thunder  
Shane



cautios. Then had good fine in trees. Made a jump at flush. Stopped on whoa. Good attitude on her part. Shane a pleasant race, 1 find with level tail on quail. Where he handled a difficult situation with Bailey coming into the middle. Shane had a 2nd find on chukkar which he handled nicely with 11:00 style.

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Brie- 35 min & Rocky - 30 min. - both were at south end of chukkar island when a chukkar flew out going north - a moment later both came out, Brie came in direction of flight but may not have been at fault. Then Brie pointed on south end of wood pile - NP. Find for Rocky near west end of the line. Took birds before Stan could flush. We could see the birds running and he tried hard to pin them. Both pointed on backside, Brie's was good work, Rocky took his bird out. Brie had another NP at dry pond.

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Spot & Lea - 28 min. -both ran pretty races. Both were involved on chukkar island w/birds, no chance to see if either pointed. Same situation at dry pond johnie house.

Chopper & Daily - 21 min.

Sept 2 Mon Back to the shorthair trial - sure wish I was in camp - the crew is doing a great job of getting dogs worked and all is going fine in camp - lots of work for everyone. Bonnie & Dennis are off to Wyoming today to drop Spot off and have her go to Sherry's for breaking. We almost sent Bandit along but Stan and I are doing one more try to get her going - we'll see!!!!!!

**Roading** Linda sure does the job - we have to say that these dogs are seriously getting into shape -even with our late start. She is very steady with the dogs and they just love her for taking them out & she sure enjoys it but it is very hard work!! We do appreciate her - **that's for sure.**

Bo, Zooka, Roxie & Dusty - 49 min.

**Meadows** Clint & Amber - 42 min.  
Dolly & Jade - dolly - 20 min, jade - 30 min

Pups on the Meadow:

Dixie  
Buzz  
Picabo,  
Heidi  
Thunder  
Sarah  
Wally

**Birdwork** Roxie  
Penny - good work for where she's at.  
Miss Molly - 2 finds, nicest on 1st-pointed well off of it,  
2nd one she wanted to see bird - checkcord kept her from  
chasing.  
Sunny  
Shane - some bad, some good - ended up on good.  
Baily  
Dusty - nice job.  
Lightning - nice point then dove in, on flush - delay chase  
then finished on planted chukkar but jumped at shot.

Sept 3 Tues Hopefully the last day at the shorthair trial - and a short  
one at that -- whoops - we couldn't finish - had to go back  
at 6 at night to run a 2nd series. Had good birdwork & got  
our 2 dogs placed but it was tough . Had some great - true  
all age races - really fun to judge. Glad we ended up the  
way we did.

**Roading** Lightning, Clancey, Penny , & Shane - 51 min.

**Hills** Actually - CRP but hayed and plenty big to run

Cali & Dolly - 58 min - Cali ran nice strong race. Shortened in middle w/quartering hunting pattern. Finished w/strong forward move to trees. Found pointing 5 min. later w/well handled pheasant find. Dolly v/nice forward race. Sent Bob to scout at 15 & found her working to front. A bump & who9a w/soft correction. Another bump and attempt to chase but commanded her to whoa w/stronger correction. Another chicken contact at 30 w/legit STF. Finished stong but no more birds.

Dusty & Amber - 52 min - Dusty chased hard after a nice point, then towards end he pointed. Bonnie rode bird up and he stayed w/Dennis near him. Amber had a nice fine, a STF  
2 NP's - probably running pheasants.

Addie & Lea - 42 min - companionable at times, opening move saw both go side adn back. Addie had pheasant contact was working whe Lea came near and Addie ripped out the bird and chased. Lea got in on the action. Nice moving young dogs, appeared to hunt most of time.

**Meadows** Chopper & Daily - 20 min. meadows, made some nice moves w/ both pointed chukkar on chukkar island.

**Birdwork** Brie  
Rocky  
Shane

Sept 5 Wed I'm done and back to training dogs - the weather is going to be extremely hot - upper 90's today and big winds - will go on for several days.

**Roading** Starting to taper the string - getting ready for the trial so we'll back down .

Rocky - 44 min  
Amber, Jade, Worf & Baily 50 min.

**Hills** Zooka & Clint - 45 min. ran the hills with a moderate GD

application - some decent moves but really hot already.

Brie & Sunny - 40 min - hit the low hills w/plenty of water but not a banner day for either dog.

Bandit & Otie - 31 min. ran triple gates back to camp and they blew themselves out in 1st ten minutes - got hot and wobbly - both rode horses back to camp and ample water.

Well this plan was a tough one - started one brace - then severe lightning rolled in - took a break - ran a couple and the dogs were getting wobbly - just a done day with no let up in sight - we survived the heat, wind and folks went to town - did chores and worked. - Early plan for tomorrow.

Sept 5 Thurs Dave & Vicki due in camp tonight - Lee was due in but won't make it until Friday - We're have the Sidell's over for a Mexican dinner tonight . Should be fun. Got up early but a bigtime lightning storm kept us from getting going really quick.

**Roading**     Cali, Dusty, & Lightning - 35 min  
                  Jade, Worf, Bailey - 49 min.

**Hills/CRP**     Just a better way to describe it.

Bo & Dolly - well Stan and I ran Dolly - Bob with Denise and Steve ran Bo - We had Dolly for 7 or 8 min then she split us at the woods - never did hook up again - I went one way, Stan the other - we sat on hills and watched finally at 30+ plus we both saw her mill around the truck - rode in, said hello and that was it. Bo had a solid NP , decent to vg/race and one bang up find on a pheasant. 43 min.

Clancey & Amber - Clancey plugged in and very moody - just going through the motions - not happy but handled a STF - ok just pouting all the way - Amber gave a solid GD performance and just did a good job. 40 min.

**Meadows** Layla & Roxie - these 2 just didn't get the job done today - no real solid bird work & Layla kinda trotty - 35 min.

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Shane & Bandit - Bandit took out Shane & we just aren't getting too far with her this summer. Lots of pressure on Shane who really has progressed significantly this summer. Bandit - 22 min, Shane - 30 min.

We had a really nice visit with the Sidell's , Jason was in camp and as always willing to help. The Sidell boys are all grown and moved away from home right now w/two of them away at school. Fly's were rotten but at least it cooled off. Promise of a 100+ tomorrow. Dave and Vickie arrived just at dinner time. Had a nice fun visit and a great meal by Denise & Linda - should open a Mexican Cantina.

Sept 6 Fri Phil due to arrive sometime this afternoon. We're getting ready for the field trial. Should be fun! Lee will be hitting camp this afternoon after driving to St. Louis to switch horses around. Phil's bringing Glory & Rita and we're going to concentrate on birdwork this morning.

**Birdwork** Clint - smooth and easy - good style w/perfect manners.

Dolly - Stan worked her with other dog, she pointed as dog took out bird, Dolly (**whoops - that's not Dolly, it's "Brie"** upon hearing her name she left too - and Stan stopped her - I told Bob that Brie's perfect session was now flawed since that wasn't really Dolly - egg on Stan's face -- that'll give Bob something to talk about and he needs all the ammunition he can get.

Bandit - checkcord and did it right - just baby steps.

Brie - actually the order is wrong but Brie had a good session but still a little problem w/delay chase. Need to polish her on this but not quite the way Stan did a little later.

Shane - 1st one - took out the bird - corrected then - clean find with okay style.

**Meadows** Miss Molly, Molly Malone & Lea ,Buzz, Picabo, Heidi, Thunder, Dixie, Sarah & Wally - general photo sessions for the all the pups - you can see the results on the web page. Might have run a couple together but nothing big.

Vickie & Linda spent the afternoon in town waiting for film to developed and supporting the local economy.

Tompkins made their spcialty, California tri tips w/dirty mashed potatoes and 3 clove not **bulbs** of garlic green beans. Vickie made Ken ( and us) pecan carmel apple pie ala mode - **yum!!!!** Bonnie & Dennis had it for breakfast. Linda wanted to make sure she had her share of portein, calcium adn fruit so she had some too.

A nice meal tonight with Lee & Torrie, Phil all in camp for our last night all together. Bonnie and Dennis will be in late tonight and the Painter's came down and visited - we're on the short time now. Don't know if we're ready for a trial but we'll go support it.

Sept 7, Sat Dennis & Bonnie arrived in the stealth mobile - ready to go do birdwork. .

Very hot & humid. Well, big time pack up day so we just did bird work, photo sessions like yesterday. We have Bonnie & Dennis pulling over to the trial grounds and the rest of us will hit the Pepper Mill tonight for our last meal in town.

Steve had the final leg of the Denise odessy - she hitched a ride home with Steve so Bob could stay and **nap, whoops** I mean go to the trial. They left early without too many hitches hooking up and leaving.

**Birdwork** Zooka, Roxie, Bo, Lightning, Clancey, Dolly, Dusty, Layla, Bandit, Brie, Sunny - lot's of good clean classy work with the majority handling everything just fine. Good picture taking session except for Dolly who didn't really bring her nose to the session

**Yardwork** Daily

**Meadows** Really a good photo session and some short runs for some of these.

Miss Molly ( very classy pictures), Chopper, Dixie, Lea, Buzz Piccabo, Heidi, Sarah & Wally - all in a good session

PACK UP IN EARNEST NOW. Bonnie and Dennis off around mid afternoon and we hit Peppermill.

Rita and Buck found out behind Lee's trailer talking over old times - nose to nose.

**Sept 8 Sun** Well we made it to the trial and the rather is ungodly hot. Middle 90's this afternoon, last night it was 96 degrees at 6:00 in the evening and very sultry.

Linda stayed in camp taking care of the animals. Just way to hot to leave the unattended plus we have lots of work to do in order to get ready to go home.

The trial was extremely trying with the wind blowing and the heat rising. Most of the courses ran in the meadows, partly that was what was available and partly to try and get to water but still not my favorite type of course for this country.

All the dogs that were in camp showed the conditioning and exposure to the hills. A beautiful race by Cali got her the win with Clancey and Bo placing 2nd & 3rd with very strong races in extreme heat. The crew did us proud.

Zooka took 2nd & 3rd in the gun dog stakes w/Rockie a 4th in open gun. Brie with 3 finds - 2 extremely classy in the derby - got a 4th - just a little tired after over 2 hours of running in 2 very hot days

Sept 9 Mon Stan left at 5 in the morning with himself and 3 dogs. Bob & Phil went to the trial with me and left that afternoon for home.

I went back to camp and helped Linda w/packing the rest of camp. Roger came down with Jason and helped load the atv and some of the heavy stuff. We then went to town and took the Painter clan to dinner - had a great time visiting and a tad bit sad going home. Seems like camp went way too fast this summer.

Sept 10 Tues

Linda up at o'dark hundred - packing, packing & just general clean up - finally pulled out of camp at 2:30 PM - decided to take the short cut past Sidell's - we've been going that way to the trial.

Whoops, met a big hay hauler - he had the right of way and I WAS STUCK -- HAD TO WAIT FOR HIM TO UNLOAD HIS HAY AND COME BACK TO HAUL US OUT. Linda probably has a picture or 2 to document the event. We made it just into Iowa, stayed and relaxed. We finished our trip on Wednesday meeting Lee & Torrie in Iowa City for Lunch.

**CAMP 2002 IS OVER - KEN HAS LEFT THE ROOM!!!!!!**