

HCNA ANNUAL FALL 2015 SPECIALTY SHOW & TRAINING

Conformation Show, Temperament Test, and Training

Friday, September 11 through Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Hosted by: Michel Roy, Hélène Dandurand, Annie Lambert, Chantal Gougeon, Matthew Douthat, Elisabeth Arévalo, and Barbara Mennite, Show Chair

The HCNA invites you to an EXTRAORDINARY event:

The Hovawart Club of North America's 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

**Location: The Grounds of Michel and Raymonde Roy
166 Chemin Cyrille-Beaudry, Saint-Paul-de-Joliette, J0K 3E0, Québec, Canada**



Congratulations to us! We hope many of you from North America will be able to gather to celebrate our 20th anniversary together. To make this celebration ever more special, this will be our first show in Canada in the proud province of Québec since October 2004! The event will be held about 80 kilometers (47 miles) north of Montreal. Thank you to Michel and Raymonde Roy, who are among our most longstanding members and breeders, for your continued dedication and for providing the site for our celebration!



Our celebration will include many special events and opportunities, including meeting veteran and new members. There will be conformation evaluation, temperament testing, and an educational seminar on temperament and temperament testing. We will also offer two days of training in Obedience and Tracking.



We encourage all new club members and new puppy owners to join us for this fun event! Our shows are casual, welcoming, and family oriented. If you plan to participate in the official show, we will have an orientation session to make this first experience positive for you and your dog. *You don't have to be a professional handler to show your dog at HCNA shows!* We are all a beginner at some time.

If you do not want to participate as a dog/handler team in the conformation evaluation or temperament testing, you are still welcome to join us. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow hovawart owners, learn about the breed, and celebrate our dogs. Also, we will need your help for temperament testing on Sunday. Accomplishing some of the tasks requires people to work in groups.

If you are considering breeding your hovawart in the future, it will need to be evaluated by a Hovawart Specialty Judge and pass age-appropriate Temperament Tests in order to be granted Breeding Status. Even if you do not plan to breed your dog, participating in these evaluations will help us assess how our breeding program is doing in North America, because the judges will be able to provide us feedback on dogs from generation to generation. Or, if you imported your hovawart, we will be able to assess the unique characteristics it adds to our North American hovawarts. During the conformation evaluation, the judge will take enough time for each individual dog.

Our Hovawart Specialty Judge

We are very pleased to announce that Michael Kunze will be our Conformation and Temperament Test Specialty Judge. He will honor us with his expertise as the Senior Judge of *Rassezuchtverein für Hovawarthunde e.V. (RZV)* in Germany. His expertise involves developing the hovawart temperament test for RZV.

As a breeder with his own kennel, *Hovawarte vom Julienhof*, Mr. Kunze has been actively involved in RZV since 1987, and he has extensive experience in judging internationally. He was most recently our judge at the 2014 Fall Show in Oregon, but he has not judged in the eastern part of the continent since 2009. He is looking forward to marking our HCNA anniversary with us in Quebec.



Our Trainer



Manuela Dossinger will be our Tacking and Obedience Trainer. She is a highly accomplished hovawart trainer, breeder, and RZV Performance judge for Protection Training [IPO (*Internationale Prüfungs-Ordnung*)]. Her kennel, *Hovawarte aus Vinkona*, has provided 87 hovawarts. Ms. Dossinger speaks German, English, and French.

Hovawarts have been in her world since 1981, and she has won many titles with them. Jessi v. Inka was the highest ranked female in Tracking in RZV. Jessi won its Tracking Championship 3 times.

In 1999, Jessi won the qualification for the FCI World Tracking Championship by competing with 23 other dogs. Ms. Dossinger also pursued tracking competition with Brana a. Vinkona and Zelma v. Schondratal.

We are honored that she will assist us in experiencing the all-round talents of our hovawarts that allow them to work with us in every way from dogsport to daily life.



ORDER OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

One hour before the Meet and Greet, either Elisabeth Arévalo or Barbara Mennite will be available to familiarize individual dog/handler teams with what to expect in the ring the next day. This meeting will help newcomers overcome “the jitters.” Remember, we all started sometime! If you would like to meet with one of us, please contact either

Elisabeth: breeding@hovawartclub.org or

Barbara: info@hovawartclub.org .

We encourage you to attend the Meet and Greet on Friday and register for the events. Registering early will help us speed up the process on Saturday morning.

Please, bring your dog's *original* pedigree and proof of immunizations.

Meet & Greet Reception at 7 P.M.

166 Chemin Cyrille-Beaudry, Saint-Paul-de-Joliette, Québec

Come and join us for a casual social gathering before the events on Saturday. This will be a great beginning of our 20th anniversary celebration. Meet new friends and greet old ones. Snacks will be offered.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Hovawart Specialty Conformation Show

Sign-in will start at 8:00 AM.

The show will start at 9:00 AM

The conformation show is open to all hovawarts with HCNA, CKC, FCI, AKC, and UKC registration papers. Hovawarts without papers are welcome to participate in the spay/neuter class. Please refer to the attached registration form for available classes. The conformation show will continue until we are finished with all the classes, males first, females second. Rain or shine.

Community Dinner

We will officially celebrate our anniversary at Benny & Co, 515 Boulevard Dollard, Joliette, QC, 450-760-9444. You can review the menu at <http://www.benny-co.com/modalites> There will be a very special anniversary celebration.



Orders will be “a la carte” at the attendee’s expense. **We need to know how many adults and children will join us**, so we can plan accordingly. Please mark the appropriate line on the registration form.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

Temperament Test (TT)

Registration will be at 8:30 AM.

Temperament Testing will start at 9:00 AM

The Temperament Test is open to all hovawarts. There is a junior test for dogs under 18 months. Passing the Adult Temperament Test counts towards breeding status.

Even if you have previously completed and passed the temperament test, it is worth doing again! Different judges offer you valuable feedback regarding your hovawart’s unique temperament, character, and behavior to help you with your relationship with your dog.

Educational Presentation by Mr. Michael Kunze

“What Is Unique About Hovawart Temperament, The Way We Test, And Why?”

After the Temperament Testing, Mr. Kunze will present an educational program about hovawart temperament. Do you wonder why the temperament test is arranged the way it is? What are we looking for and how do we determine the results? Is a hovawart's temperament, character, and behavior a matter of nature or nurture? What distinguishes the hovawart's character from other breeds? Why does eligibility for the Adult Test begin at 18 months? Mr. Kunze will allow plenty of time at the end to answer your questions too!

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15

Tracking and Obedience Training

Registration will be at 8:30 AM

Training will start at 9:00 AM

Nature of Training:

Training is an important way to reach the next level of extraordinary companionship with our hovawarts. Hovawarts are working utility dogs and need to have a challenging job to do. The best jobs for them demand their keen intelligence, senses, and athleticism – all at the same time! Our breed is a versatile talent: self-confident, able to take stress, with an even-keeled temperament. A working hovawart that excels is a happy hovawart!

Our two-day training session will focus on Tracking and Obedience. Manuela Dossinger will provide introductory theory about these two skills. Moreover, she believes in working by doing. Her focus will be on explaining methods as they relate to situations we encounter while we work. Tracking will come first, followed by Obedience training.

First, she will assess the level of each dog in obedience and tracking. Observing how each owner interacts and communicates with her dog will enable Ms. Dossinger to understand where to start and identify mistakes or problems. These assessments will help her address the individual needs of each human/canine team as the training moves forward. We will also learn from one another as we listen.

One of Ms. Dossinger's purposes for this training is to encourage every participant to continue tracking or obedience. Her main goals are to help you learn how to interpret your dog, improve your attention and relationship with your hovawart, and understand what your hovawart needs breed-specifically.

Due to their strong noses, hovawarts have a high potential to excel in Tracking. Barbara Harding and her dog, Beau, won a national honorable mention award because Beau saved a life with his

air-scent ability. One of our soon-to-be puppy owners hopes to train his hovawart for search and recovery. Our hovawarts are capable of these heroic deeds!

You do not need to have particular training as a prerequisite for either the Tracking or Obedience training. Ms. Dossinger is comfortable and able to work with the most novice and most experienced teams! In 34 years, she has plenty of experience working with the youngest and the oldest hovawarts (and owners!).

Obedience sport is ready made for our hovawarts to excel in companionship, working ability and competition at the same time. We all know that hovawarts are devoted family members.

Working with them in the sport of Obedience helps us develop this devotion to an even greater degree. They engage with us because we do likewise with reciprocal concentration, achievement, skill, coordination, and meaningful interaction.

You do not need to have the intent to pursue competitive Tracking or Obedience dog sport either. You and your hovawart will receive immense benefits in deeper interaction, bonding, and trust from this training in your daily lives.

LUNCHES

Hot and cold water and coffee will be available during throughout the event.

Saturday and Sunday lunches: Individual lunch boxes of salads and sandwiches will be delivered to the venue on both days for those who have ordered them on the registration form. Orders will need to be confirmed 48 hours in advance, so please indicate on your registration form how many lunches you will be ordering for your party on each day. We will have different menus for Saturday and Sunday.

Monday and Tuesday lunches: these will be buffet-style with platters of sandwiches, cheese, salads, and desserts.

WHAT TO BRING

For yourself:

- folding/camping chairs
- all-weather clothing – this is a “rain or shine” event
- a flashlight or a headlamp
- snacks for yourself
- insect repellent
- sunscreen

For your dog:

- 6-foot nylon or leather leash and collar (**no** choke, pinch, or shock collars, harnesses, or halties are permitted in the ring)
- proof of current vaccinations or safe titers, including rabies
- your dog’s favorite tug toy for the Temperament Testing (TT)

- delicious treats for the training session
- original pedigree documents for the Conformation Evaluation and TT

WHAT TO BRING ADDITIONALLY FOR TRAINING FOR YOUR DOG

- 30-foot lead for tracking
- More delicious treats
- your dog's favorite toys

WHAT ELSE TO KNOW

- Please bring bags to pick up after your dog and place the bag in a garbage bin.
- Dogs must be on their leashes and under control at all times!
- Please be aware that not all dogs get along with others! Please make sure to keep your dog on leash and under control when you approach another dog.
- There will be a portable toilet at the show site.

TRIP PLANNING AND PARKING

You will need a current passport to cross the borders. For your hovawarts you will need proof of rabies vaccination, which you will also need for the Show. If you prefer a rabies titer level instead of vaccines, you will need at minimum a letter from your veterinarian as a testament that rabies titer levels are safe. We advise that re-entry into the US without a proof of a current vaccination could be difficult. Please contact us if you have questions.

Also, plan your driving directions in advance because GPS can be misleading on the country roads to the show site. Be mindful that Canada uses the metric system, and the distances are posted in kilometers. Detailed directions to the site will be provided in a later Hovimail issue.

The address of the show and training is 166 Chemin Cyrille-Beaudry, Saint-Paul-de-Joliette, J0K 3E0, QC. There will also be room for parking next door at 177 Chemin Cyrille-Beaudry



La Villa Roy's Hovawart

LODGING AND CAMPING

This weekend is the start of fall activities and a popular wedding date in Quebec, so please make reservations as soon as possible.

Hotels --- Motels

Dog Friendly

Motel St-Thomas 1244 d 158, St-Thomas, Joliette 450-755-3822 www.motelstthomas.com \$60-\$70 15 min	La Porte de la Matawinie 891 Rte Louis-Cyr 450-886-0202 www.motelportematawinie.com \$99-\$169 \$10 dog fee per day 33 min
Motel Le Classique 310 Visitation St-Charles Borromée, Joliette 450-756-0588 www.motelclassique.com \$54--- \$83 15	Super 8 Lachenaie/Terrebonne 1155 Yves-Blais, Terrebonne 450- -582-8288 www.super8lachenaie.com \$149---\$350 \$20 dog fee per day 33 min
Days Inn 760 rue Gadoury, Berthierville 450-836-1621 www.daysinnberthier.com \$125---\$165 \$15 dog fee per day 27 min	Motel Le Tournesol 3217 1 Av, Rawdon, QC J0K 1S0 (450) 834-5411 1 866 834-5411 www.tournesol.com/ \$75-\$125 30 min
Au Doc Motel 1424, rue Notre-Dame Repentigny, QC, Canada J5Y 3X1 450-585-4211 http://www.audocmotel.com \$69-\$129 \$10 dog fee per day 27 min	Chalets des Pins 5749, Vincent Massey Rawdon, Québec, Canada, J0K 1S0 Tél.: (450) 834-3401 Sans frais: 1-877-834-3401 info@chaletsdespins.com http://chaletsdespins.com/ \$150-\$400 36 min

L'Auberge Laetus "Le Joyeux" 4333 Chemin du Lac Brennon Rawdon Qc 450-834-2364 www.aubergelaetus.com	
\$110-\$125 \$15 dog fee per day 40 min	

Non dog friendly

Château Joliette 450, rue Saint-Thomas Joliette, Québec J6E 3R1 450-752-2525 Sans frais: 800.361.0572 http://www.chateaujoliette.com/ \$85-\$165 10 min	Auberge Le Louis Philippe II 5650, rue Principale Lourdes de Joliette Québec, CANADA J0K 1K0 450-753-5019 Sans frais: 1-866-753-5019 http://www.lelouisphilippe2.com/ \$95-\$145 19 min
Hotel Charlemagne 115, boul. Céline-Dion, Charlemagne, Québec, J5Z 4P8 Telephone : 450 582-5933 Toll free : 1 888 430-4641 Fax : 450 585-4012 Email: info@hotel-charlemagne.com http://www.hotel---charlemagne.com/ \$91-140 32 min	

CAMPING

Camping de la Rive 45 rue Sansregret Saint-Charles-Borromée, Qc J6E7Y8 450-755-6555 450-803-1427 \$29-\$40	Camping Belle-Marée Notre- Dame-des-Prairies 117, Avenue des Tournesols Notre-Dame-Des-Prairies, Québec J6E8Y7 http://www.campingquebec.com/lanaudiere/camping---belle---maree.html
See, "Camping Québec" for other camping sites: http://www.campingquebec.com/home.html Search for Joliette	

* Prices are in Canadian dollars

CONTACTS

If you have questions about this event or would like to contact the hosts for driving directions or information about the St-Paul, Quebec area:

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Matthew Douthat	518-569-4051	matthewdouthat@gmail.com
Barbara Mennite	845-446-5901	info@hovawartclub.org

REGISTER EARLY

Please register as soon as possible to help your Committee plan for materials and supplies. You will also help the Show begin on time by reducing the time to complete and organize paper work on site. You can either register online at the club's website: <http://www.hovawartclub.org/> and pay through PayPal (no PayPal account needed), or, you can download the attached registration form and mail it with your check or money order in US dollars. Issue your check to HCNA. The mailing address is:

HCNA, P. O. Box 455, Fort Montgomery, NY 10922 USA

Thank you, and we are excited to see you! Surely, we will enjoy being immersed in the hospitality of the French culture of Québec.

