

SAN DIEGO NAVHDA BIRD DOG SPOTLIGHT

ON POINT WITH...

CASSI

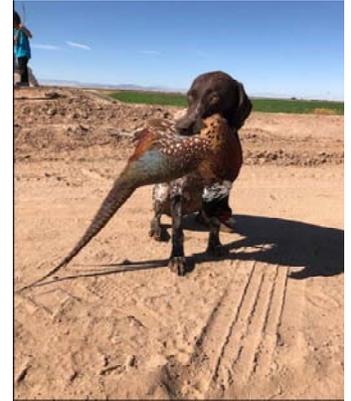


Owner: Ralph Martinez
Breed: Deutsch Kurzhaar (DK)
Age: 5
Name: Cassandra Von Demi-haus

Titles: NAVHDA NA Prize I, UT Prize I
DK Derby I, DK AZP 3



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Ralph has been an active NAVHDA member for the past 8 years. Cassi is the middle child as Ralph also has 2 year old Ronin, and 8 year old invitational champion VC Citori.

At only 5 years old, Cassi is already a very accomplished girl. She earned a prize 1 in both her Natural Ability and Utility test with NAVHDA. She also went to the invitational in 2019.

Cassi is a Deutsch Kurzhaar, so she also tests in the DK test system. The tests are somewhat similar to NAVHDA tests- the Derby judges natural ability, and the AZP tests other basic hunting dog attributes like nose, obedience, pointing and also a behavior evaluation while on a stake to see how they would act during a rest period on a hunt - no whining, barking, etc.



DK's are often confused with German Shorthair Pointers (GSP), and in fact duetsch kurzhaar literally means german shorthair. However there are differences between the breeds. DK's must be registered in the DKV, the DKV does not recognize AKC or NAVHDA pedigrees. Also, DK's cannot be bred unless they pass the equivalent of the UT test and have a body conformation evaluation. As a result of these standards, the breed tends to have great natural ability and temperments. DK's are also bred for the foot hunter, so you will notice they range much closer than most GSP's.

Cassi is a smooth and methodical hunter with superior game recovery and a very soft mouth. Like most of our versatile dogs Cassi flips the switch from hunting to house dog with ease. She is a notorious crybaby - you can ALWAYS hear her soft low cry. She also loves to sleep on top of Ralph's patio table when the other dogs are bothering her.

To say Ralph is an avid hunter may be an understatement - If the hunting bus is pulling out, you can be sure Ralph is on it! Ralph is a very disciplined trainer and always has tips to share. Most of the time you will see him on the training field with his white shirt (for dog visibility) a great attitude and a smile for everyone.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Check out our San Diego NAVHDA website www.sandiegonavhda.com for updated information on events, training locations, maps, contacts, sponsors, test dates, etc.