

YEAR OF INDUCTION – 2000

CATEGORY: Outstanding Performance in Utility Field Trials



FIELD TRIAL CHAMPION SOUTH CREEK ZACHARY CM. (ZAC)

21-7-1968 – 21-4-1979

BREED: GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

SIRE: CH. DUNFRIU HANSEL, CDX

DAM: SOUTH CREEK ZANE

OWNED BY KEVIN WALSHAW - NSW

HANDLED BY KEVIN WALSHAW - NSW

COMPETED IN 18 UTILITY FIELD TRIALS

UTILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1970 - SECOND PLACE - VICTORIA

1971 - SECOND PLACE – VICTORIA

1972 - THIRD PLACE - VICTORIA

1973 - SECOND PLACE - VICTORIA

Zachary was the only dog to place in these 4 Victorian Utility Championships

Winner of 8 Open/All Age Trials

**Zachary amassed a total of 46 championship points
(only 2 points short of becoming a Field Trial Champion 6 times)**

South Creek Zachary competed in 18 utility field trials in NSW and Victoria, over a period of seven years. During those 7 years, Zac was unplaced once and on that occasion, he was placed fourth in a Victorian Championship.

A Certificate of Merit (CM) may be awarded at the discretion of the judge in an open or an all age stake for outstanding work during a trial. Zac was the first dog to gain this award at utility field trials in Australia and in both the states of Victoria and NSW. He also gained a (CM) at retrieving trials. Zac was the first dog to become an RASKC Field Trial Champion of any of the gundog breeds.

During each of the years 1970 to 1974, Zac was the “NSW Field Trial Dog of the Year” and also the German Shorthaired Pointer Society’s, “Top Field and Retrieving Dog”.

The German Shorthaired Pointer Society’s “Field Trial Dog of the Year Award” is named in his honour and the perpetual trophy is a bust of Zac.

For the period 1970 to 1980 inclusive, Zac was awarded the title “NSW Field Trial Dog of the Decade”.

Zac completed every event in which he was entered in both field and retrieving trials. He never failed a retrieve in the field or in water work at any trial.

At stud Zac's pups were mainly placed with people who hunted over their dogs in the field. One of his sons, competing in utility field trials, also became a Field Trial Champion. Other related offspring were highly successful in competing at utility trials.

First and foremost Zac was trained to be Kevin's personal hunting companion, trialling became an extension of hunting and indeed to Zac this was simply another facet of hunting. He quickly became aware of the difference between a days hunting and a competition day.

On running quail he was in a class of his own – he had no peer. During an award speech at a field trial, a championship judge stated that "Zac is our greatest field dog, he is the one we all dream of owning".

As a young pup, Zac displayed immense natural hunting attributes and greatness was always to be his.

He was born a highly intelligent dog, with an excellent temperament and courage - a true hunting machine. He was a much loved and devoted family pet as well. Zac was the pinnacle of his peers during a wonderful era of field trialling. When his end came, his loss was immense.

Courtesy = Joe Vella