



WHAT'S NEW @ NORDENSTAMM

IN 2008

What's New in the Month of December

In Victoria

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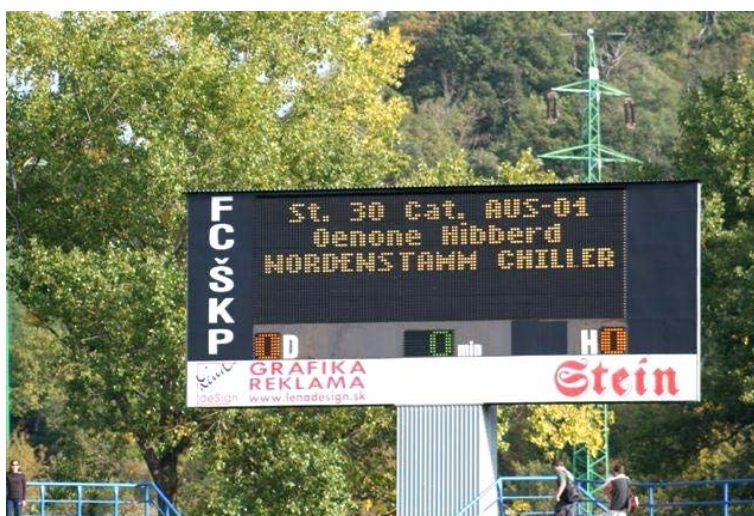
It is with great sadness we say farewell to Nordenstamm Chiller, which, together with his trainer, Oenone Hibberd, made a great name, not only for himself and Noni but also for Australian dogsport and the German Shepherd Dog breed. We always appreciated Chiller as an outstanding representative of our kennel, and Noni can rightfully be very proud of her wide ranging achievements with him. We share her tragic loss as our own and being a great loss for all of us.

NORDENSTAMM CHILLER

Sable Dog, SchH 3, IPO3, VPG3, FH1, "a" & "Z" normal, BS.Cl.2

Sire: Cendraise Hex, BH

Dam: Grazie v.d. Talka Marda imp. GMY, SchH 3, IPO3, FH2, IPO-FH, UDX,
2002 National High-in-Trial, 2004 & 2005 FH National Champion.





Chiller & Noni at the 2007 WUSV (World) German Shepherd Dog Schutzhund Championship Trial in Bratislava, Slovakia, where he placed No. 82 from 122 entries from all over the world.

- **High-In-Trial - 2005 Australian National Championship**
 - 2005 Queensland State Champion
 - A consistent High-In-Trial winner
- **FH1 with 100 points under SV Judge, Raino Fleugge**

*High-in-Trial (96, 96, 98" a") at his first trial in an SV club one week after arriving in Germany!
EXCELLENT rated (100, 90, 96" a") at his second trial in an SV club the following week!*

Improved Fighting Spirit and Balanced Drives.

Chiller is proudly bred by

Kennel vom Norden Stamm

Scroll to bottom of page for Sally Cendak's article on Chiller at the 2007 WUSV Championship.

In Queensland



5 months of age, Nordenstamm Maia is on the job as Mark & Jenny Stevens Alpaca shepherd dog!



A new security firm starts up on the Gold Coast. VIP owner poses with Nordenstamm Hannah

In South Australia

Dutch KNPV sportsman and professional dog trainer, Michael Kamphuis of Adelaide, has chosen a second Nordenstamm Malinois, Nordenstamm Kyan (Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve SchH 3 IPO3, FH2 x Nordenstamm Hannah SchH 3), for work & play in the Adelaide Sportdog Club Inc.



Michael and Kyan (7 months in photo)

What's New in the Month of November

In New Zealand

Nordenstamm Nero (13 weeks) in his new playground of New Zealand

BRAINS



BEAUTY

**Congratulations to new owners Cheryl & David Cockburn-Wootton
They report that they are over the moon!**

Also new this month in the USA

MALINOIS WINS 2008 NORTH AMERICAN SCHUTZHUND CHAMPIONSHIP!



ANOTHER MALINOIS MEISTER

**Congratulations to the 2008 North
American SchH3 Champions!**

**From a total entry of 42 German
Shepherd Dogs, 8 Malinois and 2
mixed breeds, 23 year old Mark
Saccoccio & his Malinois dog,
Joker du Loups du Soleil SchH3,
were the overall winners.**

**MALINOIS
IS THE NAME**



**KICKING GERMAN
SHEPHERD BUTT
IS THE GAME!**

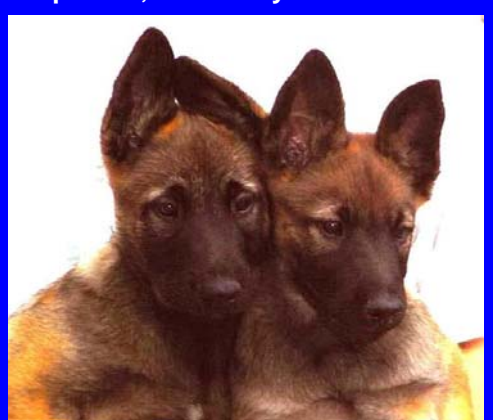
What's New in the Month of October

In Norway

Gold Coast bred & born - Nordenstamm pups experience their first snow in Norway
Below: Nordenstamm Nelly & Napoleon begin their journey towards their Norwegian Schutzhund titles.



Napoleon; "I'm ready"



What's New in the Month of September

At Amberley, Queensland

**Graduation photos of the Class-Of-2008 Military Working Dogs
Nordenstamm MWD Malinois and MWD progeny of Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve**



Also new this month in Germany

**Congratulations to Michaela Knocke and Javier v. Talka Marda!
The 2008 SV Bundessieger (German National Champion)**



Javir v. Talka Marda

21.09.2008	Bundessiegerprüfung 2008	Baunatal, Germany	100	96	99	V	-	1 st	Place
14.09.2007	Bundessiegerprüfung 2007	Meppen, Germany	97	94	96	V	-	3 rd	Place
04.10.2007	WUSV-World Championship 2007	Bratislava, Slowakei	90	94	95	SG	-	11 th	Place

Congratulations also Australia and New Zealand, so fortunate to have Javir's half sister, and the very first daughter of Quaste v. Ankenruett, located in our corner of the world.

In 1999, **Nordenstamm Kennel** imported the six month old **Grazie v. Talka Marda** (see her details www.schutzhundaustralia.com / About Us / Breeders Directory) to Australia. In 2008, the team of Grazie and her trainer, Alison Kollenberg, still hold the record as the most successful H.O.T. team in our Australia-Pacific region, and Grazie still remains its highest credentialled working German Shepherd Dog. Grazie is now in New Zealand with Theresa Friis.

Blood will tell. Javir's and Grazie's mother is Quaste v. Ankenruett. In 2002 Quaste was 2nd at the SV BSP and won 3rd place at the WUSV World Championship. In January 2008, Quaste received special recognition as a Top Producer in a special issue of the German working dog magazine, Deutsche Schaeferhund (DSH/Issue 10) - 62 pages in total, seven pages devoted to Grazie and her progeny. NB: Worth noting is that Dr. Helmut Raiser bought Quaste's full brother, Raiser v. Ankenruett, from a repeat mating, based on the fact he claimed Quaste was the "best balanced" dog he had ever worked.

And we have the next generation - Grazie's son and her grandson; **Nordenstamm Chiller BScI2, SchH 3, IPO3, VPG 3, FH & Nordenstamm Gunnar SchH 3**, respectively. Carrying on the family tradition, Chiller is the most titled Australian-bred working GSD in this country and the only dog to represent Australia at the WUSV World Championships. Chiller has been recommended by experts like SV Judge, Raino Fluegge, and World Champion, Haruo Masuda, for his own excellent balance of drives and his high fighting spirit. MWD-Schutzhund Helper, Ben Geurts, claims Chiller is the fastest dog he has ever caught on the courage test. Amongst many other HIT awards, **Nordenstamm Chiller SchH 3** was High-In-Trial at the 2005 Australian National Championship. Chiller's cousin, the black sable, **Nordenstamm Gunnar SchH 3**, won the National Champion SchH 2 title earlier this year at the 2008 Australian National Open Championship Trial.

* Click on [HOME](#) / [Stud Dogs](#) on this site.

FAREWELL TO AUSTRALIA



Bound for foreign shores: Above photos at 10 weeks of age, **Nordenstamm Nelly & Napoleon** will be exported to Norway, and Nordenstamm Nero was exported to New Zealand this week.

Congratulations and we wish the new owners all success![rs](#).

What's New in the Month of August

30th August, 2008

Results from Gold Coast Championship Show

1st Minor Puppy - Nordenstamm Kalinka

(Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve SchH3 x Nordenstamm Hannah SchH3)

1st Puppy - Nordenstamm Kastra

(Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve SchH3 x Nordenstamm Hannah SchH3)

**Challenge Bitch -
Nordenstamm Kastra**

**Best of Breed -
Nordenstamm
Kastra**

Photo Below:
Nordenstamm Kastra (8 mths)



**GOLD COAST SHOW
BEST OF BREED**

Nordenstamm Malinois
AUSTRALIA

What's New in the Month of July

TWO NEW LITTERS!

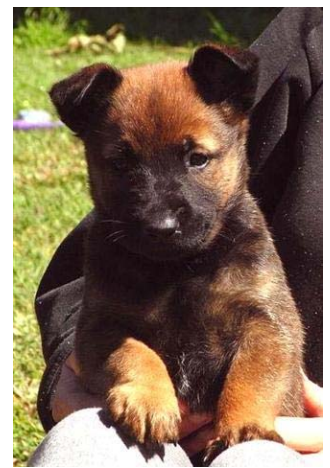
M-litter: Daneskjold Aragon x Nordenstamm Heidi **N-litter:** Nordenstamm Hassan x Nordenstamm Hannah



M-litter pup at 5 wks



Nordenstamm M-litter



N-litter pup at 5 wks

We have two new litters both born on the 16th of this month! One litter is 5 males and 5 bitches out of Nordenstamm Hannah (i.i.u. Belgium) SchH3, TR3, 2008 National H.O.T Champion and winner of the 2008 National High-In-Trial Protection. (All the puppies from the Hassan and Hannah litter were sold on whelping.) The second litter is four males and six bitches out of Nordenstamm Heidi (i.i.u. Belgium). The sire of Hannah's litter is Nordenstamm Hassan, SchH 3 and the 2008 Australian Grand National Schutzhund Champion. The sire of Heidi's litter is Danesjkold Aragon, IPO 3, via imported frozen semen.

All the puppies from our last two litters sired by Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve (imp. Belgium) IPO3, SchH 3, FH2, work or play at Schutzhund, KNPV, Security, Defence Forces or in the Obedience arenas. Congratulations to their new owners!

Late in 2008 we have a litter planned from Hannah's full sister, Nordenstamm Halina, SchH 3, winner of the 2007 National High-In-Trial Tracking. The stud dog will also be Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve (imp. Belgium) SchH 3. **NB: Check out on this site Zico's details (Home, then click on Stud Dogs) and for further details of this planned litter, click on LITTERS.**

Below: A sample of our beautiful 2007 puppies all sired by Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve (imp. Belgium) IPO3, SchH 3, FH2





Nordenstamm Liz (7 weeks)
(Zico x Zita v.d. Belex Hoeve)



Nordenstamm Lex
(Zico x Zita v.d. Berlex Hoeve)



Nordenstamm Kastra
(Zico x Nordenstamm Hannah)

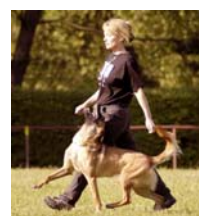


Nordenstamm Kalinka
(Zico x Nordenstamm Hannah)

What's New in the Month of June

NORDENSTAMM DOGS AT THE NATIONALS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL 7th & 8th June, 2008

JUDGE: Uta Bindels (GERMANY) –
FMMB World Champion,
Multiple FCI & FMMB World Team Champion



Grand National Champion– Alison Kollenberg & **Nordenstamm Hassan** SchH 3 - 284 points.
National Champion SchH 2 – Theresa Brook & **Nordenstamm Gunnar** SchH 2 - 250 points.
National Champion SchH 3 – Alison Kollenberg & **Nordenstamm Hassan** SchH 3 -284 points.
National High-in-Trial – Alison Kollenberg & **Nordenstamm Hassan** SchH 3 - 284 points.
National H.O.T. Champion – Alison Kollenberg & **Nordenstamm Hannah** SchH 3 - 279 pts.
National Team Champions – Gold Coast Sportdog Club; Alison Kollenberg & **Nordenstamm Hassan** SchH 3 – 284 pts & Jim Duncan & **Zita v.d. Berlex Hoeve** SchH 3, FH - 271 points.
High-in-Trial Obedience – Alison Kollenberg & **Nordenstamm Hassan** SchH 3 - 94 points.
High-in-Trial Protection – Alison Kollenberg & **Nordenstamm Hannah** SchH 3 - 93 points.
Best BH – Karen Moore & **Nordenstamm Ilana**
High-in-Trial TR – Robert Neilsen & **Nordenstamm Genesis** BH, TR3 - 90 points.

Winner of the HELPER'S CHOICE trophy for the dog that the Judge and the Trial Helpers agreed on as having the best character of the event in Protection – **Nordenstamm Hannah**.

Other Nordenstamm dogs participating at the Australian National Championship Trial:

Nordenstamm Harley – TR & BH
Nordenstamm Gina – BH

Nordenstamm Chiller – SchH 3
Nordenstamm Halina – SchH 3



Above: Alison Kollenberg & the 2008 Grand National Champion, Nordenstamm Hassan, SchH 3



Above: Alison Kollenberg & the 2008 National H.O.T Champion, Nordenstamm Hannah, SchH 3
Click on Galleries on this site for viewing the photos of Nordenstamm dogs at the 2008 National.

What's New in the Month of May

GO FOR GOLD!



Malinois Is The Name -
Kicking German Shepherd Butt
Is The Game!

**GOLD COAST CANINE CLUB
BABY PUPPY OF BREED**

At her 1st Kennel Club show -
BABY PUPPY OF BREED!

Nordenstamm Kalinka
(Zico x Nordenstamm Hannah)

Line-bred on Turcodos v.d. Duvetorre
Beautiful Malinois You Can Work With!

IN 2007

NORDENSTAMM DOGS AT THE GOLD COAST SPORTDOG CLUB SPRING TRIAL – 28 OCTOBER 2007

The Gold Coast Sportdog Club held its Spring Trial on Sunday, 28 October, under not very favourable conditions. But that is the name of the game in a sport where we have to learn to live with the many and varied moods of the weather gods. Members woke up to a sunny, but very muggy and hot morning with 94% humidity and small ponds of storm water all over the tracking fields. Also, with more than 15,000 new migrants pouring into south-east Queensland every month, it's getting difficult to find any tracking ground any more that isn't also being used by early joggers and dog walkers.



Great news for the Malinois bitch, **Zita v.d. Berlex Hoeve** (IPO3, SchH3, VPG3), with Schutzhund judge, Jim Duncan, handling, adding a new FH1 title to Zita's already impressive list of achievements. Struggling a bit with the first corner which was set on a sharp, unmown and very steep decline, she executed a flawless bitumen road crossing at the bottom of the decline, onto a bare stretch of gravel. There was some difficulty in "swimming" her way through centimetres of water lying across the fields, but she fought her way through to successfully complete the 3-hour-old track.

All the articles were found and correctly indicated, and all the work was done without any help or interference from the handler. The "false" cross tracks were correctly ignored, with an end score of 82 points and a "Good" rating. Well done, Jim, and our congratulations! Worth mentioning, too, is this is the second dog Jim has FH titled, upholding a Gold Coast tradition of producing more FH tracking dogs than any sport dog club in Oz.

Three further dogs also did their tracks that morning with the fourth having to track late afternoon, due to the handler's work commitments.

First out was Robert Neilsen with his GSD bitch, **Nordenstamm Genesis**, working through a very long TR2 track. Genna laboured, as did all the dogs, under the humid conditions. However, without any encouraging words she soldiered through, found the two articles, finishing with a "Satisfactory" rating and a score of 78 points. The "fence sitters" had all rated the team's work a bit higher, but as we know, only the judge's opinion counts. Well done, Robert, and another new tracking title to add to a long list of tracking awards, including Qld. State FH Champion with Genna's mother (Nordenstamm Casey, FH2) in 2005.



Next team up was Sue Trask going for SchH.2 with the Malinois bitch, **Nordenstamm Halina**. Sue drew the longest track with a lot of bare patches, but that didn't seem to bother Halina at the start. She picked the scent up perfectly and did a truly faultless, intense and very impressive first leg. But, (and everything after the "but" counts :-)) Halina then walked over the first corner. She worked her way back independently, picked up the next leg and thereafter struggled a bit to reach the first article, which was correctly indicated. The muggy heat and length of the first legs may have taken a toll on the bitch's condition and concentration, as from there

on Halina tracked with open mouth and a partly high nose, and that cost points. Sue showed off her handling skills

and calmness under adversity, offering no handler help throughout. Halina had won High in Trial Tracking at the Australian National earlier in the year under Haruo Masuda (Japan), but today her trial her score was 85 points and a "Good" rating. Still worth a big congratulations, Sue!

Last team that morning was Alison and **Nordenstamm Hannah** - a litter sister to Halina. Hannah was just coming out of season, having being bred to her uncle Zico; back in competition again to try out her luck for SchH3. She, too, had a long track, well over an hour old with five legs, four corners and three articles to find. All the "legs" were worked out correctly with a deep nose and intense concentration. She fell down a bit on the corners though, which were not spotless and cost her points - walking over two of them and then struggling a bit on one to get herself back on track. The last corner was correctly negotiated, resulting in an overall score of 90 points and a "Very Good" rating.



Our Training Director and Helper, Ben Geurts with **Nordenstamm Hassan** (aka "Ozzy"), was the last track of the day. Arriving in the afternoon, he had the "bad luck" of having to track on fields near the club grounds. "Bad luck", because these football fields and surrounding council land is in common use for pedestrians. Despite this, and a rather difficult course layout for a SchH 2, with a change of surface and a hummock to cross over, Ben and Ozzy's first attempt to pass a SchH2 track concluded successfully. The track itself was not as long as those that morning, but it produced its own difficulties to overcome. The scent at the start pad was taken up correctly and the first "leg" to the first article was rated "Good" by the judge. The two corners could no doubt have been more accurately worked out and the inexperienced Ozzy repeatedly stopped to reassure himself that he was on the right track on the second "leg". The last leg and article was also found, but with a 90 degree indication. Ben's own performance as a tracking handler will also improve with experience.

Tracking, like obedience and protection, is team work between dog and handler. So if the dog struggles, it is allowed to offer an encouraging word. We all know how "nerve-wrecking" a competition can be and often novice handlers wish to behave absolutely correctly during a trial, which often results in them behaving very differently from their normal training. This often confuses the dog, and leads to faults and mistakes otherwise not seen in the team's normal preparations. For trial tracking, both Ozzy and Ben are only at the beginning of a steep learning curve. It was a great effort and also successful - congratulations for a passing score of 76 points and a "Satisfactory" grading.

The Obedience and Protection was deferred until evening, situated on our new field, next to the All Sports Restaurant at Nerang. By now the sky had turned the colour of lead and lighting was sheeting across the distant skyline. This didn't seem to dampen the turnout of a surprisingly large and very enthusiastic crowd from all areas of the canine world.

The four dogs in Part B (obedience) were greatly applauded for their flashy work. Robert and Genna passed their BH without any problems and they will now prepare for their first SchH1, in April.



Ben & Ozzy had won High-in-Trial Obedience at the Australian National earlier in the year under the World Champion, Haruo Masuda, and at this trial they also scored four "V" (Excellent) rated individual work-outs; Heeling Off Leash, Down with a Recall, Stand from a Walk, the Send Away. Overall the picture was a very impressive. Losses came from five points lost in the Sit from a Walk (due to standing instead of sitting), three points for bumping in the front sits and a double command in connection with the long down. All up though, the team earned 90 points and a "Very Good" rating.



Sue and Halina were the next team out. Just beautiful! Really! It all looked so easy, and the picture was so harmonious to watch. We felt she was on the way to beating her brother, Ozzy, after scoring 10 points in five individual exercises. But then, disaster; screwing up a top score by not doing the return jump over the A-frame (= minus 7,5 points). The remaining points were lost on minor details in Retrieve on the Flat, Retrieve over the Hurdle and during the return from Down with a Recall. All in all it ended a "Very Good" rating and also 90 points.

Last dog out was the third sibling of the Malinois trio, **Nordenstamm Hannah**. Out of the 9 individual exercises in the SchH3 obedience program, the team scored a full (Excellent) rating three times. But this team had its disappointing moments too; losing half the points by standing in the Sit out of Motion exercise, and four points lost by not returning fast enough with the dumbbell and not tight enough to the handler during the about turns. Nevertheless, Alison and Hannah received well deserved applause for a very attentive and highly motivated work-out, and within another year or two these three siblings are going to be teams to chase in the obedience. The score was 90 points, rated "Very Good".

By now the thunder and lightning was making its presence felt and rain began to fall. Nobody seemed discouraged and umbrellas came out as the field was set up for the protection. The highlight of the evening and well worth waiting for!

Our newest licensed SA helper, Steve Cannon, took up his position in the blind. Ben & Ozzy were the first team out and Steve did a great job with them. This team impresses with its 100% attention and exact control, a happy result of combining Ivan Balabanov methods with Ben's military dog handling experience and an instinctive, natural talent.

If we judged Protection as a pure obedience exercise, the workout could only be called faultless. The Blind Search was goal orientated and very fast. The Hold and Bark was close, very serious and 100% focused on the helper ... it was a pleasure to watch. There was 100% control in the call out and during the heeling to the guarding position. What was NOT to like? Excellent grips, clean outs, excellent engagement throughout, with the dog bringing the fight to the Helper. (And often in protection, bringing the Helper down!!) Again 100% control and attention to the handler in the transports and the Long Escape was the cream on the cake. The Judge was blown away, and although not lightly given, he felt he had no other choice but to give the team the dream note of 100 points for Protection! Both the crowd and the Thunder God cheered and roared their concurrence in unison. Ozzy is Ben's first Schutzhund dog, earning the first 100 point Protection in the club's history. Their final score was SchH2 with 266 points.



A hard act to follow for Sue and Halina, the next on the field. She wasn't far behind her brother Hassan in commitment, seriousness, drives, and the grips. The falling rain didn't detract from the highlights; a super fast, correct blind search and full commitment in the blind followed by uncompromising engagements in all the contacts with the helper. The judge put a lot of emphasis on control in all the obedience details and penalised unruly or incorrect work. Therefore, Sue was over the moon in scoring 95 points ("Very Good"), passing her first attempt at SchH2 with 270 points.

Last team out on the field was Alison and Hannah for SchH 3. Hannah loves the fight, and showed the same high fighting spirit and seriousness as her two siblings, although was also the most unruly between the active phases. These are still very young dogs where consistency isn't usually a strong suite. She finished with a well deserved 94 points, coming to a total score of 274 points, and thereby also taking out the High in Trial.

High-in-Trial Tracking - Nordenstamm Hannah (Mal) = 90 points / VG
High-in-Trial Obedience - Nordenstamm Hassan (Mal) = 90 points / VG
High-in-Trial Protection - Nordenstamm Hassan (Mal) = 100 points / EX
High-in-Trial - Nordenstamm Hannah (Mal) = 274 points / VG

Best BH – Nordenstamm Genesis (German Shepherd)

Last but not least, our many thanks to our Trial Helpers, Steve and Ben, for their excellent trial work and their help and comradeship both on and off the trial field. The next Gold Coast trial will be the State Championship in April. We have a number of young dogs in preparation for that event and hopefully we'll see some interstate teams competing as well.

2007 WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 9-12 OCTOBER FIRST AUSTRALIAN TEAM AT THE WORLDS COMPETES SUCCESSFULLY.

NORDENSTAMM CHILLER'S SENSATIONAL COURAGE TEST!

A report from Sally Cendak in Germany

Attending this event has to be the highlight of my sporting hobby and no doubt it will go down in history for Australian dog sport lovers. A precedent has been set for those who have had the vision to fulfil their dreams for themselves, and others - thanks to Noni and Chiller. I never felt so proud and patriotic as I was the weekend of the 6th October in the city of Bratislava, Slovakia, at the 2007 WUSV World Championship. I have to say it has been quite an emotional time for me and something I thought I would not see in all my years of enjoying Schutzhund!



I am pleased to report that our Australian representative (a member of Schutzhund Australia Inc.), Oenone Hibberd, and her Australian bred and trained dog, **Nordenstamm Chiller**, competed like true champions. Unfortunately I had not arrived in time to see the tracking or obedience, but I had been updated from Noni and world class competitors, of the good graded scores in these 2 phases.



To actually put two feet on the ground with your dog, maintain your composure and achieve any passing score in a huge football stadium full of excited uncontrollable, chanting audience from all around the world - is in itself an achievement! Just one Aussie handler and one dog, all alone at the Worlds!

I'm not going to go into great details, but I was there for the Schutzhund work on the Saturday afternoon. Istvan Lakatos, Crystal Mears and I were the Aussie Cheer Squad, and at the scheduled time of 13.45, the loudspeaker announced Oenone Hibberd & **Nordenstamm Chiller**, from AUSTRALIA! Well, we yelled so loud I nearly lost my voice. By this time I was so nervous, for myself and for Noni, that, once they started doing the blinds I couldn't stop the camera shaking. The blind search was going perfectly up until the 4th blind, where the official camera crew were set up about 3 metres away. I guess Chiller got a bit confused, as had many other dogs in the competition, becoming distracted enough to investigate the camera

crew instead. Noni took it all in her stride and simply sent him onto the 5th blind, without worrying about her dog's vanity in front of the press.

The best was yet to come!

Chiller always provides great spectator enjoyment in the protection. In the 6th blind he didn't let us down again. He flew into the 6th blind with so much conviction that I could see a few of the mouths near us drop - people from all over the world looking in awe at each other at this great Aussie dog and his ability. Many had never realised Australia had competitive Schutzhund teams, let alone bred such powerful dogs to compete in them. Then came the Hindering of the Escape, and as usual, Chiller was super quick to stop the Helper and bring him to a stand still. Wow, what a full DEEP GRIP! Followed by clean Outs. Chiller's brilliant conviction and his dominance of the Helper in the barking phase then began to create some unruliness and a consequent loss of points from pushing and bumping on the sleeve. He repeatedly lost most of his points for this throughout the protection exercise. The crowd didn't seem to mind and was cheering on for Chiller for his enthusiastic work. This audience approval is something that feels just unreal. Any normal person can't help but feel so proud when it's YOUR team they are cheering!



After the Escape came the Side Transport. Again, supa-dupa. Chiller was under control and intensely focused on the Helper. The Helper turned to attack the dog and Chiller was there to meet him in a split second...again the crowd was really getting with it; yelling and building up more and more volume. We were screaming with excitement at their excitement. The Transport back to the judge was a lovely picture with beautiful control, with Chiller maintaining full focus on the Helper!

When it came time for the Courage Test, the goose bumps had started to spread over my body in anticipation!! We Aussies knew first-hand how incredibly fast Chiller is in this exercise. NB: In fact, Australian National Helper, Ben Geurts, has said that, next to Zico v.d. Berlex Hoeve (a no 3 at the FCI Championship!), Chiller is the fastest dog he's ever caught on a courage test.



The moment came, and Noni and Chiller walked in on the field in full control. You could think they were veterans of world competitions by their outwardly calm composure. Waiting for the judge's signal, Noni gave her command to "get him", and Chiller was off like a rocket to nail the Helper. Well, I have never seen anything like it on such a large field. He came up to the helper like a streak of lightning, ears up and forward, so confident and oh so fast. He didn't even look like he was going to stop...and boy oh boy, he didn't either! He left the ground to strike the sleeve and he hit like a bloody train. It was all the Helper could do to hang onto his sleeve! You'd have to say though, that for a dog coming in at this speed, the Helper had caught him well; up and over his head went Chiller, to be set down perfectly.

Well, the crowd just went absolutely bonkers - and so did we! There was so much noise it was a wonder Chiller could hear the command to out. The crowd couldn't stop cheering! It was so just exciting!

God I was so proud! Then, the Transport back to the judge, again super control! Then the critique & then the score - 75 points! Only 75 points for what was probably the most exciting courage test of the whole event. The stadium went ballistic and people were booing and whistling at the judge, yelling out their dissatisfaction. We couldn't believe it either. And neither could a lot of judges and competitors that we spoke to later. But Chiller had lost many points for his pressing and bumping on the sleeve, and these small things all add up by the end.

Apart from that, people agreed that Chiller did the most convincing, most dominating and definitely the most the crowd pleasing protection of the whole competition. His courage test was a stand out. For me, his was definitely the best and most impressive courage test of all the dogs present. But that's not just a biased opinion. So many competitors came up to Noni after that performance and told her how much they, "loved the dog", and there were many comments like, "what a great dog" etc. I am talking about people like Ronny van den Berghe, Harou Masuda, and the nominated protection judge for the Worlds, in the USA, next year!! That's only to name a few. It was just unreal!



Lastly I want to say to all Australians they can be seriously proud of our Aussie team who has done our sport and our nation proud on the international stage.

Sally Cendak

View Nordenstamm Chiller's Protection at the 2007 WUSV World Championship in Slovakia:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZkLLcIJvnE>

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL **27, 28, 29th July, 2007**

Hosted by the Eagle Heights Sportdog Club Inc., Melbourne, Victoria.
JUDGE: World Champion -Haruo Masuda (JAP)

RESULTS OF NORDENSTAMM DOGS AT THE NATIONAL

(See National Schutzhund Championship report in the October NATIONAL DOG, no 10 / Issue 10.)

National Team Champions - Gold Coast Sportdog Club; Istvan Lakatos & Reko v. Heisenburg – 285 points & Ben Geurts & Nordenstamm Hassan - 271 points.

High-in-Trial Tracking - Sue Trask & Nordenstamm Halina (GCSC), 97 points.

High-in-Trial Obedience - Ben Geurts & Nordenstamm Hassan (GCSC), 95 points.



Team Champions - Gold Coast Sportdog Club
Malinois contingent at the 2007 National

TEAM NORDENSTAMM

L to R: Alison Kollenberg & Nordenstamm Hannah
Jim Duncan & Zita v.d. Berlex Hoeve
Sue Trask & Nordenstamm Halina
Ben Geurts & Nordenstamm Hassan.

Congratulations!

Gold Coast Sportdog Club for winning 2007 National Team Champions

Sue & Halina for winning 2007 National High-in-Trial Tracking

Ben & Hassan for winning 2007 National High-in-Trial Obedience