



19th International Armbruster-Zuchtprüfung

Group North America of the Verein Deutsch-Drahthaar eV.

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Congratulations! You have just completed the VJP (Verbands-Jugend-Prüfung). First of 2 breed tests (Zuchtprüfung) of the Deutsch-Drahthaar. The second of these breed tests is the HZP (Verbands-Herstzucht-Prüfung). Like the VJP, natural abilities are again evaluated in the HZP, as well as trained events, primarily retrieving fur/feather from land/water. You and your Drahthaar's participation in these breed tests add valuable information in the never-ending quest of improving and evaluating our breed, and giving our breeders valuable information for making informed breeding decisions for future Drahthaars.

In addition to numerous HZP's each fall, there are just **2 International** (Showcase) HZP's where the Best of the Best are assembled to be a primary tool in evaluating the breed as a whole. The first of these is the **Hegewald**, which is held each year in Germany, and the 2nd is the **Armbruster**, which is held each year here in the United States. The Armbruster is **GNA's premier testing and social event** and travels every year to a different GNA Chapter. The Armbruster consists of an HZP test and Breed Show all rolled into one, and is the only GNA test in which places and prizes are awarded. There is an opening ceremony, two full days of testing, an awards banquet and prize table along with social events, a parade of dogs and seminars.

Eligibility requirements are: 1) Have scored at least 65 points in a VJP test of the given year. 2) Have a clearly defined beard. 3) Meet breed show standards with at least a pre-evaluation of "solid good" in conformation and "solid good" in coat. 4) Hips are certified HD-frei and shoulders OCD-frei. 5) Be willing to freely enter the water and search. 6) Be gunfire tolerant in water. 7) Receive HN certification from JGHV.

This year the **19th International Armbruster** without hare track will be held the 22nd -25th of September in Fort Morgan, CO. We invite **all** who have attained the status of being eligible to enter the Armbruster. The Armbruster entry deadline is 45 days prior to the event and is August, 9th 2021. Hip and shoulder x-ray results take approximately three weeks, and the return paperwork for the HN certificate can take over two months! Please plan well in advance for these items and they are something you want to start the process on here now!

If you have a VJP dog that does or can meet the entry requirements you will want to put the 19th VDD-GNA International Armbruster on your schedule! If you don't have a dog that qualifies, you will still want to put the 19th International Armbruster on your schedule. **It will be an event you do not want to miss**, and with 2021 being GNA's 50th anniversary this promises to be a very special **Armbruster and Jubilee celebration!**

Look for detailed information about the Armbruster and entry forms in the coming weeks and months via emails, Facebook and web site postings. However, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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