



## Bavarian Mountain Hound Breed Notes

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It has been a very busy few weeks for Bavarian Mountain Hounds. There was a trial tracking event held in Gloucestershire so the tracking rules that the Bavarian Mountain Hound Society are working on could be tested. There were five dogs in attendance with their handlers plus helpers to lay the blood trails. The trails were laid in the morning and the first trail was worked when it was four hours cold. The last trail was between six and seven hours cold. The day was a success for all, with questions re logistics being brought to the fore. A more formal tracking day is being arranged and will take place in June, for more information please contact Pete Garraway on 0845 468 2647 (local rate).

A great deal of interest has been expressed in the blood tracking work and the tests the Society are currently working on. Because of this the Society has been approached to help some HPR breeds with their profung tracking tests of around 400m. In Germany, where a lot of these breeds originate, the hunting dogs have to pass such tests before they can work in the field. Brenda Moss of the Arany German Longhaired Pointer kennels arranged for Pete Garraway to visit and try tracking with three of her dogs. All the dogs managed to find the end of the track without too much effort, even though they had a novice handler, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I understand Brenda was very impressed with their efforts.

Edward The Third (Tizan von Haus Kamp ex Nanea Vatrova), based in Staffordshire, and owned by Gemma Walchester, has been making his mark in the agility world by getting placed in his first three agility competitions. I am waiting for a full list of his placings and hopefully will have these before the next breed notes are compiled. A brilliant achievement for a new agility handler and her young dog.

On Tuesday 5th May, the BMH Society attended the Humberside Hound Association Teach In, held in Ferrybridge, Yorkshire, to show examples of the breed, discuss the standard and the dogs work and training. It was a lovely evening and a lot of interest was shown in the work and training of these Hounds. Many thanks to Trish and Colin Wells for asking us to participate and the warm welcome we received.

Bavarians have also been doing well in the show ring in the last week. At SKC on 16th May judged by Miss D J Startup, Alison and Mark Montgomery's Kazbach Kremowka Hazba von Zerno (Akil Radosny Miot FCI ex Tequilla Hazba) was first in PG Bitch and Reserve Best Import Bitch. Skeret z Krainy Pzodkow von Zerno (Goro Vatrova ex Gina Herbu Czarna Maska), recently imported from Poland on the pet passport scheme, was second in junior dog. This young dog has been campaigned successfully in Poland before coming to the UK. These are the first Bavarians to be shown in Scotland. On Thursday 14th at Birmingham National Champ Show my Bruno Ravine was first in PG Dog judged by Mrs Irene McManus. On the whole a highly successful week in the show ring for Bavarians. Should anyone would like to know more please do not hesitate to have a look at the website [www.bavarianmountainhoundsociety.org.uk](http://www.bavarianmountainhoundsociety.org.uk), which is being updated at the moment so keep checking for information and event information.

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