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INTERVIEW WITH 11-YEAR-OLD *Vivienne Edminster* OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON



that one of these puppies was available! I gave him all my money that I had saved and he showed me the male that wasn't taken. It was the one I loved! Ichabod and I have been best friends since that day.

Who is helping you with your dog?

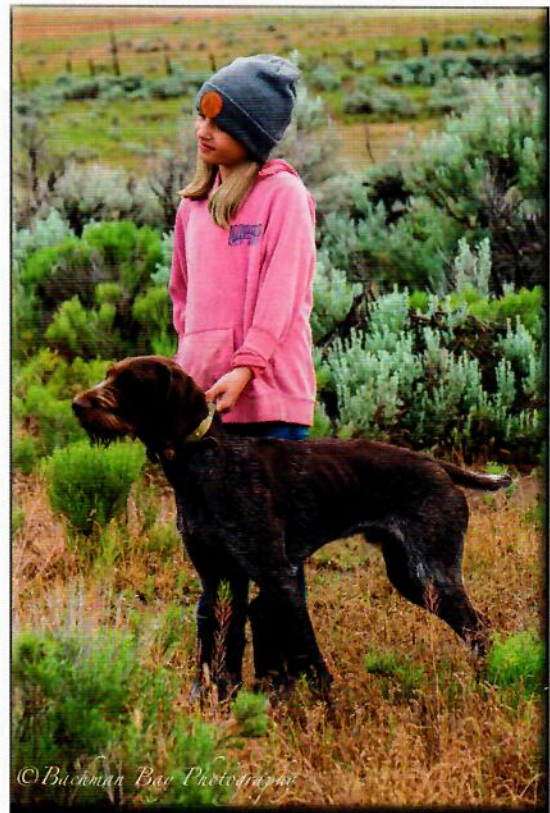
My dad helps me with training and my mom drives me all over the state to go to trials and shows. My whole family hunts together. We work with Dominic and other trainers to make sure Ichabod is on the right track. There is a pet store called Pawpular Companions Pet Supplies in Liberty Lakes, WA and the owners Carl and Mara Crowell sponsor me and Ichabod. They give us treats and toys and food each month and I wear their hat and shirt at events. They are very supportive and always want to hear what we are doing or how we did at an event. After Ichabod won the Puppy Classic they gave me \$1000 to help with the purchase of a field trial horse. For the fall field trials our friends Derrick and Shannon Olsen of Jump Creek kennels helped us train Ichabod to handle off horseback.

Tell us about your dog?

My dog is a 1-year-old German Wirehaired Pointer. His registered name is Bachman Bay Nirvana, and his call name is Ichabod. I do call him "Icky" sometimes! One thing that I think is funny about him is that when I leave for school in the morning, he will go to my room and take a stuffed animal or something of mine and hide it somewhere. He will then pout and go get the thing and snuggle with it in his bed!

How did you pick your dog?

I decided I wanted my own bird dog when I was about 7 years old because I would see my dad working with his dogs and training them. I thought that looked like so much fun! I found a passion when I did my hunter's safety and then got my first grouse and my first quail. Then I was sure I wanted to have a dog and train it myself to hunt with me! Our friend Dominic had a dog named Blue that I had met and really liked. Then I found out she had a litter of puppies which was the N litter. My parents said we had to go to Oregon and get a puppy for our friends and that if I saved my money, I could put a deposit on the next litter. They planned this out to surprise me. When we got there, I saw all these puppies and they were all so cute but there was one that I loved the most. I asked Dominic if I could put a deposit down on the next litter and he said



What are your goals with your dog?

One of my goals with Ichabod is to pass the NAVHDA UT test and I really like it if he was a Versatile Champion someday. We got a prize 1 together at our NA test already! We also did a lot of field trials this year and did well. I loved doing that and meeting the people. We did get a blue ribbon at the National Field Trial, but I would like to have a few more blue ribbons and to see him get his Field Champion title. I have taken him to conformation handling classes too and we did a dog show, I would like to get him in more dog shows next year and eventually his show champion title.

What are your plans for this hunting season?

This hunting season I am most excited to go hunting with Ichabod because I get to handle my own dog. And because I get to shoot wild birds over him. My whole family goes bird hunting and it is something we all love to do together. Mostly I like being a team with my dog.

Do you have any dog training tips to share with us?

I love training! The best thing I like to start with is obedience, preferably eye contact and impulse control. I had a great trainer Natalie Stintin who came to our house and helped me with these things. I think it really helped Ichabod and me bond and I can always get his attention with eye contact. I also met a really nice person at Home Depot who was a k9 officer and helped me socialize him. Ichabod passed the AKC star puppy program easily, because of all the work we did. Then as far as bird dog training goes, I do a lot of different things. Planting pigeons, walking singles, walking at heel, playing with bumpers, hiding antlers, taking him to any water to get him ready to swim, and most importantly working on recall. Every day in the morning and after school we do some type of training. I took him to some retrieving clinics on Saturday mornings in the summer and it was a big help.

Tell us about your experience in the conformation show ring?

Showing dogs is great! One thing I did to help him with that sort of training is taking him to handling classes in Coeur d'Alene every Tuesday. The first dog show I did was a B match which was not stressful and good practice for stacking and showing his bite. Then I did the Coeur d'Alene dog show and that was a bigger deal. We did get first place for 6-9 month puppy class.

Tell us about your NAVHDA test?

My experience with NAVHDA was amazing! We ran the NA test in Madras, Oregon with 6 other junior handlers. The weather was really crummy with cold rain, and mud, but everyone was really nice. Dominic and Jill hosted a

youth training day so we knew what to expect at the test. Ichabod was first in the running order and he had a great search. He found and pointed 5 birds. The birds were not flying because it was so wet. Ichabod ended up catching a few but delivered them right to my hand. For the tracking, he did the best track ever, even better than he did at home. Sometimes he will go off and go into search mode but for the test he did amazing. The judges told me to call my dog back and he came back with the pheasant and delivered it to my hand. Then came the water. We had him swimming and getting bumpers and sticks no problem but I don't know if it was the pouring rain or cold or what but he hesitated. That is okay! He finally got in but I had to throw a couple of bumpers. He didn't get the max score but I was still SO proud of him because he got a Prize 1 in the Natural Ability test.

Tell us about the weekend field trials you went to?

AKC field trials were new to me. I had never even heard of them or knew what they were. Once I did one, I wasn't nervous because they were extremely fun and I was hooked! The first one I did, I noticed people were on horses and we don't have a horse. I have taken a year of horseback riding lessons, but I do not have my own horse. In my first brace the other handler (Dan Hoke) got off his horse and walked with me. That was really cool of him. When I got to the derby someone (Matt and Nicole Solt) said I could ride their horse and it was awesome. All the other ones I did, I had to walk for puppy stakes and open derby. I didn't mind though. It was a very positive experience because of the people and how they encouraged and supported me. I was the only junior handler at all the field trials I went to. We did go to one walking field trial but the judges were on horseback.

What has been your favorite thing you have done with your dog so far?

It is hard for me to choose because I have only done one NAVHDA test but I had so much fun with everyone, so I am looking forward to the UT test. I would say that the field trials are my favorite because I met so many good people, great dogs, learned so much about handling and it is always a fun time and good food. Also, I see some of the same people at each event, so it gets more comfortable because I know people now.

Tell us about your accomplishments so far?

I feel like in a year Ichabod and I have done some great things! I have a wall for ribbons, and I love it so much! AKC STAR Puppy at 3 months old. Inland Empire German Shorthaired Pointer Club- judges award of merit open derby. Columbia Basin Pointing Dog Club- 4th place open puppy. Washington Brittany Club- Judges Choice Award open derby.



Washington Brittany Club- 2nd place open puppy.
 Washington Brittany Club- 4th place open puppy.
 German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Oregon- 1st Place open puppy
 Inland Empire Brittany Club- 4th Place open puppy.
 German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America- 1st Place National Puppy Classic 2022.
 German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America- 4th Place National Puppy Classic 2002.
 CDA Dog Show- 1st place 6-9 month old class. Best of opposite sex
 NAVHDA Natural Ability 107 Prize 1

What is your favorite thing about your dog?

He is my best friend, he has so much potential, and we make the best team. I am so proud to call him MY dog.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I want to say to all the kids out there that have always wanted a versatile dog that can do all of these amazing things, go for it! It is a sport! You can have so much fun training your dog and hunting with your dog. He or she will be your best friend and you will love the bond you will have and how proud you will be!

Tell us about your experience at the Nationals Field Trial?

When I first heard that I would be competing at the German Wirehaired Pointer national field trial, I was a little nervous. It seemed like a big deal and I didn't know what to expect! My dog Ichabod and I have done a lot of field trials together and we usually place in puppy but we were going to run in derby and puppy at nationals. It was in Payette, Idaho and my parents drove me down. I had to miss 4 days of school but luckily my teachers were all excited for me and gave me homework to do so I wouldn't get behind. He has horses and bird dogs too so he was really supportive.

We got there and put up our tent, and got to see Shannon, Derrick, Dominic and Jill again. I got to ride Shannon's horse, Snapchat and I am so grateful for that. I was the only junior handler there and everyone I met was so, so kind. The next morning, we ran derby. Ichabod didn't have a bracemate so it was just me and the judges, Todd and RJ along with Derrick who was my scout. My dad borrowed a horse from the Olsens so he could ride along. The terrain there was really rough and they warned us about badger holes and there was lots of lava rock too. Snapchat always takes good care of me so I wasn't worried about that. Ichabod ran really well but he got a bit off course. I was able to get him back on track pretty easily and he ended up finding birds which was great. That night after dinner when they did placements, I was so excited to learn that we got 4th! I know I have a great dog and I handle him really well but there were a lot of



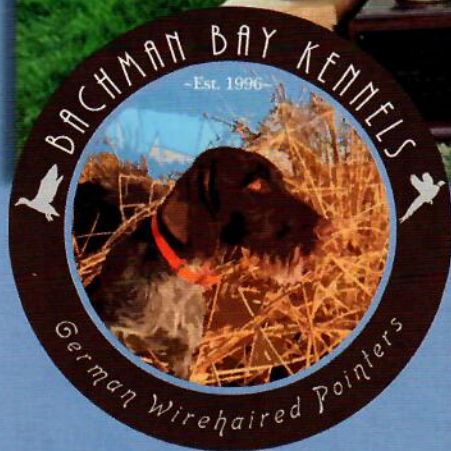
experienced handlers there, so I am just thrilled to have placed. And I got a huge ribbon and plaque.

We didn't run puppy for a few days and it got delayed because it was so hot for the horses and dogs. Finally, we got to go and Ichabod and I were first with a bracemate named Snoopy and his handler Tom. They were both so nice. Ichabod ran well and listened to me perfectly. I knew we did a great job. After dinner that night they did placements and they called 4th, then 3rd then 2nd and none of them were us so I was a bit nervous. Then they called us and I was overjoyed! We won the national puppy classic! I got a big blue ribbon, a trophy to keep and a traveling trophy that we get to put Ichabod's name on. I made sure to hug the judges Warren and Greg and everyone else that has supported us like Dominic and Jill, Derrick and Shannon, Matt Solt, Ray Calkins and of course my family because we could not have done so well without so many people. After nationals we decided to get field trial horses. I got a horse named Roger and my dad got a horse named Rocky. My dad wants to get his own wirehair and we will field trial together. I hope to get to Nationals next year too but now it is time to hunt some birds!

2022 GWPCA PUPPY CLASSIC CHAMPION

BACHMAN BAY NIRVANA NAI

Wireswest Off The Grid UTI x Bachman Bay's Bluebill Banger UTII



4th NATIONAL DERBY

2022 GWPCA National Field Trial

#3 PUPPY/DERBY

with 48 dogs defeated in field trials

Owned by Vivienne Edminster *and* Dominic Bachman

Bred by Dominic Bachman

Handled by Vivienne Edminster

Scouted by Derrick Olsen | Jump Creek Kennels

