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I, along with my husband Robert, have been involved with the Bracco Italiano in the United States since early 2000. We attended every US Bracco Gathering since 2003 and enjoyed meeting new owners and breeders and sharing experiences. We purchased our first Bracco Italiano, Edoardo Enrico Delor's, from Italy in 2001. We started out in the rare breed show circuit where we found great success. Rico was one of the top winning rare breed show dogs in the country in 2002. Today, I am heavily involved in the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association. I am currently the President of the San Diego Chapter. NAVHDA has provided a great outlet for training and hunting the Bracco. I am proud to say that the Bracco has gained some well earned respect within NAVHDA. Romeo, our second Bracco, received a Prize I in Natural Ability and a Prize III in Utility. Giuseppe, our puppy has a Prize I Natural Ability. Regina di Cascina Croce has a Prize I Natural Ability, Prize I Utility and was the first Bracco to pass the NAVHDA Invitational Test.

We have brought the Bracco Italiano to national attention with magazine covers, a website and prize-winning dogs. I, as an officer, wish to promote the Hunting Aspects of the Bracco through the NAVHDA system and create a Bracco Specific Hunt Test within the BICA. I also wish to keep in contact with the S.A.B.I. (the Italian Breed Club). We travel to Italy regularly to visit kennels and to observe the SABI field trials. I continue to take Italian Language classes so we can communicate more effectively. I believe in continuing the Italian traditions of hunting with the Bracco. However, I also believe we have differences in hunting methods, training, terrain and testing between Italy and the US. We should lay the path for the future of the Bracco Italiano in America based on our own experiences. Let's work together to achieve a strong and cohesive breed club for future owners and enthusiasts.