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President's Message

By Dave Trahan
Deerfield, New Hampshire



Looking Forward

Thank you for supporting me for another term as President of NAVHDA. I would also like to thank Ric Kildow for stepping up to the plate and running for office. I want to welcome our new Executive Council Board members who will bring new ideas for the future. I look forward to the next three years working as your President along with the EC for you, the membership. As I have said in the past, feel free to email or call any of the EC members for any issue you may have.

We have three members of the current EC retiring this year; their long-time dedication to NAVHDA cannot be measured in one issue. Joe Dolejsi has fulfilled positions as a Judge, Senior Judge, Clinic Leader, Director of Judge Development, Treasurer and President. Joe Ria served as Judge, Senior Judge, Clinic Leader, Director of Testing and Vice President. Jim Applegate served as Judge, Senior Judge, Clinic Leader, Information Officer and a long list of other positions including Vice President and President. These three men have put in over some 100 hundred years of service. I would like to thank them personally for their dedication.

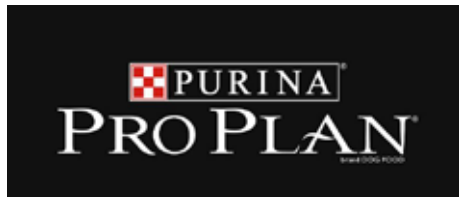
Our Youth Program is starting off with additional funds that have been added to give us a boost. This past year we have had many youth events and youths testing dogs. A full report will be given at the Annual Meeting.

As President, I received a few emails regarding complaints from people about an issue with a test or issues with their chapter. I always forward complaints to the appropriate director to handle. Complaints in regards to a test I forward to Chip Bonde Director of Judge Development. When we receive a complaint, we usually ask, "Did you talk to the judges after the test?" Most of the time the answer is "No." If you have a question about how your dog ran, ask the judges at the test—they will give you their observations of the day.

When it comes to issues at the local level, the international board does not get involved in chapter politics. When I receive a call, I encourage the people to work things out and follow their chapter by-laws to resolve the issue. Always remember, we are here for the dogs and to have fun training together.

On a sad note, we lost three Judges this year who all gave many years of service to NAVHDA. Vic Connors, one of our Past Presidents and also a Senior Judge; Eric Abraham, a Senior Judge; and a very personal friend, Melisa Hertz, a lady who was a pioneer in her breed club for the Small Munsterlander. She was living the dream of producing good dogs, training and guiding at a lodge in her home state.

Hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting this year in North Carolina.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NAVHDA'S NEWEST VERSATILE CHAMPIONS!

- VC ABBE LANES SWEET LITTLE ELSIE**
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VC EMMA LOU COTTON
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VC FLEMING'S BELLE FROM WINCHESTER OAKS
VC FRAGON DU PARLER
VC GAIA VON DER MERRYMEETING
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VC HERBST BRIESE FONZIE
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VC XENA VOM WIREDHAUS
VC ZODIAKS CRYSTAL AFTERBURNER
VC ZOLDMALI SZINVA

About The Cover

Making History With My **Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla**

By Tanya R. Gates
Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Cover Photo By Denise Heath





My Invitational story actually begins before it ever happened—before I even had the dog that would qualify.

For three years I pictured this day in my mind's eye. The way my dog would cross the 107 yards for a blind retrieve, his front presentation of the bird, his ability to mark on the double retrieve and his beautiful natural ability to back like a dream. The feeling of the warm, humid Iowa air. The sense of anticipation for our results to be read, my trusted canine companion at my side. We are both tired and exhausted from the days work, content to have just been there and grateful to have had such an opportunity. There is a smile on my face and I am happy because my dog and I did our best, and we had fun all day long. I am sitting down at a picnic table and surprised when my dog's name is called first and his scores are read. Search 4, Pointing 4, Backing 4, Steadiness 4, Retrieve 4, Heeling 4... It is about this time that I realize what is happening; my heart starts to beat faster and I can feel my eyes starting to well up. The final 4 is read and it is announced that my dog is a Versatile Champion. This is when I think it's a good thing I am sitting down because I would have fainted otherwise. I am overcome by a rush of feelings—shock, bliss and relief—we did it as a team! I had pictured all this before it ever became a reality.

Rewind back to the day I got Zöldmáli Szinva, a Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla (WV) who had arrived from Hungary in October of 2013. My goal was for him to make history and become the very first WV Versatile Champion. Judges Chip Bonde and Tom Swezey will remember

my adurance on this goal as they were in Alaska for my NA test and my Utility test that got me the invite. Lo and behold, they were also there in Iowa this September!

During our Utility test, it became quite obvious that we had something special. At the duck search, Szinva found the duck in the first three minutes and the judges asked me to resend him. I had trained for this, so it was not a problem. I sent Szinva on the exact same line as the first time, where he chose to go over a log obstacle before entering to swim. I will never forget the look on Tom's face as he said, "I have to

ask you something when you are finished." At the 10-minute-mark, the exercise was finished and I called in my dog. As I was walking away, Tom asked me why I sent Szinva over the obstacle—I got the sense he thought it was risky. I told him it was because I knew he'd go; he trusts me and we are connected. That sure put a smile on Tom's face, as it did mine! I turned around to applause from the gallery—they had seen it all. I specifically looked into the crowd for my friend and trusted training partner Don Lietzau. He knew exactly how hard we worked to get to a maximum duck search score. To see the big smile on his face and his thumbs up in the air made all the trials, tribulations and long hours so worth it. My heart was full of gratitude and bliss in that moment. It could not have been a better experience.

It is difficult to explain to people this connection that comes from such a bond with an animal. To me, it is the crux of everything I do with dogs, as a trainer and a professional. It keeps me humble and real.

Relationship is everything, especially with a working dog where you will be asking that dog to perform challenging tasks that require trust and obedience. As a handler, you need to walk into a task with confidence knowing that you have a solid foundation. That you have trained above and beyond the requirements and know that your dog trusts you and will do anything you ask of him. This is not to say that things can't happen on test day—the wheels can always fall off. I suppose there is a little bit of fortune involved, stars aligning so to speak. If you want a building to stand the test of time and environment, you have to build a solid foundation. Dog



training is the same. I am reminded by my mentor that training dogs is not a hobby—working with dogs is a good life. Working dogs have and continue to be part of raising livestock, hunting, protecting the family and assisting the fight for freedom. These animals are one of the last links to a simpler way of living.

What has stood out in the three years we have trained for this goal is how many people comment on our relationship. Szinva and I have a bond, built from the very first moment I took care of him, and later when he took care of me. And when working, how beautifully he presents the bird and how proud he is, wanting to please. These moments are the culmination of three years of following in the footsteps of my mentors. Choosing a program, sticking to it and having so much respect for my mentors that I was willing to learn, make mistakes and become the ultimate student. As a handler, I was presented opportunities to grow and made sacrifices for the deep connections I now have.

To many of the members of NAVHDA, training and preparing their dog for testing is a labor of love. Most have day jobs and they do this as a hobby on the side, filling their weekends and emptying their wallets. However, out of this is borne a community that supports the training of versatile hunting dogs. My point here is that a handler does not get to the invitational level on their own. Those who believed and helped me along the way of this journey to Versatile Champion are the ones whose shoulders I now stand on. Thank you!

It is intense to write this story, with the flood of emotions going through me. This journey has been so much more than training a dog. Many can do that and are very successful. The true growth occurs when you are willing to get beyond yourself, do the heavy lifting and put in the countless hours. This journey has ultimately ignited a passion that fuels my life. And it's hard to believe myself, but I was once bitten by a dog as a child and was afraid of dogs

for a very long time. Now I can't imagine my life without these companions.

Coming back to our day, the vision I had focused on became a reality. At the young age of three years old, VC Zöldmáli Szinva received a maximum score of 200 points, making history for his breed by being the very first to receive this coveted title. Words cannot describe my gratitude to have one of the best days of my life shared

with my hunting dog partner. We worked together like a dream team all day, had fun and smiled a lot along the way. The very best part was how many people came up to me afterwards and told me how enjoyable it was to watch how much that dog loves me and what a special relationship we have. There will be many more dogs in my future, yet this memory I cherish forever with my very first champion, Szinva. 🐾



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2016 NAVHDA Invitational - Hawkeye Chapter

09/15/2016	2016-0173	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
AUX LAKE DUKE		M	GR-003386	7-10	44444	10440	22 44	131	None	LARRY D WOODWARD	LARRY D WOODWARD
<i>Handler pulled dog due to dog health issues after 28 minutes</i>											
VC COVEY IV		F	GS-014706	4-0	34434	44443	44 44	191	Pass	JOHN A OFFERMAN	JOHN A OFFERMAN
GUNNER ON POINT		M	GS-014631	3-4	44414	34344	43 33	169	None	RODERICK DE GREEF	DAVID A TRAHAN
VC KLARICE VOM RIVERWOODS		F	GS-014595	3-9	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	CHARLES E PETERSEN	CHARLES E PETERSEN
VC OXBOW'S FRITZ VON ZEDLITZ		M	PP-003309	2-8	44444	34434	44 44	192	Pass	STUART J MCNALLY	STUART J MCNALLY
SHARPE'S CREEK JESTER		M	GW-008492	4-6	44444	44244	44 34	191	None	JEFF D SOWERBY	JEFF D SOWERBY
VC THREE DEVILS O DUKE OF SCHMIEDING FM		M	GW-008398	5-5	44334	44444	44 44	192	Pass	GREG L SCHMIEDING	GREG L SCHMIEDING
VC THUNDERHEAD'S LAST CHANCE		F	GS-011683	6-8	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	RONALD J STOTT	RONALD J STOTT
VC THUNDERHEAD'S UNEQUALED NIKITA		F	GS-012262	6-1	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	RONALD J STOTT	RONALD J STOTT
VC THUNDERHILL'S FLINT		M	GW-008829	3-5	44443	44334	44 44	192	Pass	JEFFREY R PAULUS	JEFFREY R PAULUS
VC TOP GUN TEMPEST		F	GS-014729	3-3	44344	44444	44 44	196	Pass	RANDY S KING	RANDY S KING
VC XENA VOM WIREDHAUS		F	GW-009058	3-3	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	JOHN S MUELLER	JOHN S MUELLER

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09/15/2016	2016-0174	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
ASPEN GLO DIAMOND		F	GR-003994	6-2	34344	44342	44 43	182	None	DENEISE SWANSON	DENEISE SWANSON
FOOTHILLS KODIAK CHALLENGER		M	PP-002861	4-11	44413	44244	43 22	163	None	ROBERT A GRAMZINSKI	MARK A WHALEN
VC FRAGON DU PARLER		M	BS-001062	6-2	44434	44344	44 44	193	Pass	KIMBERLY BARTELLS	JACOB D BARTELLS
VC HUNTING HILLS'YUKON MOOSE TRACKS		M	SM-003500	2-5	44344	44444	44 44	196	Pass	GREGORY N LEWIS	GREGORY N LEWIS
KILLBUCK'S SKYLER		F	PP-002582	6-6	24402	44442	44 33	164	None	EVELYN M MAWACKE	LUCAS SUMMERS
KIVALOS' MILO MAN AT MARTINSEN		M	VI-001220	3-6	44414	44444	44 34	185	None	JENNIFER L MARTINSEN	TATE W MARTINSEN
VC MARTINSENS WEST BOUND		M	VI-001260	2-10	34444	44444	44 44	198	Pass	DEREK S BAUNE	DEREK S BAUNE
NOBELLES DANCES IN THE MOONLIGHT		F	GS-013376	4-7	44303	44443	43 33	164	None	JAMES M SIMPSON	JAMES M SIMPSON
VC NORTHWATERS PUDDLE JUMPER		F	GS-013301	4-9	44444	44344	44 33	191	Pass	R CAREY MCMILLAN	R CAREY MCMILLAN
VC SHARP SHOOTERS AT LAST		F	GS-013511	4-5	44444	44344	44 44	197	Pass	RICHARD W HOLT	RICHARD W HOLT
VC SHARP SHOOTERS I'LL MAKE YOU FAMOUS		M	GS-013504	4-5	44434	44344	44 44	193	Pass	CLYDE E VETTER	CLYDE E VETTER
VC SUNDANCE PIED PIPER		F	GS-014403	3-6	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	JONATHAN L HARDIN	KYLE T HOUGH

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09/16/2016	2016-0175	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
DRUMMING WOODS CHEYANNE		F	BS-000991	7-8	44104	44443	42 22	147	None	EVELYN M MAWACKE	CATHY R SUMMERS
VC GAIA VON DER MERRYMEETING		F	GS-015406	2-4	44444	44434	44 44	197	Pass	FRANCES S MOORE	FRANCES S MOORE
VC HERBST BRIESE FONZIE		M	GS-012677	5-7	44444	44433	44 33	188	Pass	DUSTIN WHITTINGTON	DANIEL G GANNON
VC JUMPIN' JAX POINTIN' FAST		M	GW-009180	2-10	34444	34444	44 44	193	Pass	CHRISTOPHER J MOKLER	CHRISTOPHER J MOKLER
VC QUINEBAUG'S SWEET MONSTER MYA		F	GS-014084	4-4	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	TODD HEWITT	TODD HEWITT
RIPSNORTER'S HIT THE LIGHTS		F	GW-008517	4-2	24332	44233	44 32	163	None	HADLEY GEORGE	JEFFREY C GEORGE
ROBERTS THUNDERING HOSS		M	GS-014272	4-4	44424	43144	44 32	169	None	ROBERT G CATA CUTAN	ROBERT G CATA CUTAN
SILVERSHOT'S AMAZING ACE		M	WM-001266	4-1	44422	44344	44 23	176	None	RANDALL S HANSON	RANDALL S HANSON
THREE PAWS CAVALIER		F	GW-008534	4-1	44444	44243	44 43	188	None	BRIAN C JOHNSON	BRIAN C JOHNSON
THUNDERHILL'S CYCLONE LACEY		F	GW-008566	4-2	44104	44344	42 32	150	None	KEN JONES	KEN JONES

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09/16/2016	2016-0176	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
VC ABBE LANES SWEET LITTLE ELSIE		F	GS-015398	10-3	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	JENNIFER A BROOME	JENNIFER A BROOME
GRIFFS DUKE ACE		F	GW-008923	3-3	44444	43344	44 33	186	None	CARY P FABER	TATE W MARTINSEN
HURRICANE BRANDY OLD FASHION		F	GS-013362	4-9	34133	44434	44 32	168	None	ANGELA L COENEN	ANGELA L COENEN
VC KONIG'S JIMDANDY		M	GS-013476	4-5	44444	44443	44 44	197	Pass	DAVE J DULAK	DAVE J DULAK
LUNN'S ROCK STAR		M	IS-000081	8-0	44433	34344	34 22	168	None	PATRICIA A SKAVLEN	ROBERT T SWEZEY
VC NORTON		M	GR-005221	3-7	44344	44344	44 34	190	Pass	RICK HUBER	RICK HUBER
ROCK CREEK VIOLET		F	PP-003105	3-6	44434	34043	44 33	170	None	MARK D OLCOTT	MARK D OLCOTT
VC THUNDERHEAD'S GO BLUE		M	GS-012790	5-6	44434	44343	44 33	184	Pass	MICHAEL P WICKMAN	RONALD J STOTT
VIQUEUR DE L'ESCARBOT		F	BS-000758	12-3	34220	14443	42 22	134	None	DOUGLAS LODERMEIER SR	DOUGLAS LODERMEIER, SR

Handler pulled dog due to dog health reasons at 25 minutes

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09/16/2016	2016-0177	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
AUX LAKE HOT RODIMUS PRIME	M	GR-004518	5-3	44443	23041	43 32	148	None	KEITH D FELDHAUS	LARRY D WOODWARD	
CHISHOLM'S CREEK LANE RYDER	M	ES-000250	5-8	34210	44443	32 22	139	None	JARRED LOWERY	JARRED LOWERY	
COPPERSHOT'S AMERIQUE DU NORD DEUCE	M	GR-004108	5-9	44444	43433	44 33	183	None	SCOTT A WASS	SCOTT A WASS	
DER VOGEL HUND SARGE	M	GS-011697	7-4	44214	44243	43 32	157	None	CHRISTOPHER J CARR	CHRISTOPHER J CARR	
GRIFFIN BLUES COLTRANE	M	GS-014509	3-9	44424	44444	44 33	186	None	GARY K JOHNSON	GARY K JOHNSON	
VC GRIFFS VIKING EVALINA	F	GW-008424	4-4	44433	44434	44 43	188	Pass	DAVID E LYON	DAVID E LYON	
GRIFFS VIKING LADY	F	GW-008422	4-4	44424	44444	43 43	184	None	DAN J GRIFFITH	DAN J GRIFFITH	
HUNTING HILLS' NIXIE RAE	F	SM-002649	6-5	44444	44223	44 33	179	None	PAMELA M ROBINSON	PAMELA M ROBINSON	
VC MARTINSEN'S RENEGADE REBEL	M	VI-001221	3-5	34344	44343	44 33	182	Pass	JEFFREY BICKEL	JEFFREY BICKEL	
VC ZOLDMALI SZINVA	M	WV-000716	3-1	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	TANYA R GATES	TANYA R GATES	

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09/17/2016	2016-0178	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
CORBRITTS ROCKIN' DA BOONDOCKS	M	BS-001129	5-4	34134	44334	43 33	165	None	DANIEL F CORDERO	DANIEL F CORDERO	
DUCHASSEUR PETIT CHARLIE	M	GR-005220	4-7	44414	44344	43 33	174	None	SERGE MIMEAULT	M DOMINIQUE DEMERS	
VC FIRESTORM PACIFIC DUKE	M	VI-001365	2-3	44344	44443	44 33	187	Pass	CLINT LAGER	CLINT LAGER	
GOES TO ELEVEN	M	GS-014562	3-10	44443	44133	44 43	180	None	LEWIS HATCH III	LEWIS HATCH, III	
JAGAR'S VON NIMROD	M	GW-008436	4-7	34444	44234	44 43	186	None	JOSEPH M BATEMAN	ANTHONY G LIBERTORE	
MOONSHINE BLUFF PIPER'S ON POINT	F	GR-005645	3-4	44444	43043	44 33	174	None	KARA L NELSON	KARA L NELSON	
RIVER RIDGE MOZZES	M	GS-012378	5-10	44113	44033	42 22	134	None	JAMES P KALCHTHALER	JAMES P KALCHTHALER	
VC SHARP SHOOTERS CADDIS CREEK RUNNIN	M	GS-015426	2-5	44344	44444	44 33	190	Pass	JEFFREY W TWHIG	JESSICA LIEFFORT	
SILVERSHOT'S MOXIE IS BANZHAF'S NEW HEARTBEAT	F	WM-001304	4-0	44234	44343	44 33	176	None	SCOTT BANZHAF	SCOTT BANZHAF	
TOP SHELF'S NORTHERN NIGHTS	F	GW-009038	3-4	44444	44244	44 33	188	None	ANDREW J THILL	ANDREW J THILL	

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09/17/2016	2016-0179	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
VC BEAVER'S RUDE BLUE LU BARKER	F	GS-015436	3-1	44434	44444	44 33	190	Pass	JAY D WADE	JAY D WADE	
VC BIRCO V.DEN MEADOW LAKES	M	GW-009200	8-2	44444	34444	44 44	195	Pass	ALBERT W WATSON	ALBERT W WATSON	
CEDARWOODS HARLEY	M	PP-002745	5-8	44430	44234	44 33	173	None	KENNETH R PIERCE	KENNETH R PIERCE	
VC DEADWOOD'S HAY MEADOW	F	GS-014852	3-4	44334	44443	44 34	186	Pass	JOHN G NAUGHTON	JOHN G NAUGHTON	
VC FLEMING'S BELLE FROM WINCHESTER OAKS	F	GS-014108	3-9	44434	44444	44 44	196	Pass	CLIFFORD J FLEMING	CLIFFORD J FLEMING	
FRIEDELSCHEIM'S REMINGTON HENRY TOZER	M	GS-012805	5-4	44104	44043	32 22	129	None	COLIN TOZER	COLIN TOZER	
ICE VOM STILLWATER	M	GS-014662	3-5	34434	43324	44 32	171	None	HERBERT H CHRISTIAN II	HERBERT H CHRISTIAN, II	
MIDNIGHT VON RYDER	M	GS-014511	3-4	44104	34333	42 22	136	None	TIM W CHRISTENSEN	TIM W CHRISTENSEN	
SMOOTHBORE'S SAVVY TOTEM	F	VI-001051	5-4	44444	23443	43 44	177	None	SHERYLE J TEPP	SHERYLE J TEPP	
STANDING STONES NOTHIN BUT TROUBLE	M	GS-013673	4-6	34443	32423	44 22	160	None	KAT PIPPITT	KAT PIPPITT	

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09/17/2016	2016-0180	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
BACON HILL ANGEL OF THE WILLOW	F	GS-012490	6-4	34234	24130	44 32	143	None	THEODORE J MCEACHRON	THEODORE J MCEACHRON	
DJ'S TOP GUN HUSTLING HANNA	F	GS-012652	6-0	44143	44334	44 32	171	None	DONALD D CROSS	DONALD D CROSS	
VC EMMA LOU COTTON	F	GS-014230	6-1	44444	44344	44 44	197	Pass	NICHOLAS B BERG	NICHOLAS B BERG	
VC JESPER AF SVENSKT K.I. KRUT	M	GS-013437	5-2	34344	44444	44 33	188	Pass	ISABELLE B EDLING	ISABELLE B EDLING	
KALI GRAPES	F	GS-014244	4-4	34244	32223	44 22	148	None	KAREN R GRAPES	KAREN R GRAPES	
LUMPY'S HATORI MILO BEAR	M	SM-003165	4-1	34204	44334	43 22	151	None	MICHAEL J RIZZO	MICHAEL J RIZZO	
VC ROOSTERTAIL DIABLO DEX	M	GS-013221	5-3	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	RONALD D ARMSTRONG	RONALD D ARMSTRONG	
SWITCHGRASS DUST IN THE WIND	F	GR-004400	5-2	44004	34433	42 22	135	None	LARRY D WOODWARD	LARRY D WOODWARD	

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09/18/2016	2016-0181	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
ACE VOM DORNENHUGEL	M	GW-009123	2-8	44414	43333	44 33	168	None	LUC RAYMOND	LUC RAYMOND	
AUX LAKE MOLLY	F	GR-005623	3-1	44314	34034	43 22	147	None	LARRY D WOODWARD	LARRY D WOODWARD	
KANZAKAW'S GROUSE BAY GARNET SKY	F	GR-004849	4-3	44413	34434	43 33	167	None	FRANK E SMOLKE	FRANK E SMOLKE	
VC SHARP SHOOTERS DIRTY LITTLE SECRET	F	GS-015418	2-5	44444	44444	44 44	200	Pass	JESSICA LIEFFORT	JESSICA LIEFFORT	
VC ZODIAKS CRYSTAL AFTERBURNER	M	GS-015565	6-2	34444	44443	44 43	192	Pass	ANN D SPIEGEL	ANN D SPIEGEL	

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09/18/2016	2016-0182	Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	T/OUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
FEATHER HILL'S GADGET HEARTS ON FIRE GUNTHER	M	GS-013645	4-5	24134	44023	44 11	141	None	AMY MUSIA	AMY MUSIA	
HUNT MOUNTAIN'S GOODTHUNDER	M	LM-001131	5-4	44410	43433	44 22	157	None	JAMES O MCDONALD	JAMES O MCDONALD	
LITTLE BLAZE	F	GS-016586	5-0	44404	44023	43 22	146	None	EMILY E IEHL	EMILY E IEHL	
QUINA VOM FORSTWEG	F	SM-003091	4-6	43330	43144	44 32	159	None	JEFF B LORENZINI	JEFF B LORENZINI	
SILVERSHOT'S GRACEFUL POINT	F	WM-001281	4-5	44444	44424	44 43	191	None	SYLVAIN L ROY	M DOMINIQUE DEMERS	
SOUTH PINES SHADY LADY	F	GS-012681	9-10	44434	43244	44 33	179	None	JOHN G NAUGHTON	JOHN G NAUGHTON	

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WATER-Heel, Steady @ Dbl. Mark, Dbl. Mark Duck Ret., Blind Ret., Honor-Blind, FIELD-Search, Point, Backing, Steady, Retrieve Bird T/OUT-Nose, Desire, Coop, Obed.

Mindset

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Years of training boil down to a few weeks. Then days. Then hours followed by counting minutes until hearing the call, “Handler!” to enter the field or heel into a water site. Handlers have different ways of handling nervousness. A few are never nervous at all. It’s a good bet, though, that every handler somewhere along the way does a little juggling act with their thoughts and emotions. Versatile Hunting Dog asked several handlers about their mindset going into the test...



Dave Dulak
with VC Konig’s Jimdandy – “Doc”
“I’ve done my due diligence. We prepared well.
Now it’s time to focus and execute.”

Suzi Moore
with VC Gaia Von Der Merrymeeting – “Gaia”
“How do I feel? You mean besides the port-a-potty? I compartmentalize. Freak out half the time and forget it half the time!”



**Emily Iehl
with Little Blaze – “Blaze”**

“A few weeks ago, when there was just a little time left I’d get really nervous worrying about what I could do in the training, how the training was going. Now, after volunteering at the Double Mark as a distraction gunner and watching the dogs and handlers all day, I think I’ll have more fun when we run than I expected.”

**Daniel Cordero
with Corbritts Rockin’ Da Boondocks – “Boone”**

“Psyched. Nervous. Emotional. It’s tough because I miss my father who was always there with me. He taught me everything I know about training and handling, and he would have loved to be here with me. He was always on the front seat next to me.”



**Jeffrey Paulus
with VC Thunderhill’s Flint – “Flint”**

“I wasn’t too nervous. A little edgy, maybe. This is my second Invitational, but I have four VC’s and I have competed a lot with Labs. But Flint was run over by a four-wheeler on August 29th and was down for eight days. That left me only five days of training. I would’ve trained up to four days before the test. With only four hours sleep last night, it was hard to relax this morning. Right now, waiting for the scores, I’m cool as a cucumber.”





Isabelle Edling
with VC Jesper Af Svenskt K. I. Krut – “Jesper”
“We will do as good as we can. Keep a smile. And remember the dog always wants to do the best he can in the circumstances we have for each part of the test.”



Jennifer Broome
with VC Abbe Lanes Sweet Little Elsie – “Elsie”
“Going into any test I truly get into THE ZONE staying calm, focused and relaxed. I train a lot with an extremely high standard, so I feel confident that we have prepared properly. I always have a plan, as well as several back up plans, including always being great partner and leader to my dog.”



Ted McEacheron
with Bacon Hill Angel of the Willow – “Willow”
“Control the controllables. Accept the unknown.”

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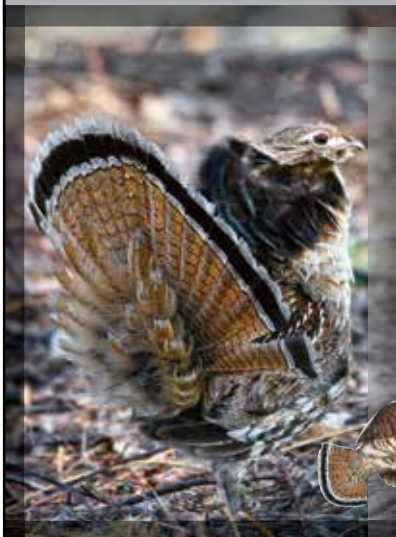
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Evelyn Mawacke says she'd like to try owning every type of hunting dog. A quick review of the dogs she's known so far looks like she's off to a good start. Her breed experience began when she was growing up in Wisconsin, hunting pheasant and grouse with her dad over English cockers. In high school, Evelyn showed her neighbor's German shorthair in the Milwaukee Kennel Club show and took a Best in Breed award. Then Evelyn logged in 20 years with Irish setters, switching from obedience and agility work to field Irish setters for field trials. As her interest in field trialing intensified, Evelyn – an avid horsewoman – wanted a pointer that would be easier and quicker to train. She saw an ad in *American Field* magazine for a German wirehaired pointer, brought him home, and trained and hunted with him for

14 years. Of the wirehair Evelyn now says, "He probably was the best I've owned. I loved him to death."

That wirehair, from a Kettle Creek breeding, introduced Evelyn to the world of NAVHDA and she soon joined the Potomac Chapter. When knee surgery slowed her down, Evelyn went looking for a smaller dog to work with. That led her to Annie, a Brittany. After recovery, she began looking for another dog, and Dan Carter of the Rappahonnack Chapter recommended pudpoiners. That's Skyler.

Annie and Skyler both ran in the Invitational this year. But the team is more than Evelyn and her two dogs. Annie was handled by Cathy Summers, Evelyn's daughter. Skyler was handled by Lucas Summers, Evelyn's grandson. Together the three generations and two breeds trained and trav-

eled, learned and loved all the excitement and challenges the Invitational presents.

Lucas started in NAVHDA at age nine, testing Skyler in Natural Ability. He wrote his story for *Versatile Hunting Dog* (see the August 2016 issue), thanking everyone who helped him, "...most importantly, my co-owner, driver and friend – my grandmother." Lucas is now 15 years old, a competitive trap shooter and prospective Eagle Scout. According to Evelyn, he loves everything that has to do with hunting, shooting and hunting dogs.

Cathy's road to the Invitational was a bit shorter. In the Brittany's earlier years, Cathy, owner of a Cesky Fousek, wasn't involved with Annie's training. But when Lucas and Skyler were going to the Invitational and Dan Carter had secured Annie's UT Prize I, Evelyn suggested to Cathy that

An Invitational Family Team

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as long as she was going to Iowa to watch Lucas test, she could participate, too, and handle Annie. Before heading to Iowa, Cathy ran Annie in a Chesapeake Chapter Utility test. (Then she hiked 60 miles of the Appalachian Trail until an unusual amount of bear contacts shortened the trip.) Together Evelyn, Cathy and Lucas spent the rest of the summer training.

“Training for the Invitational was fantastic,” says Evelyn. “We traveled to Schwarzwald Kennels in western Pennsylvania, owned by Kyle Hough, where we met many great people and trained with VC dogs and dogs that were soon to be VCs. Kyle took special care to work closely with Lucas (and Skyler) and helped him grow as a handler and trainer. The whole train the trainer experience was great for all of us.”

Skyler and Annie had problems with their water work at the Invitational and didn’t pass. Evelyn expresses no regrets. “Cathy and Lucas are very busy people. It was a great experience spending time together. We all feel that was the best part of this.”

While Skyler, who is 6.5 years-old, and Annie, who is 7.5 years-old, will not try to requalify for the Invitational, it’s a good bet that Evelyn and her team will be there again in the future. They bred Skyler this year and kept two pups. These pups are part of Lucas’ newly minted Bird in Hand Kennel. Lucas will run Bear, the male, in his Natural Ability Test this fall as Cathy runs the female pup, Brandy. Meanwhile, Evelyn and her other grandson Caleb will be fox hunting and running field trials on horseback. In all their endeavors, it is safe to say that this three-generation team will do wonderfully and have a memorable time together. 🐾



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It's all about

To some this may not seem like a story of success. But to Elsie and me it was exactly that. When the scores were read on Friday afternoon, TR Vigueur de L'Escarbot (NA PzI, UT PzI, MH) was not "the newest Versatile Champion." In fact, she didn't finish the test as she needed to be pulled from the field due to health concerns.

I heard more than a few people question my motives and chances of succeeding. Was the enormous time commitment in training and the money spent getting a 12-year-old dog to the Invitational worth it?

I can only say that the reason I brought Elsie here was out of respect for her and all that she has given to me over the many years. She deserved her chance to participate. Not only has she been a great hunting partner, but, also, along the way, she became a very good trial and test dog.

Our journey didn't start when we qualified with a Prize I Utility score in 2015, but,

rather, much earlier in her life. It became obvious to me as a pup that this dog was very busy and had more than a little excess energy. Soon, it also became abundantly apparent that she had an extremely high prey-drive or "birdiness" about her. Tie that together with a big personality, and I had a girl that needed something to do for more than just the hunting seasons.

While I initially bought Elsie strictly as a hunting dog, she soon started down a road of testing and trialing. Elsie was my first versatile dog and I knew that I had a steep curve in learning how to train her. So I immersed myself in the process. First I joined the Minnesota Chapter of NAVHDA. I also joined the St. Croix Valley Brittany Club Chapter of AKC and later was a charter member of the St. Croix NAVHDA Chapter. Later we also joined the Minnesota Chapter of UKC and the parent CEB-US. We were very active in training with each group, and

I soaked up all the knowledge I could along the way. I even joined in some Southern Minnesota Chapter of NAVHDA events. Most notable was a two-day training session put on by the chapter and conducted by Clyde and Marilyn Vetter. This training session became my blueprint for teaching Elsie. I later joined Southern Minnesota for a two-day NAVHDA Handlers Clinic lead by Angie Coenen where I learned many nuances of NAVHDA testing.

As a means to keep me focused and accountable in my training I decided to run Elsie in her NAVHDA Natural Ability test. I worked hard getting her ready and participated in a mock test held by the Minnesota Chapter. Never having participated in any testing, my modest goal was to get through the test, earn any prize, and generally not embarrass us. To my great surprise, Elsie earned her first of ten titles/prizes in three registries (NAVHDA, AKC and UKC) – a Prize I, 105 points. Elsie's 105 score would become a hallmark of her career, as she was never the perfect test dog and always a little on the ragged edge with her hyper-enthusiasm. It is this same drive that makes her so fun to hunt behind and a pleasure to marvel at when tracking a cripple or downed bird, whether on land or water. When hunting, training or testing, every bird is her first bird. Even today she is as excited as when she was as a puppy. For her it just never gets old.

Her NA Prize I and the training we had done together emboldened me to run her in AKC events. She went on to earn her Junior, Senior and Master Hunter Titles. From there we went on to run in UKC events and earning her Trialer title. There were some NASTRA events and a good run at the Pheasant Championships at Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake, Minnesota along the way. Our travels took us to Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Illinois, Georgia and Florida for trials. Hunting took



ELSIE WITH HER AWARDS REPRESENTING
10 TITLES/PRIZES IN THREE REGISTRIES:
NAVHDA, AKC AND UKC.
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the journey

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her to even more states. Along the way we met many new friends and learned something from each.

So if you consider that Elsie earned 10 titles in 12 years, discounting her first year of life when she didn't test or trial, and her last year which we spent training for the Invitational, she averaged a title every year for 10 years. It wasn't until she had earned her AKC and UKC titles that we returned to her Utility testing with NAVHDA when she was already seven years old.

It was her fifth UT prize, a Prize I, 187 points, that earned her a trip to the Invitational. Prior to that she had two Prize IIIs and two Prize IIs for five UT prizes total. In two of those tests, she missed her Prize I by one point—once in the track and once on her retrieve. A Prize III should have been an easy Prize I if she hadn't, as the judge said, "been so eager to drag you through the Heel to get to the blind." That 186 point Prize III may have been one of her best tests otherwise. It was at this test that she received one of her many "Standing-O's"

for her enthusiastic duck search. As I said early in the article, she's always been on the razor's edge. Elsie, as I have often said, would not be the one that a pro would have chosen from a string of candidates to campaign, as she is just a bit of a "wild-card" with her exuberance, despite all her obvious skills. But, unlike the pros who have many choices, this is MY dog and the one I "bring to the dance." And for all her faults, there is no dog with which I would rather play the games.

So, with our Prize I at 11 years old finally secured, we started our training for the Invitational. Although Elsie proved to be physically fit at 11 to qualify for the next challenge, a feat that I attribute to all the off-season work she puts in, the Invitational is at another level, especially considering the hour-long braced fieldwork.

We had a great spring and summer with Elsie learning and mastering several new disciplines including 120-yard blinds and double mark retrieves. I felt confident in her fieldwork as she has been backing and

running in braces for many years in other venues. The double mark and steady at blind came easily in training to Elsie, although it unraveled a bit on test day. The blind retrieve was the most difficult for her to learn. It was hard to get the duck search out of her and start taking a line. In fact, our first attempts were so dismal that I wondered if she could learn the new discipline. We came out of the water and went back to the land working on lines, driving to piles, wagon wheels and expanding from 40 yards to 100 yards and from seeing the marks to unseen marks over rises and dense cover. After months of land lining drills, we came back to water. After some initial setbacks it started to click and she began making 40-yard blinds, 60-yard blinds, ever expanding to reliable 120-yard water blinds retrieving the duck to hand.

Watching Elsie learn new and difficult skills was a joy to see and only made me more proud of her and her desire to please. She became very good at all phases of the test, and I proved her on many different

grounds and places. She was doing everything needed to pass and, at a month before the test, I had her in maintenance mode—giving her only enough reps to keep her wanting more. My only concern was the heat and if it would be too hot for her when it came to the field portion and making it for an hour. Even as a young pup she was never a good hot weather dog, and I pulled her from tests and trials more than once for her well-being. She had no problem training in the field for an hour if it was relatively cool. She has routinely hunted full days successively every year of her life as recently as last year and under similar conditions. I wasn't concerned about her stamina under ideal conditions. But at 12, I was realistically concerned that this would be her biggest obstacle. Still, I hoped for a favorable draw and that I might get her fieldwork done early in the morning.

Unfortunately, two weeks before the test, I had to shut her down because she developed a persistent cough. Although she was inoculated for kennel cough, she was treated with a round of antibiotics. While that didn't alleviate the cough, other tests for a grass awn were negative. The final diagnosis was a partially collapsed trachea. This makes it very difficult for her to breathe and regulate body temperature, especially during warm conditions. As her symptoms subsided, we ran through the test events just prior to going to Iowa and she was able to perform everything flawlessly. The only thing that we didn't do was run for an hour in the field in the afternoon heat.

At the test we drew what, for Elsie, was the least favorable position of being the last dog in the field in the mid-afternoon heat. Fortunately, there were an odd number of dogs and we were paired with a bye dog. Had we not been with a bye dog, I had already made up my mind to pull her, as I would not want to disrupt another handler's turn in the field. I know from experience how much effort and money is put into getting a dog here for a single chance to earn a VC, but since it would hurt no one, I decided to give Elsie her chance. At the start, I shared with the judges that at the first sign of stress I would terminate her run. I also assured everyone in the group if anyone felt uncomfortable we would terminate the run.

Elsie had a great break away and shortly had a point. She handled it perfectly showing great steadiness and waited for her release to retrieve. Although already hot, she made the retrieve to hand. She was cast out again and continued her typical busy search.



THE JUDGES AND HANDLER MAKING THE "EASY DECISION" TO PULL ELSIE FROM THE FIELD.

At about the 20-minute mark, she was laboring in her breathing and the easy joint decision by all to stop was made. She was removed from the field for medical reasons. She literally would have run herself to death trying to please me.

In one of the most sportsmanlike and generous displays I have ever witnessed at any trial, the judging team of Tim Clark (SR), Clyde Vetter and Bob Ubbelohde allowed me to get Elsie cooled down and hydrated while the bye dog was allowed to find and establish a point. Elsie was given a chance to back the pointing dog, which she did perfectly, standing tall and steady through the shot and retrieve of the bird. We then terminated the test at 25 minutes. One photo accompanying this article is of her back and was taken by a Purina rep who joined us in the gallery. This is her last act in a NAVHDA test at 12 years old. She is likely the oldest dog to run at this event. I later overheard Clyde telling the other judges that he wished they had a chance to

see her in her prime. I take that as the ultimate compliment to my little dog.

Fifteen minutes later, Elsie was back to her normal self and wanting more. I could not be more proud of her desire and performance. Believe me when I say that Elsie neither knew nor cared that she didn't pass the test.

Elsie had other hiccups along the way at the test. Even if she had finished the field portion and continued to perform well, she would not have earned her VC. But to me she is a champion and I'm proud of all she and I learned along the journey of the last year. I have no doubt that the reason she is still able to continue to do these amazing things is because she never stops training, trialing and hunting and, therefore, is physically and mentally fit for her advanced age. Elsie will continue to run in UKC events, as the 15-minute time limits will be more suitable for her going forward. Like I said, a girl still needs something to do!



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I learned so much that only could be achieved through actually training for and participating in the Invitational. I have a much higher respect and understanding of what needs to be done to earn a coveted VC title. I will adjust my training accordingly to what I have gleaned from both running a dog and from three times volunteering at this prestigious event. But, I would caution, watching and running are entirely two different things. What I have learned from this experience will be invaluable to me if I should ever bring a dog back here and to any of my training partners in the future who will make this trip.

The entire experience is one that should be considered. The pageantry, dinners, banquet and camaraderie make this a truly unique event. We had friends from Minnesota, Iowa and as far away as Pennsylvania and Virginia come to support us. I would wish everyone the opportunity to take part in the Invitational at least once in his or her lifetime.



ELSIE'S LAST BACK IN A NAVHDA EVENT AND THE END OF A DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

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Elsie is one of only six Epagneul Breton's (French Brittany) to have ever been to the Invitational. This year marked the first time two EBs participated. Jake and Kim Bartells brought and passed their VC Fragon du Parler (Gage) on Thursday. This is the second Epagneul Breton Versatile Champion produced by this exceptional team. Of the six EB's that have run at the Invitational, four have earned the title of VC. Not a bad showing for the little dogs

whose motto is "un maximum of qualities pour un volume minimum"— which, translated into English, means that the Epagneul Breton provides a "maximum of qualities in a minimum of volume."

Thank you to all the people who were part of this very special moment and who helped us realize our dream of participating in the Invitational. This type of consideration and respect shown to Elsie and myself are what make my NAVHDA family so special. 🐾



THE DECOY DOG

By Nancy Anisfield
*Contributing Editor
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Evaluating his four year journey to the Invitational with VC Emma Lou Cotton, Nick Berg says, “We prove exactly what NAVHDA is designed to do – help someone who wants a versatile hunting dog and train that dog to a finished level.” Nick refers to Emma as his “decoy dog,” meaning one he didn’t think was the real thing, just one with which he would learn the NAVHDA system. “If she failed at testing, that was okay to me. We were gaining experience and I didn’t know how well she’d do. I am still surprised she did this well.” He goes on to enthusiastically add that the

NAVHDA program, from the different aspects of training and having knowledgeable people advising to the multi-stage testing system, works.

The part of Nick’s story that isn’t quite in the NAVHDA playbook, however, is that he found Emma on Craigslist in one night, for \$300, and took her home the next day.

Nick grew up hunting over Labs and in 2009 he got his own Lab. The next year, a buddy of Nick’s came up to Minnesota to hunt with him, bringing a German shorthair. Nick had always thought pointers were cool, but had heard awful stories of how hard they were to train and

handle. Ten minutes into the hunt with his friend, the shorthair locked up solid on point. His friend told Nick to walk up in front of the dog, which he did, kicking up a ruffed grouse. He shot the bird going away, then, on command, the shorthair retrieved it to hand.

“After seeing that, I knew I had to have a shorthair...now,” Nick recalls. “My girlfriend – at the time, we’re married now – and I wanted a second dog. So I went on Craigslist that night and found a litter for sale, \$300 each, just two hours from my house. We drove there the next day. Out of the litter of 8-week-old puppies, the




ugliest, cutest little dog came up to me. They called her ‘Shnookums,’ but we already had picked out the name ‘Emma.’” Nick and Mandy took her home that afternoon. Six years later, Emma is a Versatile Champion. Nick still seems surprised that he found such a great dog online, on a random farm not far from his home.

For Emma’s initial training, Nick bought a book and watched videos on YouTube. After two years, though, her steadiness wasn’t happening. He figured there had to be some kind of hunting dog training group that could help, which led him to Howie Hill, owner of Northwa-

ters GSPs in Hibbing, Minnesota. Howie is an avid grouse hunter like Nick, and told him all about NAVHDA’s training and testing program. Howie, along with a wonderful group of northern Minnesota locals, welcomed them and set the foundation for their training. That spring, Nick and Emma started preparing for a Utility Preparatory Test in the fall.

Emma did well in her UPT and scored a Prize II. Nick worked with her all the following summer, then scored a Utility Test Prize II with Emma performing beautifully—until a heavy downpour at the blind. The rain spooked her, and she ran to Nick instead of staying put. Having hoped for a Prize I to qualify for the Invitational, Nick was ready to give up. But he didn’t. Instead, they trained in the rain, they trained in the wind, they trained in the heat. Going on five years

old, Emma scored a maximum UT 204 in September 2015 with Nick grinning as one of the judges announced Emma’s score and added, “This is a dog I’d take home today.” Their path to the Invitational was set before them.

While Nick and his Versatile Champion will enjoy bird season this year, he’s no doubt also keeping a close eye on Jade, his younger German shorthair. Jade isn’t just a Craigslist serendipity-good-fortune-find like Emma. “Once I learned through NAVHDA about the traits I should be looking for, I paid attention to bloodlines and attributes for my second shorthair.” Jade comes from Northwaters GSPs and has incredible potential. She has scored a Prize I in NA and Prize II in UT. “She’ll be my next VC,” Nick adds. “She is only two, but, somewhere down the line, we will go to the Invitational. It’s in the works.” 



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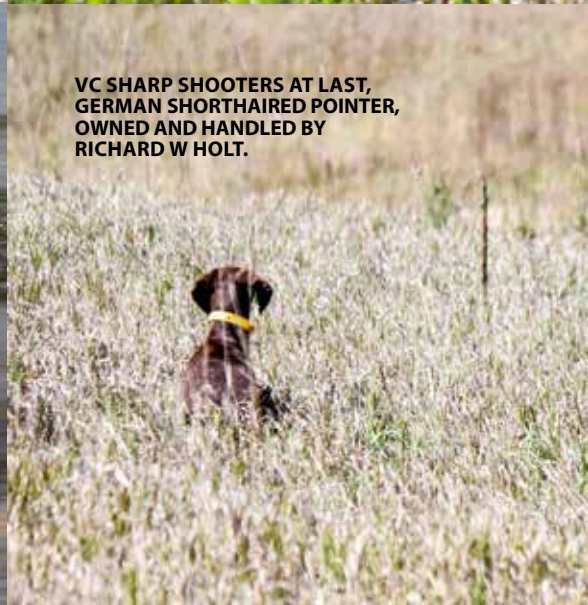
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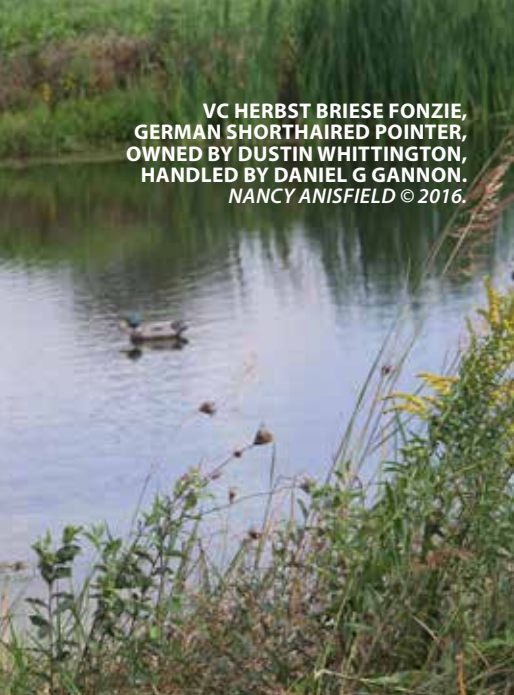
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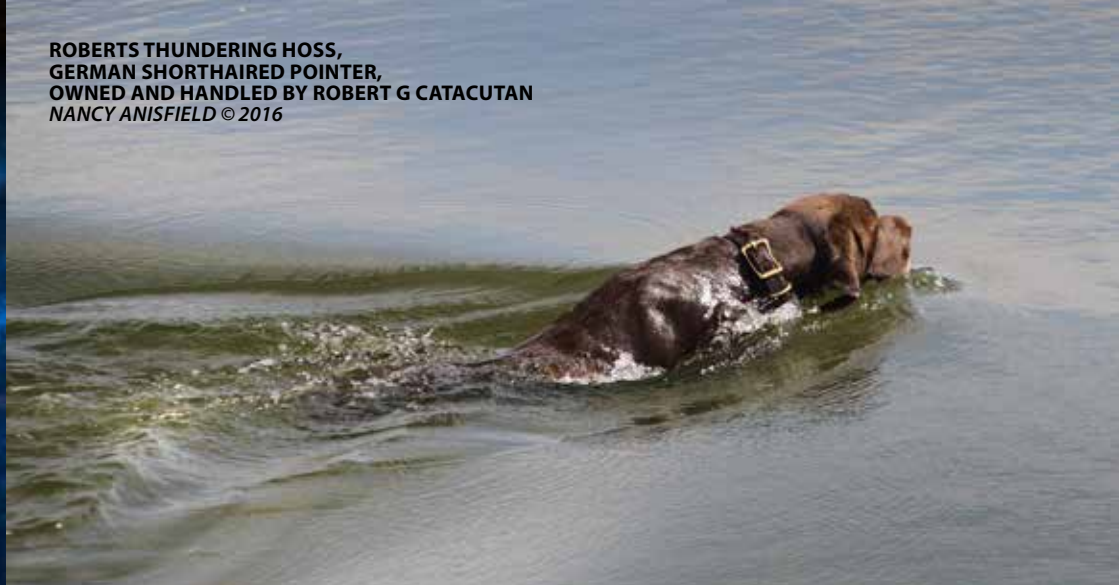
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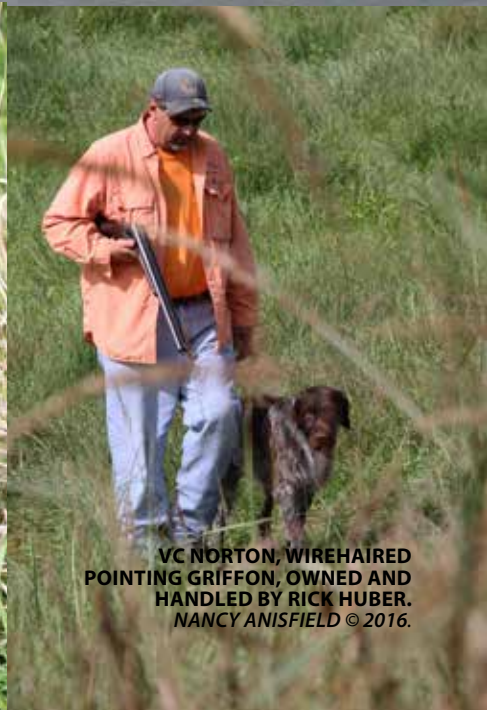
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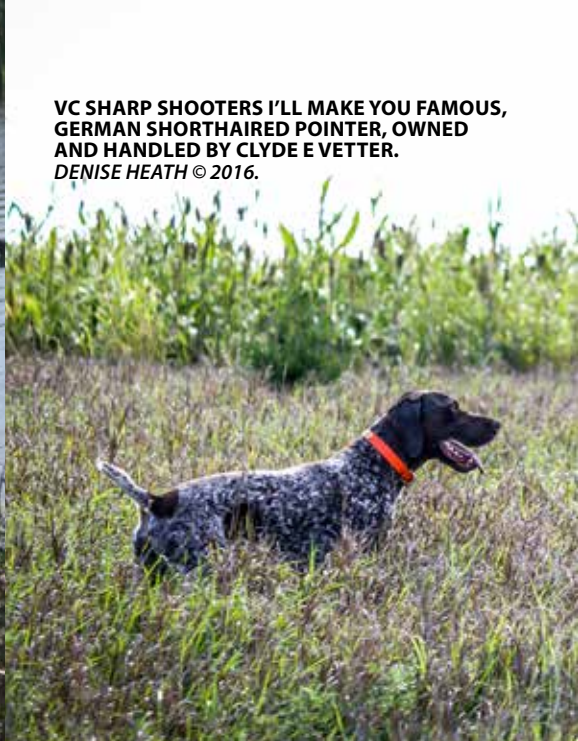
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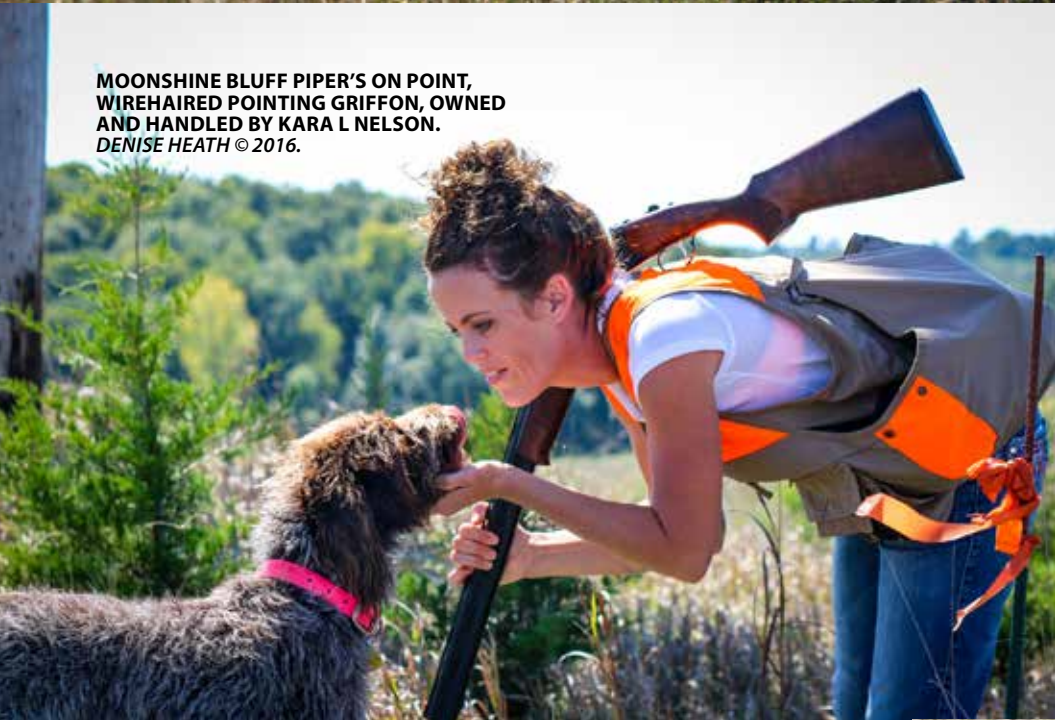
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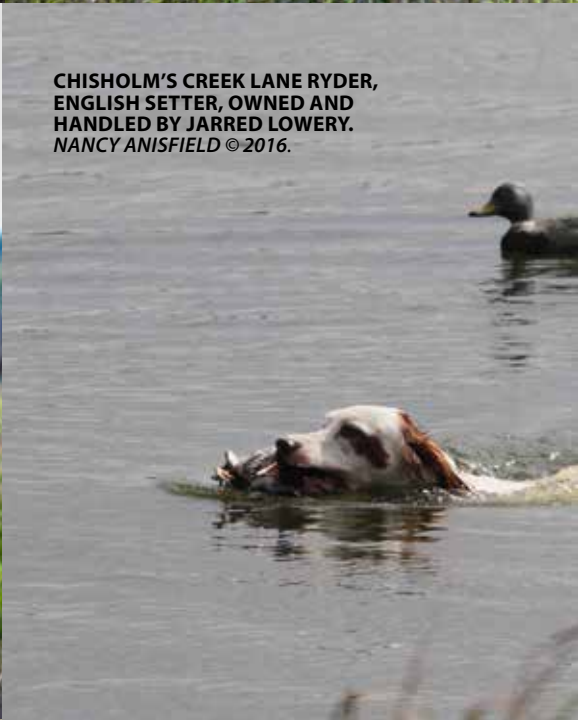
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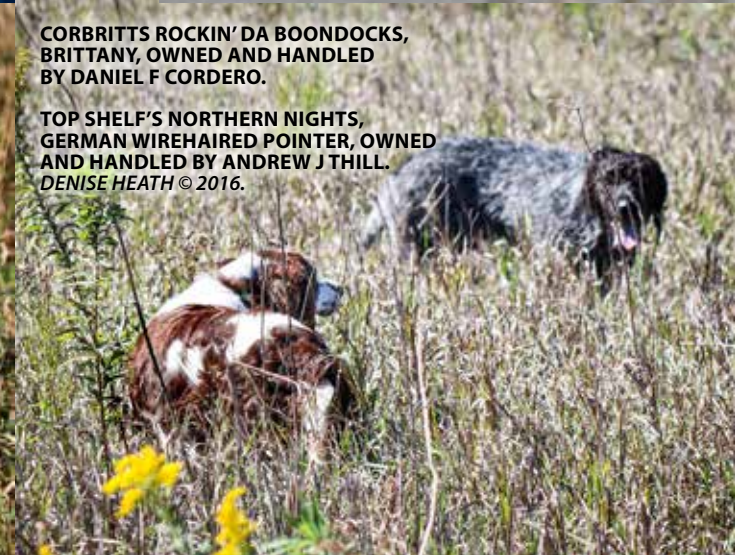
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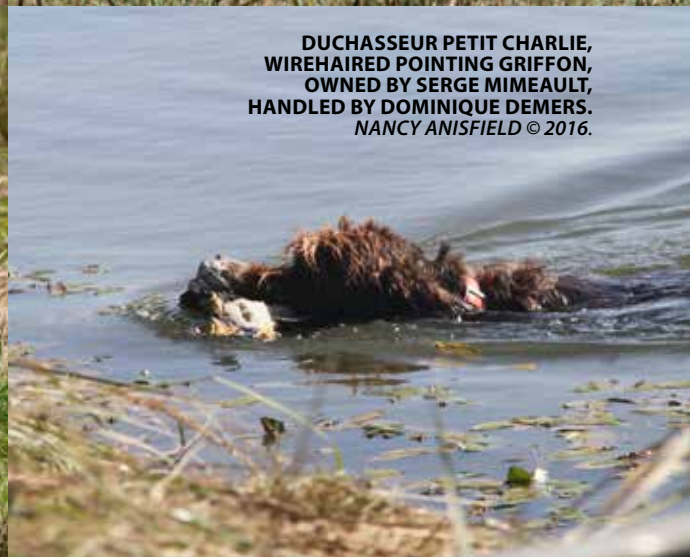
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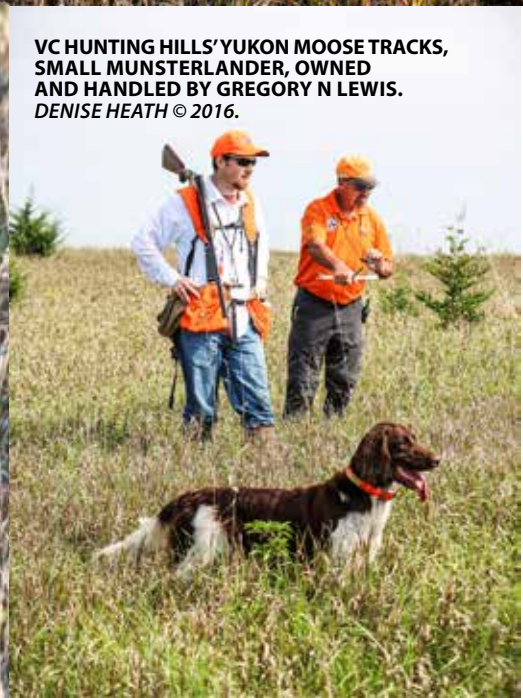
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ON THE RIGHT TRACK

*By Mark Whalen
Poolesville, Maryland*

Q • *Why does NAVHDA allow a dog to get a passing score in every level of testing for pointing even if the dog is “flagging” on point. Flagging on point is a sign of a lack of confidence. Flagging on point is a sign of a weak nose. Flagging on point is a sign of an abusive trainer, etc. A flagging dog should be taken out of the gene pool not made into a “champion” dog.*

A • It would first be prudent to define what “flagging” is as it relates to bird dogs. Flagging is the movement, or wagging of a dog’s tail while on point. Some dogs’ flagging would merely be wagging their tail, very slowly, back and forth. Other dogs flagging is extremely rapid, to the point that the entire back end of the dog is moving. Of course, there are many dogs who flag that fall somewhere between these two examples.

It would also be prudent to understand that in our Aims and Test Rules book, the word “flagging” is never mentioned. However, the word “intensity” is mentioned, numerous times. Our rules define pointing as this: the pointing stance must be intense, convincing, and unmistakable as a point, and in the end it must be productive. One could certainly argue that a flagging dog may lack some intensity, depending on the severity, and the score may be reduced. Would a dog receive a 4 in pointing if the flagging was so rapid and animated that the entire back end of the dog was moving around? On my score card that dog would not receive a 4 on that

point. I would refer back to “intensity” and view that scenario as a fault in pointing. In my opinion, if the dog is flagging, but the rest of the body is rigid and intense, that dog may receive a 4, based on our rules. The key word here again is intensity. I will generally pay more attention to the front half rather than the back half in pointing. Flagging, in my opinion is a fault; the reduced score depends on the severity of the flagging

We should also explore why dogs flag. Truthfully, if I had the answer to that I would be way too rich to take the time to write this article. I can only share with you what my personal opinion is, and that of a few very respected and gifted dog trainers who I’ve asked. The general opinion, and I share in this, is that there is a genetic component and a human component. In other words, some dogs flag from what Mom and Dad gave them, and some dogs flag because of training pressure. A professional trainer told me that he trained a few dogs from the same litter, and got them at a very young age, all of them flagged. It is certainly not common, but also not unheard of either. After all, genetics play a huge role in all dogs. Every dog develops differently and at a different time. Some pups point right out of the box, some take a few weeks, and some take much longer. Some pups jump right in the water the very first time and start swimming; some pups need much more exposure and coaxing to enter the water. Some dogs will inherently flag; most, however, do not.

I have recently been working with a dog that I believe inherently flags. When this dog can’t see the bird he flags; the farther back in the scent cone, the more he flags. The tighter he is to the bird, the less he flags. If he sees the bird, he never flags. Is

it nose? I don't think so; he locates his birds fine, in any and all scenting conditions. On his duck search he will always locate multiple birds. I truly don't think that nose plays a factor, at least in this case anyway. The flaggers that I have experienced all had good noses. They had other issues, whether genetic or manufactured, that manifested flagging.

I believe that flagging is more manufactured than inherent. Flagging can manifest itself through a multitude of avenues. It may come from boredom, from anticipation, from greed, from a heavy hand, from lack of retrieves, from too many traps, from nagging, from too much voice, from too much whoaing, from a lack of confidence, or from insulting the dogs' intelligence... The list is endless, take your pick. I did a little research on this, and the opinions vary like the direction of the wind. Some of the old-school field trial folks say if the dog flags with his tail up in the air it's genetic. If the dog flags with a low tail its pressure... Interesting thought, and something to ponder. Can flagging be fixed? Yes it can. Is it easy to fix? No, but that may be a good topic for a future article. I can tell you one thing that is sure to help: wild birds, and lots of them.

Good luck and good hunting. 🐾

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Ask Dr. Boyer



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Putting Your Best Paw Forward

Do you remember the TV show *McGyver*? He could solve anything with a paper clip and duct tape. When it comes to dog's paws, forget the paper clip, but remember the duct tape. This article will focus on foot care for hunting dogs to include injury prevention, nail care, foot conditioning and field first aid.

Imagine going through your day barefoot. You walk on indoor and outdoor surfaces, on snow or ice, rough terrain, hot asphalt and on myriad substances that can cut or burn your skin like glass, chemicals or other potential hazards. Do you think your feet would be sore? Your dog feels the same way and it is important to properly condition your dog's feet prior to hunting season in order to prevent injury. If you condition your dog on the type of terrain that you intend to hunt on, over time, the tissue of the dog's pads will change so that they can handle the increased impact. Start by working your dog for short periods of time on surfaces that are mildly abrasive like gravel, sand or concrete. There are many products on the market that can be used to toughen up a dog's pads, but none of these products take the place of conditioning over time. It is a good habit to check between your dog's toes daily for objects such as foxtails, thorns, burrs, or any other object that becomes lodged in his feet.

There are many types of boots on the market that are designed to protect your dog's feet. The use of them is somewhat controversial. Some people believe that the boots prevent injuries while others think that dogs cannot feel the ground or they alter their gait while wearing boots, thus causing more injuries. I condition our dogs to be used to boots, but reserve their use for particularly difficult terrain that could cause serious injury. The boots must fit the foot well. Remember that dogs do not have sweat glands and the only way a dog can sweat is through their foot pads. If you leave boots on your dog too long, you are preventing their ability to release heat through their feet. Make sure to remove them immediately after use and do not use them for long periods of time.

Nail Care

Hopefully, you have a dog that was properly trained from an early age to allow for its nails to be trimmed. Some dogs require little nail care as they wear their nails on hard surfaces. Most however, require frequent trimming or grinding. Allowing your dog's nails to grow too long predisposes it to injury. Long nails alter your dog's gait and can lead to changes in joints and bones. They can also lead to turned out feet, foot spread and arthritis. I have treated dogs for infections as dew claws and nails have curled around and embed-

ded themselves into the skin. Keep the nails as short as possible without exposing the quick. White nails are easiest to cut as you can see the vein. You can cut the white portion of the nail. Dark nails are more difficult to trim and you increase the possibility of cutting the nail too short and causing bleeding. Start by taking small nips off the end of the nail and cutting just to the curve of the nail. If you go too far and your dog bleeds, this can be stopped with a styptic pencil or powder. If you do not have styptic handy, you can use flour or baking powder packed over the end of the nail. Although it looks like a lot of blood, unless your dog has an underlying blood clotting disorder, the bleeding will eventually stop with styptic, flour or baking powder and pressure on the end of the nail. My preference is to use a Dremmel tool to grind our dogs nails. The dogs tolerate this better than clippers and you can safely grind until the dog pulls his paw back. You have virtually no chance of making your dog bleed or going too far. The more you work on the nails, the shorter the quicks recede. Start working on the nails during the off season so that they are trimmed short before hunting season starts.

Torn Nails

If your dog is in the field and tears a toe nail, it is painful and requires some care. If the tear is in the middle of the nail, it is relatively painless to remove it with a quick tug using hemostats. Bandage the foot and protect it from impact as it will be painful if left open while hunting. If the nail is torn at the base, do not attempt to remove it yourself. It will require more intervention and pulling the nail cover at the base is very painful for your dog. See your veterinarian for evaluation, pain medication and antibiotics if needed.

Environmental Hazards

During the winter, rock salt, de-icers and other chemicals can get between the dog's paw pads and cause damage to the pad as well as burning and pain. In addition, snow, ice and gravel can become stuck in the paw. If your dog is going to walk with you where there is a lot of snow, make sure you trim the hair between the feet and apply a small amount of either petroleum jelly or olive oil to the feet to prevent the formation of snow or ice balls on the feet. Avoid the use of human moisturizers. They can make the paws worse. If your pet comes in contact with rock salt or de-icers, please wash the paws thoroughly. These products are not only painful to the paw, but can be toxic if licked by your dog.

During the summer, be careful not to have your dog walk on hot pavement or sand. Just like you, they need to walk on a cool surface. If you must walk your dog on hot surfaces, consider using boots, but be careful not to leave them on too long as it impedes

the dog's ability to sweat. You can use other paw protection like a "paw wax" used by mushers. It can help by forming a barrier on the dog's paw and protecting the paws from the environment.


Pad Injuries

Dog paws are unique in that they have several types of tissue in the foot — the footpad, the skin, fur and nails. The footpad is unlike any other tissue in the body. It has a specialized structure and function and requires care. As discussed above, proper conditioning prior to hunting is essential. Pad injuries range from minor to serious and are often times difficult to heal since the dog is constantly putting his weight on the injured pad.

There are four main types of pad injuries; abrasions, bruises, cuts (lacerations) and puncture wounds. Abrasions are very common and are an irritation caused by wear or rubbing. Excessive running on rough surfaces without proper conditioning actually wears away the tough protective covering of the pad, exposing the tender underlying tissue. Abrasions are treated by keeping the pads clean, covering with booties or bandages and protecting the pads until healed. Once healed, slow conditioning combined with paw wax will restore the pad's integrity.

Bruised pads are usually not serious, but can be quite painful and cause significant lameness. Pressing on the pad will elicit a painful response by your dog. Examine the pad carefully however, because a painful pad can also be a sign of a puncture wound. Puncture wounds can sometimes be difficult to see and infection can set in quickly. Puncture wounds and bruising require some veterinary intervention to treat for pain and/or infection.

Lacerations (cuts) are more serious and require treatment. If the cut does not contain a foreign object like glass, is not bleeding heavily, is not deep and does not expose the tendons or underlying ligaments, super glue can seal the cut pad after it has been cleaned with soap and water. This is particularly helpful with small "web" lacerations between the toes for those breeds with webbing. If you have any concern for the depth of the cut, do not seal it with glue. You can make a temporary bandage with duct tape and you can cover the injured foot with a plastic bag and seal with more duct tape. I like duct tape because it has excellent protection for the foot, does not come off easily and makes a solid bandage. If possible, remove the hair around the cut with scissors or clippers prior to bandaging. Most pad lacerations will bleed for several hours and although not life threatening, a visit to your veterinarian is a good idea for pain medication and possibly antibiotics to prevent infection.

With common sense, proper conditioning, frequent nail trimming and a little duct tape and super glue, your dog's feet will remain healthy year-round and be ready to hunt when you are. 

Pheasant Meatballs In Mushroom Sauce



Meatballs:

8 ozs. Ground Pheasant (I usually grind more and make a big batch—the rest freezes well)
1-2 ground sweet roasted red peppers
1/2 ground medium onion (dice other half for sauce)
1-2 eggs (add one at a time to adjust mixture)
2 tablespoons L&P White Worcestershire
2 teaspoons soy sauce (optional)
1 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
3/4 cup bread crumbs
parsley

Mix all ingredients together and scoop out meatballs.
Brown in a skillet with olive oil, set aside cooked meatballs.
Prepare sauce.

White Sauce:

2 tablespoons butter or olive oil
1/2 diced onion (from above)
1-2 cup fresh mushrooms (you may want to add fresh mushrooms in addition to soup)
1 can Cream of mushroom soup
1 cup milk and or sour cream (to desired thickness)
2 teaspoons L&P White Worcestershire
dash of soy sauce (optional)
2 ozs. white wine or sherry (optional)
Salt and white pepper to taste

Heat butter or oil in the skillet used to cook meatballs. Sauté onions and optional mushrooms until tender. Add L&P, wine soy or sherry. Add soup and use milk/sour cream to desired thickness. Add seasoning. Return meatballs to the sauce and heat on low for 5 min or so.

You can serve this with your favorite pasta. Garnish with parsley. Blanched pearl onions are a tasty addition. 🐕

Help fellow NAVHDA members eat what we hunt by sending in your recipes! Email your recipe and photo to the NAVHDA Office at www.navoffice@navhda.org with "Full Circle Fare" in the subject line.

Editor's note: Pheasant is a mild flavored and versatile game bird. Whether you call them Swedish Meatballs, Asian Meatballs or Stroganoff Meatballs. Use a white sauce or brown, mushrooms or not. White wine, sherry or soy. Scratch sauce or your favorite condensed soup, ground pheasant is the star of this show.

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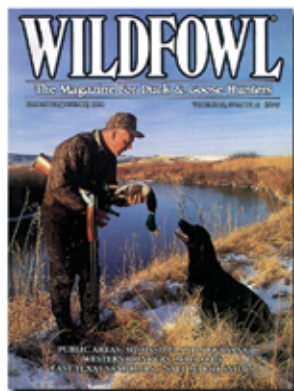
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THE FORUM



Photo of the Month

Scared Me!

Submitted by Chris Pope, Concord, New Hampshire

One morning, Gunny and I were hunting along in a snowy covert. I was intently watching my pup 45 yards ahead when I heard a noise to my right. As I turned my head, I heard flap, flap, flap really close... scared the heck out of me and I jumped a foot in the air. Then saw my Whisky Jack friend standing on the barrel of my shotgun looking at me. This Canada Gray Jay became so curious when I took out my cell-phone that he jumped up onto my left hand holding the phone. No doubt well-meaning folks had fed him from hand all summer.

And some other important stuff you really should think about reading...

A new searchable report was added to our website. You can now get the total count of the dogs registered throughout the years. Go to www.navhda.org, Registry, Searchable Data and click on Registered Dog Count Breed Year.

The **deadline to apply for the Breeder's Award** is December 31, 2016. If you submitted a Breeder's Award application and did not receive confirmation, please contact the International office to make sure that they have received it.

Be sure to send in your litter or dog's registration early. If a dog is not registered, they will not be allowed to run in any NAVHDA tests.

The International office is having problems reading many of the application requests for both registry and membership. **Please type the application or write clearly**, as this is very time consuming. Also, when attaching documents to the International office email for registrations, **please attach a pdf file**. Look at what you are attaching before sending, because the office is having problems getting blank applications, and the attachments are not readable. The files need to be 8"x11", and not dark.

Got something to sell? Why not advertise with us! We have online classifieds available through the NAVHDA store and also magazine classifieds and regular ad sizes. For more information, go to our website (www.navhda.org) under "Advertise with Us" for full details.

We are always looking for **fun photos, quotes, short training tips** and anything else that you'd like to share in The Forum. Please send them to navoffice@navhda.org.

Kennel Name Applications

Kennel Name	Breed	Owners
BISSEL GRADE	GW	NATHAN J. STEEBER
STONYCREEK	GS	ROY FRITZ JR
MARANACOOK LAKE	GR	PETER P. DAVIS
FLATLANDER'S	PP	PETER HORNSTEIN & MITCHELL HURLIMAN
HILBERG	GS	SKIP HILBERG
WINDY SAGE	PP	TODD & SARA BAIER
M&L REYOSHO	GR	MARTIN G. REYNOLDS
CHASSEUR D'OMBRES	PS	ANNIE ULRICH

These applications for registration of kennel names have been received by the NAVHDA Registry. Any objections must be written and submitted to Steve Brodeur, Registrar, NAVHDA, PO Box 520, Arlington Hts, IL 60006, on or before January 1, 2017. To obtain registration forms, write the Registrar at the above address or go to www.navhda.org.

NAVHDA Test Results

FINGER LAKES

Natural Ability
CRACKERJACK FIELD SERGE
MOUNTAINS FURY ABBY
TEETH: MISSING 406

Utility Test
NIAGARA DELL'ANGELO DEL SUMMANO
QUANTUS VON BURKHART
QUILL VON BURKHART

JUDGES: RON A BOEHME, LEON T HAIRIE

08/28/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GS	6.29	94	III	
GS	14.45	112	I	

2016-0313

Owner
DARREN A BONNEY
SHANET KAYSER

Owner
JACK HAGUE
BRUCE R UPHAM
ALAN P BURKHART

CAROLINAS

Natural Ability
ALISHA'S TRIPLE CHOCOLATE GUSTAVE
GAPVIEW'S FIELDING CHANAN
HI-LAND FARMS LEVITICUS
SUNDANCE HOWELL'S GUNNER
SUNDANCE SP HOWELL'S GRACIE
TAYLA N FIREMARK'S STAY WITH ME TITANIA
WINDCHIME'S RUGER AMERICAN
WINTERWOOD'S SECOND TIME AROUND

JUDGES: TODD ROCKHOLD, JASON C MEYER, ANGELA L COENEN

10/16/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GS	8.71	67	None	
GR	7.81	112	I	
BI	8.13	105	II	
GS	8.42	106	II	
GS	13.39	105	I	
WM	12.13	110	I	
GS	7.19	110	I	
GS	13.61	108	II	

2016-0328

Owner
DAVID M HORKY
ZAC A HIX
MICHAEL R HERNDON
FORREST C HOWELL
FORREST C HOWELL
GRETCHEN STEPHENSON
STACIE L SMITH
BONNIE I MCLAURIN

ILLINOIS

Utility Test
BEAU

TEETH: EXTRA 105

BEAVER'S RUDE LOUISIANA RED
HANDLER PULLED DOG FROM TEST DUE TO ILLNESS TEMP: Not Judged
SASAMANHAUSEN'S TROOPER
SUNDANCE SADIE MAE
TILLIE VOM BEAVER CREEKS
TITUS VOM BEAVER CREEKS

JUDGES: SALLY L PEETERS, STEVEN E KOSMICKI, RIC KILDOW

10/01/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GS	1.44	191	II	
GS	2.89	50	None	
GS	3.34	150	None	
GS	3.62	179	III	
GS	1.96	170	None	
GS	1.96	204	I	

2016-0322

Owner
MATTHEW J MINICH
JAY D WADE

Owner
BILL M SOSSAMON
DAN J PROCHNO
GEORGE M LUNDIN
MARK A MOSES

ILLINOIS

Natural Ability
ASPEN HILL STERLING ARCHER
CEDARWOODS GRANDSLAM RIZZO
CEDARWOODS WALNUTGLEN TORI
GRANT VOM HIDDEN CREEK
THUNDERHEAD'S PURE PRAIRIE WING

10/02/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GS	12.32	112	I	
PP	12.39	110	I	
PP	8.45	101	II	
GS	7.03	105	II	
GS	10.94	95	II	

2016-0323

Owner
BRYAN VESCE
KEITH VANDER WOUDE
JAMES F MCCAUL IV
TIMOTHY E MOORE
JOHN RUZICH

Owner
WILLIAM I ANDERSON
JEROME E SCHENCK

JUDGES: SALLY L PEETERS, STEVEN E KOSMICKI, RIC KILDOW

Utility Test
GRAYANGEL LEGACY ROLL 'N ROCK STEADY
JOLA VOM WINDGEN PUNKT

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
WM	5.21	175	None	
GW	1.99	199	I	

MID SOUTH

Natural Ability
AUX LAKE ULDRICK CHESTER
CIPRESSETO BELINA
CIPRESSETO BROOKE
CLADDAGH'S AABITA-BIBOON
RUSTIC BRIDGE ALL ABOUT THE HUNT
VOM WOLTJEN ODIN
TEETH: MISSING 305&405

10/15/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GR	14.77	112	I	
SP	9.16	99	II	
SP	9.16	112	I	
GW	9.45	102	II	
SM	15.19	102	III	
GW	10.39	112	I	

2016-0324

Owner
WILLIAM D WILEY
RICHARD HAZARD
NORMAN R PRIMA
RICKY D HOOTER
BOBBY GORE
MICHAEL MAGRINI

Owner
WILLIAM J SNYDER JR
AMY MUSIA

Utility Test
BIRKO VOM COHANSEY
FEATHER HILL'S GADGET HEARTS ON FIRE GUNTHEGS
TEETH: EXTRA 205 ABANDONED GAME AT DUCK SEARCH

JUDGES: LANCE T VERNAM, MARK S FRALEY, KAREN N KRAUTZ

MID SOUTH

Natural Ability
CANADIAN RIVER ARLISS
DOUBLE D'S REECE FOR THE LOVE OF THE HUNT
FOOTHILLS RADAR
COAT: NO FURNISHINGS
LB3'S HIGH FLYIN JETT
LEXI'S LITTLE GUNNER KEAPPLER
MCMENNAMY'S BROWNING

10/16/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GR	10.94	106	II	
GW	5.42	61	None	
PP	8.16	112	I	
GS	7.03	110	I	
GR	9.00	106	II	
GS	13.13	112	I	

2016-0325

Owner
JADEN BROOKS
JAMES A ARENTZ
MARK FOWLER
STEVEN B GIFFORD
KELLY L KEAPPLER
JOHN A MCMENNAMY

Owner
VAN MILLS JR
GARRON RIECHERS
EDDIE GARCIA
ELIZABETH H WALLACE

Utility Test
SILVERSHOT'S BRAIR SOUTHERN BELLE
SOUTHERN FLASH'S FANTASTIC MR FILSON
SOUTHERN FLASH'S GUN RUNNER
TEETH: MISSING 305
SOUTHERN'S QUEEN DIXIE GEM

JUDGES: LANCE T VERNAM, MARK S FRALEY, KAREN N KRAUTZ

CAROLINAS

Natural Ability
EMMA OF NC YANKEE MUNSTERLANDER
FOOTHILLS GIBBS
TEETH: UNDERSHOT

TEETH: EXTRA 105& MISSING 305
FRIEDELSCHEIM'S HORSEREN BAY JOCK
FRIEDELSCHEIM'S WOLFPACK TYLERJACK
GAPVIEW'S FRICA'S JINJA
GAPVIEW'S FELIEN SCOUT
JANKA VOM FELSENGEBIRGE
TAYLA STREET CORNER PREACHER V HALLMAR
WINTERWOOD'S SCENTS OF ENTITLEMENT
WINTERWOOD'S STRUT 'N SOUTHERN STYLE

JUDGES: RIC KILDOW, ROBERT T SWEZEY, JOSEPH S ZAWADOWSKI

10/15/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
SM	14.10	112	I	
PP	8.13	108	II	
GS	14.61	112	I	
GS	14.61	108	II	
GR	7.77	112	I	
GR	7.77	66	None	
GW	7.29	112	I	
WM	12.10	100	II	
GS	13.58	112	I	
GS	13.58	110	I	

2016-0326

Owner
GARY G KONYESNI
ROBERT BOWATER

Owner
BILL ROBBINS
DANIEL G SPURLING
CARL L LACKEY
DANIEL E HYDRICK
MICAH WINN
LINDA C GARRETT
BONNIE I MCLAURIN
DIANN FISK

CAROLINAS

Utility Test
BELLA CAMPO SPRINGTIME BRIA
FRIEDELSCHEIM'S BLUES BROTHER
FRIEDELSCHEIM'S C'MON MAN
FRIEDELSCHEIM'S RESURRECTION
FRIEDELSCHEIM'S TAR HEEL ANNIE
TEETH: MISALIGNED 301&401
WINDCHIMES ROCK SOLID

JUDGES: TODD ROCKHOLD, JASON C MEYER, ANGELA L COENEN

10/15/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
SP	8.44	199	I	
GS	3.54	189	I	
GS	2.33	172	III	
GS	2.75	186	II	
GS	4.45	184	II	
GS	4.80	188	II	

2016-0327

Owner
KAREN M BEYER
JEFF TUCKER
TARA KRAMER
DONALD W EBERSOLE II
MICHAEL ZLOTNICKI
STACIE L SMITH

CAROLINAS

Utility Test
DOLLY VOM BROADHEAD
HUNTING HILLS YEAGER KAYDEN
LW FLATLANDS GUS ON POINT
SCK SUNDANCE BAIL MAKER
WALKER'S RKG'S DIXIE BELLE

JUDGES: RIC KILDOW, ROBERT T SWEZEY, JOSEPH S ZAWADOWSKI

10/16/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GW	3.90	204	I	
SM	2.58	182	III	
GS	2.93	175	None	
GS	6.52	194	I	
GS	2.88	172	III	

2016-0329

Owner
BEN SORRELL
CARRAH WHITAKER
WESLEY H EVERMAN
FRED RICE
ROBERT M WALKER

MISSOURI UPLANDS

Natural Ability
CANADIAN RIVER ALLIE
COMPASS HEUREUX POINT
ELEANOR BISHOP OF MABERRY
STANDING STONES CASH LANDO JOSUA
TESTES: NEUTERED
STELLAR VISTA FRONTIER
TEETH: 402/102 CROSSBITE
STONYRIDGE TRISTAN
ZEPHYR VON DEN DONAU WIRLBELN
TEETH: EXTRA 405

JUDGES: JEROME E SCHENCK, ROBERT J UBLOHDE, GEORGE A MCMAHON

10/15/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GR	10.90	108	I	
WV	15.13	112	I	
GS	14.23	99	II	
GS	11.55	96	III	
GR	12.81	101	II	
GR	8.84	98	III	
GS	9.77	99	II	

2016-0330

Owner
CLINT MASON
KENNETH HANLEN
TYLER COBLINGER
JASON JOSHUA
DUSTIN R BEVARD
JUSTIN HARLAND
BRAD I POMRENKE

MISSOURI UPLANDS

Natural Ability
AUX LAKE RUM TUM RUDY
PRETTY PRAIRIE'S COLONEL VOM SHOCO
TEETH: MISSING 305
STEEL SHOT ANAKIN FIELDWALKER
Utility Preparatory Test
HUNTER IV VOM KERVINSHOF
TEETH: EXTRA 105

Utility Test
AUX LAKE RUM TUM RUDY
TEETH: 402/102 CROSSBITE
KATI VOM KENNEDY
TEETH: 102/401 CROSSBITE

JUDGES: JEROME E SCHENCK, ROBERT J UBLOHDE, GEORGE A MCMAHON

10/16/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GW	8.84	110	I	
GS	11.74	110	I	
GR	15.61	112	I	
GW	2.73	151	III	
GR	1.52	143	III	
GW	3.49	201	I	

2016-0331

Owner
ALEX J CLAUDELL
JASON DROWN
CASEY G JOHNSON
Owner
SCOTT E KLINE
Owner
JERRY D FREEZE
STEVEN B NELSON

ILLOWA

Natural Ability
HORIZON'S HIGHWAY MAN
TEETH: EXTRA 205
HORIZON'S HONCHO
HORIZON'S MISCHIEF N CHARM
HORIZON'S ZION KOOPER
LIBERTY DE CORN COUNTRY
LOLITA DE CHEZ MAURICE
TEETH: UNDERSHOT
PALADINS ALISON ROX
PRAIRIE TROUTS SASCHA
RECON VOM ENTENMOOR
VOM POWERHAUS HONEST ABE LINCOLN

JUDGES: JEROME E SCHENCK, JASON C MEYER, JONATHAN PARANJOTHY

09/23/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GS	13.83	112	I	
GS	13.83	112	I	
GS	13.83	112	I	
BS	15.40	112	I	
PS	9.67	100	III	
PP	11.40	105	II	
PP	15.50	106	I	
GW	11.70	110	I	
GW	8.00	112	I	

2016-0332

Owner
ADAM J SCHRAMM
DAVID E LIST
DAVID E LIST
TREVOR P THORPE
RANDY MEESTER
JAMES R DEAN
THOMAS P DECKERT
JUSTIN LANG
AARON KLAUER
DILLON J LAW

ILLOWA

Natural Ability
HIPOINTS RUMOR HAS IT SHE'LL GO FAR
TEETH: MISSING 107
ROXY VOM DAZZLE UND BUSTER
TEETH: EXTRA 105
SHARP SHOOTERS BACK IN TIME
Utility Test
GRACIE HITES MISSISSIPPI
NOTHING BUT CASH
STANDING STONES ITS GOING DOWN

JUDGES: JEROME E SCHENCK, JASON C MEYER, JONATHAN PARANJOTHY

09/24/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
GW	14.33	106	II	
GS	7.77	104	III	
GS	10.10	104	III	
BS	5.39	204	I	
GS	3.32	202	I	
GS	2.47	179	II	

2016-0333

Owner
BECKY S BLEVINS
JORDAN D DAMHOF
BEN L GOODALE
RANDY MEESTER
NICHOLAS S DYSON
CHARLES N COULTER

ILLOWA

Natural Ability
BRUSH DALE'S NATURE CALLS
BRUSH DALE'S OPEN FIRE
HH'S MOUSTACHES EN LA WOODLANDS
TEETH: UNDERSHOT
PALADINS ASSAULT OTTO
RETTA VOM ENTENMOOR
SIR BEAR OF ASPENWOOD
SWITCHGRASS DANDY'S BIG ISLAND GIRL
TURTLE CREEK SOPHIE
WILD WINGS FIONA

JUDGES: JEROME E SCHENCK, JASON C MEYER, JONATHAN PARANJOTHY

09/25/2016

Breed	Mo	Yr	Pts	Prz
SM	14.80	105	II	
SM	11.03	93	II	
GR	13.80	95	III	
PP	11.47	112	I	

NAVHDA Test Results

INLAND EMPIRE

Natural Ability

Breed	Mo - Yr	Pts	Prz
BOONES FARM DJANGO	PP	7.90	112 I
BORDER COUNTRY'S CALIFORNIA COWGIRL	GS	6.30	108 I
COMYNARA TANNER IS THE SILVER LINING RIDE	VI	11.80	110 I
FLATBROOKS WILHELM VON ACKERMAN	GR	7.27	108 I
FLEMING'S SAVAGE SAM AT WINCHESTER	GS	13.00	112 I

TEETH: MISSING 208

JET TITO SEMAAN	GS	13.00	112 I
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TESTED: MONORCHID

LB PEPPER WINCHESTER OAKS WILD ONE	GS	13.00	94 None
PM'S FASTPITCH KIT AT SILVERBAY	WM	12.90	95 II
SIG-MOXIE JAEGER	GS	12.97	102 III
STONEHENGE'S LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN OF CALVERT	GR	7.40	105 II

JUDGES: PHILIP F SWAIN, RUTH A WEISS, STEVEN A HARMMEYER

INLAND EMPIRE

Utility Test

Breed	Mo - Yr	Pts	Prz
BRIARFIELDS AUTUMN CONNECTION	GS	5.60	182 None
CELTIC'S FLEMING ROSE	IS	3.01	173 None

TEETH: MISSING 105

EHRENVOGEL ONAPOINT HELIOS BEAUSOLEIL	GS	5.13	167 III
FLEMING'S MAD MAX AT WINCHESTER OAKS	GS	2.32	195 I
PATRON'S EL JEFE	GS	2.63	183 II
WINDJAMMER'S BUSTIN BLUES ROY	GS	2.32	196 I

JUDGES: PHILIP F SWAIN, RUTH A WEISS, STEVEN A HARMMEYER

TARHEEL

Natural Ability

Breed	Mo - Yr	Pts	Prz
SEA ISLAND ARTEMIS ROSE	GR	12.37	106 II

Utility Test

Breed	Mo - Yr	Pts	Prz
BACON HILL CHARADES CARY	GS	4.52	199 I
BACON HILL GEMSTONE GARNETS RICKY	GS	2.27	181 II
BLHSMOKINGDARTHVADAR	GS	1.67	191 III
GOES TO ELEVEN	GS	4.01	201 I
GRIFFE D'AUTOMNE RIVIERE IZZIE	GR	3.02	173 III

JUDGES: STEPHEN D KANE, RANDY'S KING, STEVE J GREGER

TARHEEL

Natural Ability

Breed	Mo - Yr	Pts	Prz
LUNE DE LA RUSE DES BOIS	BA	15.53	112 I

Utility Test

Breed	Mo - Yr	Pts	Prz
FEATHER HILL'S GADGET HEARTS ON FIRE GUNTHERGS	GS	4.57	186 II

TEETH: EXTRA 205

JAGER	DP	6.46	173 III
LW FLATLANDS GUS ON POINT	GS	2.98	202 I
ROCK CREEK VIOLET	PP	3.68	204 I
WALKER'S RGK'S DIXIE BELLE	GS	2.94	201 I

JUDGES: STEPHEN D KANE, RANDY'S KING, STEVE J GREGER

2016-0335

Owner

MADELINE T NEUBURGER
SAM ALLEVATO
MARY W GRANT
SCOTT ACKERMAN
CLIFFORD J FLEMING

HANNA S SEMAAN

EDWARD L BROWN

REBECCA HARPER-GARDEA

SCOTT ZUNDEL

BRETT FABER

2016-0336

Owner

CAROL R CRONK
CLIFFORD J FLEMING

KIMBERLY A JAMESON

CLIFFORD J FLEMING

CARLOS HERNANDEZ

TYLER H MITCHEL

2016-0337

Owner

TIMOTHY COODY

Owner

LEON T HAIRIE

REGINA M HAIRIE

DOUGLAS R HARRISON

LEWIS HATCH III

ROBERT FEE

2016-0338

Owner

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2016 NAVHDA Testing Calendar

Date	Chapter/Location		Test Type	Contact	Telephone	E-mail
Dec 9-11	Texas	TX	NA/UPT/UT	Greg Kadesch	817/271 7878	silvermallard@1scom.net
Dec 30-Jan 2	The Valley Of The Sun	AZ	NA/UPT/UT	Johanna Ethelbah	480/283 5438	cannotwait2ets@gmail.com


2017 NAVHDA Testing Calendar

Date	Chapter/Location		Test Type	Contact	Telephone	E-mail
Feb 25-26	Tarheel	NC	NA/UPT/UT	Sara Clark	910/813 0329	prayhopelove@gmail.com
Feb 25-26	Mid South	GA	NA/UPT/UT	Jeff Lorenzini	404/217 8699	jblbop@att.net
Mar 4-5	Lone Star	TX	NA/UPT/UT	Megan Murphy	281/989 5933	megan-murphy@att.net
Mar 18-19	Carolinas	SC	NA/UPT/UT	Fred Rice	573/819 9542	fredrice321@gmail.com
Apr 7-8	Great Central Valley	CA	NA/UPT/UT	Russell Cleland	530/340 5255	russ@motherlodogundogs.com
Apr 8-9	Inland Empire	CA	NA/UT	Michael Shepherd	951/757 6933	65shep@gmail.com
Apr 9	Northern California	CA	NA/UPT/UT	Kristi Rogney	530/306 1542	kristiwr@msn.com
May 20-21	Wisconsin River	WI	NA/UPT/UT	Anne Zeches	608/334 5022	zeches1@charter.net
Jun 2-4	Midwest Tri State	SD	NA/UPT/UT	Anitra Balchan	520/235 5541	anitrabalchan@gmail.com
Jun 3-4	Illowa	IA	NA	Michelle Wilbers	563/672 3291	michelle@brushdale.com
Aug 12-13	Wisconsin River	WI	NA/UPT/UT	Anne Zeches	608/334 5022	zeches1@charter.net
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Aug 26-27	Hickory Run	PA	NA/UPT/UT	George Nichols	570/406 6044	georgenichols3@gmail.com
Sep 22-24	Illowa	IA	NA/UPT/UT	Bobette Benson	309/337 7708	spinoni@louisacom.net
Oct 7-8	Illinois	IL	NA/UT	Mark Belew	224/430 3356	markbelew1@sbcglobal.net

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Date	Chapter/Location	Event	Contact	Telephone	E-mail
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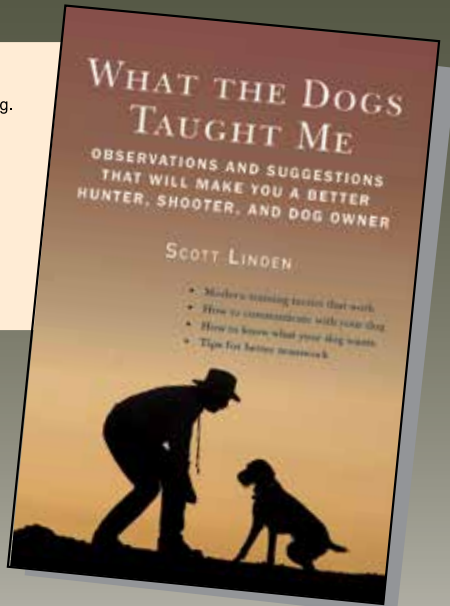
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