



# barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

may / june 2022

## from our president...

Greetings everyone! Just a quick update on chapter happenings....

### **Dresden Training Clinic**

Wow! Wow! Wow! That pretty much explains Yankee Chapter's first training day of 2022. Tammy Hargenaars took the time to walk across the entire upper field to photograph the vehicles that lined the field, the trainers and the participants signing in and greeting friends after a long winter. I loved how our workers introduced themselves to folks as they stood in line at sign in. Friendly faces welcomed all. So many compliments were shared re the organization of this event. Hats off to Blaine and Yankee Chapter Training Committee for their organization. Bill Thomas took the Utility training to another level at this event. Thank you Bill, and thank you Tyler Bruce, Brian Pike, Bryan Champagne, Philip Laperriere, Jim Daniels, Jason Hawes, Kevin Lesure, Bill Tracy and Jim Greenleaf. It was a job well done! Thanks also to our dedicated gunners and trainers that worked throughout the day. I have received endless compliments to you all. Thanks also to all who generously donated coffee, muffins, donuts, salads and desserts to keep us fueled throughout the day. Bob's Burgers and Dogs were a sell out! Thank you Bob Brey, Debbie Brey and Jackie Hawes for your help.

### **Clays for K9 Cancer**

Last year the Hudson Valley Chapter and the Rock Tavern Chapter created an amazing program for Canine Cancer. Their goal in 2022 is to raise \$50,000.00. Our chapter is supporting this charity with a \$200.00 donation.

### **Silent Auction benefitting our chapter youth programs**

Chapter member Mike Healy generously donated many sporting items he enjoyed over his many years as an avid fly fisherman and hunter. Jeremy Hatch donated a new Chase all leather gun slip. Shooting Sportsmans Magazine also made a huge donation of products seen in their publication. Thanks to all for your generosity. That was fun, and the auction raised \$1200!

### **Ugly Dog Yard Sale is back**

Terry Wilson will be filling his pick-up with great clothing and gear from his company, Ugly Dog Hunting. May 21, Dresden Training Clinic, is the time and place. Do not miss it! Proceeds will be divided between our new Apprentice Judge Support Fund and the General Fund, which keeps our testing costs to a minimum.

### **Sugarfoot Natural Ability Test, Burnham, Maine, July 15, 2022**

Due to our huge number of entrants this year, Yankee had added another day of testing to the schedule. This test will be Natural Ability only, due to ground limitations and molting waterfowl on the pond. Test is currently full. Our Director of Testing, Rich Gay, will be looking for volunteers to assist.

### **Benelli Super Black Eagle II Raffle donated by Ugly Dog Hunting**

12 gauge camo shotgun and chokes, 200 tickets at \$10.00 each. Terry has requested the proceeds of \$2000.00 be divided in half, 50% to support chapter testing

## upcoming events

### **Vermont Training Clinic**

(currently filled)

Hinesburg, Vermont

May 14, 2022

### **Spring Training Clinic**

Dresden, Maine

May 21, 2022

### **Pretest Clinic**

Dresden, Maine

June 4, 2022

### **Spring Tests**

Dresden, Maine

June 5, 2022

June 10-12, 2022

## Welcome New Yankee Chapter Members !

Annette MacNair

Jeff Miller

Paul Randall

Christian Norton

Tyler Webb

Chad Walz

Stacey Wheeler

David Lee

Andy Christie

expenses and 50% to our new Yankee Apprentice Judge Scholarship Fund. Thank you again and again Terry! Tickets will be available at all events. The winner will be drawn at our spring test, providing all tickets are sold.

So much goes on behind the scenes in our wonderful chapter. Please step up and volunteer. -- Patti



## yankee updates and info

### yankee calendar 2022

May 14 Vermont Clinic  
May 21 Training Clinic  
June 4 Pre-Test Clinic  
June 5 Yankee Spring Test  
June 10-12 Yankee Spring Test  
July 15 Yankee NA Test  
July 16 Water Clinic  
Aug 27 Pre-Test Clinic  
Aug 28 Yankee Fall Test  
Sep 9-11 Yankee Fall Test



### Yankees Support RGS

The Russ and Carole Dyer Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society held their annual banquet on April 30th. Half the attendees were members of the Yankee Chapter, and five of our youth members were on hand to help with the festivities. It's wonderful to see the strong support our chapter has for NAVHDA's conservation partners.

### get good stuff!

The annual Ugly Dog Hunting Yard Sale will be held on May 21st at the Training Clinic in Dresden. Then, on June 4th, at the Pre-Test Clinic, we will hold a Lunchtime Leftovers Raffle where some great items that were not purchased at the April Clinic silent auction or the Ugly Dog Yard Sale will be offerings in our lunchtime raffle.



**Large G3 Dakota 283 G3 kennel,** gray, in great shape, for possible swap or sale. Looking for a Medium Dakota 283 G3. Call or text Jeremy Hatch at 207-491-5266.

*Got something to sell? Looking for something hard-to-find? Send us your ad and we'll get it in the next newsletter.. Be sure to include your contact info and pricing. Email: [anisfield@gmavt.net](mailto:anisfield@gmavt.net)*

### from Nick Racioppi, Test Secretary:

## Yankee Chapter Test Entry Changes for 2023

With the increase in membership comes an increase in testing for our chapter. And with the increase in testing comes improvements to our Test Application process. The reason for the changes outlined below is fairness to our members.

The 2023 Test Entry Application date will be January 16, 2023.

The process will be a lottery by postmark date. A drawing will be held two weeks after the postmarked date to ensure all postmarked entries for January 16th are received. Once the January 16th entries are received, a drawing will be held to confirm a running position for the spring and fall test. Handler's will be notified if they make the running order or are on the waiting list.

The reason for this change is due to the high volume of Test Entries received that were postmarked on February 15th for our 2022 test dates. We filled our tests on the first day of the Test Entry opening. The earlier postmark date next year will provide handlers on the waiting list an opportunity to apply for other chapters' tests to hopefully confirm a running position.

No need to rush to the post office on the morning of January 16th. As long as your entry is postmarked on January 16th, you will have an chance to run in one of our tests based on the lottery results.

Only one Test Entry form per envelope. If you are applying for a spring and fall test position, you will need to send two (2) separate applications to the Test Secretary. Two (2) separate fees shall be paid via check or PayPal for your Test Entries.

The fee structure will include a Non-member fee for anyone applying for a Yankee Chapter test who is not a chapter member. The Non-member fee will be \$20 per entry.

As the 2022 testing season progresses, additional changes may take place. As Test Secretary, I will provide updates to our membership as changes occur.

Good luck with those of you testing in 2022 and have a safe and enjoyable training season.

### Yankee to Support Our Apprentice Judges

#### YANKEE CHAPTER APPRENTICE JUDGE SCHOLARSHIPS & MENTORS

Becoming a NAVHDA judge is a time-consuming and often expensive undertaking. To encourage and support Yankee members interested in becoming NAVHDA judges, the Yankee Board has approved two programs.

First, we are establishing an **Apprentice Scholarship Fund**. Starting May 1, 2022, apprentices will be reimbursed for 50% of their travel costs to tests other than Yankee tests. (The program is not retroactive to cover expenses before May 1st.) Apprentices will submit receipts to Yankee at the end of each calendar year. The fund will start with half of the proceeds from the current gun raffle and half of the proceeds from the Ugly Dog Hunting Yard Sale.

Second, we will have an informal mentorship program. The idea is for Yankee judges to help individuals in the chapter learn more about what is entailed in becoming a judge before they apply to the NAVHDA program and/or help them throughout their apprenticeship by being a mentor -- reviewing and discussing judging and scoring issues. Blaine Carter has offered to serve as a liason pairing the apprentice with one or two judges.

For more information, contact Blaine: [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net).



*The Yankee Chapter Booth looked terrific at the Maine Sportsman's show.*

## CLAYS FOR K-9 CANCER

### NAVHDA CHAPTERS RAISING \$\$ FOR CORNELL VETERINARY CANCER RESEARCH

Yankee to Donate \$200

The Hudson Valley and Rock Tavern Chapters will host their second annual sporting clays charity shoot on July 31, 2022 to raise money for **Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine**. In 2021, they raised over \$34,000, which Cornell applied 100% of the raised funds directly to their Cancer Research Laboratory. The proceeds supported much needed equipment purchases including centrifuges, incubator, and an electron microscope. This year they are looking to raise over \$50,000 and respectfully ask for support.

Donations of \$100.00 or more will result in the donating chapter to have their chapter logo (8x8) added to the banner, which will be displayed the day of the shoot. In addition, the donating chapter will be entered into a NAVHDA Chapter only gun raffle where the winning chapter will receive an ATA CSMC Black Beauty 12ga O/U shotgun. Additional entries into the shotgun raffle can be purchased at \$75.00 per raffle ticket. For more info, contact David Kuritzky: david@kuritzky-glass.com.



### Benelli Super Black Eagle II Raffle

12 gauge Camo shotgun and chokes  
donated by Terry Wilson

We will be selling raffle tickets for this gun. There are 200 tickets at \$10.00 each. The winner will be drawn on June 11th. Terry has requested the proceeds of \$2000.00 be divided in half, 50% to support chapter testing expenses and 50% to our new **Yankee Apprentice Judge Scholarship Fund**. Thank you again and again Terry! Tickets available at Sign In.



### Thank you to the KK/BB fund donors!

Craig Buzzell  
Don and Judie Bayles  
Althea Croxford  
Robert and Sarah Franklin  
Paul Randall  
Alan Smith  
Elise Wright  
Sarah Bodine  
Anne Bako

### Special KK/BB Donors

At the Sportsman's Show, we met a gentleman who had been a good friend of Kenny King. We talked a while. I showed him our membership application and told him about the KK/BB Fund. He was very touched. I told him how Kenny's wife Ann gave the chapter \$100 to start a kids' fund. Their daughter was our first camper. The gentleman stood there in awe listening to this piece of history about his best friend. He handed me a \$100.00 bill and walked away. Amazing.

-Patti

### Response to Yankee Demo's at the Sportsman's Show

Thank you so much for your seminar. All of you put on a great show. What a great bunch of people and dogs. I really didn't get a chance to talk to anyone in your chapter to find out what you guys are all about. You can read about what you guys do, but it is not the same as talking to people in the chapter. I'm trying to find a place that will help me teach my dog and eventually dogs where people are friendly and want to help. So I really would like to know about your chapter.

Thanks,  
Barrett Norton





The **April Training Clinic** on the 23rd was

an overwhelming success. We've never seen cars lined up the length of both parking fields. The weather was much better than drenching rains of the past, and despite the need for hay to plant birds in the short stubbly fields, conditions weren't too muddy. The Training Committee did a remarkable job setting up and running stations for both NA and UT dogs; their new color-coded (flags) system worked great. Waiting time for field runs was never too long, and it was exciting to see dogs of all breeds, ages, and abilities running drills and skills spread throughout the property. Here's a summary by the numbers:

**20 Natural Ability dogs**

**60 +/- Utility dogs**

**9 puppies**

**70 vehicles, 1 baby carriage**

**120 burgers, 80 hot dogs**

**Humans with friends and family... 100 at least!**

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## **Training Clinic - Dresden - May 21st / Pre-Test Clinic - Dresden - June 4th**

Two more great training opportunities coming up!

- Keep your eye out for the email several days before each clinic with a link to our online registration.
- The clinics will start at 9 a.m. At noon, we'll fire up the grill for LUNCH. *Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.*
- When you get to the field, come check in, pay for your birds, and receive your running number.

What to BRING: What the weather will be doing is anyone's guess, so be prepared for everything from mud to bugs. Boots and layers are recommended. Don't forget to bring water, leash, and a stake or crate for your dog. You might also want to bring a canopy in case it's rainy or hot sun.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-295 to Exit 43. Go east on Route 197 through Richmond. Turn right onto Route 128. Go 1 mile. Grounds are on the right side. Watch for signs. More information about our training sites is available on our website: [www.yankeenavhda.org](http://www.yankeenavhda.org).

REMINDER: The May clinic in Dresden has always been one of our most popular clinics. Be sure to sign up for your birds ahead of time. The June clinic is our Pre-Test clinic which means that dogs testing June 5, 10, 11, and 12 will get priority for their field runs and water work. Nevertheless, there will be plenty of stations with activities for all dogs to work on retrieving, obedience, steadiness and more.

### **important notes!**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD OR STAKED UNLESS YOU ARE WORKING YOUR DOG IN THE FIELD, DESIGNATED EXERCISE AREA, OR AT DRILLS.**

**YOU MAY RUN YOUR DOG IN THE FIELD OR WOODS WHEN THE CLINIC IS OVER, BUT FOR SAFETY REASONS THERE MAY BE NO GUNFIRE -- LIVE OR BLANK -- AFTER THE CLINIC HAS ENDED.**

(Green Point is open to the public at all times. While we closely monitor our gunning during clinics and tests, once the clinic has ended there may be other folks using the grounds for bird watching, walking their dogs, etc.)

### **yankee chapter clinics mission statement**

The Yankee Chapter training clinics expose first-time and experienced dog handlers to training techniques and exercises used to prepare their dogs for hunting in a manner ethical to the game we harvest and for testing in the NAVHDA system. Training clinic environments also help reinforce and validate dogs' training by providing the challenges of new distractions, dogs, people, and locations.

from our director of training...

## Train, Train, Train!

by Blaine Carter



With the first outdoor clinic under our belts, we're off to a great start for this training season. I have heard from so many members, new and old, about their hopes and plans for this season. Our Yankee Chapter tests are full and have waiting lists. We are working very hard to accommodate as many folks as possible. The past few years have been a challenge and many handlers are playing catch up with their dogs, both socially and educationally.

Our Training Committee has been meeting weekly to create several stations of "skill drills" to better prep your dog for their field work. All training should have a planned progression. Please feel free to ask questions at all times, as we are fortunate to have many talented trainers in our chapter. Remember, once your goals are reached at the clinic, please offer to help others. Training in teams always works best.

In closing, Avian Influenza is a horrible threat to what we love to do, train our dogs! Foggy Ridge Gamebird Farm is working very very hard to keep the birds we use healthy and accessible. Please be aware how serious this situation is at this time! Also if you are getting birds from a local game breeder do him or her a favor and disinfect the bird crates before you return them.

### Ask the Trainers

**Q:** My dog will be testing NA but is very young and if I have to flush the bird, he'll go nuts and chase it. Is there something I can train for to handle the situation?

**A:** You'll probably be asked to flush the first bird and there is a good possibility your young dog will chase it. It's not a big deal -- go get your dog and get his mind off that bird and onto the next one. You can, however, do some drills that might keep him from chasing. Basically, start training the first level of steadiness: teaching him to hold point and not compete with you for it when you walk in to flush it.

When our dog establishes point in training, teach him to hold that point by walking to his front slightly. The young dog will usually break point at this moment, feeling your challenging him for his bird. Stop. Use light corrections until you see him reestablish the point. Staunch and calmly praise. If done correctly, back up and you will be able to step in front again. Repeat as needed. I do this drill using a long lead for the corrections. I find I have more control and it eliminates any possible mistakes that can be made using an e-collar on a young dog around birds and pointing.

*Send in your training questions and one or more of the chapter training experts will respond. Questions can be on any level of NAVHDA training or testing, or on general life with a dog. Email our Director of Training at [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net).*



## SPRING TESTS! June 5, 10, 11, 12 -- Dresden



Spring Test weekend is almost here! Help is needed to make everything run smoothly, and working a test is one of the best ways to learn about the excitement of NAVHDA testing. If you'd like to volunteer to plant birds, set up the tent, be a go-fer, help with lunch, etc., please contact our Director of Testing, Rich Gay.

Test days will begin at 7 a.m. sharp. Handlers should be at the test grounds no later than 6:30 to have enough time to park, "air" their dogs, take a DEEP BREATH, and find the donuts and coffee before meeting with the judging team. Don't forget to bring lots of water for both you and your dog(s). There's not a lot of shade or cover at the Dresden field, so bringing a tarp or tent is a good idea if it's hot or raining, or both!

For the first Sunday and Friday, bring your own lunch. Saturday and Sunday -- the 11th and 12th -- our grill will be up and sizzling with chicken, burgers and dogs and whatever else we can come up with. But even with the dedicated Yankee Chapter volunteers at the grill, there are lots of hungry handlers, field volunteers, judges and friends to feed. Please please please: Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to contribute to the lunch table!!!

To get the weekend started in typical celebratory Not Your Normal Chapter fashion, the Carters have invited everyone to their house for a lasagna dinner on Friday night at 6 p.m. (33 Simpson's Point Rd., Brunswick). After the test on Saturday, there will be a "no host" dinner at a restaurant to be determined. On test days, come watch the excitement and support the testing handlers.

We will be drawing the winner of the Benelli Gun Raffle on Saturday, June 11th at lunch time!

## GOOD LUCK TO ALL TESTING HANDLERS AND THEIR DOGS!

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photo showcase:  
chapter newbies



clockwise from upper left...  
Samuel John Franklin & Maverick  
photo: Sarah Franklin  
Kisses  
photo: Nancy Anisfield  
Belly Up! and Flaps Down, Landing Gear Up  
photos: Patti Carter

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# yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development philip laperriere

## WOODCOCK!

Be on the lookout for the American Woodcock - Known Aliases: Timberdoodle, Bog Sucker, Labrador Twister, and Mud Snipe. Known to frequent young damp forests with ample food. The American woodcock annual return migration north is almost done. Did you know that....

- Their eyes are located near the back of their skull giving them a 360 degree horizontal and 180 degree vertical field of view. Their only blind spot is directly in front of them.
- A favorite food is earthworms and they can eat their body weight of worm in a single day!
- The spring migration north

happens between March and May while they return south as the ground freezes between September and November.

- A woodcocks call is referred to as Peenting.
- A mother protecting her eggs or chicks will draw predators away by fluttering and walking on the ground pretending to be injured.

You can get updates on the Spring and Fall woodcock migration on the Eastern Woodcock Migration Research Cooperative (EWMRC). Maybe you will see one land in your back yard during the next migration!

With your parents permission, check it out at <https://www.woodcockmigration.org/migration.html>

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The EWMRC is coordinated by the University of Maine and has partners throughout the United States and Canada - <https://www.woodcockmigration.org>



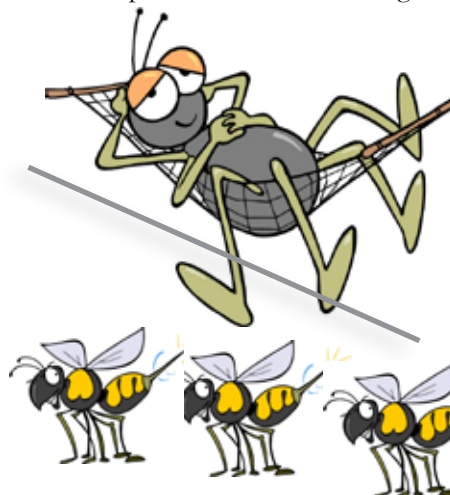
Check out the Yankee Chapter logo that features a woodcock painted by chapter president, Patti Carter.

## Calling all Yankee Youth!

What types of events would you be interested to participate in at this years Yankee Chapter Training Clinics?

- o Fly Tying
- o Practical Compass Work
- o Introduction to Firearms Safety
- o Flag Football
- o Ultimate Frisbee
- o Other ideas?

Have your parents email Philip Laperriere at [pnlaperriere@gmail.com](mailto:pnlaperriere@gmail.com)



## WEIRD BUG FACTS

1. Some ants make themselves explode when they're attacked.
2. Honeybee queens quack and toot.
3. Ladybugs squirt smelly liquid from their knees.
4. Cockroaches breathe through holes in their body segments.

Dear Yankee Chapter,

It is Natalie Peaslee. I would really like to be sponsored again. Why I would like to be sponsored is because I had a great time last year! I got to meet new people that like the same thing as me, such as hunting, the outdoors, and sports. Not going to lie there were some cute boys too. I got my hunter safety license and my ATV license last year at camp. These are two things I need, to further my hunting ability and enjoyment. I am looking forward to bird hunting with Pa with our two german shorthairs. That's why I would love your support again.

If you guys can help make it possible I would like to go again this year, because I want to expand my knowledge of the outdoors. I signed up to learn how to shoot 5 different weapons. There is a pistol, shotgun, rifle, muzzleloader, and archery. I think I would really enjoy it, it will make me a better hunter. So that is why I would love to go.

I also really like doing dog training with all of you because I love being outside and I like to be with the dogs and people. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Peaslee

Natalie Peaslee

## Yankee Youth's Application Letters for Scholarship to Conservation Camp



Wyatt Knutson

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Harper Borden  
Kenny King-Rob Borden Fund Scholarship Essay

Dear Mrs. Carter,

My name is Harper Borden and I go to St Dominic Academy. I am 13 years old and I'm in the 8th grade. I am applying for the Kenny King-Rob Borden Fund Scholarship. This will be my second year attending Beyond Pond summer camp and I'm looking forward to it. I had a great experience last year and would love to come back again this year.

It's an awesome, friendly and fun community and I love being a part of it. I learned a lot last year when I attended the fishing camp. This year I am hoping to take part in the outdoor wildlife camp. I made a lot of good friends last year and hopefully will make more this year. I had many great experiences last year while at summer camp. One very memorable experience was when I caught a fish. I was one of the only kids to catch a fish the whole trip. That was thanks to my great counselor. I remember it like it was yesterday. I was fishing off the dock when all of a sudden I felt a tug on my line. I set my line and started reeling in. I was trying as hard as I could not to lose it. Finally, after a bit of a struggle, I reeled it in. I was so excited! My friends were all congratulating me on my catch.

I also loved helping out with my volunteer work at NYS/OCA clinics. I had a wonderful time last year volunteering to help out with dog training. I look forward to helping out again this year.

I had a terrific time and I cannot wait for this year. Thank you for your time and for looking over my essay. I hope you consider me for the Kenny King-Rob Borden Fund Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Harper Borden.

Harper Borden



The NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program Camp will run July 8 thru 10, 2022, at Merrymeeting Kennels, Brunswick, Maine. Members of the Yankee Chapter have been tossing around ideas for this summer's camp. I want to share a few details in hopes that you'll be able to assist.

We are currently accepting applications. The NAHP camp is a day camp for youths 12 to 14 years of age who generally have no contact with or resource for learning about hunting dogs and outdoor skills. The camp is limited to 8 campers. Campers are permitted to spend the night only if accompanied by an parent or adult.

We are also looking for 8 mentors with dogs, and for cooks and helpers of all kinds.

Please contact:

Philip Laperriere, Director of Youth Development at [pnlaperriere@gmail.com](mailto:pnlaperriere@gmail.com) or Patti Carter a [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net).

## Dog First Aid Tips for Field and Home



### 1. Abrasionis and Wounds

A shoelace can be used as a tourniquet, leash, or muzzle.

Epson Salts are great for soaking wounds.

Pack wounds with sugar. It will draw out the bacteria.

Do not close up puncture wounds. Put KY Jelly in them.

Avoid using Hydrogen Peroxide on abrasions; it can cause tissue damage.

Use Chlorhexidine or Betadine scrubs or solutions on abrasions.

### 2. Eyes and Ears

KY Jelly can be used as an emergency eye ointment. It's water-soluble.

Saline or contact lens solution makes excellent eyewash.

Don't clean ears with water. Use Hydrogen Peroxide on a Q-tip.

### 3. Body and Feet

Hydrogen Peroxide is good for hot spots because it does not sting.

Do not glue or staple cuts on pads. Bandage them.

Pull porcupine quills out slowly and steadily. Do not cut the tips.

Broken nails are susceptible to infection. Pull or cut off the broken piece.

After removing broken nails, soak foot in warm water with Epson Salts.

### 4. Over the Counter Meds

Do not give a dog Tylenol. Use aspirin for pain relief.

Use Tagament or Pepsid for gastritis -- stomach upset.

Give Benadryl for allergic reactions and insect stings.

**[yankeenavhda.org](http://yankeenavhda.org)**

Visit the Yankee Chapter website for training info and videos, newsletters, forms, photos, and more.

Follow the Yankee Chapter on Facebook and Instagram, too!





## HA! Bird Dogs with a Sense of Humor

by Nancy Anisfield

Anyone who thinks hunting dogs don't have a sense of humor hasn't paid close attention.

Why does your pointer pick the least accessible places to lock up on a grouse – on top of a slippery ledge, deep in a thicket of tangled buckthorn, across a fence and beyond the property line? Why does your flushing dog delight in rooting out resting woodcock at the very moment you drop your pants to answer the call of nature? The answer is simple: so later on, back in the kennel, ole Max can have a hearty chuckle describing your expression to Ruger, Buddy, Ace and the gang.

*This piece first appeared in the Ruffed Grouse Society magazine. Reprinted by permission of the author.*

### [www.yankeenavhda.org](http://www.yankeenavhda.org)

The chapter website is a wealth of info and support materials from first aid to Yankee training sites to our photo gallery. Any questions? Contact our Webmaster, Brian Pike: [bpik@maine.rr.com](mailto:bpik@maine.rr.com)

Consider the crazy windmilling of an impossibly long tongue. All that flapping up and over the nose has nothing to do with cooling. It's about a good game of slap the eyeballs and a loop-the-drool.

Rumor has it that dogs always poop facing magnetic north. Another theory is that German shorthairs spin counter clockwise when excited, but German wirehairs twirl clockwise. Fur up on a dog's shoulders is aggression, fur up on the rear is fear. Dogs who wag to the left are anxious; dogs wagging to the right are cordial. We can analyze dog behavior all we want, but they will try to get the last laugh.

Supersonic bird chasing, upside down snow angels. Grabbing a dried-up wing from the back of your bird vest. Retrieving a grouse by its big toe. Getting jowl lift riding in the truck, head out the window. Sneaking into the field bag for a donut. Leaping in the air after a wild flush. Wiping muddy paws on every carpet in sight. Barking for the sheer delight of being a dog on a fine day's hunt.

If "he who laughs last, laughs longest," you might as well join your bird dog in a hearty guffaw. Wag right, share the donut, and always tuck the side of your lip over a front tooth.



### Chukar Feathers for Flies!

Rob Wennersten, a passionate angler friend, ties flies with feathers Terry and I send him from our hunts and training. These flies were tied with chukar feathers from a Yankee clinic. He says long breast feathers are best. Although he's found that in general duck feathers -- especially mallards -- are ideal for flies because of their water resistance, these chukar ones are overlaid tight enough to hold up in the water.

-- Nancy Anisfield

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## top 5 wild game care mistakes

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by Hank Shaw

*(Excerpted from Quail Forever,  
"Gamebird Gourmet, March 2014.")*

**Heat is your enemy.** Temperatures over 60 degrees F. are dangerous for your birds -- especially if you stuff them in the back of your vest! ...When you are back in the truck, don't pile up your birds. This concentrates heat and can cause spoilage in a hurry. Lay them side by side so they can cool off.

**Water is also your enemy...sorta.** I see a great many people who skin their birds wash them off afterwards to get stray feathers, guts, etc. off. They then stick the bird into a plastic bag and call it a day. This is a recipe for a bacterial hootenanny. ...dry it off with paper towels or cloth.

**Ice ain't yer friend, either.** Create a barrier [in your cooler] between your [birds] and the ice. The best way is to



have a plastic Tupperward container ... Put the ice in first, then the container, then the birds go in the container.

**Check your nails.** This should go without saying, but clean your birds with clean hands, OK? One of the chief causes of meat spoilage is contact with nasty bacteria....Make sure the back of your tailgate is clean, or your cutting board or whatever. Hot soapy water between hunts is fine.

**Thawing requires patience.** Thawing frozen meat in hot water will destroy the bird and create a bacterial soup. The warm water cooks the outside of the meat, waterlogs it and makes it a perfect environment for harmful germs. Thaw in a cold environment. Best is overnight in the fridge. Second best is to drop the vacuum-sealed pheasant into a big pot of cold water.

*Check out more game cooking tips and terrific recipes on Hank's website: <https://honest-food.net/>*

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## ugly dog yard sale - may 21st

Empty your piggy bank and dig that change out of the couch cushions. Ugly Dog's yard sale has unbelievable discounts on all sorts of items: men's short sleeve shooting shirts, men's and women's brush jeans, gun cases, cold weather camo gloves, boot dryers, blaze wool hats, women's hunting boots, youth vests, neoprene dog vests, and more more more more! All sales final, no returns for other sizes.



## help!

The Barking Dog Express needs you! Aspiring journalists or digital content creators -- if you're interested in gathering or writing hunting or bird dog news, let us know! Also, if someone out there might be interested in putting together the newsletter, let's talk! Various formats or programs can be used, with as much or as little creative input as you'd like. -- Nancy Anisfield  
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## barking dog schedule

The Barking Dog Express will be published five times a year:

Oct/Nov/Dec  
Jan/Feb  
Mar/Apr  
May/June  
uly/Aug/Sept

## barking dog advertising

Litter Ads - 1/4 page max size  
free for members  
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Ask the Trainer questions, classified ads, and other materials should be submitted to the BDE at least two weeks before each issue. Issues will be published the first week of the first month for each issue.

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