



# barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

January/February 2020

## From our president...

Really, really? Our 2019 hunting season has just a few days remaining? Blaine and I, family and friends are still at it. Mother Nature has sure made the last few weeks a challenge, especially last Saturday, relentlessly pelting Jason, Blaine and I with wind and rain. It definitely was a true ducky day.

With the end of 2019, comes the beginning of yet another great year. At every year's end, we reflect and then plan for the future season. Winter is the perfect time to make those plans, at least on paper, for training goals, maybe a new puppy or an amazing hunting trip. Throw another log on the fire and dream. Ok, enough dreaming, get off your butt and train!

As usual, the Yankee Chapter has an ambitious year of training events ahead. I hope you will be a part of our 2020 schedule, not only as a participant, but as a helper, contributor, worker. There is so much to be learned in the next 365 days. Keep an eye on our snazzy educational website, our action filled Facebook page and our classy new Barking Dog Express. Speaking of the Barking Dog Express, thank you to chapter member Kayla Quesnel, who has offered to take over as its editor. Thank you Kayla! A huge thanks also to our retiring editor, Casey Barks, for all her time over the past few years.

Just around the corner is NAVHDA's 2020 International Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine. If you have never attended an annual meeting do not miss out. It is so much fun! There will be tons of Yankees there to share time, festivities and fun with. On Friday at

3:00 there is an open Delegate's Meeting and all NAVHDA members are welcome to attend and participate. We will be discussing the two International motions, Yankee's discussion item re: mouth exams and any other item that those in attendance want to bring up. It's a great and educational time of sharing.

**Yankee Kids:** Our chapter youth will have their own booth this year. It is a first for NAVHDA to have a staffed youth table. They will be making survival bracelets to support NAVHDA's Youth programs. They will also be available to help attendees out with their survival skills, learned at NAVHDA's Apprentice Hunter Program.

Our Yankee Chapter's Annual Meeting is on January 5th at Cabelas in Scarborough. Doors open at 9:00. There will be coffee, munchies and stories to share from 9 til the meeting starts at 10:00. Please contact a board member asap if you have items to be discussed. Our treasurer, Mike Rinaldi will be graciously accepting membership dues. Meeting will be followed, as usual, with a delicious Pot Luck Buffet and a Cabelas shopping spree! See you there.

Jared Gordon has donated a Garmin Alpha for a chapter raffle. Tickets will be available at the meeting on the 5th and all events till gone. Thank you, Jared!

Again, I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.  
--Patti



## Bulletin Board

### Upcoming Events

January 5	Yankee CHAPTER Annual Meeting Cabelas Scarborough, Maine
January 24-26	NAVHDA Annual Meeting Portland, Maine
February TBD	Indoor Clinic Vocational Region 10 Church Road Brunswick
February 15	Test Applications Postmark Date

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# Happy New Year!

## Getting a Dog to Want to Train

The question, "How do I get my dog to enjoy training?" has always sparked a lively discussion. Believe it or not, a pup's desire needs to be stimulated at a young age and before formal training begins. We are talking about a dog's desire to learn. Yes, it is a very important inherited trait, and that's why it appears on your Natural Ability score card. If you have prepared your pup correctly, and he is comfortable in his skin, loving you and life, he is ready to train.



I have found that most of the time a trainer will develop a plan that looks good on paper but develops a few holes as time passes. Wintertime is the perfect time to read a few books or call a few trainers and pick their brain. Your Yankee Chapter is blessed to have many very knowledgeable trainers willing to help. As always, I recommend KISS: Keep it Simple Stupid!

Shaping a behavior is a great way to start. Shaping is defined as a series of simple, easily achievable steps to teach a new behavior. Shaping speeds up learning and reduces confusion and frustration.

Choose a behavior you want to teach your dog. Let's break down a recall. Think about it, break down the recall and try shaping it, rewarding the dog with a treat as he moves toward the correct behavior.

Recall: Command "whoa." Your dog must stay while you walk away, turn and stand a few feet to the dog's front. The dog gives eye contact, comes when called, sits in front or beside you, gives eye contact and remains until released.

Train these behaviors separately, in whatever order you want. There are many steps here. Reward the dog for even the smallest understanding. Trained as a whole, they can be quite intimidating to trainer and dog. Do not get frustrated as your dog will sense it. Training correctly, you both can have a lot of fun. I would like to expand this further into training for more complex disciplines.

I look at training like trying to get a car with a faulty carburetor to go faster. It takes manipulation of the gas and

increasing it as the car goes faster. A well trained behavior works the same way. We need to avoid boredom and worry in the process. When you start your training there may be apprehension. If so, you will need to be patient and motivate the learning at a slower rate, rewarding the good behavior. Be careful when you grow the enthusiasm so you don't over-praise which causes the dog to think the exercise may be over.

Controlling your emotion by using a calm hand and a well energized voice will increase the dog's desire and speed of learning. Keep the goals simple at first then add complexity by presenting different distractions. As your dog improves in the training and his confidence builds, praises will motivate the correct behavior. At the same time, your will have a clear process that you can fall back on when drills get off track. Step back to beginning steps and use them to rebuild the behavior.

Using light, well-timed corrections helps your dog understand. With repetition and consistency, your dog will become eager to do what he has learned no matter what the distraction. Remember light corrections should only be used to keep the dog on task. When a dog wants to train and the worry is out of the training, enjoyment and trust will greatly improve.

As you plan your training and create the repetitions for learning, keep in mind a balance between a correction and positive training. This will accelerate the learning. Emotion not only needs to be reduced but also used at the level of the dog's understanding. I have watched good trainers actually make a dog worse by not controlling their emotions during an infraction. Composure is your friend; over-excited reactions are not going to help. Be balanced with your praise and corrections. The dog's performance will tell the proper story.

Now, let's get training. Don't hesitate to try something new. Your dog will enjoy the variety. Please stay in touch. I love to hear of training successes too. Have FUN not frustration!

-- Blaine Carter



## Why I Hunt

*We challenged Yankee members to complete this sentence in 60 words or less. Here are your replies.*

### "I hunt because..."

I hunt because of that moment when it all comes together and my girl rushes back, head held high, mouth overflowing with grouse, presenting proudly and we celebrate this success together... my best friend, my versatile hunting dog.  
— Camille Noldan

I hunt because ....I love being outdoors, enjoying a walk with my husband, watching our dog work the covers and finding that beautiful grouse or woodcock.  
— Debbie Brey

I hunt because my dog loves me. It is the only way I can repay him for his unconditional love, boundless enthusiasm and desire for the game.  
— Mark Cote

I hunt because I enjoy being outdoors with family and friends watching our dogs do what they were trained for and what they love to do.  
— Nick Racioppi

First and foremost would be for the love of these dogs...and the outdoors....and watching my hunting buddies do what they love. Just magical to see them work birds!  
— Judie Bayles

I hunt for the adventures and the challenges, the raw freedom generated from the outdoor experience, to quiet the voices in my head, to enjoy my dogs, to cheer on friends and mentor new hunters, to be with family and to embrace everything that is upland.  
-- Jason Carter

I love upland hunting for a lot of reasons. Mostly because I get to see the training I've put into my dog come into play. Training and testing our NAVHDA dogs is a great time, but hunting wild birds with them is so rewarding. Watching my dog and friend's dogs in the wild, hunting, has a cleansing effect to it. Sharing these times with family and friends doesn't get any better.  
— Matt Lorello

I love to be with my dogs, I love the woods and waters, I love my friends.  
— Patti Carter

I love to hunt because it's been genetically planted deep in my bones.  
-- Blaine Carter

I hunt because I love the aroma of the woods-roads I'm walking  
the giggling leafs dancing across the roads I'm hunting  
Wait Laddie's pointing Bentley's backing  
Oh I hear that whistle Timberdoodles  
One shot I swing now two are down  
Laddie's fetching his stride like a bunny hop "Back"  
Now times two in the bag  
-- Betty Blackman

I love the colors smells sounds and touch of the birds; the trees grass sky and prairie; I love my dogs and being alone in the woods with them; I love hunting them with their siblings and how they hunt together, and how there's someone besides me that loves it as much as I do.  
— Nancy Anisfield

I hunt because Bill encouraged me to learn to shoot well and started us on the bird-dog path in 1984. Hunting with him was my great joy. Now, I hunt with friends—my black canines and humans with their dogs—for the woodsy scent, the thrilling point, the gasp at the flush, bang. What a retrieve! Yum!  
— Remillie Norsworthy

I hunt because it's how I was made, how I was raised and who I am, with no apologies.  
— Charles Ellithorpe

## Chapter Notes

### Send Us Your Stories

We are always looking for fun articles and stories for the Yankee newsletter. Put some pen to paper (or more likely, fingers to keyboard) and write down your adventure, training challenge, hunting discovery, dog insights, or favorite game recipe.

Please send your stories or story ideas to the Barking Dog Express editor: [kayla.quesnel11@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.quesnel11@gmail.com)



### Send Us Your Photos

Although we are no longer putting all the members' photos in the Yankee Chapter newsletter, we're excited to share them with everyone via Facebook and Instagram. Please send your hunting photos to Camille Noldan at [Noldan-Photo@aol.com](mailto:Noldan-Photo@aol.com). Camille is our new photo editor and will be posting pics on social media and helping to select a few for the newsletter "Showcase."

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### Test Entry Time

Test entries each year must be post-marked on or after February 15th. No entries will be accepted without a post-mark. Entries received without the test entry fee will be deferred until payment is received, as will your entry date.

The NAVHDA website – [www.navhda.org](http://www.navhda.org) – has an interactive Test Entry form in the Testing section (top of the page). You can bring that form up on your computer, fill it out, then print and send it to Sandy Runyon, the Yankee Chapter Test Secretary.

For more details on how to fill out and submit test applications, visit the Yankee website: <http://www.yankeenavhda.org/training-testing/test-entry-rules/>.



## NAVHDA motions to be discussed at annual meeting

Two motions have been presented for review at the NAVHDA International Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine, January 24-25, 2020. The Yankee Chapter will discuss these motions at our annual meeting on January 5, 2020.

### Submitted by the Willamette Valley Chapter:

Whereas NAVHDA has a unique judge development program that emphasizes consistency in evaluation of dogs tested across a wide diversity of locations across the U.S. and Canada, and

Whereas the judge apprentice program endeavors to train prospective judges in both the NAVHDA test rules and in their ability to assess dog test performance, and

Whereas the responsible committees within NAVHDA make concerted efforts via annual judges' seminars to keep judges current on their judging skills, and

Whereas despite the best intentions and efforts of NAVHDA to produce and maintain a cadre of first-rate judges, every NAVHDA chapter probably has a 'don't use' list of one or more judges whose performance has been considered sub-par when they judged a local test, and

Whereas feedback from chapters – the actual users of the system – may reveal problems with individual judges,

It is therefore proposed that a judge evaluation system be established whereby at the conclusion of each test the chapter test secretary has the option of submitting to The Director of Judge Development and the Director of Testing an evaluation of the judging team (and individual judges) that participated in judging the test.

Rationale: This is an avenue whereby chapters have a means of expressing to the Directors of Testing and Judge Development their satisfaction/dissatis

faction with individual judges. This may be especially useful for assisting newly-appointed judges who are still developing their judging skills. As emphasized in the accompanying evaluation example, it is important that any significant criticism of a particular judge be accompanied by explicit issues contributing to the poor evaluation.

However, it is also an avenue by which judge marginal performance, e.g. inattention, abrasiveness, physical limitations affecting effective observation, can be brought to the attention of the respective Directors.

It is intended that the evaluation would be based on the consensus of chapter leaders including the test secretary, NOT based on the opinion of a single member. The evaluation is intended to pertain to both the judging team and to individual judges including apprentices. This is not intended to critique everything the judges are scoring. While the scores are team consensus, the judging is done by three independent individuals. Hence one suggested question included on the evaluation is 'would you be willing to invite this judge again? - if not, give explicit reasons.'

It has been suggested that such an evaluation system might lead to judges becoming overly lenient in their test scoring so as to influence the evaluation of their own performance; however, it can be argued that any judge who is uncomfortable or unable to defend the scores he/she assigns in a test should not be judging.

Emphasis should be on both identifying and helping judges who are doing poorly and on recognizing those who are doing very well. Remember - Just because the customer doesn't complain doesn't mean he/she is satisfied.

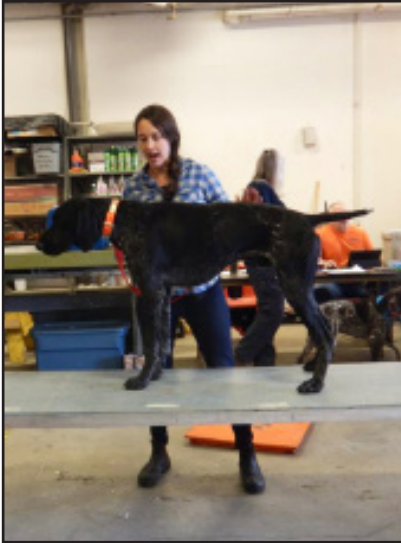
### Submitted by the Alaska-Yukon Chapter:

The Alaska-Yukon Chapter of NAVHDA makes a motion to increase the number of judges from three to four

+in the Field portion of the Invitational Test.

The Invitational Test is NAVHDA's premier test requiring the highest standards. The expectations from dogs, handlers, and judging teams are paramount. The field portion of the Invitational requires that two dogs (bracemates) and handlers run simultaneously for one hour in a field comprised of a minimum 100 acres. Under current rules, regardless of the test level (NA, UPT, UT or Invitational) three judges are utilized to judge a single dog and handler in the field and water with the exception of the Invitational's Field portion where only three judges are required to judge two dogs and handlers running simultaneously. Presently, in the Invitational's Field portion, one judge is assigned to each dog and handler leaving the third judge to "float" between the two bracemates and respectively assigned judges. Oftentimes, due to the disparity in judges and unpredictability of circumstances, bracemates become separated leaving one dog and handler to the judgement of a single judge while the floater judges is observing their bracemate and handler. Adding a fourth judge to the Field portion of the Invitational Test would allow for two "floating" judges and would provide equal judgement for each dog and handler throughout the entire Field portion. A fourth judge in the Invitational fields will reduce the stress for judges that are separated in the field from his/her judge team, will add clarity to judgement, will improve accuracy of judgement, and will minimize any disbelief of the judge team. It only makes sense to increase the number of judges to four in the Field portion of the Invitational where twice the number of dogs are being run, where dogs are under judgement for twice the amount of time compared to the UT, fields are much larger with varying terrain, the areas of judgement and expectations of the dogs have increased over the UT, and the number of different circumstances that arise are virtually unpredictable during each brace.

## Indoor Clinic



Training Clinic: February 00, 2020  
Vocational Region 10  
Church Road, Brunswick, Maine  
Coffee at 8:30 Clinic starts at 9:00

Don't wait for springtime to start your 2020 training! Shake off that cabin fever and join the Yankee Chapter for a day of indoor training and socialization. We will be working with dogs of all ages and abilities. Skills covered will be retrieving, recalls, heeling, come, whoa, and obedience. Bring your own lunch or stop by one of the fast food restaurants nearby.

The cost is \$10. For more information, contact Blaine Carter at [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net) or 207-725-8229.

### Words to Ponder

Definition of a Versatile Hunting Dog: "It needs to have balance of independence and dependence. It needs to be able to control its emotions and enthusiasm. It should be able to shift its range of speeds, as needed. It has an extraordinary amount of cooperation." - Ed Bailey

Great quotes from trainers:

"Don't blame the repairman, blame the builder."

"Your dog's brain is not a video game, you cannot press return, erase and start over."

"Effective corrections work through the element of surprise not pain."

## NAVHDA INTERNATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

		VOTES	
PRESIDENT	DAVID A. TRAHAN RIC KILDOW	814 699	ELECTED
VICE PRESIDENT	BOB HAUSER MARK FRALEY	839 658	ELECTED
SECRETARY	ANGIE COENEN	1417	
TREASURER	RICHARD HOLT	1421	
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## Yankee Chapter showcase



*Patti Carter*



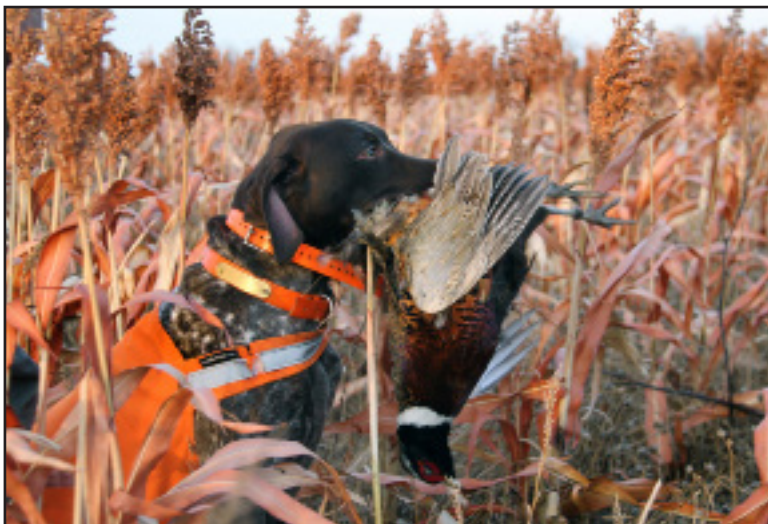
*Charles Ellithorpe*



*Casey Barks*



*Camille Noldan*



*Nancy Anisfield*

Be sure to visit the Yankee Chapter website and click on Gallery for photos from chapter clinics, test, and events. There are lots more Yankee photos on Facebook and Instagram, too!

## Purple stripes

Have you ever noticed a tree, rock or post painted with a vertical purple stripe and wonder what it means?

One vertical “OSHA Safety Purple” stripe at least one inch in width and at least 8 inches in length means “Access by Permission Only” when it is placed on trees, posts or stones between three and five feet off the ground. Remember, in addition to paint marks or signs, landowners may also, either verbally or in writing, personally communicate to others that access is prohibited.

It is unlawful to remove, mutilate, deface or destroy a sign or paint mark that is placed in order to prohibit or restrict access; and it is unlawful to post the land of another without permission of the landowner.



## Being a good land user

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife reminds you that the vast majority of us hunt on private land. Maine is extremely fortunate that landowners allow access for hunting, for without that generosity, there would be very few places to hunt. Respect their property and take the extra step to show your gratitude.

- Always ask for permission
- Learn what matters to the landowner
- Provided detailed information
- Know your boundaries
- Keep it clean
- Keep it legal
- Say thank you

It is important to remember that the private land you use for recreation belongs to someone else, just as surely as your car or home belongs to you, and accessing it is a privilege, not a right.



## Junior hunting license

Children 16 and under must have a junior hunting license to hunt. There is no minimum age to purchase a junior hunting license.

After a junior hunter's 16th birthday, they may continue to hunt on their junior license for the remainder of the calendar year with or without taking the hunter safety course. If the junior hunter does not take the hunter safety course, he or she may only hunt under the supervision of an adult who meets the supervisor definition. If the junior hunter does take the hunter safety course, he or she may hunt without supervision and keep all the junior hunter permits but must carry their valid junior hunting license as well as a hunter safety card. ... Junior license holders can hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, or cross-bow.



## THINK AHEAD AND BE PREPARED

by Jason Carter

Preparing for the unexpected and having contingencies in place is key. Learning from your circumstances and others is also part of the game. “Burn to learn” is an unfortunate reality. However, I feel part of essential planning for training and hunting is to have back-up contingencies in place. What do I do when faced with a situation I don't know how to handle? Of course it's important to have the supplies at the ready to handle the lost, the cold, the hot, sick or injured dog. But do we have the supplies we need to take care of ourselves and hunting partners? Have we made check-in arrangements and shared our hunting and training locations? Certainly important to me as a pro being responsible for someone else's dog is having safeguards in place for the unexpected. I need to know where the closest emergency vet is located and hospital everywhere I travel. Do I have their numbers and addresses at the ready? These simple and obvious precautions often get overlooked.

Also, I believe training and hunting with others improves my odds of getting my dog and myself safely out of the woods... dependent on who I'm hunting with of course. Having a cell phone to contact assistance is also very important. The competence of your hunting partners is something also to consider if we are being truthful here. In following friends in Alaska where every hunt is an expedition, you are putting your life in the hands of others in the back country. Having capable and competent hunting partners is paramount to you coming home.



## After the Winter Solstice

by Nancy Anisfield

After the excitement of hunting season, winter looms long. The delight of snoozing by the fire, repairing hunting boots or jotting down journal notes for next season wears thin after the first weekend or two. Then cabin fever sets in. You can play "Finish This Phrase" for a while, but it loses its charm after the first dozen or so endings. (It was so cold that... I chipped a tooth on my soup, ...we had to salt the hallway, ... we had to chop up the piano for firewood but we only got two chords...).

There's always another mug of hot buttered rum for you and another mutton bone for your dog. Deep down in your lazy armchair heart, however, you know you'll pay for those when spring arrives and you start putting on miles planting training birds and scouting new covers.

Popular diversions for winter fun and exercise -- for both you and your bird dog -- include dog sledding, skijoring, and snowshoeing. And lots of dogs like to go along on a good icefishing venture, although when they get bored they head for the donuts or start trading jokes like:

"Question: What do you get from sitting on the ice too long?"

"Answer: Polaroids."

Happily, there are other activities that not only are fun but also will reinforce skills valuable for bird hunting. A little creative thinking can turn simple winter activities into the trifecta of enterprises: exercise, entertainment, and training.

A few inches of snow on the ground? Take that young pup on a tracking run. If you see the grouse tracks (or turkey tracks or crow tracks) in the snow, you can lead a puppy along the line to reinforce scent and direction. You might even be rewarded with the sight of your bird dog locking solid on a partridge or closing in for a sure-shot flush. Besides educating the pup's nose, you'd be laying the groundwork for you two working together in the woods.

Another option is to grab your camera and head to the woods, river or wherever you're likely to see wildlife. Bring your portable waterfowl blind and your duck dog. Make him or her sit patiently with you, refining blind manners. When the local mallards appear or that fox edges by, you've got a great opportunity to reinforce "whoa" and "stay" before you snap some terrific photos from your covert location.

Stacking wood? Practice retrieving. Three logs in your arms, one small piece in your bird dog's mouth. Have him or her carry a kindling-worthy stick in on each trip to the wood bin, but don't forget the hold, release and major praise. Dogs like to help with the groceries, too -- not just the eating part, but the transport from car to kitchen. Select a damage-resistant item like a box of frozen peas or a roll of plastic wrap, and have your dog carry it into the house. Here again, if you're into finish work with the retrieve, command the sit, hold, and release. Many dogs love this game and rush back out to the car for the next item. And guests rarely notice tooth marks in the cracker box.

Rather than succumbing to cabin fever rituals such as building pyramids with empty shot shells or painting your Brittany's toenails, keep your mind open to possibilities. Throwing snowballs? Another retrieving game. Need a place for a good walk? Call the owners of the local golf course and ask if you can run your dog on the course, staying off of the tees and greens, of course. Since grouse love edges and there are a lot of tree-lined fairways out there, you'd have a good shot at some off-season bird work. Just like hunting, watch for melted patches under evergreens and sunlit hillsides.

A good in-house game for keeping amused on dark winter evenings is Hide the Bumper. While your dog waits sitting patiently in a corner of the kitchen, stairway landing or some other location with no line of sight on what you're doing, plant four or five bumpers in different rooms. Return and give the "fetch" com-

mand. This is great training for searching and blind retrieves. Hand signals are optional. Start with leaving the bumper in the middle of the floor in each room; as your dog learns the game, you can hide the bumper in harder-to-spot places like behind the couch or in a low case on the bookshelf.

One sure sign the season is taking its toll is when you find yourself telling knock-knock jokes to your bird dogs. Despite their legendary sense of humor (especially German shorthairs), if they've been inside too long and are getting restless, they don't always appreciate, "Knock, knock. Who's there? Freeze. Freeze who? Freeze a jolly good fellow!" Unless they roll over with tails wagging in hilarity, you know it's time for Plan B.

Plan B usually kicks in when the snow gets too deep for daily walks. Make a race track with your snowshoes. It can be straight, oval, or curving, whatever works for your yard. The deeper the snow, the better step-aerobic workout you'll get pounding it down a dog's width the whole way. (If you have access to a field and snowmobile, you can make an even longer track.) Walk the track with your dog the first time. Once he's familiar with it, you can use it for drags -- dragging a previously frozen dead bird or bumper with bird scent -- to practice tracking and retrieving. Or you can bait the finish line with dog treats. After discovering the reward on the first run, your dog will sprint happily the next time, getting his aerobic workout. If you have more than one dog, let 'em race!

At the end of the day, when you've pursued all possibilities but still want more quality time together, grab your parka. Call your bird dog buddy and take a seat on the back porch steps. Never underestimate the thrill of howling together at a frosty winter moon.

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# yankee YOUTH!

from our director of youth development...

## Quiz

(answers on page 9)

1. When do you use the back command?
2. What is a recall?
3. What are the little slits behind your dog's nostrils for?
4. True or False: Dogs can smell on the inside of their mouths.
5. True or False: Dogs sweat out their paws.
6. True or False: Cutting the ends of porcupine quills helps release the barbs so you can get them out easier.
7. Can chewing gum be deadly to dogs?
8. Are raisins safe for dogs?
9. What are dewclaws?
10. What does it mean to say your dog is "breaking on birds"?

## Was that YOU?

I'm sure you're tired of your parents blaming you before the dog for his/her terrible gas issues. It's just not fair, right? You may want to put the blame back on them as it's likely gas-causing foods they are feeding your pup. Close observation and keeping track of what foods do not digest well for your pet will help avoid the future stench.

Your pet may not tolerate chicken, fish, or other protein sources well. Grains like corn, wheat, barley, rice, and foods like potatoes can also cause issues. Dogs that gulp down food fast, barely chewing may be gassy because they swallow air with their food, and that air has to go somewhere. Specialty bowls designed to slow your dog down will help prevent gulping. So next time you get that look from your parents, be sure to give it right back, armed with these facts... though you didn't hear that from me, shhhhh!

## The Dos and Dents of Taking your Kids Hunting

by Jacob Haskell

1. Understand we can't sit as long as you since all you adults ever do is sleep anyways.
2. When we are walking through the woods we make a lot of noise but hey we're doing our best.
3. Parents get over the roof excited when their kid gets an animal which I understand, but when you go crazy and start yelling there goes every other animal in the woods.
4. We always wanna learn and parents really like to teach, like REALLY with 100 R's.
5. They can go for hours! Keep it teachy not preachy!
6. You can also make your kids walk, our young legs can go for miles and they make your lazy butts walk for miles too. You may think that's not a plus but we can get you in good shape out hunting.

Will Beck explains that he's found success introducing his son Ryan to hunting by following these simple rules... Make it fun, make it comfortable, stop when they are done and provide them good clothing and equipment.



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## Upcoming Events

### Wood Duck Box Project

Come join us for a fun day on the ice investigating and managing nesting boxes in and around Richmond. Details to come.

### NAVHDA Annual Meeting

The international annual meeting is being held in Portland this year. Come join us and the Yankee Chapter staffing the youth booth, making paracord bracelets, swimming, and having a blast at the hotel.

### Dogsledding

The snow is flying which means Merrymeeting Kennels will soon be holding dogsledding adventures in Brunswick. Details to come.

### Why can't dogs work the DVD remote?

Because they always hit the paws button!

### What did the dog say when he sat on the sandpaper?

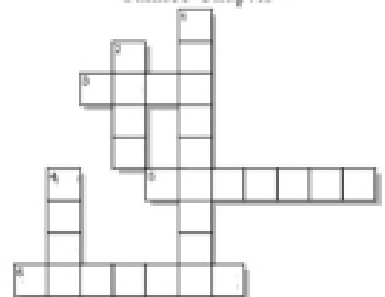
"That's rufffffff!"

### What type of market should you NEVER take your dog to?

A flea market!

## "Not Your Normal" Puzzle

Yankee Chapter



ACROSS

3. The highest test point a dog can be granted in pointing.
5. The name of NAVHDA's finished dog test.
6. The largest teeth in the dog's mouth.

DOWN

1. A word that describes a type of dog that can hunt a variety of game.
2. Another name for the dogs' fur.
4. The word we use to stop our dogs.

(answers on page 10)

## WHAT'S THE NICKNAME OF YOUR FAVORITE HUNTING HONEY HOLE?

by Bob St. Pierre

*Editor's note: My hunting journal is filled with notations about the "Bermuda Triangle," "Woodcock Alley," "Uncle Henry's" and other purposely nicknamed favorite hunting spots. It's been fun to see which one of Bob St. Pierre's categories these names belong in.*

It's been my experience bird hunters attach a nickname to their very favorite spots. Most of us don't use official state-designated names like "Mud Lake WMA" or "Stan Musial WPA." Instead, we invent colorful names like "Scotch Double Rooster Hill" or "The Red Zone." As a self-diagnosed obsessive compulsive organizer, I thought it'd be fun to categorize the naming conventions used most often in titling a bird hunter's favorite spots. I've come up with three primary categories:

### Descriptors

The most obvious nicknames are derived by the geographic or topographic attributes of a piece of property. These names are descriptive enough for insiders to know exactly the property being referenced, but also vague enough to keep outsiders away from favored cov-

ers. Examples include; "The Triangle," "Big Bluestem," "The Berry Patch," "Circle Slough," "The Horseshoe," or "The High Line."

### The Former Owner

My radio partner, "The Captain" Billy Hildebrand, is notorious for naming his favorite spots in reference to the land's previous owner. In most cases, these spots are now officially-named public Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in the central Minnesota county where Billy grew up. However, during Billy's youth, these same spots were privately owned by family, friends and acquaintances. Consequently, the Green Lake WPA is simply known by Billy and his hunting pals as "Schuler's."

### Historical Happening

These places earned their name as a

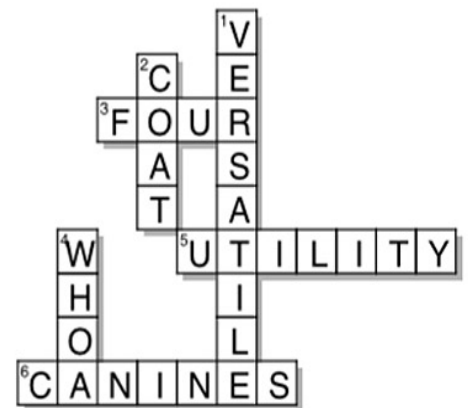
result of a classic event taking place amongst friends, family or bird dogs. Over time, these pieces of property are the ones we hold dearest because of their link to loved ones and memories. Examples include, "Nester's Hallow," "Trammell's Triple-double," "The Opener," "Miracle Shot," "Numero Uno," and "The Chicken Ranch."

Does the name of your favorite hunting honey hole fit into one of these three categories? What's the nickname of your all-time favorite spot?

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## Answers to Quiz and Crossword on page 9

1. The back command is telling your dog to go back behind them and don't come back without something such as a duck or bird.
2. A recall is training your dog to come to you and wait calmly and quietly in a specific location.
3. Those are used to get rid of old scent so the dog can continuously bring in fresh new scent.
4. True. Dogs have a scent gland just behind the front teeth on the roof of their mouth.
5. True. Wetting the feet of your dog helps them cool.
6. False. The barbs do not release when cutting the ends of quills.
7. True. Xylitol, a sugar substitute found in many brands of gum and sweets, is extremely deadly to dogs.
8. Raisins can also be deadly to dogs.
9. Dewclaws are the fifth toe on the front legs, often removed to prevent injuring them during hunting.
10. Breaking is when your dog breaks point to catch the bird.



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