



barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

may/jun 2021

from our president...

Oh, the smells and sounds of spring.

Woodcock have made their long trek north, ducks are paired, sap has run, spring flowers have sprung and most relevant to us all, our first record breaking Yankee Chapter Training Clinic is in the books. Wow, impressive all around. I'm sure, "Patti, what can I do to help" was at a record high from those in attendance. Attendees were greeted and welcomed by our Sign Up crew with the excitement of the day ahead. Huge thanks to our Training Committee for being the ringmasters of our wonderful versatile hunting dog circus of endless drills and information. To those who took the time to say "thanks," you are very welcome! We'll do this all again on May 22.

Its going to be a busy spring for our chapter with so many members training and testing. We will need lots of help from our members, so keep asking, "What can I do to help, Patti?" I love it and thank you ahead of time. The month of May is all about education and training: Aims and Rules Clinic, Vermont Training Clinic and May 22 Training Clinic. As Blaine mentioned in his Director of Training report, "It's time to step it up!"

The chapter is hosting the NAVHDA Aims and Rules Clinic, May 1-2. It will be led by NAVHDA Clinic Leader and Judge, Rick Holt of Pennsylvania. Clinic is at max capacity and filled with Yankee Chapter members wanting to increase their understanding of NAVHDA's Testing System. Kathleen Weller has done a tremendous job organizing this event and hosting Rick. Thank you Kathleen.

Our Test Secretary, Will Beck, has been very busy with a record num-

ber of test entries. Our chapter, in order to handle this large entry, has added another day of Natural Ability testing spring and fall. We understand the importance of this test to NAVHDA's breeders and trying to test all entrants, if possible. Thanks Will!

Our Treasurer, Mike Rinaldi, has taken an assignment out of state for the next few months. Mike expressed a concern he would not be able to keep up his job's details while away. I have appointed Sarah Franklin to be our "membership support person" to communicate with Mike in his absence. Sarah will accept membership applications, make deposits, welcome new members and manage the chapter's Membership Roster. She will attend chapter Board meetings as a non-voting Board member. While Mike is offsite for a few months, Sarah will be a tremendous asset to him and our chapter. Thank you Sarah!

Many of you noticed my Big Black Boot I wore at our last event. On February 12, I stepped into a very big hole while quail hunting in Bainbridge, GA. !@#%&^&*() Ouch and crap! I totally ruptured my Achilles tendon and pulled it off my heel. Again, ouch and crap! I returned home, had surgery on February 19th and started my recovery. On April 22nd, I took the boot off for good and started walking again. Thank goodness. Thank you Blaine for your love and care. He's very happy we tossed that boot too.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in black fly and tick season. Yikes.

Stay safe,
Patti

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Visit the Yankee Chapter website for training info and videos, newsletters, forms, photos, and more. Follow the Yankee Chapter on Facebook and Instagram, too!

bulletin board

May 1-2

Aims & Rules Clinic (full)
Dresden, ME

May 8

Vermont Training Clinic
Hinesburg, VT

May 22

Yankee Training Clinic
Dresden, ME

June 5

Yankee PreTest Clinic
Dresden, ME

June 6

Natural Ability Test
Dresden, ME

June 11-13

Spring Test Weekend
Dresden, ME



Welcome New Yankee Chapter Members !

Eric Holbrook
Sarah DeGroot
Scott Harmon
Dan Riley
Austin Clark
Ted Guild
Kevin & Patricia Schmersal
Mitchell Lynds
Margaret Pierce

yankee updates and info



membership contact

The Yankee Chapter is excited to announce that **Sarah Franklin** has volunteered to be the go-to guru coordinator of all things membership. Renewals, new members, data tracking...

Sarah will work with our Treasurer, Mike Rinaldi, to make sure our membership lists are up to date and all membership questions are answered.

You can reach her at sarahturner93@gmail.com or 207-240-4402. Thank you, Sarah!

covid policies

While many of us are vaccinated, state pandemic regulations are still in effect. The Yankee Chapter will adhere to all state guidelines as well as those issued by NAVHDA International. These change, so the Chapter will be sure to communicate with members before each event to advise them on the current restrictions and precautions being taken.

Distancing and hand sanitizing are recommended, as are masks for anyone in close proximity to those who aren't vaccinated. We encourage everyone to stay smart and stay safe!

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

Thank you Russell Estes and Crew!



The Yankee Chapter would like to say a sincere and giant THANK YOU to Russell and his team of workers who did a terrific job overhauling our bird trailer this winter. The birds are happy, the bird handlers are happy, and, of course, the dogs are happy!

The Yankee Chapter's April training clinic was a great success despite some pretty darn chilly wet conditions. Bundled up, handlers worked over 50 dogs on field runs, retrieving and obedience drills, and a wide variety of other skills. Our Training Committee was on top of the event, making sure trainers, gunners, and bird planters were well coordinated to keep things running smoothly. Extra thanks, too, to Mike Rinaldi and the registration team for pre-organizing much of the sign-up and bird payments. We Yankees are very lucky to have a team of volunteers so dedicated to helping us make our versatile hunting dogs the best they can be!

yankees train for the navhda invitational

In what is probably a new record, nine Yankee Chapter dogs and handlers are headed to the NAVHDA Invitational in Iowa in September: Kurt Adams, Steve Buck, Justin Dodge, Terry Wilson, Blaine Carter, Nancy Anisfield, Suzi Moore, Matt Lorello, and Bill Thomas.

You'll see them at clinics running their dogs in braces, focusing on "backing," practicing retrieves-- honoring, double marks, long blinds -- and generally obsessing about all the exciting demands of the Invitational test. For those new to NAVHDA, we encourage you to ask Inv.-bound handlers about the event and watch them put their dogs through their paces.

your newsletter needs you!

We are always also looking for fun articles and stories for the Yankee newsletter. Send short pieces on your adventures hunting and training, dog insights, or best game recipe to the Barking Dog Express at: anisfield@gmavt.net.

Commands for Test Day

by Blaine Carter

With testing coming at us, we need to think of what we are going to be facing with our dogs.

First, think about the commands you will need during your test, whether it be NA or UT. That would be those commands that will keep the dog on course when testing and out of trouble. Simple little commands like “come around,” “leave it,” or “whoa” could save your butt!

You realize that when game is present your words may not get the same response. You may see the need to up your obedience to

control your dog’s drive on game to keep your dog in balance.

Let’s keep it simple as we step up the game plan. Never give a command that you are unable to reinforce if needed. Do you have the proper equipment in place to make it happen? Reprogram yourself never to second command.

Learn to reset the exercise. What I mean by that is create different drills to accomplish the same goal. Tag correct behavior with praise and a positive voice. Always use a solid inflection in your voice. You should not need to raise the

volume. Also try a different location with distractions.

When setting up your training exercises, always expect that the dog may not perform correctly. Have that second exercise ready. If the dog performs well, repeat it for consistency.

Last but most important, stay with your training program wherever you are. Much can be learned right in your home. If you give a command, your dog needs to comply. Simple as that!

COVID Guidelines

by Rich Gay

Here are some of the guidelines we put out last summer for our clinic/test days. Even though many people are vaccinated, we will still generally follow these guidelines.

1. Maintain physical distancing at all times. When distancing of 6 feet is not possible, face coverings should be worn.
2. Soap/water buckets as well as hand sanitizer will be available during the test for washing hands. Hands should be washed frequently.
3. Rubber gloves will be available.
4. The typical Yankee barbeque lunch will not be served. Please bring your own lunch and plenty of beverages for (for you and your dog) for your day of testing. Remember, it may be very hot on training and testing days.
5. Gathering during lunch should be limited to small, distanced groups.
6. Any common equipment used during the test such as bumpers or pens will be sanitized between users.

Also, from the state website regarding current travel restrictions: Effective May 1: Maine’s COVID-19 travel policy shifts to automatically exempt all states, unless otherwise determined by the Maine CDC. If one or more states see a spike in cases of highly contagious COVID-19 variants, Maine will apply its test or quarantine requirement to travelers to and from that state.

upcoming events

Our next two training clinics and four test days will be held at the Green Point Wildlife Management Area, Dresden, ME. The clinics will start at 9 a.m.; tests at 7 a.m.

The May clinic in Dresden has always been one of our most popular clinics. Be sure to sign up for your birds online -- you will receive an email with a link. Keep in mind that the link closes Thursday p.m.

The June clinic is our Pre-Test clinic which means that dogs testing June 6th, 11th, 12th, or 13th will get priority for training at the fields or water. Nevertheless, there will be plenty of

training opportunities for non-testing dogs as well.

No lunch will be served. While we are still following COVID precautions, no meals or raffles will be held. So don’t forget to bring your lunch and plenty of water for you and your dogs. Be sure to bring stakes or crates, something to provide shade, and...most important...bug spray!

If your dog is in heat or may be coming into heat, please tell the sign-up staff. We must ask you to run last to minimize distraction to the other dogs.

Even if your dog is mellow and under control, someone else’s might not

be. We do not want a confrontation or problem. Unless your dog is working in the field, exercise area, or water, please make sure he or she is either on a leash, chained to a stake or in a crate. That includes walking from your vehicle to the starting point for a field run. Please adhere to our leash policy not just at the fields but on your way to and from the water, as well.

Our training committee has spent hours planning these clinics, making sure everyone gets as much access to training and advice as possible. Don’t be shy -- we can always use help and welcome everyone’s participation.

yankee chapter showcase



Trout - photo by Betty Blackman
Jeremey Johnson's Shirley's pup, Millie
- photo by Kerry McDonald-Cady
"Enjoying the smells and sounds of spring"
- photo by Kathleen Brandt Weller
Milk Mustache - photo by Misi Knutson
Donnie Lucas and Ziggy
- photo by Kelly Lucas

from our conservation partners...



Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

Miles for Monarchs!

By Anna Swerczek, Habitat Education Program Manager at Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever

... Monarchs use wildflowers for a nectar source and milkweed for laying their eggs, while pheasant and quail chicks nest in this habitat and feed on those soft bodied insects attracted to the flowers. Watching monarch caterpillars feed on milkweed while hearing that bobwhite whistle and pheasant cackle can arguably be my favorite pastime that is quickly disappearing.

Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, and the Monarch Joint Venture have joined forces to support declining pollinator populations, including the iconic monarch butterfly. From February to October 2021, athletes from across the country will run, walk, bike, hike, or paddle to see how many miles the group can log. Will it compare to the tremendous 3,000 mile journey that monarch butterflies endure each fall during their migration? Through staying active and getting outdoors, this year-long campaign aims to increase awareness about pollinators, inspire action to protect them, and raise funds to support recovery efforts.

Monarch butterflies, which weigh about as much as a paper clip, undergo an annual migration of thousands of miles across North America. To most of us, this seems unfathomable without the aid of modern-day transportation. But, while monarch populations have drastically declined, they continue to endure this magical migration. To protect this phenomenon for future generations, monarch butterflies need us to act fast. Eastern monarchs, which overwinter in the mountains of central Mexico, have declined by more than 70% over the past few decades. The western population finds refuge along the California coast during the winter, and preliminary estimates suggest that fewer than 2000 butterflies are overwintering on the coast this year, a greater than 99% decline.



By way of a new year's resolution, an office wellness challenge, distance learning gym class, or simply maintaining an active lifestyle, Miles for Monarchs is an exciting way to support pollinator conservation. In February, participants launched the campaign with setting mileage goals and learning about the spring migration where butterflies make the return journey from their overwintering grounds. In June, they celebrate National Pollinator Week and log miles while learning about the various opportunities for building monarch habitat to support the breeding generations. Finally, September challenges participants to push through the final miles to reach their migration goal and learn about the wonders of monarch migration. Participants log their miles during each of the three months and are engaged in various fun activities throughout the course of the year!

Proceeds from this virtual event support monarch habitat projects and monarch research projects implemented by Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, and the Monarch Joint Venture.

Contact Ella Phillips at ephillips@monarchjointventure.org or Drew Larsen at dlarsen@pheasantsforever.org with questions.

About Monarch Joint Venture: The Monarch Joint Venture is a national nonprofit made up of federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and academic program partners working together to conserve the monarch butterfly migration for future generations. Read more at on the Monarch Joint Venture website.

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RGS Partners with onX Hunt

The Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society are excited to announce a new corporate partnership with onX Hunt. onX Hunt is a mapping app that enables users to know where they stand, and features multiple disturbance layers where grouse and woodcock thrive. The onX Hunt partnership will directly contribute to the RGS & AWS mission, supporting healthy forests, abundant wildlife, and conservation ethic in 2021. RGS & AWS will also work with onX to increase access and opportunity afield.

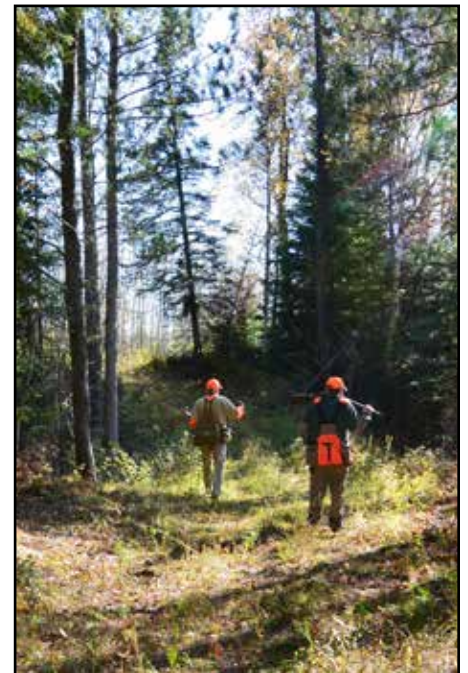
“We are thrilled to be partnered with the Ruffed Grouse Society and to support their mission of creating and maintaining healthy forest habitat for ruffed grouse and woodcock,” said Ben Brettingen, onX Hunt’s Wingshooting Manager. “From day one, onX has been

dedicated to creating access opportunities, and through this partnership, we strive to support the common goal of helping hunters find quality places to recreate.”

The onX Hunt team keenly understands the importance of disturbance on the landscape for the benefit of wildlife; three of their top 10 most-used app layers in 2020 centered on forest disturbance. Similarly, members of RGS & AWS know all too well how that disturbance promotes forest diversity and fosters abundant wildlife. Both organizations share the belief that people who have off-the-beaten-path experiences are more likely to conserve those unique places.

“We are thrilled to welcome onX Hunt as our newest Corporate Partner with the Ruffed Grouse Society

& American Woodcock Society,” said Mike Neiduski, Director of Regional Development at RGS & AWS. “Their commitment not only supports our mission, vision, and conservation delivery; this partnership also allows us to highlight the importance of forest diversity for wildlife and promote quality access.”



Can I buy grouse eggs or chicks?

This question comes up often and there are a couple of different answers depending on your reason for asking. Most of the questions are from well intended people who would like to raise ruffed grouse and release them to the wild so as to augment the native population. Others are merely interested in raising an exotic or just a different type of fowl from those that they usually deal with. For everyone, you should be aware of a couple of items right from the start.

First, ruffed grouse are very difficult to “pen” raise. They require much more attention than other so-called wild birds, like pheasant or

quail. Second, they are very expensive, a pair of adults can easily go for \$250 or more. If you are one of those well intentioned folks who are trying to stave off the decline of ruffed grouse in your area, thanks. The Ruffed Grouse Society applauds your desire to help but can’t say strongly enough, please help us through habitat restoration, NOT releasing birds.

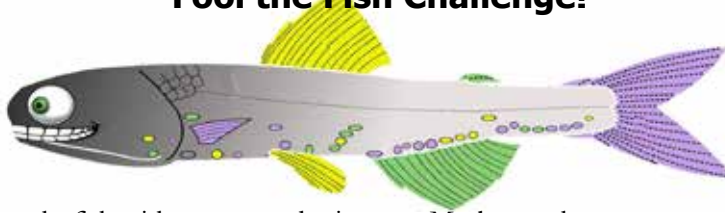
In Ohio, and probably your state, the State Dept. of Wildlife requires a Game Farm License just to possess live ruffed grouse. The regulations may actually preclude you from releasing birds into the wild. If after reading this, you are still interested in

obtaining birds or eggs we would suggest searching the Internet for potential sources or obtain a copy of The Game Bird Gazette which advertises ‘Eggs and chicks in every magazine!’, but not necessarily ruffed grouse. The direct sources that RGS knew about for various reasons have since stopped selling birds or eggs.

yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development jason carter

Fool the Fish Challenge!



You have probably caught fish with worms and minnows. Maybe you have even coaxed them to bite on a few of your grandpa's favorite lures. But, have you ever caught a fish with a lure you made yourself?

The Yankee chapter would like to lay down a challenge for you to tie your own fly or jig. Some anglers find no greater satisfaction than feeling their fishing line tighten up on a fish they fooled with fly they created with little more than a hook, thread, feathers, and fur.

The Rules: You can use a hook or precast jig head (lead free) of any size, and attach any natural or found materials to it using string, thread or wire. We want you to try to fool a fish or two using your fly with bonus points for landing a fish and capturing a picture of your prized catch. You may use lead free sinkers to help with cast-ability.

Deadline: By June 30, 2021, submit pictures of your favorite finished fly with a list of the materials used to make it (your recipe) and any fish caught with that fly. Photos may be submitted To Jason Carter digitally at jcarter@rsu1.org or by mail to 170 Ward Rd., Topsham, ME 04086.

Scoring: Your flies will be judged by its Appearance, the Creativity you put into the fly with respect to materials used and pattern chosen, and Effectiveness (how well they fish). Keep in mind a fish, is a fish, and this is not a biggest fish challenge. All fish are fun to fool and catch, and perch and bluegill are delicious.

Prizes: First Prize will receive a fly tying kit so that you may continue to explore this art and further develop your skills. Additional prizes will be given for those flies that rank highest in each individual category; Appearance, Creativity, and Effectiveness.

Tips: Be careful, hooks are sharp. We don't want you to get hooked or an errant hook to find its way into our dog's paw, nose, or mouth. If you don't have a fly tying vise, you can secure a hook to the edge of a work bench vise. The great fly tiers even make flies streamside holding the hook with their fingers. Your parents' sewing kit is a great source for thread. Our pups have some pretty cool looking hair, and you might have a bird or two in the freezer for training with some interesting feathers. You can find some very informative videos online with your parents' supervision that will help you to understand techniques for making and proportions of flies.

Be sure to have fun tying your flies and putting them to work. Enjoy the outdoors!

-- Philip Lappierre

Phil Lappierre will be teaching chapter youth who come to the Yankee May 22nd clinic how to tie a Woolly Bugger fly. Follow this link for a sneak peek of what we'll be tying up: <https://youtu.be/v5wE9iSeQVo>

TURKEY HUNTING SUPER SAFETY!!

The secret to safety: Don't look like a Turkey!

1. Never wear the colors red, white, or blue.
2. Always select a calling position that provides a background at least as wide as your shoulders.
3. Always select a calling position that provides at least 36 meters (40 yards) of vision in a 180 degree field of view.
4. Never make sudden movements when calling even when wearing camouflage.
5. Always consider that another hunter may make sounds you hear.
6. Hunt defensively.
6. Be absolutely sure you have a safe backstop before you pull the trigger.
8. If you bag a wild turkey, special care should be taken while carrying it out of the woods.



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ridiculous riddles

Q. How do dog catchers get paid?

A. By the pound!

Q: How are a dog and a marine biologist alike?

A: One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.

Q: What is it called when a cat wins a dog show?

A: A CAT-HAS-TROPHY!



Tough Love

*Some correction tips from The Training and Care of the Versatile Hunting Dog's "Twelve Golden Rules for Training"
by Sigbot Winterhelt and Edward D. Bailey*

Page 103 of the NAVHDA Green Book (as it's often called) gives twelve essential pieces of training advice. Among those are four very important tips about punishing your dog:

- Talk with a low voice [while training]. Only when your dog is disobedient on a task he has been taught correctly should you raise your voice.
- If misbehavior calls for punishment, do not be lukewarm -- be hot, but do not punish in rage or temper.
- After punishment, do not put the dog in his kennel immediately and walk away mad. Make him do what he was supposed to do, praise him and then put him in the kennel. Always put the dog on a leash before you punish him.
- If your dog does not want to come to you, do not chase him. Walk away in the opposite direction and, if necessary, hide. Never punish your dog when he finally comes to you.

And don't forget to never end a lesson with negative results, an uncooperative dog, or on a bad note. "Always be ready with praise when your dog cooperates and share with him the good feeling that results from cooperative teamwork."

Northeast Region NADKC

Many Yankee members gathered recently to test their dog in the Northeast Region's Derby, BTR, and Zuchtschau. This event tested a record number of dogs from as far away as South Carolina. The DK Breeders represented from Yankee Chapter were Western Mountain, Donnie and Kelly Lucas; and Merrymeeting Kennels, Blaine, Patti and Jason Carter. Four days of challenging tests reaped many successes by the Yankee handlers including, among others, Ron Budesheim, Suzi Moore and Drew Burdick passing the Forest Search. Congrats to all the dogs and handlers on their great testing!



Northeast Region NADKC Test Weekend



*The boys of Western Mountain Kennels
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Tips for Fishing with Kids

by Jason Carter

1. Keep it easy. Choose simple tackle, bait, and techniques. Fish for a species that is plentiful and easy to catch. Your goal should be to keep their rod bent as much as possible. Don't worry about catching a fish that YOU will be proud of...catch anything! The more interesting, colorful, and unique the fish, the more excited they will be.

2. Keep it short. Marathon days are not what they need. Try to find fishing spots VERY close to home that don't require a long car or boat ride.

3. Keep them covered. Use plenty of sunscreen and protective clothing. Try not to make anything about the experience painful or unpleasant.

4. Keep them happy. Take lots of snacks including a treat that usually is not allowed at home. Snacks can help break up moments of frustration and will keep the kids interested.

5. Keep your cool. Expect to re-bait hooks and take out line tangles

and knots all day. This is their day, not yours. The quickest way to turn children off to fishing is to get frustrated with them. Teach them what you know—tell them about birds, plants, or fish. Kids remember these things and find it interesting. Read to them about fish.

6. Keep a few fish for dinner. Keep fish within the legal catch limits and never keep more than you plan to eat. These lessons mold responsible and conscientious anglers helping to ensure the future of our fishery resources.



7. Be relaxed: As you head out the door, leave behind the tension and take along a smile, an open mind, and a lot of patience.

8. Fish for little fish: Most kids prefer to catch lots of fish versus big fish. Start new anglers off on species that are plentiful and more easily caught, like sunfish or perch. Once the child has developed basic fishing skills, you can move on to larger pursuits. Fishing can be very rewarding and educational for children.

9. Teach skills: People, regardless of their age, enjoy fishing more when they are in control and can do it themselves. Resist the temptation to do things for your children. If you are using live bait, teach them how to put it on the hook themselves. Teach them how to tie their hook onto their line and how to cast. On future trips, watch their skills, and their confidence, grow.

Tips: Water and the Great Outdoors

Water is the best all-around hydration, however water weighs in at about eight pounds a gallon. If your hunt or hike will take you the better part of a day away from camp, carry two half-liter water-filled bottles. Remember, water acquired in the outdoors may need to be purified before drinking, so always carry a small bottle of water purification tablets. Getting *Giardia* is no fun, especially when there's no outhouse within running distance!

Good luck to all handlers and dogs testing in June!



Beeper vs Bells

by Tom Keer and Nancy Anisfield

Beeper Argument. The main argument in favor of beepers is that you can't hear what doesn't make noise. Simple enough. A bell may be audible as the dog runs, but when he goes on point, silence ensues. No matter how well you keep your ear trained on that chime (or clang, as the case may be), when it stops, there is no precise way of knowing where the dog is. Precious minutes slip by...the grouse gets nervous...the quail start to move...and you're spending valuable time looking for the dog. If the dog is wearing a beeper set to a point beep, however, you can simply move towards the sound following the shortest distance between two points — a straight line.

Another argument in favor of beepers is the evenness of their sound. Bells ring loud and soft, fast and slow. A good run/point beeper keeps maintains volume and rhythm of the beeps. Of course that can be altered by wind, terrain and the dog's body position, but not nearly as many variables exist as with a bell. The more similar and repetitive the sound, the easier it is to track the dog's movements. Tuned to the sound of the moving beep, I've been able to carry on a conversation (low, of course) listen to the woods and still subliminally track my dog. The change in the beeps' location and the speed of those changes provide all the information I need about my dog's movements. Furthermore, with a bell constantly ringing, you run a greater chance of the dog not hearing your calls or whistles. With a beeper, you can time your commands in between the tones.

Many new beepers let you pick what kind of tone—a flat buzzy sound, a chime-like ring or a hawk scream – and let you pick volume as well. Many beepers can be turned on and off at the transmitter, so if you hunt in and out of thick cover, able to see the dog at some times and not at others, you can easily turn the sound off when you don't need it. Having the option to switch the beeper to a point beep or just use the locate button gives the dog handler far more control than a bell that rings only when the dog moves and always when the dog moves.

One other argument that must be considered is that beeper collars offer a safety feature bells cannot. If something happens to the dog – injury or collapse, perhaps – or it gets caught somewhere immobilized, the beeper can help you find him.

Beeper opponents say beepers sound like tractor trailers in reverse, a microwaves done cooking or abrasive weather radio alerts. I might counter that, to me, bells on hunting dogs sound like hyperactive cows or an ice cream wagon visiting the neighborhood. Aesthetics are too subjective to be a worthwhile point of debate.

Think accuracy, versatility and safety, and the beeper wins every time.

Bell Argument. To a Northern grouse and woodcock hunter, the sound of a clapper hitting the sound ring is pure music to the ear. It has as familiar a feel to it as a pair of L.L. Bean Maine Hunting Shoes does to the feet. When the noise stops on a pointer, every bird hunter's pulse quickens. Don't even think about pulling out a bell on a traditional Southern quail plantation. In the wide, open plains with a flushing dog? Why use one when you can clearly see your dog?

You'd use them on pointers because its far easier to track your dogs when they go into high or thick coverts which is where the birds are. You can look around an alder run or a wheat field and still know where your dog is when the bell goes silent. With an orange collar you can hear and see your dog, even if he blends in with the terrain, as does a German shorthair pointer hunting during full foliage or an English setter on a snowy late season day. You'd use them on a flushing dog because the sound makes you feel good.

Bells require no operating instructions. There are no batteries to go flat, no tones to adjust, and no screw drivers are needed to get under the hood. Just put the collar on your pooch and go huntin'. If you're running a brace of dogs, use two different sizes and tones so you know which dog is where. You can also match the size and tone of your bell to the size of your dogs. Use a bigger bell for a bigger dog and so forth. If a late season snow clogs your bells, try a dab of petroleum jelly on the clapper and some neatsfoot oil throughout the insides.

Some say that a bell situated under a dog's neck impairs his hearing. The point, I guess, is that Fido can't hear-and-obey a whistle command. Just use vastly different tones, such as a deep ring for the bell and a higher-pitch for the whistle. A deep ring tone is better anyway as the sound carries farther on a windy day. You can deepen the bell's tone by spot-welding extra metal on the clapper.

The Best of Both Worlds: For hunters who want to blend the benefits of the bells with the practicality of a beeper collar, there are a few options. One is to set your beeper for silence when your dog is running and to beep when it is on point. The bell will keep you apprised of his whereabouts and the beeper will let you know he's found a bird. A second option is to mount your bell in between the strap posts on your e-collar. You'll hear both. You'll hear both the bell and the beeper, with the bell going quiet when the dog locks on point.

turkey hunter's code of conduct

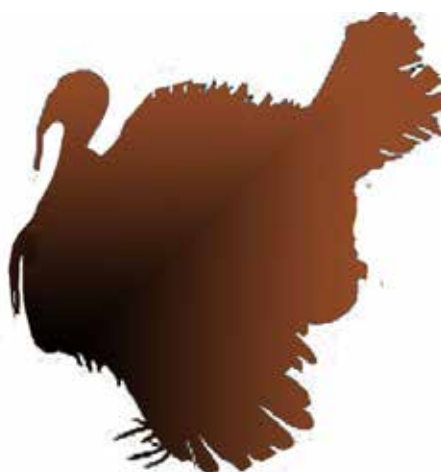
1. I will not let peer pressure or the excitement of the hunt cloud my judgment;
2. I will learn and practice safe hunting techniques;
3. I will hunt the wild turkey fairly;
4. I will know the capabilities and limitations of my gun or bow and use it safely;
5. I will obey and support all wildlife laws and report all violations;
6. I will respect the land and the landowner and always obtain permission before hunting;
7. I will avoid knowingly interfering with another hunter and respect the right of others to lawfully share the out-of-doors;
8. I will value the hunting experience and appreciate the beauty of the wild turkey;
9. I will positively identify my target as a legal bird and insist on a good shot;
10. I will share responsible turkey hunting with others and work for wild turkey conservation.

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barking dog schedule

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

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