



# barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

march / april 2022

## from our president...

Seems like I always start my Barking Dog Express message with a weather report. Holy crap, the thermometer on our deck says 61 degrees and here I am two finger typing to my Yankee friends. That's what I get for procrastinating. Rumor has it there is yet another snowstorm on the horizon. Warming temps will eventually bring us signs of spring. My chapter friends always share their woodcock sightings with me. Love those little birds.

What a turnout! What a huge success our Indoor Clinic was last weekend. Yankee Member Raymond Dyer shared the news at the Annual Meeting that the vocational school in Brunswick where we usually hold the Indoor Clinic was erring on the side of safety and staying closed to events in their facility. Russell Estes called me after and said he had an idea. It turned out to be an amazing idea as was the Indoor Clinic. Hawkes Tree Service of Phippsburg opened its huge garage to our members. Russell and company had moved lots of trucks and swept and swept and swept. He had even graded the driveway and parking lot which we filled with Yankee Chapter members eager to train. Nearly 50 trainers and lots of dogs filled the garage. It was great to see you all again and put faces to new members.

Nick Racioppi and I represented the Yankee Chapter at NAVHDA's virtual Annual Meeting in January. It was very clear from Officer and Director Reports that the Covid years have sparked a huge increase in litters and dog registrations. NAVHDA's steady growth has created quite a challenge to its chapters, which also includes our chapter. We are working very hard on your behalf behind the scenes.

The State of Maine Sportsmans Show is scheduled for April 1-3. I will send a heads-up through Judie with the weekend's dog demo details once I receive them. We need kids! We have been asked to have a booth in the Kids Zone. Ideas are welcomed. Show staff has also asked if we could help vendors in the auditorium with their booth while they run to the bathroom or grab a bite to eat. Thanks ahead of time for your support.

Be sure to check out the very informative Yankee Chapter website for up-to-date info and a tons of training videos at [yankeenavhda.org](http://yankeenavhda.org). And always feel welcome to give me a call with concerns or ideas.

See ya soon,  
Patti



## upcoming events

### Maine Sportsmen's Show

Augusta, Maine  
April 1-3, 2022

### Yankee Spring Clinic

Dresden, Maine  
April 23, 2022



## Welcome New Yankee Chapter Members !

Judy Sandler  
Carlton Peabody  
Susan & Troy Crane  
Kerry Robillard  
Ian Burnes  
Dennis Kirouac  
Tomas Clinch  
James Latimer  
Kevin Colwell

### [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)

## yankee updates and info



### yankee calendar 2022

Apr 23 Training Clinic - Dresden  
May 14 Vermont Clinic - Hinesburg  
May 21 Training Clinic - Dresden  
June 4 Pre-Test Clinic - Dresden  
June 10-12 Yankee Spring Test  
July 16 Water Clinic - Burham  
Aug 27 Pre-Test Clinic - Bowdoinham  
Sep 9-11 Yankee Fall Test - Bowdoinham

### miscellaneous but very important notes

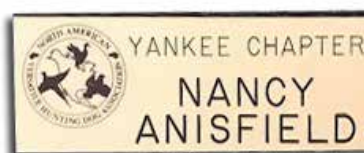
-- We are looking for one or more individuals who could help **haul the equipment trailer** to Yankee clinics and tests. Jason Carter has volunteered to transport it but would like to have one or two back-up haulers. Please contact Jason (jcarter@rsu1.org) if you might be able to help out with this.

-- For those looking to enter a **Natural Ability Test**, the New England Seacoast Chapter will be holding one June 25 & 26. Contact them asap, as spaces are filling up.

<http://www.neseacoastnavhda.org/training-clinics--events.html>

-- Russell Estes and Nick Racioppi have offered their terrific carpentry and construction skills. They will be **revamping the equipment trailer** to make it better organized and have more workable storage space. In advance: Thank You Russell & Nick!

-- The **Vermont Clinic** in Hinesburg, VT, on May 14th will be open to 25 handlers and their dogs. This clinic is open to all NAVHDA International members, but you don't have to be a Yankee Chapter member. We will do field work and water retrieving/steadiness work, but will not have access to big water for searches or blinds. The clinic is free; you will just pay for birds. One dog per handler; two birds per dog. Please contact Nancy Anisfield asap to sign up: [anisfield@gmavt.net](mailto:anisfield@gmavt.net).



-- If you'd like a Yankee Chapter **NAME TAG**, contact Patti (mmkennels@myfairpoint.net) by March 15th to place an order. Tags cost \$15.



Back by popular request, we're going to start running classified ads in the Barking Dog Express. Got something to sell? Looking for something hard-to-find? Send us your ad and we'll get it in the next newsletter (May/June). Be sure to include your contact info and pricing. Send to:  
[anisfield@gmavt.net](mailto:anisfield@gmavt.net)

# YOU

Yes, **YOU!** We need **YOU**. The Yankee Chapter needs **YOU** to step up, slide in, show up and help us keep our clinics and tests running smoothly. It really does take a tremendous amount of work to put on these events. On any given day we need people helping at training stations, planting and shuttling birds to the fields, setting up equipment, organizing handlers, and so much more. The hidden benefits of volunteering are getting more insights into dog training and handling, having more fun working with other chapter members, and sleeping better at night knowing you've helped your friends and their awesome dogs.

Please consider **VOLUNTEERING**. If you don't know what you'd like to do, we'll help. (We're great at giving people jobs.) Contact Patti at [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net). She'll connect you with the right volunteer committee.

## Congratulations to the Yankee Chapter Annual Meeting door prize winners!

1. Brian Pike - \$100.00 Amazon gift card
2. Cari Romano - \$100.00 Amazon gift card
3. Damon Jordan - canvas tote bag
4. Karen Thomas - silver coffee mug
5. Rich Gay - check cord
6. Brian Champagne - check cord
7. Marsha Bennett - check cord
8. Pat Bowles - hat
9. Kelly Grover - water bottle
10. Bill Thomas - water bottle



**Congrats to...** Dave and Jacquie Kuritzky who were recently recognized by Ducks Unlimited for their deep service to waterfowl conservation.

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

Nancy Anisfield  
Chris Boelig  
Robert Borden  
Pat Bowles  
David and Gerry Braun  
Bob and Debbie Brey  
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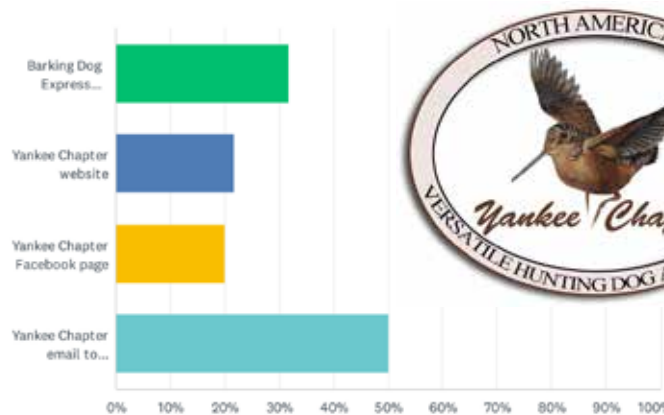
**Thank you...** to David Braun for his generous donations to the NAHP camp *and* the KK/BB fund.

## yippee to us!

Fees for the Yankee Chapter's February 19th Indoor Clinic raised \$200 to donate to the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association's 23rd Annual Dickie LeMont Take-a-Kid Fishing Family Fishing Derby.

## Q7 What is your preferred method for getting updates on chapter events? Please check one.

Answered: 60 Skipped: 0



## survey says...

In January, we conducted a Yankee Chapter members' survey asking questions about different types of chapter communications. We received 62 replies out of 168 surveys sent. (Yankee has well over 200 members, but only one survey was sent per family/email address.)

In summary, the newsletter is being read by a good majority, most of whom read it in its entirety (66%). No particular aspect of the content stood out as a notable favorite or dislike, but more training (65%) and hunting (68%) articles were requested, particularly training specifically geared toward upland hunting (79.7%). Most respondents were satisfied with the design of

the newsletter (63%) but some would like more photos (28%). Half (50%) of the respondents prefer getting chapter event news via direct email rather than Facebook or the website, with the newsletter coming in second as a preferred method (32%). A majority ranked the website as "very good," (56%). A rating of "Excellent" for the website was next (25%) followed by "Good" (15%) and "Fair" (3.4%). Most respondents said they could find the information they needed (95%).

We received many valuable comments and suggestions on the newsletter, social media, and website. We are looking into all of these and hope to make some of the improvements soon. Many thanks to everyone who responded to the survey.



The **Indoor Clinic** February 19th was AWESOME. The Hawkes' facility was absolutely perfect! Thank you Russell Estes for arranging our use of the facility. Traditionally we have charged a fee for this first clinic of the year. Along with our tshirt sales, we took in \$450. From that, the Yankee Chapter donated \$200 to the Phippsburg Kids Fishing Derby.

Over 40 handlers and dogs showed up to launch their training season. Blaine and Jason held everyone's attention with endless training tips. So many members stepped up to help, too. It was so Yankee Chapter style -- sharing all they had. We have to be proud and excited for the year ahead!



### Training Clinic - Dresden - April 23rd - 9:00

The first outdoor YANKEE TRAINING CLINIC of the 2022 season will be held at the Green Point Wildlife Management Area. Whether you're testing a dog this year, introducing a puppy to the wonderful world of bird hunting, or just giving your hunting buddy a tune-up, come join us. We'll cover all kinds of field work for all levels -- steadiness, tracking, retrieving, heeling and lots of obedience drills. (No water work yet.)

- Keep your eye out for an email with a link to our online registration.
- The clinic 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 Yankee clinics are designed to give everyone and their dogs a variety of training opportunities. When it is not your turn in the field, it's easy to find something else for you and your dog to do: practice heeling and stay on the place-boards, find a partner and do retrieving drills, ask to walk along with other dogs in the field to pick up tips and strategies, offer to be a 'gallery' for dogs practicing tracks and retrieve by drag. And don't forget to chip in and help our terrific set-up and lunch crew!

### 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.)

coming soon...

## ASK THE TRAINERS

Starting in the next issue we will be featuring an Ask the Trainers column where you 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 (obedience stuff). Send your questions to our Director of Training, Blaine Carter, at [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net).



## Are You Ready?

by Blaine Carter

As this year's testing and training programs are now set, it's time to head outside. Our Indoor Clinic was a huge success with 50 or so members and their dogs in attendance. As fields open up and training begins, we are going to need all hands on deck for a successful season.

Our training committee has started its meetings and currently is brainstorming ideas. We are expecting our typical large turnout as in the past. I would like to hear from you on ways to improve our events. Please call me anytime as our Yankee Chapter Training Committee welcomes constructive ideas throughout the training season.

Tips to make your training clinic experience better:

1. Take advantage of every moment while in attendance.
2. Offer to assist or watch a trainer to gain more knowledge. This will help your understanding of progression, and if you help at those stations you can learn techniques for advancement in

your own training.

3. Because of the large turnouts, there will be multiple opportunities to connect with other members that could help you with your training. The more active you are at an event, the more you and your dog will gain.

The Barking Dog Express is going to start an "Ask the Trainers" question and answer section, as part of my Training Report. The answers to your questions will help all Yankee members.

Always remember, your foundation commands, heel, come and whoa should be repeated every time you train. They are your basic communication commands and must be constantly reviewed. These commands will re-establish you as the leader in many training scenarios. I always remember my mother would ask me if I was listening before instructing me, so why not ask the dog to the same thing.

GOOD TRAINING!



## In case of emergency...

Dog owners' motto should always be Expect the Unexpected. If something happens requiring emergency care for your dog, the situation will get scarier and more critical if you have to take time to figure out what to do or where to go. Here are a few things you can do in advance to be more prepared for life-threatening situations.

\*Keep on hand the phone, address, and driving directions to one or more 24-hour emergency veterinary clinics.

\*Keep on hand the phone number of animal poison hotline such as the ASPCA Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435.

\*Keep -- and learn how and when to use -- emergency first aid items such as a rapid clotting agent (QuikClot), a severe bloat/torsion needle, hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting, etc.

\*Keep on hand or know how to access your dog's medical records.



photo showcase:  
winter snoozing



clockwise from upper left...  
Moxie and Wyatt  
photo: Misi Knutson  
Puppy snuggles  
photo: Camille Noldan  
Tiza and Gnarly  
photo: Patti Carter  
Scratch and Prairie  
photo: Nancy Anisfield



from our conservation partners

## Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

PARTNERSHIP WITH  
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have unveiled a new partnership with Sustainable Environmental Consultants, powered by EcoPractices, to help producers achieve agricultural resiliency through habitat-based conservation solutions. The trio of organizations are now helping farmers identify, collect, verify, and quantify environmental performance impacts for carbon, soil erosion, and nutrients, while making habitat recommendations for greater efficiency and reduced risk across farming operations....

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are committed to sustaining a healthy environment, people, and prosperous communities through initiatives that deliver quality upland experiences and habitat. The more than 22 million acres they have impacted through various wildlife conservation programs have provided broad public benefits to climate resiliency, carbon sequestration, soil health, water quality, and economic development.



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## Ruffed Grouse Society / American Woodcock Society



FOREST PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS -- by Ben Larson, RGS Director of Forest Market Strategies

Over the years, RGS & AWS has appreciated working with many forest-product companies, including UPM Blandin around the National Hunt, Louisiana Pacific for collaborations in the Lakes states, MeadWestvaco in the Mid-Atlantic, International Paper for funding our work in the Southern Appalachians through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Evergreen and doubtless others that I'm unaware of. ...

As leading purchasers of forest products, large forest-product manufacturers will play two critical roles in implementing our working forests model. First, their wood purchasing makes possible the commercially viable management – that's the basis of working forestland. And secondly, the partnerships we aim to establish with them will involve critical new funding for RGS & AWS to perform our roles around getting even more habitat benefits, especially early successional and young forest habitats, from ongoing commercial forest management. ...

The details of the partnerships will vary depending on the companies' procurement systems, sourcing policies and certifications, and their corporate sustainability commitments and goals. Ideally, RGS & AWS can help companies accomplish some of their procurement needs, certification and/or corporate sustainability goals, which will make the partnerships even more valuable to the companies.



# yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development jason carter

## What is the KK/BB fund?

The **Kenny King/Bob Bisson Fund** was established in memory of two beloved Yankee Chapter members. Kenny was a founding member of the Yankee Chapter and a NAVHDA Judge. After Kenny passed away from Cystic Fibrosis, Kenny's wife Anne gave the chapter \$100 in Kenny's memory, requesting we use it for our chapter kids. We selected Kenny's daughter, Sarah, to be the first recipient and sent her to Bryant Pond Conservation Camp. We added Bob Bisson, a devoted Yankee member, a few years later after he passed away from a massive heart attack. Bob kept us all smiling as the King of the post clinic water fights. Of course, Yankee members packed Bob's memorial service and in typical Yankee fashion, I slipped a squirt gun into his pocket. The rest is history!

Proceeds from the fund cover the costs for selected chapter youth members to attend the University of Maine 4H Learning Center, receive a life-time hunting license, or participate in NAVHDA activities in other ways. Kenny and Bob, and the KK/BB fund, have given and continue to give opportunities and joy to the Yankee Chapter. Thank you all for your generosity.

-- Patti Carter



across 1. You should always carry a first "\_\_\_\_" "\_\_\_\_" in case your dog or you are injured.

down 2. Your "\_\_\_\_" gets a "\_\_\_\_" as a reward for doing something well.

across 3. A way of handling your dog when on point to encourage the point and reinforce steadiness.

across 4. You use a "\_\_\_\_" "\_\_\_\_" to simulate the dog finding a wild bird during a hunt.

down 5. This device is used to throw a dummy into the water to simulate a waterfowl retrieve.

down 6. By changing this in your voice you can help your dog understand how you feel.

across 7. Something you use to encourage your dog to keep doing what it's doing.

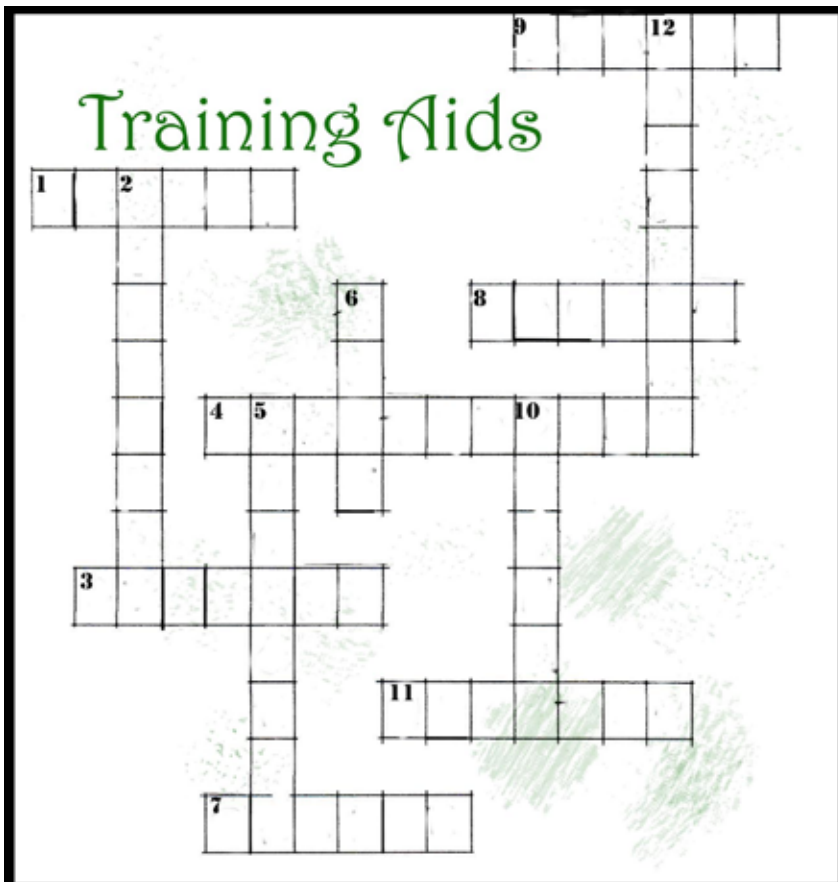
across 8. An object you can throw or place at a distance for your dog to retrieve.

across 9. What you clip your dogs leash to. Often has a tag attached.

down 10. One uses this type of ammunition to simulate gunfire.

across 11. You can blow on this as a command for your dog

down 12. This "\_\_\_\_" "\_\_\_\_" helps maintain a physical connection with your dog while letting them work at a distance.



Crossword puzzle by Philip Laperriere.  
Answers on page 10.



*Excerpts from NAVHDA handlers' training tips published in the Ruffed Grouse Society magazine, COVERS.*

### Positive vs. Negative Reinforcement.

Science has proven that to effectively change behavior there has to be some type of motivation. Punishment will inhibit the developing bond between you and your puppy and can cause avoidance, depression and behavior problems. In using positive methods along with rewards you are strengthening the bond and developing a confident, happy, well-adjusted dog. Reward based training is not only scientifically sound, it will create a deeper bond between you and your puppy

-- Judy Zeigler

### Learn when to end an exercise.

It is very important to know when to quit an exercise. Be sure to design the exercise with components that help the dog progress in small steps. Motivational games can be added to keep the pup's interest. Learn to end your training session while your dog still wants more. That's another motivator.

-- Blaine Carter

### Keep it simple, keep it fresh.

Remember... keep it simple, black and white, and avoid grey areas. Uncertainty from you and your training methods create grey areas in dogs; it really muddies the water for them and manifests confusion and a lack of confidence. A confused dog makes mistakes, and dogs that have not fully been taught the expectation and are disciplined for mistakes further adds to the confusion and lack of confidence.

-- Mark Whalen

### Training two dogs together.

In my experience, training two dogs together can be a real plus or it can be worse than a waste of time. The results depend very much on clearly deciding in advance what is to be achieved by running the dogs together, having a plan laid out, and picking the right dog/handler for the partnership.

Training two dogs together usually means pairing a younger dog with an older trained dog for the benefit of the younger dog. Knowing what we want the younger dog to gain will (should) determine the type of dog for pairing. While there is a certain attractiveness to the idea that a young dog learns by merely watching an older dog, studies have shown that compared to other species, dogs are not good mimics, i.e., learners by seeing.

-- Dr. Howard Meyer



**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!



## My Fishing Dog

by Tom Carpenter, editor Pheasants Forever Journal

*This story first appeared in the Summer 2021 Issue of Pheasants Forever Journal.*

Depending on how you scheme out a hunting season, there are at best five or so months of the year where you and your canine companion can center your sporting lives on upland hunting.

For Lark and me, that means September through January. Sharptails and chickens to ruffs and doodles (beloved warmups, all these) to our Holy Grail for the duration: ring-necked pheasants. That leaves seven months to fill.

Sure there are "tootles" as we fashion them (some would call them hikes) to stay in shape for the both of us. Formalized training sessions worthily fill many dog/hunter teams' time (though we personally are not much ones for regimen). Spring morel and ramp forays. Summer berry picking jaunts. Canoe trips (we have yet to experience a dog-induced spill, though that boast probably just jinxed us). Capers for wild plums on summer's wane.

If it's outdoors, the dog is almost always along.

And that brings us to fishing.

I love fishing. It is a great way to fill some more time until hunting season. Living where we do, the opportunities for getting out on a lake, river or creek are ample indeed. And the dog knows. She is as attuned to the rattle of a spin-

ning rod coming out of its rack as she is the snick-cluck of a shotgun before it slides into a guncase or, Lord help us, the tinkle of her hunting bell.

Let's go!

Trips in the boat are fine. She rides in the bow, head into the wind with nose twitching and ears flopping as we motor to some fishing hole, then mostly sleeps away her time in the sun.

But it is stream fishing she prefers where, when regulations allow, she can wander the banks as I hunt the riffles and runs and pools for trout.

My dog is an ideal trout fishing dog, as she is not a water lover. Mostly she stays on the bank, behind me, playing, snuffing for mice, stalking squirrels, chasing butterflies. That said, on the hot days, she will gladly splash into a creek to loll and cool off.

When she tires of her romps, she will stick with me but stay back as I sneak a trouty spot. It's how I taught her to do some semblance of stay, which is good enough for us.

But the rustle and action of "fish on!" always brings my dog to attention, followed by a close inspection and tentative lick of the colorful, wiggling trout until I slide it back in the springwater or, on occasion, bonk it on the head and

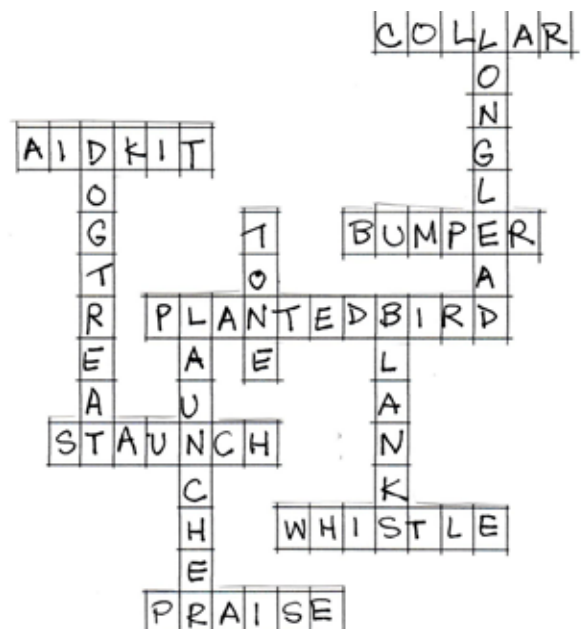
slide it into my vest for dinner.

While trout fishing, my daydreams are unequivocally of bird hunting. While bird hunting, my reverie will on occasion turn to fishing — the gurgle of summer brookwater, the aroma of wild mint, my bird dog napping in the sun dapples. Here, I think she's living in the elusive now either way. And having a hell of a good time.



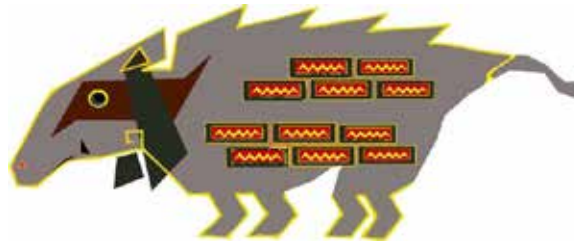
### help!

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  
anisfield@gmavt.net, 802-233-9158.



# Bird Dogs' Family Secrets and Dirty Laundry

by Nancy Anisfield



Just like their human counterparts, some bird dog breeds have skeletons in their closets, strange stories and debatable legends....

In 1905, banker Alexander L. White found a small spaniel on his way home from Sunday church. Subsequently, Mr. White adopted the dog, turned him over to his hunting partner Whit Boykin who then bred the dog and started the lines that would become the **Boykin spaniel**. In *The Boykin Spaniel: South Carolina's Dog*, authors Mike Creel and Lynn Kelley write, "Where the dog went to church became over time a matter of which church the storyteller wanted him to attend. ... Such discrepant accounts led to considerable good-natured joshing between Methodists and Presbyterians about the dog's religious persuasion. Not to be outdone, Southern Baptists have also gotten involved in this debate. As one Southern Baptist wag put it, 'Let the Methodists and the Presbyterians carry on all they want to about the religious preference of this dog, but I'm telling you that any dog in South Carolina who loves water as much as a Boykin spaniel has to be a Baptist.'"

The **French Brittany** and the **American Brittany** are two of several breeds that carries the T gene mutation C189G gene for natural bobtails. Natural bobtail is inherited (autosomal dominance) when one parent has a normal long tail gene and one has the C189G mutation. In the early days as the modern standards of the Brittany breed were being developed, the natural bobtail was a highly prized characteristic. When breeders found it wasn't easy to guarantee their pups would have the natural bobtail, some of them took to chopping the tails off in secret, claiming to breed clubs or show judges that the bob was natural.

United States' Senator, Secretary of State and statesman Daniel Webster owned one of the first two **Gordon setters** imported into the country from Scotland in 1842 by George Blunt of Morristown, NJ.

The term **griffon** was applied to European rough-coated pointing dogs many years ago without it specifying a particular breed. Around 1870, Dutch hunter Eduard Karel Korthals, then living in Germany, set about creating an all purpose gun dog. Records show he bought 20 dogs over a dozen years, using griffons, spaniels, Braque's, Barbets, retrievers, shorthairs and pointers in his breeding program. Since other wirehaired pointing breeds such as the Spinone, German Wirehaired Pointer and Pudelpointer are essentially griffons by that earliest definition, the name Korthals is often added to differentiate the breed.

Allegedly, Italian painter Andrea Mantegna included a **Spinone** relaxing under the throne in a fresco of the Marquis of Mantua titled "The Court Scene" and another under a chair in the fresco "The Meeting Scene." Both works are in the Ducal Palace in Mantua, Italy, and were completed around 1475. Whether or not these large-headed, shaggy dogs are early Spinones has never been verified.

Smallest of the spaniel breeds, **Cocker spaniels** were thus named back in the 1800s because they were primarily used to hunt woodcock. They were also called "cocking spaniels," for the same reason.

Three theories over the origin of the **Weimaraner** and it's silvery grey coat are still debated. The Chiens Gris de Saint Louis Theory is based on a "gris" dog that King Saint Louis brought to

France. That "gris" referred to a tight mix of brown and white hairs, not actual grey hairs. The GSP Theory says the Weimaraner is a grey version of the German shorthair or a breed that developed parallel. There is some evidence to support this but it is not conclusive. And the Grand Duke Theory credits Grand Duke Charles Augustus of Saxe-Weimar for developing the breed, but the only evidence to support this is a few old engravings that depict the Duke posing with some nice-looking short-haired hunting dogs.

The beagle's name probably comes the Middle French "bee gueule," which translates literally as "wide throat." However anyone who has heard a beagle baying understands the translation more readily as "Big Mouth."

Hermann Goering, the German minister during WWII who also led the fascist government's control of all hunting dog breeding, declared that all liver and white ticked **shorthairs** were to be destroyed because they didn't blend well enough into the woods like solid liver and roan shorthairs.

**French poodles** did not originate in France but in Germany ("poodle" comes from the German pudel or pudelhund, meaning "splashing dog"). Popular speculation says the fancy poodle cut with the puffs of hair evolved when hunters shaved the poodle for more efficient swimming on water retrieves, while leaving the pom-poms around the major joints to keep them warm. Other theories link it to the fancy hairstyles worn in the royal court.

And for anyone who is geographically challenged...the **Labrador Retriever** was originally from Newfoundland.

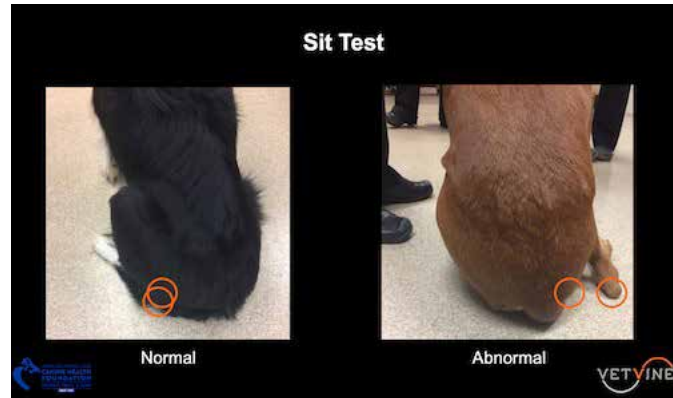


### Ligament Ruptures

A cranial cruciate ligament rupture, similar to ACL tears in humans, is a common orthopedic injury in pet dogs. A tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO) is a common procedure performed to address stifle (knee) instability secondary to cranial cruciate ligament rupture.

For more information, click on this link to an article on Vetvine.com:

<https://www.vetvine.com/article/697/akcchf-don-t-skip-leg-day-the-importance-of-medial-crural-fascia-when-recovering-from-a-tplo>



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### How to save a dog choking on a ball

My first dog, a dalmatian named Cheyenne, choked to death on a racketball. She loved catching high tosses in the air, and I was stupid. Once she had one caught in her throat when it came down fast and she jumped up to grab it. I flipped her rear end up and gave her a Heimlich maneuver. The ball popped out. I should never have let her play with balls again, but stupidly, I continued to let her chase grounders, no high pops. One day, the ball hit a rut and came back towards her as she lunged forward, mouth open. It lodged down her throat. The Heimlich didn't work, and even though there was a vet clinic just ten minutes down the road, she died in my car on the way.

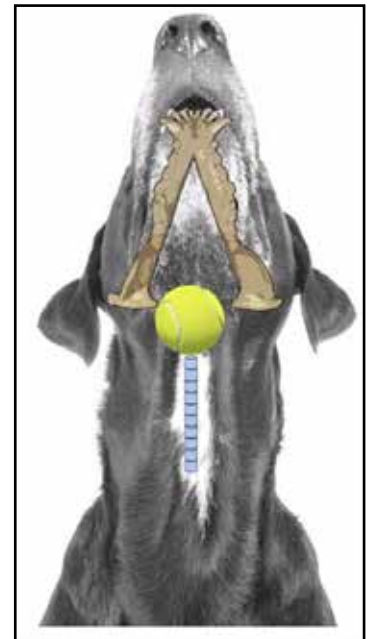
Racketballs compress easily and get very slimy when a dog mouths them. Tennis balls do too -- their larger size and fuzzy exterior can also get slippery and compressed.

I recently learned of a method for popping a swallowed ball or similar object from a dog's throat that I deeply wish I had known years ago. It involves turning the dog on its back, securing the dog, and pushing upwards on the throat from a under the neck.. Here's the link to a detailed article and training video (on a dummy dog) explaining the technique:

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Another excellent video shows the "External Extraction Technique" actually be done on two different dogs by Dr. Kristie Williams of the West Hills Animal Hospital in Huntington, NY.

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