



# barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

March/April 2020

## From our president...

Wow, has Yankee Chapter's life changed since we last gathered together.

Our 2020 Indoor Clinic at VOC10 was packed with versatile hunting dog enthusiasts. We trained dogs of all ages on a huge variety of skills, indoor and out. Huge thanks to Raymond Dyer for making that venue happen. It truly was a wonderful day!

Enter a virus we call Corona and life has changed like nothing we have seen before. We are tough New Englanders but fighting an enemy we can neither see nor understand, is more than difficult.

That being said, we need to make decisions to keep us all as safe as possible. We will take this one step at a time as the rules are changing daily. We are cancelling our April Training Clinic due to the State of Maine's ruling on public gatherings. We will proceed one event at a time so please watch for announcements on Yankee Chapter's Facebook Page and Website.

Foggy Ridge Gamebird Farm  
The Yankee Chapter will do our best to honor our orders with

FRGBF. We are trying to create a plan where your birds will be available for pick up at a private site. It will be an honor system, bring your own containers, cash or check. Jim and Laurie Olmsted have served our members many decades. First pick up date will be announced as soon as we know Jim's schedule. Make sure you have proper paperwork with state.

Yankee Chapter Testing  
We just do not know at this time. The board will keep you posted through your amazing test secretary, Sandy Runyon. There has been word that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be following the direction of our governor re public gatherings. Thanks for your patience. I know the difficulty and confusion these times have dealt us. We will do our best for our members.

We all have a little more time on our hands now. Please feel free to call with questions. 207-725-8229 Just call to say hi, we would love to hear from you.

Please stay well,  
Patti



## Bulletin Board

### Upcoming Events

All tests and clinics have been canceled through June 30th.

We'll take these one at a time and make the decision to go ahead based on the Governor's guidelines and the Yankee board's review of the logistics of each event. It looks like the rest of the Yankee events – testing, water clinic, etc. – will be the same, taken one at a time.

Please watch your emails from Judie and the Yankee Facebook page for updates. We'll keep you posted.

The Chapter is planning a bird pick-up day to honor our contract with Foggy Ridge Game Farm and to help chapter members get birds for their own training. We'll send you information as soon as we have the details worked out.

*Wishing all Yankee Chapter members and their families a happy, healthy Easter and Passover!*



## Remaining and Steadiness by Blind: Whining and Movement

To start, we need to understand the causes of these behavior in our dogs.

It is a dog's inability to control his emotions and to be patient in a particular situation. The whining, barking and fidgeting is a dog not coping with the anxiety of the situation he has been presented. When you add separation, as in our Utility Test's, remaining by blind, the unconditioned dog becomes more and more anxious. To condition the dog for this exercise, start in your own home where your dog feels secure. Yes, you need to get off the couch and make a plan. We will start this journey with four easy steps that will help with separation and anxiety.

### Step One. Patience

Your goal is to have a dog that is comfortable and willing to remain in place for 10 minutes. During this training you need to be prepared to reset the dog numerous times. Your patience here is a must. Cutting this exercise short will not help in the dog's understanding to remain in position. This exercise is designed to teach patience and help the dog understand the goal of remain till released. Again, you must get accuracy before next step begins. Got 10?

### Step Two. Separation

Still working inside your home, command your dog to stay, go out of sight and count to 10. Leaving the dog in one room and going to another starts your dog's ability to build confidence while waiting for your return. Your patience here is a must. Start with short intervals and gradually lengthen your time out of sight. This may take some time but with repetitions it can be done. Your dog's impatience is what you are working on at this time. Again, accuracy before moving onto next step. Got 10?

### Step Three. Proofing

Sit your dog in his regular training spot, place his bowl of food on the floor a few feet away. Your goal is to have your dog wait the full 10 minutes for his dinner. This drill may prove to be difficult for trainer and dog. Do not forget your patience! When the dog

has accepted the 10 minutes we can proceed to step four. Got 10?

### Step Four. Reliability

Repeat Step Three but now leave the room. The dog should not move until he has completed the full ten minutes. This is a test of his reliability. Try just a few kibbles for one minute; a few more for two, and on and on. If possible set this up in a situation you can peek. Eventually, your goal of 10 minutes will be achieved. You have a dog that recognizes you will return and there will be a reward. You both have gained confidence and lowered the anxiety of the task.

There is no rush to complete this. Time is to your advantage.

Up to now, you have been working in the comfort of your home. More proofing occurs when you change locations. Always start small and grow your successes.

I hope this will help in some of your outside work with Remaining and Steadiness by Blind.

--Blaine



# NAVHDA Annual Meeting Updates

Yankee Chapter members,

Thanks so much for allowing me to be your delegate to the NAVHDA International Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine. The meeting was hosted by Maine's Sebecook Chapter and it was an incredible gathering of NAVHDA folks. Yankee supported Saturday evenings excitement and delicious food with nearly 80 members in attendance. It was so fun! I'd like to share with you the highlights and information I gained. So much of this meeting was recorded and is available to view on the NAVHDA Website.

On Friday there was an Open Forum where all in attendance were invited. Discussions were about the motions and discussion items. Everyone was welcomed to share their opinion.

**Motion #1** was to establish an evaluation of the judges at the conclusion of each test. It was suggested, that person be the Test Secretary. There was a very lively discussion on this topic. Conclusion of the delegates in attendance was, there is a plan currently in effect, that allows a judge, a handler or a chapter to submit a letter of concern. Those two contacts would be the Director of Judging and Director of Testing. Motion failed, unanimous.

**Motion #2** The first concern discussed by adding the #4 judge was the number of people in the field. Another concern was the even number of judges. NAVHDA has always functioned on the odd number of judges system. There was the mention of the increased cost. There was a concern finding that many more qualified judges. Judges assured the Delegates that three judges can still adequately be fair to all handlers in the Invitational Test. Motion failed

**Discussion item** re dog exams at water. It was stated that there is very little to be concerned with this exam. If an handler expresses a concern, judges should request a fresh set of bumpers. Temperament judgement remains an important part. Yankee requested International send out

a questionnaire re the Annual Meeting. There should be more best practices and educational seminars shared with the membership.

**Whats new?** NAVHDA has initiated a Training Seminar Assistance Program for those newer chapters that do not have established trainers to assist its members with training events. International will support chapter with \$500.

2020 Invitational in Iowa

2021 Invitational in Zia Chapter, New Mexico

2021 Annual Meeting will be next January in California.

NAVHDA new Director of Training is **Mark Whalen** of the Potomac Chapter. He replaces long time Director, Chip Bonde. NAVHDA thanked Chip for his many years of service. NAVHDA also thanked Tim Clark for his many years of service to the organization. Yankee Chapter judge Bob England, has been promoted to Senior.

**Lisa Pehur**, NAVHDA Registrar, registered 4538 dogs last year, 690 litters. Lisa stresses to breeders to follow thru with their litter registration and pre pay all puppies.

Director of Publication, **Tim Otto**, says NAVHDA mails 7500 copies of the VHD monthly. 90% of membership, when asked, wants a mailed copy. NAVHDA spends \$100,000 annually with printing and shipping. All issues are available on the NAVHDA website, prior to shipping. VHD is going to start a Letters to the Editor column.

Send your letters to [vhd@navhda.org](mailto:vhd@navhda.org).

**Andy Doak**, Director of Promotions, asks, "How do we promote NAVHDA?" Answer, "NAVHDA exists to help experience the thrill of a well trained hunting dog through training, testing, hunting". Breeders are the number one most influential part of NAVHDA. Ron Boehme's Hunting Dog Podcast was influential on new member numbers last year.  
1 training at the local level  
2 testing  
3 like minded individuals

4 access to VHD material  
5 access to the Registry

**Greg Blair** from Purina and what's new in 2020.

All Purina products will now contain probiotics. Suggests continued use of Forti Flora in high stress situations..ie travel, hunting...Purina has eliminated all grain free foods. Purina has 400 researchers, nutritionists and veterinarians on staff. Purina Pro Club, working on direct deposit for Pro Club checks. Join Pro Club. You get 12 cents back on every pound you purchase.

Dakota 283 The company listens to what its customers want. Keep the suggestions coming.

Ugly Dog Hunting Terry Wilson thanked everyone.

## Breeders Award 2020

Congratulations to the breeders of our chapter.

### Natural Ability

Anthony Baker Rolling Acres Smoka x Szafriz Czarnego Dworu  
Linda Ewen Fenton River Cora Belle VC Garbonita Adonis von Crystal Blaine Carter / Suzi Moore VC Gaia von der Merrymeeting x Baron vom Tuckerhoe  
Ted and Linda Gagnon Wet Acres Zina David x Bear Hug High Explosive  
Ted and Linda Gagnon Fezziwigs Wet Acres Chia Chia x Wet Acres Chew Bark A  
Melissa Knutson Merrymeetings Estella R.M.K. x Aluke vom Speilschwein  
David and Carol Trahan VC Hanna On Point x Ivan von Troken Bach

### Utility

Blaine and Suzi Moore VC Gaia von der Merrymeeting x Baron vom Tuckerhoe

In conclusion, it was a great meeting. Our chapter youth were a huge part of Saturday night's celebration.

Thank you Yankee Chapter family for all you do,  
Patti Carter, Yankee Chapter Delegate 2020



## 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

### 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 NoldanPhoto@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."

### Test Entry Time

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/>.

## Upcoming Clinics

### Training Clinics:

As you may have seen from the NAVHDA Int. email blast, they have cancelled all tests, nationwide, through June 30th. The Yankee Chapter will have to rethink our summer schedule. We will be thinking about an accommodation, but that, of course, will be contingent on the continuation, or not, of the coronavirus pandemic.



## NAVHDA INTERNATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

|                 |                 | VOTES |         |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|---------|
| PRESIDENT       | DAVID A. TRAHAN | 814   | ELECTED |
|                 | RIC KILDOW      | 699   |         |
| VICE PRESIDENT  | BOB HAUSER      | 839   | ELECTED |
|                 | MARK FRALEY     | 658   |         |
| SECRETARY       | ANGIE COENEN    | 1417  |         |
| TREASURER       | RICHARD HOLT    | 1421  |         |
| BYLAW AMENDMENT | IN FAVOR        | 1279  |         |
|                 | OPPOSED         | 190   |         |

Ballots received and counted: 1525  
Ballots invalid due to late postmarks: 19



## Yankee Chapter showcase



*Donnie and Kelly Lucas*



*Congrats to Andy Baker on winning this Ruger at the NAVHDA Annual Meeting!*



*Patti Carter*



*Nancy Anisfield*



*Blaine Carter*

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!



## Your Conservation Partners

**The Ruffed Grouse Society and Pheasants Forever** – NAVHDA's two Conservation Partner organizations – support NAVHDA by way of endorsement, publicity, merchandise and donations. In turn, as hunter conservationists, it is essential for us to support these organizations because they are our best chance at ensuring the existence of the habitat we need to hunt our wonderful dogs and share our outdoor lifestyle with them.

### Ruffed Grouse Society / American Woodcock Society

Started over 50 years ago, RGS's mission states that it is "North America's foremost conservation organization dedicated to preserving our sporting traditions by creating healthy forest habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other wildlife. RGS works with landowners and government agencies to develop critical habitat utilizing scientific management practices."

What's new? RGS just announced a new corporate partnership with Remington Arms Company. "We are very excited to welcome Remington into the Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society Corporate Partner program," said Sean Curran, Vice President of Mission Sustainability at RGS/AWS. "From our very first conversations, we began exploring new and creative ways to work together. Whether through R3 initiatives, conservation projects, or membership initiatives, we know both organizations working together will have a positive impact on conservation."

### Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

The PF mission statement reads, "Pheasants Forever is dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs."

What's new? The National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic drew a record-breaking crowd of 32,467 attendees to the Minneapolis Convention Center February 14-16. At the nation's largest gathering of upland wildlife conservationists, new attractions included the Public Lands Pavilion, the Path to the Uplands Stage, and the organization's inaugural Upland Film Festival. Several Yankee Chapter members as well as dozens of NAVHDA members attended and helped out at the NAVHDA booth. "Dedicated members and upland hunters from all corners of America joined us in our Minnesota home," said Howard Vincent, PF/QF CEO. "The passion for the uplands was palpable across the show floor over our three-day weekend."

If you're not already a member, please consider joining both of these organizations. Keep in mind that RGS and PF don't compete with each other! Not only so they see all habitat conservation organizations as sharing the challenge of conserving and preserving habitat, they partner at both the national and chapter level in habitat projects, youth events, and legislative policy direction.



## Wood Duck Nesting Boxes

by Jason Carter

We had another fun day out on the ice managing nesting boxes. There were a lot of successful broods swimming about last year thanks to our amazing Yankee kids. We gathered data on over 40 boxes and prepared them for the upcoming nesting season. Many thanks to the support of our volunteers for joining us on our adventure. Many families are now quarantined at home, making for a great opportunity to reconnect with our families and get both the dogs and the kids in the outdoors.



## A PSA from the Phippsburg Sportsman Association

by Nick Racioppi

On February 23, 2020 the Phippsburg Sportsman Association sponsored a Kids Day event and invited the Yankee Chapter to participate with providing dog sledding rides. It was a beautiful day and the kids had a great time at this event.

Thank you to the YC Members who participated and brought the dog power and sleds; Blaine Carter, Misi, Aaron, Wyatt Knutson and Wyatt's friend Nate, Brian and Terry Champagne, Joe Karzar, Peter Baco, Deb and Bob Brey.

Your support was instrumental in providing those children with years of memories.



**"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."**

**– Sherry Anderson**



**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"?

**What do you get when you cross a dog with a phone?**

A golden receiver!

## What's a dog's favorite dessert?

Pupcakes!

## What do you get when you cross a racing dog with a bumble bee?

A greyhound buzz!

**Congratulations to our current recipients for the Kenny King Bob Bisson Scholarship to Bryant Pond:**

Rylan Noldan  
Delaney Noldan  
Wyatt Knutson  
Bryce Watson

## Looking for things to do during Quarantine? Look no further!

Take a virtual walk with Jason Carter and enjoy all of the wonderful sights and sounds nature has to offer:

<https://youtu.be/csOIMYgmgQI>

Be inspired and creative in the outdoors. Build some Gnome Homes and Fairy Houses!

<https://youtu.be/4You9X6NBuc>

Have fun developing survival skills while cleaning up the yard!  
Learn how to build a debris shelter:

<https://youtu.be/hXozmbRA3dk>



# GRUMBLE

Unscramble these four grumbles one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

## ESTAW

# GOLIC

**TEEVVL**

## GRODDE

**Print your  
answer here:**

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



While finishing the bathroom floor and walls, he liked to recite poetry. He was a...

" not your normal chapter "  
page 8



# Game Bird Chilli

By Nancy Anisfield

## INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 15oz. cans cannellini beans
- ½ 15oz. can kidney beans
- 1.5 bell peppers (yellow or orange) diced
- 1 large diced onion
- ¼ cup chopped garlic or garlic powder to taste
- ¼ cup sliced celery
- 1 quart chicken stock
- ½ pint whole whipping cream
- ¾ cups flour
- pheasant, chukar, grouse, or quail breast meat cubed, at least 4-5 cups
- 1 bay leaf
- ¾ tablespoon chili powder
- ¾ tablespoon cumin
- salt and white pepper to taste
- nacho chips
- optional for more heat: crushed red pepper to taste

## PREPARATION

Heat a stock pot until it is very hot, then add olive oil and quickly brown the bird pieces. Add cumin and chili powder, cook a minute or two, then add the garlic. Add peppers, onion, and celery, then stir. Add the bay leaf then stir in the flour.

Add the chicken stock, beans and whipping cream, then stir. Simmer for 45 minutes. Add salt and white pepper to taste. Garnish with parsley or a bit of shredded cilantro. Serve with nacho chips.



## Answers to Quiz and Grumble on page 8

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.

## GRUMBLE

Unscramble these four grumbles one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

ESTAW  
WASTE

GOLIC  
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VELVET

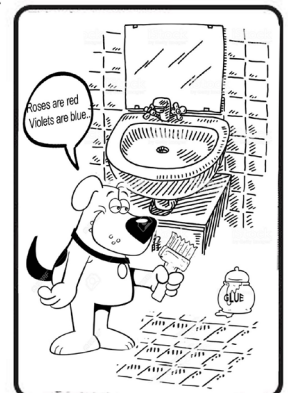
GRODDE  
DODGER

Print your answer here:

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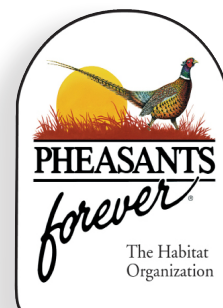
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

DOG



While finishing the bathroom floor and walls, he liked to recite poetry. He was a...

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Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook for member news, on the Yankee website galleries for event photos, and on chapter emails for announcements.

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