



barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

march / april 2023

from our president...

Ahhhh, hanging the sap buckets around the maple trees of Merrymeeting Kennels is such a sign of spring. It's a labor of love as I did this at our family camp as a kid, one tin cup at a time. So many great memories and delicious syrup on our French toast this morning!

Looking outside this morning I see shrinking snow banks and mud. The old saying in New England is, "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute". Mother Nature's plan is to change tomorrow's color scheme to white again. Time to rev up those dogsleds for one final hurrah!

The Yankee Chapter has everything in place for another great year of training, testing and education. So much goes on behind the scenes before one chukar gets planted. Please thank your hard working Yankee Crew whenever you can. It means a lot.

So what's up next? Nancy has detailed our events in this very creative issue of the Barking Dog Express, so look for the details.

I shared many highlights of the NAVHDA International's Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It was a great time shared with many dedicated NAVHDA folks. I was very proud to represent our chapter. Please ask me about this adventure.

The Indoor Clinic was amazing and very well attended. If you did not make it please enjoy its videos and pictures. Thanks to Russell and Hawkes Tree Service for making this venue happen.

The Yankee Chapter's Wood duck Project looked to be a wee bit challenging this year with warmer than usual weather. Freezing overnight temps, ice skates and a whole bunch of kids made it a huge success. Be sure to enjoy the adventures on the Chapter's Facebook Page.

Blaine, Misi, Jason, Russell Estes and myself just returned from Pheasant Fest in Minneapolis, Minnesota. All I can say is Wow! What a great weekend of folks dedicated to Conservation, Habitat, Hunting and Dogs. Put it on your bucket list today, it will not disappoint! Just need to name drop a wee bit. We got to hang out with folks from RGS, OnX, Hunting Dog Podcast, The Flush, Scott Linden Outdoors, all the VIPs of the Purina Booth, NAVHDA booth, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, Project Upland and our NAVHDA past President and new CEO of Pheasant Forever, Marilyn Vetter! There were so many miles and smiles.

The State of Maine Sportsman's Show is our next gathering in Augusta, March 31- April 2. Last year was their largest event ever. More details on our show presentation times will be shared on Facebook. Start practicing those crowd pleasing tricks.

Spring will eventually arrive and with it our first Training Clinic of 2023, April 22. The Yankee Chapter takes pride in offering its members educational opportunities during the year. We have two events that will be filled with answers to your training and testing questions. Do not miss them! Add them to your calendar and plans now. Test Prep Workshop, May 7, Merrymeeting Kennels; and the Aims and Rules Clinic, May 13 and 14, Green Point WMA, Dresden. See details in this newsletter.

Let's get outside and train! -- Patti

welcome new members & welcome back returning members!

Aaron Landry

David and Bianca Saul

Craig Buzzell

Matthew and Amanda Hynes

Robert and Mallory Leffler

Sally Garand

Adam Goudreau

Paul Moller

Bill Oliver

Paul and Joan Von Hardenberg

Paul Morton

Linda Falkenberg

Jamie Bell

Jodi & Thomas Ryan

Phil Allen

Justin & Ashley Nichols

Amanda & Daniel Haiss

Emily & Tim Hoechst

Daniel Champlin

Kathering Huntley



Two halves of a full rack. One side found by Patti; the other by Gnarly four days later.

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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

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upcoming events

March 31 - April 2

State of Maine Sportsman's Show, Augusta

April 22

Yankee Training Clinic, Dresden

treasurer's update

The balances as of January 31, 2023 are as follows:

Checking \$26,118.30

Money Market \$18,436.24.

-Shawn Mowers



Longtime Yankee member and friend **John Petros** recently passed away. As many of you know John was an amazing, loving and sweet man who supported our youth programs passionately. So much that on his way to the hospital he made sure his sister knew where the ammunition for the kids camp needed to go. John is seen in this photo with youth handler Ella Carter who ran John's DK, Ulka, in a Utility Test. We will miss John terribly but know he will be at every event in spirit.

Thank you to the North American Deutsch Kurzhaar Club for donating \$200 to the Yankee Chapter in John's name.

Yankee Chapter Calendar 2023

Mar31- Apr 2	State of Maine Sportsmans Show, Augusta
April 22	Training Clinic, Dresden
May 7	Test Prep Workshop, Brunswick
May13-14	Aims and Rules Clinic, Dresden
May 20	Training Clinic, Dresden
June 3	Pre-Test Training Clinic, Dresden
June 9-11	Spring Test, Dresden
July 15	Water Clinic, Sugarfoot Kennels, Burnham
Jul 21-23	NAHP Camp, Brunswick
August 26	Pre-Test Training Clinic, Bowdoinham
Sep 8-10	Fall Test, Bowdoinham

GUN RAFFLE! \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets



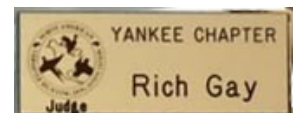
Russell Estes has generously donated this Ruger .22 carbine rifle. Tickets will be on sale at the Maine Sportsman's Show and through Patti Carter and Philip Laperriere. Only 200 tickets to be sold. THANK YOU, RUSSELL!

If you weren't able to make the Yankee Chapter Annual Meeting in January...

you can find minutes from the meeting along with all the officer's and director's reports posted on the Yankee Chapter website: <http://www.yankeenavhda.org/wp-content/uploads/Yankee-Chapter-2023-Annual-Meeting.pdf>

Thank you to Elise Wright for her \$250 donation in memory of Comet.

Congrats to Rich Gay for being approved as a new NAVHDA Judge!



Read the minutes of the **Yankee Chapter Annual Meeting** and the 2022 officers' and directors' reports on our website. The meeting was well attended with lively discussions on the NAVHDA International motions. Door prizes: Philip Laperriere's Barley won the Yeti cooler and Matt Lorello's Dylan won the quart of honey.

Yankee election results: All positions were running unopposed, so no voting was required.

Brian Pike – Vice President

Shawn Mowers – Treasurer

Tyler Bruce – Director of Testing

Matt Lorello – Director of Gunning

Nick Racioppi – Test Secretary

Misi Knutson was appointed to finish Brian's term as Dir. of Communications.



Yankee Chapter Board Meeting February 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Patti Carter

Board members present: Patti Carter, Brian Pike, Shawn Mowers, Tyler Bruce, Nick Racioppi, Philip Laperriere, Blaine Carter, Melissa Knutson and Bill Tracy

Board members absent: Matt Lorello and Kathleen Weller

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Patti thanked the chapter for allowing her to represent Yankee at the NAVHDA International Meeting in South Dakota. For details, see the Delegates Report emailed via Mailchimp.

Vice President: Brian reports he has posted new videos, podcasts and training info. This resource is used by many, NAVHDA and non-NAVHDA.

Secretary: Kathleen, vacationing somewhere warm, reports Aims and Rules Clinic has only 4 openings left. Also, the Port-a-Toilets have been ordered for the training and testing season.

Treasurer: Shawn reported the balances as of 1/31/23. Checking \$26,118.30; Money Market \$18,436.24. Shawn has found that the best deal for Quick Books can be purchased at Costco. Our accountant suggests we upgrade to the most recent version.

Director of Testing: Tyler reports that the birds have been reserved at Foggy Ridge and Libby's Waterfowl. Judges and Apprentices have been assigned for our spring tests. Working on final details for fall. Field trial application will be submitted this week.

Director of Communications: Misi reports Mailchimp is working out as our newest method of emailing membership. She feels fewer messages are going to Spam folders. The year's events are also on Facebook and easily accessed by membership.

Director of Training: Blaine reports he will set up Training Committee Meetings soon. He will continue to promote the two educational events for 2023 -- the Aims and Rules Clinic and the Test Prep Workshop. Foggy Ridge has ducks for purchase, live or dead. They plan to have all ducks gone by March 1.

Director of Youth Development: Philip reports most of the details have been addressed for this year's NAHP Camp. In the near future he and a few chapter officers will go through the list of applicants to finalize the 8 campers for 2023. The NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program received a \$200 donation from the NADKC in honor of Yankee Member John Petros. Philip would like to honor John's generosity over the years for this Yankee program (ammo 20 gauge shotgun shells and 22 rounds, hatchets, and knives.). Misi suggested a plaque to be mounted next to the 2023 survival shelter. The Wood Duck Project will be completed despite challenging weather and ice conditions.

Gun Raffle: Russell Estes donated a 22 Ruger rifle. Raffle tickets are available. Proceeds to benefit our youth.

Test Secretary: Nick reports the lottery applicants have been received and order will be drawn this coming Wednesday. He will keep Board advised to entry numbers regarding the need to add tests to the current Yankee schedule.

Motion to accept Officer and Director reports. Seconded.

Membership: Sarah Franklin is busy processing membership renewals, welcoming our new members, chasing a toddler, a puppy and moving into their new home. Thanks Sarah!

Correspondence: Peter and Ann Bako wanted to thank the entire Yankee Chapter membership for their words of kindness and support during the recent loss of their home to fire.

New Business: Brian Pike expressed his concerns and ideas regarding our current Test Entry Procedures. Suggested we try to create a way hard working chapter members could increase their odds in the Lottery. Brian is speaking for chapter members that have approached him with their ideas. [If our membership has a suggestion that improves what we do in our chapter, we should listen. Let's watch the Lottery, the number of entrants and discuss new ideas after. Thank you Brian! - Patti]

Ducks Russell Estes is considering raising ducks for purchase this season. He will keep us posted.

Please keep passing the word about Yankee's two Educational events for 2023. Facebook posts have been timely and often. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Fun (training) things to do in the off season

by Blaine Carter

Retrieving

Lets start with puppies (3 to 12 months)
Equipment: small paint rollers and treats.

I love those little soft paint rollers. Try working in a hallway to encourage straight out and back behavior. I always hold multiple retrieving objects in the beginning so your pup will soon learn you are an important part of this game of Two Toys. Toss the first and lure him back with the second. The game starts with you encouraging chase after thrown object. Patience here! It may take a bit of time till he understands he's supposed to pick up.

As their drive to pick up improves, you can tease the return by waving or tapping the second bumper. It's your job to instill the fun in this game with verbal and body language. Please feel free to tag and treat any steps in the right direction.

Recall - same age group

Equipment: two place boards, small rugs if you are indoors, and treats. Goal here is to have pup sit and stay on a place board while you walk to second place board and recall. Baby steps and patience. I step to the front of the place board, with my flat hand facing them, softly commanding whoa. As their understanding and patience grows, they will allow you to move toward place board, stand **beside or behind** place board for the recall command and reward. Patience!

** beside or behind** you must choose your delivery position at this time!



Now its time to combine a single place board into your game of Two Toys. Toss the paint roller as before and encourage the proper delivery. Repeat these exercises should instill fun and willingness to return. Keep it fun!

Too many dogs miss this early development of fun retrieves. They may learn to dislike bumpers and make Natural Ability water development more difficult. With the younger pups, keep everything fun. No negatives! I don't worry about finishes with the younger pups, just encourage their willingness to return and share.

Now let say these drills are going well. I may go out onto my driveway and start the same exercise. Keep it short in distance but don't be afraid to increase distance if the desire is strong. Important Rule of Dog Training: Learn to stop when they still want more. The

important thing is to remember the rule: stop when the dog asks to do more.

This will begin some important aspects of retrieving -- that you will be the driving force to get the dog to want to cooperate and get back to you.

Line Drills in the Snow

Let's now discuss the older dog that has a good recall and has finished the trained retrieve. Try some basic line drills in the snow by walking out lines in the snow and asking your dog to run them using the step line process. I like to use orange or black bumpers for better visibility. Train for success and build your dogs confidence. Recognize their level of understanding before you increase distance. If you overdo it, don't worry. Back up and start where there is success. To keep it fun. I like to do blow outs in the snow using the Two Toys game. I don't worry about the break as it will make for a better desire to work. By training in the snow, the bumper may disappear and the dog will have to work harder. Remember, he has to win every time, even if it means you helping. Clean up the details at another time and place.

Invitational dogs can do their crossing on ice or snow. Walking out your lines first will help in the understanding. Caution: Spring Ice!

Dead game at the end will drive up their desire. Start short of the bank at first and then expand if the dog is going out HARRRD for the game. Remember, this is a good place to develop positive work without a lot of over corrections. They need to like it, so small pictures are better at first and then grow the big picture.

Aims & Rules Clinic May 13-14, 2023 Dresden

\$50 for Yankee members; \$100 for non-members

A few spaces are left. Sign up now!

The Aims & Rules Clinic is an educational tool developed by NAVHDA to help dog owners and handlers understand the testing system. These clinics are conducted by designated NAVHDA Senior Judges and Clinic Leaders. The clinics cover a variety of

topics over two days, including informal classroom style instruction on the NAVHDA philosophy, test mechanics, and the scoring system for each test.

Participants will take to the field and water to judge and score dogs being run in a mock test setting. After

each section the participants and the Clinic Leader will discuss the dog's performance, where the performance would fall in the NAVHDA scoring system, and any strengths of weaknesses in training and handling.

To sign up, contact Kathleen Weller: katred07@gmail.com.

Training Clinic -- April 22, 2023 -- Dresden, Maine

The first outdoor **YANKEE TRAINING CLINIC** of the 2023 season is just a few weeks away. 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.)

The clinic will be held at our Dresden site, **the Green Point Wildlife Management Area**, starting at 9 a.m. More information about our training sites is available on our website: www.yankeenavhda.org.

At noon, we'll fire up the grill for **LUNCH**. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

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.

When you get to the field, come to the registration table to sign in and get all the details.

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 (or at the water), 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!

Be sure to keep your dog on a leash until he or she is working in the field or at a station!

THANK YOU!



Change in Utility Heeling Requirements

At the 2023 Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Executive Council (EC), in consultation with the Judging & Testing Committee (JT) decided that we will no longer be using any type of stakes or gates for Utility Test (UT) heeling.

The rationale for this change was based on the fact that heeling stakes or gates do not simulate an actual hunting situation. In addition, heeling stakes are inconsistent from chapter to chapter and are not used at any other level of NAVHDA testing.

This change is effective now for the upcoming 2023 testing season. Please communicate this to your fellow chapter members. The new UT Walking

at Heel criteria is below.

New UT Walking at Heel Criteria

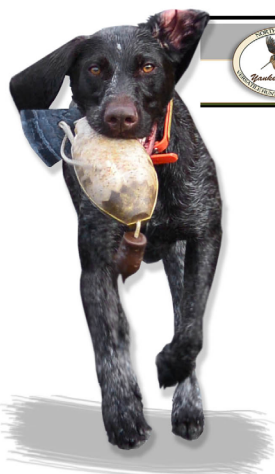
This is a test of practical obedience. It is useful when hunting and also in situations not related to hunting. It must be remembered that in many "one dog" families, the versatile hunting dog is also a household companion. Any good hunting dog should be able to follow its master at heel, on or off lead.

For the test, the dog is to be walked at heel from a designated starting point, on or off lead, for approximately 50 yards to a position by a blind set up on the shore. Heeling begins when the dog has crossed the designated starting point or the first verbal or

non-verbal command is given. Heeling ends when the dog and handler reach the blind. The heeling course should contain a bend preferably around some natural object. In the UT test, the use of a chain, choke collar or any type of slip lead is not allowed and is therefore not allowed during the walk at heel.

Excessive pulling of the lead by dog or handler will lower the score. Voice or other commands given by the handler as he or she proceeds along the path may lower the score. The handler will carry an unloaded break open shotgun. The dog that walks beside the handler, off lead or on a loose lead, and requires no commands receives the highest score.

ASK THE TRAINERS



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Ask the Trainers is a Yankee newsletter 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). Send your questions to our Director of Training, Blaine Carter:
mmkennels@myfairpoint.net.

Test Entry Update

The Yankee Chapter test entry lottery completed on February 15, 2023 and the results have been sent to all handlers. We still have a few openings in our June test, but our September test is filled with 22 handlers on the waiting list. We currently have 15 NA dogs and 4 UT dogs for our June test and 12 NA and 10 UT dogs for our September test.

If anyone is interested in our June test, please contact the Test Secretary, Nick Racioppi at (207) 751-3133 or email him at: feathersfins@comcast.net.

TIPS FOR TRIMMING DOG TOENAILS

Don't trim from the top, holding the paw out straight in front of you. Bend the dog's leg up and trim from the bottom, with the paw pads up. You can see the quick much more easily this way.

Be sure to trim nails outside or in a place with good lighting. If you wear glasses or "cheaters" for reading, put them on.

If you have a dog with hairy feet, use a pair of blunt edged children's scissors to clip away some of the toe hair around the nails. Cutting that hair with the clippers will dull them and cause more drag on the cut.

Keep some styptic powder or corn starch nearby in case you nick the quick.

Sweet talk your dog while you work. If you get frustrated and your voice gets louder or angry, that will just further upset your dog. Keep treats on hand and be sure to praise your dog for his or her extreme bravery and patience.

Put a spoonful or two of peanut butter in the bottom of a shallow cup. Have an assistant hold the cup while your dog licks the peanut butter, distracting him or her while you clip.

If your dog has super hairy toes, consider sliding a cut piece of nylon stocking onto the paw, letting the nails poke through but holding the hair back. You'll be able to see and clip more easily.



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ATTENTION YANKEE CHAPTER MEMBERS!

Send us your stories, recipes, and tips!

Time to channel your inner author!
We are always looking (begging?) for material -- hunting and training stories, dog humor, field tips, and anything else you think the Not Your Normal Chapter folks might enjoy.

Send to the BDE editor:
anisfield@gmavt.net

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BUY! SELL! SWAP! or TRADE!

No charge for chapter members.
Send a photo and information to:
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YANKEE CHAPTER TEST PREP WORKSHOP

BAD HANDLER

Come learn the difference between these two testing handlers... how one hurts and the other helps!



GOOD HANDLER

The Test Prep Workshop is a great chance to ask NAVHDA judges all sorts of questions... pick their brains and find out how YOU can help your versatile dog succeed on test day!

YANKEE CHAPTER TEST PREP WORKSHOP

Helping Your Dog Succeed on Test Day

Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:00 -3:00
Merrymeeting Kennels, Brunswick, ME

As many of us have learned after testing dogs several times, there are lots of ways we handle our dogs and ourselves during a test that affect its outcome. Practical tips can be picked up during training clinics, but often testing questions or situations just don't come up. Besides, we all know that a test day is very different from a training day. This workshop was designed to help handlers do the best they can to help their dogs on test day.

How does this workshop differ from a NAVHDA Aims & Rules Clinic?

NAVHDA Aims & Rules Clinics focus on the NAVHDA testing and judging system - on the scoring system, what judges look for, and what the elements of the test are designed to accomplish.

The **Yankee Test Prep Workshop** will focus on *handlers' actions and options* in the field and at the water. We won't be teaching any tricks or ways to "beat" the testing system. We will present practical and effective handling advice for both the Natural Ability and Utility Tests. The workshop is led by a moderator with a panel of Yankee Chapter members who are NAVHDA judges. There will be two handlers with dogs to demonstrate handling.

What's the format?

The workshop will cover **Natural Ability in the morning** and **Utility in the afternoon**, approximately three hours per session with a break in the middle of each. Participants can attend both sessions or just one. This is a people clinic, not a dog clinic -- you won't be working your dog.

The workshop is free of charge to all Yankee members. Non-members will be asked to pay \$10 and can apply that to a Yankee Chapter membership (\$20) if they'd like.

Participants should bring something to sit on. Full-day participants should bring their own lunches, beverages, etc.



Green Mountain Chapter 28th Annual Conservation Banquet

Saturday March 18, 2023 5:30-9:30

Hampton Inn - Colchester, VT

For tickets and info:

https://ruffedgrousesociety.org/events/green-mountain-chapter-annual-banquet/?fbclid=IwAR2ZTm_B5O2Q_56IUu-fBQGbXg6FM3qmrwCvIQBL1MXIXLuFyTEek3uBpkg

showcase

PARENTS PHOTO CHALLENGE:

In the last issue, we challenged parents to send in the youngest photos they have of their sons or daughters training or hunting with your dog. Here are some great pics we received.



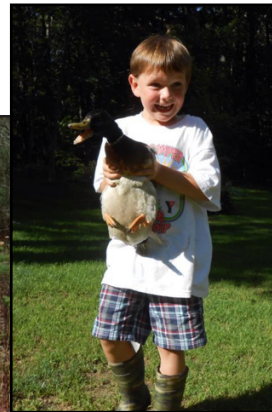
...Our kids are now 33 and 24, but here are pictures of our daughter Samantha handling a one year old Brittany "Charlie" at his NA test in 1996 when she was just 6 yrs. old. ... In the field picture, she is seen with NAVHDA judge Ray Dyer and yes, "Charlie" is on point. Then, there is a picture of our son Benjamin at just over 2 1/2 yrs. old in a pen with a litter of 6 week old pups. He helped with the whelping, caring for dam and pups daily and loved playing with them as you can see in the picture. -- Sherri Thayer, Birch Spring Brittany's



This is Ella Carter. Not my kid, but I snapped the photo down by the water in Bowdoinham and the swagger with which she carried that skanky duck cracks me up.
-- Nancy Anisfield



Patti Carter with Misi, Jason, and Brandi, their first GSP. Photo taken at a training clinic in Bowdoinham at Millay Farm.



These pics of Wyatt Knutson show his expert game handling skills at an early age. Dead or alive, grouse or duck. Photos by Misi Knutson.



yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development philip laperriere

Wood Duck Nesting Box Project!



On February 12th, Yankee kids and families once again took on the great wood duck nesting box cleaning project! As volunteers helping the Department of Inland Fisheries and wildlife, they not only cleaned the boxes but recorded important nesting information. Great job -- and a great time had by all!

TOP DOG NAMES

According to *Travel & Leisure*, these are the top 15 dog names.

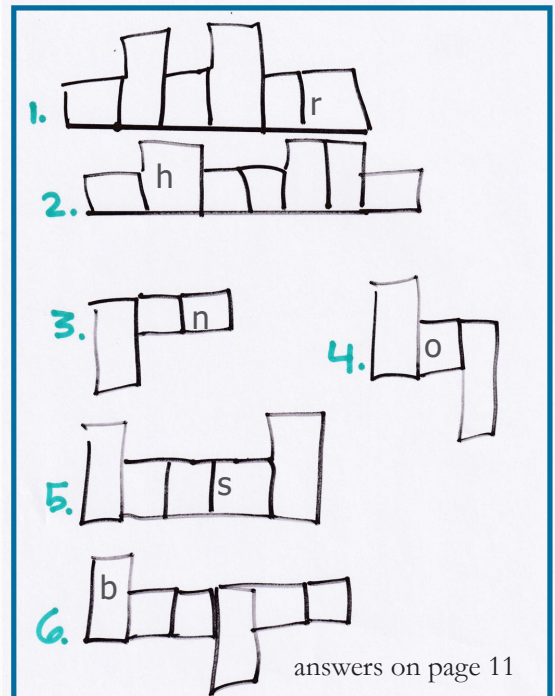
Bella
Charlie
Luna
Lucy
Max
Bailey
Cooper
Daisy
Sadie
Molly
Buddy
Lola
Stella
Tucker
Bentley



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DOG NAME?

word shape puzzle

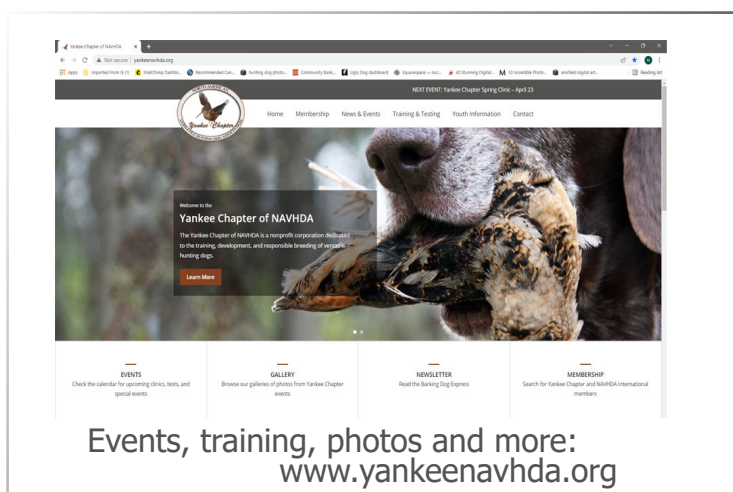
These 6 words are things you'd find at a Yankee Chapter training clinic. We'll give you a one letter hint. What are they?



answers on page 11

Winter Kids Day!

Great Winter Kids Day at the Phippsburg Sportsman's Association. Dog-sledding, snowshoeing and cross country skiing kept them busy. Love the smiles! Thanks to a whole bunch of Yankee Chapter members and their dogs for supporting this wonderful event!



DUCKS!



Attention Yankee Chapter members!

Training season is just around the corner. It may take a bit to warm our waters but lots of Utility duck work can be done in the field or woods. Yankee Chapter ducks are being supplied this year by Libby's, listed below. They are taking orders now for your training ducks. They can be delivered to Merrymeeting Kennels with our clinic orders.

Please contact Kevin with your requests, asap.

Please plan to pick up your ducks the day of delivery.

Libby's Upland Waterfowl
New Sharon, Maine
libbykevin@yahoo.com
207-860-0968

THE SCIENCE OF CANINE SCENT

By Tom Keer

This excerpt is from an article first published by Gun Dog Magazine in September, 2022. Outdoor writer Tom Keer interviewed Paul Waggoner, the co-director of Auburn University's Canine Performance Science program, who has spent years studying dogs' scenting ability and discovered some amazing capabilities. You can read the full article at: <https://www.gundogmag.com/editorial/science-canine-scent/464555>. (Reprint by permission of the author and Gun Dog Magazine.)

The Dog's Nose is Unique

Another way dogs find birds is based on how they sniff, which is constant. "The way to describe the start of the dog's smelling process is best described by amplitude and volume," Waggoner said.

"Amplitude is the speed at which air is brought into the nose while volume refers to the amount or quantity. A human's nose processes smell in what is called a low amplitude/high volume manner. A person will inhale or sniff once or twice but that volume of air is large. A dog's nose works totally opposite. A dog will inhale six to seven times more and faster than a human, but each sniff moves a much smaller amount of air. Those fast sniffs of low amounts of air place them in a high amplitude/low volume category. The key here is that those shorter, higher-frequency sniffs provide dogs with more detailed information about an air sample. An increased amount of information provides for higher resolution of processing. Dogs have superior odor discrimination, and when trained they can track that odor to its source." It's why well-bred and well-trained gun dogs are so coveted by hunters, field trialers, and hunt testers.



Another important way the dog's nose works involves its unique physical structure. Look particularly at the slits on the side of the nose. "When a dog inhales, air passes through the nostrils," Waggoner said. "It then gets separated into two parts. Some of the air continues into the lungs for respiration, while the second part goes to the back of the nose for an initial scent analysis. All inhaled air must be exhaled, and when the air is exhaled, it doesn't pass the way it came in. Instead, it goes through the alar folds, the technical name for the slits. Because exhaled air is pushed through those nasal slits on the side of the nose, old air is prevented from being co-mingled with new air. There is far less dilution of scent, and the information in a new sniff is preserved as unique. The alar folds have been shown to create a slight vacuum effect which allows each sniff to sample a larger area. That distinction is important as it contributes to the dog's olfactory sensitivity, selectivity, and ability to accurately perceive a concentration gradient allowing it to track an odor to its source."

After air passes through the nostrils, it is channeled to the back of the muzzle into the olfactory recess where it hits a number of turbinates. "Turbinates are small bones that are covered with mucus membranes," Waggoner said. "The turbinates contain an olfactory epithelium, or surface tissue, that contains and estimated 200-300 million olfactory receptors. Those receptors channel information through 600,000 neurons which is 300 times those of a human. Information from the olfactory epithelium is passed along to the olfactory bulb which then goes to the brain. A dog's olfactory bulb is forty times the size of a humans. It's easy to see why scent information is processed faster and more thoroughly in dogs than in humans."

Info tidbits from the NAVHDA Annual Meeting...

NAVHDA's Website had 96,000 visitors in 2022. Upgrades have been made so it now automatically scales to the device being used.

There were 10 new chapters in 2022.

3,696 dogs were tested in 2022

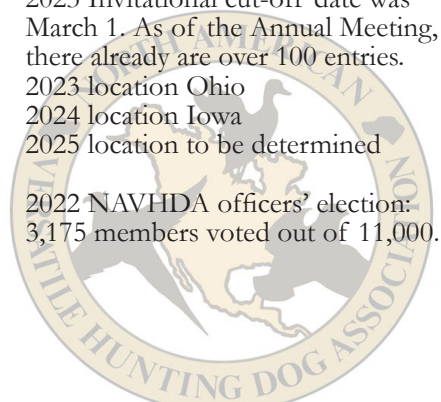
Ruffland Kennel is NAVHDA's new Exclusive Kennel Sponsor.

The Registry is working on adding photos to NAVHDA pedigrees. NAVHDA currently registers 81 breeds. The Canadian Kennel Club is working on acceptance of the NAVHDA pedigree.

The Director of Testing Dan Wittman has changed the Out of Region Judge Criteria: West of the Mississippi, there must be one state between judge and test. East of the Mississippi there needs to be 2 states between judge and test.

2023 Invitational cut-off date was March 1. As of the Annual Meeting, there already are over 100 entries.
2023 location Ohio
2024 location Iowa
2025 location to be determined

2022 NAVHDA officers' election:
3,175 members voted out of 11,000.



Big Woods Tracking

by Jacob Haskell

This past deer season I took on a new challenge of tracking a deer in the snow. I like to document all of my hunts through filming and sharing my experiences on my youtube channel. I was able to do this with many of my hunts this season including the one where I tracked a buck through the snow. Before that hunt I had many close calls and learning experiences earlier in the season, and part of the reason I like to film my hunts is to rewatch them, and learn from mistakes I made, and what I could do better on the next hunt.

I had a very close call with a buck I got on film, and was not able to shoot. I brought my bow out on opening day of rifle season, and this buck came in on a line after I rattled five minutes prior. The buck stopped at 35 yards quartering towards me, and kind of behind some brush which is a very tough shot for a bow, and has a very high potential of wounding the

deer which is not what I wanted to do on the first day of regular season. I was going to pull back my bow to get ready if the buck did step into a good spot but ended up spooking him when my stabilizer got caught up on the blind.

This experience was an important piece to my hunting season because I learned a lot from it on changes I could make with my set up to be better prepared for next time, and it was still so rewarding because the entire hunt is on video.

Later in the season I took a trip up north to a friend of mine's camp to track a buck in the snow. After three long days of tracking covering over 20 miles on buck tracks, I was getting pretty tired. I'd never done this way of hunting before but it is definitely something every deer hunter needs to try. You will realize how rewarding it is when you are successful. Which on the third day in the late afternoon I

tracked a buck for a little over a mile, and caught up to him standing broadside less than 20 yards in front of me on a ridge top. I shot him and he ran less than 10 yards then died.

This experience was unreal because I never realized how rewarding it is when you are successful at tracking in the big woods where it can be long days, a lot of miles, and times when it seems impossible. But it paid off in the end. I was able to get this hunt on video, except for the shot because I was tracking and it happened so fast. You can still understand the process and how rewarding it was.

If you'd like to check out my hunts on youtube, my channel is The Pursuit. I am working hard to grow even more, and capture even more hunts on video.



PJ Rose sent in the photo and tells us he's trying to teach Tippet to bring the kids to him on their sled. "Progress is slow, but we'll get there!"



Adrian Yanofsky, Nick LeBlanc, Yosh, Piper, and Lenna. Up in the Allagash.



Dave & Jacquie Kuritzky's Bling from a paws-to-the-forefront perspective.

Heart Attack... Almost!

by Betty Blackman

In late January, Betty had a stent put in her heart to fix an arterial blockage. She remembered that I'd had a heart attack several years ago while I was hunting, and like her, my symptoms were atypical – no chest pain, no pressure. I had a pounding heart, dizziness, and passed out. She had what felt like bad indigestion. Many people do not experience the classic symptoms of serious heart trouble, especially women. Here's Betty's story. We agreed that while this is not about dogs or hunting, it is worth sharing in BDE and has an important message that we hope you will pass along.

Not all heart attacks are the same. I didn't have one, but it felt like something was very wrong. I couldn't figure out what.

It started with a question: Am I having a heart attack or a stroke? I didn't know... but something wasn't right I could tell. I have had this happen to me before.. turned out to be acid reflux. This time it was a little different. I'm laying in bed, half asleep, feeling strange. I started burping contentiously. I couldn't stop. If I try to hold the burp back it hurt. I had to sit up, burp some more. I'm trying not to disturb my husband. I tried to lay back down. I found I can't. I keep burping even after sitting up.

I got up went in the bathroom. I took some TUMS. I'm feeling a little nausea. I have a little pressure in top of my stomach. I don't feel good. I decided to go to the fridge, get a drink of some ginger ale. I then tried to go back to bed. I still don't feel good. Still

"This feeling should have gone away by now," I said to my husband Donie. "I think we need to go to the hospital. I don't know what's wrong. Either I'm having a stroke or maybe a heart attack."

We went to the hospital I was there two hours waiting. Finally nurses took me in, did tests... I didn't have a heart attack.

Two days later I saw my Doctor who said I needed extra tests done. At the end of my nuclear CT scan test my stomach started hurting really bad as I was walking on the treadmill. The techs reversed the test, stopped it, and told me when I did have a heart attack this would be how it would feel for me – no chest pain. Stomach pain..indigestion would be how I would have a heart attack!

Come to find out I had some serious blockage. That was what was making me feel funny, as my heart was doing some extra pumping. My Aorta Artery descending was 90 percent plugged just before the artery split. In the meantime my Doctor told me If I should have this happen again before I had the stent put in, go straight to the emergence room, ASAP! I didn't realize how critical I was at the time.

The stent seems to be doing its job well now. Not all heart attacks are chest pains or pain down your left arm or in your neck or jaw. Mine would be in my stomach and indigestion. I'm hoping I don't have one, but if I do, I'll know what is happening. A classmate of mine had a heart attack like this; he died on his lawnmower. He didn't know. His doctors were treating him for stomach problems, not his heart.

Mine is different and so might yours. Be aware of yourself, what feels different... it could save your life!



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