

from our prez

April shower did bring May flowers and just when you thought the black flies and the ticks may have drowned.....not! Be safe and protect you and your dog this season. Check often for those creepy crawlers.

Our May training events did not disappoint. A record number of Yankee Chapter dog training enthusiasts travelled to Vermont's Ugly Dog Country for a weekend of training, fishing, food and fun. Hosts Terry Wilson and Nancy Anisfield are the best versatile dog enthusiasts and Yankee supporters evah, Thanks from all! Our May 18th Dresden Clinic was a sell out! Our Director of Testing, Rich Gay, at one point counted 60 cars and trucks surrounding the field. We try very hard to accommodate all at our events with adequate supplies of game birds, trainers and equipment. We are an all volunteer army at these events, so,thanks for all your support. Don't forget, the workers at our clinics always have first dibs on training so please show your appreciation of their time and expertise with a cordial thanks. We have amazing group of dedicated and generous members. The best way to learn is to jump in and do!

Test Prep Workshop. We had a great turnout of members at this event, returnees and brand new versatile dog owners. I agree with their comments and compliments, it was a great day full of information. We do not hold these every year so take advantage when they come along. We try to offer an educational event, free of charge, to our members yearly. Approximately 50 took advantage of the expertise our NAVHDA judges, Blaine Carter, Bob England and Jason Carter. Questions were great and discussions were learning moments for all. Thanks for your support.

calendar

Pre-Test Clinic, Dresden ME June 1

Yankee Chapter Spring Test, Dresden ME June 2

Yankee Chapter Spring Test Dresden, ME June 7-9

Water Clinic, Burnham ME July 13

The Yankee Chapter's Training Committee, chaired by Tyler Bruce, should be very pleased with their accomplishments this spring.....many supportive comments followed our last training clinic. Tyler's committee members are Blaine and Patti Carter, Jason Hawes, Mike and Lisa Rinaldi, Bill and Cindy Tracy, Jim and Holly Greenleaf. The committee had chapter volunteers ready to go! Just wanted to share some clinic mechanics.

The NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program wants to thank the Yankee members at our last clinic for donating to the upcoming camp in July. Terry Wilson also donated proceeds from the VT Clinic to the program.

We just had two more scholarships awarded from the Kenny King Bob Bisson Fund. Delaney and Rylan Noldan will be attending Bryant Pond's Conservation Camp this summer.

It's crunch time and many of you are in the last week of prep for the Spring Test. I wish you lots of success on test day and throughout the summer.

Please keep checking our new and very informative Yankee Chapter website. The Barking Dog Express is always looking for articles and photos. Please send to Casey Barks, our dedicated newsletter editor.

Gun raffle tickets are still available, please contact me ASAP. Winner will be chosen on June 8, at our test in Dresden. Thanks Terry Wilson for your generous donation. Good luck to all. Guess that about does it for my report this month. O ya, one more thing, check out the Members Page so see my turkey. Pretty darn exciting!

Patti

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chapter news

welcome new members:

Blake Bodwell-Brunswick,ME Bryan & Teri Champagne -Phippsburg, ME John & Peggy Clark-Sidney, ME Anthony & Sabrina Coco -Whitefield, ME Stacy Cote-Hollis, ME Crystal Pierce-Ferrisburgh, VT Holly & Taylor Forbes-Greenland, NH Colin Foy-Brunswick, ME Charlie & Heidi Guerette -Winthrop, ME James & Heather Gushee -Stratton, ME Pamela & Sam Jackson-Otisfield, ME James Pierce-Ferrisburgh, VT Timothy O'Keefe-Wolfeboro, NH Frank & Juanne Pizzo-Reading, MA Heather, Jon & Noah Place -Fairfield, VT Branden Roberts-Starkboro, VT Laurie Robichaud-Woodville, ME Henry Stern-Hammonds Plains, NS

William Thomas-Pownal, ME

Mark Thomsen-Freeport, ME Hank Volin-Falmouth, ME

Dan & Karen Woodman -Wiscasset, ME

Kathleen Weller-Brunswick, ME

William Wheeler-New Harbor, ME Raymond Williams-Gorham, ME

yankee calendar

JUNE	1 2 7-9	Pre-Test Clinic-Dresden, ME Yankee Chapter Spring Test-Dresden, ME Yankee Chapter Spring Test-Dresden, ME
JULY	13 19-21	Water Clinic-Sugarfoot Kennels, Burnham NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program Camp
AUGUST	24	Pre-Test Clinic-Bowdoinham, ME
SEPTEMBER	6-8	Yankee Chapter Fall Test-Bowdoinham, ME

treasurer's report

The Chapter checkbook balance is \$19,922.27. The Kenny King/Bob Bisson fund balance is \$8,852.08 with the Silver Savings balance is \$17,774.28.

-- Michael Rinaldi

kenny king/bob bisson fund thank you donors!

Sarah Bodine Elise Wright



Q: How excited was the gardener about spring?

A: So excited he wet his plants!

yankee website photo gallery

We're always looking for fun photos from Yankee Chapter events that we can post on our website. Grab that camera, ipad or cell phone and snap some pics!

Email the photos as jpegs to me (anisfield@gmavt.net) within a week after an event, and, if possible send high quality images (resolution around 300 pixels per inch). Send your best or favorite photos. Please don't send *all* your photos - a half dozen per event would be great.

One hundred thank-you's in advance for your help making the Yankee web gallery a fun place to visit! Visit the Yankee Chapter website at yankeenavhda.org for our training info and videos, newsletters,

for our training info and videos, newsletters forms, calendar of events, photo gallery, contact info and much more!



Nancy Anisfield



member news



Congratulations to Terry Wilson on his turkey!



Patti Carter shows off her turkey. Congrats!



Congratulations to Tom Barks on his turkey!



Congratulations to John Petros for receiving the prestigious Golden Needle award from the NADKC. Long time friend and DK Director of Testing, Julie Griswold, pins the award.



Way to go Jacob Haskell on getting his turkey!



A successful turkey hunt for Jason Carter. Way to go!



Casey Barks doubled up on her turkey hunt with Casey Mowers of Reddog Guide Service! Look for her story in the next issue.

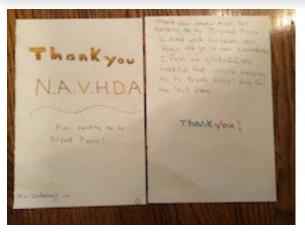


Isabelle and Thomas Edling, and their pup Kasper, have been working hard and it shows!



Colby Braun has completed his basic training at Lackland AF Base in Texas. Congratulations!

member news cont.



Delaney and Rylan Noland send their thanks to the Chapter for being granted the scholarhip to attend Bryant Pond.



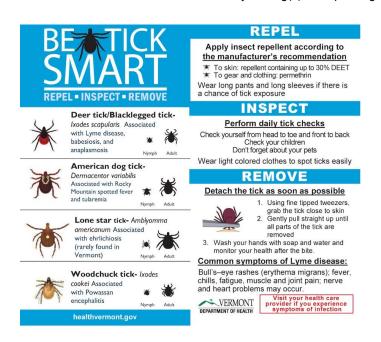


With Memorial Day behind us, Angie preps for Independence Day.

TICKS!

A reminder from Bill Collins, who contracted Lyme disease again last year after the April clinic, to wear light colored pants, shirt, etc. in order to spot ticks. Check yourself and your dog(s) several times when you get home. If you have flu-like symptoms with or without a bullseye rash, see a doctor immediately for doxycycline. Blood tests, including the Wester blot, are not fool proof!

Dogfooddirect.com provides great tips for dealing with ticks. Use a pet hair or lint roller to roll over your clothes before you get back in the truck. You can also roll it over your dog(s) to help with getting these annoying buggers off!





yankee pre-test clinic -- june 1st -- dresden, me green point wildlife management area -- 9:00 a.m.

Our next training clinic will be held on Saturday, June 1st at the Green Point Wildlife Management Area, Dresden, ME. The clinic will start at 9 a.m. We'll be doing field and water work for dogs and puppies of all levels. The May clinic in Dresden has always been one of our most popular clinics. While we do our best to estimate the number of birds needed, sometimes the crowd exceeds our expectations. Be sure to get to the training grounds before 9:00 and sign up for your birds as soon as you arrive.

LUNCH AND RAFFLE! At noon, a BBQ lunch will be served. We'd really appreciate it if you could bring a side dish, salad or dessert to donate. We'll also be holding one of our "not your normal" raffles, which means anything goes! Bring in donations for the raffle table -- the funds we raise help offset clinic costs such as shotgun shells, the port-a-potty, and training equipment.

Don't forget to bring water, stakes or crates, something to provide shade, and...most important...bug spray!

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



please keep your dog on a leash!

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



directions

Take I-295 to Exit 43. Go east on Route 197 through Richmond. Turn right onto Route 128. Go a mile or so then watch for signs and big green barn! (The field is just after Eastern River heading north and just before Eastern River heading south.)



2019 bird prices
Ducks \$16
Chukar \$12
Pheasants \$20

Cash or checks only.

training clinic april 20th -- lots of DOGS, lots of FUN!

photos by Nancy Anisfield























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vermont clinic report

The Vermont training clinic on May 4th hosted by Ugly Dog Hunting was a great success. Despite the impressively soggy fields, only two vehicles got stuck but no dogs or handlers had to be bodily rescued from the muck. Twenty-five dogs ranging from puppies to Invitational-bound dogs worked through focus drills, water steadiness and retrieves, field runs, and a variety of other training tasks under the guidance of the Yankee volunteers and trainers. NAVHDA and non-NAVHDA handlers were smiling big by the end of the day with lots of comments about how much their dogs learned.

Sylvia Morin from Montreal wrote, "Many, many thanks for hosting the NAVHDA training clinic yesterday. Everything was exceptional (except the weather, but probably better for the dogs!): the organization, the trainers, the site and the warm and friendly welcome. Such a helpful and useful clinic for us 'city folk'. Blaine and Jason, thanks for your time, coaching and tips... it truly makes a difference in learning to work with Sophie (Spinone)."

Terry Wilson and Nancy Anisfield would like to thank the Yankee, Southern Adirondack, and Hudson Valley Chapter volunteers for their tremendous help in making it a special day for everyone attending.

















































from our director of training

When training a versatile hunting dog one has to think what the definition of a well-bred versatile hunting dog is. Ed Bailey, one of the authors of NAVHDA's Green Book and animal behaviorist, defines the 4 characteristics of a versatile hunting dog. I will further explain his characteristics to show you how important these 4 characteristics are.

- 1. A Balance between independence and dependence. Independence is having enough desire to track crippled game and to stay in pursuit to its end. The dog is also dependent enough to bring and share game with you after a long pursuit. An overly dependent dog demonstrates a weak performance due to insecurity.
- 2. The dog's ability to control his emotion and enthusiasm while working.
- 3. Range of speeds can be shifted as needed. Dog has the ability to search in dense wooded cover, thickly vegetated marshes or wide-open prairies. Dog can handle a variety of game with those same shift changes.
- 4. The versatile hunting dogs need an extraordinary amount of cooperation to perform a variety of tasks and work with the handler as a team.

Not all dogs inherit the correct balance of those four characteristics. So now knowing this, one only needs to balance training with the dog's inherited ability. If the dog is overly dependent the task needs to be more stimulating. For example, a chase of game can sometimes overcome an overly dependent dog. An overly independent dog may need a stronger obedience package to help with the balance.

The three components to a good training program are:

- 1-Repetition. A dog learns through repetition. Repeat each exercise till the dog's performance and confidence demonstrates he understands. This is how good behavior is set. (Match your training needs to the desire of your dog)
- 2-Obedience. The goal here is to teach your dog to want and enjoy the obedience. When teaching obedience most trainers work to get compliance but miss the second element of compliance, the dog's want to understand and be compliant. Willingness to work comes with pleasure when the obedience skill is understood.
- 3. Trust and confidence. Trust is the ability for the dog to throw out actions without worrying about consequences, thus developing confidence. When a dog trusts you, he can be corrected for a mistake without losing any desire for the task at hand. When the characteristics of your dog are understood, it will be easier to set up a training schedule that works for you both.

Good training, Blaine

2019 Shotgun Raffle

Mossberg Pro 935, 12 gauge

Ugly Dog Hunting has generously donated a Mossberg Pro 935, 12 gauge, semi-automatic with a 28" barrel and camo stock. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at all NAVHDA events. Only 200 tickets will be sold with the winner announced June 8, 2019.



cranky yankees

remember when you're shooting: get a clue before you see blue!

Cranky About Bans on Sunday Hunting?

Sunday hunting bans are one of the last remaining examples of the puritanical Blue Laws that were initially designed to encourage church attendance. At the time when these restrictions were first put in place, other activities that were illegal on a Sunday included opening a store for business, drinking alcoholic beverages, and tilling your fields. Today, most of the Blue Laws have been repealed;

however, Sunday hunting restrictions remain in 11 states. Three states (ME, MA, and PA) either severely restrict or completely ban Sunday hunting. Maryland, for example, allows Sunday hunting in select counties, but restrictions remain for much of the state.

Sunday hunting restrictions are considered a primary barrier to hunting participation where they exist, especially for children and families. Children attend school throughout the week and many of them play sports or have other extracurricular activities on Saturdays. Additionally, many adults work 5 or 6 days a week, so for many families Sundays are the only day open on their schedules to enjoy the great outdoors with one another. Expanded opportunities for Sunday hunting also benefit rural economies, as an additional day of weekend hunting generates increased revenue for local hotels, gas stations, outfitters and stores in areas where potential economic growth has been stifled by these restrictions. Some states also restrict Sunday hunting on private property which is a direct infringement on the property rights of innumerable landowners that own their property specifically for hunting.

Points of Interest

- In New York, Sunday hunting was opened in 1996 for three Sundays during the gun season. Five years later, however, the entire state allowed Sunday hunting throughout the year, with few exceptions.
- Those opposed to Sunday hunting have claimed that allowing Sunday hunting would harm game populations and pose safety issues; however, none of the states that recently allowed Sunday hunting have seen these claims substantiated.
- Sunday hunting is seen as a key component of providing the citizenry, particularly the youth, with more opportunities to engage in the sport, which will ultimately lead to more hunters in the years to come.
- A 2011 empirical study conducted by CSF staff found that if Sunday hunting restrictions were lessened in the six states that had the most severe restrictions at that time (CT, DE, ME, MA, PA, VA), an additional 117,500 hunters would likely be recruited or retained by 2016. This would have resulted in substantial increases in funding for the fish and wildlife agencies within these states.

Moving Forward

Educational campaigns that highlight the economic, social, and ecological benefits of Sunday hunting are a useful outreach tool and are likely to be successful in garnering further support for Sunday hunting. States should decide for themselves which approach will be most successful for their particular constituencies and localized political climates. Repealing Blue Laws prohibiting hunting on Sundays will increase license sales, have a positive impact on the state's economy, and will increase the private property rights of landowners.

How to Prepare for an NAVHDA NA Test

HOW TO PREPARE THE YOUNG VERSATILE HUNTING DOG FOR THE NAVHDA NATURAL ABILITY TEST

SEARCH

Before you enter a young dog in a Natural Ability Test, make sure that he knows why he is in this world - primarily to hunt and find game. A good prospect should show this instinct very early, and if given the right chance, will often be "too much" rather than "too little" for most handlers. But some fine young dogs, through lack of opportunity or because they are natural "late starters", need some extra time to prepare for a Natural Ability Test. Without this searching instinct, which involves the active use of the nose, the dog cannot be judged.

If a young dog lacks the interest to go out and hunt because he has had no opportunity to develop this interest, take him to a place where you are sure to find game. Do not interfere in anyway. As soon as the dog shows interest, praise and encourage him. Repeat this until you see that the dog wants to find the game. Put him on the leash and walk away for about 100 yards. Then release him with praise and encouragement. but make sure the wind is from the same direction where your dog found the game. Always make sure you release the young dog into the wind. Try to go out at night to spots where game can be expected. Once the young dog will leave you at night in search of game-even if only for a short distance-he will go out and search more independently in the daytime.

If a young dog shows no interest in

searching for game after having had repeated game contact and has grown familiar with the surroundings in which he can expect game, it can only he assumed that he is not a good prospect for your next hunting dog. You will find that such a dog is lacking in all other abilities since the desire to search for game is the driving force in any performance of a hunting dog.

Once the young dog is interested in finding game and you feel he is going out far enough for your personal taste, turn in the direction opposite to that in which the dog is moving and give a short blast with the whistle. The blast should not be significant enough to call him in, but should alert him that you have changed the direction of the hunt. Do the same when he is getting too far left or ahead, but always walk into the wind. Use your whistle and voice as sparingly as possible, and only when you are sure the young dog can hear you and is not preoccupied with something much more interesting. Remember, this is a youngster that has not been trained, just developed, and you cannot enforce your commands yet.

In case you have one of those valuable youngsters that you feel is a little too much for you, do not try to correct him by doubling the volume of your voice and the use of your whistle. Most hard handling or uncooperative dogs can be traced to this mistake. Instead of hollering, put a chain on the dog, and let him run with it to restrict his range and enthusiasm. Instead of trying to catch up with the youngster, turn away from him and hide. He will soon learn to look for you. The time to blow the whistle and praise him is when he gets to you.

Never let your young dog get so interested in game that he grows disinterested in you, or order him around so much that he loses all interest in hunting. While out working the youngster, look for a moment when he is not searching. Then call him in and leash him. Walk with him on the leash for 15 minutes, and make him heel. Under no circumstances should a dog pull the leash. Let him stand or sit while on the leash for a couple of minutes. Then release him with the "Hi-on", or whatever he is used to, and do not forget to release him into the wind. Calling him in occasionally to spend some time close to you will help introduce the dog to the importance of cooperation.

TRACKING

Another task that needs some preparing in order to make the grades at the Natural Ability Test is tracking. This phase of the test usually is judged on a pheasant that has been released and leaves a ground disturbance and scent track. In the test the bird is released out of sight of the dog. After the bird has disappeared, the dog is put on the track (off leash), and his task is to track the released bird. The youngster should indicate that he is capable and eager to follow ground scent.

A good way to get the young dog interested in this work-and a well bred versatile hunting dog should only take a few lessonsis by following these steps: Select an area with low cover, which in the spring should not be too hard to find. Release the wing-clipped (primary feathers pulled from one wing only) bird in front of the dog. It is important that the handler, but not the dog, be able to visually follow the bird's route.

After the bird has a sufficient head-start and is out of sight of the dog, follow with the dog on a 20-foot training leash. Start out by holding the youngster fairly short, then while he is getting interested in the scent, slowly give him the full length of the lead. Now follow the dog while praising and coaxing him. Try to avoid him catching the bird. If the bird hides and holds for the dog, caution the dog and hold him back with the leash. Try to flush the bird, watch where the bird disappears, and then follow again with the dog. Do not let him pull you wildly across the field, but try to quiet the dog and let him work the track in such a manner that you can follow at a walking speed.

Keeping your young dog on the leash and under control teaches him early that following a track is something that involves and interests both of you, and is not the beginning of a lusty chase that ends when he feels it is time to return. It also teaches the young dog to work the track thoroughly and calms his excitement in the presence of game. This is very important for his future use as a retriever of crippled running birds.

Game is not always necessary for this exercise. If you have somebody to help you, let him hold your dog and you walk away so that the dog cannot see you. Then let your helper follow your track with the dog on the leash. Tell your helper to follow slowly and caution the dog, even make the dog sit for a short moment. When your dog finds you, give him lots of praise.

POINTING

Pointing is another ability that can be greatly helped along with the use of the long training leash. However, the dog has to know some basic yard training in obedience. He should know the command "Whoa" as an order to stop and stand until called or ordered on. Many handlers make the mistake of calling "Whoa" when the dog gets on a point or otherwise in the vicinity of game, when the dog has never been properly trained to the command. As with any other command, use "whoa" only when the dog has been well prepared for it and knows what it means, and when you are sure that you can enforce this order through appropriate action.

No other command is being more abused by both handler and dog than "Whoa". In order to save yourself trouble and embarrassment, start teaching this command early to your young dog where there is no game and where you can easily control him. A fenced in area is perfect. Then, when he shows that he knows what it means, put him on the long leash and bring him to a planted bird. As soon as he points, caution him with "Whoa", but do not holler at him as long as he stands. Only when he tries to move in an attempt to get the bird, raise your voice so that he knows that any further step means trouble.

Depending on temperament (and not only that of the dog), some dogs learn easily while the more bold animals take longer. Most important of all is that the dog has a well pronounced natural pointing instinct that is worthwhile and a pleasure to develop. This is what makes hunting over a pointing dog such a spinetingling thrill.

WATER

Getting your youngster to enter the water should not be difficult if you have a well bred specimen. There is absolutely no excuse for a versatile dog to refuse to enter the water after being introduced to it by means of following his master while swimming or boating, by jumping in after a thrown object, chasing a live duck or trying to catch up with an older dog that enjoys the water. If a young dog has to be coaxed and even trained to enter water, there is something wrong with him and he will, in most cases, let you down when you have to depend on him while on a duck hunt.

few hints should help the These inexperienced handler, as well as the inexperienced dog, prepare for a NAVHDA Natural Ability Test. What the judges want to see are basically the abilities, good ones as well as bad ones, that were passed on to the young dog by his parents. The experienced judge will soon find out where the ability stops and the training takes over. No other test is more important for the breeder who is honestly interested in improving his breeding program or selecting his breeding stock than the Natural Ability Test.

For the owner-handler, this test will tell him if he has a dog that is worth spending hope, time and money on, or if he would be better off looking for another prospect. Also, a lot can be done to while the dog is still young counteract existing weaknesses or even faults. The advice and experience that a handler can obtain by entering his youngster in such a test can make the difference between having a useful or useless hunting companion along on his hunting trips.



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