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from our president...

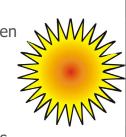
Yippeee, it's finally summer!

I truly love every season Maine offers us, but the warm rays of the sun, the sounds of nature and the endless opportunities to gather with family and friends makes summer very special to me.

It's been very busy the past few months for our chapter. I can honestly say, I have never felt more support and unity amongst our Yankee Chapter family than during our past three training clinics and recent test weekend. If you did not notice, we tossed the decks of cards we've used in the past to designate running orders at our different stations. Yankee Chapter workers would get first dibs allowing them to train their own dogs as well as sharing their expertise helping you to train yours. I started going thru the Clinic Sign Up forms requesting all those attending to give a little time and talent back to the day's events. 100% offered to help. Thank you all!

Welcome New Members

Tim Forrester
Dorothy McCarren
Karen Moodie
Michael Daily
Aaron Landry
Marissa Murray
Kimberly Haynes



Spring Test

Our BDE and Facebook page have shared many photos of this event. Thanks Nancy for catching the excitement. Our Senior Judge, TJ McKenzie so enjoyed his return trip to our chapter and cannot wait to be invited back again. He's a great NAVHDA Judge! Nick Racioppi, our Test Secretary, was amazing. Communication to those testing is a huge part of the job and he did that on a daily basis. Accuracy with cards and data to be sent to NAVHDA is critical and very time consuming.

Thank you Nick for your many hours spent on those details. Tyler Bruce, the chapter's new Director of Testing, also did a great job coordinating judges, apprentices, field marshals, workers and, most important, the birds. As you can imagine there is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes on before the handler steps up to the line to test their dog. Thanks to all.

Water Clinic and Semi Annual Meeting, July 15

Our next event is our Water Clinic at Sugarfoot Kennels in Burnham, Maine. It's an amazing facility where we can "do it all" with the safety of spring fed waters all around us. BDE will share more of its details. As usual, Brian Pike will send out a sign up the week prior.

Ugly Dog Yard Sale

Ugly Dog Hunting's boss Terry Wilson has notified me he is hauling many boxes of product for a yard sale at the Water Clinic on July 15. Proceeds will be used for our chapter's equipment upgrade. Don't miss it! Thank you Terry, once again.

We also will be holding our very informal Semi-Annual Meeting during lunch. Please feel welcome to share new ideas or chapter concerns at the time.

The chapter has recently invested in new training equipment. We have purchased two new Slinger Wingers, electronics to run them, two new 10x10 pop up canopies, and we are looking into a solar charger for the electronics in the trailer.

Yankee Chapter Secretary

Kathleen Weller has notified the Yankee Chapter Board that she will be unable to finish her term as Secretary of our chapter. She, Damon, and all their red dogs will be headed west and settling in Iowa. We will miss you both and all the personality you added. Dani Murphy has agreed to complete Kathleen's term expiring 12/31/23. I will appoint her to this position at the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Stay safe. Keep and eye on the bugs and the heat. Always feel free to give me a call with concerns or new ideas. See you soon,
Patti

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yankee updates & info

July 15 Jul 21-23

August 26

Sep 8-10

Sep 13 1

Upcoming Events

July 15 Water Clinic

July 21-23 NAHP Camp

August 26 Pre-Test Training Clinic

September 8-10 Fall Test

September 13 -17 Invitational

Thank you Kathleen Weller!

Thank you Kathleen for your professionalism during your term as our Secretary. We will miss your smiles, red

dogs, and super supportive hubby. Once you have all the hunting spots scoped out, we Yankees will head West! Thanks for all your very generous support of our Chapter.



Congratulations to Dennis Kirouac

who won the Ruger .22 rifle raffle!

Thank You, Jacob!

Many thanks to Jacob Haskell for capturing the Yankee Chapter Clinic in his wonderful photos!

Banner Crew Needed

We have a collection of great sponsor and chapter banners that would add some lively decor to our clinics and tests. Let's form a Sign Committee to put up these banners at Yankee Events. Anyone interested in helping please contact Patti at mmkennels@myfairpointnet.

Yankee Chapter Calendar 2023

Water Clinic, Sugarfoot Kennels, Burnham NAHP Camp, Brunswick Pre-Test Training Clinic, Bowdoinham Fall Test, Bowdoinham Invitational, Bloomingdale, Ohio

YANKEE SPRING TEST SCORES

9-Jun-23

Handler	Call Name	Test	Score	Prize
Nathaniel Woodman	Trapper	NA	105	2
Mark Morneau	Tessa	NA	112	1
Adam Goudreau	Zeke	NA	110	1
Carolyn A. Romano	Fausto	NA	98	3
Adam Levesque	Rocky	NA	112	1
Sydney McCarren	Kenai	NA	105	1
Samuel Day	June	NA	112	1
Charity Fusco	Lenna	NA	112	1
Philip Thayer Jr.	Bizzy	NA	73	NP
Jeremy Hatch	Ripple	NA	108	1

10-Jun-23

Handler	Call Name	Test	Score	Prize
Charles Ellithorpe	Maja	NA	112	1
Philip Thayer Jr.	Daisy	NA	112	1
Sarah Franklin	Riggs	NA	112	1
Walt Bailey	Lupa	NA	103	2
Sydney McCarren	Kaiah	NA	74	NP
Russell Oakes	Jeb	UT	182	2
Richard Gay	Carbon	UT	204	1

11-Jun-23

Handler	Call Name	Test	Score	Prize
Gregory Cousins	Teagan	NA	107	2
Alan Smith	Sebe	NA	78	NP
Kerry Robillard	Cash	UT	161	3
Linda Ewen	Summitt	UT	143	NP
Lauri Bailey	Mazie	UT	151	NP
Michael Thiel	Salty	UT	123	NP

July and August Training Clinics

Water Clinic

Saturday, July 15 9 a.m. until waterlogged

Whether you have a puppy who's not swimming yet, a Utility Dog developing or practicing a duck search, or an Invitational dog doing double marks and blinds, Dave Mosher's Sugarfoot Kennels ponds have a place for you. We'll do heeling, retrieving, steadiness, drags and other drills, too. There's plenty of parking along the treeline, but it's a good idea to bring a shade tent for when the sun swings overhead. Order your ducks with the online form sent the week before, pay when you arrive. Bring your own lunch and beverages.

At lunchtime we will gather for our Semi-Annual Meeting while you enjoy your picnic. Please contact Patti Carter if you have items you'd like discussed. We are always looking for new ideas and willing to listen to your concerns.

We'll also be holding the annual Ugly Dog Yard Sale. Hunting jackets, dog collars, and a variety of human and bird dog gear will be on sale at outstanding discounts! Proceeds will go towards some much needed new chapter equipment.

Pretest Clinic

Saturday, Aug 26 9 a.m. Last training clinic of the year!

Even though testing dogs will have priority in the field running order and water sites, there will be plenty of opportunities for all dogs to train on field work, obedience, and water retrieves. We will be sending out a bird/duck order form before the clinic as usual. Please contact Blaine Carter, Dir. of Training, with any questions: mmkennels@myfairpoint.net.

The Yankee Chapter's famous grill will be tossing burgers and dogs, (not the 4-legged ones) at lunchtime. Please bring a favorite side or dessert to share.

CLINIC CHECKLIST

WATER
BUG SPRAY
SHADE TARP
WATER
CHAIR
LUNCH (7/15)
LEASH
STAKE OR CRATE
SUNSCREEN
RAIN GEAR
DOG





Fall Test Weekend: September 8-10

The fall test weekend will be here before we know it! Help is needed to make everything run smoothly, and supporting Yankee members and dogs who are testing is part of what makes us great! Stop by any day to cheer on your chapter handlers. If you'd like to volunteer to plant birds, set up the tent, be a go-fer, help with lunch, etc., please contact our Director of Testing, Tyler Bruce: tyler_bruce@hotmail.com 207-522-5741.

Test days will begin at 7 a.m. sharp. Handlers should be at the test grounds no later than 6:30 to have enough time to park, check in with the Field Marshal, "air" their dogs, and be ready to meet the judging team. Don't forget to bring lots of water for both you and your dog(s). Even though the Bowdoinham site has some shade along the road, you can't be sure where you'll be able to park, so bringing a tarp or tent is a good idea if it's hot or raining, or both.

Those testing on Friday should bring their own lunch. Saturday and Sunday -- the 9th and 10th -- our grill will be up and sizzling with burgers and dogs and whatever else we can come up with. But even with the dedicated Yankee Chapter volunteers at the grill, there are lots of hungry handlers, field volunteers, judges and friends to feed. *Please please:* Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to contribute to the lunch table!

To get the weekend started in typical celebratory Not Your Normal Chapter fashion, the Carters have invited everyone to their house for a lasagna dinner on Friday night at 6 p.m. (33 Simpson's Point Rd., Brunswick).

After the test on Saturday, Brent and Kelley Grover will once again generously put on a pig roast right at the test grounds. Proceeds from the dinner will help offset the costs for test weekend. THANK YOU BRENT & KELLEY!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TESTING HANDLERS AND THEIR DOGS!

from our director of training blaine carter

WATER WORK!

It's finally summer and time for some water work! From puppies to Invitational bound dogs, it's time to get them wet. Actually, you may need to get wet too!

Start young puppies by wading with them in shallow ponds or crossing small streams are great introductions. Be sure to make it fun and exciting.

As they grow a bit mentally and physically, use their retrieving drive to further expose them to the depths and varied vegetation of the water. Never push them beyond their comfort. Again, it's time to wade and enjoy the deeper water by tossing bumpers and splashing with excitement.

Remember, every dog matures at its own speed. You are there to nurture, expose yet keep them safe. Did I mention, GET WET!

The next stage may need the support of a training partner. If the dog's bumper drive is developing, the bumpers can be tossed from the opposite side of a small pond or gentle stream, making the retrieve short at first. Distance can vary as the dog builds confidence and understanding of the drill. The concept of using the other bank begins the understanding that everything happens on the opposite bank.

Try paddling your kayak as your young dog swims along. Try dropping

dead game as you paddle. This is great for shy and tentative dogs as it builds more water confidence. You can now start to add more vegetation.

The purpose is to build a water confidence in your young dog prior to introducing the duck. You be the judge when your dog can move forward and develop the water drive.

The up coming Water Clinic in Burnham will be the ideal environment for whatever you will be working on, perfect for all of the above. Always remember you both should be enjoying time spent together.

See you at Sugarfoot Kennels!



Yankee members running in the Invitational, September 13-17

Kurt Adams Charles Andrews Justin Dodge Dani Murphy Branden Roberts Dan Riley PJ Rose Bill Thomas Terry Wilson

GOOD LUCK & SAFE TRAVELS!

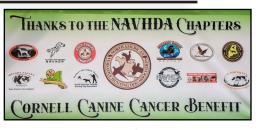
Canine Cancer Research Fundraiser

The Hudson Valley and Rock Tavern chapters of NAVHDA teamed up with the Conservation Awareness Foundation for the **3rd Annual Canine Cancer Research Benefit Shoot**. Proceeds will go to Cornell Veterinary College of Medicine in support of canine cancer research. This year, the sporting clays benefit shoot was held on June 17th at Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays in New Paltz, NY.

According to David Kuritzky, President of Hudson Valley NAVHDA,

they expect the net to Cornell "will approach \$105,000 when the dust clears. We had about 240 registered shooters with about 220 attending."

Further revenue came from donations, sponsors, station sponsors, garden of remembrance signage, and a Paws for a Cause raffle. A special raffle was held for NAVHDA chapters -- including Yankee -- that donated to the benefit and had their logos featured on a banner. At the event, additional raffles and a live auction generated more funds.



"Because so much money was moving through the NAVHDA accounts, we enlisted help from the Dutchess County Federation. We are awaiting final numbers. Checks are still coming in," David said. He added, "One of the Cornell docs was flabbergasted that folks like 'us' exist. His words... 'I had no idea that this community existed, and I am blown away by what I see."

yankee YOUTH!

from Director of Youth Development Philip Laperriere

CONGRATULATIONS

Yankee's Graduating Seniors!

Jacob Haskell Jared Johnson Kayla Peaslee Abby Hatch

Fun Dog Tricks

Teaching your dog tricks can be a fun and engaging activity for kids. Here are a few dog tricks that are suitable for kids to teach their furry friends:

- 1. Sit: Teach your dog to sit on command. This is a fundamental trick that forms the basis for many other tricks.
- 2. Shake Hands/Paw: Train your dog to offer their paw for a handshake.
- 3. High-Five: Similar to shake hands, but instead of shaking, train your dog to give a high-five with their paw.
- 4. Roll Over & Play Dead: Teach your dog to lie down and then roll over onto their back.

Remember to use positive reinforcement, such as treats and praise, when training these tricks. Keep the training sessions short and fun, and always prioritize your dog's well-being and comfort.



As summer is ramping up, the Yankee Chapter is preparing for the annual NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program camp taking place July 21st - 23rd. Some of the campers have experience hunting over dogs, and even testing in the NAVHDA system. Oliver is excited to attend camp this year to "learn new skills to be more prepared for my UT at the end of the summer." Seamus has two hunting dogs in his family and is looking to "work with them and would love it even more if I got to work with them in a nice big open place like you guys have." Cayden's family added a Brittany this last winter and when asked about why he was interested in the NAHP he said, "I would love to come to this camp to learn more about how to hunt with her, as well as learn to become a better hunter myself."

Jack, who has been exposed to training hunting dogs with his Aunt and Uncle, is looking forward to "learning more outdoor skills such as shotgunning, dog training, compass use, hunter safety, shelter building, and fire starting." François, who has some experience hunting, is interested in working with a hunting dog for the first time, learning more about survival skills, and "meeting new people who have hunting interests." Nellie has grown up with hunting dogs and helped with training her families shorthair. Recently she has found more interest in hunting and wants to "learn more survival skills and gain more experience." Nellie's friend Samantha is also excited as she didn't grow up in a hunting family and has also become more interesting in the sport. For Samantha this camp "will be beneficial in me growing as a hunter and learning new skills. I didn't grow up hunting and neither of my parents hunt so I'm trying to take in as many new things as I can."

We look forward to the relationships this year's participants will make with their fellow campers, their mentors, and hope they lead to future positive experiences in the field.

DO THE MATH!

Just one dog and her offspring **could** produce **67,000** dogs in six years! That's because dogs can have 2 litters per year with an average of 6-10 puppies per litter!



did you know...

>>Migrating birds can fly more than a mile high from the ground, up to about 7,000 feet.

- >>Chicken egg color is determined by the chicken's earlobe color, not its feather color.
- >>Downy woodpeckers can peck up to 16 times per second. Some woodpeckers can peck up to 8,000 times a day.
- >>Chickens share common ancestry with Tyrannosaurus Rex.



Yankee's latest fashion statement.

showcase: summertime and the livin' is easy...











Blue Green Algae

Information collected from several online sources







Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is most likely to thrive in bodies of fresh water when the weather is warm (over 75 degrees) and sunny. Exposure to dangerous algae occurs more during the summer because weather conditions promote the growth of cyanobacteria. These organisms are incredibly toxic and are known to cause poisoning in dogs, cats, livestock, wildlife, birds, fish and even humans. Water containing toxic algae blooms will often have the appearance of a pea-green paint or will appear as if there's slime on the surface. If certain wind conditions are present, the film will often concentrate along the shoreline in areas where animals may drink or swim.

Dogs that ingest cyanobacteria can become sick quickly. Symptoms can begin anywhere from 15 minutes to several days after exposure. Signs of bluegreen algae toxicity include panting, excessive drooling, diarrhea, vomiting, seizures, disorientation, and ultimately respiratory failure and/or liver failure.

One precaution is to rinse your dog off as soon as possible after being in the water. Dogs can ingest toxins from licking their fur even after they have dried off.

You can buy testing kits online. There are also a couple of tests you can do yourself to see if blue-green algae is present. The Jar Test: Jar Test: "Find a clear glass jar with a screw top lid (maybe pint-to-quart size, like a Mason jar), fill it three-quarters full with lake water (not directly from the surface, but collected just under the surface), and set it in your refrigerator where it can be left without being disturbed overnight. The next day, carefully (don't agitate and mix the water) take the jar out and look to see where the algae have accumulated. If they are all settled out near the bottom of the jar, then that likely indicates your lake does not have a lot of blue-green algae growing in it. If, instead, the algae have formed a green ring around the top of the water in the jar, or just seem to be collected at the

air/water divide, there is a strong possibility your lake does have a blue-green algae community present."

The Stick Test: A mat of green material growing on the surface of a lake may be blue-green algae forming a surface scum, or a mat of floating filamentous green algae which is not toxic. "A simple test you can do is the stick test. Find a sturdy stick; long enough to thrust into the surface mat without letting you fall in, and see what comes back out on it. If the stick comes out looking like you thrust it in a can of paint, the mat on your lake is likely to be a blue-green algae scum. If the stick pulls out strands that look like green hair or threads, the mat on your lake is likely filamentous green algae."

Disclaimer: These tests are not perfect or 100% reliable. The jar test relies on the buoyancy of most free-floating blue-green algae. But there's a small possibility that the algae in your test may be a non-buoyant species, resulting in a false negative.









filamentous algae blue green algae



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4 Tips for Shotgun Cleaning

- 1. Bottoms up. Always store your gun muzzle down after cleaning so excess oil and cleaning fluid will run on to the floor of the gun cabinet or rack instead of back into the chamber and mechanism where it could seep into the wood of the stock.
- 2. Give it a shine. The shine on your stock may become dull over time from
- weather or rubbing against clothing. Fortunately, it is easy to regain the shine. If your gun was finished by a varnish in the factory, there's no need to use any oil. Hard wax and a little elbow grease should shine it up.
- 3. Slip away. Leaving your shotgun in its slip for long periods of time may cause unexpected rust or wood damage. It's
- best to store your gun in a cabinet or safe. If it must stay in a case, take it out from time to time to check the condition and let it air.
- 4. Don't forget the chokes. Remove the choke tubes and spray them down or soak them in cleaner. Be sure to brush the threads, clean them, then give them a little grease.



From our Director of Communications:

Send us your photos! We're looking for training season and summer fun pictures to update our Facebook and Instagram pages Please send Dogs, Kids and Family photos to:

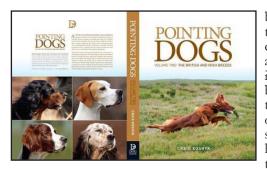
> ycNAVHDA@gmail.com -- Misi Knutson

ASK THE TRAINERS barking dog express Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA 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.

Pointing Dogs, Volume Two: The British and Irish Breeds By Craig Koshyk

Many of us know of Craig Koshyk from his amazing first book, *Pointing Dogs, Volume One: The Continentals;* from the many breed articles he's published; his great photos on the NAVHDA Facebook page; or from his terrific talk at the NAVHDA Annual meeting a few years ago. He's just released his second volume.

Craig's level of research is unmatched. This not only is a "go-to" informational resource to learn about different breeds, but a heck of a lot of fun for general browsing. The photography is outstanding, too.



For more info or to order a book, click here: http://dogwilling.ca/books/ pointing-dogs-volume-two-the-britishand-irish-breeds

Here's a blurb about the new book: "This book travels well beyond the British Isles and provides a fascinating comparison of how setters and pointers are hunted and trialed in America, continental Europe, and beyond. Koshyk's work transcends time as he explores the unique history of each of the five breeds, the current situation at home and abroad, and an honest but hopeful take on the future that lies ahead. Modern dog breeds are the product of people who remain tirelessly dedicated to them, and this book honors those who have worked to revive, restore, and improve each of these breeds for generations of hunters to come."

SUMMER TIDBITS & INFO

How much water should you give your dog? Hydrate

Lots of cool, fresh water is a must. But how much? A 44-pound dog can lose between .5 and 1.5 gallons of water per day depending on his activity and the environmental conditions. At a minimum, an active dog should consume as much water as it's losing and more when running in the heat. If you're not sure how much water your dog should drink, one estimate is three times the amount of dry food you feed.

Prehydrate

Prehydrate dogs a few days before outside activity by adding water to their dry kibble. Feed immediately, as some dogs don't like mushy kibble. Another method is water baiting, which is done by adding a tablespoon of wet dog food to a water bowl. Dogs trying to get the food will drink more water.

A few notes about skunky stink

- Skunk stink comes from a family of sulfur molecules called thiols.
- Hydrogen peroxide or bleach changes the molecules by oxidizing them. Hydrogen peroxide may bleach your dog's fur.
- Skunks warn that they're going to spray by charging, hissing and sticking their tails in the air.
- Stink removal formula: quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda, 1-2 teaspoons of liquid soap



TIPS for conditioning a dog to the sound of a bell or beeper

- Pack cotton or keenex inside the beeper horn then tape over it. This will mute the sound. As the pup gets used to the noise gradually reduce the amount of packing. Similarly, tape gauze around the inside of the bell to mute the sound.
- Start puppies with very small bells then increase the size as they get accustomed to the sound.
- Put the bell or beeper on the dog when it's playing outside or taking a run. Don't introduce it only during training.

NAVHDA 2023 MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

Here are some interesting stats from the member survey conducted earlier this year.

- >The highest percentage of members (29.47%) have been members for more than 10 years.
- >Topping the regional rankings is the Midwest with 38.4%
- >On a scale of 1 to 6, most (40.2%) of the respondants scored 5 for being satisfied with NAVHDA overall.
- >Asked where NAVHDA should make changes to meet future needs, the highest percentage (37.13%) said NAVHDA should monitor legislative proposals that may impact NAVHDA.
- >NAVHDA's Testing and Judging programs ranked tops in the organization's strengths.

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strange dog facts =

- 1. Dogs drink water by forming the back of their tongue into a mini cup.
- 2. Dogs are capable of understanding up to 250 words and gestures.
- 3. Dogsonly sweat glands are between their paw pads.
- 4. During WWII, the Russians trained dogs to run suicide missions with mines strapped to their backs.
- 5. An estimated 1 million dogs in the U.S. have been named primary beneficiaries in their owners' wills.
- 6. Only dogs and humans have prostates.
- 7. A dog's nose prints are as unique as a human's finger prints and can be used to identify them.
- 8. Dogs can be trained to detect epileptic seizures.
- 9. Dogs can count up to five and can perform simple mathematical calculations.
- 10. Rin Tin Tin was the first Hollywood dog star.







For sale: Sandy Runyon has donated several items of dog equipment in excellent condition. Proceeds from the sale will be split between Yankee's two youth funds: the KKBB Fund and the NAHP camp. The items are currently stored at Mike and Lisa Rinaldi's. Contact Mike for info: mrinaldi81@gmail. com. THANK YOU SANDY!

- 2 extra large kennels tan \$60 each
- 2 large kennels blue \$45 each
- 1 Mud River canvas kennel cover, thermal, large -- \$35
- 3 folding wire kennels medium to large \$25 each ONE SOLD!

1 puppy kennel -- \$20

tote containing 2 bird bags, 2 dog stakes, 2 leads -- \$20 SOLD!

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