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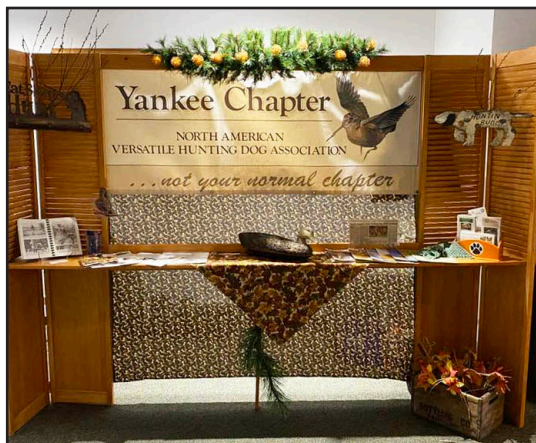
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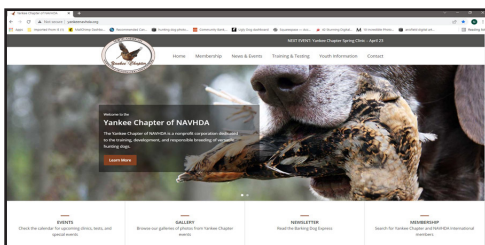
May 18, 2024
Yankee Training Clinic
Dresden, Maine

June 1, 2024
Pretest Training Clinic
Dresden, Maine

June 7-9, 2024
Test Weekend
Dresden, Maine



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from our president...

Let me repeat my spring greeting as I have for the past few "decades". Welcome home my little woodcock friends and best of luck raising your families. It's now nesting time and a time to let the woods rest. Etta and I spent a few moments this spring sitting and listening for their "peent". The peepers were on crack so I wondered if I would be able to hear their call. The frogs were finally quiet and we had about 10 minutes of woodcock dancing. So darn cool! Etta's eyes followed one's flight as it zipped past.

Huge thanks to so many chapter members that prepped their dogs for the State of Maine Sportsman's Show. We had so much fun! Like I said, it was all about crackers, eggs and education.

Last week I attended the NAVHDA Zoom Meeting for Chapter Presidents. The participation at these meetings has continued to grow which is really great to see. Topics covered included these:

*NAVHDA announced that they have come to an arrangement with RGS and PF/QF to have each Conservation Organization submit projects for funding approval. Thanks to all the Yankee Chapter members and NAVHDA members across the country that spoke up for our Conservation Partners. You made a difference.

*The second item of interest, NAVHDA has appointed Regional Representatives. The Northeast Region includes 17 chapters.

*UT video is now available on website

*VHD needs more member articles.

*All chapter members must be NAVHDA International members too.

As many of you that attended our first outdoor clinic communicated, organization was great and education was huge for 4-legged and 2. Thanks to all that stepped up. Moving forward, our next clinic is May 18, again at Green Point WMA in Dresden. Our Training Committee again, will do their magic. Be sure when Brian Pike sends out our sign up to reply on a timely basis. It gives us a heads up what the attendance will be. Let's hope the weather cooperates again.

Reminder, NAVHDA International will send you an email re renewing your dues. Please stay up to date. Our membership crew of Sarah and Misi will also remind!

Lastly, talked to Brent Grover at the Sportsman's Show about our fall test Saturday night cook-out. Again, he and Kelly are donating all proceeds from the event to defray our chapter test costs. Very kind gesture indeed! So, start looking for your apparel as it's going to be an Hawaiian Luau! I know the Dollar Stores are usually well stocked with grass skirts! What will Russell wear?

Thanks again to so many for all you do to support our chapter.

-- Patti Carter


yankee updates & info

If needed, don't forget to get or renew your Permit to Release Wild Birds and Use Firearms for Dog Training.

<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/Dog%20Training%20Firearms%20Use.pdf>

§12051. TRAINING

B. A person may train sporting dogs on wild birds at any time, including Sundays. A person may not train sporting dogs on wild birds unless they possess a valid hunting license, except on Sundays. A person may train dogs on pen-raised birds at any time without a hunting license but must have a "Permit to Release Wild Birds and Use Firearms for Dog Training" when training dogs in the circumstances described above.

	
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Welcome New Members!

Garrett Murch
Josh & Brody Worth
Robert Fritzen
Peter Fallon
Scott Cataldi

news bites...

Yankee Chapter has purchased a new sit-upon kayak from LLBean. Thanks to Brian Pike for getting a great deal. The chapter also bought new walkie-talkies, and will be getting Dogtra poptraps which are currently on backorder.

Russell Estes is heading up our Grounds committee now. Russell and Patti Carter are now the contacts between the chapter and our DIFW biologist Keel Kemper. Dick Dilley handled the contracts for our Yankee's grounds keepers. We are now only responsible for mowing the two WMAs - Green Point and Wildes Road WMA. Many thanks to Russell for stepping up.

Once again the Yankee Chapter dogs and demos were a highlight at the Maine Sportsmen's Show. The audience was delighted with the work and fun; many participated in some hands-on time with versatile dogs. The Chapter's appearance at these shows is one of the best ways we can share our passion and expertise with others, letting them see a bit of what NAVHDA is all about.

From our Test Secretary - Nick Racioppi

2024 Yankee Chapter Tests

We received 50 entry forms for the lottery drawing and 9 additional entry forms after the lottery closing date. As of this status, both the June and September tests are full with waiting lists.

June Test – 22 dogs running, 2 on waiting list

15 NA

7 UT

2 NA dogs on the waiting list

September Test – 18 dogs running, 19 dogs on the waiting list.

7 NA

1 UPT

10 UT

8 NA and 11 are UT on the waiting list.

The running dates were sent to all handlers and owners. If you have any questions or you are unable to participate in the test, please contact the Yankee Chapter Test Secretary Nick Racioppi at 207-751-3133 or feathersfins@com-cast.net

Treasurer's Update

We have \$40,000 in the money market and \$14,957.90 in the checking account, some of which will be moved to the money market account.

-Shawn Mowers

From Director of Training - Blaine Carter

Be Prepared!

The first outdoor clinic of the year is an eye opener for most of us! In a short 10 minute run in the field it reveals your dog's weaknesses and the "holes"! Saturday kept me pretty busy, so I didn't get to work Keepah till the end of the day. Let's just say there were more holes than hide in my dog.

Keepah's lack of obedience was due to my lack of training. She's got a lot of drive, ya think? My lack of training over the winter sure showed on Saturday.

I was not mentally prepared for any surprises and I found myself chasing one bad behavior after another. I know this was our first time clinic, but that is no excuse for being a bad trainer.

If I was better prepared with a timely correction, Keepah could have understood what I expected of her. I should have expected a bit of rust after a long winter.

So what should I have done in hindsight? I should have expected her disobedience and been prepared. Fumbling for my e-collar to stop a full out chase was not efficient training. I should have used our trainers more efficiently, handing them my e-collar, explaining what could happen and the level of stimulus that might be needed.

My point is, our Yankee Chapter training clinic is designed to help you and your dog understand your weaknesses. The Training Committee has created multiple stations with drills to

help you start to fill those holes.

So it begins! Keepah and I have gone back to work. There are obedience scenarios everywhere, so use them to your advantage. There's no better time than now to establish a plan.

Remember the diagram we published last year of Bob West's Building Blocks? In his words, "train in small, simple steps with a positive, nurturing attitude." Again, create your goal, with tools together to accomplish it and lots of patience in your pocket.

Just remember these dogs are all liars and cheats, especially if you brag about them!

Good training,
Blaine



<https://www.navhda.org/legislative-alerts/>

rial, and state legislators, all of which take a bipartisan approach to protect the hunting and fishing heritage.

The Sportsmen's Alliance protects hunting, fishing and trapping across the country via grass roots outreach. Their "Dog Wars" campaign specifically works against the animal rights lobby's attacks on the sporting dog community. Both of these organizations provide alerts about pending legislation and resources to contact legislators with your opinions on hunting and hunting dog related issues.

The voice of NAVHDA members can be heard by supporting these organi-

zations and responding to information they provide. Both organizations' website provide maps and easy access to find out what legislation is pending in your state.

NAVHDA members can sign up to receive email alerts directly from the Sportsmen's Alliance about pending legislation in their state by clicking on this link: www.sportsmensalliance.org/navhda (You can opt out at any time if you don't want the alerts.) Members can also sign up for the CF newsletter through this link: <https://congressionalsportsmen.org/newsletter/>

NAVHDA's Legislative Committee has arranged for NAVHDA to join the Sportsmen's Alliance (SA) and the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF). These organizations monitor proposed state and federal bills that would impact the sporting community, including legislation that would affect our ability to breed, train, and hunt with versatile hunting dogs.

CSF works with legislators through three sportsmen's caucus groups: congressional (federal), gubernato-

UPCOMING TRAINING CLINICS

Two great training opportunities coming up: May 18th and June 1st at the Green Point Wildlife Management Area, Dresden, Maine!

<https://www.yankeenavhda.org/training-testing/training-sites/dresden/>

- Keep your eye out for an email several days before each clinic with a link to our online registration.
- The clinics will start at 9 a.m. At noon, we'll fire up the grill for LUNCH.
Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.
- When you get to the field, come check in, pay for your birds, and receive your running number.

What to BRING: What the weather will be doing is anyone's guess, so be prepared for everything from mud to bugs. Boots and layers are recommended. Don't forget to bring water, leash, and a stake or crate for your dog. You might also want to bring a canopy in case it's rainy or hot sun.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-295 to Exit 43. Go east on Route 197 through Richmond. Turn right onto Route 128. Go 1 mile. Grounds are on the right side. Watch for signs.



For great info, especially for newbies...

<https://www.yankeenavhda.org/clinic-faq/>

REMINDERS: The May clinic in Dresden has always been one of our most popular clinics. Be sure to sign up for your birds ahead of time. The June clinic is our Pre-Test clinic which means that dogs testing this spring will get priority for their field runs and water work. Nevertheless, there will be plenty of stations with activities for all dogs to work on retrieving, obedience, steadiness and more.

YOU MAY RUN YOUR DOG IN THE FIELD OR WOODS WHEN THE CLINIC IS OVER, BUT FOR SAFETY REASONS THERE MAY BE NO GUNFIRE -- LIVE OR BLANK -- AFTER THE CLINIC HAS ENDED.



(Green Point is open to the public at all times. While we closely monitor our gunning during clinics and tests, once the clinic has ended there may be other folks using the grounds for bird watching, walking their dogs, etc.)

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD OR STAKED UNLESS YOU ARE WORKING YOUR DOG IN THE FIELD, AT THE DESIGNATED EXERCISE AREA, OR AT DRILLS.

THANK YOU!

SPRING TEST WEEKEND - JUNE 7-9

Spring Test weekend is almost here! Help is always needed, and working a test is one of the best ways to learn about the excitement of NAVHDA testing. 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.

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, "air" their dogs, take a DEEP BREATH, and find the donuts and coffee before meeting with the judging team. Don't forget to bring lots of water for both you and your dog(s). There's not a lot of shade or cover at the Dresden field, so bringing a tarp or tent is a good idea if it's hot or raining, or both!

Friday is bring-your-own-lunch. Saturday and Sunday 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 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, there will be a "no host" dinner at a restaurant to be determined. On test days, come watch the excitement and support the testing handlers.

NAVHDA NATURAL ABILITY TEST

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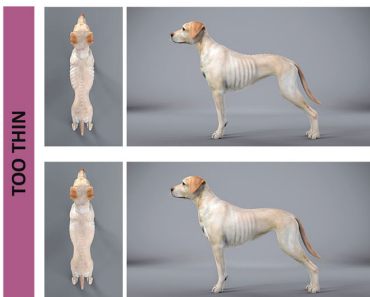
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A=Judge's Score
 B= Consensus
 (if different from A)

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TESTING HANDLERS AND THEIR DOGS!

BODY CONDITION SYSTEM

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 Advancing Science for Pet Health



1 Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance; no discernible body fat; obvious loss of muscle mass.

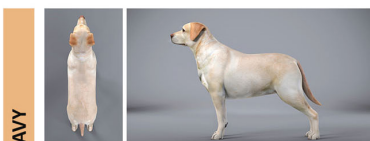
2 Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones easily visible; no palpable fat; some evidence of other bony prominence; minimal loss of muscle mass.

3 Ribs easily palpated and may be visible with no palpable fat; tops of lumbar vertebrae visible; pelvic bones becoming prominent; obvious waist and abdominal tuck.



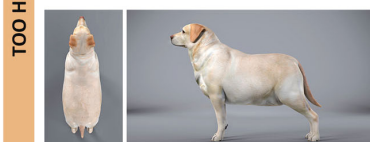
4 Ribs easily palpable, with minimal fat covering; waist easily noted when viewed from above; abdominal tuck evident.

5 Ribs palpable without excess fat covering; waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above; abdomen tucked up when viewed from the side.



6 Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering; waist is discernible viewed from above, but is not prominent; abdominal tuck apparent.

7 Ribs palpable with difficulty; heavy fat cover; noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail; waist absent or barely visible; abdominal tuck may be present.



8 Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure; heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail; waist absent; no abdominal tuck; obvious abdominal distention may be present.

9 Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and base of tail; waist and abdominal tuck absent; fat deposits on neck and limbs; obvious abdominal distention.

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Notes from NAVHDA International

Each month, NAVHDA's Managing Director, Kim Arnett, holds a zoom meeting with chapter presidents. Last month, the presidents of 43 chapters attended, and a wide variety of topics were covered. Here are a few of the announcements and bits of information presented along with those Patti mentions in her letter on page 1.

**The goal of the new NAVHDA Regional Representative program is to improve communications. The Northeast Region rep is David Ellis from Virginia.

**There is a new apparel collaborative with Ameri-print.

**The new member website portal will be released in mid-May.

**Annual meeting expenses and alternatives were discussed. There are no plans to move forward with any changes.

**The new test that will replace the UPT is in the beginning stages and will take over a year.

Terrific Training Day!

The first Yankee outdoor training clinic on April 27th was a tremendous success. Our training committee organized a range of developmental stations, multiple fields, several UTVs, piles of equipment, and general logistics with hours of behind the scenes planning. Trainers, gunners, and volunteers moved throughout the Dresden site as about 60 dogs and their handlers worked on all levels from NA to INV. The chapter would like to thank everyone who helped out and all the handlers whose enthusiasm kept the energy high.

photos by Betty Blackman



yankee youth!



Congratulations to Cayden Lamontagne for completing his third year with the Cumberland Rifle and Pistol Club's junior program. This year, Cayden and his three teammates earned 2nd place for the 3-position Shooter Postals for the State of Maine.

Cayden also had many personal accomplishments this season, including earning the John O'Neil Memorial Trophy for "2024 Most Improved Shooter." The Junior Rifle program is a wonderful opportunity for youth interested in the sport and improving their shooting skills.

From Director of Youth Development - Philip Laperriere

PUPPY LIFE: TIPS FOR PARENTS

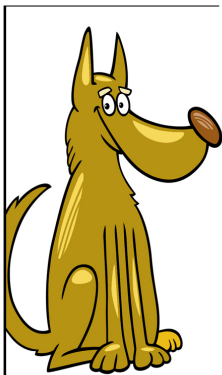
Spring has sprung and many are eagerly awaiting the arrival of, or have just received their new puppies. Leverage your young dogs' need of nourishment by training during and between meal times and rewarding desired behaviors with food. Reinforcing the primary commands like name recognition, stop (whoa), recall (come), stay with me (heel), and stay there (stay/place/wait) with food can help reinforce your dogs' understanding of when they successfully performed the expected task. Remember to incrementally introduce the concepts to your furry friends and reward as demonstration of understanding each skill builds.

The first sit for a puppy might look like a lowering of the haunches when a treat is raised above its head. Patience and repetition will slowly transform this initial behavior into the polished behavior we see in our adult canine friends.

When your children want to help with the training, assuming the puppy or adult dog has not shown signs of food aggression, they will be positively associated with food rewards by your pet and you will be capitalizing on your dogs' want for food to perform the task given by your youngster. This foundation of understanding can later be leveraged when the training shifts from the dog's want to perform for the reward to the understanding that at times it will be expected to perform even when there is something more interesting it rather be doing like sitting quietly in the duck blind while someone is calling or shooting.

Enjoy the puppy breath and the sleepless nights of potty training as these moments last for such a short time. Recruit your family and friends to help train. Everyone loves giving dogs a treat.

DOG WORD SEARCH



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fetch, stay, bark, whoa, heel, scratch, wag, sit, come



BE TICK SMART

REPEL • INSPECT • REMOVE

 Deer tick/Blacklegged tick- <i>Ixodes scapularis</i> Associated with Lyme disease, babesiosis, and anaplasmosis	 Nymph Adult
 American dog tick- <i>Dermacentor variabilis</i> Associated with Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia	 Nymph Adult
 Lone star tick- <i>Amblyomma americanum</i> Associated with ehrlichiosis (rarely found in Vermont)	 Nymph Adult
 Woodchuck tick- <i>Ixodes cookei</i> Associated with Powassan encephalitis	 Nymph Adult

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Training Lesson -- a short story

by Nancy Anisfield

You CAN teach an old dog new tricks. I'm the old dog in this case. Me, the handler. Been in NAVHDA since 2004, worked my way from what one of the judges said was the "worst UPT" he'd ever seen to having a VC about ten years later. So when Blaine, who's been my training guru since the start, suggested I work Pilot, my 10 month old bracco puppy, on the track development drills everyone was doing using bait and incremental steps, I laughed and said, "Oh, come on! She takes a track like she's doing a line of cocaine." As my husband Terry said later (shaking his head at my blunders), this wasn't my first rodeo.

Ever since she was little and well before she pointed, Pilot would lock those flappy jowls on scent and track dead chukars or quail like a pro. Long drags, curved drags – all I had to do was take her to the pile of feathers and let go of her collar. Depending on the wind, she'd either zoom right on the line or weave back and forth across it no more than a couple of yards on either side. My dog didn't need development drills.

It's important to add to this story that Blaine also pointed out I'd just made

my first mistake when I laughed at his suggestion. "Never overestimate your dog. That's a guarantee they'll make you look foolish," he reminded me.

So we confidently went to the pheasant track, her first on a live released bird. Tyler and Misi, the trainers overseeing the tracks, showed me two piles of feathers. One where the bird was released, the other where it had hopped to and begun running. I brought Pilot to the first, took the few steps to the second, and let go of her collar. I figured I had to say something, so I tried, "Fetch." Then her field release command, "Find bird."

Pilot took a few happy steps, sniffing around, turned to the left, turned to the right, sniffed a bit more on a 45 degree angle, looked back at me and wagged, sniffed the air, sniffed the ground, ran up a little ways, paused to think about the meaning of life, then gave me the clearly communicated, "okay... what exactly are we doing?"

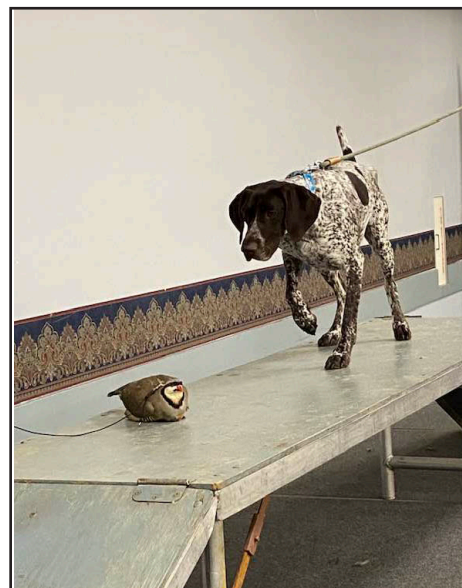
I called her back, and on Tyler and Misi's advice walked her more purposefully through the release a bit further up. She did her track just fine then, straight to the woods, following

the hard right the pheasant had taken at the brush line before heading into the trees. She pointed the bird which flushed a moment or two later. Short chase, came back on my command, all good.

Handler error, big time. I should have known better. Lesson number one: Don't assume what the dog did training in a comparable but not exactly similar situation will translate into the next. Lesson number two: A precise procedure and specific command are essential. Lesson number three: Don't brag up your dog. (Although, to save face, I told Blaine I'd only grant him 50% on his advice since once Pilot did the track, she did it well. And the faults were mine, not hers.)

So Pilot and I will practice the track release with – hopefully – clarity and consistency. I will try very hard not to boast about her magnificence quite so much. Or at least I'll try to make sure that the next time she makes me look silly it will be an agreed upon team effort by both her and me, a mutual decision to look foolish together.

A few of the Yankee stars at the Sportsmen's Show



Member Spotlight

Learn a little more about some of us Yankees! Join the fun -- send in your photo and answers to these questions, and we'll put you in the next newsletter.

1. Name? Do you have a nick name?
2. Current Job? Dream Job?
3. How many dogs and what breeds?
4. What is something we don't know about you?
5. What made you join Yankee?
6. If you could do one thing differently in your training what would that be; why?
7. What is the oldest thing in your fridge?



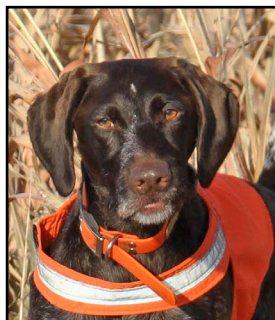
Clayton Loubier

1. Not really, but I have been referred to as "sparkle king" because of how easily I'm distracted.
2. Current Job: Construction Project Manager. Officer. Dream Job: Maine Guide.
3. Currently one German Shorthair.
4. What is something we don't know about you? I used to drive race cars.
5. Why Yankee? I started going to puppy class at MMK, then that developed into wanting more training opportunities and joining.
6. I would have been more focused on obedience and not letting things slide. I also would have not pushed to get to the "fun" parts as fast as possible and instead focused more on building solid foundations so I didn't have to undo mistakes I made.
7. The oldest thing in my fridge? My fridge currently looks like the reason for the stereotype around single guys, so the options are slim. Probably a bottle of mustard.



Melissa Knutson

1. Nickname? Misi, and "Captain Safety"
2. Current Job: SVP Commercial Loan Officer. Dream Job: Outfitter
3. Three GSPs
4. What is something we don't know about you? In my 20's I was a bartender.
5. Why Yankee? My Parents:) I have participated in NAVHDA since the 70s. Jason and I spent our Summers camping at clinics, and playing in X-Pens while our parents trained dogs. Who needs play pens when you have crates and x-pens? Maybe that is what is wrong with us.
6. I would be more consistent in my training.
7. The oldest thing in my fridge? Betty Blackman's sourdough starter I keep forgetting to feed ;)



River

1. Schwarzwald's Just In Time Run River Run. Nickname? Anything would be a nickname compared to the length of my registered name.
2. Current job is Chief of Pond Security, evicting mergs, geese, and frogs. Dream job would be ruling the entire world since I only have dominion over a small part of Vermont at the moment.
3. I'm a German wirehaired pointer, not to be confused with a Draaaaahh-hhthar.
4. My human father sings "Moon River" to me every morning.
5. Why Yankee? I need an audience on training days to satisfy my big ego.
6. Let's not go there... my behavior at the Inv. Blind Retrieve is history.
7. Probably a freezer burned, twice used, semi-mangled hen mallard left over from Invy training.



Sarah Mitchell

1. No nickname.
2. Current Job: Software development team leader. Dream job: Being independently wealthy or winning the lottery so I can spend all my time training and hunting with my dogs.
3. We have Wild Wild Wesson who is a 4 year old Liver & White American Brittany. Recently we added Mitchell's Dodge a Bulleit who is a 12 week old Blue Tick Beagle. Bulleit will be a rabbit dog as soon as he's big enough!
4. What is something we don't know about you? I love needlecraft -- cross stitch, quilting, embroidery -- you name it! ... I've been sewing since I was a kid! I'm mostly self-taught.
5. Why Yankee? Once I got comfortable, I loved the humorous culture of people who are dedicated to their dogs, conservation and hunting. I deeply appreciate everyone's openness to welcoming me as a new-ish member and adult-onset hunter.
6. I wish I could see my handling from an outside perspective -- like through Blaine's eyes! More than once he's said to me, "You know you're the problem, right?"
7. The oldest thing in my fridge? I think a container of Worcestershire sauce I bought for my famous meat-loaf recipe a long while ago... [note: watch for that recipe in the next BDE]

versatile variety

NAVHDA recognizes 31 breeds of versatile hunting dogs. At Yankee, our dog roster has typically been full of German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, Pudelpointers, English Setters, Vizslas, Spinoni, and Brittany's -- breeds that are the most popular in NAVHDA. More recent years have seen Weimaraners, Cesky Fousek, Small Munsterlanders, and Gordon Setters join our ranks. Now, however, we have a few even "lesser known" breeds, the Braque Francais, Large Munsterlander, Wirehaired Vizla, and Bracco Italiano.



Braque Francais

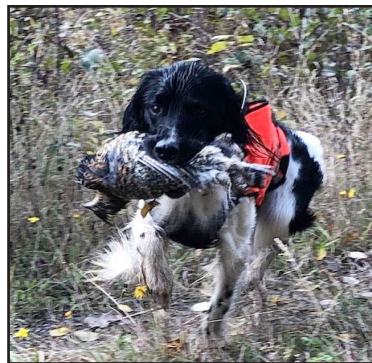
Gina Quinn-Skillings and Jim Skillings' Maizey and Lola. There are two types of Braque Francais, the larger from the Gascony region and smaller -- more common in the U.S. -- from the French Pyrenees. "Braque" is translated as "pointing dog." They are light and fast with a very strong point but generally a gentle temperament.



Large Munsterlander



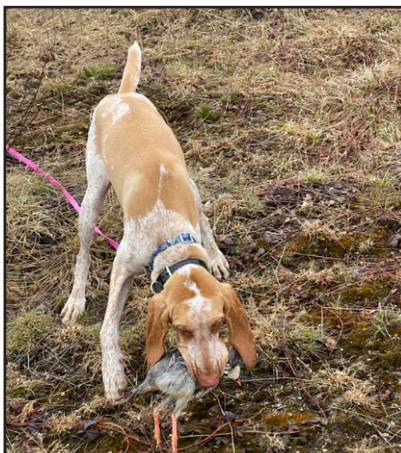
Jamie Bell's Charli, Greg and Stephanie McNeal's Voodoo, and Paul Randall's Goose. Large Munsterlanders are a distinctly separate breed from the Small Munsterlander, not just a bigger version. They are black and white, not the liver and white or roan of the SM. Some hunters believe LMs are more laid back and handler-oriented, stemming from their German longhair ancestors' job flushing for falconers then more specifically pointing for the gun.



Wirehaired Vizsla



Robert Borden's Wirehaired Vizsla. The original Vizsla standard called for a smooth coat, but in the 1930's the Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla was "created" primarily by crossing in German Wirehairs. Today, the Wirehaired Vizsla is similar to the Vizsla in hunting style but has the more resistant/resilient wired coat and generally a stronger-boned frame.



Bracco Italiano

Robert Wells' Roxie and Nancy Anisfield's Pilot. There are only two Italian pointing breeds. Both the Bracco and the Spinone were developed to work in rugged mountainous regions, but they are distinct from each other in looks, hunting traits, and temperament. The Bracco's classic hunting style calls for high head scenting and a swift but modulated trot. They can, however, ground track scent and gallop with extreme efficiency.

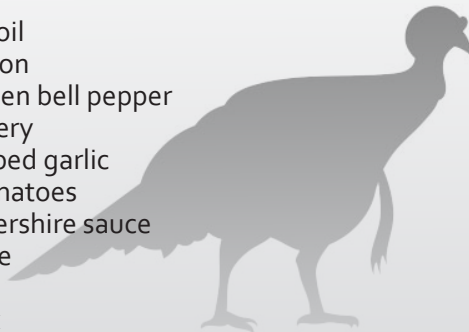




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Cajun Jambalaya - sent in by Nick Racioppi

12 medium shrimp, peeled, deveined and chopped
4 ounces wild turkey diced (you can use any upland or waterfowl for this recipe)
1 tablespoon Creole seasoning (I use Emeril's ESSENCE Creole Seasoning)
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
1/4 cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons chopped garlic
1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon hot sauce
3/4 cup rice
3 cups chicken stock
5 ounces Andouille sausage, sliced
Salt and pepper



In a bowl combine shrimp, turkey and Creole seasoning, and work in seasoning well. In a large saucepan heat oil over high heat with onion, pepper and celery, 3 minutes. Add garlic, tomatoes, bay leaves, Worcestershire and hot sauces. Stir in rice and slowly add broth. Reduce heat to medium and cook until rice absorbs liquid and becomes tender, stirring occasionally, about 15 minutes. When rice is just tender add shrimp and turkey mixture and sausage. Cook until meat is done, about 10 minutes more. Season to taste with salt, pepper and Creole seasoning.

Don't be so fussy about following these directions, put and add as you like. I normally go through the refrigerator to find some leftovers to add in.

Substitute meats for seafood with vegetable stock for another delicious meal.

Enjoy

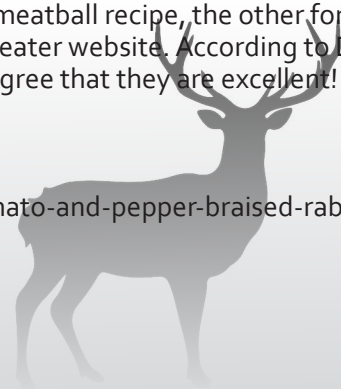
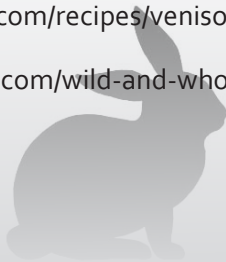
Creamy, Tomato and Pepper Braised Rabbit & Venison Meatballs

- sent in by Dan Riley

Dan Riley sent us links to two great recipes, one for Hank Shaw's venison meatball recipe, the other for Danielle Prewett's Creamy Tomato and Pepper Braised Rabbit posted on the Meateater website. According to Dan, Clayton Loubier, Jason Carter, and Dan's wife Linda all have tried the recipes and agree that they are excellent!

<https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/venison-meatballs>

<https://www.themeateater.com/wild-and-whole/wild-recipes/creamy-tomato-and-pepper-braised-rabbit>



My dog, by the way, thinks I have much to learn about partridges, and... I agree. He persists in tutoring me with the calm patience of a professor of logic, in the art of drawing deductions from an educated nose. I delight in seeing him deduce a conclusion, in the form of a point, from data that are obvious to him, but speculative to my unaided eye.

- Aldo Leopold

Beast Feast Maine Sloppy Joe Recipe

- sent in by Dana Masters
<https://beastfeastmaine.net/>

New version of the old fashioned Sloppy Joe. What makes this "new" is the really clean ketchup and Worcestershire sauce we use. Our ketchup is made with agave and real sugar, no high fructose corn syrup or other junk; we don't have any real problem with HFCS, we just can't handle the aftertaste with products made with it. And our Worcestershire is super clean, vegan, and it doesn't have any fish or weird crap in it.

The length of time to prepare: it's pretty quick so if you like to enjoy a refreshing, adult beverage while you cook, make it a short one, on second thought, it takes about a half an hour so you might wanna make it a tall one. Skill level: you have to know how to cook... something... anything...can you make toast?

The stuff you'll need: A Dutch oven (fancy name for a big pot with handles), a big spoon for stirring and serving the stuff.

Ingredients:

Ground beast, ie, venison, bear, etc, winged beasts work well also, about 2 1/2 pounds

1 red bell pepper stemmed, seeded, and diced, that means get rid of the stem, scrape out the seeds and pitch em, then cut the pepper up into small pieces

1 medium onion, diced (see pepper details) we have our onions prepped and frozen cuz we don't want to spend the time cutting them up. If you're like us, just grab a fist full of frozen ones and throw them in the pan with the Beast and the red pepper

4 or 5 cloves of garlic, minced (that means cut into really small pieces) OR if you want to save time and not have your hands smell like garlic for the next 2 days, go to Hannaford and buy a 2 pound jar of minced garlic for 6 bucks! If you go with this option, do it before you start the wood stove.

1 1/2 cups Beast Feast Maine Classic ketchup. If you can't find ours anywhere, try and find Red Gold brand, it doesn't have any HFCS in it, it's usually available at Walmart, if that doesn't work, just use the ketchup you usually use.

A bunch of butter, yes REAL butter
2 tbsp brown sugar, we use dark
2 tsp chili powder, we use more
1 tsp dry mustard, wet works too
1/2 tsp red pepper flakes, we use more
1 cup water
Salt to taste, we use a tsp
Black pepper to taste, we use a tsp of this also
2 tbsp tomato paste, we use more
Worcestershire sauce to taste, we just splash some in
Tabasco sauce to taste, we usually use our own BFM hot sauce
Decent rolls

Melt some of that butter in the pot and throw in the ground beast, cook it till it's mostly done. This is where you will incorporate the use of the spoon we mentioned.

Don't discard (throw away) the butter and juices (grease) from cooking the meat, (don't listen to your doctor, this one meal won't kill you) if you pitch it you'll be tossing out a lot of flavor.

Add the veggies, cook some more till the veggies are soft, use the spoon again, using your hand for this part could be dangerous although we've seen people do it.

Add the rest of the stuff to the pot, remember that spoon? Simmer for about 15 minutes to let it thicken up a little,

use this time wisely, either finish your beverage, or get another one.

Here is where your toast making skills come into play, toast the rolls! This is a pretty cheap meal to make, especially if you steal the meat from your buddies freezer, you know the one, we all have one, the buddy that ALWAYS gets his limit; so invest in good quality rolls like Ciabatta or focaccia rolls. Butter the rolls AFTER they're toasted, no need to complicate things at this point.

Use the spoon to put the Sloppy Joe on the rolls, doing this by hand is frowned upon, people always wonder where your hands have been.

We serve them open-faced on a plate with a bunch of shredded cheddar cheese on top but that's your call.

It makes about 8 servings, so realistically you should probably feed about 3 people per batch (yes, it's that good), so maybe you should double it, we do! Enjoy! --BFM Pit Crew

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- ~ Skunks warn that they're going to spray by charging, hissing and sticking their tails in the air.
- ~ Skunk stink comes from a family of sulfur molecules called thiols.
- ~ Hydrogen peroxide or bleach changes the molecules by oxidizing them.
- ~ Veterinarians agree that the thiols in skunk spray require specific treatments to break down the compounds effectively.
- ~ Hydrogen peroxide may bleach your dog's fur.
- ~ The longer you wait to treat your dog, the more difficult it will be to remove the skunk odor.
- ~ Skunk stink can last up to three weeks.
- ~ Once the smell is mostly gone, give your dog a regular bath using dog shampoo.
- ~ Monitor your dog for any signs of skin irritation or distress.
- ~ If your dog's coat seems dry, it may have lost some natural oils during the cleaning process. You can add fish oils to the dog's diet to restore natural oils.



Stink removal formula:

- quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide
- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 1-2 teaspoons of liquid soap

Apply the mixture to your dog's fur, avoiding the eyes, ears, and mouth. (It's recommended you wear rubber gloves.) Let it sit for 10 minutes, then rinse thoroughly.

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Gone to the Dogs



Several theories claim to explain the origin of the phrase "gone to the dogs." One sets it way back in China where dogs weren't allowed inside city walls. When derelicts and criminals were cast out, they were "going to the dogs."

Another theory has Dutch origins in a like-sounding phrase that refers to the loss of money and credit. A third theory connects the phrase to the practice of throwing rotten or leftover food to dogs. In each case, the meaning is the same: things have gone downhill, gone wrong, gone bad.

Unless, of course, you're a bird dog owner. For many of us, life has gone to the dogs and we love it – stacked crates, muddy floors, pilfered trash, spectacular retrieves, amazing points, and a never-ending supply of tail-wagging laughs.

"If aliens saw us walking our dogs and picking up their poop, who would they think is in charge?"

– Anonymous

"No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as much as the dog does."

– Christopher Morley

"A well trained dog will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you cannot enjoy it."

– Helen Thomson

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

– Anne Landers

"The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too."

– Samuel Butler

"When the line between hunter and dog starts to blur, it's time to find the right wine pairing for Milkbones."

– Anonymous

"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."

– Edward Hoagland

"Every dog has his day, unless he loses his tail, then he has a weak-end."

– June Carter Cash

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them."

– Phil Pastoret


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