

NAVHDA International 56th Annual Meeting
Jan 31- Feb 1, 2025
Bozeman, Montana
Patti Carter, Yankee Chapter Delegate

The **Montana Sharptail Chapter of NAVHDA** did a great job hosting the 2025 Annual Meeting. They had great support from their members. Thursday we attended a reception at Meateaters Store in downtown Bozeman. It's always a wonderful reunion of friends at these events. Overall attendee numbers were low. 40 Delegates represented their chapters, which was average.

Friday, there were several educational seminars I attended.

Setting your dog up for Reproduction Success, Dr Julie Oghigian

She spoke a lot on preparing the male, something I'd not thought too much about till her talk.

Male

Stud dog needs to be conditioned for collection. Supplements to a Stud dog's diet , she suggests: Vetri flex (glucosamine), Vit E, 400 I/U daily, Vit D, green lipped mussels for joint support, Zinc 20-40 mg/ daily. Discuss with your vet.
Brucellosis testing.

If you feel there is a male w breeding potential, semen should be collected and preserved by 18 months of age. They always can be discarded later.

Female

Progesterone testing. Cytology.

Ovulation happens 36 hours after LH surge. Breed 2-5 days after ovulation. Don't disregard Day 2 or 6. Eggs need to be mature to be impregnated.

Reproduction Resources for reproduction supplies.

Puppy Management, tails 2-3 days after birth.

Deworming 2,4,6,8 weeks.

Vaccinations 6-7, 8-9, 12, 16 weeks.

Round Table Discussions with Delegates.

Yankee Chapter is a very respected chapter across the country. Blaine and I answered many questions to those in attendance and also many more after meeting. Hopefully NAVHDA reactivates their **Best Practices Program** as many chapters continue to struggle.

Randy Hansen was very supportive of those in attendance re the new Portal. Pete Aplikowski helped Randy with the printing of labels for test entry. It was nice to see.

Apprentice Judge Reimbursement Program. Attention Yankee Apprentices, International Program, save your receipts! Yankee also has a Reimbursement Program. Again, save your receipts! There is no charge for Yankee Chapter Apprentices to attend the upcoming Aims and Rules Clinic!

Youth Programs: there were 269 youths active in NAVHDA in 2024.
\$267,000 in Youth Fund.

2024 Finances and Invitational: NAVHDA lost \$22,000 at last year's Invitational. 2025 Entries open March 1. September 9-13, 2025 Iowa. September 24-27, 2026, New Mexico.
Overall income down. Fewer dogs registered. Membership down.

NAVHDA has 112 chapters.

Corporate Sponsors

Purina (started supporting NAVHDA in 1991.)
Garmin
Ugly Dog Hunting,
Ruffland Kennels

Conservation Partners

NAVHDA donated \$5,000 to RGS for Habitat Research at Bald Eagle State Park in PA.
NAVHDA donated \$7500.00 to Pheasants Forever for habitat support at BAWA Wildlife Area.

Registry, Lisa Pehur

4,488 dogs registered in 2024.

The **Epagneul Breton** is now recognized as a NAVHDA Breed.

Registry is hoping **breeders** will give **full registrations** to pups when they sell them. These dogs will be given a NAVHDA number which will be used for testing.

Judging, Mark Whalen.

NA 2506 dogs tested
UPT 131 dogs tested
UT 971 dogs tested
Gun Dog Test , GDT, will replace Utility Prep

Judges

170 Judges
79 Seniors
31 Clinic Leaders
4 Acting Seniors

Chapter Motions 2025

#1.Canadian Chapters

Travel distance to be added to the Out of Area judge definition.
Delegates approved.
NAVHDA agreed to review travel distances.

#2. Canadian Chapters

NAVHDA to survey more successful chapters to assist others in member retention.
Delegates approved
NAVHDA agreed to share Best Practices

#3. KS Chapter

Add registered “name check” to the website to see if a puppy name is already in use.
Delegates approved.
Registry will look into the possibility of checking names prior to attempting to register.

#4. Michigan Chapter

Lifetime Membership to those members that complete at least 30 consecutive years.
Delegates approved.
NAVHDA rejected motion.

#5 Pocono Mountain Chapter

Motion to have Delegate's Meeting and Business Meeting available on line for all members.

Delegates approved.

NAVHDA will look into ways of having all chapters represented at Delegates Meeting.

Again, thank you for allowing me to attend NAVHDA's International Meeting. International Meeting 2026 will be in Texas (so a wee bit warmer).

Patti Carter, Yankee Chapter, President