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Yankee Chapter Game Dinner and
"Ask the Vet" event
1774 Inn
Phippsburg, Maine

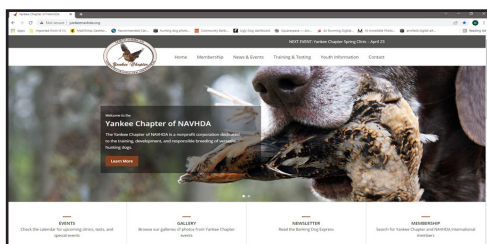
April 27, 2024

Yankee Training Clinic
Dresden, Maine

Check out NAVHDA's new logo!



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from our president...

Greetings,

The Yankee Chapter's training adventures for 2024 began February 17th with our Indoor Clinic at Hawkes in Phippsburg, Maine. It was another great day of training. A huge thanks to Hawkes Tree Service for the venue and a wee bit of warmth. Thank you Yankee member Russell Estes for his hours of work moving very very large vehicles in and out of the building. These events are huge socially for our dogs. 50 plus, young and old, worked well together.

Before moving ahead into 2024, I'd just want to thank our membership for stepping up by agreeing to support the Yankee Chapter's decision to be an Advocate Level Donor to the Ruffed Grouse Society and a Sponsor Level Donor to Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever and the American Woodcock Society. Several other NAVHDA chapters did the same, some chapters even became Lifetime Members. Our leadership role has meant a lot to these organizations. As I stated before, there were no communications about negotiation issues with these organizations shared with delegates or members at the International annual meeting in Michigan. The only announcement was at the Judges Breakout Session that the two Conservation Partnerships and NAVHDA could not come to a decision and Judges no longer were required to mention them as Partners in Conservation at our tests. The great news is that NAVHDA is again negotiating plans of support. I do believe our chapter made a difference! Thanks for your passion for habitat and all its creatures.

Don't miss our new Game Luncheon and Dr. Charles Ellithorpe's "Ask the Veterinarian" session on March 10. I've seen some of the questions and it's going to be a very educational afternoon. If you haven't signed up, there's still time. Always keep an eye on Yankee Chapter's website for updates.

Yankee's Test Secretary, Nick Racioppi, has drawn entries for our 2024 tests. Nick has notified all handlers. If you have not heard or have questions, please give Nick a call 207-751-3133.

The NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program is looking for young people, 12 to 14 years old, who would like to learn more outdoors skills and hunting. The program has been designed to support youth who have limited exposure to the outdoors and our versatile hunting dogs and all they do.

It's going to be another great year of training and education.
See you all soon.

-- Patti



The 1774 Inn

2024 Yankee Chapter Tests

We received 50 entry forms for the lottery drawing and 5 additional entry forms after the lottery closing date.

June Test - 20 dogs

14 NA

6 UT

We have an opening for 1 UT or 2 NA's for 6/7/24

September Test – 35 dogs

7 NA

1 UPT

10 UT

17 dogs on the waiting list. 6 of the dogs are NA and 11 are UT.

The running dates were sent to all handlers and owners and if you have any questions or you are interested in moving from the September waiting list to the June test, please contact the **Yankee Chapter Test Secretary Nick Racioppi** at 207-751-3133 or feathersfins@comcast.net

membership renewal

If by any chance life got busy, your computer crashed, or you've just been wallowing in the doldrums of the winter chill and you haven't renewed your Yankee membership, we still want you!

Besides the all important dues, our membership roster helps us project our needs for birds, equipment, event planning and much more. It's also the best way to make sure you receive emails and info from Yankee.

It's easy: Just go to the Yankee NAVHDA website, select Membership, and click on Apply Now. This will bring up a simple form that you can send in to **Sarah Franklin**, our **Membership Coordinator**.

And if you change your email address, be sure to let her know!

Yankee Chapter Game Dinner & Ask the Veterinarian

On Sunday, March 10th at 12:00 p.m. the Yankee Chapter's first Game Dinner and Ask the Veterinarian event will be held at the 1774 Inn at 44 Parker Head Road in Phippsburg.

Connect, eat, talk dogs, and ask chapter member, Charles Ellithorpe DVM, questions. Everyone should bring a dish, appetizer, side or dessert to share. BYOB. Location The 1774 Inn, owned by Sarah Devan. This beautiful and historic Inn was built in 1774 on the banks of the mighty Kennebec River in Phippsburg, Maine. Yankee Chapter welcomes all our neighboring chapter members to join us in the food, fun, stories and education.

Watch your email in the next few days for a link to rsvp!

YANKEE TRAINING CLINIC APRIL 27th

The first outdoor **YANKEE TRAINING CLINIC** of the 2024 season is just a few weeks away. Whether you're testing a dog this year, introducing a puppy to the wonderful world of bird hunting, or just giving your hunting buddy a tune-up, come join us. We'll cover all kinds of field work for all levels -- steadiness, tracking, retrieving, heeling and lots of obedience drills. (No water work yet.)

The clinic will be held at our Dresden site, **the Green Point Wildlife Management Area**, with registration starting at 8 a.m. and the clinic at 9:00. More information about our training sites is available on our website: www.yankeenavhda.org.

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

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

REMINDER: The Yankee clinics are designed to give everyone and their dogs a variety of training opportunities. When it is not your turn in the field (or at the water) and you've gone through all the stations, it's easy to find something else for you and your dog to do: practice heeling and stay on the placeboards, ask to walk along with other dogs in the field to pick up tips and strategies, offer to be a 'gallery' for dogs practicing tracks and retrieve by drag. And don't forget to chip in and help our terrific volunteer crew!

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

THANK YOU!



Welcome New Members!

Alex Josephs
Jessica & Jaysen Cobb
Kevin Schofield
Michael & Katie Hendry
Nick Ribaud
Daniel Phillips
Chip Eames
James Thornton
Megan Carrier
Keeley Klitz
Tom & Ericka O'Rourke
Larisa Hart



Impulse Control



What is this term that is being tossed about lately?

Impulse. Dictionary definition: *a sudden strong wish or need to do something, without stopping to think about the results.*

If a \$100 bill blew across the path in front of you, you would have a sudden and strong "wish or need" to do something, correct? Most likely an impulse to grab.

Desire to Work. NAVHDA Aims and Rules: *...dog must demonstrate that it wants to find game. A dog with the proper desire will manifest it as an attitude, a force, a compulsion and the dog's work will have a strong sense of purpose. The desire to work is the hallmark of a good hunting dog, and the desire is expressed in every phase of work on land and water, from beginning to end.*

If your dog has inherited the correct

desire, the forward compulsion for game on water or land, it's time to control his wish or need with obedience.

It's extremely important to gauge your dog's forward desire for the task and balance the training and corrections accordingly. Start with the basics. Yard work focusing on heel, come and whoa is extremely important prior to introducing game. You must be able to handle your dog during yard work and eventually field work.

Your dog MUST know how to wait if we are going to teach pointing, steadiness, or blind manners. To get a dog to wait when his impulse is to chase can be tough. When training the command whoa, I have found most dogs will take a few steps. I like to work on these details in places other than the field thus preventing a softening of attitude, desire. Try to be inventive in your training, mix it up,

your dog's attitude will improve.

If you have a staircase in your home, use it for heeling drills and whoa. The dog's desire to go outside may manifest a rush down the stairs. Use this as a training moment. I don't want to stop his desire to go up or down the stairs, but I can change his impulse to rush to the bottom with obedience. In and out of a door, jumping in or out of a truck, waiting to eat are all great obedience moments. Don't miss them as they will pay benefits when we get to the field and water later on.

You are teaching patience and impulse control during your every day training. You are building confidence and a working relationship between you and your dog. Keep an eye out for those blowing \$100 bills!

Good training,
Blaine

The Indoor Clinic -- Our Training Season Opener!

Another amazing Indoor Clinic is in the books!

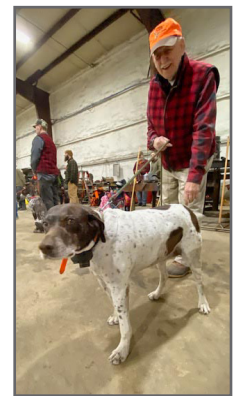
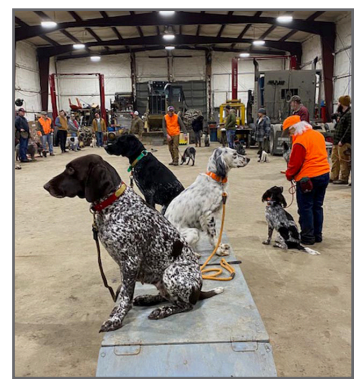
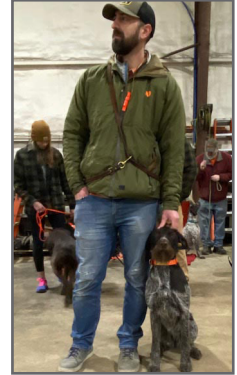
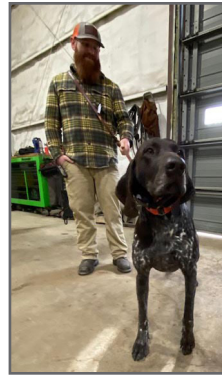
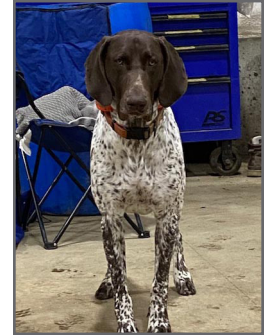
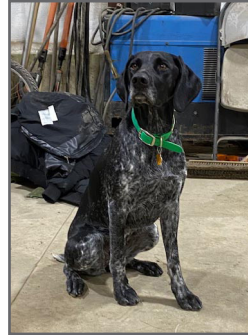
The Yankee Chapter has been doing these events for a long time and were mostly held at various Rod and Gun Clubs in Southern Maine. It has become a reason to get together in New England's coldest month, socializing with friends and dogs. Raymond Dyer, who was in attendance on Saturday, later arranged for us to gather at Vocational Region 10 in Brunswick, which we did for many years until COVID.

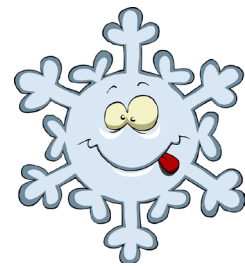
The Yankee Chapter was the first Northern New England Chapter of NAVHDA. As members left Yankee, forming their own chapters to the North and South, their leadership followed many of Yankee's traditions. Many members in attendance on Saturday came as members of Seabiscuit, New England Seacoast, and Merrimack.

As you noticed on Saturday, our size requirement has grown. The Yankee Chapter wants to thank Russell Estes for working with Hawkes Tree Service. Russell moved a lot of trucks out and later moved them back in to the huge garage. We cannot thank you enough Russell.

The \$10.00 you paid for the event went to cover fuel costs to take the chill off(\$50.00). We also donated \$100.00 to the youth programs at the Phippsburg Sportsman's Association.

Thanks to all and see you at the State of Maine Sportsmans Show April 19-21.





yankee youth!

There's lots to do as we start to turn the corner from Winter into Spring. Here's one great project to try:

**** Make your own homemade maple syrup!

The sap in maple trees is starting to run. As the amount of daylight increases this is the signal that tells the trees to start sending nutrients back into the tree's branches and stems. Trees use sap to carry the sugars needed to grow new leaves each spring.

Did you know it takes about 40 gallons of maple sap to make only 1 gallon of maple syrup, which 2 - 3 large maple trees can do in a single season. For birch trees it takes about 100 gallons of syrup to make a single gallon of birch syrup. The process is pretty simple and a lot of fun. You can order taps on-line and run them to a clean plastic bucket with plastic hose.

1. Collect the sap from your trees and boil it down in a large pot. As the level reduces continue to add sap until you run out, at which point you can finish the batch. The sap has become maple syrup when the temperature reaches 219 degrees Fahrenheit. If you continue to boil the syrup and remove more water it can even be turned into maple taffy.

2. Strain the sap through a cloth into a glass jar for safe keeping.

3. Make a batch of pancakes and enjoy!

Enjoy the days as they continue to get longer and the temperatures get warmer.

-- Philip Laperriere



4H CAMPS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY !!



One of the benefits of being a Yankee Chapter member is that we provide youth scholarships to attend the **Univ. of Maine 4H Camp** each summer. Camp choices include Day Camp Weeks, Woodcraft Program Path, Naturalist Program Path, Wilderness Survival Path, Maine Woods Adventure Programs, Recreational Safety Programs, 4-H Shooting Sports, Teen Leadership, and Camp North Woods.

To apply for the Yankee Chapter scholarships: Please have your child write us a letter expressing interest to go to any of the University of Maine 4-H camps. This can be a drawing, one sentence or a letter.

All scholarships are sent directly to the camp and deducted from your final bill. Please email ycnavhda@gmail.com with camper letters by April 1st. Use links below for camp details. These top notch camps fill up fast.

<https://extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/>
<https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/camplottery/index.pl>

WINTER KIDS DAY

On Sunday March 3rd we will be supporting the Phippsburg Sportsman's Association Winter Kids Day. Bring the kids and enjoy the weather. Winter activity gear is provided along with a hotdog lunch at noon.

The Yankee Chapter is seeking volunteers and their dogs to help pull dog sleds. This is an opportunity to give back to the organization that provides an ideal facility to host our annual meeting. The chapter has sleds and harnesses available. Please contact Patti Carter or Philip Laperriere for more details.

Additional details on the event can be found at the following website: <https://allevents.in/hippsburg/2024-winter-family-field-day/200026032821241>

Yankee Youth continued on the next page ...

yankee youth continued!



Breed Name Mix 'n Match

Match each word in the first column with one in the second column to name six versatile dog breeds.

Braque		Fousek
Wirehaired		Setter
French		Shorthair
Gordon		Spaniel
German		Vizsla
Cesky		St. Germain

Know any kids looking for some fun and adventure this summer?

Have you heard about the NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Camp put on by the Yankee Chapter?

The NAHP is a three-day, day-camp that provides campers the opportunity to hone their dog training, hunting and outdoor skills. This hands-on experience will be a fun-filled outdoors adventure, guaranteed to hook any young boy or girl to the thrills of training and hunting over versatile hunting dogs.

NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Camp is day camp scheduled for Friday July 19th - Sunday July 21st. Camp starts at 8 o'clock and wraps up between 4:30 and 5:30

We are still seeking interested kids between the ages of 12 and 14.

Camping space is available at the location for campers accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Also seeking volunteers to help with various camp events: Set-up, Practical Map & Compass / Orienteering, Meals & Meal Prep, Tear Down and more. Please contact the Yankee Chapter Director of Youth Development at pnlaperriere@gmail.com for more information.



Annabelle Dodge (9 yrs old) shot her first bird -- a big beautiful grouse -- this fall. Her buddy here, Ely, helped with the retrieve. Congratulations, Annabelle!



xylitol warning!

Many brands of chewing gum, mints, and toothpaste such as Trident, PUR, B-Fresh, and Icebreakers, contain xylitol which is toxic to dogs. One stick of gum containing xylitol may contain enough to poison a small dog. Generally, the dose of xylitol required to cause poisoning in dogs is about 0.05 grams per pound of body weight. Chewing gum typically contains about 0.22-1.1 gram of xylitol per piece. If you think your dog has eaten xylitol, seek veterinary help immediately. Because hypoglycemia and other serious adverse effects may not occur in some cases for up to 12 to 24 hours, your dog may need medical monitoring.



Member Spotlight

Get to know some "not your normal" chapter members!

Taking our cue from the Versatile Hunting Dog magazine "Meet the Membership" column, we've started this new BDE feature where you can 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?



Betty Blackmann

1. Retired.
2. Artist- which I am.
3. We own 2 Llewelin Setters.
4. I competed in a dressage competition, trained hard and won over tuff odds.
5. I had trained dogs all my life, bought a bird dog. I wanted to learn how to train it properly.
6. Have a better body that didn't break down all the time!
7. Ketchup!



Dani Murphy

1. My name is Danielle Murphy my nick-name is Dani with an i!
2. My current job is a Detective. My dream job would be to lead people in immersive outdoor experiences where they could be exposed to the beauty of all seasons in Maine and learn how outdoor experiences can bring healing and confidence.
3. I own two Wirehaired Pointing Griffons. My very first versatile hunting dogs. Prior to them I owned a cocker spaniel (who didn't hunt), a Rottweiler, and a bullmastiff Lab mix. Each lived long lives as the only dogs in my home (yeah I'm getting old). I loved them all!! But experiencing the joy of hunting over my Griffis has been a dream come true!
4. Something you don't know about me.... I worked counterterrorism for 5 years and received an award from the Director of the FBI in 2016.
5. I joined Yankee because ITS NOTYOUR NORMAL CHAPTER! So I found my people!!!!
6. If I could do one thing different in my training? Just ONE thing?!?! I'd teach heeling every chance I got!! And backing... c'mon no one can pick just one!!!
7. The oldest thing in my fridge.... Hmmmm.... It's a tie.. bitters or old fashioned syrup.... Time to fix that... where is the Blantons?



Pilot

1. Garibaldi's B-24 Nose Gunner. "Pilot"
2. Apprentice bird dog and director of household entertainment. I dream of being on stage at the Grand Ole Opry, blowing some awesome tunes out my jowls.
3. I'm a Bracco Italiano.
4. I love a good electric toothbrushing.
5. My handler, Nancy Anisfield, insisted I join Yankee for training to give all those German dogs in our chapter something to talk about.
6. Not have to swim. Breed stereotyping puts lotsa pressure on that one.
7. There is nothing old in my fridge. I eat everything. Including a lot of stuff that never made it to the fridge.



Gnarly

1. Wicked Gnarly
2. Bird dog, sled dog, couch potato, the governor at MMK.
3. I'm a shorthair, I'm a singleton, I read emotions, I love to track stuff.
4. I have beautiful ripples in my fur.
5. No choice, my human mom is the president of the chapter.
6. I would grow dew claws to help me in emergencies on ice. Mom was very scared!
7. That frozen yucky ducky. Really yucky!



With napkins ready and stomachs growling, the Barking Dog Express welcomes recipes new and old for our cooking page. Send us your favorite game recipes and game cooking tips. Original recipes are welcome along with favorites created by others. If you send a recipe from another cookbook or chef, please tell us who created the recipe or where you found it. Bonus points are yours for a photo of the dish prepared.

PHEASANT CHILI

- sent in by Nancy Anisfield

This recipe is an adaptation of a wonderful white chili recipe served at the former Krull Lodge in Harrold, South Dakota.

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup olive oil
2 cans cannellini beans (15 oz cans)
1/2 can kidney beans (15 oz can)
1-1/2 yellow bell peppers, diced
1 large diced onion
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 cup sliced celery
1 quart chicken or pheasant stock
1 cup whole whipping cream
3/4 cup flour
1 fresh bay leaf
4 pheasant breasts, cubed
3/4 tablespoon chili
3/4 tablespoon cumin
salt and white pepper to taste

PREPARATION

Heat a stock pot until it is very hot, then add olive oil and quickly brown the pheasant pieces.

Add cumin and chili powder, cook a minute or two then add the garlic, peppers, onion and celery, then stir. Add the bay leaf, the flour, and then stir.

Add the pheasant or chicken stock, beans and whipping cream, then stir.

Simmer for 45 minutes.

Salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with nacho or tortilla chips.



Game Prep Tips - presented by Joe Schwenke at the NAVHDA International Annual Meeting

Chef Joe Schwenke did a cooking demo and talked a bit about how to handle game meat in the field and while preparing dishes. Here are some of the tips he gave:

1. It is important to cool freshly killed game as quickly as possible to halt the growth of bacteria.
Bring an extra cooler with ice to put the birds in.
If the outside air is cool, birds can be kept outside as long as the air can flow around them to promote cooling.
Do not put freshly killed birds in plastic bags.
2. Try not to get game meat wet. It's okay to wash and pat dry.
3. Aging tenderizes meat. You can hang birds by the neck to age them. 3-7 days max, depending on the temperature. 55 degrees max.
4. Preserving meat by using a vacuum sealer is the best. Canning meat is also a good way to preserve it.
5. Have a plan. Think ahead about your recipe and kitchen prep. This can help you decide how to cut, save, age, or store the meat.

Give a Dog a Bone

Dana and Debbie Masters



Give A Dog A Bone

The story behind "Give a Dog aBone" canine charity probably doesn't differ much from other such entities other than the fact that Debbie and I started this one.

We, (Debbie, myself, and Doc, our Brittany) started volunteering at Wayside Food Pantry in Portland a little over 14 years ago delivering food boxes to affiliate pantries in the Southern Maine lakes region area where we live.

Doc road "shotgun" (pun intended) on every single delivery we made, in fact, he passed away on the evening of a scheduled delivery day, we didn't know it was to be his last delivery with us. Doc was amazing, when we got him as a puppy 15 and half years earlier, we had hoped to train him up as a working dog but kids, work, and business didn't allow time for it so he became an absolute blessing as a canine companion.

Doc was very healthy and really didn't have anything that required a lot of large veterinary expenses with the exception of a lumpectomy which was quite costly for us at the time; thankfully we had a little cash reserve

for such things. A few months before he passed away, (at home with us by his side by the way) he had an accident that was a major expense. Even though he was an elderly dog, he still managed to be all he could be so Debbie and I found the money for the surgery to fix him up.

After Doc's passing, the road trips delivering food boxes for the elderly began to lose its appeal and Debbie and I simultaneously started thinking about another way that we could be helpful to others. As we drove, we would reminisce about Doc and that's when we conceived the idea of a canine charity.

Debbie and I are self employed, we produce sauces and seasonings. We thought that if we relabeled our steak sauce and sold it, we could take the profit from it and deposit it into a fund to help dog owners defer some of the expenses associated with veterinary care.

And that's the story behind "Give a dog a Bone" canine charity.

Here's how it works: We ask that if you or someone you know may need

some financial assistance to help with veterinary care such as office visits, medication, hospital stays, etc. speak to your vet and ask them to reach out to us. We work with the clinics/hospitals directly. We are specific about what we established the charity for. Our main focus is the care and wellbeing of working/sporting dogs during their prime performance years to help with injuries/accidents, (but not limited to, each inquiry is carefully considered) and situations as previously mentioned. We also focus on "after" care needs such as burial and or cremation. Dental hygiene and oral care are not something usually associated with the field or show arena, so these are areas we don't assist with (sorry).

We have reached out to a few veterinary clinics and so far, one is actually helping us by allowing us to sell the sauce at their location. In closing, we must point out that this is a delicious steak sauce for people, your pup may enjoy it equally as you but please don't feed it to your dog!

Thank you for taking the time to read about "Give A Dog A Bone" canine charity.



CLASSIFIEDS

Kayak Wanted! The Yankee Chapter needs to upgrade our itsy bitsy tippy kayak. We are looking for a sit-on kayak that will better and more safely serve our clinic and testing needs.

For Sale: Mud River Crate Cover

Size: Large
Water resistant coating, removable window flaps, roll-up front flap, thermal insulation, rubber bottom, rubber mesh window coverings, 2-ply 1200 Denier poly, and a variety of storage pockets. New. \$50
Contact Patti Carter:

mmkennels@myfairpoint.net



Why I Hunt

by Peter Pointer

Dan Riley sent us this article and suggested we share it with the chapter. It was first published January 3, 2024, by the Ruffed Grouse Society as part of their 2023 online Story Fair. Reprinted by permission of RGS.

The ruffed grouse is found only in the heaviest habitat. When it takes off it does so at full speed (35 mph) and makes a lot of noise. You have approximately 1.5 seconds to hear it, spot it, raise your shotgun, take off the safety, aim and fire. My father, the most incredible shot I have ever known, said, as a general rule, for every 3 you hear you will see one, for every 3 you see you will get a shot at one and for every 3 you shoot at (if you are very good), you will get one. Tom, Scott and dad Pete hunt them in northern Wisconsin.

Why do we hunt?

You walk 6-8 miles a day at about 1 mph through heavy brush, over slippery leaves, rocks and slash, up and down hills, in weather that is often too hot or too wet. Sometimes you walk hours, your legs straining, your shoulders tired from carrying 6 pounds of shotgun at ready arms and a dozen shotgun shells, knife,

GPS, and compass in your coat and pants, without even a flush!...why? I have thought about this, and regardless of a rational answer, I crave to come back for more. However, I will try to explain why I love the hunt and anticipate this event with such relish. Perhaps it is...

The mental challenge of finding the right habitat by review of county forest unit maps, USGS maps, google aerials and habitat maps (in some locations) to pick and schedule the three days for maximum flushes the joy of stepping into the woods, free of the responsibilities and pressures of work, family and civic responsibilities, to smell the woods and see the colors and feel the freedom in God's wonderful creation. The dramatic excitement when a feathered rocket launches from an unexpected place, at the unexpected time, and you test yourself to see if you can spot him, draw a bead and bring him down. Then the echo of gunfire, the smell of

powder in the cool autumn air as you race to find a downed bird, or, shout to your partners, he got away...

Or the incredible colors of the fall forest. Or an encounter with a deer, a bear, an eagle, a wolf, an elk, a porky, a cougar, wild turkeys, rabbits, squirrels or even a small garter snake, and the incredible camaraderie that makes it a joyful and soul satisfying event (even without ever firing a shot) as we orchestrate our moves in the woods, clean birds and guns at the cabin, enjoy dinner or talk on the drive up and back. And treat of all treats, our sumptuous picnic lunches and plinking, and even the packing up, the cleaning of guns and the shopping for luncheon treats.

Ah, I thank God for the experience of challenging myself, of experiencing God's marvelous creation, of fellowship and bonding with my beloved hunting partners. Amen



Proceeds benefit pups in need!


Give A Dog A Bone

STEAK SAUCE FOR CANINE CHARITY

A generous portion of sale proceeds from this steak sauce benefit the "give a dog a bone" nonprofit, charity fund established in 2022. Funds will help dog owners in need of financial assistance for their pet's surgery or hospital stay bills, spay or neuter services, or cremation / burial needs.

Learn more at: GiveADogABoneFund.org

*For human consumption only, please do not feed to your dog.



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If you need a large field and wooded trails for your bird dog training, give us a call. We have the area, equipment, Bob White Quail, and Ringneck Pheasants available for you to train your bird dog. Blanks and live fire for junior and senior/master hunter training is permitted.

Bridgton, Maine

Why we hunt ...

Peter's article reminded us of back in 2019 when the Barking Dog Express asked Yankee Chapter members to tell us why THEY hunt. We published their answers in January 2020 and thought it might be fun to share their comments again.

I hunt because of that moment when it all comes together and my girl rushes back, head held high, mouth overflowing with grouse, presenting proudly and we celebrate this success together... my best friend, my versatile hunting dog. – **Camille Noldan**

I love to hunt because it's been genetically planted deep in my bones.
-- **Blaine Carter**

I hunt becauseI love being outdoors, enjoying a walk with my husband, watching our dog work the covers and finding that beautiful grouse or woodcock. – **Debbie Brey**

I hunt because my dog loves me. It is the only way I can repay him for his unconditional love, boundless enthusiasm and desire for the game.
-- **Mark Cote**

I hunt because I enjoy being outdoors with family and friends watching our dogs do what they were trained for and what they love to do.
– **Nick Racioppi**

I love to be with my dogs, I love the woods and waters, I love my friends.
– **Patti Carter**

I hunt because I love the aroma of the woods-roads I'm walking
The giggling leafs dancing across the roads I'm hunting
Wait Laddie's pointing Bentley's backing
Oh I hear that whistle Timberdoodles
One shot I swing now two are down
Laddie's fetching his stride like a bunny hop "Back"
Now times two in the bag
-- **Betty Blackman**

First and foremost would be for the love of these dogs...and the outdoors....and watching my hunting buddies do what they love. Just magical to see them work birds!
– **Judie Bayles**

I hunt for the adventures and the challenges, the raw freedom generated from the outdoor experience, to quiet the voices in my head, to enjoy my dogs, to cheer on friends and mentor new hunters, to be with family and to embrace everything that is upland.
-- **Jason Carter**

I hunt because it's how I was made, how I was raised and who I am, with no apologies. – **Charles Ellithorpe**

I love upland hunting for a lot of reasons. Mostly because I get to see the training I've put into my dog come into play. Training and testing our NAVHDA dogs is a great time, but hunting wild birds with them is so rewarding. Watching my dog and friend's dogs in the wild, hunting, has a cleansing effect to it. Sharing these times with family and friends doesn't get any better. – **Matt Lorello**

I love the colors smells sounds and touch of the birds; the trees grass sky and prairie; I love my dogs and being alone in the woods with them; I love hunting them with their siblings and how they hunt together, and how there's someone besides me that loves it as much as I do.
– **Nancy Anisfield**

I hunt because Bill encouraged me to learn to shoot well and started us on the bird-dog path in 1984. Hunting with him was my great joy. Now, I hunt with friends—my black canines and humans with their dogs—for the woody scent, the thrilling point, the gasp at the flush, bang. What a retrieve! Yum! – **Remillie Norsworthy**





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