



barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

oct/nov/dec 2022

from our president...

As I begin to jot down my last President's message of 2022 to my Yankee Chapter friends and their families, it's officially our much awaited hunting season. It's Here! The excitement is contagious. You have worked very hard this season. I hope to run into a Yankee sticker or two along my travels. Stay safe.

Greetings fellow members.

It's been an incredible year for our chapter, its members and their wonderful dogs. I watched your passion, your commitment, your successes this training season. I listened to your ideas and appreciated the many that stepped up to help our chapter in so many ways. The leadership of the Yankee Chapter has a passion to make us the best. They have stepped up when asked. I hope every member has viewed the same. We welcomed many new members and families this season. We always welcome fresh ideas and participation.

Excitement began at our Indoor Training Clinic in Phippsburg. You showed up in record numbers ready to train. There was a message in those numbers. It was going to be an amazing year! We finished with 5 training events, 9 days of testing and 5 days of demonstrations under our belts.

With so many new members, we feel it's time to hold another Aims and Rules Clinic, purpose of which is to educate owners and trainers to better understand NAVHDA's testing system. This event is very popular and will fill fast. Number of participants are limited. More info on this will follow in 2023.

Our 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on January 8th. Offices and Directors up for election or reelection this year are Vice President, Treasurer, Test Secretary, Gunning and Testing. More details and the location of this meeting will follow.

As I close for 2022, remember the Yankee sticker on your truck speaks volumes. You are an ethical hunter with a well-trained versatile hunting dog. Please share your stories and photos with the chapter.

Please stay safe.
Patti

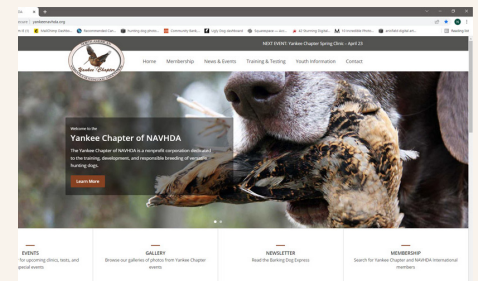
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upcoming events

January 8, 2023
Yankee Annual Meeting

January 27-28
NAVHDA International
Annual Meeting



www.yankeenavhda.org

The chapter website is a wealth of info and support materials from first aid to Yankee training sites to our photo gallery. Any questions? Contact our Webmaster, Brian Pike:
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yankee updates and info



YANKEE FALL TEST RESULTS

| Call Name | NA | UT | Handler | Score |
|-----------|----|----|-------------------|---------|
| Jake | | 1 | William T. Thomas | 188 Pz2 |
| Jeb | | 1 | Russell Oakes | 170 Pz3 |
| Ember | | 1 | Danielle Murphy | 204 Pz1 |
| Tilde | | 1 | Gocki CM Andrews | 183 Pz2 |
| Klara | | 1 | Charles Andrews | 201 Pz1 |
| Dakota | | 1 | Natalie Peaslee | 204 Pz1 |

| Call Name | NA | UT | Handler | Score |
|-----------|----|----|---------------------|---------|
| Abby | | 1 | Kevin Colwell | 197 Pz2 |
| Tippet | | 1 | PJ Rose | 194 Pz1 |
| Brooke | | 1 | Nicholas Racioppi | 179 Pz2 |
| Charlie | 1 | | Dennis Paul Kirouac | 105 Pz1 |
| Rip | 1 | | Gina Taylor | 90 Pz3 |
| Frankie | 1 | | Laura Farell | 102 Pz2 |
| Tessa | 1 | | Mark Morneau | 106 Pz2 |

| Call Name | NA | UT | Handler | Scores |
|-----------|----|----|------------------|---------|
| Gioia | | X | Rosemary Stanley | 196 Pz1 |
| Leo | | X | John McDonough | 157 NP |
| Lady | | X | Peter Bako | 163 Pz2 |
| Ari | X | | Daniel Vannoni | 108 Pz1 |
| Tillie | X | | Marsha Bennett | 97 Pz3 |
| Bart | X | | Laura Farell | 112 Pz1 |
| Ripple | X | | Jeremy Hatch | 92 NP |

| Call Name | NA | UT | Handler | Score |
|-----------|----|----|-----------------|---------|
| Cinch | | 1 | Ian Burnes | 131 NP |
| Tuck | | 1 | Julie Towers | 165 Pz3 |
| Leyna | | 1 | David Kuritzky | 182 NP |
| Etta | | 1 | Patricia Carter | 183 Pz3 |
| Reload | | 1 | Patrick Bowles | 204 Pz1 |
| Wren | 1 | | Melissa Knutson | 112 Pz1 |

Thank you to Nick Racioppi, Yankee's Test Secretary, for the tremendous job he did this year handling so many test applications and handlers, mountains of paperwork, and timely reporting of scores.

treasurer's update

The current total in our checking account is \$28,456.79. The money market has \$17,790.48. We are showing \$6,089.86 for KKBB and \$1,919.50 for the Apprentice Judge Fund.

-Shawn Mowers

thank you donation

Patti and Blaine Carter did a demo and training event for Maine's Large Munsterlander Association this summer. To show their appreciation, the Munsterlander Association donated \$200.00 to Yankee for our Yankee Chapter youth.



Large G3 Dakota 283 G3 kennel, gray, in great shape, for possible swap or sale. Looking for a Medium Dakota 283 G3. Call or text Jeremy Hatch at 207-491-5266.

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The Barking Dog Express will be published five times a year:

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Jan/Feb

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May/June

July/Aug/Sept

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Litter Ads - 1/4 page max size
free for members
\$15 / month non-members

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\$25 /year members
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Yankee goes West

Blaine, Misi and I headed to Albuquerque, NM to cheer on NAVHDA members at the 2022 Invitational. Other Yankees in attendance at the Invitational were Terry Wilson, Nancy Anisfield, Kathleen Weller, Damon Jordan, and Adrian Yanofsky. Nancy worked hard as a photographer. Her photos capture the drama for each handler. Terry volunteered as a Field Marshal and Water Marshal.

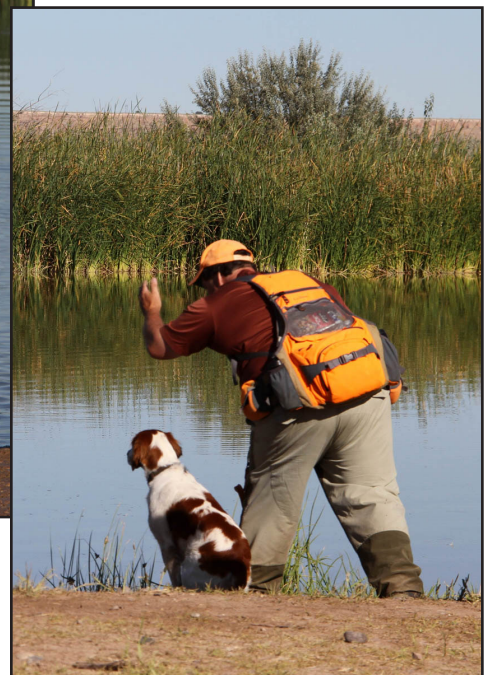
Watching at the two water events, the Double Mark Retrieve and the Blind Retrieve, is thrilling but sometimes also devastating. Misi and I stood in support of each handler we watched, learning prior to their run the story of their journey to the Invitational. We were also there in support of Kathleen and Rooster, Adrian and Yoshi. Rooster and Yoshi worked very hard under very difficult conditions.

Each morning, my stomach flipped as I watched the opening ceremonies, knowing how much blood, sweat and tears went into this moment.

Misi and I took it upon ourselves to support each and every handler we met. In typical Yankee fashion, we became a friendly face in a crowd of very nervous handlers. It was amazing how many friends we made, how many smiles were exchanged.

Not surprising, but the Yankee tailgate party was the largest in the host hotel parking lot. Western Skies Inn & Suites was very obliging as we borrowed chair after chair from the hotel lobby. We know the friendships we made at this year's Invitational will bring many handlers' wonderful memories as well as thoughts of the Yankee Chapter members they met.

-- Patti



from our director of training...

Training Season Ends, Hunting Season Begins

by Blaine Carter

A few notes...

Wow, 2022 Training Season is complete.

First and foremost, the Yankee Chapter members and their dogs owe a huge round of applause to our dedicated Training Committee! I like to say the performance of our dogs at our clinics and tests showed the hard work of their owners and Yankee Chapter trainers.

Congrats to Adrian and Kathleen who ran in the 2022 Invitational in New Mexico. Conditions were tough but Yoshi and Rooster worked hard and showed off the many hours of training. The Blind Retrieve proved to be the element that took most dogs out of the title of Versatile Champion. The Yankee Chapter should be very very proud of these folks.

Our tests Spring and Fall went well, with many great moments for our handlers at all levels of testing.

Our final clinic of 2022 had nearly everyone in attendance working as well as training. The chapter Training Committee created a well organized day of training for all. We had many compliments at the end of a long day. There will be more of the same in 2023.

Pete Aplikowski, President of the Minnesota Chapter, is planning on attending our Spring Clinic, along with two other trainers from his chapter, to watch and learn our system. No pressure, troops! Also, Frank Verrett, our Fall judge, asked questions while in Maine. Everyone should be very proud of our Yankee family, we are truly like no other NAVHDA.

Enjoy your time in the woods and waters of our amazing state. Be safe and share stories.

On October 15th you will receive an email from NAVHDA about the 2022 election. Please vote. More importantly, please vote for Terry Wilson. I've had the opportunity to share many hours with him training, hunting and talking about his passion, NAVHDA. Terry has many fresh ideas and recognizes our rights to train, test and hunt our dogs must be protected. Thank you!

Wow, hard to believe it's finally here, hunting season!

We have trained all summer and finally it is time to go hunting. What do you do now? Try to maintain what you worked so hard to achieve. Let me share the first 5 minutes of my hunting season. First, Keepah decided to have an argument with a very large porcupine. It took us about 30 minutes of drama to repair the damage and we finally hit the cover.

Hunting

I quickly noticed there was a wee lack of teamwork in our hunt. We did some re attachment drills like come around to make this happen. The density of the early season covers make eye contact nearly impossible. My goal is to make her realize the importance of checking in during the hunt. You may have to occasionally just stop and wait for them to find you. Beepers and bells will help to locate and determine distance and if there is a need to reestablish the teamwork. With some work, you will see an improvement in the cooperation. Be sure to praise your dog whenever you see this moment. Once settled, continue your hunt and hopefully find some game that will seal the deal that you are number one in his eyes and a team.

Pointing

At this time we hope to get some contact with game and pointing. Again, the dense vegetation is no help at all. Absolutely, do not tolerate the chase. This needs to stop if you want pointing to improve. Hopefully, you have trained for a reliable whoa command to stop the chase. With more and more contacts, hopefully you will see improvement and understanding. You will see them start to slow down while scenting the game. Please don't shoot the bird while the dog is chasing! This will only support a very bad habit. If you can slow or stop the chasing, the young dogs will start pointing. With the older dog, remember breaking before the shot can be extremely dangerous. Never take a shot you will regret. Finally, have a safe season and enjoy.

Happy Hunting,
Blaine

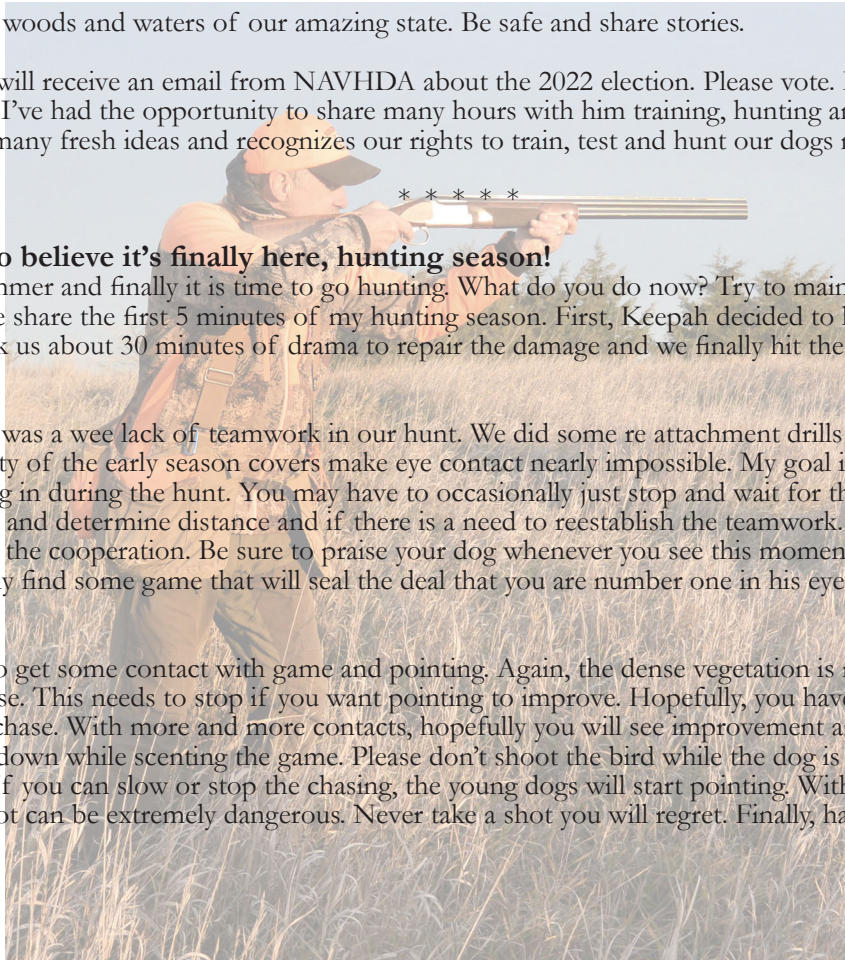
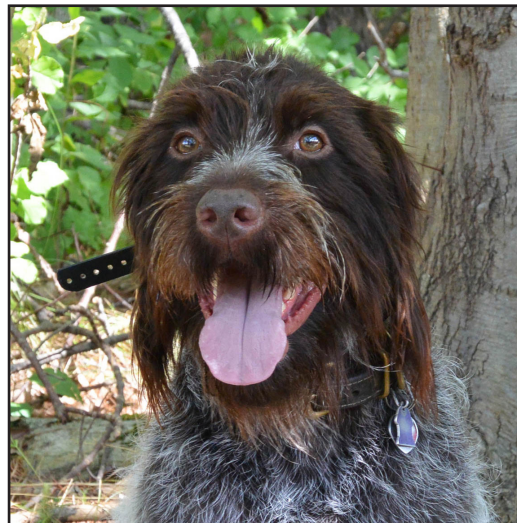


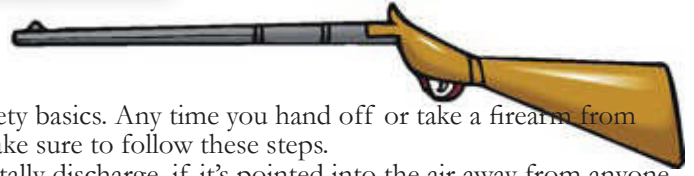
photo showcase:
Yankee Dogs



yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development philip laperriere

Safe Gun Handling



Now that hunting season has started let's not forget about our safety basics. Any time you hand off or take a firearm from someone, like when you need to go over a fence or blowdown, make sure to follow these steps.

- Always practice safe muzzle control. Should a firearm accidentally discharge, if it's pointed into the air away from anyone, it will be a scare but no one will be injured.
- Keep your fingers off the trigger and outside the trigger guard.
- Ask the person if the safety is on. If you're unfamiliar with the firearm, ask them to show you where the safety is located and how it functions.
- Ask the person if the gun is loaded. If unfamiliar with the firearm ask them to show you that the magazine and chamber are empty. Ask for the gun and verbally acknowledge that you have a firm grip on the gun to ensure that someone's prized shotgun doesn't get dropped.
- Once the obstacle is cleared follow the same steps to give the firearm back.

Holding those you hunt with accountable to follow these safety basics will earn their respect and trust because they will know you are safety conscious and safety focused.

When hunting over dogs remember that when a bird is flushed "If it flies low, let it go. If you see blue sky, let it fly." Our dogs work close to the ground. If a bird isn't silhouetted by the sky we run the risk of hurting one of our cherished dogs, or worse.

Be safe, and have fun. Wishing all of you a great hunting season.



Yankee Chapter youth and friends at Bryant Pond : Wyatt Knutson, Natalie Peaslee, Harper Borden

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT by Misi Knutson

Find the items on this list. All you need is the list (handy to keep it on a clipboard), a pencil (to check off your items), and a cell phone to take pictures of the items, either individually or as a collection. Checklist Includes:

1. Pointy Leaf
2. Rough Bark
3. A Nest
4. Rock with a Large Stripe
5. Light Weight Object
6. Multi-Colored Rock
7. Smooth Leaf
8. Object Smaller Than an Inch



9. Something Taller Than You
10. A Heart Shape
11. Sparkly Natural Item
12. Something See-Through
13. Bright Green
14. Collection of Seeds
15. Multi-Colored (Not a Rock)
16. Insect
17. Smooth Bark
18. Something Wispy

Send your photos to ycnavhda@gmail.com.

Be sure photo each is titled with your name.

First person to complete the list wins a great **PRIZE!**

Why I Hunt

by Betty Blackman

Because of the natural beauty of the woods
To watch our dogs quarter back and forth
To search for the elusive Ruffed Grouse.
Us Mainers call "Partridge."
My dog is on point
Flygirl is looking up!
A partridge is sitting in a tree
It flies, I shoot... it glides through a clearing
To the base of cedar trees.
She looks at me trembling with anticipation
I send her with a salute of my hand,

Off she goes Donie says "It went down to the right!"
Fly goes left
Out she comes with a Partridge so proudly.
Timberdoodles "Slang" for Woodcock
A flight just showed up.
My dog goes on point under a Spruce tree
They flush, birds goes up...
I swing my shotgun left and shoot
I swing right then shoot, down they go
Now I salute to my little Ladd,
Off in hot Pursuit he goes to retrieve
He brings back one then two
What a rush ...!
If not for my dog never would I have seen them.
That's why I hunt.

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Send us your hunt photos!
We'll share with the Yankee Chapter
on social media.

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IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING... BE PREPARED!

Misi Knutson sent in the following Project Upland Podcast links for excellent information on first aid kits and porcupine quills. In the first one, Dr. Dustin Babler discusses first aid kits, nutrition, and medications. In the second, with an accompanying article, A.J. DeRosa talks with Jason Carter (yes, Yankee's Jason Carter) and Dr. Joe Spoo about quill removal and avoidance training.

<https://projectupland.com/project-upland-listen/bird-hunting-podcast/dog-field-first-aid-with-dr-dustin-babler/>

<https://projectupland.com/hunting-dogs/porcupine-quills-and-dog-encounters/>

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDS OKAY FOR DOGS

Note: In general, you should always ask your vet before giving any medication to your dogs. Even though these are determined safe for dogs, your dog might have a pre-existing condition or allergy that would make these risky.

BENADRYL – For stings and itching
1 milligram per pound of dog

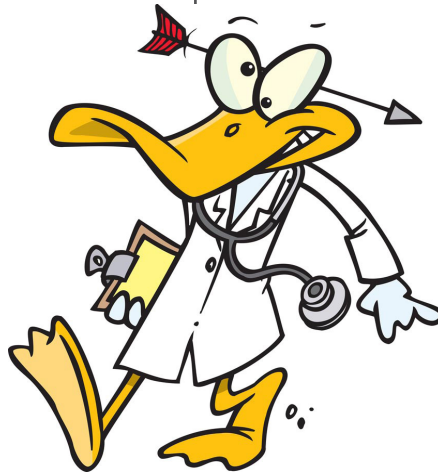
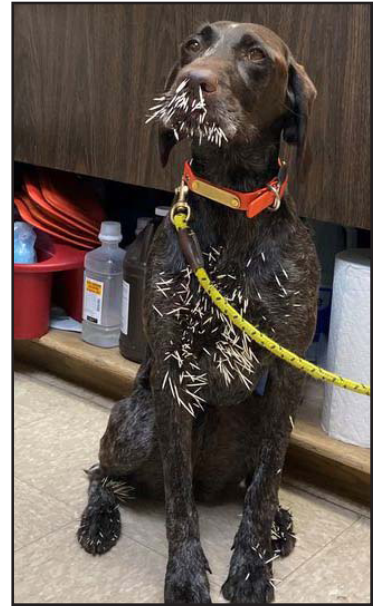
IMODIUM A-D – For diarrhea
1 milligram per pound of dog

BUFFERED ASPIRIN – For pain relief
½ baby aspirin for dogs under 10 lbs
1 baby aspirin for dogs 10-30 lbs
½ regular aspirin for dogs 30-50 lbs
1 regular aspirin for dogs 50-100 lbs
2 regular aspirins for dogs over 100 lbs

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE – To induce vomiting
10 milliliters by mouth

GAS-X – For flatulence or gas discomfort
¼ adult dose for small dogs
½ adult dose for medium dogs
1 adult dose for large dogs

PEPTO BISMOL – For diarrhea or vomiting
1 teaspoon per 20 lbs of dog's weight



Don't forget to renew your Yankee Chapter and your NAVHDA International membership each year. Chapter membership is for the calendar year.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1st EACH YEAR.

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