

The Whoa Post



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The April Issue

With the world in an organized chaos, it seems our normal has changed. The fitness centers are closed, loved ones cannot accompany you to a doctor's appointment, the schools and colleges have gone to online learning environments with parents acting as teachers, and many businesses are closed causing people to lose income. My college student came home for spring break and will not return to college until next fall. We will travel to Fargo to retrieve her belongings next week. She feels cheated with the abrupt change to online learning and the lack of connection with her friends and academic colleagues. COVID 19 has impacted almost every aspect of the world and how they live. A doctor friend of mine shared a story about a colleague that refused to treat a patient until his COVID 19 test came back negative.

A week ago today I was walking in the Badlands of North Dakota, exercising the dogs and planning our first camping trip of the year. We usually go in April. Pulling into a primitive forest service campground I looked at the bulletin board and found the standard government announcements in small print. I'm glad I looked closely because it stated that all forest service campgrounds and developed recreation facilities were closed due to COVID 19. This put a serious dent in my day. Later I found out that we could still camp on United States Forest Service land up to 300' from a developed road. This gave us some options.

So with all the things you can't do, concentrate on the things you can. I'm not going to recommend cleaning anything – if you want to, that's on you. I am going to recommend if possible, to go off the beaten path. Practice some social distancing and walk the trail less traveled with your dogs. Chances are you need to work on your endurance after the winter and maybe your dog does too. They won't mind being outside in the back country. And most places still have cell service, if that is something you want. And if you don't want to be reached, I know a few places like that too.

Sherry Niesar
Whoa Post Editor



Arizona Birds and Pineapple Juice by Ken Bruwelheide

In February, Janis and I made our usual trip to southern Arizona. We have old friends in the Tucson area and we really enjoy the cuisine and warm weather.

This past February my friend arranged for a guided hunt, or maybe we should call it a shoot, on a large old ranch south and east of Tucson in the higher elevation grasslands. The regular hunting season for Arizona's quail was over so we worked with planted Bobwhite Quail followed by Chukars. Since I was a guest and the event had been arranged, I could not use my two Epagneul Bretons, Cassie and Sally. But I did get to shoot over two outstanding pointers which was a first for me.



These two dogs, a ten-year-old male and a three-and-a-half-year-old female were superb and never missed a beat. The dogs worked in singular fashion, one on quail first followed by the other on Chukar. This hunt took place in some rolling grassland with beautiful mountains in the distance. The grass was about twelve inches high with some occasional scrub. A constant gentle wind blew from the southwest and the temperature was 45 degrees at midmorning. Perfect conditions I thought.

Birds were planted and dogs were released to find the birds with beautiful points. A couple of birds were lost due to their flight path and safety concerns. But we came home with a respectable number.



This hunt took place on a Thursday and we wanted to use the birds the following Saturday at a social event at my friend's home. We asked the guide for his favorite way of preparing the birds. His reply was to clean them tonight and tomorrow (Friday) marinate them in pineapple juice. When we were ready to cook them place on the grill at medium heat but not for long. So that is what we did.

The social gathering was organized around a buffet table with many types of food. We cut the game birds into chunks after grilling and provided toothpicks with several dipping sauces. The birds were outstanding! The pineapple juice enabled us to taste the meat but also gave a sweet citrus tang and folks really enjoyed the treat.

The Dark Side of Dogs by Pete Wax



Reading an Associated "Liberal" Press article on the dark side of the Boy Scouts made me think about the dark side of dogs.

It is noisy and crowded in the Church basement. Both sets of parents and some grandparents are here to watch the Cub Scout troop compete their pinewood derby cars. It is a small cubby troop but looking big today. At the end of the day my son wins the event. Nick made his own car. Homely does not described it. He loved it and still has it. I helped make sure the weight was maxed, the wheel nails were straight, polished, and lubricated. He took it to the city-wide Pinewood Derby and it didn't even show. Not even close. Double the time of the fastest cars. Looked like it was sent down with a parachute and had lead wheels.

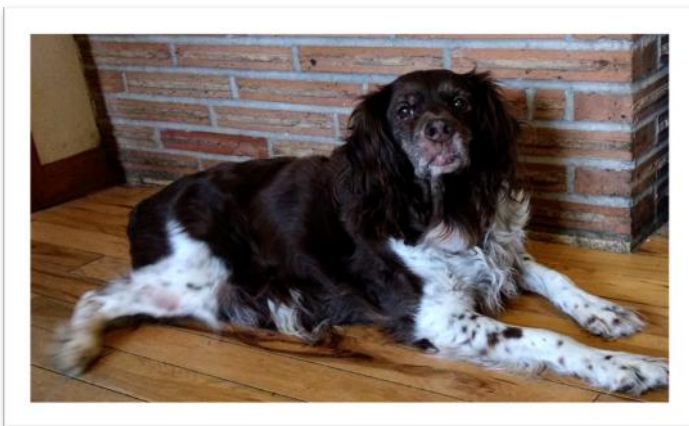
Listening to the crowd it was obvious Nick had followed a different set of rules. Heading home, I was thinking Nick was disappointed but no way. He was still excited and looking forward to the next year when he would make a faster car. He built his car the next year pretty much all on his own and got really thumped but still loved every minute of it.

Nick is an Eagle Scout. His Eagle Project was recognized as the best for that year in the North Dakota Northern Lights Council and I had nothing, zero, nadda to do with it. Truly his accomplishment. He is an Order of the Arrow and camping fool. He is fearless in the middle of nowhere. This fearlessness drives his Momma crazy and makes his Poppa proud. That deep kind of feeling.

All scouts that took orienteering in Troop 6 can run a compass and topo-map like pro. I taught wilderness survival and the orienteering for a number of years. We made blind trails with good prizes at the end. They all can start a fire in many ways under difficult conditions. One who makes a fire never dies is the survivalist's mantra. We did wilderness survival in the dead of winter. The Scouts would make a fire, a shelter and sleep in it. They made snow coffins, snow caves, snow covered lean-tos and wickiups.

One such event, during a winter of deep snow, 12 Scouts made snow caves. The National Weather Service says it reached -1 that night. I was out walking and listening into each hole all night. Morning finally came and I woke them all up for a hot breakfast. Listening to the Scouts talk while eating enough to feed an army, it became apparent sleeping in a snow cave in below zero temperatures was an everyday event. It would be a lie to say I did not have any worries that night, but experiences like that build confident, brave, trustworthy young men.

Today, daughters can be Scouts. My daughter would have made great Scout. She got most of it, but she will



never be an Eagle Scout or know that special "Out-of-Momma's-Reach" Scout leader feeling.

What is the "Dark Side" of Scouting and how does it relate to dogs? There isn't one and it doesn't. Scouting makes adults to be like our dogs are born. A Scout like our dogs is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent. Everyone should be a Scout.

Feeling It by Peter Wax

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Feeling it. In the dark.

Heavy pockets, suspender straps,
anticipation.

Dogs, men, woman, kids waiting for the
hawking hour.

Sharing it. In the dark.

Dogs, boys, men that once were boys,
spirits that once were men, and memories
that once were dogs.

Smelling it. In the dark.

Swamp, sedge, leather, banana oil,
cigar, coffee, chocolate, and wet dog.

Seeing it. In the dark.

Whites of eyes. Shades of green and grey,
stars, and east a faint pink.

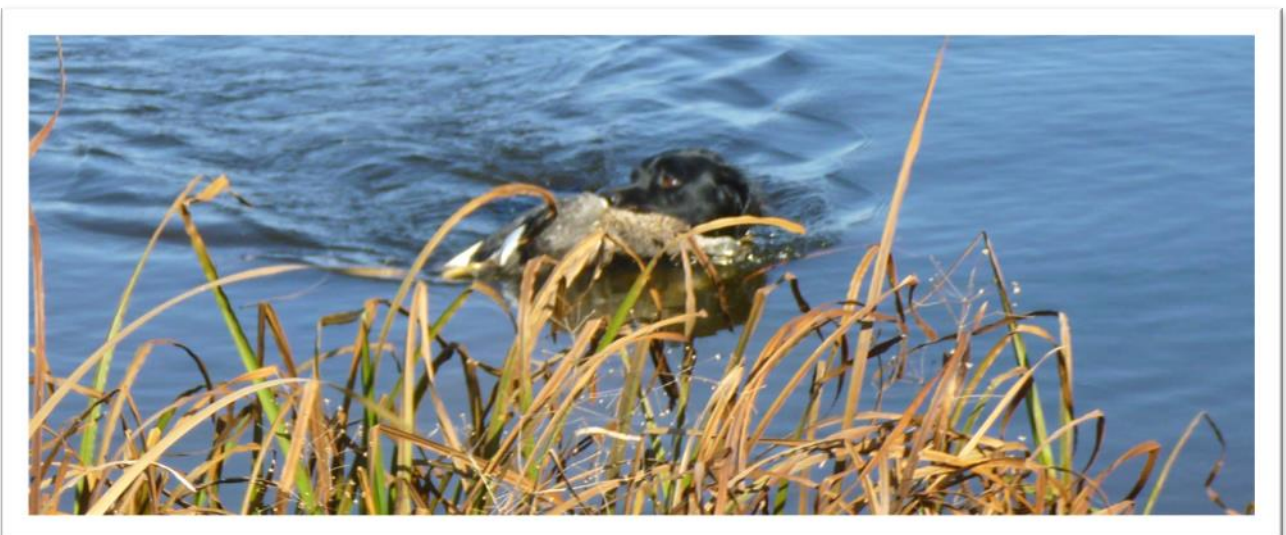
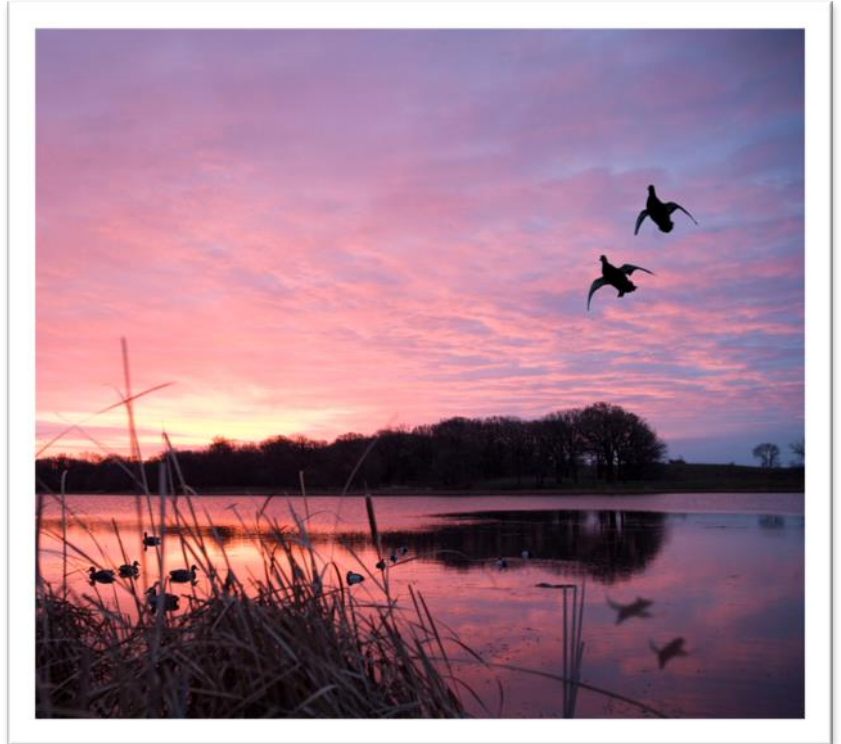
Hearing it. In the dark.

Whistling wings, decoys patting waves,
rustle, little whine, match, a sniff, a sleeve.

Feeling it. In the dark.

Heavy pockets, suspender straps, anticipation.

Dogs, men, woman, kids waiting for the hawking hour.





Training: Blue Color Dogs in Arizona *by Arthur Trujillo*

I like to teach honoring, making the dogs steady and retrieving all the same time. I leave out the shooting of the birds. Putting down a chukar with hobbles, so dogs get a great intense point for the honoring. Then I pick up the chukar blank and throw out a dead one for a retrieve, I then will switch to throwing out a clipped pigeon to add more excitement.

You don't have to kill birds all the time to teach honoring and retrieving. I don't kill the bird so it's not the shot that makes the dog bolt break. On my command the dog gets to retrieve a clipped bird after he remains steady.



Hank on Point



Hank is awesome at finding wild birds. He recently earned his AKC Advanced Master Hunter title and we are in training for NAVHDA Invitational in September.



Incredible beauty of the spring desert .

Canine Tick-Borne Disease from akcchf.org

Thousands of dogs are infected annually with dangerous tick-transmitted diseases. Ticks are parasites that attach themselves to dogs, feed on blood and transmit diseases directly into the dog's system. Major tick-borne diseases transmitted to dogs in the United States include:

- **Lyme disease**, which comes from the deer tick, can cause stiffness, lameness, swollen joints, loss of appetite, fever and fatigue. Your dog may not show signs of the disease until several months after infected.
- **Canine Ehrlichiosis**, found worldwide, is the most common and one of the most dangerous tick-borne disease organisms known to infect dogs. Caused by the brown dog tick, symptoms may not surface for months after transmission, and can include fever, loss of appetite, depression, weight loss, runny eyes and nose, nose bleeds and swollen limbs.
- **Canine Anaplasmosis**, also called dog fever or dog tick fever, is transmitted from the deer tick. Symptoms are similar to other tick diseases including fever, loss of appetite, stiff joints and lethargy, but also can include vomiting, diarrhea. In extreme cases, dogs may suffer seizures.
- **Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever** comes from the American dog tick, the wood tick and the lone star tick. Symptoms include fever, stiffness, neurological problems and skin lesions. Typically the illness lasts about two weeks, but serious cases could result in death.
- **Canine Babesiosis** is typically transmitted by the American dog tick and the brown dog tick. Causing anemia, symptoms may also include pale gums, weakness and vomiting.
- **Canine Bartonellosis** comes from the brown dog tick. Symptoms are intermittent lameness and fever. Left untreated, this disease can result in heart or liver disease.
- **Canine Hepatozoonosis** is thought to be transmitted by the brown dog tick and Gulf Coast ticks. Your dog can be infected if he eats one of these disease-carrying ticks. Symptoms are fever, runny eyes and nose, muscle pain and diarrhea with the presence of blood.

TREATMENT

The key to curing tick-borne disease is early diagnosis and treatment. Several broad-spectrum antibiotics to treat tick-borne disease are generally effective, especially in the early stages of the disease. Since antibiotics don't differentiate "good" from "bad" bacteria, antibiotic treatment destroys beneficial bacteria, along with disease-causing organisms. You may therefore want to give your dog probiotics to avoid the development of gastrointestinal problems. Be sure to follow the treatment plan recommended by your veterinarian.

PREVENTION

- The broad spectrum of possible symptoms associated with tick-borne diseases in dogs (including no symptoms) makes annual screening for tick disease a vital component of your pet's annual veterinary exam. Tests are fast, with results while you wait.
- Numerous products and medications to prevent ticks on your dog are available both over the counter and from your veterinarian. Some veterinarians suggest a tick collar and and/or a preventative vaccination. No method offers 100 percent protection.

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- Field dogs are especially vulnerable to tick-borne diseases because of time spent in tick-infested environments. Owners should therefore be diligent about applying topical or systemic tick-control treatments before outings.
- If the worst happens and you see scores of ticks crawling the walls inside your house, call a professional exterminator and move out for a while to let them work and allow the chemicals time to dissipate before you move back in.
- If you live in an environment with a high tick population, success has been reported with dry ice tick traps. Inexpensive and easy to construct, you need a Styrofoam-covered ice bucket or small cooler, a tool to punch holes in the Styrofoam, up to two pounds of dry ice, a piece of ply board or heavy cardboard, and masking tape. Begin by punching four tiny holes in the Styrofoam container to allow the carbon dioxide vapors from the dry ice to draw ticks. Place the container on the ply board or heavy cardboard. Place strips of masking tape to cover the board with the sticky side of the tape facing up. Add dry ice to the container, cover, and place the trap in a tick prone area. Ticks will begin moving toward the carbon dioxide emitting dry ice and become trapped on the masking tape.
- Check your dog for ticks daily during tick season: spring, summer and fall, or year-round in warmer climates. Brush your fingers through his fur, applying enough pressure to feel any small bumps. If you feel a bump, pull the fur apart to identify it. An embedded tick will vary in size, from a pinhead to a grape. Ticks are usually black or dark brown. Depending on the size and location of the tick, its legs may also be visible. Tick-borne disease can be transmitted within 3 - 6 hours of a tick bite.
- If you find a tick, consider bringing your dog to a veterinary clinic where a veterinarian or technician can remove the tick safely and show you how it's done. Removing embedded ticks is a delicate operation, because a piece might break off and remain in your dog's skin if removal is done improperly. Ticks should be removed promptly to avoid infection.

PROGNOSIS

Tick-borne disease can rebound rapidly if your dog's treatment only succeeded in suppressing, rather than killing ticks. Since recurring tick diseases are harder to control or eradicate, don't relax too soon if your dog recovers. A dog in recovery may appear to be doing well and eager to get back to everything you once did together, but that doesn't mean that his body is ready for it yet. When your dog has been sick, he needs time to recover and rebuild strength. To further protect your dog, remain vigilant with regular blood work to detect recurrences.

Finally, to make an informed decision about protecting your dog from tick-borne disease, talk to your veterinarian about the best tick-control approach for your dog.

For more information:

Tick Borne Infectious Diseases in North America: Clinical and Zoonotic Implications

Speaker: Dr. Edward B. Breitschwerdt, DVM, DACVIM, Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases, College of Veterinary Medicine, NCSU

Watch on Demand at: <https://www.vetvine.com/article/274/akcchf-tick-borne-diseases-event>

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Congratulations!
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International Judge Franchi Ange,
National Best of Breed GUN CH
Smiths Legend de Pondsde
WRT TAN and Ed Smith, owner.



Congratulations to Ed Smith and National Best of Breed GUN CH Legend de Pondsde WRT TAN and their accomplishments at the 2020 CEB - US National Conclave and Specialty Show!

Photos by Jimmy Cobb

Photo Gallery



We've been taking advantage of the woodcock migration this spring, especially since it is an allowed activity and we have nothing else on our calendar. Dogs are having a blast! Here is a pic of Ibsen and Orage. Hopefully Orage is learning tips from Ibsen.

Photo Provided by Denine Ackerbauer



Marlow owned by Anthony Giattino
Photo by Perry Cascotti



Pepsi De' L'Escarbot training.

Photo Provided by John Mooney



Purdey de la Source d'Hannahatchee (USJ GRCH GRFHF FC ATOS X GRCHF2 Magnolia de ten Bar Ranch) got her TAN at CEB-US Nationals

Photo Provided by Jackie Hutwagner



Send your photographs to the Whoa Post Editor at sniesar@outlook.com



Recipe: *Minced Venison & Mushroom Pie*

From: www.mossoak.com

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 lb ground venison
- 8-10 large mushrooms, sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 2 cups beef stock
- 3 Tbsp soy sauce
- 2 frozen deep-dish pie shells
- 1 beaten egg, for glazing shells



Directions

1. Heat the oil in a Camp Chef cast iron skillet and fry the ground venison, onions, garlic, and mushrooms until meat browns - about 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Place the meat mixture aside in a bowl.
3. Heat the butter in the skillet, over medium heat, and slowly stir in the flour to create a roux. When the roux thickens and comes to a slow simmer, add the beef stock by slowly whisking.
4. Add the meat mixture back to the skillet and mix with the thickening sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste.
5. Allow the mixture to come to a slow simmer for 10 minutes to evaporate extra moisture.
6. Cool the mixture to room temperature to prepare it for the pie shells.
7. Thaw a package of two 12-inch frozen deep-dish pie shells to room temperature. Pour the meat mixture into a pie shell, wet the edges, and add the second shell as a top layer of pastry and press the edges together. Cut slits in the top pastry layer with a knife to release steam during baking. Brush the top pastry with a beaten egg.
8. Place into the oven at 400°F for 30 minutes, allowing the pastry to rise and turn golden brown.
9. Remove and serve hot.



Share your recipes with our Whoa Post readers. Send them to the editor at sniesar@outlook.com

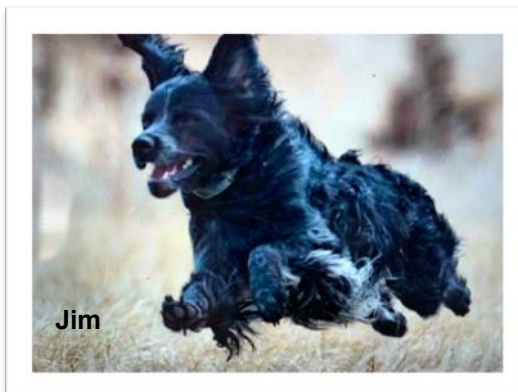
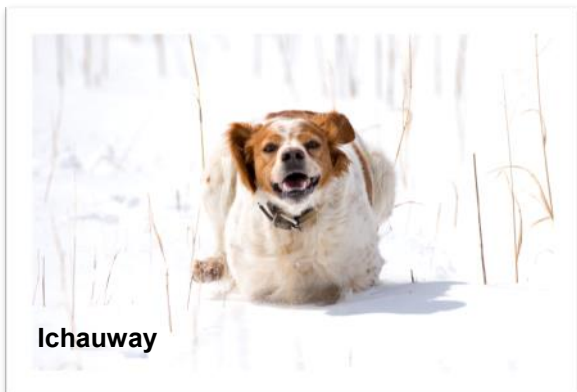


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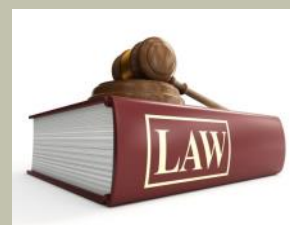
Puppies

Puppies born March 23 will be ready to go in late May. This is the second breeding of this pair and the first breeding produced great hunting, field trial and companion quality puppies. Sire Gun Jim Du Bois Courcol (Elvis Du Bois Courcol x Etel Du Bois Courcol) owned by Terry and Tracey Jacobson of Ten Bar Ranch. Female Gun Ichauway Du Mas D'Pataula TAN (NBOB CHF-W TR Brique de L'Ardour x Cloud de L'Ardour). OFA hips Good on both. Puppies include a 26 month genetic health warranty, AKC and UKC registration, and microchip.

We adhere to the breeding policy of the CEB-US as stated on their website. Chantant K-3 Kennel. Contact Norman Pope at 605-572-8236 or popecpa23@gmail.com



Weird dog laws include allowing police offers in Palding, Ohio, to bite a dog to quiet it. In Ventura County, California, cats and dogs are not allowed to have sex without a permit.



Breeders, Stud Dog List and Marketplace Ads

The *Breeders, Stud Dog List and Marketplace Ads* can be placed only by paid members. If you are not a paid member, complete the membership form on the last page and return it with your payment. Memberships must be kept current or you will be removed from the *Breeder/Stud Dog* list. The Whoa Post is sent directly to over 300 unique email addresses and posted on the club web site, Facebook page and with other Facebook groups.

Provide the following information to the Whoa Post Editor: sniesar@outlook.com.



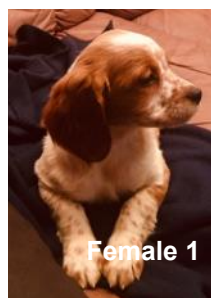
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Puppies!

Dam: TR CH INDIANA DE BROUGHTON WRT
Sire: GUN CH SMITH'S LEGEND DE PONDSIDE TAN

3 females and 1 male available.

Contact: Ed Smith at 574 699 6302 or Cell: 765 432 9184 .
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Female 1



Male



Female 2

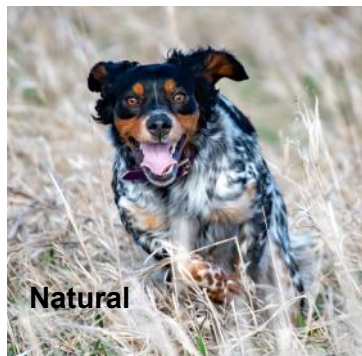


Female 3

Puppies! Tr Ten Bar Heineken WRT x Hunt Natural De La HHF NA PZ 1



Hank



Natural

This mating should produce some fine hunting dogs. Hank is a workhorse for Terry and Tracy Jacobson at Ten Bar Ranch, has already produced many great dogs. Natural is very correct dog with loads of natural talent that pleasure to hunt behind and have in the house. Expected whelp date Mid April. We are accepting deposits on this litter. For more information contact us: hfhfarmsmn@gmail.com or hfhfarmsmn@gmail.com

Puppies! We are excited to announce the breeding of GUN CH NBOBx2 Jasper Hites Mississippi TAN WRT to Nikolina de la HHF TAN NA 110 pz 1.

Jasper is OFA Excellent and Nikolina is OFA Fair. Jasper is black and white (Owned by Kyle and Tiffany Kuenstler) and Nikolina is a Tri-Color. Jasper is a methodical hunter in the fence rows of southern Illinois. Nikolina has a ton of desire and confidence in the field and is a lover in the house. Both dogs have a strong natural point and retrieve.

Pedigrees include a NAVHDA Utility dog, a 2 time NBOB, several Champions of the Ring and NAVHDA NA Breeders Award Winner

We are accepting deposits for 3 males and 3 females
Expecting a mid April whelping.
For more information:

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Nikolina



Jasper

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Attention: Breeders and Stud Dog Listings

Memberships must be kept current and in good standing to be listed on *Breeder/Stud Dog* list.

Ken Bruwelheide
President BSEBGDC

Up Coming UKC Events

May 2nd & 3rd, 2020

Grinnell, IA

Field Of Dreams Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Event Type: Wild, TAN & WRT

Contact: Dan Torrence

daniel.j.torrence11@gmail.com

June 6-7, 2020

Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Liberated Field Trial OPEN, GUN, TAN, WRT

Milaca, MN

Contact: Jeff Pleskac, 320 260 6202,

hhfarmsmn@gmail.com

June 5, 2020

Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Spealty Show

Sauk Rapids, MN

Contact: Jeff Pleskac 320 260 6202,

hhfarmsmn@gmail.com



Field Trial Announcement

Mark your calendars for August 29 & 30, 2020! The Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club will hold a WILD type field trial in Denton, Montana*. As the field trial committee plans this event, more information including trial headquarters location, Trial Premium, meals, and lodging will be made available.

Plan to attend, run your dogs on partridge, sharp tailed grouse and pheasants, enjoy the vistas of Montana, stay awhile and fish or hunt the mountains and prairies. Hope to see you there!

***Please note that the field trial committee is monitoring the current COVID19 health crisis and will make modifications in the event as needed.**

Regional Field Events

North Dakota

April 25 & 26, 2020

North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club AKC

McKenzie, ND

Contact: Tom Ness, thomasness@hotmail.com,
701-220-1419

May 2-3, 2020

Norton Kennels Prairie Pothole Lodge NSTRA

Ellendale, ND

Contact: Jason Norton 701-710-5030.
nortonkennels@hotmail.com

May 9-10 2020

SINFAD TRIAL NSTRA

Mobridge

Contact: Tom Dafnis 605-848-1906,
sinfad@westriv.com

May 12-14, 2020

Twin Cities Wirehaired Pointer Club AKC

Hankinson, ND

Contact: Sue Mueller 715-377-6941

May 16-17, 2020

Norton PPL NSTRA

Ellendale, ND

Contact Jason Norton 701-710-5030,
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May 23-25, 2020

Minnesota Brittany Club AKC

Hankinson, ND

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May 30 & 31, 2020

North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club AKC

Menoken, ND

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701-218-3182

Montana

April 18 & 19, 2020

Montana Brittany Club AKC

Acton, MT

Contact Tommie Dahl lzyharts@midrivers.com

April 18 & 19, 2020

North Dakota Pointing Dog Club AKC

Acton, MT

Contact Nancy Lane (406) 989-2480
lzyharts@midrivers.com

May 8-10, 2020

Mission Valley Retriever Club AKC

Ronan, MT

Contact: Anna Calvert (406) 644-2706
calvert@blackfoot.net

May 22-24, 2020

Big Sky NAVHDA

Natural Ability Test

Contact: Lisa Troyer, lmroyer@hotmail.com;
406-590-0018

May 29-31, 2020

Montana Retriever Club AKC

Billings, MT

Contact: Linda Johnson (406) 698-9740
lrjohnson1@gmail.com



Renew Your Membership

Membership to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is due at the beginning of each January. Each member is an important component to the club, adding to the newsletter with articles and photographs and at the clubs annual field trial. If you are not a member, then consider becoming a member. Aside from becoming a part of a group of talented, friendly and likeminded dog owners, members:

- Receive the Whoa Post
- Are eligible to place ads in the Marketplace at no charge
- List Breeder and Stud Dog information (newsletter and web site) at no charge
- Have access to dog training professionals and mentors
- Receive advance notice of special events
- Have opportunity to participate in UKC sanctioned field trials
- Join a fellowship of like minded individuals



Complete your membership form today and help support the UKC trial system.

Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club Membership Form

Name _____ 2nd Family Member _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Membership Category \$20 Individual _____ \$30 Family _____ \$50 Business _____

Make Check out to: **Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club**

Return form & dues to: Mel Kotur 2525 Arnica Dr Bozeman, MT 59715