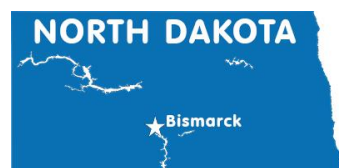


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May 2020

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The June Issue

This issue of the Whoa Post is all about puppies. I love puppies. Even the roughest, toughest, crustiest dog trainer turns to mush when they get a puppy in their hands. Puppies are not without flaws, but they have a secret weapon. Puppies are cute and they will give you unconditional love if you let them.

The first thing you will want to teach your puppy is to not relieve himself in the house. The best way to teach this is using ESP. No, you don't have to be psychic, it's a simple pneumonic device taught to me by Butch Nelson, dog trainer and friend. ESP helps you to remember when pup should go out. The E stands for eat, S is for sleep, and P is for play. So every time your pup eats, take him out following the meal to potty. After every nap and in the morning, even if you are still in your pajamas, take them out. And finally, after play, they will need to relieve themselves. The play is tricky, because sometimes they stop in the middle of play to potty. As the new boss to your puppy, you are in charge and must be vigilant so pup can learn where and when to potty and to be successful.

Puppies make a lot of mistakes when they are learning obedience, to hunt and get along in you house, with your family and in your kennel. Be your puppy's safety net and always make it easy for them succeed. Make them want to do things right. Train with what motivates them, including treats, praise and maybe even a toy. The toy or treats won't diminish you as a trainer, but will help your dog succeed. To do the opposite is summarized by this quote from the U.S. Military Working Dog Training Handbook, Department of Defense: *"Revenge and temper tantrums have absolutely no place in dog training -- you must not let training turn into a spectacle of one dumb animal hurting another."*

Take time to enjoy your puppies, young or old. They are all worth a treat or two!

Sherry Niesar
Whoa Post Editor

Canine Chiropractic Continued by Ken Bruwelheide

We usually go to Arizona for awhile each winter. During the winter of 2020 we left for the south early in February after Cassie had her second canine chiropractic session.

Where we stay in the Tucson area it is difficult to find a place for dogs to run free for exercise. While we were there the dogs usually had two or three long walks daily while leashed. Thus, they had exercise but little change to run.

When Covid 19 events began to escalate in Europe and started to appear in the U.S. there was an exodus for many from our part of Arizona. Janis and I decided that home in Bozeman was the place to be and we arrived home March 12.

It had been several weeks since Cassie's second chiropractic appointment with the veterinarian that we will continue to call Dr. V. Finally, on May 21 we were able to secure an appointment for Cassie, so it had been since February 4 since the previous one,

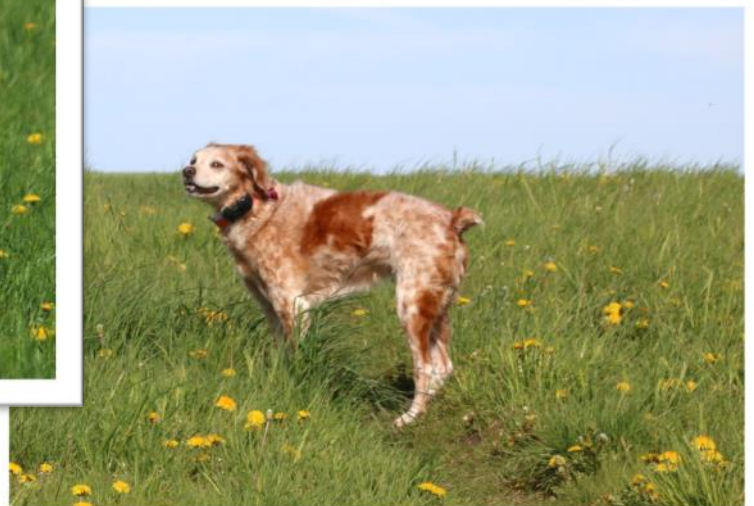
Prior to this session in May Cassie's gait had become irregular and stiff. She would occasionally have her back legs go out from under her and we could tell that while she would like to run, she was uncomfortable when we took her for one.

The May 21 appointment was greatly beneficial for her. Cassie rested for a couple of days afterwards. I have gradually let her fun off leash for about 30 minutes per session. Three days after treatment she came to us wagging a dog toy and wanting to rough house. We saw these episodes as indicators that Cassie was feeling better.

Since the chiropractic adjustment Cassie has not had her legs go out again and her appetite has returned. She also does not have that "I don't feel well" look in her eyes according to Janis. These are all positive signs. These characteristics, however, are a long way from a field ready dog for the 2020 bird season. We will continue to have the adjustments regularly and see how Cassie progresses over the summer. But for now, she can just be a dog!



Cassie in action.
Photo by Janis Bruwelheide



A Primer on Picking a Gundog Puppy by Pete Wax

I have known hunters that always pick a gundog pup with a black mouth, or one that has three, four or five hairs growing out of a mole, or one that will submit while laying it on it's back. Delmar Smith claimed there are more champions that started life as a "cull" than the "pick" and could prove it. I cannot tell you if any of these methods will work or if Smith was right but the two of the best dogs we have ever owned were leftovers from large litters that the breeder was happy to unload, and one had a black mouth and other had three and four hairs on his cheek moles.



All unexplained phenomena aside, unless you have a crystal ball picking a pup is like rolling dice and the best you can do is improve the odds by loading the dice. The way to load the die is to research pedigrees and breeders. While imperfect, and you'll probably end up paying a little more, you'll get an average or above average pup nearly every time.

Researching the pedigree does not mean taking the breeder's word for it that, "both parents are good hunting and family dogs from champion stock". Whenever I read those lines in the paper I am reminded of Jim who bred Bubba. Now Bubba fought at the drop of a hat, didn't like children, was larger than the breed standard, and so dysplastic he was virtually three legged. When I asked Jim why he bred Bubba he responded that Bubba was the greatest hunting and family dog he had ever known, which was true, as Bubba was the only hunting dog Jim had ever owned and Jim loved him like a son.

The first step is to start contacting breeders and getting copies of pedigrees from expected future breeding(s). On the pedigree the performance and conformation titles will be included with the dog's name. A breeder's pedigree includes parents, grandparents and great grandparents and on some g-great grandparents. If an abbreviated title like CH, GRCH, FCH, CHF, JH, MH, TAN, HUNT, GUN, TR, NA, UPT, UT, or VC isn't within that family record I would not call the pups from proven or champion bloodlines anymore than I could say I was descended from the King of Hungary. Today, most breeders have their dog's pedigrees on a web site making this task easy.

It is important to know what the abbreviations mean as some are for conformation, some are for tests, some are for walking trials and some are for big running dogs you hunt from horseback. While hunting from horseback sounds exciting, most folks don't own a horse which is why NAVHDA, NASTR UKC, and AKC hunt tests and trials have become popular.

The pinnacle test for the versatile dog is NAVHDA whose titles abbreviations are NA, UPT, UT and VC. In NAVHDA the dog must be obedient and perform for the walking hunter on both land and water. But all of these groups have their place, and to be a GUN, TR, CHF, FCH or GRCHF identifies a dog with a liberal portion of the right stuff. Titles and title abbreviations vary between registries and you can find out what each of them means by contacting the appropriate registry, researching them on the web, or by contacting the breeder.

Puppy Picking - Continued from page 3

As a side note, NAVHDA, UKC, and NASTR have great events for kids, puppies, adults and dogs at all developmental stages and ages to come and improve your pet and your handling skills while having a great time. They are full of, and staged by, the best people in the world – dog people.

The more titles and the closer to the pup the title(s) resides on the pedigree the more likely the traits will be passed on. Ideally one or both parents will have shown style, skill, and trainability recognized by an unbiased test or competition. Relying on Jim's assessment of a great hunting dog is risky.

The second thing to research is the conformation and hip health of the dogs to be bred. The Sire and Dame should both be certified hip dysplasia free, to have normal eyes, teeth, coat, and color for the breed. They should be within the breed standard for weight, length and height for the respective sexes. While this will not guarantee that a pup will not have a genetic defeat or fall outside of the standard when an adult, it goes a long way to improving the odds.

Additionally most reputable breeders will offer a discount or a full refund on a pup that has a hereditary abnormality that prevents it from performing the tasks it was bred for.

This does not mean a slightly dysplastic dog or one that is under or overshot, that will still hunt his or her whole life (what they are bred for) would be replaced because it is not breeding material (what they are not bred for), however one would expect to be discounted for a dog that suffers chronic discomfort that limits mobility or shortens it's life span by half or more.

Once you have settled on a kennel and breeding, you should contact the breeder to see the Sire and Dame. Much can be learned from watching them run through a few basic tasks.

A lot of times a breeder does not own the stud and you will have to settle for watching the Dame. . If the breeder is reluctant to show you either the Sire or Dame run around a little get suspicious.

You want a breeder who takes the time to play with and socialize the puppies, a breeder who will introduce the pups to noise in the safety of the pack and familiar surroundings. You want to make sure that at the proper times the puppies will get their shots, worming, tails docked and dewclaws removed and that all the paper work for registration(s) is in order.



Once you have done all of that and everything checks out, put you money down and reserve your place in the pick. The usual way is first reservation received gets first pick and sequential from there after. When your turn comes you can look for one with a black mouth, or three, four or even five hairs on a mole, flip them over and see if any faint, or wait to see which is the last one picked, but my method is to take the best looking one as I already know what's inside and that's what counts.



Snake Aversion by Peter Wax

Ouch. I pinched a finger between two bricks. I am bricking in the base of the patio to keep out the garter snakes. They are persistent. I have sprayed expanding insulation in ever crevice and crack and now they are burrowing under. They originally hibernated behind the south facing retaining wall at the end of my yard. The wall is 65 feet from the house and borders the garden. We maintained a mutually agreeable live and let live relationship for decades. A couple years ago a neighbor hired an exterminator who put chemical into the hibernacle and capped entrances. In response the snakes moved here.

My dogs are snake broke. Rattlesnake broke. Butch Nelson did it. Butch is an expert at this. He uses live rattlers and sets up a see, hear, smell and feel situation and stamps a negative imprint into the very Id of the dog. It is the same method most dog owners use to teach bad behaviors to their dogs, but that is another topic. The process is quick. It is lightning quick. Within an hour the dog forgets the event until it sees, hears, or smells a rattle snake. It usually requires a single dose for a lifetime.

Snake breaking will not protect your dog from all snake encounters. Windy days, downwind casts, heavy cover all present circumstances that can place your dog and rattlesnakes right next to each other before the dog, snake or both know the other is near. I have also known dogs to ignore their training if their owner sends them into harms way. My dogs have personally run right over rattlesnakes on downwind casts. One was a particularly larger fellow that could have struck both dogs as they coursed over him. My dogs were lucky that day. A Versatile Champion running in South Dakota earlier that same year was not. Snake breaking is harsh, but snake avoidance training can be the difference between your dog living after a rattlesnake encounter and dying.

Many folks in snake country do not hunt until they believe the snakes are hibernating. This robs them and their dogs of a lot of the hunting season. Additionally, in North Dakota I have encountered rattlesnakes as late as the first week of November. One week later the prairie was covered in snow. Of note, all the late season snakes I have encountered have been large adults.

My dogs have been retested for snake avoidance in a controlled setting but also nearly annually during hunting season. They response has always been to avoid rattlesnakes. Interestingly, they do not avoid garter snakes. This suggests that a dog recognizes rattlesnakes is unique in appearance, smell and sound. This is not hard fathom as dogs know the difference between gamebirds and songbirds.

Well, I think I finally have the garter snakes out foxed. Looking at my newest creation of brick and caulk it sure looks impenetrable. I have said this to my Bride on a couple previous occasions, so I am keeping my opinion to myself this time. Good luck and good hunting.





Legislative Update

For those of you that hunt in Canada: Canadian Gun legislation Changes

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently issued an Order in Council that contains some of the most restrictive and shocking gun control measures ever implemented in North America. What was originally touted by Trudeau and gun control advocates as an “assault weapons ban” actually extends beyond firearms typically (and ignorantly) labeled as “assault weapons” to include firearms quite commonly used by hunters and recreational shooters throughout Canada and around the world.

The most alarming development to come from the gun ban is the prohibition of all modern 10- and 12-gauge shotguns, some of the most commonly used hunting firearms in Canada. A [legal review](#) by the Canadian Shooting Sports Association revealed that provisions in the order related to bore diameter and removable chokes are why these common shotguns are included in the ban. Most disturbing is the decision to include this provision followed the announcement from Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Bill Blair that they would not be seeking to ban guns suitable for hunting. There are an estimated 1.5 – 2 million Canadian residents who own shotguns that are now illegal as a result of this poorly considered rule.

The Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA), have advised retailers to cease sales of many 12-gauge or larger shotguns with removable chokes to comply with the new laws until the order is hopefully rescinded. CSAAA also advises retailers to stop sales of large hunting caliber rifles that exceed the 10,000 Joules energy restriction (7,375 ft-lbs) even if they are not semi-automatic. Despite hunting seasons being open across much of Canada, lawful firearms owners are encouraged to refrain from using 12-gauge or larger shotguns with removable chokes or large caliber rifles capable of exceeding the government's energy ceiling. These firearms are now wrongly prohibited and may not be used or transported for any reason.

From: <https://www.safariclub.org/blog/canada-bans-guns-commonly-used-hunting-recreation>

Whoa Post Survey

The Whoa Post wants to hear from you. Please click on the link below and take our survey. Tell us what you want to see in the Whoa Post, writers, topics and anything else. The survey is anonymous. If you would like to respond directly to the editor, please send an email to sniesar@outlook.com.

Thank you for your feedback!

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWKLJYP>



New Pups

First birth at 9:20 pm on April 6th! (right picture) and entire litter below at 3:15 am on April 7, 2020. Includes 9 black tries out of orange and white dam by a liver tri sire!

Photos by Pierre Willems



Leave Them Where you Find Them!

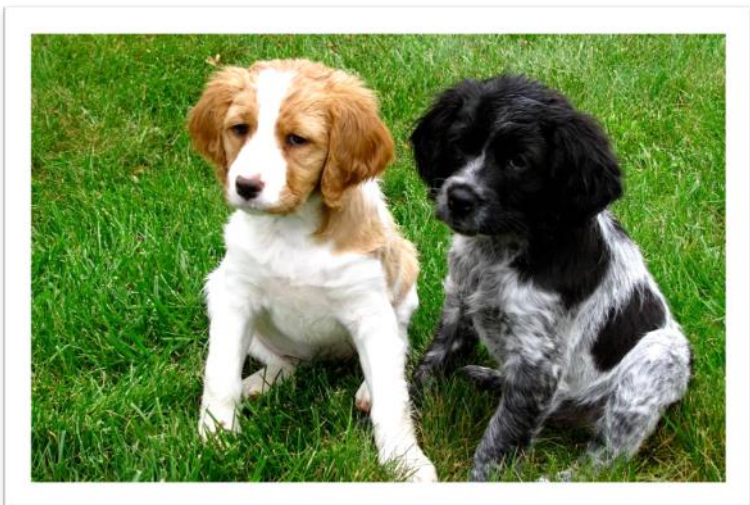
Mule deer are common in the western United States. Mule deer offspring, "fawns", are born late April - June. They are born with fur and their eyes are open. Fawns can stand within minutes of being born, and can walk within a few hours. It is common for mule deer does to give birth to twins. Although fawns are able to walk, they are not very strong for a few weeks; this coupled with their size makes them particularly vulnerable to predators during the first couple weeks of their lives.

Mule deer fawns are well adapted for survival. They are born with brown fur speckled with white dots, creating a camouflage. In addition, they have almost no odor making them difficult to find.

Mule deer mothers will hide their fawns from predators by having them bed down among the grass. Once the fawn is hidden, the mother can safely go in search of food. She needs to eat in order to produce milk for the fawn. If you find a fawn, leave it where you find it. However, while you may not see her, Mom is most likely nearby and will return for her fawn once you leave.



Photo Gallery: *Puppies*



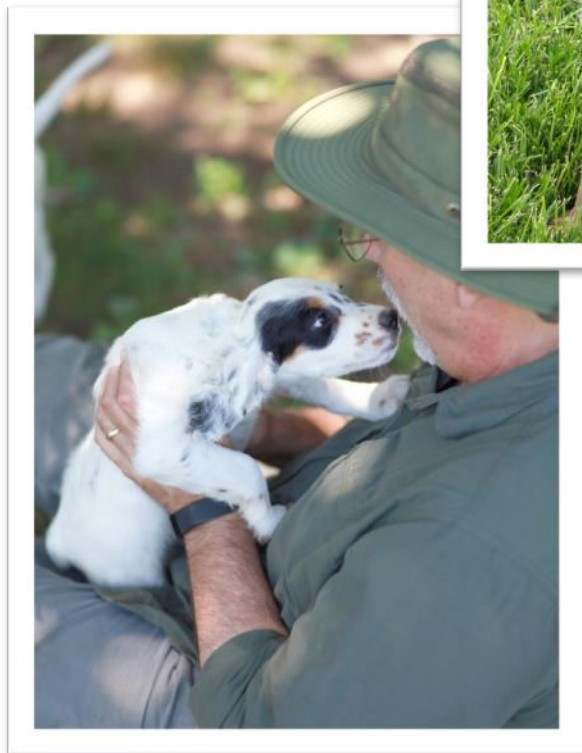
Sisters Pippa (left) and Xena the Warrior Princess (right) discovering a freshly mowed lawn



Larry Ellison and Molly Pitcher at 6 months achieving her TAN.
Photo provided by Larry Ellison



2008 A Tri-Fecta:
Elie de L'Etoile du Nord
Photo by Mark Dinsmore



Larry Ellison and a Luminary Setter from Gundog Development in Spring City TN
Photo provided by Larry Ellison



Vern in attack mode, Vernon de L'Escarbot
Photo by Mark Dinsmore

Photo Gallery: *Puppies*



All tucked out.
Photo by Pierre Willem



Rocky
Photo by Steve Clarke

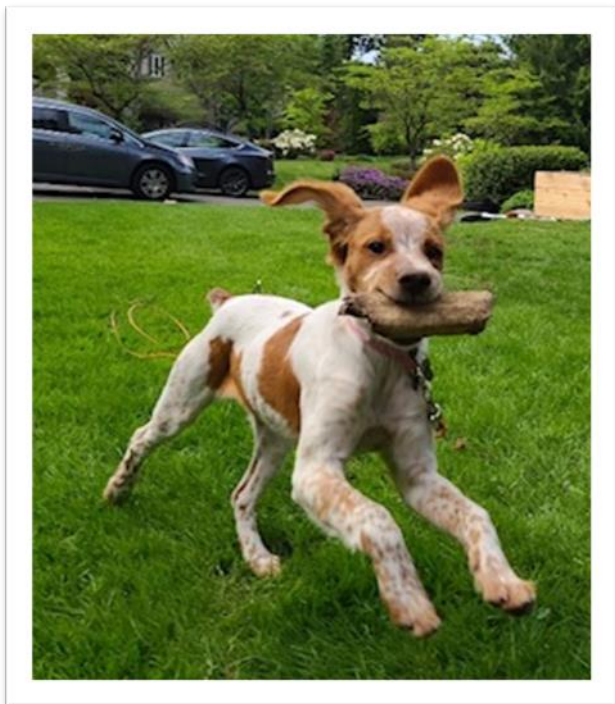


Teaching pups the proper pointing pose!
Photo by Ray Peres

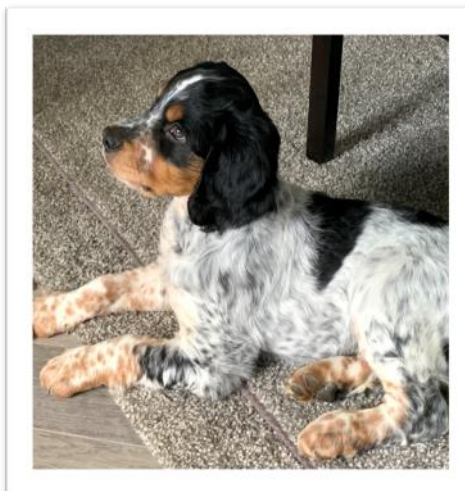


Nitro de Chantant K-3. on point.
Photo by Dan Hart

Photo Gallery: Puppies



Cedric Chauvet of Bellevue, WA
Photo provided by Bob Clayton



Rocket de Chantant K-3
Photo by Dan Hart

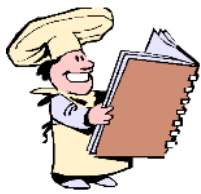


Lavender/Jasper 2020 Litter

Jaspser: Kennel name: Jasper de L'Escarbot
Dam: Fabienne de L'Escarbot
Sire: Ipso Facto du Comte de Batz Castlelmore (Import France)
Producer: John and Bruce Mooney
Lavender: Kennel Name: Lavande De La Pinede Aux Oliviers (Import France)
Dam: El Wood Blues De La Pinede Aux Oliviers (France)
HD-B CACS(1) ECCTNE BREP ChFTA ChFGN RCACIT (2)
Sire: Ilton Des Sources Claires (France) HD-A RCACS(2)
Producer: Franck Pardo and France Beridot
Photo provided by John Mooney



Elie's puppy—Cedric Chauvet of Bellevue, WA
Photo provided by Bob Clayton



Stuffed Venison Backstrap

From: campchef.com

Ingredients

Backstrap (elk or deer)
Salt
Pepper
Olive oil
1 pound bacon
2 cups mushrooms
1 clove garlic
8 ounces cream cheese
1 cup bread crumbs



Instructions

Trim all silver skin from the backstrap and butterfly lengthwise. Do not cut into medallions. Season with salt and pepper.

Chop bacon into ½ inch pieces and brown in a 12-inch cast iron skillet. Add mushrooms and garlic. Once the mushrooms are cooked, remove from heat.

In a medium-size bowl, mix bacon, mushrooms, cream cheese and breadcrumbs. Evenly add stuffing mixture to the butterfly-cut backstrap. Close butterfly cut and tie off with butcher's twine. Brush with olive oil.

Grill over medium/high heat until the meat reaches medium rare. For the best taste and texture, be sure not to overcook.

Slice and enjoy!

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



*“Whoever said you can’t buy
Happiness forgot little puppies.”*

Gene Hill

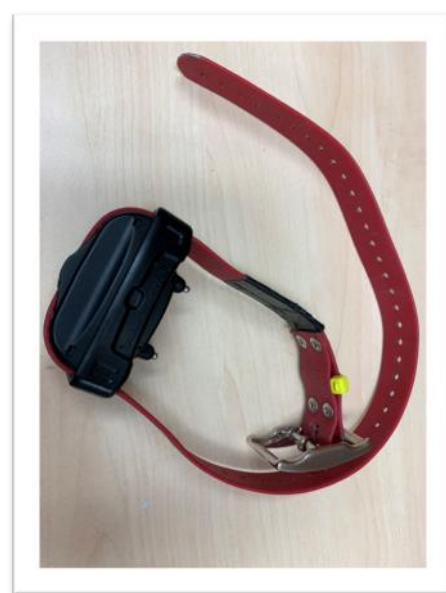


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Equipment

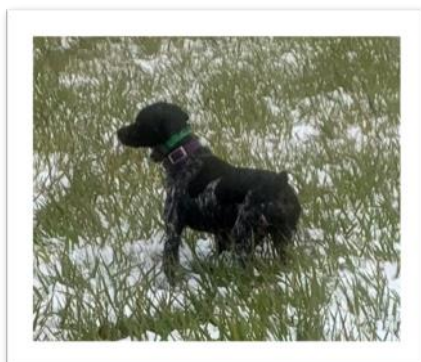
Tri-Tronics G3 Field 90 EXP dog e-collar. Transmitter and one receiver collar. Also included is the charging cradle and a holster. In good working condition. \$130.00 OBO

Call Susan at 701-240-6702 or email at pottery@minot.com



Started Dog

Otter De La HHf (Etandard des Grand Lacs x Lil' Enid Du Broughton) born 12/19/18). Otter is a super bid-dable dog with a strong retrieving desire who hunted wild bird (Grouse, Woodcock, and Pheasant) in Minnesota in the Fall of '19. Otter is continuing his training with steadiness and manners. For more information and price please contact Tasha or Jeff Pleskac at HHf Gundogs (hhfarmsmn@gmail.com and www.hhfgundogs.com)



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UKC Events

June 25-28, 2020

Great North and Northern Plains Epagneul Breton
Gun Dog Clubs
Training and Handlers Clinic
Lake Andes, SD
Contact Tracey Jacobson tenbarranch@gmail.com or
Jeff Pleskac hhfarmsmn@gmail.com

October 3 - 4, 2020

Field of Dreams EB Gun Dog Club
Liberated Field Trial OPEN, GUN, TAN, WRT
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Save the Date!

August 29 & 30, 2020

Field Trial Announcement

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

July 18-19, 2020

Red River NAVHDA

NA Test

Kindred, ND

Contact: Steve Buck 701-729-6483



Montana

June 26-28, 2020

Spokane Retriever Club

Ronan, MT

Contact Wendy Hensarling,

(509) 322-1917

wwindgamefarm@hotmail.com

July 10-12, 2020

American Chesapeake Club, Inc.

Ronan, MT

Contact Stephannie Beach (650) 856-0278

stephaniebeach@mac.com

Camping, Training and Handler Clinic June 25-28, 2020

The Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club and the Northern Plains Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club will be doing a joint camping weekend near Lake Andes, South Dakota.

June 25-26: Enjoy camping and training

June 27-28: Handlers Clinic conducted by Peter Wax UKC Instructor Judge

Learn UKC rules and spend time in the field with dog demonstrations of GUN and OPEN divisions. This clinic is open to all levels of dogs and their handlers.

There is no charge for the Handlers Clinic.

Location: Ten Bar Ranch, Lake Andes South Dakota

Camping will be at White Swan Recreation Area, 29697 376th Ave, Geddes, SD 57342

Cost of Camping is \$12 per night

Other Lodging: Circle H Hotel in Lake Andes (605 487 7652)

Cost: All participants must be a member of either the GNEBGDC or NPEBGDC for insurance purposes. Membership can be paid on site. Training birds will be available to purchase.

For those who have attended in the past you know that this is a casual running weekend tailored to the wants and needs of participants. We all look forward to spending time sharing stories, training and good times.

We hope to see you all there.

RSVP's to Tracey Jacobson at tenbarranch@gmail.com or Jeff Pleskac at hffarmsmn@gmail.com



Do you enjoy your monthly copy of the Whoa Post?

Have you been a paid member in the past but have not renewed recently?

Take a few minutes to complete the membership form below and return it to club treasurer, Mel Kotur today!

Membership to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is due at the beginning of each January. Each 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**

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