

The Whoa Post

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June Issue

This month's issue is dedicated to puppies. Thank you to all who contributed. For me, there is nothing like a puppy. Last week I was in the kennel isle at Running's and a woman showed up with a boy and you guessed it, a puppy. I abandoned my search for the perfect kennel and started to visit with her, her son and the puppy. In the end, I was holding her puppy, enjoying the snuggles and puppy kisses. Puppies calm the troubled soul, smooth over conflicts and turn tough guys into marshmallows. If we could use puppies instead of bullets, the dog world could be the leader to world peace.

For me, it's T minus 10 days and counting for a new puppy. It will be the first puppy in my house with plans to stay for seven years. That's a long time without puppy breath. It's also a long time without chewed shoes and furniture. But, I can handle it. There is a door on my closet and I will have to pick up discarded shoes. The furniture is already chewed, but maybe the new edition will find a new piece of furniture to autograph. Like dust, life is too short to worry about a few chew marks.

My adult son and I will travel to retrieve our new pup in Wisconsin. He mentioned that he would be driving Miss Daisy to get her new pup, but I think he is looking forward to this dog too. Young pups hold the most promise. As a young dog they are all champions. But even if they never attain champion status, she will be a great dog, hunting birds on the prairie and providing companionship on those long winter days when it's too cold to go outside, curling up with me on the couch to watch another episode on Netflix.

I've shared Butch's article on ESP, how to house train a young pup. It has valuable advice. There is information on puppy gear and some wisdom of running a Gun Dog along with rewards for a long life with the dogs.

My house will be in disorder for the next few months. I am ready. A friend told me last night, my house is always in disorder, she may be right, but this pup will bring a new level of disorder.

Sherry Niesar
Whoa Post Editor



Ask Butch by Butch Nelson - Encore Presentation

Dear Butch, I have a new pup and am wondering if you can provide some guidance on house training? Thanks, Bob Bob...No matter how young we are a new puppy is just what the good doctor ordered. The dreams of future days afield with this tiny bundle of fur and the amazing feat of pointing and retrieving a three pound rooster with claws and all seems far away but will happen in a blink. Take pictures as few will believe without proof. At this stage we must remember they are all champions and the pup must be treated as such. At seven to eight weeks of age the pup has your total attention, a chauffeur and owns a house complete with enough bathrooms to accommodate a large army on a Friday night leave. And don't forget, the pup has three outlets that can explode with or without a command. Though it seems overwhelming there is a solution.

Here's a list of needed materials:

- Travel kennel---I said chauffeured I didn't say he could drive. You must be adamant about this. As a pup sleeps so much at this age why not put him in a crate so pup is used to it when riding in a car. He'll also treat this bedroom as a safe spot and will escape to it when Tommy the Terrible shows up to play.
- Newspaper---I prefer the daily news (it's mostly crap any way) for bedding just in case your alarm fails. A point to consider: if you are a hard sleeper put the crate on your side of the bed. That way when the pup's alarm goes off you will either hear it or receive a sharp pointed elbow to the ribs from sleeping beauty resting next to you. You will awaken!
- Patience---Lots.
- E.S.P.---This is most important. If you haven't been to school lately sign up for a refresher course. "E." The pup must and will go #1 and or #2 as soon as it's done Eating. "S." The pup must and will go #1 and or #2 as soon as the pup awakes from Sleeping. "P." The pup must and will go #1 and or #2 as soon as he is done Playing.

A pup's holding tank is so small it's got to unload. We think nothing of changing diapers or depends but please just take our little champion outside. Go with the pup too. Don't just pitch the poor thing through the storm door to do his business because the pup won't. I don't talk to the pup till the duty is done and then lavish the pup till the last drop falls. Another thought is do not let him tank up on water right before bedtime. Timing is of the essence or fragrance depending on your timing. Above all, have patience. In no time your pup will be hollering to go outside and then it's time to go fry bigger fish. As a last thought; rubbing a pup's nose in the puddle or pile after the fact doesn't work. It only makes for severe chest hair and a swollen neck...Butch

The GUN “Gundog” Division is the Best Game in Town

by Peter Wax

The GUN Division is named for us hunters and our gundogs as “Gundog” is the greatest dog title of all. As a bonus it is fun and the competitive. The trial design evaluates the traits we all want in a function hunting partner. As a big plus it can be run with a dog tutored by wind, grass, and wild birds with no formal training. For a breeder, this yields information on the inbred aptitude, cooperation, and desire prior to this natural being dulled by training. To the hunter it confirms what the gundog has been bragging about all bird season.

GUN dog is run on wild and liberated birds for an exciting 15 minutes. The gundog is Judged as a hunting dog is Judged. Run, use of nose, connectedness, intelligence, style, gate, and style on point. A smart creep to pin a bird is rewarded. A little whoa as the hunter is going into the flush is not penalized “who in a real hunting situation does not let his best friend know he is going ahead”.

A dog must point and remain steady until flush and then...let her rip! It is just like hunting. The flush is Judged the instant the bird is moved. If that be to jump, run, be picked up, or winged. Remember it is to represent a wild hunting situation and no wild bird or smart hunting dog needs to be told twice to get it in gear once the bird flies.

Sometimes GUN is run solo and sometimes braced just like real life. In a brace a gundog is expected to be respectful and to back. Once that happens get up there and leash your backing buddy as they are not required to be steady beyond flush. If the backing dog does not cooperate and goes early, the pointing dog is not penalized, and the game goes on. The dog that committed the fault may be eliminated or not depending on what the Judge saw.

In a liberated trail a bird needs to be pointed, shot, and retrieved to place, but a back can earn a Pass. A gundog cannot be gun shy and must retrieve a hunting dogs retrieve. The retrieve must be to within 15 feet of the handler with a minimum of encouragement. A gundog with retrieving instincts that has been exposed to shot birds will retrieve to this distance. Again, inbred responses and ability, not responses masked by the trained retrieve is all that is required to play GUN.

One of the best things about the GUN division are the individual who play it. As one hunter replied when asked how they did: “We had 15 minutes of fun” grinning from ear to ear. So if you have a promising pup or seasoned hunter GUN is the place to have a season during the off season with like-minded ladies and gentleman.



Puppy Tips by Sherry Niesar

- Be Patient - Rome wasn't built in a day and your puppy won't be either.
- Remain positive and patient for success.
- Be Consistent - Consistency is the key to keeping your puppy from becoming confused.
- Be Confident - This tells your dog you are the leader of the pack.
- Use Treats - Using treats can get the training process moving along faster than no treats. Give it a try.
- Try the Replacement Theory - Make sure pup has plenty of chew toys available so he doesn't enjoy your new pair of shoes or your heirloom furniture.
- Utilize Confinement - Teach your dog the crate is a safe place and not punishment. It also helps with potty training.
- Learn from Others - Enroll in puppy classes.
- Stop the Biting at the Start – Puppy bites can be cute by pup will grow and have a full size mouth that can hurt. Don't encourage this behavior.



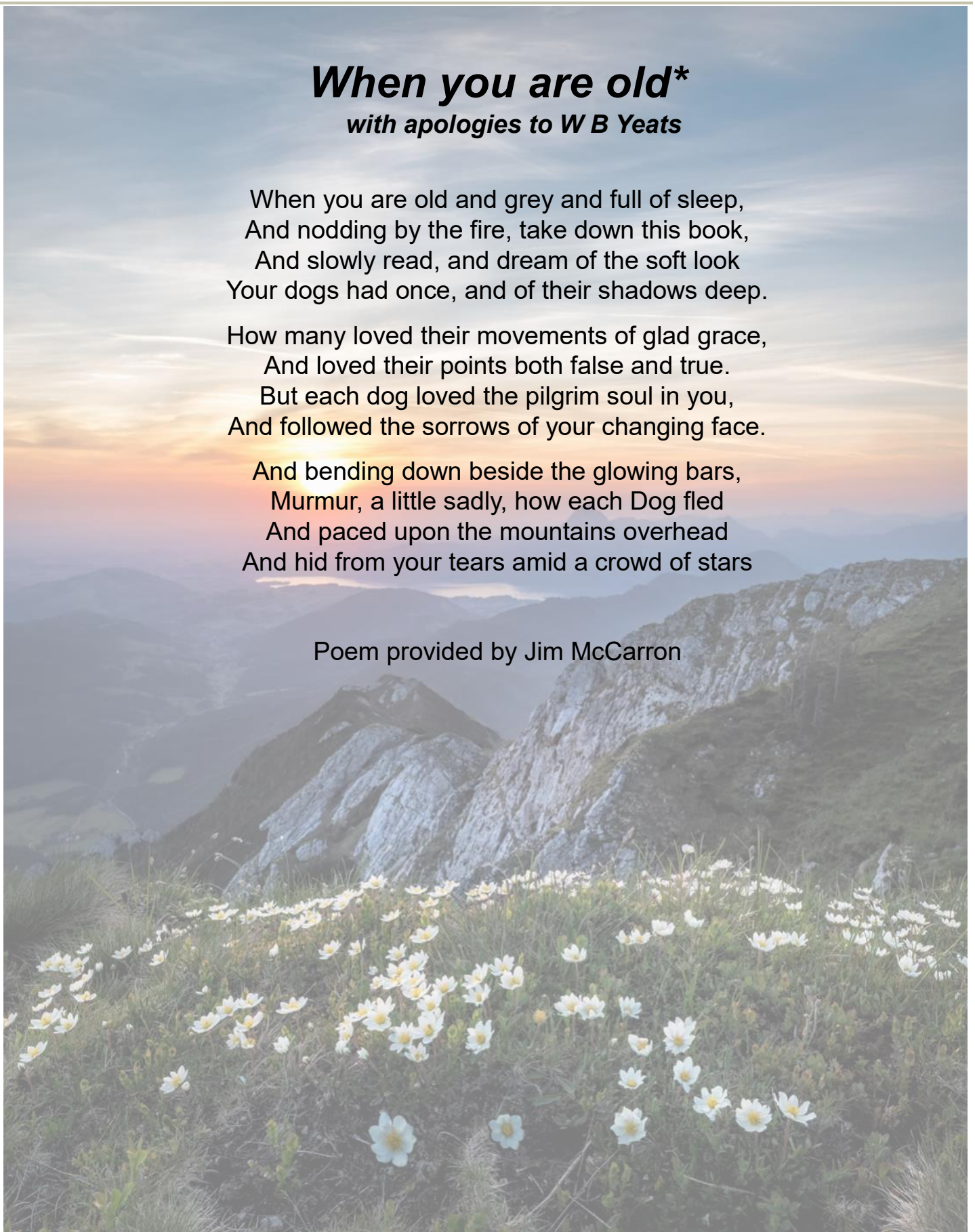
When you are old*
with apologies to W B Yeats

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your dogs had once, and of their shadows deep.

How many loved their movements of glad grace,
And loved their points both false and true.
But each dog loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And followed the sorrows of your changing face.

And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how each Dog fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid from your tears amid a crowd of stars

Poem provided by Jim McCarron



Puppy Stages: Oh My, What We Forgot!

By Janis Bruwelheide

Readers may recall that last month we announced in the Whoa Post that a new pup, Sapphyre de Cumberland Plateau “Dottie” had recently joined our family. Since it had been 14 years since we had a small puppy, I decided to look for some online resources to remind me what to expect at certain ages and stages. Sites abound but these two were succinct and reminded me about what to expect in general behaviors for Dottie as she grows. These two sites are not for bird dogs per se, but I wanted some general guidelines and leave it to the experts in our readership to add information specific to bird dog training. Our girl, Dottie, is confident, smart, hardheaded, persistent, and very loving. She loves to retrieve stuff (not to hand though) and promises to be a good bird dog. We are working on some basic obedience training and Dottie does well. Our older girl, Sally, tires of the antics but will be an invaluable teacher in the field.

A Puppy Growth Timeline: Transitions in Puppyhood

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/puppy-growth-timeline-transitions-puppyhood/>

Puppy Growth Chart by Month & Breed Size with FAQ

<https://www.innovetpet.com/blogs/breed/puppy-growth-chart>



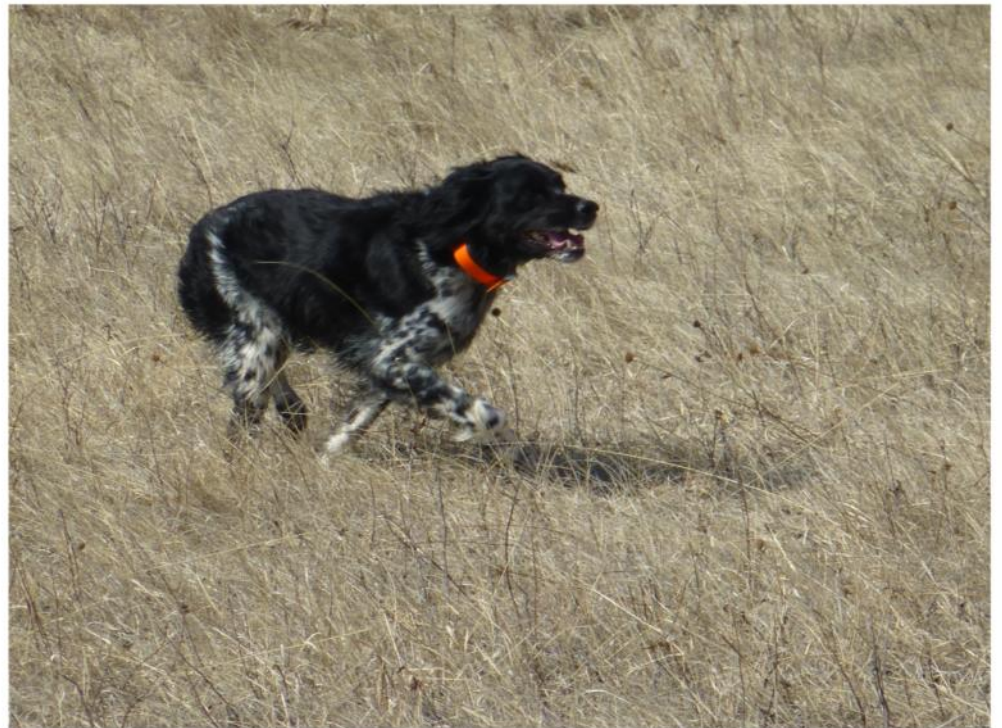
Dog Gone Monday by Peter Wax

It is a Monday morning in May. A Monday of clear skies after a weekend of cold wind and thunderstorms. Looking out the fourth-floor office window, it is dog gone hard to work. A memory of staring out the window in advance algebra class comes creeping in. I can see Miss Paper talking but cannot understand the words. I had been lost for the last couple weeks. Failing was a reality and the beautiful day out the window was not helping matters. The old school lacked air conditioning and the open window beckons. One quick jump, and dog gone it, I would be free.

Foxy must have felt that same way when she jumped out the second story bedroom window. It was a nice spring day and a rabbit in the back yard was just more than she could resist. Dog gone I was sure she would be dead. But she met me at the back door, ran into the house and up the stairs like she was going to do it again. The phone's warbling slowly enters my consciousness, but dog gone it, I could not get to the headset before it went to voice mail. Sitting down defeatedly, just like algebra class, I wait for the voice mail to end and then call back.

It is Monday morning in May. A Monday following a weekend spent at home instead of out in God's playground. Took the dogs for a couple short runs down the section line, but dog gone, it just did not fill the aching hole in my heart. Staring out that window does not help. Listening to the voicemail the memory came creeping back and the 2 O'clock bell is ringing. Dog gone I missed my chance to jump out the window and art class is next. I like art class.

The hallway is packed. A little pushing, some shoving, but mostly just everyone getting to the locker and on to the next class. Miss Engle's art class. Art class. An hour oasis. Just the smell is comforting. Linseed oil, turpentine, resin, lavender, chalk, and charcoal dust. No instruction needed, as dog gone it, I know how to do art. In the mist of the day-dream, I realize it quitting time. Time to go get the dogs and go for run. Running dogs on a dog gone Monday is not so bad. Clear skies, light wind and just 70 degrees. Yep, I sure like Dog Gone Mondays.



2021 Rocky Mountain Cup Wild Field Trial

13 Reasons to Attend the Field Trial

- Outstanding vistas
- High number of bird contacts for your dog at the field trial
- Compete for the famed ***Rocky Mountain Cup***
- Go fish blue ribbon trout streams
- Upland game bird season starts September 1st
- Go hunt unique upland bird species
- Expand your lungs at higher elevations
- Unmatched hospitality
- Excellent and abundant food (don't plan to diet!)
- Meet new people and renew old friendships
- Win prizes at the dinner-raffle
- Compete for the famed ***Rocky Mountain Cup***
- Discover maple sticks at the local café (don't plan to diet!)

Mark your calendars for August 28 & 29, 2021!

The Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club will hold a WILD type field trial in Denton, Montana.

Field trial premium, information on location, entry form, and meal package form are posted on the club's website.

<https://montanabreton.com/events--news.html>



Meal Package Order Form

Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club Field Trial
August 27 -29, 2021

Meals provided at the Trial Headquarters, Denton Town Hall, 515 Broadway,
Denton, MT

Meal package includes:

Friday (August 27) evening at 6:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast at 7:00 am

Sat. and Sun. Sack Lunches Delivered to the Field

Saturday evening at 6:00 pm

Total cost for meal package per person: \$60.00

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mobile Phone _____

Email _____

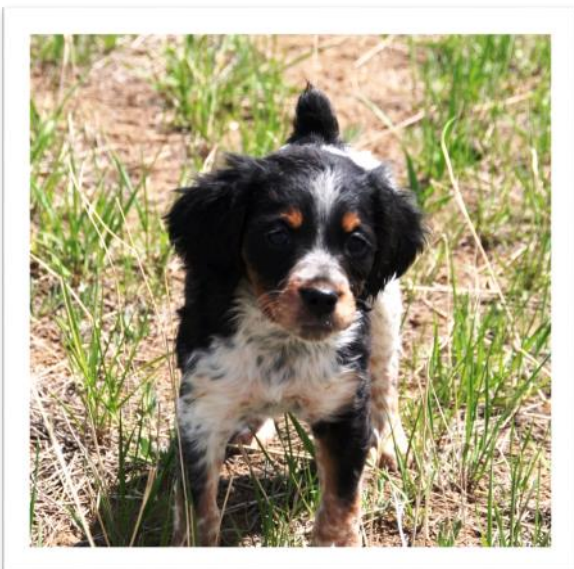
Number of Meal Packages _____ X \$60.00 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Questions: Sherry Niesar sniesar@outlook.com

Return form with payment to:
Sherry Niesar, Field Trial Secretary
909 West Ave. B
Bismarck, ND 58501

Puppy Parade



Rosie at 6 weeks
Photo provided by Mel Kotur



Dottie on the run at 4 months.
Photo provided by Janis Bruwelheide



Crashed
Photo by Lynn Dee Gale

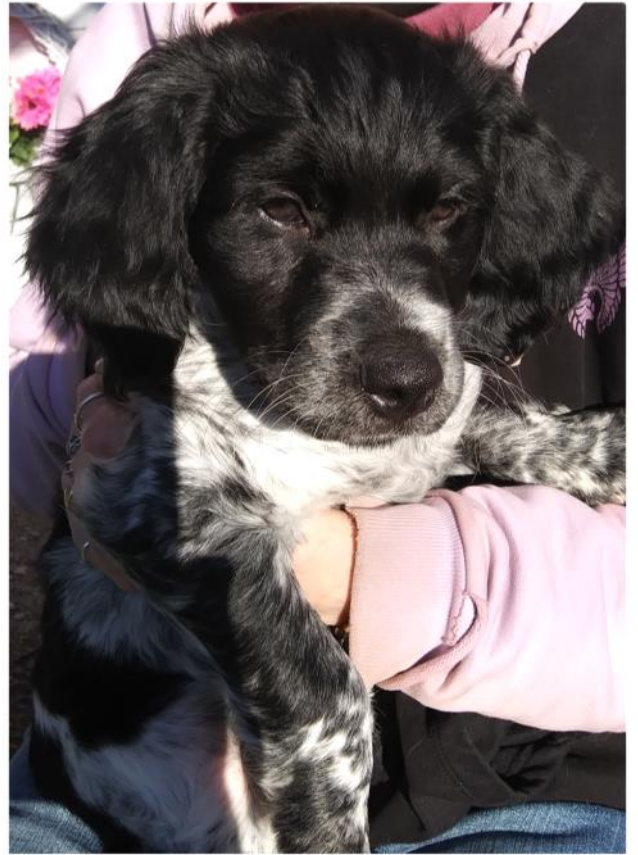
Oak owned by Mike Sheffer
Photo by Lynn Dee Gale





Dottie

Photo provided by Janis Bruwelheide



A young Rocky
Photo by Steve Clark



Maisie (5 months old) with Kim Kotur after a successful first hunt.

Photo provided by Mel Kotur



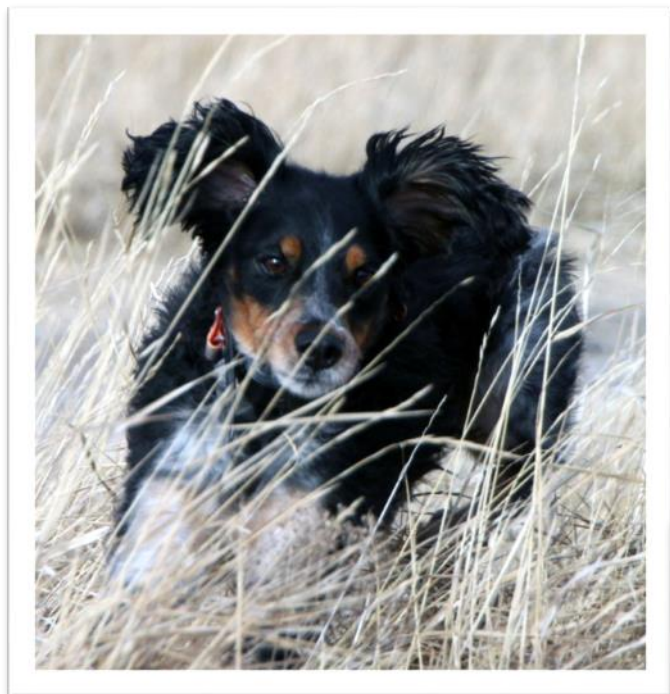
Chow time! Litter, Dam: Nixi De' L'Escarbot
Sire: Jarred du Comte de Batz Castelmore (Import France)

Photo by John Mooney

Puppy point!
Photo by Lynn Dee Galey



Rosie on the move at 6 months old.
Photo provided by Mel Kotur



Nikki & Nate owned by Mike Sheffer.
Photo by Lynn Dee Galey





Rick Smith Intermediate Level Bird Dog Training Seminar

When: August 7-8, 2021

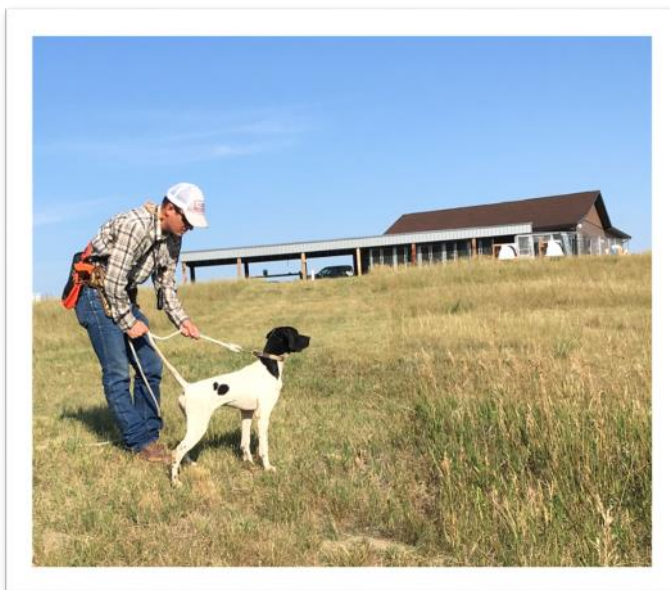
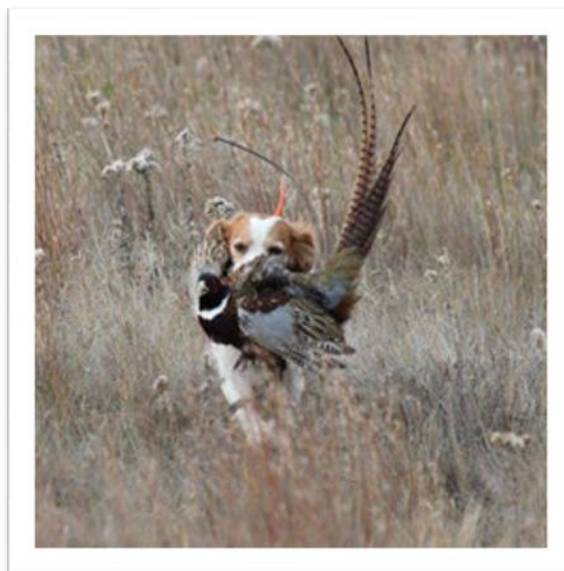
Location: Todd Lehner Kennels, 924 Horse Creek Road near Circle, Montana

Cost: \$800

About: This is the second level of seminar that Rick Smith offers, so if you have attended his Foundation Level seminar (first level).

The seminar will include more field work and get into the ins and outs of transitioning the check cord and command lead to the electronic collar.

Contact Todd Lehner (tlkennels@gmail.com or call 406-941-3578 with questions or to reserve your spot!



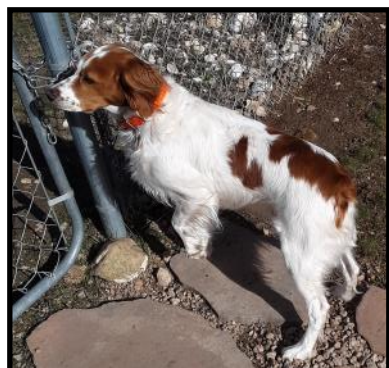
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Recipe: *Fajitas*

Provided by Jeff & Tasha Pleskac

Marinade (mix ingredients and marinade 2 to 4 breast pieces for at least 2 hours)

2 tablespoons canola oil

2 tablespoons lime juice

1 1/2 teaspoons Adobo seasoning

1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon chili powder or 1/2 teaspoon each of ancho and Chipotle pepper (I prefer the latter)

1/2 teaspoon paprika

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)



Thinly slice a medium red onion from root to stem.

Thinly slice one green pepper and one red pepper.

Heat a cast iron or steel pan medium high. You'll want to start your kitchen fan because to get some char on the meat and vegetables you will create smoke or you can make these on your grill outside. Add 2 to 3 tablespoons of canola oil. When the oil just starts to smoke add the pheasant breasts. Cook about 2 minutes until you see some charring flip and cook about another 2 minutes until slightly charred. Remove the breasts and let them rest for a few minutes. Add the onions and peppers and a pinch or two of salt and some pepper. Stir every minute for about 5 minutes and add some oil if the pan gets dry. You want the vegetables to brown or develop a little charring. You may need to reduce the heat a little. Slice the breast across the grain of the meat (the meat should still be pink on the inside). Add the meat back into the pan with the vegetables and heat for another minute or so.



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

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All listings are paid membership. For more information, contact the editor at sniesar@outlook.com



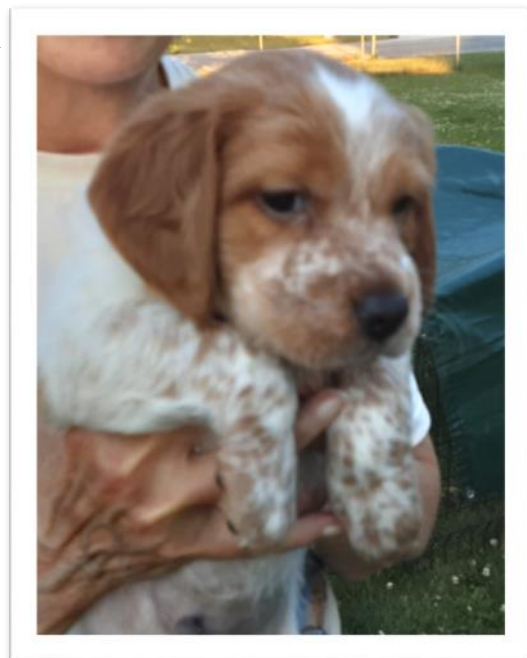
Whoa Post Marketplace

Litter Announcement:

We are excited to announce a successful breeding of GRCH Lacey de Cache D'or TAN WRT (Lacey) and TR Just Perfect de Auburn Bretons UT3(Blue). Both dogs are UKC, AKC and NAVHDA registered. Blue has a Prize 1 in NA and a Prize 3 in UT with NAVADA. Lacey has 2 wins in Gun dog with the UKC and is planned to test in UT in the fall. Both dogs have their hips certified. Pups from this litter will be cooperative in the home and excellent in the field.

Two males are available.

Contact Bob Yourin at 262-716-1650 or email at bob.yoerin@gmail.com



“Properly trained, a man can be dog’s best friend.”

Corey Ford



Regional Events

June 12 & 13, 2021

Regional Elimination MN Region NASTRA
Ellendale, ND
Single/Open/Amateur
Contact Cody Echevarria codycfw@gmail.com
208-571-4543

June 19-20, 2021

Central Dakota NAVHDA
Minot, ND
NA/UPT/UT
Contact Kara Brayko 701-339-8435 or
glasgowchick2@yahoo.com

June 26-27, 2021

Red River NAVHDA
Kindred, ND
NA
Contact Steve Buck 701-729-6483

August 6-7, 2021

Big Sky NAVHDA
Helmville, MT
Contact Daniel Futz (814) 720-9312



UKC Events

June 26, 2021

Northern Plains Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club
Lake Andes, SD
Type of Events Held: TAN, WRT
Event Norman Pope 605.572.8236
popecpa@gmail.com

August 28 - 29, 2021

Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club
Wild Trial & TAN
Denton, MT
Contact Sherry Niesar, Trial Secretary at
sniesar@outlook.com or 701-527-3714



Renew Your Membership

Membership to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is due at the beginning of each calendar year in 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 joining. 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

Sally says, "Hey Boss, it's time to pay our membership dues!"



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