

# The Whoa Post



March 2020

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## *The March Issue*

A week ago, I was not convinced spring was on the way, but today I am sure. How you ask? This week, the Canada Geese have been flying over calling and looking for places to stop and refuel for their trip north to summer nesting grounds. But that wasn't enough. Tonight, I saw our owl. We have a great horned owl pair that nest in the one of the tall cottonwoods behind our house. It's a comedy when the chicks hatch. There are also morning doves that nest nearby. When the chicks get old enough to begin to call, the owlets and the morning dove chicks call to each other. The morning doves imitate the owls and their call turns rather deep and husky like the owls. The owls call to the doves in the day—they tend to call at dusk and early evening and morning. This messes with the doves natural rhythm as they are day time birds. I figure that by the time they fledge, both birds figure out when they are supposed to be calling and awake, so I just sit back and enjoy their antics.

Another sign of spring is the request from my husband to locate training birds. Seems it's time to polish up the dogs for spring events. I was able to work the phone today and come up with the required birds for this month. I'm not sure what May will bring. I guess I'm on a need to know basis. We'll be out west this weekend, working on endurance and steadiness. Hopefully, no one has lapsed too much during the off months.

If you are a shed hunter, you may find a few. In the past couple of weeks, we looked for sheds but did not find any. In fact, the bucks that we saw were still holding on to their antlers. I guess it's a late spring for the deer in North Dakota.

Will we still get some winter weather? Of course. It wouldn't be spring on the northern Great Plains without a winter (spring) storm or two coming our way. But the temperatures are warming up into the 50's during the day and not so cold at night. There is an end to the remaining snow, and any that may fall will not stay long, thanks to the higher angle and intensity to the sun. Think spring and all that it brings!

Sherry Niesar  
Whoa Post Editor

## *Canine Chiropractic Treatment by Ken Bruwelheide*

Like most of the readers of this newsletter I am constantly learning new things about dogs. As time goes on and our dogs age, like us, they experience various physical maladies.

In October of 2019 during pheasant season my second oldest dog Cassie, age 12 ½ then, had some physical performance issues. Her normal running gait and stride were different. Perhaps if I had been more observant, I would have noticed this change earlier. Cassie seemed to be having a problem with her hips and her stride and leg motion was different. There was stiffness in her rear leg motion



and occasionally her rear legs went out from under her. She did not appear to be in pain or distressed and the problem was intermittent. However, we did not let her hunt hard or too long at a time. As we all know these Epagneul Bretons have two speeds...stop and wide open.

Over the next couple of months, the same situation occurred intermittently but overall her rear legs seemed to become stiffer. Inquiries were made of our veterinarian and it was noted that Cassie was nearly thirteen years old and physical change could be expected in a dog that has been so athletic in the field and home.

Our veterinarian has cared for Cassie since puppyhood and made a suggestion. She asked if we had ever considered canine chiropractic treatment. We had never heard of this but decided to explore the option. We realized that there may not be a cure, but we hoped for some relief and comfort over time, so we asked for a referral. Cassie is a driven dog in the field who not only hunts but has regular exercise.

We contacted a practicing, well regarded veterinarian (Dr. V) who offers canine and equine chiropractic treatment along with her normal practice. She came to our home to offer treatment in Cassie's normal environment. At the beginning the veterinarian had me walk Cassie around to evaluate her gait and overall movement. Dr. V then sat on the floor to pet Cassie so that both she and the dog became more comfortable with each other. I had no idea what to expect.

The corrective motion/movement/pressure applied was all done with the fingertips of both hands working up and down the spine. As Dr. V's hands and fingers applied light but direct pressure, I could see Cassie relax and take a deep breath. It was apparent that tension was being released from the spine and connective tissues. The initial session lasted about 60 minutes including assessment. Cassie did not seem to experience any discomfort at all.

At the end of the session there was a definite difference in Cassie's walking gait and her overall motion was much better. This improvement lasted. Since we were heading to Arizona for a while, we scheduled a second treatment before departure about three weeks later. To date Cassie is still doing well and enjoying

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## Canine Chiropractic Treatment - Continued from page 2

walks in a warm place without snow and cold.

The results of this canine chiropractic treatment have enabled our dog to move more freely and with more of her natural gait. About the time this article appears in the Whoa Post, Cassie will have had her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. We have no illusions that she will be transformed into a young dog but hopefully Cassie will continue to feel better and walk normally. Treatments will continue when we return home. So far, though, there has been a positive change.



An update will follow on Cassie and canine chiropractic treatments in an upcoming issue of the Whoa Post.

### *Dancing Grouse*

*Sage-grouse* are mottled gray-brown with a black belly. Males have a black head and throat. The breast has a fluffy white ruff that, during displays, surrounds a pair of inflatable, yellow air sacs. Females have a dusky cheek patch emphasized by white markings behind the eye.

For most of the year sage-grouse are inconspicuous, browsing on sagebrush and other plants at ground level. In March to May, males perform elaborate strutting displays on patches of bare ground called leks. Females gather to evaluate the males and choose which ones to mate with. They are widespread across the sagebrush plains but are sensitive to disturbance.

*Sharp Tailed Grouse* are a tubby, chickenlike bird with small head, small bill, short legs, and medium-long, graduated (pointed) tail. Males gather on courtship grounds, where they perform rapid-stepping displays, call, and often fight.

To locate a lek with viewing blind contact your local Fish and Wildlife Service office, US Forest Service, State Game & Fish office or Bureau of Reclamation. Non profit conservation agencies such as the Nature Conservancy, Audubon Society or Ducks Unlimited may also have viewing blinds. Good Luck!



*O'Neill, D. G., Dave C. Brodbelt, Rebecca Hodge, David B. Church and Richard L. Meeson. (2020). "Epidemiology and clinical management of elbow joint disease in dogs under primary veterinary care in the UK." Canine Medicine and Genetics 7(1).\**

**Background:**

Conditions affecting the elbow joint are a common cause of lameness in dogs. Primary-care veterinary clinical data are now recognised as a valuable research resource. Using data from the VetCompass Programme, this study aimed to report the frequency and risk factors for elbow joint disease in dogs under primary veterinary care in the UK and describe clinical management.



**Results:**

From 455,069 dogs under veterinary care, the one-year period prevalence for elbow joint disease diagnosis was 0.56% (95% CI: 0.53–0.60). Of 616 incident cases, the most common specific variants of elbow joint disease were osteoarthritis (n= 468, 75.97%), elbow dysplasia (190, 30.84%) and traumatic (41, 6.66%). The most common signs described by the owners were lameness (n= 466, 75.65%), difficulty exercising (123, 19.97%) and pain (86, 13.96%). The most common findings recorded on veterinary examination were pain (n= 283, 45.94%), lameness (278, 45.13%) and reduced range of movement (243, 39.45%). Common medications used included non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (n= 544, 88.31%), tramadol (121, 19.64%) and disease modifying agents (118, 19.16%). Of 109 deaths involving euthanasia with information available from the 616 incident cases, elbow joint disease contributed to the decision to euthanase in 45 (41.28%) dogs. Five breeds showed increased odds of elbow joint disease compared with crossbred dogs: Rottweiler (OR: 6.16, 95% CI 3.89–9.75), Labrador Retriever (OR: 5.94, 95% CI 4.65–7.60), German Shepherd Dog (OR: 4.13, 95% CI 2.88–5.93), Golden Retriever (OR: 3.11, 95% CI 1.93–5.00) and English Springer Spaniel (OR: 2.00, 95% CI 1.26–3.18). Additional risk factors included having an adult body weight that was equal or higher than their breed/sex mean, advancing age, being male, being neutered, being insured and larger body weight.

**Conclusions:**

Elbow joint disease is a relatively common diagnosis in dogs and has a high welfare impact as evidenced by the high proportion of cases recorded with pain, lameness and analgesic therapy. There are strong breed predispositions, in particular for large breed dogs. These findings present a clear case for improved breeding programmes to reduce the burden of elbow joint disease.

## Training: Launcher Innovation by Susan Davy

As we head into March, my mind wanders more and more to thoughts on the spring and summer training I'm going to be doing with my dog, and with our local NAVHDA Chapter. I use both foot bird release launchers and electronic remote launchers. I like and use both, and both have their advantages and disadvantages. Both take a little time and planning to set up.

The foot launchers are easier and less expensive to use. The draw back with them is that I always have to carry a brick along for each launcher when using pigeons or chukars because the launcher is not heavy enough to keep the bird in it. The other day I came up with the idea of adding weight to the launchers that would become part of the launcher itself, thus eliminating the need to also carry the brick.



I have some old duck decoy lead straps on hand and thought they could be woven into the launcher. While doing an internet search for more of them, belt weights popped up and they seemed like an even better idea. I ordered a couple 2 pound weights to see if they would work. I'm excited to say, I think they will. The launchers still stack nicely and I think they will hold the bird in place until launched by a handler!



1. Launcher
2. How they flip to release a bird
3. With lead weight and rope attached
4. Stacked
5. Decoy weight



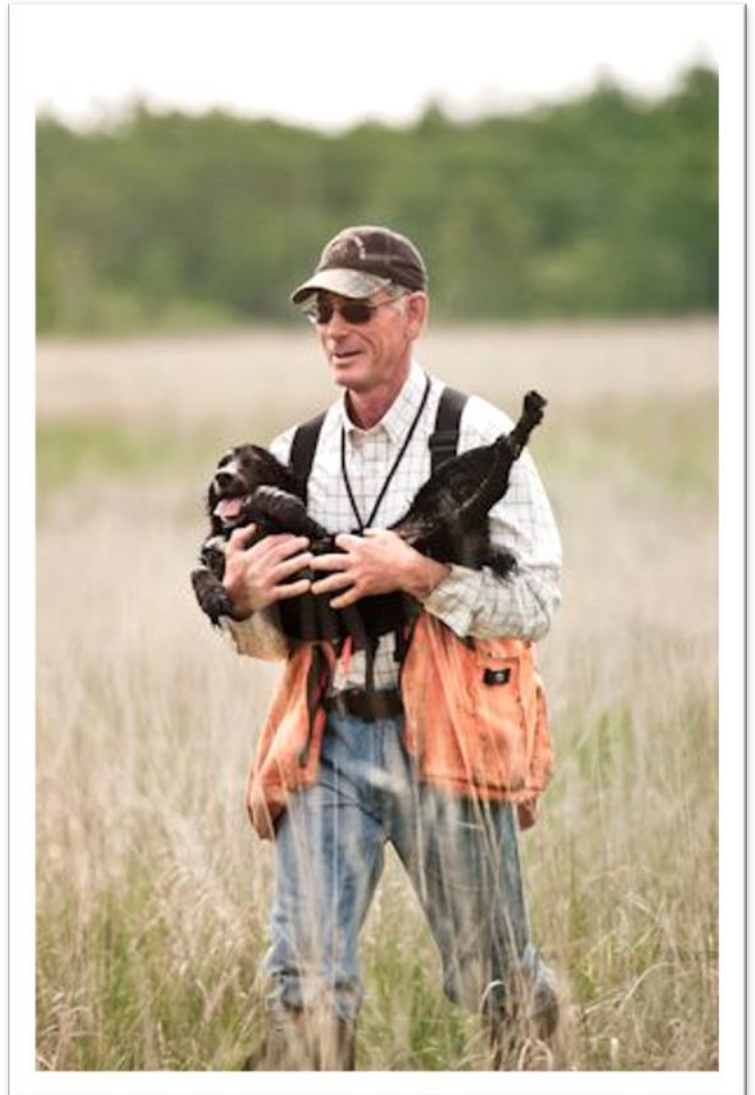
## *Bird Dog and Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductee*

Tom Ness of Menoken, North Dakota was inducted into the Bird Dog and Field Trial Hall of Fame in Grand Junction Tennessee on February 8, 2020. He was nominated by the Cocker Spaniel Field Events Committee. This was based on his record in trials as well as good deeds done. Tom has fostered hunters and would be dog trainers, shared training grounds and knowledge with fellow dog people.

In the mid-seventies, Tom began training hunting dogs after he purchased his first field bred English Springer Spaniel named Fanny. Soon after, Tom graduated from the University of North Dakota and moved to Wyoming. Tom, having been bitten by the dog training bug, became involved in Spaniel Field Trials in Wyoming and Colorado. He started training professionally in the early 1980's while living in Colorado.

In 1984, Tom moved his family back to North Dakota and established Oahe Kennels. After recovering from a near fatal hunting accident, Tom bought a farm south of Menoken, North Dakota in 1994 and began training dogs and guiding full time. Oahe Kennels has trained hundreds of gun dogs of all breeds, specializing in Spaniels and Retrievers.

Over the years Tom has handled about 30 cockers (mainly) and springers to their Field Trial Championships. Ness won the Nationals in 2010 and had high point dog in the country five times plus a North American high point dog. Tom founded the North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club which is one of the largest, most active clubs in the country if not the largest. (In Bismarck, ND). What a great fun career.



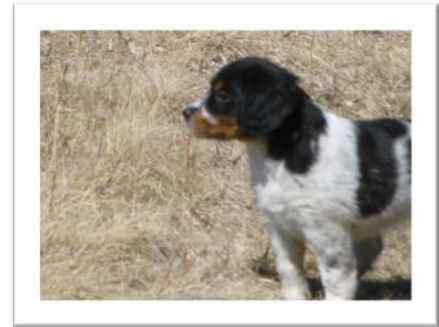
*Your dog can help get you a date! One study showed that a man's chances of getting a girl's phone number went from 10% to 33%, just by having a dog with them. In the study, a staggering 66% of men and women would not date someone who didn't like pets.*



# POETS CORNER

## The Naming

Give me something strong  
 Give me something powerful  
 Give me something noble  
 Give me something memorable  
 Give me something  
 To carry through all my years  
 With back straight and chin held high  
 But then you ask your three year old daughter  
 "Why don't you name the new puppy?"  
 And I'm so screwed that I could cry



## The Cone

Thanks to the cone  
 I can't gnaw at my stitches  
 Thanks to the cone  
 I can't turn my head  
 Thanks to the cone  
 I can't navigate hallways  
 Thanks to the cone  
 I get stuck in doorways  
 Thanks to the cone  
 I misjudge the stairs  
 Thanks to the cone  
 I get claustrophobic when I  
 bend for my food  
 Thanks to the cone  
 I go deaf when I bark  
 Thanks to the cone  
 Our every game of catch turns into basketball  
 Thanks to the cone  
 I can't gnaw my stitches  
 But all these psychological scars will never heal



From: I Could Chew on this and Other Poems by Dogs by Francesco Marciuliano. Chronicle Books 2013  
 Special thanks to Carl Anderson for providing the poems.





## Photo Gallery



Obi running full tilt at CEV\_US National Field Trial. Obi is owned by Jim & Fatmi Anders

Photo by Jimmy Cobb



Fatmi Anders with Obi at CEB - US National Field Trial with judges, guide and gunner.

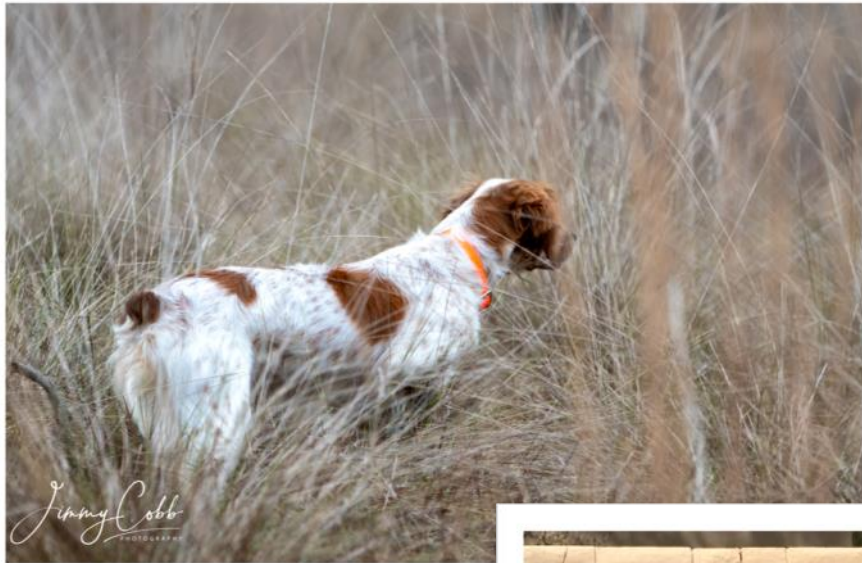
Photo by Jimmy Cobb



"TAN", in Picardy. It shows the biotope of a winter TAN, and how things really work, with from left to right: Bird placer, examiner, owner and...dog on point.

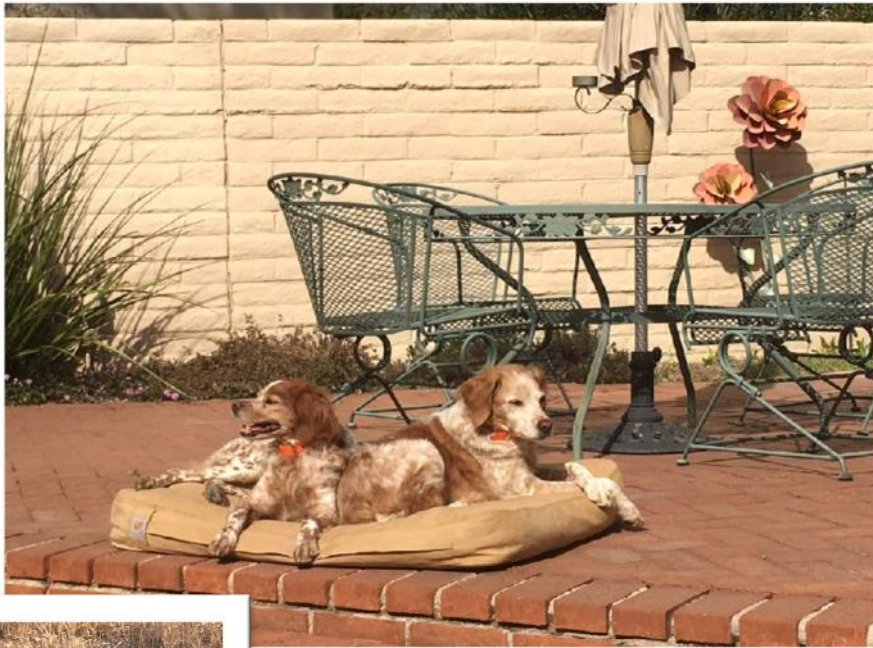
Photo by Pierre Willems

## Photo Gallery



Betsy Ross De Bent River owned by Larry Ellison, at CEB-US nationals.  
Photo by Jimmy Cobb,  
Provided by Larry Ellison

Sally and Cassie enjoying the Arizona sunshine.  
Photo by Janis Bruwelheide



Rascal and Ray Peres after a pheasant hunt.  
Photo provided by Ra Peres

Photo Gallery





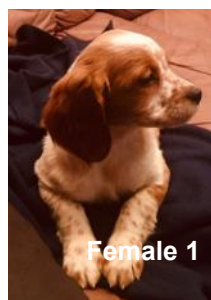
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## Puppies!

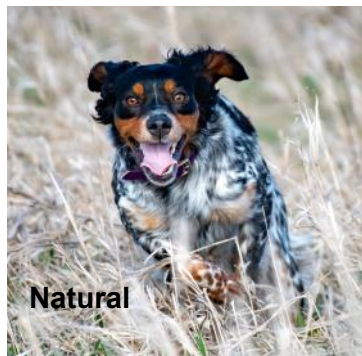
Dam: TR CH INDIANA DE BROUGHTON WRT  
 Sire: GUN CH SMITH'S LEGEND DE PONDSIDE TAN

3 females and 1 male available.

Contact: Ed Smith at 574 699 6302 or Cell: 765 432 9184 .  
[ejs1029@aol.com](mailto:ejs1029@aol.com)



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



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: [hhfarmsmn@gmail.com](mailto:hhfarmsmn@gmail.com) or [hhfarmsmn@gmail.com](mailto:hhfarmsmn@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:  
[hhfarmsmn@gmail.com](mailto:hhfarmsmn@gmail.com) or  
[hhfarmsmn@gmail.com](mailto:hhfarmsmn@gmail.com)



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## ***Stud Dogs***

**Just Perfect Du Auburn Bretons**  
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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



## Recipe: *Korean Barbeque Venison*

From: [www.mossoak.com](http://www.mossoak.com)

### Ingredients

- 2 lbs venison steak sliced into strips approximately 1-inch thick
- ¼ cup sesame oil
- ¼ cup canola oil
- 1 Tbsp chili garlic sauce
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- ¼ tsp crushed red peppers (optional)
- 2 green onions, chopped
- ½ tsp sesame seeds



### Directions

1. Mix ingredients in a large zipper bag or sealable plastic container, place sliced venison in the marinade and place in the refrigerator for 8 to 12 hours, or overnight.
2. Heat your barbeque to high.
3. Pour the venison into a colander to drain extra marinade, then place on the hot grill to sear the fingers hot and fast for 2 to 4 minutes each side.
4. Garnish with sliced green onions and sesame seeds, Serve immediately.

\*This recipe makes great hors d'oeuvres. The venison can be cubed and threaded on skewers to grill. It also makes a great meal served rice and Asian coleslaw.

## *Up Coming UKC Events*

### **March 28 & 29, 2020**

Field Of Dreams Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Grinnel, IA

Event Type: Wild, TAN & WRT

Contact: Dan Torrence [daniel.j.torrence11@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.j.torrence11@gmail.com)

### **April 5th & 6th, 2020**

Northern Plains Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Armour, SD

Contact: Tracey Jacobson (605) 337-2510 (Home); (605)

491-1778 (Cell); [NPEBGDC@gmail.com](mailto:NPEBGDC@gmail.com)



## Regional Field Events

### North Dakota

#### **April 4-5, 2020**

Jepsen Memorial Challenge Trial NSTRA  
Savage MT

Contact: Cody Echevarria, 208-571-4543  
[codyechevarria@gmail.com](mailto:codyechevarria@gmail.com)

#### **April 25 & 26, 2020**

North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club AKC  
McKenzie, ND

Contact: Tom Ness, [thomasness@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:nortonkennels@hotmail.com)

#### **May 9-10 2020**

SINFAD TRIAL NSTRA  
Mobridge

Contact: Tom Dafnis 605-848-1906  
[sinfad@westriv.com](mailto:sinfad@westriv.com)

#### **May 16-17, 2020**

Norton PPL NSTRA  
Ellendale, ND

Contact Jason Norton 701-710-5030  
[nortonkennels@hotmail.com](mailto:nortonkennels@hotmail.com)

#### **May 30 & 31, 2020**

North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club AKC  
Menoken, ND

Contact: Tim Brosz, [tjbrosz@gmail.com](mailto:tjbrosz@gmail.com) 701-218-3182

### Montana

#### **April 18 & 19, 2020**

Montana Brittany Club AKC  
Acton, MT

Contact Tommie Dahl [lzyharts@midrivers.com](mailto:lzyharts@midrivers.com)

#### **April 18 & 19, 2020**

North Dakota Pointing Dog Club AKC  
Acton, MT

Contact Nancy Lane (406) 989-2480  
[lzyharts@midrivers.com](mailto:lzyharts@midrivers.com)

#### **May 22-24, 2020**

Big Sky NAVHDA  
Natural Ability Test

Contact: Lisa Troyer, [lmroyer@hotmail.com](mailto:lmroyer@hotmail.com);  
406-590-0018



## 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](mailto:sniesar@outlook.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