

The Whoa Post

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The May Issue

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Today I am living and working with my family, including husband and college aged daughter. It is not the perfect situation but it is workable. My office is now in the kitchen while my husband has taken over the main office. Daughter has her desk in her bedroom where she “attends” class. I think she has more stress than if she were attending classes and completing assignments on campus. I am probably the source of her stress.

So how are things the same? Years ago before kids, we camped on public land with no rules. We made and maintained our own “personal” campsite, let the dog run and left no trace other than tracks when we left. With the closure of campgrounds, we decided to explore the wild lands of the National Grasslands. You see, camping is allowed on National Grasslands if you are within 300 feet of a road. We found such a place and it brought us back to where we began.

Pacing off the required distance of 300 feet to make sure we were not in violation of the rules, the camper was set up. We were treated to a twice daily performance of dancing sharptail grouse. It is a spring tradition to entice females to mate with the fellows. Birds stomp, jump and flap their wings to attract attention of the females on the sidelines of the dance floor. I have seen and heard this ritual many times, but this year it was especially entertaining. The dogs watched when the birds were especially active but never broke up the party.

During the day, we loaded dogs into the truck and went for long hikes looking for spectacular sites. We found elk lounging on a grassy bench, young mule deer frolicking finally free from winter, and the first short horned lizard, aka horny toad of the season. Not be feared, the horny toad is a gentle reptile that is easily handled and charismatic enough for a few photos.

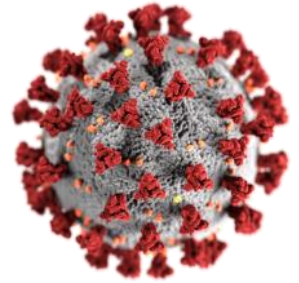
The dogs don’t really care about the deer, elk or even reptiles. They were happy to run without fences, gain stamina lost over the long winter and take their owners along for the walk. Not training, just a nice walk on short grass prairie.

Sherry Niesar
Whoa Post Editor

Coronavirus Transmission and Domestic Canines

by Ken Bruwelheide

With the deadly Covid-19 pandemic upon us there is a lot of confusing information circulating about how the virus infects people, transmission streams, and more. It is known that the current Covid-19 is related to a family of coronaviruses which humans have experienced for many years.



Given the suspected origin of Covid-19 for humans I wondered if this specific virus could infect canines. After all on about April 22, 2020 two domestic cats were infected by Covid-19 in New York. So...while there are several related coronaviruses that may be contracted and spread by canines Covid-19 is not one of them. One of the most common versions is referred to as canine coronavirus which causes an intestinal disorder including diarrhea, vomiting, and intestinal distress in young dogs. This strain spreads through feces when dogs eat poop. This sounds all too familiar, over time, with my dogs.

I gathered a lot of information by using an internet search engine (Google) applying the search string "Coronavirus transmission and domestic canines." The resulting list of articles is long and inclusive as well as informative and interesting. Several references state that while there is a canine respiratory coronavirus, this is not the specific Covid-19 and not thought to be a health threat to dogs. I checked out this information with my veterinarian.

As I write this column it is Tuesday, April 28. The national news this morning reported a dog (pug) in South Carolina that tested positive for Covid-19. The incident was reported to be likely a human (owner) to dog transmission since several family members had tested positive for Covid-19. As I said it is confusing so be careful out there.



Anatomy of a Dogger by Pete Wax

Dogger. You cannot tell a Dogger by shape, size, age, sex, level of education or ethnic background. You cannot rely on their clothing or sixteen-hole trailer either. There are a lot of posers and wannabes. You tell a Dogger by their Soul. All Doggers have interesting Souls. Souls shaped and polished over decades of rubbing up against dogs. This is their reward for giving more than then they got in human things. To humans they give encouragement, time, spare parts, old equipment, tools, leashes, medical supplies, kennels and most importantly knowledge and wisdom. They get little back from humans. To the dog they give everything. The dog gives everything back and then some more. This is a Doggers reward.

I know no Dogger made wealthy by Dogging. Some have been financially successful by trialing rich men's dogs, charging for training services and selling dreams "puppies" but never by just Dogging. Lots of posers selling hype and tripe have been made well off but look to titles and wins before joining their church. Magical training salesman and cattle crap are about equal. Some of their puppies grow to be great dogs and some cattle crap grows great vegetables, but a lot do neither. A real Dogger knows this. Doggers invest in blood lines, real live puppies and other Doggers, not magical training tricks, mythical breeding, spiritual dreams, or vegetables. This polishes their soul but depletes their pocketbook.



Wally Wahl



Butch Nelson

I have the pleasure of knowing some real Doggers. Wally Wahl, Butch Nelson, Tom Ness and Sandy Gunn come quickly to mind. Like their simple names, they are humble men. All four are very different in exterior and process but similar inside. Heck, if you would skin them to the Soul, there would be no telling them apart.

Wally is tall, gruff and tough. He uses colorful language and a lot of physical contact in his training. He can be intimidating, especially when he wears his cowboy hat, but that is just tin siding. Want to melt that scary man's heart? Bring out your kids or a puppy or have him talk of dogs gone by. A breeder for four generations of versatile champions and many utility prized dogs, his greatest gift to the dog world is training others how to train their dog. I learned more about how to read and train a dog from Wally than all the 47 training books, seminars, and experts I have read, attended and listened to.

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His knowledge sometimes storms out of him scaring away the timid. Weather it, the reward is worth it.

Butch Nelson is generous to fault. Sometimes I think he would give it all away if anyone asked for it. Heck, he might have already. He is short, square, nimble footed, gregarious and smiling. Even when he's angry as a hornet he will end a sentence with a grin and a chuckle. Butch cannot walk by a pup or child without touching them or starting a conversation. His hands know. Hands as thick and strong as Hebron bricks. Butch cannot stand to see an inexperienced handler struggle. He'll watch and wait. Walk away then walk back. Eventually he will get overcome, stop everything, and show her or him a little trick to help get a message across to a dog. Magic he is. He knows more magic than ten of them dime store experts traveling across the country selling silver bullets.

Hall of Famer Tom or T.P. Ness is a slender, energetic and agreeable character. His story is interesting and I recommend googling it. He has field championed over 30 dogs and placed hundreds. It is unsettling to come onto Oahe Kennels and ask the kennel guy sweeping poo where the Hall of Famer is, only to find out your talking to him. Tom ain't rich in the human way, or vain, or even wearing a cowboy hat but he is a Dogger through and through. Tom goes out of his way to make sure there is a place to train or run a field test for the individual or club. Tom will show anyone that asks how to force fetch a timid dog (he is the master and damages no spirit in the process) or how to properly plant a pheasant without strings or a cage. He does it for anyone who asks. Even those not associated with his registry, or breed, or like. Tom always has a few misfit dogs wondering around the place and welcomes like humans. Why some folks might think Tom is a wee bit different. That fits. Fits because his breed of choice is the English Cocker, and everyone knows a good Cocker should be a wee bit crazy.



Tom Ness



Sandy Gunn

Sandy Gunn of Gunnstalk Kennels is a different breed of Dogger. A rare and special breed. His hometown of Sydney, Nova Scotia is so far east it is southeast of Houlton, Maine though he now lives in Norwood, Ontario. Sandy, always a twinkle in his eye, is a spry 135 pounder. Always a gentleman, always dapper, white haired, bearded and kind to a fault. Ageless. He bred his first litter when dinosaurs still roamed the earth. Since then he has bred many more. He has bred Gordon Setters, Jack Russell Terriers, German Shorthairs, Field Spaniels, Labradors, Rough Collie, and Border Terrier, but Pointers are his specialty. Over 45 years he produced 44 litters of the finest hunters and champion pointers.

He has competed in and judged Field Trial Pointing Breeds in CKC, AKC, UKC, AF, The KC, NSTRA, and NZKC. He is a master in the show ring. An "All Breeds"

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Judge. Always in demand. He has Judged in Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, China, Columbia, England, New Zealand, Scotland, South Korea and the USA. He knew and knows all the great dog men and women. He was friends with Robert Wehle and edited his works.

Information from Sandy comes softly like morning light to the day. An educator by trade, Sandy is tolerant to youthful ignorance and boastfulness. He allows unfounded banter to go on around him with little input beyond rapped attention. Then quietly he asks a question and the truth is uncovered. A different kind of magic. Magic given freely, quietly and gentlemanly.

Doggers are different but the same. They all are generous and lack the phony gene. It comes from being honest with the dog. Dogs respond to honest. Doggers like their humans to honest just like their dogs. Doggers care not what your breed of choice is but they do look for humans, that like themselves, have an interesting soul shaped and polished by rubbing up against dogs.

Doggers have added greatness to me and my children's lives. They have made me better. Been role models for my children. If you have not already adopted a Dogger, find one and make yourself an inconvenience. The Dogger will act up and try and chase you off but remain persistent. Eventually the Dogger will give you a job. Once you have a job do it well. Fetch the water. Plant the Birds. Sweep the floor. Switch out dogs. Always wash your hands before handling puppies. Listen. No information ever entered your mouth. Be humble. Be a gentleman. Be appreciative. Grow. Become a Dogger.

BLUE COLLAR TRAINING: Teaching a puppy to give into the lead.

Warning do not attach a rope collar on a pup until you are proficient at tying a Bowline knot. That's the only knot to tie that will keep your puppy from chocking itself. Google www.netknots.com Then scroll down and find Bowline Knot. It will be illustrated with tying instructions.

This is a old Delmar Smith method. This only works if the breeder uses this at 5-8 weeks old. You need to have puppies together, then they teach themselves the pressure points on their necks. One thing for sure puppies like to bite, chew and play. With the leads ropes attached they bite on the ropes when they romp not on each other thus its teaches them to pull on the ropes, teaching them to give into the lead and they don't chew on each other. Once the pup gets used to being yanked and pulled by the ropes on it's neck, they will be ready for the next step, getting a puppy on a to a long lead for its first exposure to birds in the field.

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Patellar Luxation in Dogs from *petmed.com*

Patellar luxation occurs when the dog's kneecap (patella) is dislocated from its normal anatomic position in the groove of the thigh bone (femur). When the kneecap is dislocated from the groove of the thigh bone, it can only be returned to its normal position once the quadriceps muscles in the hind legs of the animal relax and lengthen. It is for this reason that most dogs with the condition will hold up their hind legs for a few minutes.

A dislocated kneecap is one of the most prevalent knee joint abnormalities in dogs. Female dogs are 1 1/2 times more likely to acquire the condition.

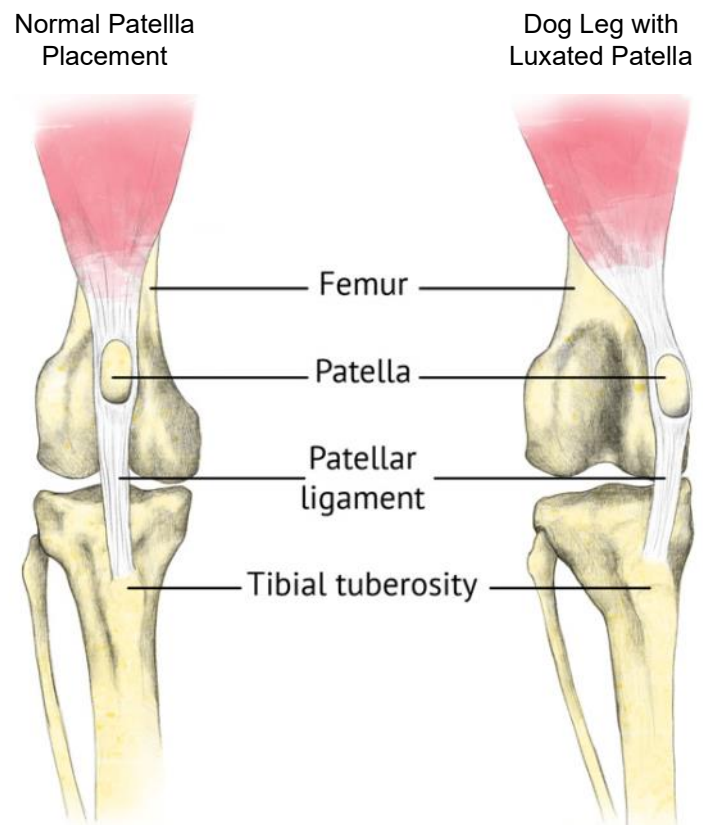
Symptoms and Types: The specific symptoms of a dislocated kneecap will depend on the severity and persistence of the condition, as well as the amount of degenerative arthritis that is involved. Typically, a dog with a dislocated kneecap will exhibit prolonged abnormal hindlimb movement, occasional skipping or hindlimb *lameness*, and sudden lameness.

The dog will rarely feel pain or discomfort once the kneecap is out of position, only feeling pain at the moment the kneecap slides out of the thigh bone's ridges.

Causes: A dislocated kneecap is usually caused by a genetic malformation or trauma. The clinical signs of the condition will normally start showing approximately four months after birth.

Diagnosis: A dislocated kneecap is diagnosed through a variety of means. Top view (craniocaudal) and side view (mediolateral) X-rays of the stifle joint, hip, and hock may be used to detect bending and twisting of the thigh bone and larger bone of the lower leg. Skyline X-rays may reveal a shallow, flattened, or curved groove of the thigh bone. A fluid sample taken from the joint and an analysis of the lubricating fluid in the joint (synovial fluid) will show a small increase in mononuclear cells. It is also necessary for the veterinarian to perform an examination by touch to feel for kneecap freedom.

Treatment: Medical treatment for kneecap dislocation has very little effectiveness; surgery is the preferred treatment of choice for severe cases. Surgery can correct both the affected structures and the movement of the kneecap itself, and in 90 percent of cases, frees the dog from lameness and dysfunction.



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The kneecap may be fastened on the outside of the bone to prevent it from sliding towards the inside. Alternatively, the groove of the thigh bone may be deepened so that it can better hold the kneecap.

Living and Management: Follow-up treatment after successful surgery will include leash walk exercise for one month (avoid jumping) and yearly examinations to check for progress. It is important that dog owners are aware that there is a high possibility of recurrence (48 percent), although the dislocation will be considerably less severe than the original incidence. Because kneecap dislocation is genetically inherited, the breeding of affected dogs is highly discouraged.

Prevention: There are currently no known preventative measures for this medical condition.

Whoa Post Photo Policy

The *Whoa Post* enjoys receiving and sharing pictures of your puppies and adult dogs. The *Post* likes and gives preference to photos submitted for publication that are unique and tell a story, that have you and your family in them, seasonal, and holiday themed.

The *Post* also gives preference to photographs of dogs without electronic training or tracking collars displayed on the dogs, unless demonstrating a training technique. The Epagneul Breton is a very biddable dog with a close connection to its owner and/or handler. The *Post* wants to showcase those qualities and the individuals that own and breed them.

Thank you to all who have shared their dogs through pictures. We look forward to receiving your photographs for future editions of the *Whoa Post*.



The Combo Bird



Jack and Mike Sheffer (L) and Jack's son Woody and his owner Dan (R). This is combo bird with Jack on point on this ridge about 200 yards away and Woody was backing Jack over the ridge top. A left to right crossing bird and Mike hit the bird but it sailed around an out cropping in the ridge. The bird was hit hard. Woody found it and retrieved to Dan. Father/Son combo bird!

Photo provided my Mike Sheffer

Breeders, Stud Dog List and Marketplace Ads

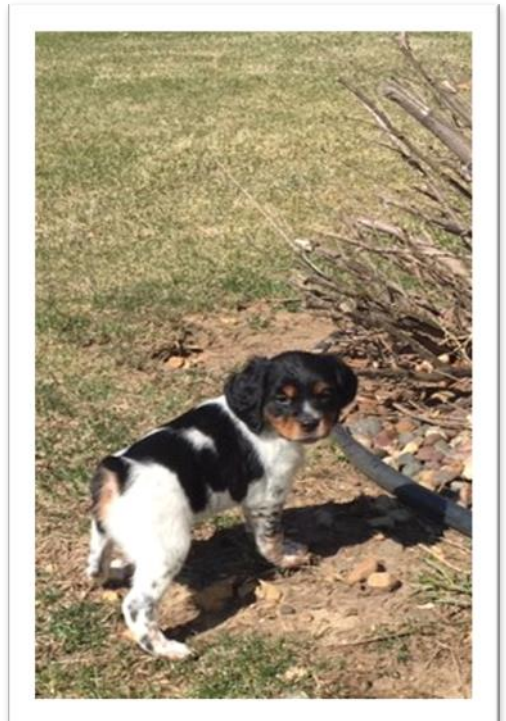
The *Breeders, Stud Dog List and Marketplace Ads* can be placed only by paid members. If you are not a paid member, complete the membership form on the last page and return it with your payment. Memberships must be kept current or you will be removed from the *Breeder/Stud Dog* list. The Whoa Post is 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.

Photo Gallery



Cassie on the electric blanket on a cold evening and note the control!
Photo by Janis Bruwelheide



Ruby De' L'Escarbot, at 8 weeks old
Sire: Ipso Dam: Nanci.
Photo by John Mooney



Jasper - Newkie litter at 7 weeks
Photo by John Mooney



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Turkey Cutlets with Mixed Greens & Herb Vinaigrette

From: www.mossoak.com

Turkey Cutlets with Greens Ingredients:

- 1 turkey breast
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1/2 tbsp pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp water
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 4 tbsp olive oil for frying (divided)
- 4 tbsp butter (divided)
- 4 cups mixed greens
- 1 cup herb vinaigrette
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

Balsamic Herb Vinaigrette Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup Balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 tsp fresh basil, finely chopped
- 2 tsp fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 2 tsp fresh oregano, chopped
- 1 cup olive oil

Preparation method:

Cut turkey breast into 3/4-inch pieces. Pound to 1/4-inch thick with a meat mallet.

On a large plate, mix flour, salt and pepper. On a second plate, beat eggs and water together. On a third plate, place breadcrumbs. Dredge dry, pounded turkey breast pieces into seasoned flour mix, then egg mixture, then breadcrumbs.

In a hot sauté pan, melt butter and oil. When sizzling, place turkey in pan and brown for about 2 minutes per side. Cook in batches. Do not crowd the pan. Transfer to a platter to keep warm.

In a medium sized bowl, mix greens with 1/4 cup vinaigrette. Divide salad among 4 plates. Place a piece of fried turkey on top of greens. Garnish with fresh parsley and drizzle extra vinaigrette as desired.



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

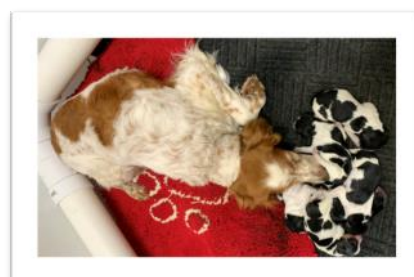
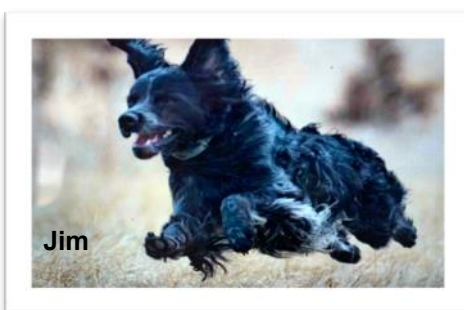
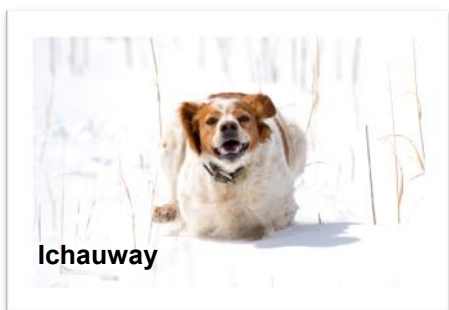


Whoa Post Marketplace

Puppies

One male available! 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.

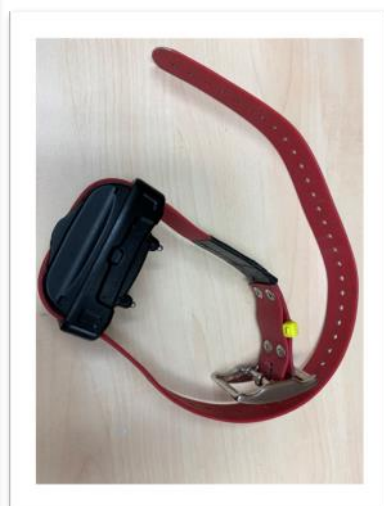
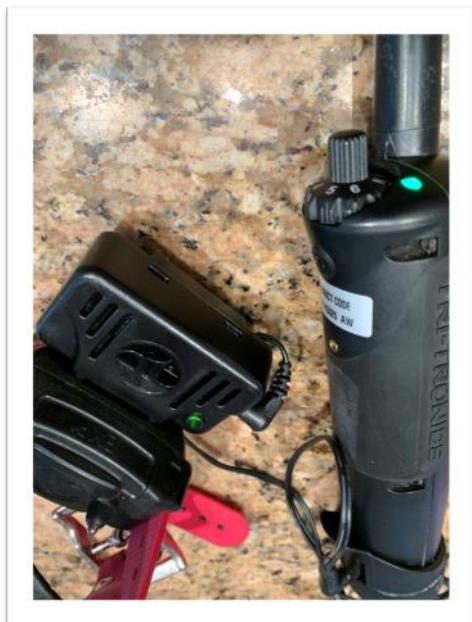
We adhere to the breeding policy of the CEB-US as stated on their website. Chantant K-3 Kennel. Contact Norman Pope at 605-572-8236 or popecpa23@gmail.com



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. \$225.00 OBO

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





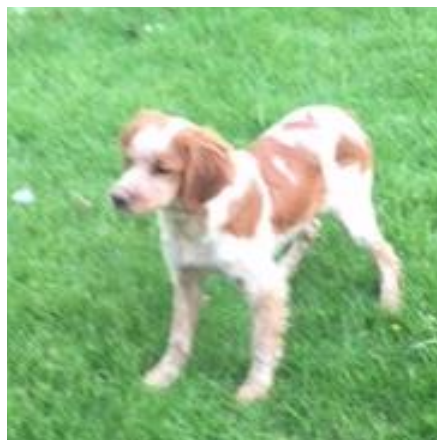
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Puppies!

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

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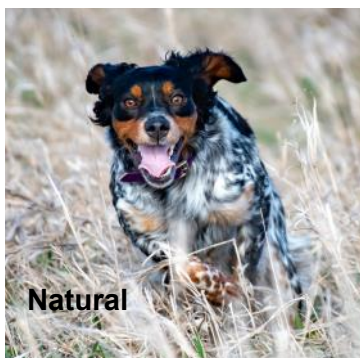
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Puppies! Tr Ten Bar Heineken WRT x Hunt Natural De La HHF NA PZ 1



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: hhfarmsmn@gmail.com or 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.

Male puppies are still available.

For more information:
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Nikolina

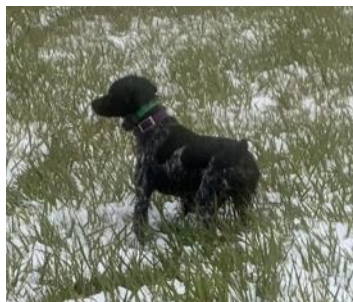


Jasper



Started Dog

Otter De La HHf (Estandard des Grand Lacs x Lil' Enid Du Broughton) born 12/19/18). Otter is a super biddable 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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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

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,

nortonkennels@hotmail.com

May 23-25, 2020

Minnesota Brittany Club AKC

Hankinson, ND

Contact: Joel Droel 650-260-3273 jldeci96@gmail.com

May 30 & 31, 2020

North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club AKC

Menoken, ND

Contact: Tim Brosz, tjbrosz@gmail.com

701-218-3182

Montana

May 22-24, 2020

Big Sky NAVHDA

Natural Ability Test

Contact: Lisa Troyer, lmtroyer@hotmail.com;

406-590-0018

May 29-31, 2020

Montana Retriever Club AKC

Billings, MT

Contact: Linda Johnson (406) 698-9740

lrjohnson1@gmail.com



UKC Events

June 5, 2020

Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Specialty Show

Sauk Rapids, MN

Contact: Jeff Pleskac 320 260 6202,

hhfarmsmn@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,

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October 3 - 4, 2020

Field of Dreams EB Gun Dog Club

Liberated Field Trial OPEN, GUN, TAN, WRT

Searsboro, Iowa

Contact Matt Van Maanen buckleycreek@gmail.com

641.780.9581



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**

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