

# MID-OHIO JANUARY 2012

monthly information and updates

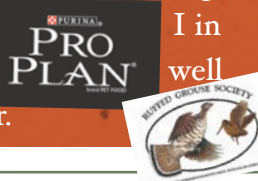


ANOTHER YEAR 2012

LOOKING BACK TO FALL TESTS 2011

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Joanna Zupa and her English Setter T.C. are seen here during the duck search and went on to earn a prize our fall tests. Both she and her husband did enough to enter the V.C. tests this September.



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MID-OHIO CHAPTER NEWS FOR APRIL 2011

We missed many of the members at the 2011 year end party held at Andrew Hopkins' home this past December. Many find December a hard month to navigate a spare weekend, but for those who were able to add the party to their schedule or rearrange their busy life, we thank you. Little time was spent on business. More time was spent on watching Andrew pull the pork with his 'hot mitts' and how the table was getting more full with goodies brought by everyone attending.

As you can see the transition from Bill Revercomb and Barry Sprague has been seamless. For me it was only a

matter of copy and paste since Andrew and Matt are already assuming needed positions in the club. Let's help them by volunteering to head necessary roles in the club. I am sure Andrew would like assistance or more with the test secretary position!

Our first training day is March 3. Mark it on your calendar, as well as, renewing your hunting license for 2012.

I am not sure which weekends Jeff, our bird man, will or won't be available, but hopefully when he is absent, someone else can "step to the plate".



# Training Tips

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**F**rom the May/June 2007 Pointing Dog Journal: Early Bird Exposure by George Hickox:

The right time to expose your dog to birds is 6 to 20 weeks of age: the imprinting stage. In order to maximize the hopeful's drive and develop its hunting instincts, it is far better to properly introduce game during the imprinting stage. Sometimes genetically talented dogs have their instincts dormant because they haven't been introduced to birds during the imprinting stage. They then might exhibit apprehension when exposed to bird later.

When dogs are introduced to birds early, they more likely than not equate birds with fun.

Early bird exposure creates a confidence that will pay huge dividends with a relatively inexpensive investment.

In the six-week period, we start with a locked-wing pigeon. Once the puppy charges out to a tossed lock wing, we move on to a clipped wing quail or pigeon. By placing a rubber band around the bird's flight feather, the bird can run and flap but is



Return of Duck.....you can hear the sigh and the reducing heart rate of the handler when there is success!

unable to fly. The puppy chases the bird, further creating bird desire.

Once we are certain the dog is confident with a locked wing and a clipped wing, the pup is ready to graduate to a flushing bird. Once the field is planted with birds within the pup's view, we release the puppy

and allow him to run, find the birds and chase. We are not working on bird manners; we are working on developing birdiness and questing instincts.

The next step is to saturate the field with birds without the puppy seeing this. It's saturated so that the puppy



Nothing like a little enthusiasm from the "pick up dog"!



is guaranteed to find birds. Within a few exposures, the pup should be actively seeking game. Once-and only when-the pup hunts and chases, do we introduce the gun. When the dog hunts and is confident in the field around birds, we know we have a gun dog. Birds are behind us and we can concentrate on yard training.

From the July 2007 issue of Your Dog Magazine:

- Labs are number 1 in AKC registrations in 47 of 50 major cities
- The skin is the largest organ of the immune system
- A dog's intestines are about three times as long as his body
- It's estimated that owners will spend \$41.8 billion on pets this year
- The smallest breed: Chihuahuas, at 6 pounds or less
- Daffodils, azaleas and tulip bulbs are potentially poisonous to dogs

# For the Health of Your Dog



## **Y**our Dog magazine- August 2010

**How much do food brands differ?**...surprisingly, the first five ingredients on the label are generally the same—Betty Liddick

In comparing 10 premium chicken dinners for dogs, it is found that the ingredients are very similar because all must meet nutritional standards: chicken or chicken broth, grains and vegetables. In fact, the authors say, the first five ingredients of nearly all dog and cat food are generally the same—protein, fat and carbohydrate. Non-premium brands may simply have more grains and byproducts from poultry, meat and fish.

And the claims that certain commercial dog foods enhance health or lengthen lives: No agency requires proof, the authors say. Marion Nestle and Malden C. Nesheim present their findings in "Feed Your Pet Right: The Authoritative Guide to Feeding Your Dog and Cat" (published by Free Press).

Most illuminating was the observation that human food companies produce most of the pet food sold worldwide. "All pet foods are made from the byproducts of human food production," Dr. Nestle told the NY Times. "No matter what the label says, your dog is not getting whole chicken breast but what remains after the breasts have been removed for human food."

The authors acknowledge some owners prefer to feed home-cooked food, but they say pets are more likely to get the nutrients they need from commercial food. "Besides, the pet food industry serves an important ecological function by

using up food that would otherwise be thrown out," Dr. Nestle said.

**Ticks lie in wait in vegetation for dogs to brush by**...the parasite's adult form typically migrates to the ears, neck and toes—Tufts Veterinary Medicine, Spring 2010

Warm weather is prime season for ticks. The parasites transmit infectious disease, such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, or even paralysis, because of a toxin in their saliva.

Even with the use of anti-tick products, you'll still find an occasional tick on your dog's coat. Adult ticks most commonly migrate to the ears, around the neck and between the toes....Ticks do not jump onto the host or drop out of trees. They climb into weeds, grasses or bushes and wait for a passing host dog to brush against the vegetation. They lie in wait, with their forelegs extended, and when a dog touches a plant, the tick grabs hold. Limiting exposure to tall vegetation may lessen the opportunity for ticks to hitch a ride on you or your pet.

Caution is advised if you have a cat and dog at home. Cats can become ill from dogs that have been treated with anti-tick treatments. Whether the cat licked the product or simply rubbed against the dog is unknown.

- An estimated 400,000 children are treated for dog bites annually
- The bleeding disorder hemophilia affects males almost exclusively
- Some brachycephalics have misaligned teeth
- Onions, garlic, leeks, chives, and shallots are toxic to dogs
- Average age for the onset of glaucoma: 8 years
- Ibizan hounds, only about 2 feet tall, can easily leap 5-foot fences



# Recipes of the Month

**F**rom the Ohio Wildlife magazine:

## **Baked Pheasant in Orange Sauce** (Sally Biancone)

4 pheasant breasts, or 2 pheasants  
6 oz. orange marmalade  
1 bottle French dressing  
½ cup water  
1 pkg. Lipton's Onion Soup

About 2 hours before you intend to serve, mix and stir all ingredients into microwave-safe dish. Microwave to blend.

Pour mixture into shallow baking dish. Lay in pheasant pieces. (Note: If cooking whole pheasant, pour mixture inside breast cavity and brush top of birds with mixture.)

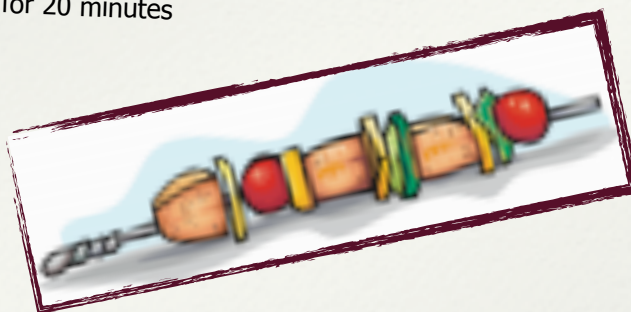
Bake uncovered for about 45 min. at 350°F, turning pieces a time or two. Or roast whole pheasants covered, basting during cooking – uncover to brown for last 10 min. Serve with brown rice.



## **Grilled Dove Skewers with Apricot Sauce**

Wood skewers, soaked in water for 20 minutes  
Bacon slices  
Dove breasts  
Dried apricots

Sauce:  
Apricot preserves  
Dijon mustard  
½ a lemon, squeezed  
Soy sauce  
Worcester sauce



Combine apricot preserves, Dijon mustard, lemon juice, soy sauce, and Worcester sauce to create a basting sauce. Skewer a piece of bacon towards the end of the strip; alternately add pieces of dove breast and dried apricot, wrapping the bacon around each piece and skewering it before adding the next piece. Spoon the sauce over the skewered meat and fruit. Grill until cooked (about 20 minutes) on medium heat, turning frequently and basting with sauce.

# Miscellaneous News and Updates

Roland Drew

When Calvin sent me an email stating that he had read of Roland's death, my heart sank and an emptiness set in for a man that I had met only once during the 2007 Invitational. I felt that I wanted to write something and I jotted down some notes on my dry erase board: man of honor, man of humor, man of change, man of stories, man of respect and integrity. Do any of these descriptions sound familiar? I have read two obituaries noting Roland's death and my descriptions mirror those in each of the summations of his life. These constants and consistencies are those of a great man. Roland will remain and will be remember as a man larger than life.

I smile thinking of his "Roland for President pens" (NAVHDA president) that his sheepishly...NOT! handed out. I still have mine. He had a charism matched only by the twinkle in his eyes. He had a vigor to life and according to one of the obituaries, he was a fighter to the end. Your life still has meaning even in your death.

Roland, your death is a shock and you will be sorely missed by many, but you will be remembered by all that were lucky enough to have had even mere moments with you.



heather s. hauser

(Roland died this past Thanksgiving weekend 2011 in Maine.)

There is a lot of time involved in producing this newsletter from the actual design, content, research, etc. While I enjoy this, the newsletter would be better if the membership would offer pictures, articles that have been correctly referenced to author, or personal experiences with your dog whether in training or hunting.....I have asked before, but it seems to be forgotten. Please make the effort and email me with your input at: [hashauser9@hotmail.com](mailto:hashauser9@hotmail.com) I will miss seeing you on the first training day March 3rd, but will look forward to meeting those returning members and those who are new on another Saturday. You will all enjoy the 'journey' in training your hunting companion and the friendships made and renewed. Jeff, please advise as to your availability to get birds or who will do that in March. (Jim Carter's dog 2010)  
Thanks, hh

