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monthly information and updates

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MEMBER'S DOG OF THE MONTH
CHAPTER MEMBER AND DOG OF MONTH

Rally.....Jackie Cooper and Dwight Hurd's Griffon is now 2 years old, but here he is 6 months ago getting ready to hunt at Mad River. Both thank Tate Stratton for Rally's learned hunting skills.



MID-OHIO CHAPTER NEWS FOR JUNE 2011

Does it seem like many moons ago that our chapter hosted the 2011 spring NAVHDA tests? It does to me and I would think it does for you too. While we all prepare for the tests, it is also a good barometer for what needs to be tweaked, improved, repeated or added. Taking a breather is good, but our job as owners, handlers, and teachers never stops. Training and spending time with our hunting companions is as healthy, and mentally healthy, as a good workout at the gym. Training can be intense or as simple as walking or running with our dogs. Be creative. Be fun. Be varied. Remember as we head into the

summer months that keeping you and your dog hydrated is vastly important. Never underestimate how warm your dog may be. His/her body temperature at normal is 101*, so our dogs start out being warmer than us. Getting our early on a walk can add vitality to your day and may be more comfortable to both of you.

Sorry to have missed this last training day. I most likely will not see you until July for Mefisto is running in AKC tests. Take care, hh



Training Tips

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From the May/June 2007 Ducks Unlimited magazine: More Tips from Tackett:

- Trainers should not underestimate their dog's intelligence. Most dogs are far more intelligent than many trainers realize.
- A dog is rarely as good or as bad as an amateur trainer thinks it is.
- A trainer must be consistent in his expectations of his dog. This consistency provides a basis for measuring the dog's improvement and for deciding when to move to the next level.
- Most correction or pressure on a dog should be verbal rather than physical. A verbal reprimand can be just as effective as a physical correction when issued with the right timing and tone of voice.
- It's impossible to train a dog to exceed its potential



Handlers with their dogs and onlookers as supporters stage themselves for the puppy water in our spring 2011 tests held April 16 and 17, 2011

From the May/June 2007 Shooting Sportsman magazine:

Training with Today's Electronics by George Hickox:

- The e-collar is not used to teach the command, but rather to teach excellence of response to the command.

- Timing of a positive or negative reinforcement is critical to a dog making the association that the trainer intends. The dog's ability to associate cause and effect rapidly deteriorates after 1.3 seconds. Rewarding or correcting a dog 15 seconds after it exhibits a particular

- behavior is counter productive and shows poor understanding.
- A dog that gets away with non-compliance just a few times will need more pressure to understand the errors of its ways.
- If the dog hasn't been properly collar conditioned, the trainer



NAVHDA is a wonderful organization. As members, we are equally as lucky to have those judges within NAVHDA that are willing to give their time to all of us. They provide knowledge to even the most skilled trainers and handlers. I am not sure they know how to slow our racing hearts though!

- runs the risk of the field becoming a dark scary place for the dog.
- Use avoidance training long before you and your dog gets to the field. Avoidance training means that by performing the desired response, the dog has learned that it can avoid a negative consequence. The e-collar is by far the most effective way of implementing avoidance training in the field.
- The dog first should understand absolutely what a particular command means. In addition, the dog should exhibit a response to the command most of the time when in the yard and free of distractions.
- The e-collar is not used to teach the command, but rather to teach excellence of response to the command.
- Teach a command first by using treats and praise. The dog will not be reliable at this point, but it will be prepared for e-collar introduction.
- I believe it is easier for a dog to understand how to avoid e-collar stimulation rather than how to turn it off.
- The stimulation must follow the command in order for the dog to understand that the verbal means the same thing as the stimulation. Once the dog follows the low stimulation and command, let off.

For the Health of Your Dog



This was sent in to Let's Discuss Judging list and I thought it was extremely valuable, especially since so many of us are field training or going to outdoor dog shows and as noted, permission has been given to cross-post by the author, a veterinarian:

GREAT ADVICE ON HEAT RELATED ISSUES IN DOGS.

Permission to Cross Post

Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs

Nate Baxter DVM

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and

place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e. shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs where asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing

alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

I purchased those cooling pads that you soak in cold water, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not used them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.



Recipe of the Month

Red Velvet Cupcakes

1 pkg. (2 layer size) red velvet cake mix
1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) Jell-O chocolate instant pudding
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
½ cup butter or margarine, softened
1 pkg. (16 oz.) powdered sugar (about 4 cups)
1 cup thawed Cool Whip whipped topping
1 square Baker's white chocolate, shaved into curls

Prepare cake batter and bake as directed on package for 24 cupcakes, blending dry pudding mix into batter before spooning into prepared muffin cups. Cool

Beat cream cheese and butter in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Gradually beat in sugar. **Whisk** in Cool Whip. Spoon 1 ½ cups into small freezer weight resealable plastic bag; seal bag. Cut small corner off bottom of bag. Insert tip of bag into top of each cupcake to pipe about 1 tbsp. frosting into center of cupcake. (You may use a handle of wooden spoon before filling with frosting.) **Frost** cupcakes with remaining frosting. Top with chocolate curls. Keep refrigerated.
Serves: 24 servings



Yes.....there is even time to find the details during our tests.....easy to say when you are not running "in" the tests!



I hope I have this correct....Here is handler Mike Gordon with senior judge Michael Garriott during the tracking portion of the test. Mike entered his Small Munsterlander "Sigmond" in Saturday's NA tests. Fun was had by all.

MORE SWEET RECIPES FOR JUNE

Easy OREO Truffles

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 pkg. (8 oz.) OREO Cookies, finely crushed (about 4 ¼ cups), divided
2 pkg. (8 squares each) BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Chocolate, melted

Mix cream cheese and 3 cups cookie crumbs until well blended.
Shape into 48 (1 inch) balls. Dip in melted chocolate; place on waxed paper-covered baking sheet.
Sprinkle with remaining cookie crumbs.



Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Store in tightly covered container in refrigerator.

Serves: 48 servings, 1 truffle each

Miscellaneous News and Updates

From the March/April 2007 Shooting Sportsman magazine:

A Matter of Ethics by Michael McIntosh

Words of Wisdom: Ethics define what you do; morals define who you are.....

Some system of ethics attaches to everything we do. Many things we do comprise multiple layers, each one with its own particular ethics. Ethics abound in our sport. Some are obvious and some are not. Possibly the most basic is the concept of fair chase, which in some cases spills over into law.....What is the legal limit of birds or the idea of dumping a few bags of shelled corn into a march.....One ethical issue deals with sharing, as a hunting guest who assumes he can return with his own friends can increase pressure on private ground exponentially. Private land is private land, and just because there happens to be a lot of it doesn't change any obligations.

Ethics are what stalk around your bed at 3 o'clock in the morning. Ethics are what you can honestly live with, and if you have to say to your soul and your conscience, I wish I hadn't done that, you have found the wall. Whether you do that again, whatever it is, is up to you.

From the Your Dog magazine, May 2007:

Ocean, lakes and rivers beckon and so do hazards by C.C. Holland:

- Parasites and bacteria lurk in standing water
- Don't let your dog drink sea water-the salt content can make him ill
- Never leave your puppy unattended in water-always

be close enough to help him exit

- Rinse your dog with clear water to remove salt-water residue from his coat. It can cause skin dryness and itchiness
- A dog in abdominal pain may crouch as if in a play bow
- Use mouth-to-nose resuscitation to restart a dog's breathing
- Excess calories and calcium can cause bone problems in puppies
- Dogs are acutely aware of your body language and tone of voice
- Jump rope record: 63 skips in 60 seconds by a Wolfhound

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

