

MID-OHIO NAVHDA NEW MEMBER WELCOMING GUIDE FOR TRAINING DAYS AND TESTS



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JOINING MID-OHIO NAVHDA:

YOU FIRST MUST JOIN NAYHDA INTERNATIONAL AND ONCE DONE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE THE VERSATILE HUNTING DOG MAGAZINE. YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS REFLECTED ON THE MAILING LABEL. YOU MAY THEN JOIN OUR CHAPTER. THE FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE ON OUR WEBSITE AS ARE THE DIRECTIONS. YOU MAY CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR INSTRUCTIONS OR HELP. MID-OHIO ALSO PROVIDES A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND PREFERENCE FOR TEST ENTRIES.

TRAINING DAYS:

MID-OHIO CHAPTER MEETS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING IN MARCH AND ENDING IN OCTOBER. THE FIELDS USED FOR BOTH TRAINING AND TESTS ARE AT THE DOG TRAINING GROUNDS IN DELAWARE, OHIO OFF OF RT. 229 (SEE TWO-FOLD HANDLER'S BROCHURE ON MID-OHIO'S WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS).

PREPARATION:

BIRD ORDER: THE WEEK OF THE TRAINING DAY AN EMAIL NOTICE WILL BE SEND OUT FOR YOUR BIRD ORDER. IT NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY OUR 'BIRD MAN' BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE TRAINING DAY. OUR 'BIRD MAN' WILL ALSO PROVIDE A PHONE NUMBER FOR YOU TO CALL IN A BIRD ORDER. IT IS BEST TO HAVE IT IN AN EMAIL FOR YOUR AND OUR RECORD OF WHAT IS ORDERED. BIRD ORDERS MAY INCLUDE PHEASANTS, CHUKAR, QUAIL, AND/OR DUCK. SOME BIRDS MAY OR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE DUE TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY VARY. CHECKS OR CASH ARE DUE UPON PICKING UP BIRDS. BRING YOUR OWN CRATES FOR BIRDS.

FOR YOUR DOG(S): BRING WATER AND WHAT MAY BE YOUR USUAL PREPARATION FOR YOUR WORKING DOG. . .THIS MAY INCLUDE TIE-OUTS, LEADS, KENNELS, BOWLS, FOOD/ENERGY TREATS, FIRST AID ITEMS...

FOR YOU: BRING WATER AND APPROPRIATE CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELD AND/OR WATER. THERE IS 'COVER', BUT NO 'FACILITIES'. BRING BIRD CRATES AND/OR BIRD BAGS FOR YOUR ORDERED BIRDS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR DOG. THIS IS A GOOD SOCIALIZATION TIME FOR HIM/HER, BUT ATTITUDE AND CONTROL IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTION FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

SCHEDULE:

OUR TRAINING DAYS START PROMPTLY AT 8AM WITH A BRIEF MEETING TO THEN BE FOLLOWED WITH A "TRAINING TIP OF THE MONTH" BY OUR TRAINING DIRECTOR. YOU THEN ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR TRAINING OR IF YOU NEED HELP, IDENTIFY YOURSELF, AND SOMEONE WILL BE ABLE TO GUIDE YOU AS A HANDLER AND TRAINING YOUR DOG. MANY IN OUR CHAPTER ARE ACCOMPLISHED TRAINERS AND HANDLERS.

TEST DAYS:

SPECIFIC DAY(S) FOR TESTS AND WHETHER THE TESTS WILL INCLUDE ALL LEVELS OF TESTING (NATURAL ABILITY, UTILITY PREPARATION, UTILITY) IS DETERMINED DURING THE YEAR, BUT ARE USUALLY THE LAST WEEKEND OF APRIL AND THE SECOND WEEKEND IN OCTOBER. MOCK TESTS ARE HELD THE TRAINING DAY BEFORE TESTS. FORMS FOR TESTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE. CONTACT TEST SECRETARY FOR SPECIFICS. OUR CHAPTER'S TESTS ARE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE DONATION OF FOOD FOR THE LUNCHES BY OUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUCCESSFUL WITH THE DONATION OF TIME TO PERFORM VARIOUS TASKS SUCH AS BIRD PLANTERS, GUNNER, FIELD MARSHAL, LUNCH COORDINATOR. . . UPDATED LISTS FOR DONATION OF TIME AND FOOD ITEMS ARE COMMUNICATED WELL BEFORE AND UP TO THE TEST DAYS.