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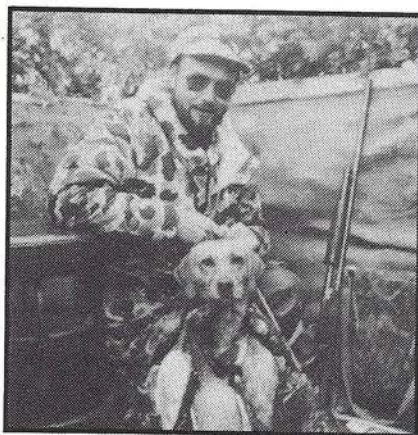
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President's Bark

Well, the Little Retriever Club That Could, Did! As of this writing we have held or scheduled in 1985 twenty-two, (22), licensed NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Tests. It's only July! I'm a bit shamefaced to admit that I had projected only twenty for the entire year. By maintaining the current rate, 1985 should find NAHRA licensing more than 30 events, with more than 100, (now that's a nice round number), anticipated for 1986!

Think that's impossible? Well try this information on for size. The NAHRA Board of Directors has just arranged with the over three million members strong National Rifle Association to hold NRA Hunter Clinics for Retrievers! The first of these clinics, with accompanying licensed Started Hunting Retriever Field Test is slated for August 31, September 1, 1985, weekend in the Washington, D.C. area. With over 300 expected participants -- that's no typo folks, you read correctly -- over 300 -- it's certain to spread the NAHRA/NRA message to a tremendous new audience. If the pilot project works as well as anticipated similar clinics will be held by NAHRA and the NRA in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States in 1986. NAHRA personnel will conduct all clinics, all will be followed by a licensed Started Hunting Retriever Field Test and the NAHRA program will be emphasized and taught.

The entire NAHRA Board and staff



is looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the NRA, this nation's foremost supporter of your rights to keep and bear arms. Hunters must organize if our rights and our children's heritage is to be protected. Other retriever organizations trumpet that they haven't taken the guns away from participants. NAHRA's done them better a hundred fold by bringing your retriever program to the NRA's prestigious Hunter Clinics. Remember, we're the Little Retriever Club That Did! Unlike Woody Woodpecker at the end of his cartoons, that's not all. Not by a Long Shot!

The next few weeks will see the strong beginnings of several brand new NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Test circuits throughout the nation. Now, instead of being content with running in an event or two a year, many NAHRA members will be treated to several back to back events only a week apart.

The Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Pacific Northwest and Upper Mid-West all have seen or scheduled multi events over

three or more consecutive weekends. Check the coming events schedule. Make a week out of it, take the family and participate in two consecutive events. It'll give you and pup the opportunity to earn some points, (perhaps finish pup in Started or Intermediate), and give the family a well earned holiday in several beautiful and fascinating areas of the country.

Renewals are out, so be certain to renew early and often! Jack Jagoda has designed a dynamite new camouflage hat and patch that's just right for the blind or Field Test. David Follansbee has created what are without doubt the most beautiful award certificates that I've ever seen. Those owners whose dogs have qualified for these awards will soon have them gracing their living rooms.

NAHRA gunning canoes continue to sell like the proverbial flapjacks. Members from coast to coast have discovered the grace, beauty and utility of these sturdy, safe watercrafts. If you're thinking of ordering one for the fall gunning season, please don't wait until the last minute and miss the enjoyment of using it on opening day. These are hand laid craft, not mass produced stampings, and they need time to be created, so please allow enough.

Stand tall folks. You've earned the right to be proud. After all you're a member of the Little Retriever Club That Does!

Ned Spear
Ned Spear

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The National Rifle Association and NAHRA Launch a Series of Hunting Retriever Clinics

The National Rifle Association (NRA) has long recognized the importance of hunters in its fight to protect our right to keep and bear arms. Because hunters comprise a vast segment of the gun-owning public, the image they project reflects on all gun owners. The NRA has worked to promote safe and responsible conduct by hunters in the field since its beginning more than a century ago.

The NRA Hunter Clinic Program is NRA's latest effort in promoting safe and responsible conduct by hunters. Novice hunters can read books and magazines about the subject, but they are hard-pressed to find practical, basic hunting "how-to" information or to have their questions answered by an expert. NRA Hunter Clinics expect to fill that void. The Clinic will cover selection of a puppy, basic care and early

training. Practical field application will be demonstrated for started intermediate and Senior Hunting Retrievers.

NRA has conducted clinics for turkey, deer, and waterfowl hunting, plus a clinic on hunter marksmanship. The fact that there is approximately 4.5 million waterfowl hunters in this nation, of which about 30% use retrievers, it is natural that another clinic subject - The Hunting Retriever - should also be offered. In the Spring of 1985, Jim Norine, director of NRA's Hunter Services Division, attended a NAHRA Field Test at Curles Neck Farm, near Richmond, Virginia. It was at this event where NRA staff met with Ned Spear, Jack Jagoda, and Richard Wolters, NAHRA Directors, to discuss a possible cooperative effort between the two organizations.

Since then, many hours of work have

been put into the development of a Hunting Retriever Clinic by both organizations. As a result of these efforts, the first Hunting Retriever Clinic is offered on Saturday, August 31, 1985, at the Fredericksburg Rod & Gun Club in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Sunday, September 1st a NAHRA Licensed Hunting Retriever Field Test will be held. (See upcoming events.) Hopefully, this clinic will launch a long and mutually successful venture for both the NRA and NAHRA. G. Ray Arnett, NRA Executive Vice President, honorary member, NAHRA Board of Directors, a retriever owner himself, strongly endorses and supports this cooperative effort between the National Rifle Association and the North American Hunting Retriever Association.



Kern Retriever Club (Bakersfield California)

Judges Clinic and Field Test
by Carlo D. Montemagno

Both the judges clinic and our field test were a terrific success! We had about thirty people attend the judges

clinic. Dick Wolters conducted the clinic and displayed his usual showmanship, so you can bet everyone had a great time. Despite some less than desirable field work by the dogs, I think everyone was touched by the NAHRA spirit and finally got an opportunity to understand the objectives of the program. We received many favorable comments

from those who attended and even converted some old time field trialers.

Our approved field test had a total of 29 dogs entered. (21 started and 8 intermediate.) The judges passed a little over forty percent of the dogs in each category. The tests that were conducted were in my estimation, true hunting

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BARK BACK

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Dear Editor:

A rival organization claims that running NAHRA approved and licensed Hunting Retriever Field Tests will qualify our club to hold their licensed events. What's NAHRA's position? -- A.M., Washington.

It's encouraging that they have so much faith in the quality of the NAHRA program! NAHRA has no control over what any other organization chooses to accept as evidence of the capability of a club to run a retriever field event. However, NAHRA will NOT allow any Hunting Retriever Field Test run under its rules or approved or licensed by it to be jointly sanctioned licensed or approved or judged by another organization. Neither does NAHRA permit its judges or allow affiliated clubs to request its judges to keep score or evaluation sheets for another organization at a NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Test. If a club wishes to hold a hunting retriever event sponsored by an organization other than NAHRA that is perfectly permissible but that event must be totally separate from any NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Test. -- Ed.

Dear Editor and Lorsan Co., Inc.:

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The training tapes we'll leave to ye old white haired Vice President, how-

ever, we've got yards of tape on judging information "in the can." Have patience its on the way. In the meantime call or write Ned Spear, (802-868-2929), and inquire about a live, in person, seminar for your group! -- Ed.

Dear Editor:

How do I go about becoming a NAHRA accredited judge? -- D.J. - California.

Write or call Betty Cheney, Program Director, P.O. Box 154, Swanton, Vermont 05488, (802-868-2929), and request a Judges Application and rule-book. Follow the directions and return it to Betty with your check payable to NAHRA for \$5.00. Allow six weeks for the accreditation committee of John Krupp, Lewis Brothers and Kent Repka to review and notify you of the results. If clubs need faster service because of an upcoming event they should send the applications together, if possible, and ask Betty to expedite. -- Ed.

Dear Editor:

One of the AKC's Hunting Committee members claims they "evaluate" but don't "judge" retrievers in their hunting states. I'm an experienced accredited NAHRA judge, what is it I've been doing out there these past few months? -- B.T. South Carolina.

Making sense, and friends!--Ed.

Dear Editor:

NAHRA has the largest, best organized, more creditable and highest quality hunting retriever program. So why do you continue to pick? -- M.D. Texas.

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TEST RESULTS

ALASKA RETRIEVER CLUB

May 25, 26, 1985
QUALIFYING SCORES

SENIOR

Judges: Mike Lechtenberg - Clyde Odom -
Bob Pfisterer - Gene Augustine
Dogs Entered, 11 - Qualified, 3

DOG	OWNER
Hiwood Pacer's Mr. Tanner	Brian Baines
Chena River Corky	Marc Sternhagen & Gale McKnight
Hiwood Pacer's Capt. Cook	Brian Baines

INTERMEDIATE

Judges: James Mauney - Len Ferucci - Arlon Woodlee -
Brian Baines
Dogs Entered, 20 - Qualified, 10

DOG	OWNER
Black Wader Willie	Joseph A. Sangster
Sweet Rachel O'Chippewa, WD	Gene V. Augustine
Pacer's Ruff & Ready Lady	Dimitri Bader
Rucy's Black Rose	Bruce Burnett
Pacer's Jactitation	George Trefry

Beavercrest Sizzlin' Suzzin
Ginger
Water Lily
Hiwood Pacer's Black Bandit
Cur-San's Pat

Don Biesen
C. Michael Sage
Joseph A. Sangster
Dennis Kelly
Bob Dunn

STARTED

Judges: Ron Stanek - Gale McKnight - Ralph Morava -
Clyde L. Odom
Dogs Entered, 29 - Qualified, 14

DOG	OWNER
Rock Too	Sid Sherwood
Windjammer Magic of Seldovia	Steve H. Phillips
Sir Alexander Justin	Greg Monroe
Pacer's Alaskan Pearl	Larry Crawford
Duke of Ironwood	David Raatz
Widgeon's Buster Brown	Burton & Dorothy Fosse
Hawk Rivers Magic Doubler	Gregory L. Monroe
Midnight Fisher	Chris Watchus
Rebel's Golden Ernie	Jeff Roe
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Maleky LKS Kokamee Cogley	Dorothy & Burt Fosse

SPOKANE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION JUNE 7, 8, 9 1985 QUALIFYING SCORES



SENIOR

Judges: Gary Erickson - Alan Black
Dogs Entered, 5 - Qualified, 2

DOG	OWNER
Senor Zorro Von Cheltenham	Olwen Morgau
Trieven Thunder Annie	Jack & Diana Jagoda



INTERMEDIATE

Judges: Gary Erickson - Robert Smutz
Dogs Entered, 19 - Qualified, 6

DOG	OWNER
Normandy Dipody Delight	Michelle Steffen
Ramblin Chateau Margux	Franna Gerber
Blackjack Furbush	John Breternitz
Elyod's Yellow Sunrise	James Jenkins
Matuka's Double Chukar	Art Rouke
Ghillies Romany Tantrum	Alan Black

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STARTED

Judges: Allan Kottwitz - Terry Sigfrit
Dogs Entered, 32 — Qualified, 17



INTERMEDIATE

Judges: George E. Spear, II - Pete Carlos
Dogs Entered, 12 — Qualified, 3

DOG

Kilgore's Velvet Shadow
Brier's Jewel
Scrimshaw Godspell
Erickson's Misty Dee
Princess Sadie of Sandpoint
Kuma of Malibu
Matuka's Double Chukar
Princess Queen Marie
Normandy Anchor Steam
Sadie of Amber
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Kruggerand's Sweet Duches
Dynamax Black Magic
Super Bro of N.E.O.K.
Margaret Zimbalon Brown

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Margreta Kilgore
Ralph Petereit
Franna Gerber
Dennis Erickson
Mike Freeland
Tom Haley
Art Rourke
Johnny Thieme
Michelle Steffen
Greg & Sharon Perry
Greg Bever
C. Keith Stump
Marv Kvamme
Johnny Theime
Paul Kerr
Doug Trudeau
Steve Kirk/Julie Scott

DOG

Molly
Rascal
Duke

OWNER

Rick Knuth
Roger Weller
Terry Holzinger



MINNESOTA HUNTING RETRIEVER ASSOC. June 22, 23, 1985 QUALIFYING SCORES



SENIOR

Judges: George E. Spear, II - Pete Carlos
Dogs Entered 6 — Qualified, 1



STARTED

Judges: Mike Hanan - Skip Demarais
Dogs Entered, 26 — Qualified, 9

DOG

Hawk
Kelsie of the Autumn Sun
Ebony
Ebony
Sam
Parne
Annie
Chester
Muffin

OWNER

Michael A. Finckbone
Ross Gilsrud
Betty Prestidge
Pete Paape
Joel Benne
Jerry Parnham
Ross Kroells
Jon Molitor
John Soderholm

DOG
Jet

OWNER
Pete Fischer

Wolter Says

The last NAHRA News went to press without me and if I do not get off my duff the same thing is going to happen again. Don't ask what has been keeping me so busy.... I can't remember where I was last week let alone last month. Your NAHRA staff is sure a bunch of travelers. And things are rolling very well. On one trip I managed to shoot a round of skeet with Lewis Brothers, one of our directors. He is so hot with a shotgun that I reminded him that in August I was going to be judging his dog at the Aylett DU NAHRA field test. I hinted that if he wanted any kind of a honest judging for his dog from me, he better learn to miss a few clay birds. He took my hint and put away his skeet gun and brought out a brand new 101 Winchester that had never been fired. Lewis proceeded to score 49 out of 50 with the new gun. That's not bad for the gun but now he's going to have to wait and see how he scores with his dog.

Some real wild things have been happening. For one, I got a phone call from a gallery in New York and was told that they had just received a daguerreotype that they thought I would be interested in because it had a Labrador in it. Daguerre was the man who invented photography in 1839 and daguerreotypes were the first photographs. I had an expert who is about to curate a daguerrotype show for the Modern Museum of New York look at my find. He dated the photograph between 1850 and '52. As suspected this turned out to be the earliest photograph of a Labrador by a good fifteen years. The earliest I had found, while researching my book, *The Labrador Retriever...The History...The People*, was a dog owned by Lord Home that was born about 1855. The picture was made when the dog was very old placing the photograph about 1870. At that time, 1850 or so, there were only a handful of men in Great Britain who owned a Labrador. The man in the picture was judged to be in his early forties. If you read my book you might recall that there were three important men in the Lab's past...the



2nd Earl of Malmesbury had the first kennel, his son the 3rd Earl continued his father's breeding program and the third man was the 5th Duke of Buccleuch; his kennel in Scotland brought the pure dog into the 20th century. It was a straight line through these three men. The first clue to identify the man was age. The 3rd Earl of Malmesbury was born in 1807 and seemed to fit the bill. In 1850 or '52 he would have been 43 years old. I called his great grandson, the present Earl of Malmesbury in England who was most helpful to me while doing the research on the book. I told him I had the picture and it was a very close likeness to the painting in the book made of his great grandfather when he was 20 years old. It sure had his distinguished thick black wavy hair and the nose and forehead were much alike. To make a long story short we sent the picture to England and it was verified by the family from later paintings and later photographs as the man. This then is the only picture or painting of one of three most important men in the dogs history with the dog. I am so excited about the find that I bought the "silver half plate" at a cost of president Reagan's national debt.

Talk about timing, I am finishing a major story for Connoisseur Magazine. At this writing it is scheduled to be a

cover story about the Labrador. I can't put the picture of the Earl and the dog in this NAHRA news because Connoisseur will be using it for the first time in their October issue. By the way if you do not know this magazine it is one of America's most elegant publications. A Lab on its cover will be something new for them.

You might be interested in reading it because I tell the story of the Lab and some things about the AKC that *Gun Dog* magazine has now asked me to no longer write for them. *Gun Dog's* new owners have made a policy that they want no more controversy in the magazine. The pictures that Jose Azel, a great young photographer, and member of NAHRA took for Connoisseur are the best field pictures of a retriever working that I have ever seen.

I was out to Bakersfield California where Carlo Montemagno put together a seminar. It went very well. There were three groups that attended and they are now on their NAHRA way. Mike Mathiot came and helped out. He is moving to the San Diego area and will start a NAHRA club there. I found the hunters out there to be most enthusiastic about their dogs. I sure enjoy traveling and meeting people from all over... hunting dog people are just nice people.

I'm looking forward to the seminar Jack Jagoda and I will be giving for the National Rifle Association. The NRA will advertise it, have box lunches and all sorts of goodies. They expect the people to come in the many hundreds. It's going to be at the gun club in Fredericksburg, VA on August 31st. The next day the Tide Water Retriever Club is holding a Started NAHRA event. It looks like it will be a fun weekend. If it goes the way I am sure it will go, NAHRA and the NRA will be putting on this kind of a seminar in many areas coast to coast.

Don't forget the Connoisseur story will be on the stand in September... try to make the NRA/NAHRA seminar and for goodness sakes come to the DU Aylett/NAHRA event August 23rd, 24th, and see how Lewis Brothers dog makes out with me judging!

Richard A. Wolters

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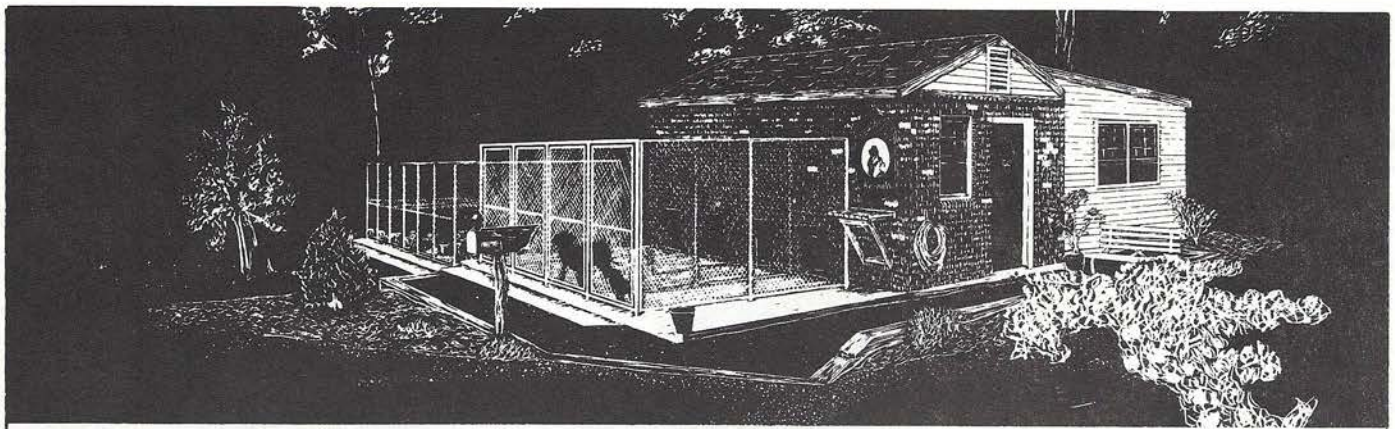
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2. Bring some high energy snacks for your dog with you when you're

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Questions For The Doctor

by Phyllis Giroux McCloud, D.V.M.



Q Every summer, my dog loses the hair on his back and scratches and

scratches. I treat him for fleas. What else can it be?

A For many dogs, the onset of warm weather means misery. A large number of dogs suffer from allergies. The most common allergies are to fleas, house dust, grass and molds. While good flea control is a must, it may not be enough to keep your dog comfortable if it has one or more of these other allergies. As most dogs can't manage to totally eliminate fleas, grass, dust or molds from their environment, we must try to control their allergic reactions as best we can. One way is to bathe your dog weekly to control fleas and other particles that collect in his coat. If this is not enough, a trip to your veterinarian may be in order to determine if there is a need for antibiotics or anti-inflammatory medications to control the allergy symptoms.

Q My dog only has one testicle. Can I still use him for breeding?

A Your dog's other testicle is probably present, but has not descended into his scrotum. It may still be in the abdominal cavity, or lie alongside the body wall in the inguinal area. Testicles are intended to be in the scrotum, and therefore be at a cooler temperature than normal body temperature. I recommend that retained testicles be removed

at 9-12 months of age to prevent this becoming cancerous later in life. The scrotal testicle is usually fertile, and your dog probably could be bred and produce pups. However, the condition of retained testicle is proven to be a hereditary trait, and your dog will definitely produce more of the same. I would advise against breeding him.

Q I have a Chesapeake with one eye that stays red and waters all the time. He's been this way since he was a pup. What can I put in his eye to stop this?

A I haven't seen your dog, but many Chesapeakes have an eyelid deformity called entropion that can cause runny eyes. A portion of the eyelid rolls inward, causing hair on the lid to rub on the eyeball and cause irritation. While ointments may help a little, the only cure for this condition is surgery, in which a small wedge of eyelid tissue is removed to "unroll" the eyelid. Surgery is usually very successful and an end to your problem. Failure to treat this problem could cause permanent damage to the eye and loss of vision.

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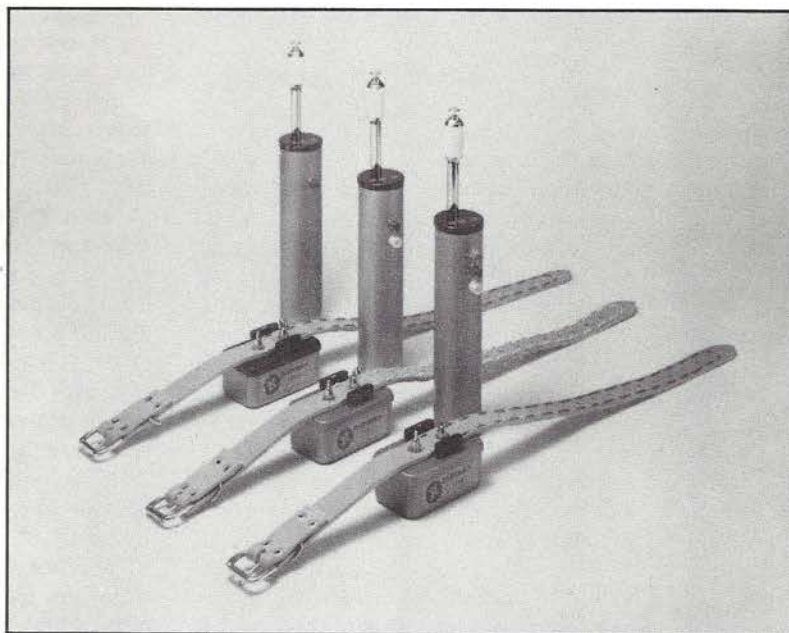
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I've heard many people talk about their quail call-pens and the satisfaction they receive working their dogs each day with a minimum time investment. The use of planted birds is helpful in teaching the dog to handle game, and is excellent for introduction to wing and shot.

Quail are probably the least expensive game to use, and can be successfully bred in small areas. As you know, quail live in coveys by nature. When separated, they have the natural instinct to group together as soon as possible, doing this by whistling to each other. Their whistle carries a great distance and using it as a beacon, they re-unite in covey formation.

Build a pen with 2"x2"'s and half inch hardware cloth, about six feet

long, 2½ feet wide and three feet high. The floor and top should be of hardware cloth and another floor 18 inches up, so that in effect you have one pen on top of the other. One end should be solidly enclosed (with a small wooden floor for roosting) and both ends provided with doors. The bottom pen should have small funnels of hardware cloth leading into the pen, one on each side. Place the pen in the area where you intend to work your dog, and near a hedgerow or tree shelter to protect the birds upon their return to the pen.

Purchase 12 week old quail and place about 15 in both the upper and lower pen. Supply fresh water, chick sized granite grit, prepared game bird seed, and a fairly large pan of fine dusting sand. If the birds start picking each

other, put in some alfalfa or clover.

After 2-3 weeks, open the door to the bottom pen and allow birds to walk out. Do not flush them, then shut the door and slip away. Do this in the morning giving them all day to find their way back to the pen and through the funnel to the inside. Repeat this procedure every day for a week or two. Then start flushing them when you let them out. They will probably fly a hundred yards or so. Always close the door and leave without further disturbing them. Do this 6-8 times until they learn to come back to the call-pen and use the funnels. After they have learned to do this methodically, they are ready to use for dog work.

Try not to let the dog bother the pen and scare the birds. Control this with a "No" command. Once he gets the idea he will pay little or not attention to the pen.

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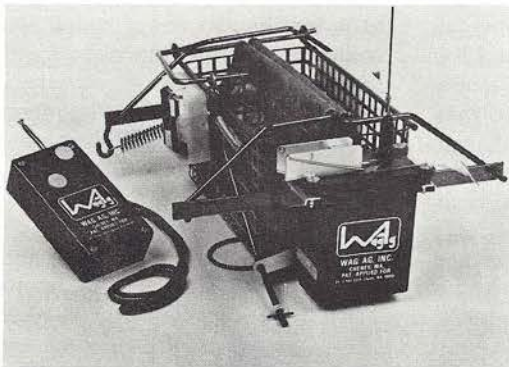
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Peter Spear supports his bird hunting travels and his Black Labrador as a personal service environmental consultant based in Concord, NH.

As a professional consulting ecologist I help people manage wild habitats to improve that land or water's quality and quantity of wildlife. I've noticed, as you doubtless have, that the Lord hasn't made many marshes lately. I've also noticed that the pressures of modern society already reduce available waterfowl and upland habitat, especially in heavily populated areas.

The point of this article is that you, with little outlay of money, can make a difference in the quality and quantity of many aquatic environments. By enhancing local beaver ponds or swamp complexes you will be able to produce a better place to train your retriever and a better place to gun for waterfowl. Nothing surpasses the fulfillment you'll experience gunning over a marsh you helped create.

Beaver and beaver ponds are pretty common over all but the most arid portions of North America. Young beaver ponds are usually havens for myriad species of wildlife, especially waterfowl. Let's assume you own a beaver pond or have one available to you or your retriever club. You may be less fortunate and have only a small stream and an adequate supply of trees for beaver food but no beaver, but are willing to import them and endure their forest opening activities. Beavers are essentially nomadic in most areas. They'll leave an area when they exhaust the nearby supply of edible wood (tree bark). Well, you have only to manage them to optimize their use of the habitat and the consequent benefits to you.

Study your area's topography close-

ly. You can improve puddle duck habitat by establishing and maintaining the water level at about 2 feet deep. You do this by figuring out which dam height floods the greatest shallow area (1 to 24 inches). There is a very straight-forward and economical way to stabilize the water level in a beaver pond, it's called a beaver pipe. Beavers are, for those of you who don't already know it, notoriously ambitious animals. Also their life depends on a stable and deep supply of water. Their wishes therefore, do not necessarily coincide with your objectives of retriever training or hunting. And, since A. we're the guys with the intellect, B. we hold title to the land (or a lease) and C. few beavers own retrieving dogs - we ought to prevail in our goals.

The beaver pipe, illustrated above, is built from 12 foot long rough cut 12 x 1 inch pipe boards nailed with rosin coated nails in a "U" shape. The bottom is left open and covered with 1 x 2 inch welded wire mesh and slats every 3 or 4 feet. Use abundant staples and mold the wire over onto the sides of the "U". Nail two of these contraptions together to get a 24 foot long pipe. Use one pipe (at each dam at which you want to stabilize the water level) for each three square miles of drainage area in the watershed.

Tear out part of the dam and insert the invert of the pipe at the dam height that floods the most area to a maximum of two feet. Place the pipe at or near the thread of the stream channel. Extend the pipe three or four feet out beyond the downstream end of the dam and angle it so that the pipe is lower on the upstream end. The angle should be about 10 degrees, but be careful to keep the pipe off the bottom of the pond. Most of the upstream portion of the pipe will, therefore, be under water.

Stabilize both the up and downstream ends of the pipe with stakes and wire them in place with 8 gauge wire. Beaver hate this because no matter how high they build their dam, they will fuss with this "habitat enhancement feature" a lot, the water will still leak out the bottom of the pipe.

Annually cull the number of beaver so you can prevent them from eating themselves out of the available food supply. If you remove excess animals, check your state regulations on legal methods and times. By culling you can keep beavers actively working the area for a much longer period of time than they naturally would. You can manage them to improve your habitat.

Once you have a stable water level and supply there are lots of other neat habitat manipulations that you can create. Erect wood duck nesting boxes with predator guards. Plant wild rice or other natural waterfowl foods. You may wish to plant the pond border with willow as a beaver food or as a natural blind. With a little fore-thought and no expense you can create loafing logs around the pond edges. If the area lacks a readily available supply of gravel or sand bring in a load or two (perhaps during winter over frozen ground). Waterfowl need these particles to adequately grind their food and often have to travel far to obtain a supply. Make life easy for them and thereby improve your gunning.

All of these features can be designed to improve your access to the area for retriever training or field testing. With a little forethought and planning you can easily design your own natural wetland specifically for hunting retriever field tests as well as improving your fall gunning. Each area is different and what you can accomplish with little expenditure of funds depends on the actual topographic conditions. Whatever those conditions are you are sure to improve your gunning and training by having available a constant supply of water with a known depth. In some areas it may even be possible to annually drain and plant the wetland with such waterfowl attracting foods such as millet. Believe it or not the best way to accomplish this is using a helicopter. Its fast and economical and the force of the rotor wash drives the seed into the muck. Once it germinates and matures the area can be reflooded. Believe me its a great experience to take waterfowl over a marsh complex that you, with little expenditure of funds, have created or molded. The elation multiplies ten-fold when you train your retriever on that same area.

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July 20, 21, Western New York Retriever Club, M.G. Kennedy, 1141 Route 20A, Strykersville, NY 14145, 716-535-7732, Licensed.

July 27, 28, Presque Isle Retriever Club, Carol Lindberg, R.D. 2 Route 97, Waterford, PA 16441, 814-796-4941, Licensed.

July 21, Oregon Hunting Retriever Club, John Orrelle, 15463 S. Lammer Rd., Oregon City, Oregon 97045, 503-632-3635, Approved.

August 10, Northeast Iowa Retriever Club, Clarke Campbell, RR 1, Box 100, Westgate, Iowa, 50681, 319-578-8317, Seminar.

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August 23, 24 Aylett Ducks Unlimited, Diana Jagoda, Southland Kennels, Rt. 1, Box 461-G, Stafford, VA 22554, 703-752-7591, Licensed.

August 24, 25 Blackwater Gun Dog Association, Pete Carlos, Route 1, 3 Nick Lane, Bovey, MN 55709, 218-245-3782, Licensed.

August 31, September 1 NRA/NAHRA Hunting Clinic for Retrievers and Started Hunting Retriever Field Test. (Fredericksburg, Virginia)

Clinic August 31 Contact: NRA

Field Test September 1, Tidewater Retriever Club, Hugh Crittenden, 8301 Morrisett Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23832, 804 - 748-7529.

September 7, 8, Oregon Hunting Retriever Club, John Orrell, 15463 S. Lammer Road, Oregon City, Oregon 97045, 503-632-3635, Licensed.

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September 14, Winnipeg Guns and Gun Dogs, Sonny Mowbray, Ducks Unlimited Canada, 1190 Waverley St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2E2, 204-475-5567, Seminar.

September 14, 15, Snake River Gun Dog and Sportsman's Club, R. Alan Black, Box 2743 College Station, Pullman, WA 99163, 509-334-6235, Licensed.

September 14, 15, Blackhawk Retriever Club, Rick Knuth, Route 2, Box 77, Bangor, WI, 54614, 608-486-4172, Licensed.

September 21, 22, Tidewater Retriever Club, Joe Wirt, 3101 Winterfield Rd., Midlothian, VA. 23113, 804-794-4146, Licensed (Pending).

September 21, 22, Spokane Bird Dog Association, Gary Erickson, Route 1, Box 221-G, Medical Lake, WA 99022, 509-244-2259, Licensed.

September 28, 29, Rainier Hunting Retriever Club, Mikkell Anderson, 20320, 66th Ave., N.E., Seattle, WA. 98155, 206-485-8765, Licensed.

October 5, 6, Southeast Washington Retriever Club, Franna Gerber, 2090 Hoxie, Richland, WA 99352, 509-943-5507, Licensed.

October 6, National Capitol Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club, Tim Begley, P.O. Box 3, Highland, MD 20777, 301-386-4698, Licensed.

November 23, 24, Palmetto Retriever Club, John Bittle, Jr., 1800 Mars Hill Circle, Florence, SC 29501, 803-669-4707, Licensed.

December 28, 29, Great Southern Hunting Retriever Club. Tom Rentz, 825 BoJones Rd., Covington, GA 30209, 404-3511, Licensed.

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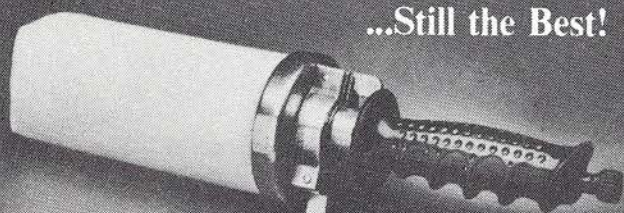
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situations and could not simply be construed as a watered down field trial. The mechanics of the field test went better than any trial that I have attended.

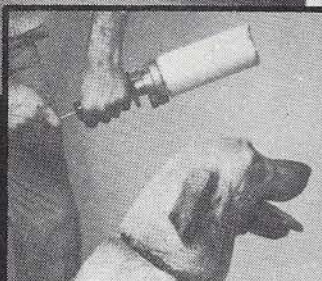
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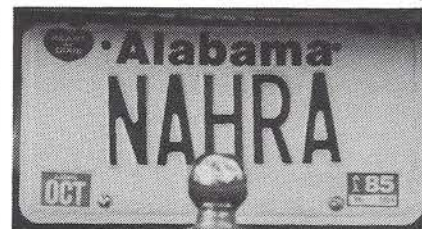
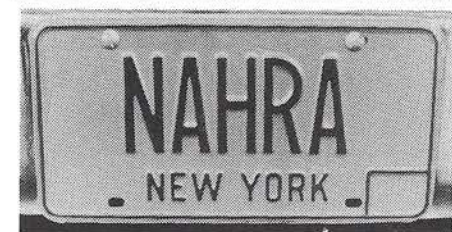


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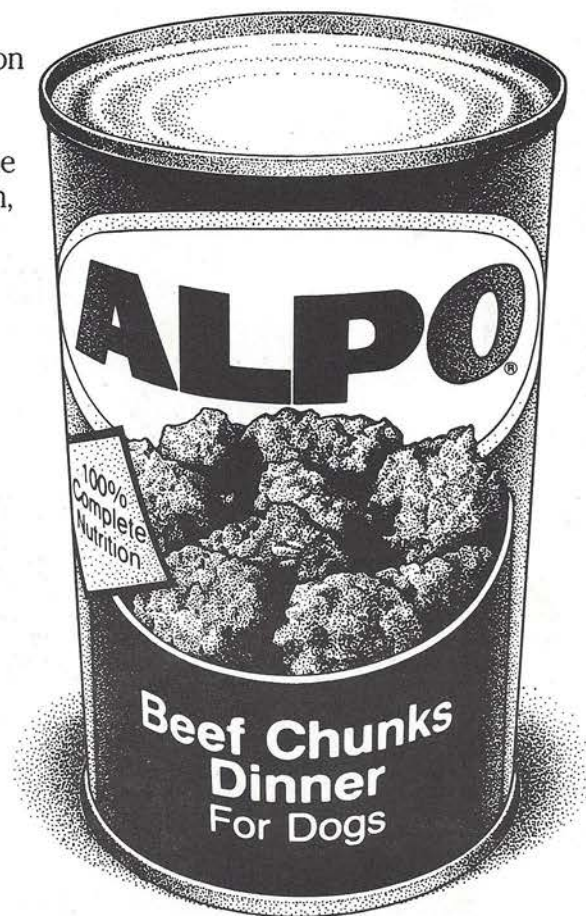
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