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President's Bark

Grass...I saw my first blade today. Crinkled, brown, wet, not very attractive; but, grass nonetheless. Most people know spring is at hand when they spot their first robin or a flock of geese winging their way North. Here in Vermont we get a bit more basic. Grass will do it. As the rank banks of snow recede from the highways, we vie to spot our first blades. Oh, it'll be a while before we see water or those elusive geese; but hopefully by the time you read these lines, lest you think I am writing this from the North Pole rather than the banana belt of Vermont!

Another sign of spring is the NAHRA/ALPO Invitational. At final count, dogs will participate from fourteen states with Labs (yellow, brown and black), Chesapeake and Goldens being represented. All regions of the country are represented and everyone is looking forward to a great event.

The National media has been notified and many (including a network TV crew) have indicated their intention to cover this first-ever national NAHRA Field Test. Big doings and an incredible amount of work—but all worth it. We've planned something for everyone including a Saturday barbecue. Come on down! They'll even have *green grass*.

Recently the National Headquarters office completed two new fact sheets to ease the work of Field Test Chairs and Secretaries. One addresses the best method to use, including a realistic time table for applying for licensed NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Test dates. Everyone has got to realize that this is big business now, and we can't keep track of all events on the back of a paper napkin. Dozens of events are being scheduled. Applications *must be timely and complete*. As always, we try to accommodate everyone, but



Ned Spear

we must insist that the regulations are followed. To do otherwise invites mistakes and disappointments. This new form will go a long way to easing everyone's job. If your club is contemplating holding an event, *act now*. Send for the new form and carefully follow the instructions.

The second publication has more universal appeal, especially for persons and clubs new to retriever field events. It details the rights, duties and obligations of every person associated with NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Tests. It tells them their job and what, when and how to do it. It even details the equipment that will be needed by each worker. No longer should anyone be reticent about lending a hand. What does a Marshal do? What's a Steward? Well, sit right down and review this sheet....

Both of these publications are automatically sent to all Field Test Secretaries and are available free of charge from National Headquarters. A postage paid, self-addressed envelope from you will facilitate a reply and will help to keep costs down.

Want to start a club? Got a few friends and the itch to qualify old Fido for next year's Invitational? Contact Lise Rheame, Membership Secretary at NAHRA National Headquarters and

ask for the New Club Information Pack. It's loaded with all the information you need to get your group organized and recognized by NAHRA. Additionally, NAHRA will provide individual membership information packs for you to entice other like-minded individuals into this fascinating world of hunting retrievers.

This summer will see the first licensed event in Canada. Several clubs are vying for the honor of being #1, with the Lake Champlain Retriever Club event in the area of Rock Island, Quebec, likely to be the winner. New Canadian clubs are also being established in Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and Ontario, with other existing clubs in Calgary and elsewhere expressing interest in licensed events. Hopefully, the Canadian licensed programs will really be rolling before the end of the year, and next year they'll be well represented in the Invitational. As an aside, there are five (that's right, five) licensed events scheduled in Alaska this summer. Shows you what a little perseverance can do.

Seminar dates are also being established. Dick Wolters will soon be heading to the dairy land of Wisconsin; Jack Jagoda to the wine country of California and yours truly to Prince Edward Island. My new ten-foot salmon rod is already packed! Penny Rose carries and usually selects my flies. My seminar will be great; otherwise they threatened not to take us fishing!

Speaking of flying (weren't we??) Penny Rose and I will be taking a long (and long-awaited) trip for geese and ducks to Argentina in May. I understand it is a wingshooter and retriever heaven. We've planned it for a long time and hopefully my trial schedule (the kind with judge *and* jury, not just judges) won't interfere. P.R.'s got her paws crossed and her visa stamped.

Happy testing and hunting.

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Bark Back

Dear Editor:

Our Club by-laws contain the following qualification regarding judges:

"Judges of all hunting tests conducted by the New England Hunting Retriever Club must be in possession of a current, valid hunting license and be experienced with the use of retrievers in hunting situations."

Sincerely,
D.G., NH

Dear D.G.:

Nice idea! Remember, NAHRA's the only retriever organization that tests and accredits all of its licensed event judges. One of the most important elements of this test is the inquiry into how many hunting retrievers the candidate owns and how many hours he or she annually hunts using them. It is comforting to know that the average answer is in excess of 200 hours annually!

Ed.

Dear Editor:

NAHRA's national event, the Invitational, has but one flaw: The name All American in the title of those who qualify. It excludes Canadian dogs. I know that the interest in retrievers is greater in Canada (on a percentage of population basis) than in the U.S.. Dog owners in Canada will not be interested in competing for an All American title. To exclude them is a great mistake.

Sincerely,
A.C., AZ

Dear A.C.:

NAHRA has distinguished itself from the beginning by including all of North America in its programs. NAHRA is the only hunting retriever organization which holds events in Canada, has affiliated Canadian clubs, titles

Canadian dogs, recognizes the Canadian Kennel Club as an accepted registry and the uniquely Canadian retriever, the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, as an approved breed. The use of the words "All American" include all of North America. We've said it and we show it by our actions!

Ed.

Dear Editor:

I'm not so sure the Invitational is a good idea at this time. Got your attention, didn't I! Although I feel NAHRA has not yet strayed from its original intention of producing better retrievers. I'm a bit concerned that some of our members may wish this to evolve into an elitist organization in which if I'm not running a Senior dog nobody speaks to me at events. It hasn't happened and I hope it never does; it would be a great tragedy for an organization that is largely made up of hard-working people with a common goal.

Sincerely,
B.B., WS

Dear B.B.:

The Invitational is a natural extension of NAHRA's philosophy. It remains non-competitive and keeps quality dogs interested in remaining in the program. Your words are well taken, however, and it never hurts to be reminded of your roots.

Ed.

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to read of the Invitational in the Barker. Above all, our retrievers must be hunting dogs.

To further ensure that title dogs are hunters, I believe the owner should certify to some hunting experience for their dog. I would suggest a minimum of 30 days of

hunting for Working Retrievers and 60 days for Master Hunting Retriever titled.

Sincerely,
C.B., CA

Dear C.B.:

Interesting, but complicated and perhaps redundant. The rules and tests are simulations of actual hunting scenarios and are designed to demonstrate a dog's excellence and suitability as a hunting retriever.

Ed.

Dear Editor:

This weekend my dog and I were once again effected by a kid out of control. I don't understand why this is a common element of field tests, that handlers and their dogs must contend with regularly. It is not a common element in a hunting situation and I thought that this problem needs addressing.

Do parents have any idea of the frustration, waste of time, effort and money they cause when they allow their children to go unsupervised at these events and end up distracting the dogs and handlers? Why don't they require their children to be under the same control which we expect of our dogs.

Signed Distaught
in Northern Virginia

Dear Distaught:

I appreciate both your predicament and concern. However, I have found throughout my travels, campaigning my dogs or judging field tests, that a major source of help for a lot of clubs is the offspring of club members.

These young people try to do their very best in the field and must keep their youthfulness in check. Sometimes that can be quite a bit to ask as the day wears on. I don't think they purposely disrupt the running dogs. However, it is up to the marshall to control the gallery and to make sure the test runs with little or no interruptions.

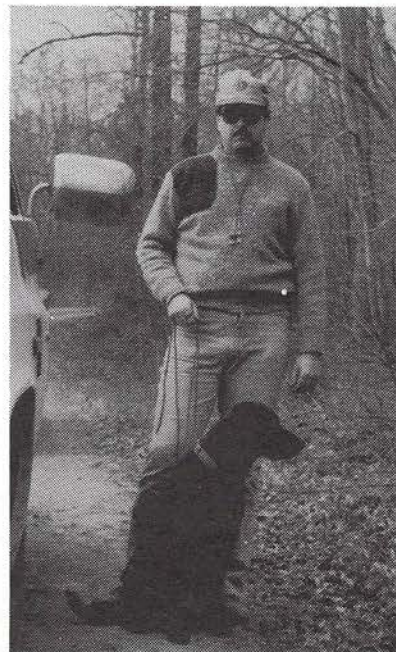
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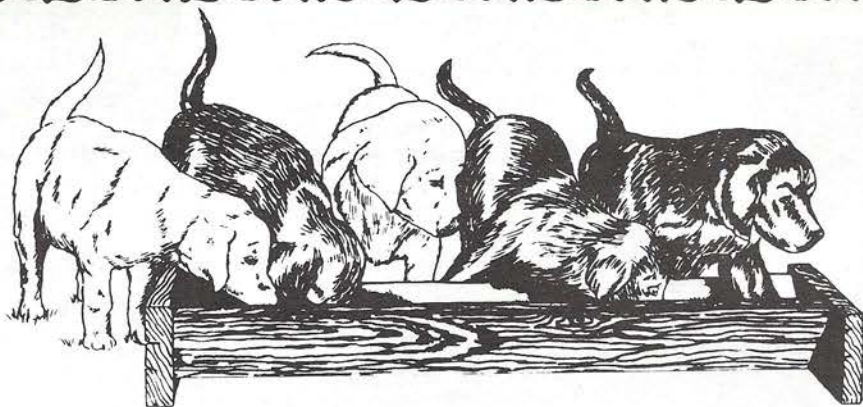
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Wing Tip

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With warmer weather just around the corner, be sure to bring along extra water for "Six Pack." It can get mighty warm in that crate if you don't keep shade in mind as well.

Milk container crates or five gallon buckets can really come in handy for storing bumpers and the rest of your training equipment. They help to make things alot easier to locate.

The safest way to transport your dog, whether just around the neighborhood or down the road, is in a dog crate. The crate should be just large enough for "Six Pack" to get in, turn around, and lay down.



Please forward any questions to Dr. Brian Hunter, N. 933 Washington St., Spokane, WA 99201.



Brian Hunter

Ask the Doctor

Q: Last season my dog broke a toenail while hunting, resulting in blood everywhere and the end of our trip. Was there anything I could have done in the field to help him?

A. Fractured toenails are fairly common injuries which bleed a lot and are very painful until properly treated. Treatment consists of amputating the fractured portion of the nail, control-

ling bleeding and protection of the sensitive quick for a few days.

Before doing anything else tie a very snug muzzle on your dog. A bite from a dog telling you to leave his painful foot alone hurts and is easily avoided.

Use a nail trimmer to quickly amputate the damaged segment of nail, cutting through or above the break.

Place a gauze pad over that toe, surround the foot with cotton and wrap firmly with roll gauze and tape. Should the dog bleed through the bandage place another bandage on top of the first one.

Unless you are well versed in bandaging I would recommend having a vet check your work. Improperly bandaged wounds can impair circulation and cause loss of toes or feet.

Keep the foot wrapped for 5 days and keep the bandage dry.

Q. What is the best method to remove skunk odors from a dog?

A: The tried and true recipe is 2 tablespoons of ammonia to 1 quart of tomato juice. Rub the mixture into the dog's coat, let dry, then wash well. Repeat if needed. Other products that may be used in the same manner are Skunk Off, Micrin mouthwash or Marmaduke Deodorizer. Regardless of the product, most still leave the dog musky smelling and a little cologne can make them more socially acceptable until the aroma wears off.



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Wolters Says...



Richard A. Wolters

This is written on the eve of the Alpo/NAHRA Invitational. By the time you read this the event will be history and the ALL AMERICAN TEAM of 1987 will have been named. This is something that I have been looking towards for almost as long as NAHRA has been in existence. It was a pipe dream first but a very hush-hush dream because we did not want the concept of the ALL AMERICAN TEAM to become general knowledge. We wanted to hold this concept until we were ready to announce it and use it. The dream started to become a reality when my old friend Bart Campbell of Alpo said to me at lunch, "How can we help NAHRA?" A year and a half later we are now tying together all the loose ends and the first Invitational will become reality.

It has added a lot of excitement to our game. I went to a real good field test that the Palmetto Club in S. C. ran last weekend. A lot of talk was generated about the Invitational. One handler who has his invitation to the All American was saying that he was going to take off work a week before the event and train like hell. A number of guys are talking about arriving early and training on my place. Other folks were saying they were going to come to be spectators. I'm looking forward to it.

The fun thing for me all along has been to watch our dogs doing the NAHRA standard. Two things have happened: The senior tests have improved but even more important... so have the dogs. We are asking more of our dogs now than we did when we

started just two years ago. The standard has not changed; we are using it better. First we had to have the judges forget their past experiences with field trials and convert their thinking to hunting. That is easier said than done but it is happening. The strange thing is that some of the NAHRA concepts are not "creeping" into AKC licensed events. My bet is that it won't be long before they will send a dog for a blind before the marks are picked up.

Tar is lying under my feet as I write this and I stopped and asked him if he was excited about running the Invitational. He yawned and rolled over. Actually it is interesting to look back over what he has done in the events and see his improvement. Even before NAHRA started I considered him a real fine hunting retriever. But he is doing things now that have made him better.

These NAHRA tests have made us a better working team. I do believe that Tar, who is a high roller, under certain conditions is depending on me more. That has resulted from some of the tough test situations that are set up to simulate hunting. I feel that Tar has learned that if he follows my instructions, when the going gets tough, that he will end up with his reward... the bird.

For example: Gary Erickson and H. J. McNinch set up a test down at Palmetto that was a hair raiser. The location was an extremely rugged pond with all kinds of islands, points, trees. We worked out of a boat. A triple was set up that looked very real. But the handler had to recover the birds in a specific order because some were "dead" and some "wounded." First retrieve was the first bird down... not the usual last bird down. Then the dog was to ignore the other two birds of the triple and do a blind after that first bird was retrieved. The 70 yard blind was back near that first fall. Once the dog arrived at the area of the blind (a ribbon on a tree) the handler was to "swallow" his whistle and allow the dog to hunt on his own and follow a trail to a dead bird (some thirty yards out of sight). After that blind and trailed bird the dog was to recover the other two birds of the original triple. The last mark of the triple was really tough since the dog neither saw the throw or the fall but only saw the bird at the top of its arc. All dogs had to be handled to that bird. Any dog who tried to do this work on his own (I know best, Dad) would have failed. This test took team work.

As I look back over the work that Tar has done in the NAHRA tests I am quite pleased with it. He was used as test dog in a lot of the early events because I was judging and could not enter him. He goofed the first few where he was entered just out of sheer excitement plus the problems any high

roller gives a handler. Once the Invitational was announced we went at it with a goal in mind. In the last six field tests that Tar has entered he qualified in four. Of the two he goofed... In one of them Tar thumbed his nose at me as much to say, "I know better than you!" and he turned me off. In the other test he worked well but the judges didn't think it was well enough.

The Alpo/NAHRA Invitational is really the reward for the handler... the dog couldn't care less, it's just another event for him. But the Invitational and a chance to make the All American Team gave a lot of guys, including me, a real incentive. But as I said, "That's for us people."

The observation I see clearly is that the NAHRA field tests are starting to pay off for the dogs. They are doing good work across the board. I hear a lot of talk about how hard the tests are. Even we handlers at the Palmetto test were shaking our heads when we saw the test the judges had set up. But most of the dogs did the job. I heard one handler saying that the tests were getting too tricky. I disagree with him. The tests are not tricky... the tests are asking for absolute control... and that is what a hunter needs.

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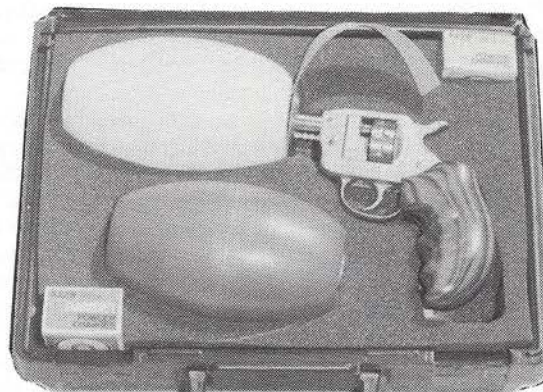
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Training Tips

Have you ever wondered why your dog failed or had difficulty finding a mark that you thought to be easy? For those of you who don't already know, a marked bird is one which the dog sees fall. Believe me, there is far more to a mark that meets the eye. Marks can be broken down into three different categories and your dog's performance will vary with each, because the degree of difficulty varies from one to the next.

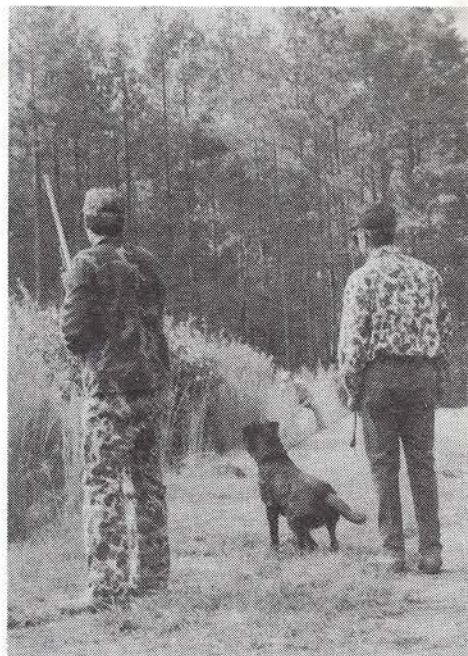
The first category and the easiest fall for your dog to mark is one that he/she sees fall all of the way to the ground. Being able to see the entire arc of the bird or bumper and the exact area it fell, will really etch it in the dog's memory. There should be little difficulty locating this bird or bumper. The dog should go to the exact area of the fall and make the retrieve with little or no searching.

The next most difficult type of mark is one that the dog sees partially going through the air. Perhaps part of the arc is hidden from view by terrain or cover or the dog wasn't looking in the right direction until the last minute. The dog gets a short glimpse of the fall but doesn't really have an opportunity to "lock" on the bird or bumper. In this

case, the dog should be able to mark the general area of the fall and, after a short hunt, find the bird.

The most difficult type of mark is one that a dog sees fall from one location but is sent for the retrieve from a different location (point of origin). Such may be the case if you shot a bird as your dog was returning with a previously downed bird. The dog might have been able to get a good look at the mark but he/she is now being sent for the retrieve from a completely different angle. The dog will have an idea of the proper direction but little idea of the precise area of the mark because of the differing locations. Because of this increased difficulty, the dog will probably search a much larger area for a longer period of time to come up with the bird/bumper.

There are other factors that contribute to the difficulty of a mark besides being different types. The visibility the dog has from its point of origin, the direction of the wind, the background of the fall, the type and changes of cover, the type and changes of terrain, the relation of the fall to previous marks and blinds, the distance to the mark, the number of obstacles between your dog and the bird and the angles to which the dog must approach these obstacles all figure into the difficulty of a retrieve.



You must keep all of these factors in mind whether you are training, testing or hunting with your dog. Learn to recognize and understand how all of these factors will affect your dogs performance before you condemn your dog for missing a mark or failing to locate a bird.

The proper training sequence for marked retrievers is: 1. Develop the

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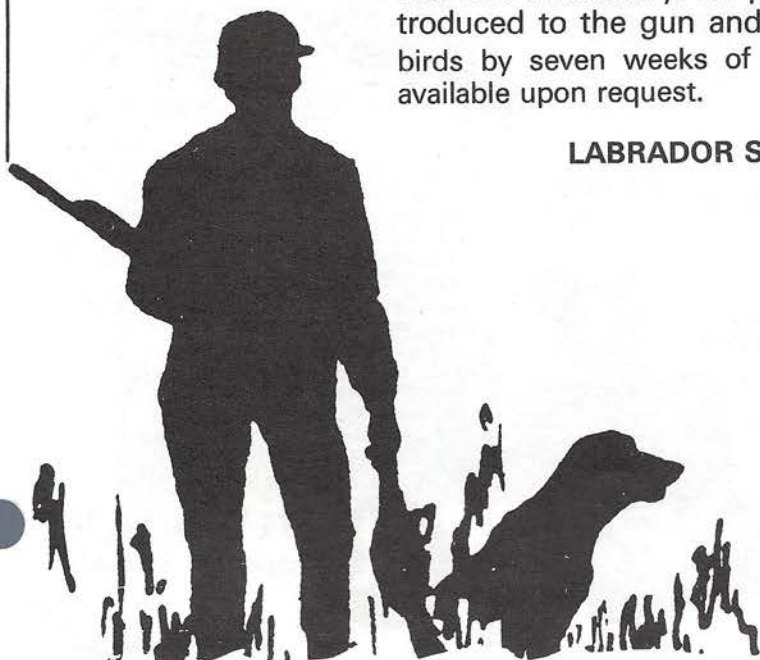
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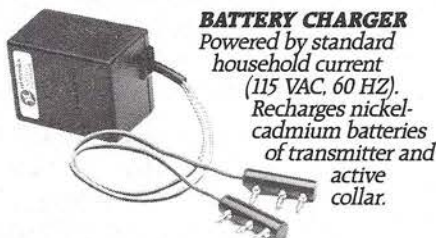
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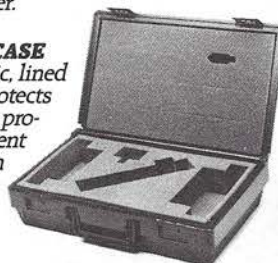
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 13, 1987: Judges arrive, Days Inn, Byrd Airport, Sandston, VA

Thursday, May 14, 1987: Owner-Handlers arrive, Days Inn, Byrd Airport, Sandston, VA

Friday, May 15, 1987: 10:00 a.m. Orientation and Training Session, dogs and owner-handlers participating 2:00 p.m. Lunch in the field, 6:00 p.m. Welcoming Ceremonies, Press Party and Cook-out; Richard Wolters Farm, Hanover, Virginia; owner-handlers only

Saturday, May 16, 1987: 8:00 a.m. Field Test, ALPO/NAHRA Invitational begins, Curles Neck Farm test grounds. 6:00 p.m. Pig Pickin' (Pork Bar-b-Que cook-out) and Bluegrass Band; Curles Neck Farm; all invited

Sunday, May 17, 1987: 8:00 a.m. Field Test, ALPO/NAHRA Invitational begins, Curles Neck Farm Test Grounds. Afternoon Immediately following the final test there will be an Awards Presentation made at Curles Neck Farm.

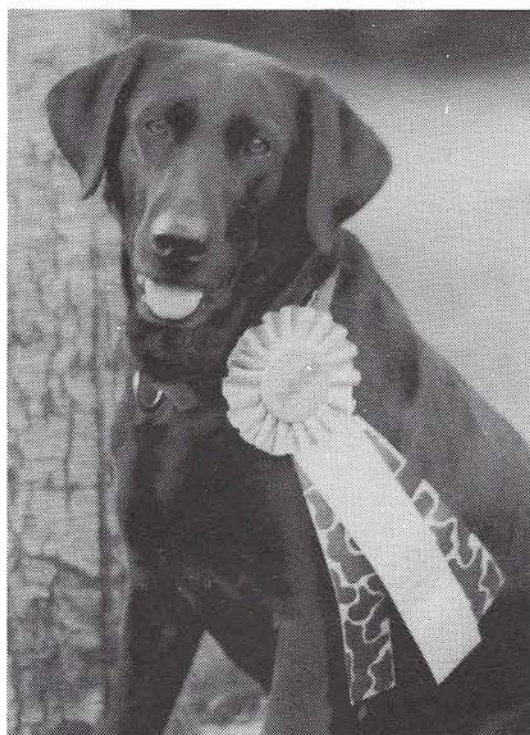
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dog's desire and intensity for retrieving. 2. Steady the dog to wing, shot and fall. (This helps the dog to focus his/her full attention on the mark.) 3. Teach the dog to deliver to hand. (This helps prevent losing crippled birds.) 4. Extend for distance. (This teaches the dog to use its eyes to get to the area of a fall and then to use its nose to locate the bird.) 4. Wide spaced multiple marks to develop the dog's memory. 6. Gradually tighten the angle between the multiple marks.

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2. JIMKAT'S DAZZLIN' DOLLY	L/F	Jim Pry 330 Pacific Ave. Paso Robles, CA 93446
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4. MHR MAMA'S BOY BUCK	L/M	Bruce Jackson Route 1, Box 119A Boykin, SC 29128
5. MHR WR LUCAS MORGAN OF FAIRFAX	L/M	John Cameron, Jr. 13504 Pendleton St. Fort Washington, MD 20744
6. MHR NORTHSTAR'S SANDIX SAMM TEAL	L/F	Ann Sanders 800 East Broadway Hopewell, VA 23860
7. NATURAL WINNER'S BABE	L/F	Gary Erickson Route 1, Box 221-6 Medical Lake, WA 99022
8. MHR TRIEVEN THUNDER ANNIE	L/F	Jack Jagoda 35 Misty Lane Stafford, VA 22554
9. WR TIGATHOES SHOGUN	G/M	Gaylord Hoisington R.D. #2 Brandon, VT 05733
10. MACHO DON DIEGO	L/M	Wallace Gober 33 Palomar St. Chula Vista, CA 92011
11. HIWOOD PACER'S MR. TANNER	L/M	Brian Baines 8720 Emerald Anchorage, AK 99502
12. RAW'S TARTU	L/M	Richard Wolters R.D. #1, Box 133 Hanover, VA 23069
13. WR RIO RETRIEVERS HYAB NABER	L/M	Mickey Walker P.O. Box 389 Parker, AZ 85344
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15. WR SHANNONDOAH'S FREE SPRITE	L/M	William "Auggie" Argabright 185 Wroxeter Drive Arnold, MD 21012
16. MHR WR TAR'S IMAGE	L/M	Clarke Campbell R.R. #1, Box 100 Westgate, IA 50681
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20. MHR WR FERGIES HAPPYTIME	C/M	William Ferguson, Jr. 10 Ferguson Lane Newport News, VA 23606
21. MHR WR SOUTHLAND BULLWINKLE	L/M	Rocky Emery 6210 Bardu Ave. Springfield, VA 22152

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DOG	BREED/SEX	HANDLER/ADDRESS
22. MHR WR ROMANY SUN JESTER	L/M	Alan Kottwitz 3710 W. 15th Ave. Kennewick, WA 99336
23. MHR SOUTHLAND LUCKY STRIKE	L/M	Jack Jagoda 35 Misty Lane Stafford, VA 22554
24. WR RIO RETRIEVERS SUPER SIX PAK	L/M	Larry Walker P.O. Box 389 Parker, AZ 85344
25. WR EVERGREEN'S JET POWDERED	L/M	Tom Rentz 825 Bo Jones Rd. Covington, GA 30209
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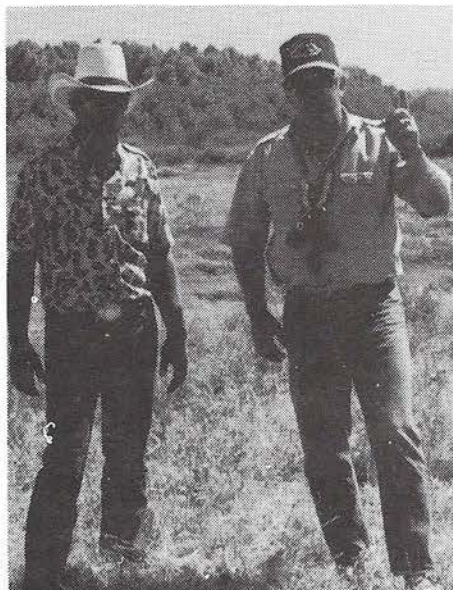
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May 30-31

Wisconsin Hunting Retriever Club
Barry Buckley
Box 148
Neosho, WI 53059

June 12

Anchorage Retriever Club
Bill Davis
100 Bunnell #13A
Anchorage, AK 99508

June 20

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club
Debra Ulsh
6473 NE 153rd St.
Bothel, WA 98011

Sept. 12

Redrock Hunting Retriever Club
Bill Dougan
35 Riverbend Colonies
P.O. Box 57
Winsloe, Canada COA-2HO

Sept. 12

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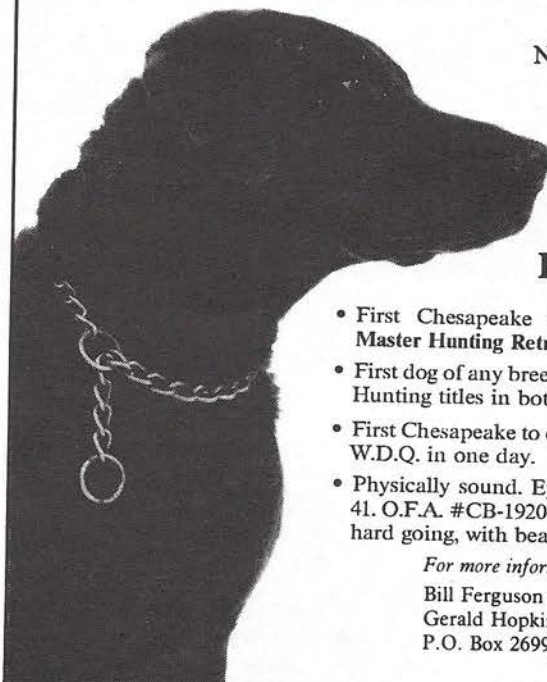
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NAHRA LICENSED HUNTING RETRIEVER FIELD TEST
CURLES NECK FARM, RICHMOND VIRGINIA
FEBRUARY 21 AND 22, 1987

STARTED
DOGS STARTED: 51; DOGS QUALIFIED: 22
JUDGES: Joe Wirt and Kay McKinney

DOG	OWNER
Tar - Mister Tar Man, LM	Dawn B. Pate
Tasha - Nattsha's Pleasure, LF	Philip & Karen Ward
Coot - Coot, CM	Gerald R. Hopkins
Max - Southland Max-A-Million, LM	Rob Hyman
Mason - Heatherbourne Magic Man, LM	S. and B. Rutherford
Sandy - Sandy Hill Road Run, LF	Charles Hayden and Rick Mazzella
Chief - Yellow Chief of Barrington, LM	Andy Dyson
Beau - Sir Beauregard of Fife, LM	Sterling Rutherford, Jr.
Maggie - Super Widgeon Powder Keg, LF	Charlie Swineford
Honk - J and S Black Magic Honker, LF	Hugh Dickerson
Charcoal - Charcoal of Hanover, LF	Robert Johnston
Ace - Rives Black Ace of Blanford, LM	Jefferson Rives
Charlie - Birchcrest Charlemagne, WC, CD, GM	Tom English
Bud - Nanney Creek's Firebird Bud, LM	Richard Stuart
Corey - Mr. Norman's Black Shadow, LM	Carl Clarke
Nan - Ernie's Nan of Topbrass, GF	Bruce E. Mueller
Hawk - Summer Duck's Dr. Hawkeye, LM	Daniel E. DeCamps
Missy - Ms. Mimosa Shores Ginny, UD, LF	Bob Fowle
Zeke - Summer Duck's Zip Code Zeke, LM	Robert Harwell
Jose - Jose of Boykins Mill Pond, LM	Bruce Jackson
Abe - Honest Southland Abe, LM	Charles Hudak
Raku - Gold-Rush Raku, UDT, WC, GM	Kristen Hoffman

INTERMEDIATE
DOG ENTERED: 51; DOGS QUALIFIED: 19
JUDGES: Jim Sherlock, Dick McRee, Chip Brierre, Kirk Burns

DOG	OWNER
Lacey - WR Lacey J, LF	Patricia Jagoda
Midgie - Southland Bombers Black Lace, LF	Lynn Foraker
Sunny - Chris's Sunshine Girl, LF	Richard E. McDonald
Felix - Graden's Felix, CDX, LM	Milly Welsh
Bud - Nanney Creek's Firebird Bud, LM	Richard Stuart
Buie - WR Shannondoah Beggar Bush Buie, LM	William Argabright, Jr.
Splash - Sandy Bay Splash, LF	Debra Buttermore
Bear - WR Hercules Black Dot, LM	Orvin Kiser
Lady - Shufflers Little Ladey, LF	Stuart Moffett, III
Sage - Idaho's Delta Sage, LM	Happy Fitzgerald
Teal - Faulkner's Yellow Teal, LF	Forrest Faulkner
Applejack - Van Lee Applejack, LM	Jacqueline Jason
Abe - Honest Southland Abe, LM	Charles Hudak
Missy - Ms. Mimosa Shores Ginny, UD, LF	Bob Fowle
Blaze - Chief Ebony Blaze, LM	Scott Clark
Zeke - Summer Duck's Zip Code Zeke, LM	Robert Harwell
Chester - Chester of Arrahatteck, LM	Deborah Musgrove
Bumper - WR Bumpers Pride, LM	Chris Putney
Zipper - Nikk's Zipper, LM	Charles Furrh

SENIOR
DOGS ENTERED: 25; DOGS QUALIFIED: 7
JUDGES: Lewis Brothers and Rick Knuth

DOG	OWNER
Moses - MHR Weller's Mosses of Antioch, LM	John L. Weller, II
Fauna - MHR T. J.'s Russet Fauna, LF	Tom & Jody Stasierowski
Winky - MHR WR Southland Buliwinkle, LM	Rocky Emery
Lacey - WR Lacey J. LF	Patricia Jagoda
Fellow - MHR Richard's Fellow, LM	Richard McDonald
Mick - WR Pooreboys Mick, LM	Jim Poore
Doc - WR Shannandoah's Free Sprite, LM	William Argabright, Jr.

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SILVER LAKE, WASHINGTON
MARCH 7 AND 8, 1987

STARTED
DOGS ENTERED 12 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: Harry Page and Charles Keller

DOG	OWNER
Kizzy - Sweet-Water Miss Kizzy, LF	Ron Grove
Kate - Special K Express, LF	Mike Cloke
Tyler - Evanmores Brightmont Tyler, GM	Larry & Marti Evans
Katie - Trieven Katie Bar the Door, LF	Doug Ridgway
Dutch - Skyline's Flying Dutchman, LM	Steve Allison
Indian - Black Watch Piper, LM	Don and Donna Shaw
Jake - Sunnyview's Midnight Jake, LM	Theodore Snodgrass
Koda - Mate's Sir Koda, LM	Rob Mate
Rowdy - Mallardith's Rowdy, GF	Bruce Meredith
Jazz - Mallardith's Jazz of Neok, LF	Doug and Donna Trudeau

INTERMEDIATE
DOGS ENTERED 17 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: Walter Seiler and Douglas Jones

DOG	OWNER
Powder - Sunnyview's Black Powder, LF	Jeff and Candy Myers
Caper - Terra's Caper, LM	Dave Welker
Katie - Cowlitz River Katie, LF	Butch Higgins
Nickey - Nickey Boone Potter, LF	Ron Potter
Kate - Special K Express, LF	Mike Cloke
Wes - Wesley Von Toffee, LM	Patrick & Irene Rauth
Bud - Sunnyview's Buddy Jones, LM	Rick Jones
KC - KC Hunter's Gold, GM	Cynthia Fowler
Bro - Super Bro of NEOK, LM	Doug and Donna Trudeau
Dutch - Lady Dutch Tieva, LF	Chris Vogelsa

SENIOR
DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 1
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Zorro - MHR Senor Zorro Von Cheltenham, LM Robert Ruggeri and Olwen Morgan

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"Scoring the blind retrieve

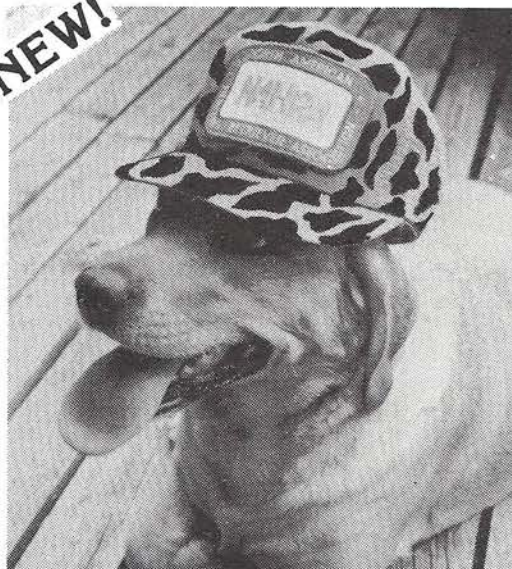
by Jack Jagoda

scored as a WR (whistle refusal) the degree of penalty will vary depending on the conditions at hand. A dog lunging in shallow water or running through dry grass or corn stubble has a more difficult time hearing and this should be taken into consideration when scoring a dog for a whistle refusal. After a dog is stopped he should be given a cast back to the imaginary line to the bird. A cast is a hand signal given silently or a cast followed by a verbal command supporting the directional cast. If the dog does not take the cast given by his handler it is considered a CR (cast refusal). A dog should improve his line to the blind and carry the line for an appreciable distance. A single cast refusal is not as flagrant as a series of refusals where the dog ab-

solutely refuses to take the handlers direction. As a test progresses and several dogs have been run, bird scent is spread across the test area and will sometimes distract the dog and make the test more difficult. The number of whistles is not the important thing it is whether the dog responds to the whistle and takes the cast. Dogs may be directed to leave a marked bird and pick up a blind or perhaps a bird will be shot as the dog is on his way to the blind and the dog is expected to continue on line to the blind. No matter what the circumstance, control is the key and a dog should be scored on how well he recovers from a trap and how well he responds to commands relative to a particular test and situation on hand.

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May 23 Oregon H.R.C., c/o Bruce Meredith, 16275 NE Hillsboro Hwy., Newberg, OR 97132. (L) 503-538-9867

May 24 Oregon H.R.C., c/o Bruce Meredith, 16275 NE Hillsboro Hwy., Newberg, OR 97132, (L) 503-538-9867

May 30-31 Silver Valley B.D. Club, c/o Sandy Hosford, Route 1, Box 241, Cataldo, ID 83810, (L)

May 30-31 Great Southern H.R.C., c/o Tom Rentz, 825 Bo Jones Rd., Covington, GA 30209, (404-787-3511) (L)

June 6-7 Spokane Bird Dog Association, c/o Gary Erickson, Route 1, Box 221-6, Medical Lake, WA 99022, (509-244-2259) (L) (Tentative)

June 13-14 Westchester R.C., c/o Art Breslau, RD#5, Box 371, Mahopac, NY 10541, (914-248-8245) (L)

June 13-14 Alaska R.C., c/o Bill Davis, 100 Bunnell St., #13A, Anchorage, AK 99508 (L) (Tentative)

June 20-21 Lake Champlain R.C., c/o Rick Oliver, Box 235A, Bennett Rd., N. Ferrisburg, VT 05473, (802-425-2453) (L)

June 27-28 Cheney D.U. c/o Donald L. Kilgore, West 414-28th Ave., Spokane, WA 99203 (509-624-8606) (Tentative)

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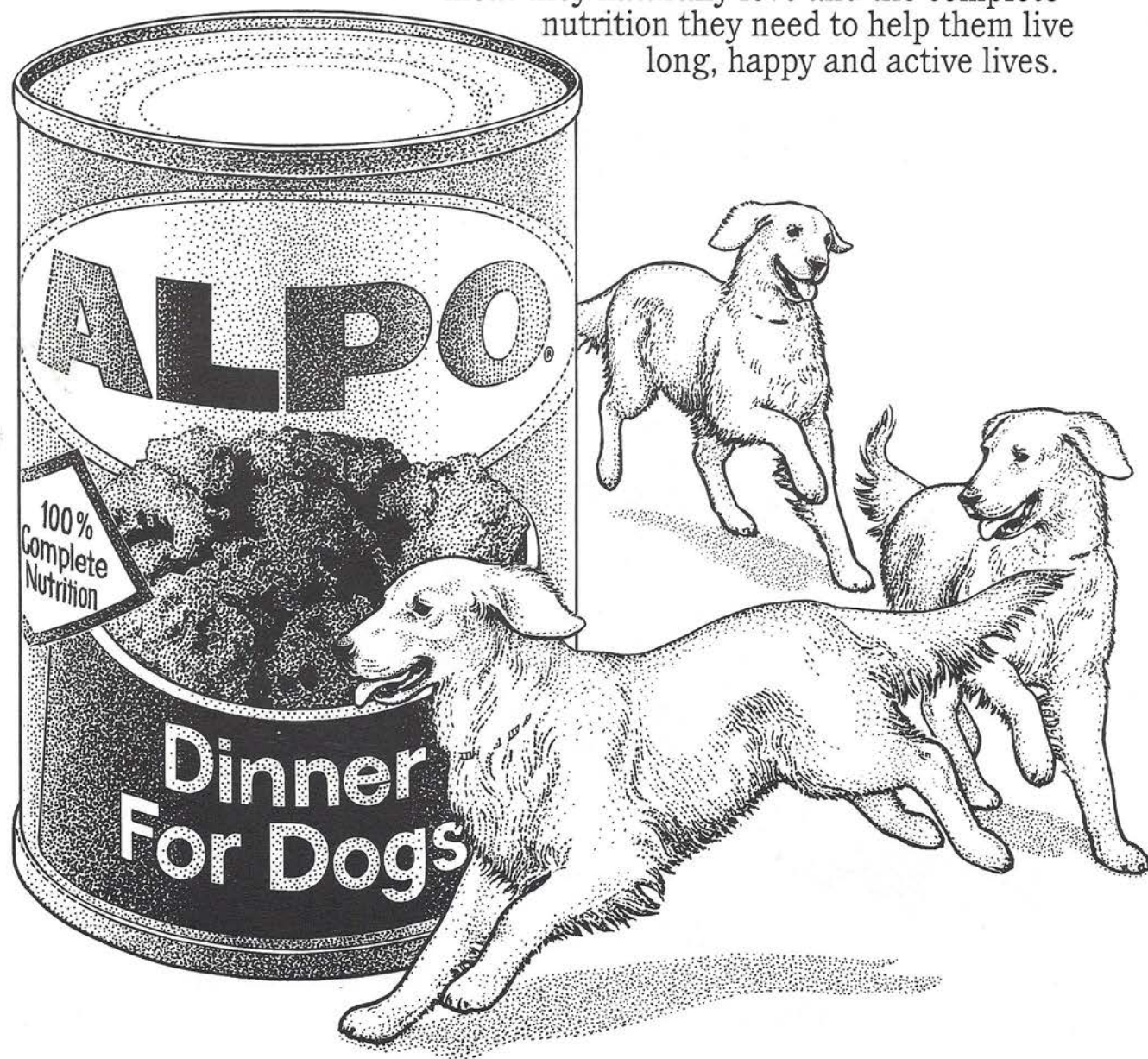
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