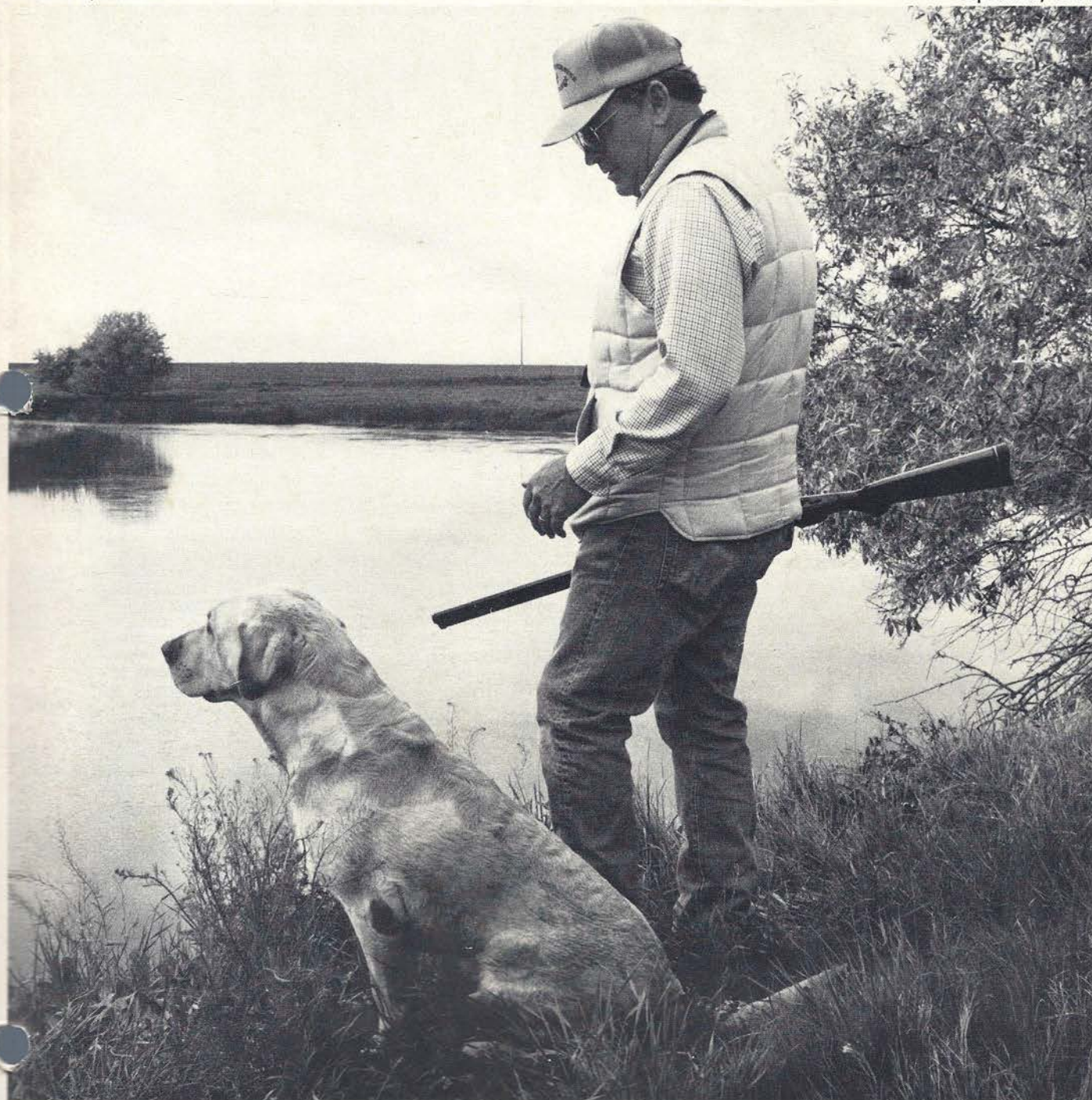


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President's Bark

My local retriever club is uninterested in holding hunting retriever field tests. What can I do? . . .

Similar comments dot the thousands of information requests and letters received by myself and NAHRA's Membership Department. While NAHRA currently boasts more than 100 participating clubs and over 2,000 individual members, sizable gaps remain where there are no existing organized retriever clubs. If NAHRA is to grow to maturity, it must expand beyond the existing network of retriever clubs and create new clubs with new and dynamic membership dedicated to the concept of field testing hunting retrievers. NAHRA is already the fastest growing dog organization outside the breed registries in North America. In two years it could easily be the largest. The answer to the oft asked question — What can we do? is simple — ORGANIZE.

The time has passed for us to sit down step aside and let someone else do it. If we truly wish to bring prominence and respect to our hunting retrievers; if we truly wish to create a meaningful stud book on which to base coming generations; if we truly wish to be the best and most progressive dog organization; if we truly wish to advance conservation and educate the hunting public on the use and training of hunting retrievers; we must organize because wishing won't make it so. Deeds and action, expansion and organization will.

Where must it begin? We all know the



answer to that one. You and I. Only by organizing and forming new hunting retriever clubs can we expand and grow. Only by expanding can we serve the needs of the hundreds of thousands of hunters who own, love and train hunting retrievers. Only by expanding and field testing as many quality retrievers as possible can we fulfill our goal of establishing a meaningful stud book.

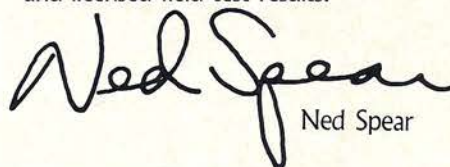
How can it be accomplished? Both NAHRA and the AKC are prepared to assist interested groups in forming local hunting retriever clubs. NAHRA has available for the asking sample by-laws and purpose clause for a hunting retriever club. These by-laws and purpose clause are acceptable to the AKC and will form a firm foundation on which you can build a local club. You need not incorporate. You may, however, wish to seek the advice of an attorney to make absolutely certain that you are in full compliance with local laws and regulations.

Once you've got the core support of ten or a dozen people and an organization, your next step is to hold a few picnic

events and training sessions. Gain membership, knowledge and experience. NAHRA can help here also. That's what our video tape series and seminars are all about. Schedule a viewing of "Two Days on the James River" at your local sportsman's club or waterfowl association. Have a quality dog available to put on a good demonstration of sample tests in all categories and have plenty of membership applications available.

Having gained organization, experience and a sizable working membership, a club is ready to petition the AKC for affiliation. Here again NAHRA can and will help with items such as helping you prepare the application, recommendations and any unique problem area your club might be experiencing. With AKC affiliation comes the added responsibility of holding B, A, and eventually licensed field tests. Want to educate your membership and judges? Contact NAHRA to set up a weekend seminar using our proven education format which is a unique combination of video, lecture and "hands on" demonstrations.

Additionally, NAHRA will provide the continued assistance clubs will need to provide a consistent quality event. Continued update of regulations and field procedures, judging guidelines and certification of qualified judges are only a few of the way. **The NAHRA News** will continue to provide up to date information and coverage for items of interest to hunters and handlers together with reporting of all sanctioned and licensed field test results.


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Cover Photo — They brought their dogs out in Colorado to the NAHRA seminar. The action is over . . . this big yellow is ready to go. Photo by Hamilton Rowan.

Bark Back

**Letters, nasty and otherwise,
to ye ole white-haired
editor-in-chief.**

Dear Editor:

I'm the 10-year-old girl in the NAHRA picture article in the last issue. In that same issue, you wrote that the spirit of NAHRA is that all must have a good time . . . *dogs and wives!* I think it is a chauvinist thing to say because my mom and my mom's friends feel bad. So, I want you to write to me to tell me that you are sorry and that you mean it.

Your friend — Jo Nell

I apologize to all wives and dogs for saying such a thing. Your friend, too. Ed.

Dear Editor:

We are in the process of forming a NAHRA club here in N.E. Iowa and our first meeting was a great success with 20 members and 15 others expressing interest. We have ordered the video tape, "Two Days on the James River" for our next meeting. We are off the ground!

Clarke J. Campbell
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My wife's Aunt Helen has not seen the tape. She heard ye-ole-editor was in it. She is dying to see it . . . please help her. Ed.

Dear Editor:

My wife Judy and I were invited to the Research Triangle Labrador Retriever Club in Clayton, North Carolina to give an introduction and explanation of NAHRA. Their group of 42 members consisted of those actively gaining titles in obedience, tracking and show. They have not been involved in field work because they felt they had nowhere to begin in field trial clubs with dogs one and two years old. They have come to feel that NAHRA will afford them a starting point for their retrievers.

Bill Slaughter

No matter what ye-ole-white haired editor writes in GUN DOG Magazine, I sincerely hope this group will prove him wrong. Go! Go! Ed.

Dear Editor:

The weekend of June 23 and 24 our club, the Spokane Bird Dog Association, sponsored a NAHRA weekend. We offered a judges' clinic, dinner banquet and a training seminar. The response was filled with enthusiasm for NAHRA and for training their dogs to meet the Standard.

However, out of the ten existing AKC clubs notified in the northwest, only two showed any interest. It would be a shame for the other eight clubs in the four states to be left behind in a cloud of retriever dust because they feel that they are above NAHRA. I know for a fact that there are 500 people in Washington state alone that are interested in NAHRA. Most of these established AKC clubs are each run by a small handful of "established trialers" and their clubs have been hunting for new members for years. I can't believe that the majority of people interested in NAHRA are going to let a minority dictate our interests and futures.

Gary Erickson

See the following letter from the Jayhawk Retriever Club. Ed.

Dear Editor:

The Jayhawk Retriever Club has not been an overly active club, except for the licensed field trial, for several years. We could not get new members and had to hire help for our licensed trial.

Then along came NAHRA.

Our Board of Directors held an advertised meeting about NAHRA and the Jayhawk Retriever Club working as a team. The response was greater than we ever expected.

In April, when we had our licensed field trial the new members turned out in force and for the first time in years we did not have to pay for help. In return for all the help, we were able to afford a club lease—which is used by all members—to train their hunting dogs and/or field trial dogs.

Our first Plan A Hunting Retriever Field Test was very successful. It was definitely a learning experience.

There are many advantages for all clubs to get involved. First, the new members—all interested in retrievers. Second, the possibility of members with hunting dogs getting interested in licensed trials. Third, a "you help us" and "we'll help you" attitude is very healthy for the club and the training of retrievers.

The participants were very pleased when their dog passed all the tests and they received their ribbon. Not once did we hear "My dog did better than yours." The

enthusiasm was catching and refreshing.

The Jayhawk Retriever Club is now a very active, growing club and we are now teaching new members how to put on a field test or field trial. They are very eager to learn and we have fun learning together.

Vera F. Bader

Field Trial and Field Test Secretary
Jayhawk Retriever Club

Live and Let Live! It pays off. Ed.

(Editor note) I have a long correspondence that would take too much space to print from Sandra Davis. In part she says:
Dear Editor:

I received the first entry form for a NAHRA event in our area. I was incensed! Look at the prices, started \$35, intermediate \$35, and senior \$40.

1. We cannot build our organization with the same prices as field trials.

2. All the judges are local and there are no heavy judges' travel or motel expenses.

3. Ducks at \$16 in all stakes. Why couldn't they use pigeons on land and ducks on water? As the past secretary/treasurer I am convinced that retriever tests can be put on for \$20 to \$25.

We have a desperate need to bring young hunters into NAHRA. And young hunters cannot pay "field trial" entrance fees.

Paul & Sandra Davis

NAHRA cannot set down rules such as local entrance fees. I believe that the club will see the light when they understand why we started NAHRA in the first place.

The editor has received a number of fine newsletters. As far east as you can go is a great one from the New Jersey Waterfowler's Association. From the north comes one from the Alaska Retriever Club. They tell us they had their first NAHRA field test at Portage. It was well organized by Andy Loranger. Thirty-three dogs were entered. Some started dogs and intermediate dogs passed the standard, but the senior dogs didn't make it. However, the newsletter goes on to say that the judges were very helpful in suggesting the type of training needed to bring the dogs up to the standard.

Let's hear how you did in August. It ain't easy but that's the way it's going to get done. Keep it going! Ed.

This is your space to "Bark Back!" Please address your "short" letters to: Ye Ole White-Haired Editor-in-Chief, 12 Susquehanna Road, Ossining, NY 10562.

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LOUISIANA The boat is called a pirogue and it's special in Louisiana. It's turned into a duck blind by just putting it in the reeds — the dog sees all the action. Eleven dogs in the senior class were entered and four passed the

standard. The number of clubs and the amount of activity in this part of the country is far beyond NAHRA's greatest expectations.

The Word on NAHRA is Spreading

All photos by Hamilton Rowan

The word about NAHRA is getting around in North America. Successful field tests are "bringing the hunters out of the woodwork." Things are happening literally from border to border and coast to coast. There is no better way to spread the word than by doing it. Old time field trial people who are active with NAHRA in their area are saying that the field tests are bringing out a whole new crop of faces and dogs.

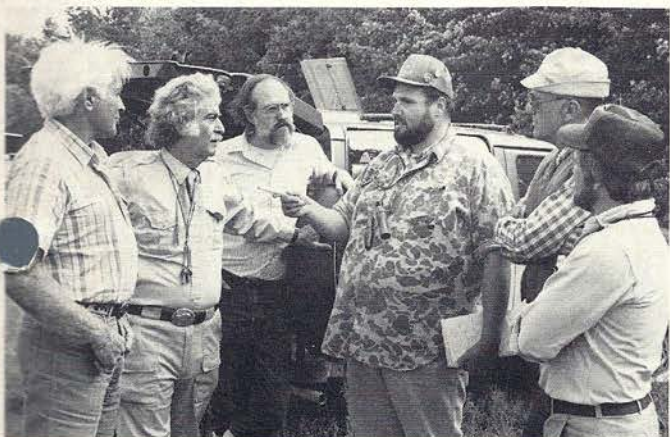
Some of the clubs that are just starting and others that want more information are holding seminars. In some cases, such as in the Denver area, a group of five clubs got together under Joyce Olinger's direction and sponsored a NAHRA weekend. In Virginia, Jack Jagoda had a one day field workshop that brought out 50 dogs and their bosses. A new club in Spokane had a week with lectures and field demonstrations and dinner with the showing of "Two Days on the James River." NAHRA has sent representatives as far as Calgary (in that case with the help of the IAMS



Joyce Olinger, the secretary for six clubs in the Colorado area, worked very hard organizing the first NAHRA seminar.



SPOKANE What's this springer doing at a NAHRA event? He was invited, out in Spokane, to demonstrate quartering to the retrieving dogs that spend most of their time in a duck blind. Retrievers can and do flush upland game just as enthusiastically as the flushers. Penny Jo Wagner gave a wonderful demonstration and explanation of tracking and how tracking was applied to the work of retrievers.



NEW YORK In Westchester, President Ned Spear talks to three of NAHRA's board members and three representatives from the AKC. L. to R., Seymore Green, AKC, Richard A. Wolters, NAHRA, Dave Follansbee, NAHRA, Ned Spear, NAHRA, Mike Diesu, AKC and Dave Maynard, NAHRA and chairman of the field test that Ned helped judge. The third AKC representative (not shown) was Hamilton Rowan, director of field trials . . . he's taking the picture. AKC is giving NAHRA full support in all phases and areas of our work. Seymore and Mike were both here to learn more about NAHRA. They are two of the AKC's field representatives.

Company.) Bob Slaughter put together another working event in North Carolina. Others are being planned and set up all over.

These get-togethers can include discussions led by a NAHRA representative and demonstrations in quartering and tracking where the local club is not really sure of what is expected. These same demonstrations are helping people learn how to set up tests and to judge them.

These NAHRA weekends usually include a banquet. Of course, the events are costly so a charge to participants is made for the whole weekend. NAHRA is cooperating and here is what such a seminar costs. There is no charge for NAHRA speakers if the club pays all the travel and living expenses of the speaker. The club sets the fee for the weekend and the profit of the weekend is divided between the hosting club and NAHRA . . . 25% to the club and 75% to NAHRA . . . It takes money to run a national organization.



WASHINGTON In Spokane, the local licensed field trial club does not wish to have NAHRA as part of their club activities so Gary Erickson has formed a NAHRA club in their area. That was the result of a NAHRA weekend sponsored by the local hunters.



COLORADO Five clubs got together through the efforts of Joyce Olinger and had a two day event. The first day they had a lecture in downtown Denver that drew 150 people. Then, they had a big demonstration using their dogs in the field. It went down as a big success.



The dress for a NAHRA field test is camouflage. Cleo F. Watson of the Magnolia Retriever Club of Mississippi is fulfilling the "dress" requirement. Note the hat. Mrs. Watson fulfilled another requirement, she qualified two dogs during that event.

JUDGES' CLINIC

Suzan Fraser

The Southern Louisiana Retriever Club held a class A NAHRA field test and ran a number of interesting events in all three classes. Here is a senior land test that has two parts to it.

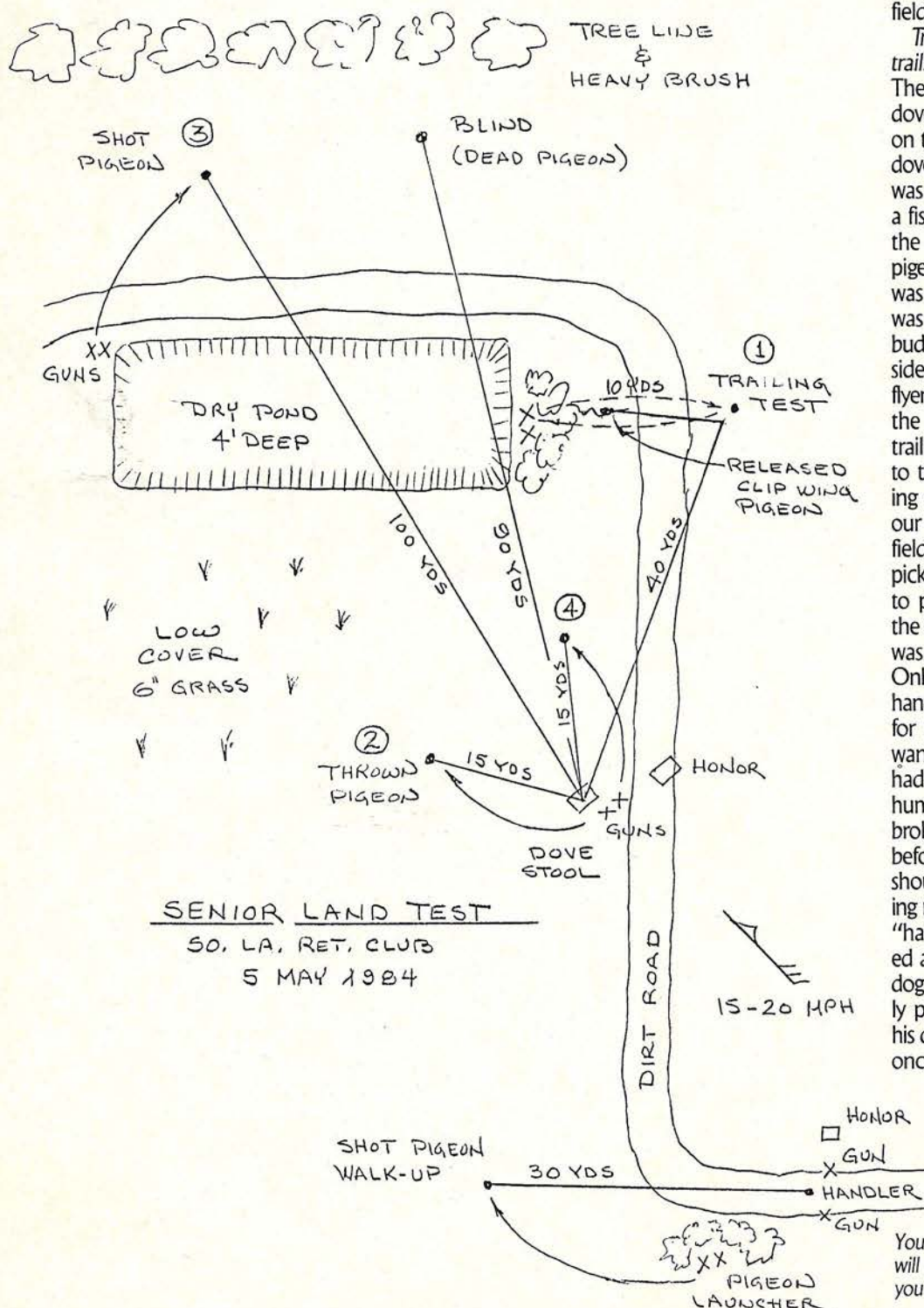
The first part of the test is a walk-up.

The hunting group, consisting of two handlers, two dogs, two gunners and two judges walk down the dirt road (bottom of diagram) towards the dove field. The judges scenario explained that doves were occasionally found on the dirt road lead-

ing to the dove field. One dog will do the work and the other will honor. They walk down the road. At that point a pigeon was released and shot by the gunners accompanying the group. The retrieve was approximately 30 yards. After making the retrieve, the group proceeded to our dove field.

Triple mark with diversion bird and trailing:

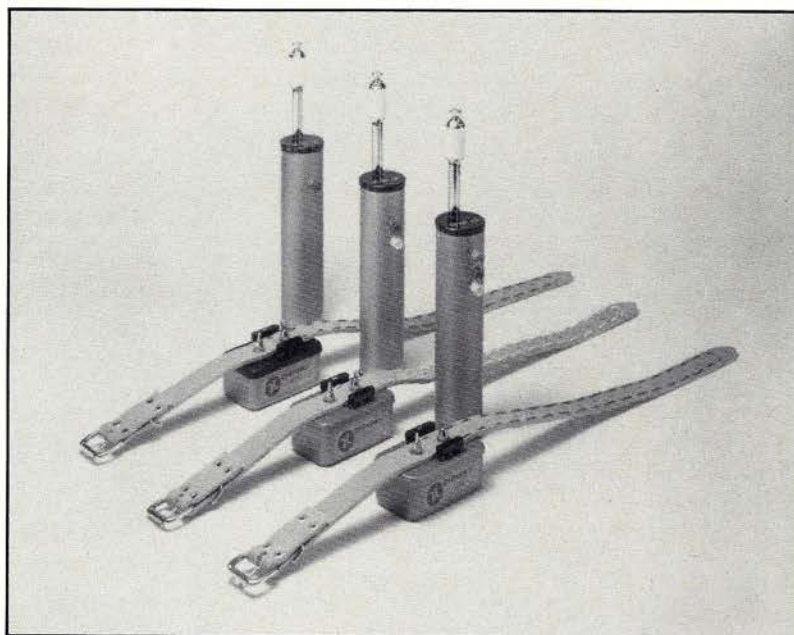
The handler was instructed to sit on his dove stool and was told that many times on this particular dove field, large flocks of dove come in at once. The first bird down was the trailing bird that was thrown with a fishing rod and reeled in, at which time the hidden bird boy released a clip-wing pigeon by the blind after the second bird was thrown from the line. The third bird was a shot flyer gunned by our hunting buddies about 90 yards away on the far side of the field. Most dogs went for the flyer first, then for the trailing bird and then the short one. On the return from the trailing bird (1) a diversion bird was thrown to the left of the return line. After picking up all the marks, the handler was told our hunting buddies on the far side of the field had scored a double but had only picked up one bird. We asked the handler to pick up the blind that fell in front of the sixth tree from the left. While this test was going on another dog was honoring. Only two dogs picked up all marks without handling. The wind caused some problems for the dogs on the blind because most wanted to return to the old fall and then had to be cast into the wind. Some humor occurred when an honoring dog broke on the trailing bird and caught it before the bird boy could reel it in. You should have heard the "drag" on the fishing reel trying to stop a 75-pound Lab. The "ha-has" were heard again when we needed a "bye" dog to run the test so the last dog could honor; a fellow who had recently placed third in a licensed amateur ran his dog. The dog broke twice and switched once.



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The Judge's Bag

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Contents of the Bag

Would you believe that everything a NAHRA judge needs fits into a compact stool/storage bag that he can sling over his shoulder? Most of the items serve their intended purposes. A few have been adapted to the special needs of the NAHRA judge.

- Those spring clamps are “brush anchors.” Hunters use them to anchor their boats to overhanging limbs near shore. NAHRA judges use them to clamp bunches of grass or reeds together when setting up blinds.
- The bright orange plastic cones are used

to mark the positions of blind retrieves. The judge can see where the bird is placed. The dogs ignore the markers.

- The fluorescent spraypaint can be used to mark locations on any surface — grass, reeds, trees, or the ground itself.
- Empty shot shells slipped into one another with a string tied to either end provide a means of tethering a bird until a dog picks it up.

The remaining items are to help keep the judge warm, dry, free of mosquitoes, and comfortable. He must be in a positive frame of mind when evaluating a dog's performance. Naturally, he has a copy of the AKC/NAHRA rulebook.

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Questions for the Doctor

by Phyllis Giroux McCloud, D.V.M.

Q. How can I get rid of fleas? I powder my dog once a week with Sevin, but he still has fleas.

A. Fleas don't live on your dog, so treating your dog isn't the solution to the problem. You must treat every place where the dog spends any time: your yard, the dog pen, dog house, and your house. Treat these areas with any product containing Malathion, Chlorpyrifos or Diazinon. Sevin is not always an effective flea killer, so get two of these products and alternate. This prevents developing a resistant strain of fleas. Treat areas monthly during flea season.

Give your dog a flea bath and dip weekly to kill all the fleas that are on him. Then spray or powder him as you see fleas on him, daily if necessary. There are no shortcuts to good flea control.

Q. Why doesn't my dog eat as much in the summer?

A. Dogs generally eat according to their caloric need. Calories are units of

heat production. In the winter, dogs must eat enough to provide fuel for metabolic processes, energy for activity, and to keep warm in cold weather. In the summer, it is not such an effort for the dog to maintain its body temperature at 101 degrees Fahrenheit, so it requires less fuel to do so.

Also, dogs are often less active in hot weather and require less fuel for energy as well. This is reflected by decreased food intake.

Q. What should I do about my dog getting ear problems from swimming? The ears stay dirty with a lot of waxy stuff. I think it may be a yeast infection. What can I do to take care of this?

A. First, you should clean your dog's ears with an ear cleaner and cotton swabs. Fill the ear canal with cleaning solution (your veterinarian or pharmacist can recommend one.) Massage the lower ear, then wipe out the debris with swabs and tissues. If the ear gets dirty again within a day or two, you should have the ears examined by your veterinarian. The dog may have ear mites (a tiny bug that lives in the

ear canal, feeds on wax, and lays its eggs in the ear), a bacterial infection, or a fungal infection (that's yeast). Once the cause is determined, an appropriate course of therapy can be prescribed. If the condition doesn't improve with treatment, return for a followup examination. Cultures for bacteria and fungus may be taken, and/or samples or swabs from the affected ear. Sometimes tablets or capsules will be prescribed in addition to drops or ointment to use in the ear. Occasionally, antiinflammatory medications are used as well, although often one or two buffered aspirin two or three times daily will do a great deal for easing pain. Remember that any medication used in the ear should be used in a clean ear, not on top of old wax and debris. For long term care of the ears to keep them healthy, I recommend using an ear cleaner followed by an ear drying solution. Certain dog breeds have ears that retain high amounts of moisture. This provides a warm, moist environment in which certain harmful bacteria and fungi can grow, causing inflammation and/or infection. Following routine proper cleansing, a drying solution can be applied into the ear canal on a regular basis. Some brands I like are Oticlean-A and Oticare-B, Adams Pan-Otic and Liquid Ear Dessicant, and Panoprep and Panodry.

Training Tips

by Vicki Lamb

When working with a young pup, the main objectives that you should strive for are attitude and desire to retrieve. Attitude applies more to trainability and a happy, willing worker can, in part, be created by your reactions — the manner in which you respond to both pup and his deeds. Desire to retrieve should have been bred into pup, but sadly, it often exists in a rather dormant state. If your pup loves to retrieve, your job is easy — to keep him loving it. But, if he is borderline, you can build his desire by arranging each experience to be FUN!

Suppose that you are the proud owner of a puppy that has exceeded every one of your hopes since the day you brought him home. He's been a retrieving fool, absolutely loves the water, and constantly carries something in his mouth. He has been a dream come true, and already you've been planning those hunting excursions, when . . . BOOM. The little fella won't retrieve, and if he does attempt to run to the dummy, he won't pick it up. If he does scoop it up, he'll drop it twenty

times and then leave it to go and smell the pine brush. While it is possible that something drastic has happened to his training attitude, or that he may be coming down with a virus, the chances are good that he may just be cutting teeth. Puppies can be very uncomfortable during this period, which occurs between four and six months of age, and may exhibit unusual behavior.

If yours is one of those households lucky enough to be blessed with, not one, but two adolescent retrievers, remember to keep in mind that even if they are from the same litter, or are relatively close in age, they may progress (and regress!) in entirely different sequences. In recognizing this, you can avoid the frustration incurred when trying to fit two possibly opposite individuals into an identical schedule day in and day out, and you will all probably emerge with better attitudes toward each other, tomorrow, and next month's hunt.

When introducing Pup to guns, it is a good idea to initially fire a cap gun or blank pistol at a respectable distance from him and observe his reactions. If Pup is not frightened, the pistol can be moved in to a closer range. Gunshyness is not that uncommon, and in many cases could be avoided by gradual, positive introduction

to the noise. Too often a gunshy animal is created by circumstance, such as when a cranky, formidable 12-gauge is suddenly discharged right over the unsuspecting animal's head. Another situation in which the blank pistol might serve as an invaluable tool would be with a started or older dog, when previous gun exposure remains unknown.

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A Gunning Canoe?

by Robert Hartt

Bob Hartt is the president of the Stowe Canoe Company. He is the maker of the Special Edition NAHRA Gunning canoe.

We've all heard the comments of the uninitiated, "Put old Six Pack and me in a canoe along with a gun? Are you crazy?"

No siree, I've had my bath for November!" Well, it ain't so. Tom Terrific, my yellow and I have been around hunting canoes for many an Indian summer. All roses may be alike to Gertrude Stein, whose poem I never did understand, but canoes . . . now you are talking differences. We are not talking racing or white water and rapids or canoes not designed for the hunter. We're talking *gunning canoe*! A special craft with multiple uses wherever you need an inexpensive, easily portable, roomy watercraft!

Up our way the Black River meanders in lazy S's for fifteen miles or more throughout the lush farm country of Orleans County. Not unlike many rivers and streams elsewhere in this broad land,

the Black offers a veritable smorgasbord to the waterborne gunner/fisherman and his dog. Whether it be lunker rainbows, fat grouse and woodcock or sleek mallards, the Black offers it all to those properly equipped to attempt its switchbacks and oxbows.

Two or three miles is just about right for a morning trip, longer if you want to make it an all day affair and work the alders for woodcock or the birches for partridge or just like to pull the brim of your hat down for a little snooze after lunch. This is civilized ducking. None of that 4:00 a.m. stagger out of bed stuff. And, to top it off, the more blue-birdy the weather, the better. After feeding all night, old Mr. Mallard likes nothing better than to find a nice quiet cove along the Black for his siesta.

But wait, I'm getting ahead of myself. First, we need some equipment. Launch your sixteen footer and fire up that electric forty and go. Right? Wrong, unless it's got wings and you've got an endless supply of

shear pins. Well, we'll just get that stable old flat-bottomed jon boat and we'll be right in business. Wrong again. Ever tried to row for three miles facing forward? Jump ducks using squeaky oars? Come on folks, the only answer, that's right, the only way to efficiently and comfortably hunt the Black and its thousands of sisters is by gunning canoe. You could walk, and after three miles in hip waders on a hot afternoon I'd be forced to admit that you're a better man than I, Gunga Din, but in all likelihood, I'd be making a contribution to your heirs' favorite charity!

What's a gunning canoe? It's beamy, 40 inches amidship is about perfect. Wide enough for stability, yet narrow enough for easy maneuvering in tight spots. It should have a full length keel that helps in keeping the canoe on a straight course without having to switch the paddle from side to side and it's a wonderful "shock absorber" when "Tommy" leaps out when I get lucky enough to center one of those fat mallards or perhaps an acorn stuffed woodie. The

keel is pushed sideways by the dog's leap, it drags in the water and prevents the canoe from skittering across the surface. Remember, Tommy's got to come back aboard and I'm not going to shore every time I bag a bird to load him up. The combination of the wide beam, low center of gravity and keel give me all the stability I need to lever him over the side by immediately pushing on the back of his neck after he's hooked his paws over the side. A splash rail along the gunwale keeps the interior dry on those occasions when you're facing a little wind in open water. Add a convenient notch to keep your gun handy but out of the way and woven snowshoe-type seats. Try to keep your gun steady on a curved gunwale or sit for two hours on a solid seat that's gotten wet after Tommy's delivered a duck or three and you'll quickly learn why these small but important features are necessary.

Mate these features to a tough fiberglass shell with a dark or dead grass color molded in and you've got yourself an old fashioned gunning canoe. Oh yes, don't forget to stain and oil the woodwork for protection from the elements and keen-eyed waterfowl. Keep it all less than 13 feet long weighing a neat handy 65 or so pounds and make certain it's got a poraging yoke for those times when nothing else will do but to put ashore, pick it up and walk around an obstacle. Try that with your sixteen footer with the forty on board!

Make certain that the exposed woodwork, such as gunwale, is rock solid but springy northern ash. It's longer lasting and quieter than metal or some other extrusion. Choose fiberglass over aluminum, it rides the water better, the color doesn't chip and it's quiet. Drop your paddle in an aluminum canoe and you and every duck within 400 yards will get the picture quick.

The gunning canoe doubles as a great all-around recreation craft. It's tough to waterski behind, but clamp on a motor mount and a lightweight 2-horse outboard and you'll get just about anywhere as fast as you need to. Slip the canoe into your favorite marsh or slough, add your version of Tommy, a dozen or so decoys and your favorite gunning partner and you're in business. The ease with which the canoe slides over mud, obstacles and wet grass gives you access to the farthest reaches of any swamp even with two of you and your gear aboard. Slide it up on the mud behind some rushes and you have a perfectly camouflaged stable shooting platform. Keep a big sponge under your seat to sop up your Tommy's shakings and you

won't have to move until your limits aboard.

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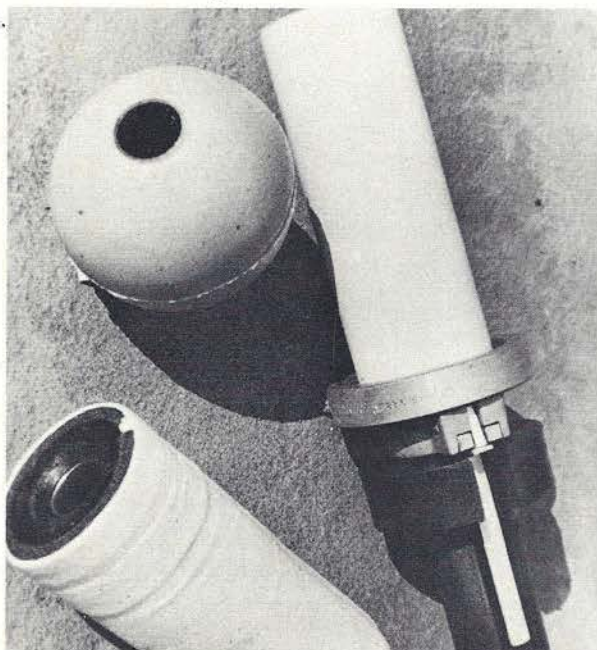
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NAHRA FORUM

by Richard A. Wolters

The news is getting around. NAHRA is a going organization. You should read some of the fine things that are being said about us. Jerome B. Robinson, in the August issue of *Sports Afield*, spells out NAHRA and what it's all about. Jerry came to the Tidewater field test and really enjoyed what he saw. Bill Tarrant in *Field & Stream* spells out both NAHRA and the competing organization HRC (Hunting Retriever Club). The hunter's retriever is on the march toward recognition. In the September issue of the Ducks Unlimited magazine another story on NAHRA will grace their pages and *Waterfowler World* will be following suit. From inside our organization I am seeing a number of articles in club newsletters that are very encouraging.

That's good news. Now, here is the bad. We are hearing that a number of established field trial clubs are having a lot of internal bickering because they fear that the NAHRA interest will interfere with the licensed trials that they have been running.

This will get worse if those clubs do not make their decision by the time NAHRA licensed field tests start throughout the country. At the present time the NAHRA dogs that pass the standard are only receiving a ribbon. Beginning February 1985, those dogs that pass the standard receive their ribbon and will start winning points (to be recorded by the AKC) toward their AKC title of MHR (Master Hunting Retriever). This is going to put real meaning into the NAHRA game. Title points will be recorded and the MHR will be on the dog's pedigree. This will be a new ball game and will be something the average hunter will want for his dog. This is the beginning of a hunter's stud book for his dog — the first recognition the hunter's dog has ever received. Establishing NAHRA field tests to run along with the licensed events each year will strengthen a club by virtue of a bigger membership because there will now be something of value for everyone. Some licensed clubs see this virtue and are seeing out the hunter and his dog. It's working very well. The alternative to that, and it is happening, is that hunters are forming new clubs in areas where the established club does not want to go along with NAHRA. NAHRA is not happy about that but we're betting that the future for our hunting dogs looks bright.



It takes money to make a national organization go. Without any paid workers, except one gal in Ned Spear's office, it will still take a budget of nearly \$100,000 to make NAHRA work. We can't force anyone to join. . . the AKC will not allow us to have NAHRA members only run in our field tests. But this can't be a free ride and if you want NAHRA to continue in the future, individual memberships are a must. Get the "slow" members of your club to join. It's only \$18 a year and this NAHRA NEWS is included. As Ned Spear said in his talk in the Video show *Two Days on the James River*, "Step right up folks. We only have a limited number of memberships left."

Talking about the tape, "Two Days" . . . almost 50 clubs have shown it and they love it! If you have not seen it yet, you should get your group together and rent it. Schedule it plenty ahead of time. All copies of the tape stay well-booked into the future.

The board of directors of NAHRA held a meeting. The purpose was to write a set of judge's guidelines. You would think it would have been an easy matter. After all, these are the same fellows who wrote the standard. We found it was a tough job to try to write something that all would get the exact meaning from. Words are tricky things to deal with. Judging is a very subjective thing and scoring involves a lot of personal opinion. I thought the board did very well. No blood was shed and no bones broken. What we ended up with, I believe, is a helpful monograph for both the judges and the contestant. It would help if my dogs could read it, too. This will be honed into English, printed and ready for distribution very shortly. Putting such a document together is not an easy matter. I understand that it took 48 years for the obedience people to be able to come up with such a book and the field trial people had the same experience. They took over 30 years to come up with the "Yellow" book and are still making minor changes in it. This is NAHRA's first

attempt and we are not in business even a year.

Let me try to put a thought together that is important for all NAHRA members and even our critics to understand — or at least know. If I recall my Greek mythology correctly, I believe it was Zeus who sprung a full grown god from his father's head. Not like us mortals who grow and learn along the way, Zeus had it all the day he was born. Many expect NAHRA to be much the same as the Greek god — fully developed, with all the answers. The reason the retriever community expects that from us is because the sister game, field trialing, have their game honed down to precision. But, in spite of the fact that the licensed field trial people have 53 years behind their game, they are still making changes in procedure in their Yellow book. Don't expect perfection from NAHRA . . . we need some growing time. I get a little short with the complainers. NAHRA does not need ideas; we need workers. We've come a long way in a matter of months . . . not years.

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by Ned Spear

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A Look at NAHRA

by Ray Arnett

Ray Arnett is the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks for the U.S. Department of the Interior. Ray is an honorary member of the NAHRA board of directors and was a prime mover in getting the movement rolling. He knows where of he speaks . . . he's an avid hunter who has always had well trained retrievers in his blind.

I remember back in 1959 when the new Federal Duck Stamp was issued — what a hue and cry some of the "purists" put up! The Stamp, a beauty, by Maynard Reece, depicted a black Lab with a mallard in its mouth. This marvelous dog was two time National Champion, King Buck, owned by the late John Olin. Well, some of the art folks and a few others thought the stamp was unseemly. A dead duck? A hunting dog? Yes indeed! And what an excellent message — a good retriever is an investment in good conservation. Wasted game is a wasted resource. The cripples and downed birds that fall out of the hunter's immediate grasp or line of sight are frequently lost if there isn't a competent retriever on hand.

Quality dogs, like quality hunting, require work — and, yes, some sacrifice, too. But the rewards are undeniable and worth the effort. Trained retrievers save game. That's been written about and demonstrated so many times over it hardly seems to bear repeating. But really, it cannot be over-emphasized. It's a lesson that does indeed need to be repeated over and over again to each generation of hunters. Every year there are the beginners, confident they can and will cleanly bag every mallard they put the bead on. You've seen dozens (if not hundreds) of these fellows. And sometimes they're crackerjack shots. But few of them will break ice or swim nearly as nicely as a Lab. Their sense of direction in the cattails isn't so hot either. These fellows sooner or later learn the hard lesson that sometimes the downed game just won't be where you marked the fall or drop right into the blind or sneak boat with you . . . no matter how good a shot you are. It's simply not a matter of billiards and bank shots. Even though you're right on target, you cannot always control where the bird falls.

But you can help control whether or not you're going to get to use that bird. You can get a good retriever, your very own dog, and then you can get down to the



tremendously rewarding task of training that little critter.

Dogs not only save game, they improve the hunt. A good dog completes the hunt in more ways than one. It not only brings in the game; it provides a special element of companionship that's hard to describe but that every dog lover understands.

Better writers than I have written volumes on the qualities of a good hunting dog and its values to the hunter in season and out. One of those important values often overlooked is self discipline. That may sound a little harsh, especially to some of the younger readers, but it isn't meant that way at all. In fact, the kind of self discipline I'm talking about is a joy. It involves work, schedules, and practice — but it also involves fun. The fun of seeing a bright young pup learn how to respond to your commands, the fun of cementing a life-long friendship and seeing the animal mature and develop, not only its finest natural hunting ability and instincts, but also its sense of desire and enjoyment in doing its job. Year round your effort is rewarded. For those of you who jog to stay in shape (like Dick Wolters and Ned Spear), you understand what I'm talking about: The practice is as much a reward as the marathon. The anticipation and preparation is as enriching as the actual competition.

Unfortunately, I seem to sense a trend and it is one that troubles me. There seem to be too many younger hunters who either don't have the inclination, or don't seem to want the responsibility of owning a retriever.

It's not for lack of money. Many of these fellows are equipped in the best fashion. There's no shortage of gear. When pressed about the question of dogs they may beg off and cite lack of time, living in the city, and all the other usual excuses. A few will even say, "Well, I hunt with a buddy who owns a Lab."

Relying on friends. Is this let-somebody-else-do-it attitude the way to safeguard and maintain one of hunting's finest traditions?

What a discouraging prospect.

The sport of hunting and its traditions need practitioners, committed practitioners, through thick and thin. Even the years when game bird census counts are down. Even when dog prices are up. Even when antihunters are howling for more restrictions and suing up a storm. In fact, especially in such times. Sport hunters need to step forward. They need to do a little extra. They need to dig a little deeper and do a little more.

They need to rediscover the joy of their outdoor pursuit and they need to rededicate themselves to the values and disciplines it imparts.

I think that's why I'm so high on NAHRA. It's people rediscovering the good time of good work. It's good people working with good dogs for the good of the sport and tradition of waterfowling and upland bird hunting.

Already in its brief history, NAHRA's emphasis on good times and good company has served it well. It's sent the signal that a good time can be productive and valuable, too. It's sent the message loud and clear that retrievers are not only fun, they should be viewed as an essential part of a hunt. And, perhaps most important, NAHRA has let it be known emphatically that good working dogs are not wanted — they're needed more than ever by our sport hunters.

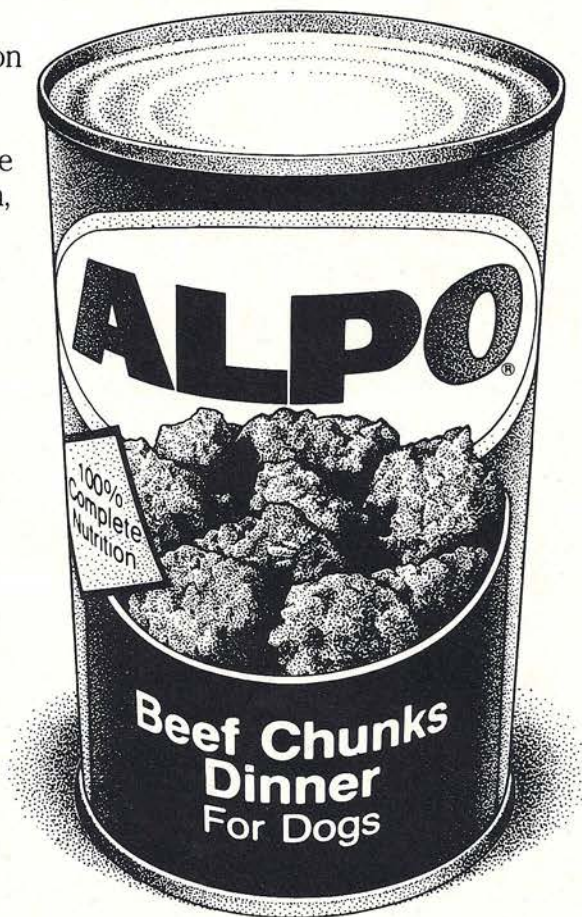
There is a living tradition at stake in these later days of the twentieth century. I don't mean to sound so ominous, but there's a real question of whether or not we're going to have quality bird hunting in the next century. The issue, surprisingly, is not so much what the anti's will accomplish — but what the laziness and complacency of our fraternity members will allow. Will we have a legacy of incompetent retrievers, lost game, diminishing trainers and a depleted dog stock? Will a grand tradition be lost to neglect? Or will we have strong, vigorous groups committed to first-rate dogs, superior sportsmanship, and a bright hunting future?

I'm willing to bet that NAHRA will make a significant contribution toward the goal of restoring great dogs to a grand field sport. It will revitalize the principle that training and discipline are valid rewards in and of themselves, available to all who avail themselves.

That, I think, is the best part of the NAHRA message. So spread the word to all you know: a truly fine retrieving dog is one of the hunters' best rewards, and NAHRA can help make it all a reality for you and your friends.

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