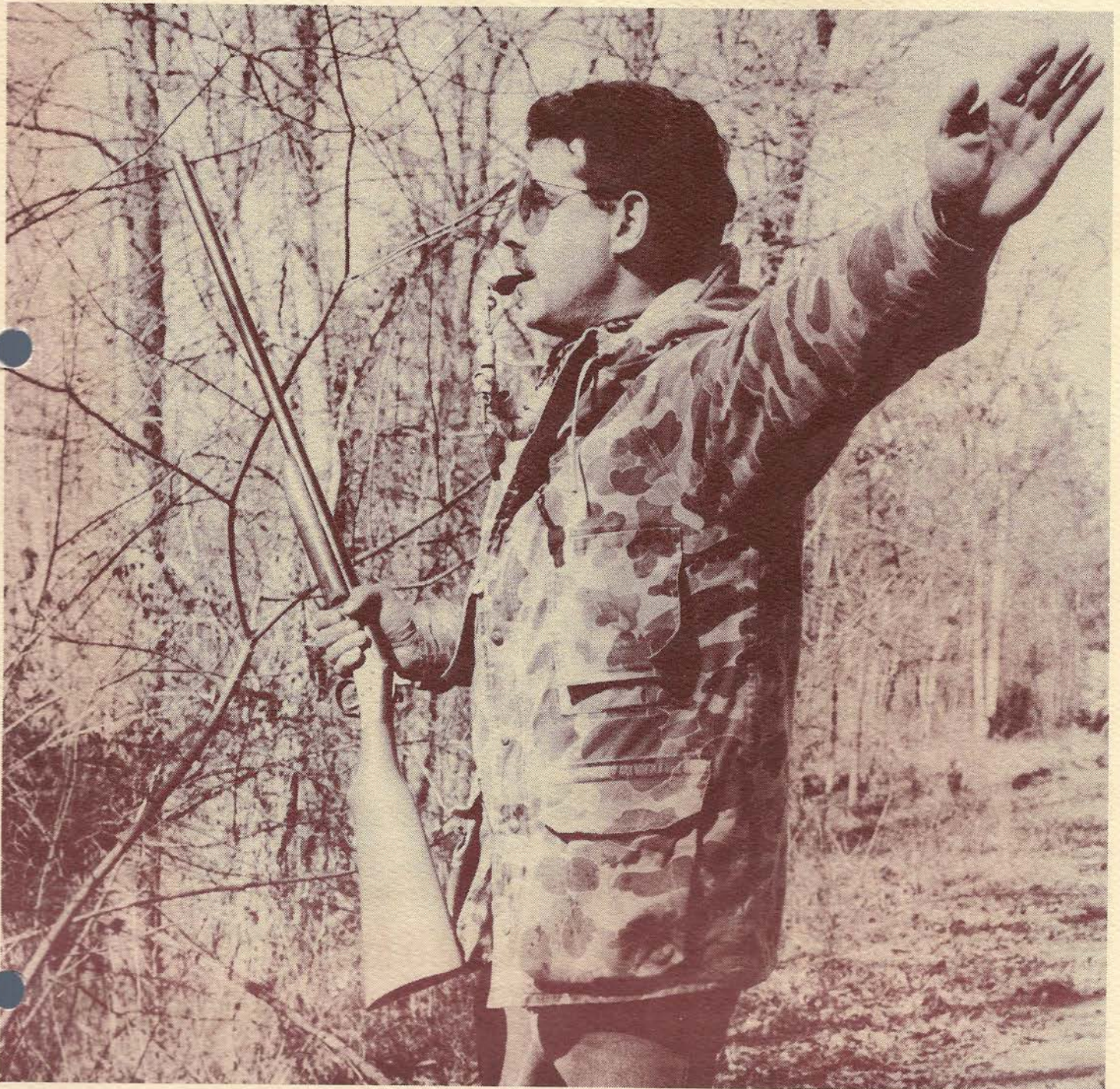


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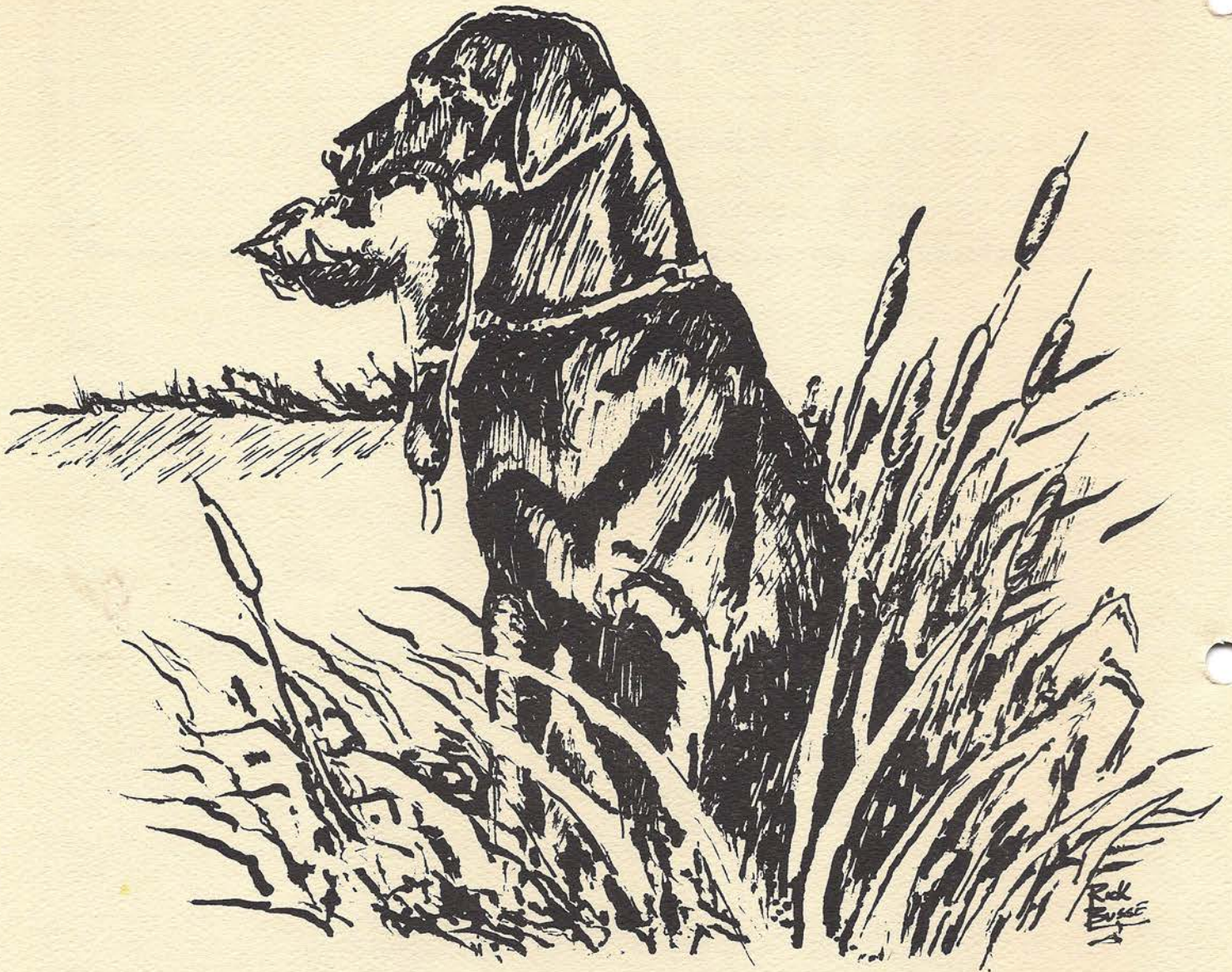
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# President's Bark



The 1988 season opened with a double-header in Parker, Arizona, followed by a double-header by the James River Retriever Club in Richmond, Virginia. Over 30 events have already been scheduled for 1988 with a projection of 75 for the season.

The NAHRA SPONSOR MEMBER program was initiated when the first application was received from John Bittle of Florence, South Carolina. George, "Big George," Pocock of Moon, Virginia, was second, followed by Tom Rentz, Covington, Georgia; Richard Wolters, Hanover, Virginia; Phillip Locker, Jr., DDS, Anchorage, Alaska, and Chessman Kittridge of Gates Mills, Ohio.

The NAHRA Invitational has been scheduled for May 14-15, 1988 at Curles Neck Farm in Richmond, Virginia. This year, 28 dogs qualified with at least 100 Senior points in 1987. Two more were selected from a lottery of nine MHR's with 80 points. All have accepted the invitation to participate in this year's event. (A complete list of these dogs and a schedule of events is listed in this issue of the News.)

The "Brass Band" program was mentioned in the last issue of "NAHRA NEWS." As you recall, it takes six qualifying scores in Started or Intermediate events to qualify for a "NAHRA Brass Band." Remember! This is not lifetime

points, but points accumulated in 1988. This new award has generated significant interest and enthusiasm around the country. I had a club from Alaska call and ask if it was possible to hold a double Intermediate and Started event... What a switch!

Several new clubs have been formed and a few old friends have renewed their membership. The Dorchester Hunting Retriever Club in Cambridge, Maryland, the San Joaquin Hunting Retriever Club in Escalon, California, and "RUF", Retrievers Unlimited Forever in Iowa, are a few that come to mind. The Marquette Retriever Club in Michigan is once again in the NAHRA ranks.

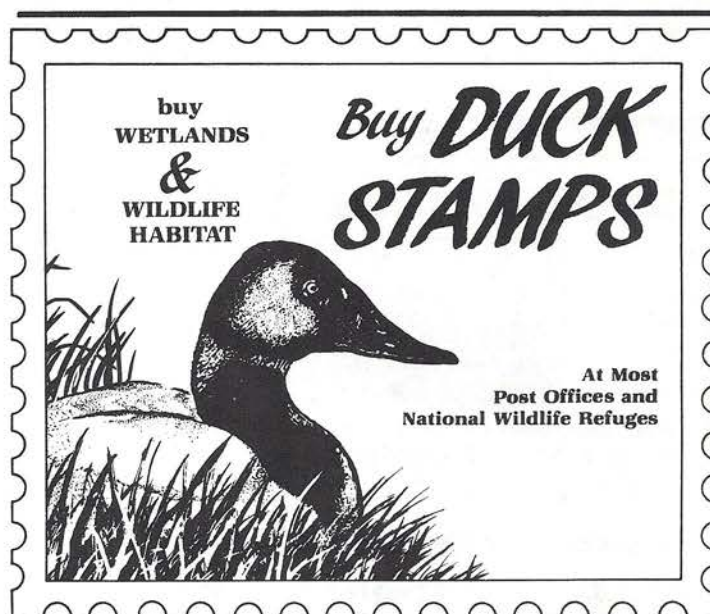
Tom Rentz attended the "Shot Show" in Las Vegas in mid-January and spoke with potential sponsors interested in aiding NAHRA.

The NAHRA point system for judges has been finalized and will officially go into effect July 1, 1988. New judges will be required to take a written test and will then be added to the Judges' Points List. Each time an event is judged a point will be recorded for each judge in that particular category. NAHRA events will require a minimum of three combined points in each category to be approved as a licensed point bearing event.

All in all, the NAHRA family is healthy nationally and looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

*Jack Jagoda*  
Jack Jagoda



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Feb. 21, 1988

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## "Ask the Doctor"

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**Q:** My Lab has just been diagnosed as having hip dysplasia, but both her parents were x-rayed and showed no evidence of dysplasia. How can this be if hip dysplasia is an inherited disease?

**A:** Hip dysplasia, which is a progressive arthritis of the hip joint, can be attributed to a number of factors, both inherited and/or environmental. It is estimated that only about 45% of these factors are genetic.

Which environmental factors contribute significantly to the development of dysplasia is not well known. Theories relating to hormonal imbalances and stress have been proposed but are as yet unproven. Only the effect of nutrition has been studied extensively and it has been demonstrated that diets which maintain slower growth rates reduce both the incidence and the severity of hip dysplasia. Thus pups fed such a diet could have a genetic predisposition towards dysplasia that could be "hidden" from x-ray evaluation. If two such dogs were bred, the re-



Brian Hunter

sulting litter could have an incidence of hip dysplasia as high as 68%. More rapid growth rates per se do not cause dysplasia but do allow any genetic tendency to be more likely manifested.

Consequently, in order to choose pups that have the genetic tendency toward good hips you need as much information as possible about their ancestors. Ideally you should know the status of the hips of the parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, as well as that of litter

mates of those ancestors and of any litters they have had.

**Q:** Recently my dog has been losing weight but he seems in otherwise good spirits. What am I doing wrong?

**A:** Unplanned weight loss can be a complex problem with many possible origins. To determine the cause of your dog's condition, first evaluate your feeding program. It should consist of a high quality food, fed at a quantity appropriate for your dog's level of activity. It is difficult to maintain at an optimum weight a dog who is very active, has a poor appetite or is being fed a marginal quality food. You may find that a change to a higher quality, more palatable diet, or an increase in the amount of ration is helpful.

If your dog still will not eat well, or is eating quality foods but still losing weight, the next step is a visit to your veterinarian for a thorough physical exam, fecal check and, possibly, laboratory work. During this visit review your feeding program, including the changes you have tried, with your vet.

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April 23 Retrievers Unlimited Forever, c/o Keith Stroyan, 913 Wyld Green Rd., Iowa City, IA 52240, 319-351-0376, (L) DOUBLE STARTED

April 30-May 1 Oak Grove H.R.C., c/o Al Perry, 31610 Myrna Dr., Livonia, MI 48154, 313-427-4097 (L) DOUBLE EVENT, BEG., STAR., INTER. & SENIOR EVENTS ON 4/30, STAR., INTER. & SENIOR ON 5/1.

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May 14-15 NAHRA INVITATIONAL, P.O. Box 6, Garrisonville, VA 22463 (703-752-4000) (L)

May 14 Marquette Retriever Club, c/o Michael A. Beltz, 703 Co. Rd. 545, Skandia, MI 49885, 906-942-7775, Approved

May 14-15 Spokane Bird Dog Association, c/o Dennis Erickson, E. 11923 Railroad Ct., Spokane, WA 99206, 509-927-8203, (L) DOUBLE STARTED AND INTERMEDIATE

May 20 Navesink River Hunting Retriever Club, c/o Dave & Sue Tasse, Box 704, McAfee, NJ 07428, 201-827-3138, JUDGE'S CLINIC

May 21-22 Navesink River Hunting Retriever Club, c/o Dave & Sue Tasse, Box 704, McAfee, NJ 07428, 201-827-3138, (L) NO SENIOR

May 21-22 Silver Valley Bird Dog Club, c/o Sandy Hosford, Rt. 1, Box 241, Cataldo, ID 83810, 208-682-3762, (L)

May 28-29 Oregon Hunting Retriever Club & Pacific Rim Golden Retriever Club, c/o Bruce Meredith, 16275 Hillsboro Hwy., Newburg, OR 97132, 503-538-9867, DOUBLE (L)

June 4-5 Spokane Bird Dog Association, c/o Dennis Erickson, E. 11923 Railroad Ct., Spokane, WA 99206, 509-927-8203, (L)

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June 11-12 Westchester R.C., c/o Lisa Weinberg, R.D. #5, Box 371, Mahopac, NY 10541 (L)

June 18-19 Lake Champlain Retriever Club (Bee Be Quebec), c/o Richard Oliver, Box 2320, Bennett Rd., N. Ferrisburg, VT 05473, 802-425-2453, (L) DOUBLE SENIOR

June 25-26 Blackhawk Retriever Club, Inc. c/o Rick Knuth, Route 2, Box 77, Bangor, WI 54614, 608-486-4172, (L) DOUBLE SENIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AND STARTED

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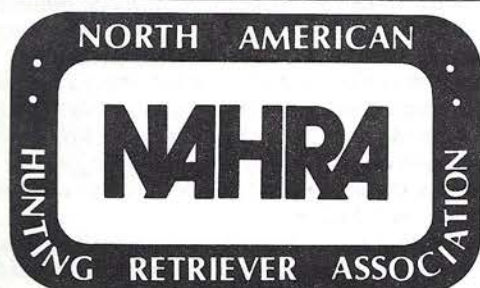
August 1 Westwind Sporting Dog Club, c/o Jane De Pauw, P.O. Box 6162, Station A, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2H 2L3, 403-239-7047, (L) STARTED AND INTERMEDIATE

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## "The 1968 National"

by Lou Carroll

This is a reprint taken from the 1979 publication, "Field Trialer," the official publication of the association of British Columbia Retriever Clubs. The author, Lou Carroll, felt that field trials were under pressure from the pointer, spaniel and setter people and it was time to justify how they felt by "roasting" the field trial retriever. Little did Lou know that NAHRA would be born in 1983 and revolutionize the entire retriever world.

The 1968 National Retriever Trial got off to a flying start on Wednesday. And the word "flying" is used advisedly as this year for the first time ever, the new, revised "EXCELLENT" system of tests, originated by that well-known authority on retrievers, GOD McTired-out, were attempted, and the first series was a "flushing" test.

In this a live hen pheasant was released in a field of cover heavy enough to conceal the bird. The dog to be tested was then brought to line and, on command from his handler to "hie on", quartered the field till he found scent, then homed in and flushed the bird. Judges and contestant followed the dog.

As the judges wished to give all dogs equally fair tests, new ground was used for each dog. This entailed moving about 50 yards for each dog — judges, contestants, gallery, etc., included. With 62 dogs competing and three test dogs, the field stretched to about 1 3/4 miles in length. It is felt the large western fields will be helpful in this regard. The judges had trouble when dogs disappeared in heavy cover and could not be seen to be judged. On occasion the contesting dogs "put up" two or more birds, a few rabbits, and a pair of lovers who were unaware a trial was in progress, indicating the presence of wild game in the area. (The lovers were really wild.) It was an interesting test for the judges, who looked a little "flushed" themselves. One was heard to comment that perhaps the whole test should be "flushed," especially as it had added greatly to the cost of the trial. Though the judges were not sure how to score this test, they dropped 10, as the test had taken a full day.

Test Number 2 consisted of a live shackled duck thrown from the far side of a circular pond, the wind blowing from that shore toward the pond. It was here one could observe the results of the new style of training, etc., that the new tests had encouraged. Rather than rush or leap into the water and swim directly for the duck as in the old days, dogs either proceeded slowly to the water's edge and slid in, "otter-like", or ran around the pond and then swam out to the duck. Some dogs had actually been bred with short, "otter-like" legs, and this helped slow them down and were advantageous in slipping down the bank. Some "intelligent" dogs, knowing it was quicker to run around the shore, did so only to discover the wind had blown the duck out toward the centre of the pond. They continued to circle till they

became dizzy and were bodily picked up by their handlers. Forty dogs were called back for the third day.

Test 3 was a blind retrieve of a dead pheasant and neither handler nor dog knew where the bird was. When this test was first originated the handler was instructed it was in the 90° quadrant in front of him. Because of criticism that this was artificial and did not represent hunting conditions the 90° quadrant was extended to a 360° circle. The work was interesting! Three spectators were knocked down by dogs and two small children retrieved by over-anxious dogs. Some handlers wore blind-folds to prove their dogs were not robots and did not require help from the handler. Their uncontrolled hand signals seemed to frighten the judges. Twenty dogs were called back.

In Test 4, a cock pheasant had some wing and tail feathers removed and was released in cover. This test was the highlight of the trial as the birds ran at speeds of 30-40 mph, hotly pursued by slow, short-legged dogs (remember the slowing-down training and breeding for the water tests). Only 10 dogs were able to catch a bird and were called back.

An unpleasant side issue at this time was a visit by Humane Society officers who objected strongly to the removing of feathers from live birds. Some handlers thought the birds were not the only ones plucked on this test.

Test 5 was to have been a live duck in water with a string attached to one leg. After being thrown in the water it was to be hauled on to the land and dragged through cover for some distance. The Humane Society officers frowned at this and suggested the trial be stopped.

This completed the 1968 National.

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Author's Note: Of course, I am only kidding in the above article and know retriever people will laugh it off — just as I know they will laugh off criticism from biased pointer-spaniel trainers or breeders who know little or nothing of retrievers and would be better advised to improve their own breeds. Retriever trials have gone on for many years in the U.S. and Canada and the standard of today's retrievers from field trial stock show they are worthwhile. Those who train and handle retrievers are in the best position to criticize and alter retriever trials, and will do so only when they think it necessary.

Lou Carr



# Wolters Says . . . .

## Judging. . .

### A Tough Game Itself

If there has even been a thankless job, it's judging. It does not make much difference what sport it is, the referee, judge or whatever you call him, takes it on the chin. Look what MacEnroe does to the linesman. I heard a news broadcast the other day about MacEnroe playing an exhibition match on a tennis court that was wired electronically . . . no linesmen were needed. After it was over he complained that it was too perfect and took the fun out of the game. Some people just love to bitch.

Our retriever game is really made or broken by our judging. In fact, our whole NAHRA game depends on good judging. It is a terribly important part of what we do. That is why we want to give clinics wherever we can.

Our judges are a lot different than the referees that officiate at, for example, a tennis match. There the game is completely . . . to the quarter inch . . . set down by the rules. All the judge has to do is decide where the ball lands and keep score.

Our judges do a lot more than that. They set up the tests so that every test is a "new ball game." Historically, licensed AKC field trial judges have been gods. They were the final word and could do nothing wrong. Actually I see no other way for playing the AKC licensed game. They are looking for a winner and placements. They are working with as many as a hundred fine dogs. To find a winner in a weekend takes some fancy separation. The better the dogs get, over the years, the tougher the judges' job becomes. The only thing the judges can do is get tougher and figure out some lu-lu tests to "trap" the dogs.

Of course this forces the trainers to get more and more out of the dogs. That starts a vicious cycle that the hunter doesn't want to get on . . . and there is no way for the field trialer to get off.

Of course the AKC licensed game has been around half a century before NAHRA. That meant that the precedent for the judging of retrievers was well set. NAHRA came along and in many ways had to change the judging job.

The first thing we did was to establish a set of rules that kept the game within the bounds of what we thought a hunting retriever should be required to do. Now the AKC licensed judge can and does set up own rules. For example, let's mix the sport to make this point, a field trial judge refereeing a tennis match might decide that the winner would be the player who hit the ball over the fence the farthest.



Richard A. Wolters

The way their game is set up they could do that. We of NAHRA wrote rules to keep the ball within the base lines of the court. But that does not mean that because the rules are set down in stone that they are necessarily followed.

Good or bad judging for NAHRA is really an attitude. The guy that sets up a test and says to himself, "OK let's see the blankety blank dog do this one," is not helping our cause. We work by scenario but the truth be known, any test can fit within a hunting scenario if you are a good story teller. We really want the judges on the dog's side.

We have tried to cover as much of the country as possible with teams of guys giving NAHRA judges' clinics. The problem seems to be that many of the experienced judges, who have been around the retrieving game a long time, don't attend our clinics, thinking they know it all. On occasion we have had a judge or two declare that he was going to do it his way even though it was not following NAHRA rules. In those situations that I know of, where this was the case, the judges had come to us from the field trial game where they were king and it was expected that they should be. But that does not help our program.

In the licensed field trial game the handler and his dog can't question the "king" . . . the judge. In NAHRA events the contestant has a right to question a judge at the time the scenario is given . . . many a test has been changed before the first dog ran because the contestants caught the judges in a miss interpretation of the rules.

I asked Jerry Parnham, our airline pilot member, who has been coast to coast every weekend last year where there was a field test, to give me his opinion about the overall judging. He said that 95% of the judging he saw was an exceptional job of planning and running the events. From what I know, I agree. Still there are some areas that need correcting.

Jerry pointed out that one judge charged a handler and dog with five controlled

breaks because the handler kept whispering to his dog to stay . . . five times! The problem is simple there. The judge has forgotten that this is a hunting test and if you are hunting you can talk to your dog . . . it in no way interferes with the hunting job. This judge is still working on the AKC field trial philosophy.

Jerry pointed out that on a blind a judge followed the "Spencer" system . . . it may have been Spencer himself. The dog has to stay inside the area that falls between two fingers held in a "V" like Winston Churchill giving the victory signal. When the hand with up-pointed fingers is held at arm's length . . . looking through the fingers is the area in which the dog must stay. My response to that is . . . "That's just stupid!" That is no way to judge a hunting test. The purpose is to get the "meat" back as fast as possible. A dog that runs out off line, out of the "V", and gets out there and then is given a good over to get the bird is doing a better hunting job than the dog that is hacked in a tight area to the bird. We must get away from field trial thinking.

Jerry points out that on a few occasions when it was brought to the Judge's attention that their marks and blinds were well over the distances set down in the rules, the judge answered, "I don't care what NAHRA says, I'm running this trial." My answer to that is that everyone is in trouble. This should be pointed out to the club so they won't invite such a jerk to judge again.

I have seen the situation where a handler who was a constant complainer about the judging and the tests did a terrible job when he became a judge. Something about the power of the job seems to sweep over some people.

I ran into a situation with one of our own board members who was judging. Tar, who is getting the nickname, Happy Legs, while "trying to sit" at the point of origin, was all over the place watching the three birds go down. Before I sent the dog the judge called, "Heel your dog." I ignored the command and sent the dog on his way. When it was all over the judge said, "I'm sorry. I've judged so many licensed field trials that the order to heel your dog just came out of my mouth . . . almost by habit." There is no such situation in a NAHRA event. Either the dog breaks or he doesn't and there is a great difference between a creep and a break.

Some judges have given the instructions, "This is a marking test and anyone who handles will be severely marked down." Or as one set of judges announced, "If you blow your whistle on a mark you will start at a score of seven and do down from there." This is against the spirit of a working hunting dog. If you get your dog to the area and give a fast, well executed handle . . . that is as good as a short hunt. Remember the criteria is al-

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## Judging

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ways the same, get the meat back with dispatch.

Jerry had some things to say about Intermediate and Started. Most of the things he saw wrong involved the judges not reading their rule book . . . Bird boys in white shirts . . . Showing the dog where the marks will be before the signal is given to start the test. And a few other ideas where it was obvious that the rule book was in the back pocket being learned by osmosis when it should have been in the hat.

One of my pet peeves is the judge who sets up the test, especially with the younger dogs, where a bird is thrown 90 yards away and the shot comes from the point of origin. You never would make such a shot hunting, so why make it in the test? We are to simulate hunting as close as possible. To do it correctly, when throwing a dead bird, the guns should be in a position, as if it were a live bird being thrown. Not only does this make it appear real but this gives a young dog all the help you can. Blow a duck call . . . get the dog's attention, then shoot from the same area . . . within gun range. Help a young dog.

I believe we all have learned a lot about judging over the last few years. I believe that at first we all went just a little nuts doing crazy control tests. It seems to me that the better judges are swinging back to straight-forward, simple tests. Jack Jagoda and Richard McDonald did a great test at the Lumberton trial last November. It was a simple, short triple with an "easy" blind. A piece of cake . . . no tricks, no gimmicks but the suction on the blind sure "un-did" Tar and a lot of other dogs. It was a good test of dog control and handler's savy without flim-flam.

We need the best judges we can get and they seem to come out of the ranks of those running dogs. This causes a prob-

lem for those handlers who are working toward yearly points for the Invitational. It means that when they judge they can't run their dog and thus lose the potential of valuable points. The board of directors of NAHRA has approved a way to help out in that problem. Judges who have dogs that have earned enough points to make the lottery for the Invitational shall be given preference in the lottery. They will automatically go to the top of the list and the first lottery shall be for judges dogs.

Gary Erickson, our new board member from Washington State will be following a lot of the judging problems that come up.

### ANOTHER SUBJECT . . . CRITIQUE

The AKC magazine *Whistler* came out with a blistering critique written by Jack Hansen against my Gun Dog magazine video-training tape. The AKC must feel proud of that piece . . . but I love it . . . keeps the name out in front of the public.

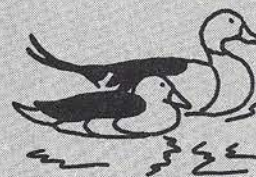
When my first books *Gun Dog & Water Dog* were published some 25 years ago, the book reviewers blasted me the same way. Their ranting brought my book to the hunter's attention. The hunter tried it . . . the training system worked. These books have outsold all the competition combined . . . almost three quarters of a million copies have been printed . . . in spite of what the critics said.

Hansen, my latest critic is married to the AKC. He is a professional video producer who does all the videos for the AKC and that is big dollars. He knows which side his bread is buttered, but I wouldn't even begin to suggest what he knows about dog training. But he knows about NAHRA & RAW to be sure because we tangled over AKC business years ago so now he takes a cheap shot in print to get even.

Critics are entitled to say anything they want . . . right or wrong. They love to go after the guy on top especially if they're inexperienced, but Hansen didn't do his homework. For three years the tape has

been a great success with the hunter. It's *GAME DOG* on tape and the hunter is using both book and video together and that is what a successful product is all about. Hansen, check the video stores as I do, find out which of all the tapes out there is most popular. Guess which is number 1:

The only thing that really bothers me about all this is the headline on his story, "Dick Wolters Makes Tape On Training." I object to his calling me Dick. I am Dick only to my friends, Hansen. Keep writing this kind of stuff . . . it helps me move products just as long as you spell the name correctly . . . that's W.O.L.T.E.R.S. But, in the future you use Richard A. since you have not earned the right to call me Dick.



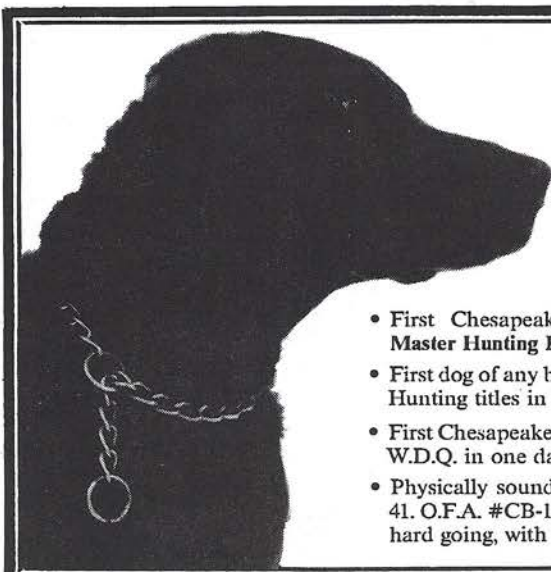
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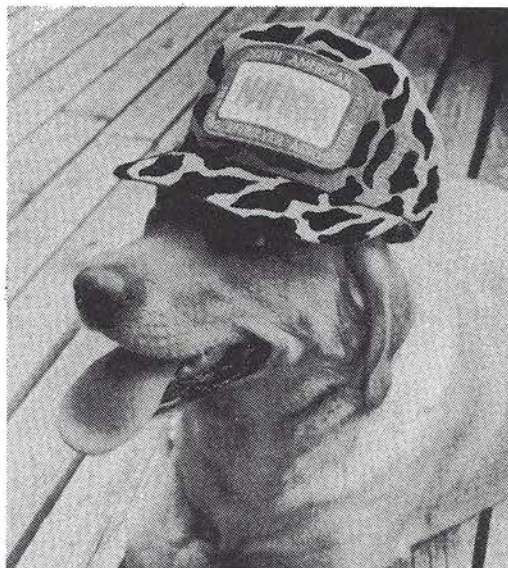
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# "New Tricks"

by Ned Spear

NAHRA Past President

You can teach an old dog new tricks. I think. Anyway, Penny Rose and I are trying. Actually, she's got less to learn than I. The problem? Easy. How to successfully hunt ducks in the northeast.

With combined waterfowling experience of over 45 years on two continents, you'd think that wouldn't be much of a problem. Wrong. Like goose hunting on the eastern shore, northeast waterfowling has dramatically changed in recent years. The reasons are remarkably similar to the eastern shore experience of mid-Atlantic gunners -- changes in agricultural practices and new and different birds.

When I was a boy and teenager through the late forties and fifties, to take a mallard in Vermont was an uncommon experience. Not rare, but cause enough to take that greenhead down to the village gas station (the true source of all local information) and brag him up. We just didn't see, much less shoot, very many mallards. Black ducks were the principal component in a marsh hunter's bag.

Well we now know the plight of the black duck. At first we tended not to notice (and even rejoiced at the novelty), as the incidence of mallards in our bag increased. With those mallards, however,

came a gradual change in agricultural practices. I'm wont to tell you how cold it gets up here and how few ducks we get compared to, say California or Louisiana. The fact of the matter is, I live fewer than 50 miles from one of the great (though little recognized in the states) funnels for waterfowl in North America - the St. Lawrence River.

Enormous marshes line its banks, especially along those "lakes," actually wide spots in the river, 40 or so miles wide such as Lac St. Pierre and Lac St. Louis, among others. With such habitat and draining such an enormous area, the St. Lawrence has long been a magnet for tens upon tens of thousands of waterfowl. Blacks, mallards, Canadas and others with the continent's entire population of Greater snow geese grace its waters. Enter stage left Molson, Labatt and O'Keefe. Not actors in some grad B thriller but rather the three largest brewers in Canada. Add to that equation an increase in their markets throughout North America, and the result is more beer and more ducks! Why? In a kernel, the answer is simple -- grain, especially corn and barley.

Enter stage right Mr. and Mrs. Mallard. Our mid-West and prairie cousins have long known and capitalized on their predilection for grain. It's a lesson we easterners have been slower to learn. Heck, we weren't duck hunters unless surrounded by water and decoys, snug in our cedar-brushed stake blinds. Now many

Vermont marsh hunters daily witness the "Canadian grain field shuttle." Flock upon flock of mallards, and what few of their dusky cousins that remain, stop off at the Missisquoi delta and then head north to the great barley and grain complex that lines the St. Lawrence.

How to cash in on this bonanza? Ah, there's the rub. That's the new trick for us old dogs to learn. New techniques, new blinds, new decoys, new calls. Being a true child of our scientific society, I was a true believer in the scientific method of trial and error. A few dog-eared catalogs and expensive orders later, I wasn't much further along besides having new ingredients for next summer's lawn sale.

Frankly, I found begging easier. My long-suffering Canadian friends, accustomed to my tales of prowess, were delighted to see me humbled. After extracting a promise to tell no more French Canadian-accented jokes (well, maybe one a season), they relented and revealed some of their secrets.

Penny Rose learned her new role in a hurry. She's adapted well to the pits, large flocks no cover and constant circling of the ducks before committing. What's come a bit harder after years of a more "independent" and relaxed approach to retrieving, has been the increased discipline. As for me, the new techniques came fairly easily, though I still feel faintly ridiculous

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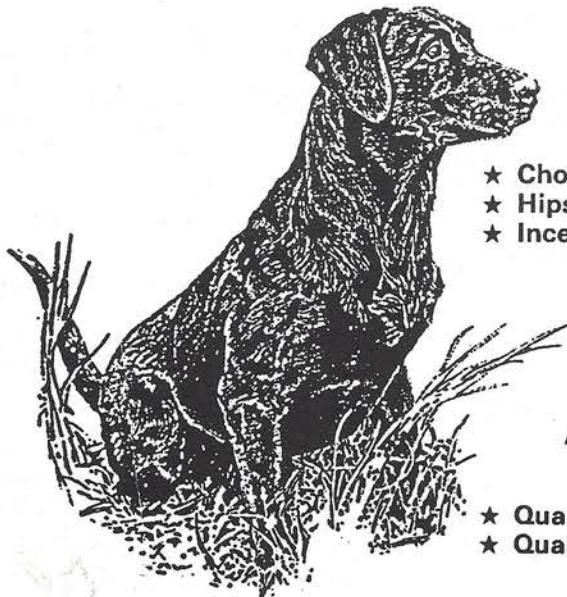
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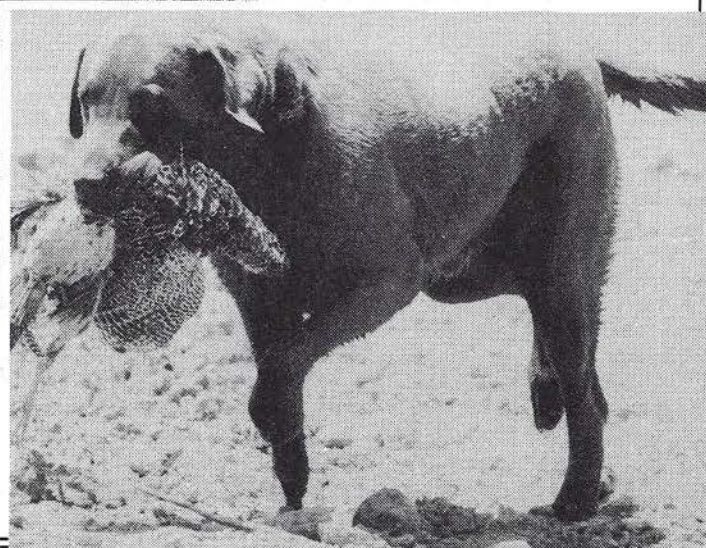
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## Training Tips

### "TRAILING"



Trailing is probably the least understood but by far one of the most important roles of a hunting retriever. To be quite honest, we can always walk, wade, row or swim out and recover the dead birds. However, finding the cripples is an entirely different matter. Trailing depends entirely on the ability of the dog to use its nose and to concentrate on a particular scent. Both must be done precisely in order to properly follow the scent of a crippled bird for recovery.

Our olfactory capabilities are nothing compared to those of the dog's. A common house dog has the ability to distinguish perfectly between two odors which to us seem identical or impossible to perceive. They are able to detect the presence of one drop of blood in five quarts of water and to differentiate with the greatest of ease between the smells of meats as similar as pork, beef, horsemeat, mutton etc.

A man has about five million smell-sensitive cells in his nose; the dachshund has 25 times that number---some 125 million cells. The German shepherd and the bloodhound have about 220 million smell-sensitive cells, twice those of the dachshund's nose and 44 times the number in a human's. Our retrievers fall right in there with the big boys.

We must learn to believe in the dog's ability and to train him/her in the proper mechanics of trailing. The dog must learn

to concentrate on the trail scent rather than to run about attempting to locate air carried scent on a hit or miss basis. We must teach the dog to proceed down the trail according to existing conditions. If the scent is strong and fresh, the dog should move quickly down the trail and when it's not, he/she should move with caution.

Controlling the dog's temperament and utilizing the ground scent are the two keys in teaching the dog to concentrate. This will not interfere with the dog's ability to use air carried body scent to locate marked birds or blind retrieves and it will not make the dog run with its nose to the ground and it will not slow the dog down when going for a retrieve.

I highly advise a specific command, such as "Find It," to command the dog to follow a trail. The dog will learn to associate it with a specific task. You will be able to release the dog from the area of a mark or to release the dog from your control at the end of a blind retrieve without losing control in other situations if he/she learns to associate the command "Find" with a particular task.

As with the marks, blinds and quartering, the more experience a dog has doing a task the better he/she will become at doing it. I recommend that you set aside one day a week to concentrate your efforts on teaching the dog to trail. This will help ensure that you spend an adequate

amount of time training for this particular task.

I begin the training by using live wing clipped ducks or pheasants. Live birds generate excitement and help to increase the dog's concentration. You don't have any control as to where the bird goes or how far if you just turn a live bird loose but don't worry about that now. As long as the bird is properly wing-clipped it can't fly off.

Put the dog at sit and stay and toss the wing clipped bird a few feet out in front of the dog. Make the dog stay until the bird has had an ample opportunity to run a short distance. If the bird hits the ground running, send the dog immediately. Release the dog with the command "Find It". Proceed down the trail with the dog offering encouragement by continually repeating "Find It". If the dog loses the trail, call him in to relocate the scent and resume the chase. Repeat this exercise until you feel the dog understands how to properly use his nose and understands the command "Find It".

Now, you can switch over to using dead birds on a determined drag trail. A set drag trail goes exactly where you want and for the exact distance you want. You will need a drag pole approximately 8' long with 10' of string tied to one end. Tie a live bird to the other end of the string and kill the bird at the beginning of the trail. Drag the bird off staying out of the path of the trail. Leave a bird at the end and go get your dog.

Bring the dog at heel to the area that you began the drag trail. Don't make the dog sit at the beginning of the trail. Instead, command the dog with "Find It" as soon as it indicates scent. (You should know by now if the dog is demonstrating an interest when it sniffs around.) Proceed down the trail behind the dog and whenever the dog leaves the trail call him back in to resume the pursuit. A check cord on the dog will help to ensure the dog can't take off out of the area.

Once the dog is proving its efficiency at following a fresh killed drag bird, repeat the exercise using an old dead bird or scented bumper. This will force the dog to concentrate more precisely on body scent rather than blood scent.

The command "Find It" should, by now, leave no doubt in the dog's mind as to what is expected. You may now work on trailing off of a mark or trailing off of a blind by using "Find It" when the dog gets to the beginning area of a trail out away from you. If the dog hesitates or refuses to follow the trail, walk out and make the dog respond to the command. Repeat the exercise until the dog understands what you want.

After a few short months of training for the trail, you should begin to have a higher regard for the dog's ability to use its nose in following a trail and a more experienced understanding of good and poor scenting conditions.



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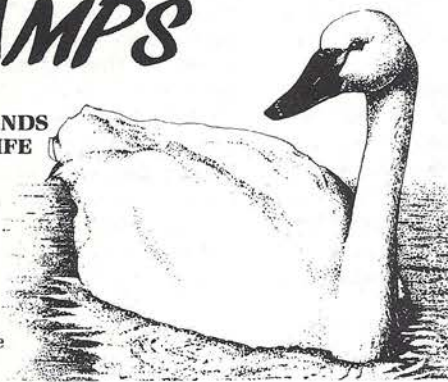
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by Keith Stroyan

I get some teasing for my duck-calling technique. I recall taking a little offense to one instance. It was at a club trial with a big turnout. I was squatting in a canoe in the cattails holding a duck in one hand, a shotgun in the other and clenching a duck call in my teeth. I was to watch for the signal from the judges, call, stand up and throw, then shoot at the top of the arc.

With all this to do for several hours, I wasn't too receptive to "helpful" comments about my calling methods. Well, after I thought about it, I imagine my calling wasn't too realistic . . . In my defense I will say that I managed not to fall out of the canoe - unlike the two guys I replaced.

Even though it wasn't a good duck year, I've managed to devise a new NAHRA duck hunting test. I'd like to name it the Laird-Hagen in honor of the people who inspired it.

Where I grew up the adults didn't hunt ducks. My friend and I did, but we hunted everything with a season no matter how low the odds. It wasn't a major flyway and I never got any lessons on calling ducks.

I got hooked on Labs just before NAHRA was formed. I had started hunting pheasants here in Iowa after many years of not hunting at all. I wanted a trained upland dog and started running the well-organized local traditional-style club trials. I owned a Beagle, a goat and a horse as a kid. Training a Lab is to training a Beagle as training a horse is to training a goat (at least my goat). I ran the club trials as a way to check my progress in training. Frankly, six years ago I wouldn't have believed one could train a dog to the level of a superb MHR. I'm still convinced you can't train a goat to do all those things.

One thing led to another at trials and pretty soon I'm training my pheasant Lab to do 100 yd. water blinds. I don't regret it a bit - water work is a nice warm weather pastime while you wait for hunting season, but I've often wondered if even NAHRA Senior tests are 'typical' duck hunting situations. I wanted to see the local conditions, since now I live on a major flyway. This year I became a re-born duck hunter. It paid off, too. I found this new test.

It was a good duck season in Iowa - for the ducks. From what I can tell, the mild weather kept them in Canada until past the end of the season. Roxie, my 4 year

old, is a well-mannered WR and usually does even better work in hunting than under trial pressure. She'll sit calmly outside a blind and she handles. She got to test the sitting outside the blind a lot.

I really didn't get to sample the local duck hunting conditions fairly, but I want to thank all you teasers out there for my re-birth.

My first duck hunting trip resulted in my finding an excellent new spot for both pheasant and quail. Two quail in the bag. I was soaked to the skin from the duck weather or I would have stayed more than an hour upland.

My second trip resulted in two more birds - pheasants. They were laughing at my attempts to call the lone Mallard in that flew over catching me out in the open. When eight o'clock rolled around Roxie and I went and found them. They were delicious. By the way teasers, my calling did get that duck to circle high three times.

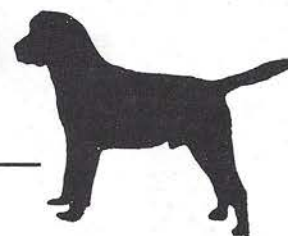
That episode is memorable for another reason. That duck was circling against one of the most beautiful sunrises I have seen.

My third spot for a late afternoon duck hunt resulted in more pheasant laughter. Maybe they didn't like my waders. Maybe it was my decoys. I doubt that they were laughing at my duck calling. I'm pretty sure it was the camo clothing. Pheasants prefer bright colors. We came back three

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### "New Tricks"

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crouched in a hole in the ground with no water in sight. The big new trick has been a crash course in the patois of the French Canadian farmer. It's a bit difficult obtaining permission to hunt without having a firm grasp of the language. Oh, I've never gone hungry or failed to find the john, but now we're talking real live communication, mes amis!

Mon chien did the talking for me on the twenty-first of this month in a huge barley field near Baie Le Fave, hard along the

south shore of Lac St. Pierre. The birds were really flying and a lone hunter without a dog in a neighboring field had a long scaler. Unable to find the bird with his constant searching, he was well on his way to ruining it to our sport. A quick visit from Penny Rose settled the question. He returned to his cache with bird in hand and I to mine with a firm invitation for the next Saturday. Let's hear it for us old dogs!

Good hunting.

*Ned Spear*

Ned Spear

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For safety sake, only carry shells of the proper gauge to fit the gun you are using. Different gauge shells may be loaded accidentally during the excitement of incoming birds, resulting in an extremely dangerous situation.

### "Reborn Duck Hunter"

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times to that spot before the daily 4:30 pheasant closing. More delicious pheasants. We tried there again for ducks, too, but the pheasants kept laughing at us.

Here's the scenario for my new test. You don chest waders, shoulder a shotgun and bag of decoys and too much clothing - camo, of course, it makes pheasants chuckle. (Laird and Hagen will simulate this if I blow a duck call for them.) You walk your dog at heel toward the marsh. Just when you get to the dry bogs and briars several pheasants flush. At this point you quarter along the edge of the marsh through the bogs for about 100 yds. taking your limit in pheasants. You don't lose points to drop the decoys when you shoulder the gun.

Minnesota handlers have to carry a bag of their famous pheasant decoys. All others use duck decoys.

Of course I'm kidding. Sometimes the real thing is too strange for a field test. If there were any ducks around, I'm sure they would have laughed. I don't know what duck laughter sounds like. We'll keep the tests "clean" in NAHRA, but the real thing will always offer new opportunities for a well trained versatile hunting team.

Maybe next year I'll get to see typical Iowa duck hunting conditions - if I can spare the time from pheasant hunting. There's always six to eight a.m.



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-Editor



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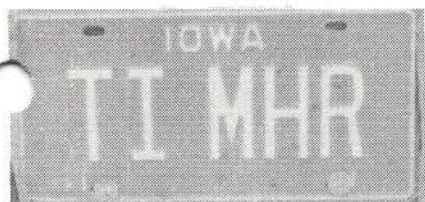


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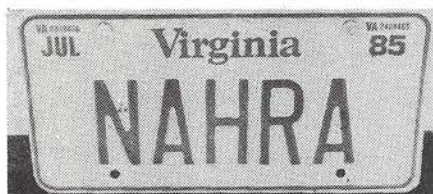
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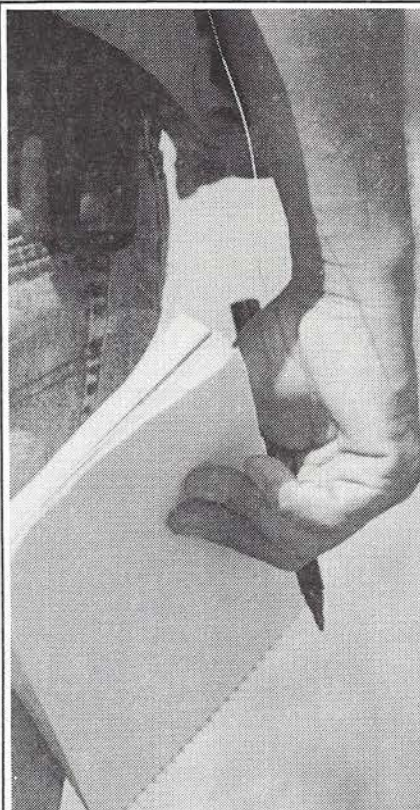
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## JUDGE'S CORNER

"Recast" is probably the most misunderstood rule in the book. A "recast" IS NOT a dog going out to the area of the bird, failing to find it, return to its handler to be sent out there again. This kind of a job is a total failure.

A "recast" is a dog leaving in the wrong direction, immediately being stopped by its handler, reheeled and recast in the proper direction. Or, a dog hesitates when first given a command so the command is repeated a second time. If the dog fails to go on the recast, it's a failure.

The biggest error a judge can make is to place too much emphasis on distance in determining the difficulty of a test. The distance between the dog and the bird is of little importance, as long as it's within the required distances prescribed in the NAHRA rule book.

Cover, terrain and location of other marks or blinds, both present and previous, all have a far greater effect on the overall difficulty of a test than distance. A competent judge realizes this and keeps his/her distances well with-

in the recommended guidelines when setting up tests. By doing so, you totally eliminate any argument over what is "approximately".

Going straight is not the sole criteria for giving a dog a good score. A dog that runs around the pond to get to a bird gets the same score as the dog that piles in the water and swims straight across to the far shore if they do comparable work in locating the bird when they get there. If both dogs pin the bird, they both get a 10.

The key to the whole emphasis of going straight is to save the handler a lot of grief. When the dog gets to the Senior, there are a lot of tests that demand selection and a dog that hasn't been trained to go exactly where it's told isn't going to get by with cheating anything.

However, if the dog goes way out of its way (like going behind the handler) to cheat an obstacle of any kind, it should be noted the dog has lack of intestinal fortitude and marked down accordingly.

So, going straight is of great concern when training but not a great deal of emphasis is put on it when judging unless the dog is displaying a total lack of courage.

Too many times a dog fails a test because of handler error. You can help to alleviate this problem by asking each participant, as he/she comes to the point of origin, "Do you understand the test and what is expected of you and your dog?"

More often than not, the handler wasn't listening or present when the scenario and objectives of the test were first given. It only takes a minute to explain your expectations as you aren't expected to repeat the entire scenario. Then, if the dog goes out on handler error, you've done everything in your power to ensure such a thing doesn't occur.

How do you go about justifying that bird being out there 75 or 100 yards when the gunner is standing at the point of origin? Everyone is standing there telling you they would never even attempt to shoot at a bird that far away.

NAHRA tests are set up to simulate hunting situations. A gunner being at the point of origin is far more believable than a gunner standing out in the field 100 yards away. And because we are simulating hunting situations, there is absolutely no reason you can't explain that distant bird by saying it was shot well within gun range, locked its wings and sailed down out there 100 yards away.

The important thing is that the bird thrower blows the call loud enough to attract the dog's attention and the bird is thrown high and far enough to give the dog an opportunity to watch it fall.



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# FIELD TEST RESULTS

**Tidewater Retriever Club**  
**Custom Sand & Gravel**  
**Providence Forge, Virginia**  
**October 24 and 25, 1987**



**Started**  
**Dogs Entered, 33 - Dogs Qualified, 15**  
**Judge: Bev Butler**

**Dog**  
 Heidi - Drakeslayer's Heidi Ho, LF  
 Annie - South Anna Solid Gold, LF  
 Mr. - Mister Tate, LM  
 Willy - Oat Willie of Shelton Rock, LM  
 Brandon - High Hopes Upper Brandon, LM  
 Dixie - Marbleridge Pipeline, LF  
 Jack - Smith's Cracker-Jack, LM  
 Lorie - Midnight's Wasp, LF  
 Doenitz - Doenitz of Blackfoot, LM  
 Vic - Graden's Queen Victoria, LF  
 Levi - Proctor's Levi Winkle, LM  
 Indy - Edwards Indago Anam, LM  
 Marty - Mountain Run Martha, LF  
 Molly - Adriene Balbou Waterway, LF  
 Woody - Southland's Blackwater Woody, LM

**Owner**  
 G. B. & Lynn Carey  
 Lynn Fogel & Andy Dyson  
 Bernie Tate  
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 Peter L. Trexler  
 George Eysers  
 Michael Smith  
 Anita Altman  
 Joseph Walsh  
 Millie Welsh  
 Fred Proctor  
 Nancy Edwards  
 Ann Parris  
 Scooter Russell  
 Heth Miller



**Intermediate**  
**Dogs Entered, 32 - Dogs Qualified, 9**  
**Judges: Raymond Doran and Kirk Burns**

**Dog**  
 Gin - Buck Pine Gin, LF  
 Sheeba - Super Powder's Black Sheeba, LF  
 Hoon - Biggies Calhoon, LM  
 Nan - Ernie's Nan of Topbrass, GF  
 Smokey - Ashpole Smokey, LM  
 Toddy - WR Smokehills Hot Rum Toddy, GF  
 Hank - Brown Magie of Chesterfield, LM  
 Bay - Edgewater's Sweet Miss Bay, CF  
 Magnum - Lamist Magnum Force, LM

**Owner**  
 Luther Ertal  
 Millie Welsh  
 Henry Miller  
 Bruce Mueller  
 Stewart Hamilton  
 Ruth Low  
 Jeff Black  
 M. J. Rosenblum  
 Joanne Smith



**Senior**  
**Dogs Entered, 22 - Dogs Qualified, 9**  
**Judges: Joe Wirt and Nick Elam**

**Dog**  
 Crackin - MHR WR Southdown's Crackin To Go, LF  
 Annie - MHR Trieven Thunder Annie, LF  
 Bear - MHR WR Hunsucker Trained Bear, LM  
 Jake - Handjem Quicksand, GM  
 Tor - Cranwood Chill Factor, GM  
 Jake - MHR WR Daniel's Thunder Jake, LM  
 Winky - MHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM  
 Moses - MHR Weller's Moses of Antioch, LM  
 Sweetie - Super Sweetie Wheatie, LF

**Owner**  
 Tony Leonard  
 Jack Jagoda  
 Jim Cimburke  
 Mrs. George Flinn  
 Mrs. George Flinn  
 Donnie Daniel  
 Rocky Emery  
 John Weller  
 Rocky Emery

**Great Southern Hunting Retriever Club**  
**October 31 and November 1, 1987**  
**Covington, Georgia**

**Started**  
**Dogs Entered, 52 - Dogs Qualified, 47**  
**Judges: Sharon May and Mike Parker**

**Dog**  
 Sassy - Jeffrey's Sundance Sassy, GF  
 Gratis - Graden's Gratis, LM  
 Midnight - Meadowbrook Midnight Hunter, LF  
 Jake - Cooks Big Jake, LM  
 Jet - Jet's Bluewater Bay, LM  
 Alph - High Range Gunner, LM  
 Casey - Erin's Little River Casey, LF  
 Sarah - Suwanee Licker Sarah, LF  
 Ashley - Cook's Ashley Angle, LF  
 Gauge - Willis Smoke 'n Shotgun, GM  
 Jazz - Sonnentag's Jumping Jazz, LF  
 Rambo - Little River's Rambo, LM  
 Al - Graden's Prince Albert, LM

**Owner**  
 Jeffrey Cooper  
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 Rick & Laurie Stevens  
 Dale MacKenzie  
 Larry Haynie  
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 Kevin & Debi Cook  
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 Lundianne Johnson  
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 Bob Nicholson  
 Tim Nitchkie  
 Bill & Vera Watkins  
 Tom Black  
 Marty Fischer  
 Thomas Ress  
 John Davis

**Vic - Graden's Queen Victoria, LF**

**Annie - Warpath Annie, LF**  
**Shad - Morning Shadow's Piper, LM**  
**Duncan - Lord Duncan of Duluth, GM**  
**Susie Q - LF**  
**Buster - Buster of Buckhead, LM**  
**Nugget - Pekay's Twenty Four Karat, GM**  
**Dusty - Southwyck's Dusty Star, LF**  
**Hannah - Hannah Ruth, LF**  
**Max - Maera's Max Headroom, LM**  
**Moxie - Maera's Foxy Moxie, LF**  
**Koral - Gaylan's Winter Koral, GM**  
**Dancer - Maera's White River Dancer, LF**

**Bandit - Ress Midnight Bandit, LF**  
**Sarge - Davis' Sargeant Major, LM**

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Champ - Ress' Champagne Lady, LF  
 Skeet - Skeet Shooter Johnston Ress, LF  
 Ticker - Fieldmark In A Heartbrat, GF  
 Sam - Shady Sam III, LM  
 Thor - Hardy's Midnight Bounder, LM  
 Cale - Hard Rock Homer, LM  
 Jock - LM  
 Drake - LM  
 Jake - Rocky Creek Jake, LM  
 Asza - Atwo Z-Asza, LF  
 Misty - Windsong's Misty Blue, LF  
 Toby - Kresland King Tobin, LM  
 Tar - Mosquite Black Chief Tar, LM  
 Suzy - Loyal Sock's Suzy Q, LF  
 Crash - Ginge Kamikaze, GM  
 Breezy - Meadowpond Autumn Windson, GF  
 Drake - LM  
 T - Teague's Lady Teal, LF  
 Doc - Meadowbrook's Hunting Doc, LM

**Intermediate**  
**Dogs Qualified, 36**

Judges: Mike Hatcher and Jeff Allen

**Dog**  
 Kesha - Jayba's Kesha of Twin Branch, GF  
 Ruby - Royal Duchess Ruby, LF  
 Pepper - Little River's Hot Pepper, LF  
 Quenny - Doll Mabarky Black Lightning, LF  
 Snake - Calibogue's Snake Charmer, LM  
 Maera - Troublesome Maera, LF  
 Chase - Cedar Creek's Whiskey Chaser, LF  
 Josh - WR Josh High Hopes From Jed, LM  
 Midnight - Little River's Midnight Lace, LF  
 Skeet - Skeet Shooter Johnston Ress, LF  
 Bay - WR Edgewater's Miss Sweet Bay, CF  
 Little Girl - Fellows Little Girl, LF  
 B. J. - B. J., BSM  
 Sheba - WR Super Powder's Black Sheba, LF  
 Coty - Coty Maiden of the Marsh, LF  
 Gin - Buck Pine Gin, LF

Thomas Ress  
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 John Ridley  
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 Scott Hardy  
 John Bloodworth  
 Jim Zelenak  
 Vic Cheely  
 Ken Scurry  
 Alan Whalan  
 Thomas Simko  
 Jim Smith  
 Donald Kuhns  
 Emily McNeil  
 Patricia Hair  
 Cary Cable  
 Chip Teague  
 John Phillips, Jr.

**Owner**

Clarissa King  
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 Lundianne Johnson  
 Marty Fischer  
 Chuck Macklin  
 Donna O'Shields  
 Matt Cassidy  
 Phillip Codd  
 Thomas Ress  
 Mark Rosenblum  
 Chris Bishop  
 Chris Bishop & Ty West  
 Milly Welsh  
 Ken Scurry  
 Luther Ertel

Magnum - La'Mist Magnum Force, LM  
 Holly - WR La'Mist Holly Burncoat, LF  
 Smokey - Ashpole Smokey, LM  
 Zack - WR Ralph Swamps Zack, LM  
 Shady - Azure Eyes Scherazade, LF  
 Raider - Dustin's Whiskey Raider, LM  
 Jetta - T. J. Jet-Eye Jetta, LF  
 Rosie - Carolina's Rosanna, LF

Joanne Smith  
 Lauren Bennett  
 Stuart Hamilton  
 Edwin McNeil  
 Fred Hannan  
 Fred Hannan  
 Mike Crow  
 Charles Finkelstein

**Senior I**

Dogs Entered, 40 - Dogs Qualified, 18  
 Judges: Joe May and Mike Crow

**Dog**  
 Smoke - MHR WR Carolina Gun Smoke, LM  
 Bear - MHR Hunsucker Trained Bear, LM  
 Crackin - MHR WR Southdown's Crackin To Go, LF  
 Chonie - WR Riverbend's Picapepper, LF  
 Jake - MHR WR Daniel's Thunder Jake, LM  
 Jeb - MHR WR Jeb IX, LM  
 Lacy - MHR WR Lacy Lee of Lolenda, LF  
 Lucky - MHR Southland Lucky Strike, LM  
 Maera - Troublesome Maera, LF  
 Snake - Calibogue's Snake Charmer, LM  
 Parne - MHR WR Parne Girl, LF  
 Rosey - MHR WR Ruby's Black Rose, LF  
 Bobbi - MHR La'Mist Miss Bobbi McGee, LF  
 Jazz - MHR Swamp Cabbage Jazz, LM  
 Moses - MHR Weller's Moses of Anitoch, LM  
 Cook - MHR Hiwood Pacer's Captain Cook, LM  
 Bell - MHR Maxwell's Bell of Baton Rouge, LF  
 Midgie - MHR WR Southland Bombers Black Lace, LF

**Owner**

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 Tom Rentz  
 Donnie Daniel  
 Tom Rentz  
 Lenda Lee Barker  
 Jack & Diana Jagoda  
 Chuck Macklin  
 Marty Fischer  
 Jerry Parhham  
 Bruce Burnett  
 Joe & Arch Letta  
 Mike Jackson  
 John Weller  
 Brian Baines  
 Max Altman  
 Lynn Foraker

**Senior II**

Dogs Entered, 39 - Dogs Qualified, 14  
 Judges: Jim Cimburke and Joe Wirt

**Dog**  
 Chase - Cedar Creek's Whiskey Chaser, LF  
 Annie - MHR Trieven Thunder Annie, LF  
 Zeke - Summer Duck's Zip Code Zeke, LM

**Owner**

Donna O'Shields  
 Jack & Diana Jagoda  
 Robert Harwell

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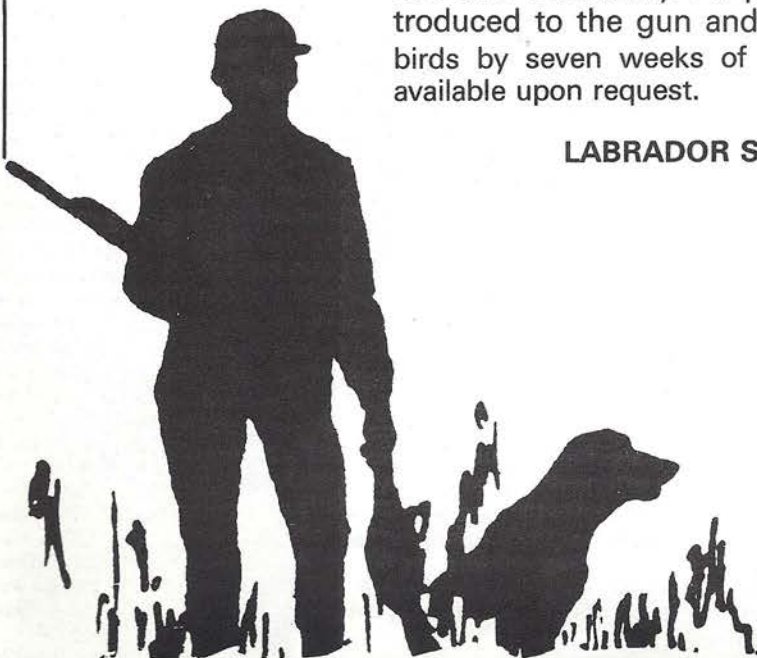
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## Field Test Results

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Fellow - MHR Wr Poor Richard's Fellow, LM  
Maera - Troublesome Maera, LF  
Snake - Calibogue's Snake Charmer, LM  
Rosey - MHR WR Ruby's Black Rose, LF  
Mick - MHR WR Pooreboy's Mick, LM  
Mr. T. - MHR Hiwood Pacer's Mr. Tanner, LM  
Crackin' - MHR WR Southdown's Crackin' To Go, LF  
Chonie - MHR WR Riverbend's Picapepper, LF  
Jake - MHR WR Daniel's Thunder Jake, LM  
Jeb - MHR WR Jeb IX, LM  
Lucky - MHR Southland Lucky Strike, LM

Richard McDonald  
Chuck Macklin  
Marty Fischer  
Bruce Burnett  
Jim Poore  
Brian Baines  
Tony Leonard  
Tom Rentz  
Donnie Daniel  
Tom Rentz  
Jack & Diana Jagoda

Lumber River Retriever Club  
Dozier - Turner - Jones Farms  
Laurinburg, North Carolina  
November 21 and 22, 1987



Started  
Dogs Entered, 45 - Dogs Qualified, 22  
Judges: Gene Hill and Charles McBride

Dog  
Star - Southland's Stars & Stripes, LF  
Hank - CJ's Bocephus, LM  
Dickel - Muskrat Run's Sour Mash, CM  
Misty - Duck Busting Misty, LF  
Casey - Carolina Casey Woods, LF  
Vic - Graden's Queen Victoria, LF

Gem - Gemini's Gem, LM  
Toby - Fellows Mr. T., LM  
Ginger - Wednesday's Ginger, LF  
Stuff - All The Right Stuff, LM  
Woody - Woody, BSM  
Dudley - Dudy's Jeb Stuart, LM  
Bull - Carolina Tar Baby IV, LM  
Pooh - Preference Vulcana, LF  
Missy - Gibbs Black Gold Missy, LF  
Bailey - Gillam's Grand Bailey, LF  
Levi - Proctor's Levi Winkle, LM  
Midnight - Midnight Queen of Springhill, LF  
Tasha - Natasha Pleasure, LF  
Chanuk - Chauk's Express Threat, LF  
Smut - Poncho's Lil' Bit of Itch, LF  
Kye - King Aruthur's Kye, LF

Owner  
Seth & Lindy Hochberg  
Charles Jurney  
J. R. McLellan  
Robert Montgomery  
Tony Woods  
Milly Welsh and  
Charles Hayden  
Larry Soles  
John Melton  
Cecil Wilkie, Jr.  
Tim Barefoot  
William Rose  
Andy Dyson & Lynn Fogl  
Charles Elmore  
Sue Cox  
James Gibson  
Michael Gillam  
Fred Proctor  
Kenneth Lamb  
Philip & Karen Ward  
W. W. Reddick  
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Conrad Johnson

Intermediate  
Dogs Entered, 19 - Dogs Qualified, 10  
Judges: Roger Latham and Charles Wright

Dog  
Fire - Firestone, BSM  
Deuce - WR Black Deuce of Blanford, LM  
Gabby - Fine Creek Gabby, LF  
Little Girl - Fellows Little Girl, LF  
Misty - Carolinas Misty Morn', LF  
B. J. - B. J., BSM  
Jetta - T. J. Jet-Eye Jetta, LF  
Kate - Pooreboys Kate, LF

Owner  
Charles Jurney  
Jeff Rives  
Gail Butler  
Chris Bishop  
William Corbett  
Chris Bishop & Ty West  
Mike Crow  
James Poore

Smokey - Ashpole Smokey, LM  
Sailor - WR Sailor's Gypsy Super Chief, LM

Stuart Hamilton  
Ron Edwards



Senior  
Dogs Entered, 26 - Dogs Qualified, 7  
Judges: Richard McDonald and Jack Jagoda

Dog  
Misty - Carolinas Misty Morn', LF  
Blaze - WR Chief Ebony Blaze, LM  
Winky - MHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM  
Crackin' - MHR Southdowns Crackin' To Go, LF  
Midgie - Southland Bombers Black Lace, LF  
Cook - MHR Hiwood Pacer's Captain Cook, LM  
Tanner - MHR Hiwood Pacer's Mr. Tanner, LM

Owner  
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Scott Clark  
Rocky Emery  
Tony Leonard  
Lynn Foraker  
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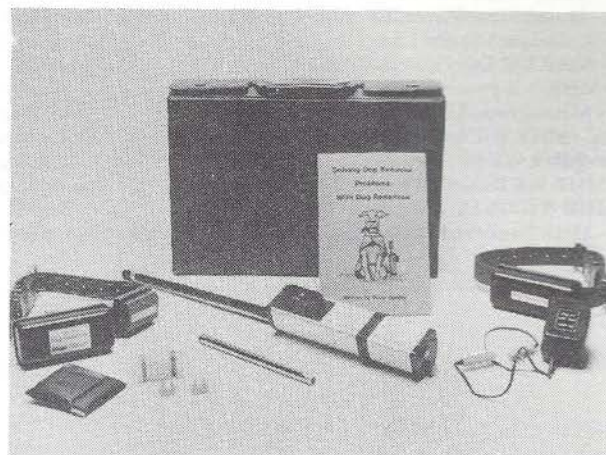
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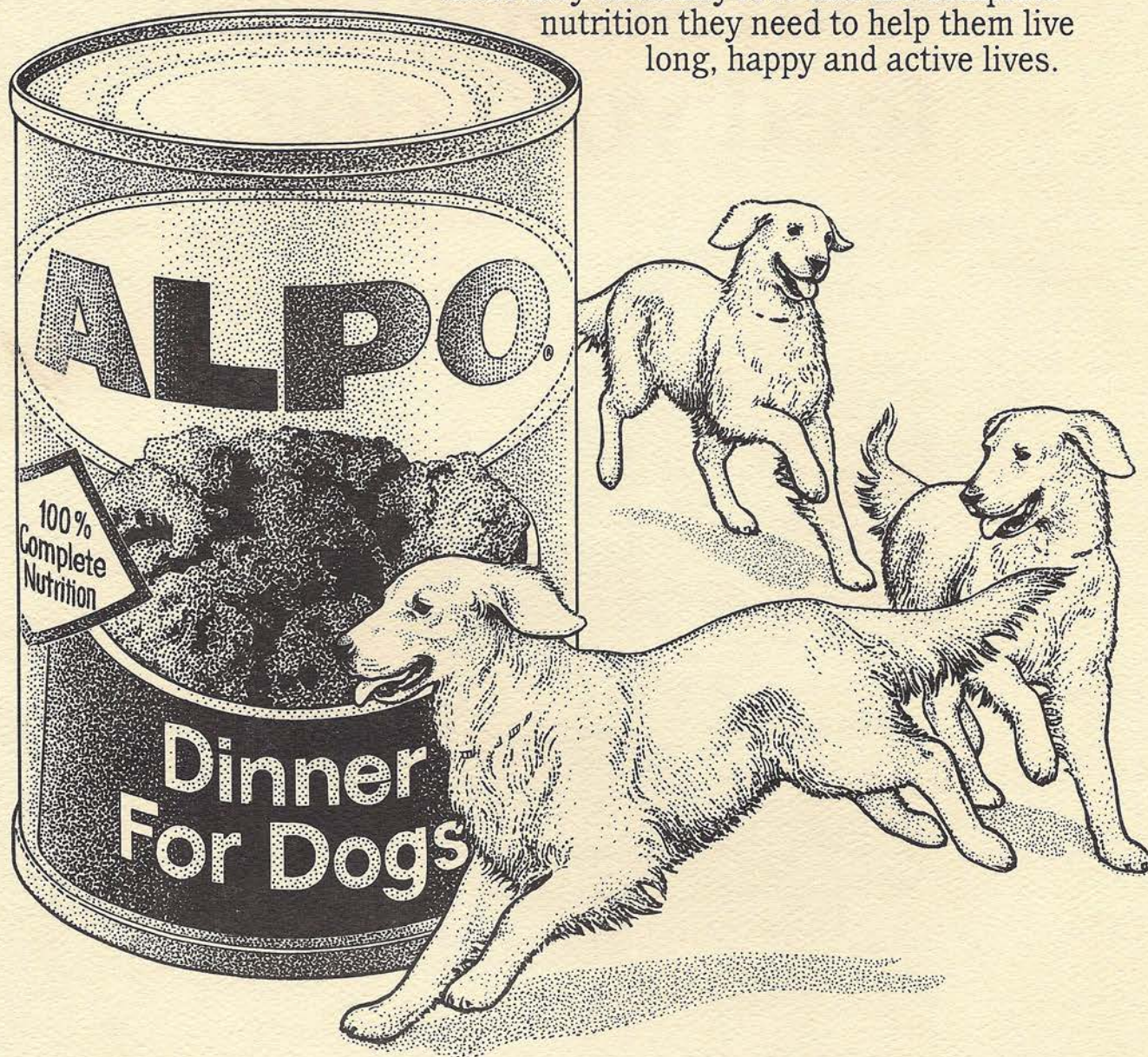
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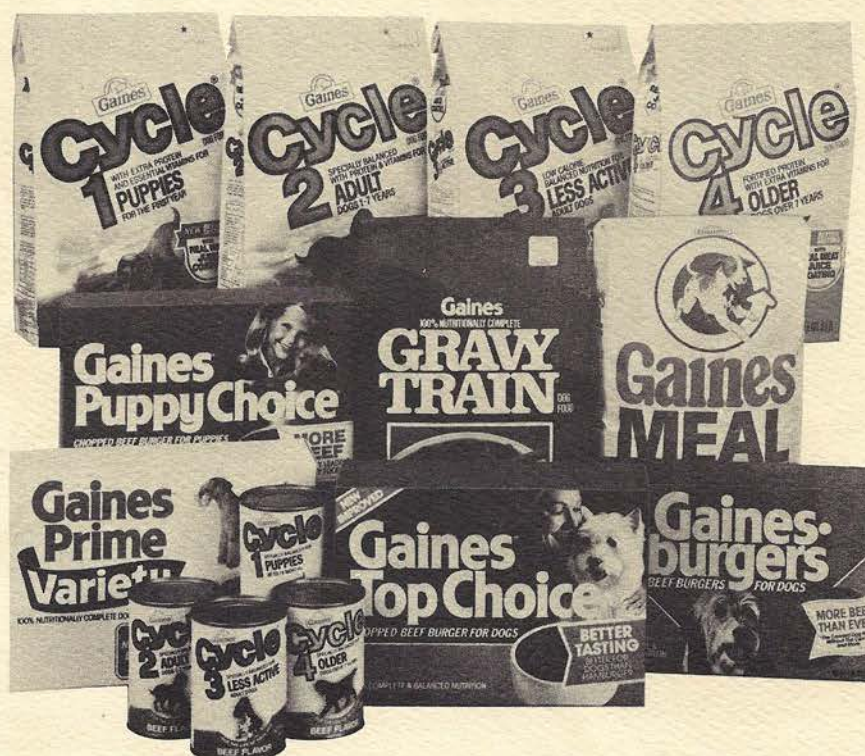
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