

# **ALPO-NAHRA INVITATIONAL RETRIEVER FIELD TEST**



**CURLES NECK FARM  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
MAY 14 - 15, 1988**



## INTRODUCTION TO NAHRA<sup>sm</sup>

In general, our breeds of hunting retrievers need improvement. In many instances the hunter has never seen good retriever work and does not know the potential of his dogs. The hunter needs a structure in which he can learn to train and evaluate his dogs offseason. He also needs a system of formal tests, so that his dogs' accomplishments can be demonstrated and recorded. A registry of hunting retrievers, with a public record of their working achievements, is needed to help improve hunting retriever breeds.

There has been a clamour in the outdoor press for years for a national organization to sponsor local clubs and standardize meaningful Field Tests for the hunter's dog. Such an organization has been formed: the North American Hunting Retriever Association, (NAHRA).

NAHRA is a national association of clubs and individuals. The association will help new clubs get started. Club regulations and field procedures are standardized throughout North America so that meaningful titles can be awarded.

Training methods and tests are based solely on real hunting situations for both upland and waterfowling. Dogs are placed in three categories, based on ability, not age: Started Hunting Retriever, Intermediate Hunting Retriever and Senior Hunting Retriever. Only Senior dogs can achieve the title of Master Hunting Retriever (MHR).<sup>sm</sup>

NAHRA Field Tests simulate as closely as possible actual hunting situations. In NAHRA Field Tests, dogs in all three categories do not compete against one another for placements. Instead, they are judged individually against a standard.

A dog which achieves the required score in a licensed Field Test in each category shall receive from the sponsoring club a camouflage colored rosette type ribbon with the NAHRA logo on the rosette. Certificates and titles shall be awarded and recorded by the North American Hunting Retriever Association.

In order for a club to be accredited by the North American Hunting Retriever Association to run NAHRA sanctioned or licensed Hunting Retriever Field Tests that club must be a club member of good standing of NAHRA. NAHRA accredits clubs, runs judges clinics, produces video presentations on hunting retrievers and quarterly publishes the NAHRA NEWS, a magazine dedicated to hunting retrievers. NAHRA NEWS provides timely tips and columns as well as a complete reporting on all licensed Field Tests.

Welcome to Virginia for the second ALPO/NAHRA Invitational Hunting Retriever Field Test, May 14 - 15, 1988, hosted by the James River and Tidewater Retriever Clubs of Richmond, Va.

Curles Neck Farm, the sight of this year's event, has been made available by the owner, Richard Watkins, whose help and cooperation through the years has provided area retriever clubs with grounds to conduct many diverse retriever activities. We are very grateful for the use of these grounds and ask that you help ensure that the property is left in the same condition that it was offered.

Please stay in the area designated by the officials and avoid loud talking or other noises and unnecessary motion while dogs are being tested.

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**NON-COMPETING DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED  
ON THE FIELD TEST GROUNDS.**

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## 1988 ALPO/NAHRA INVITATIONAL FIELD TEST CURLES NECK FARM RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

### HEADQUARTERS:

Best Western Airport Inn  
5700 Williamsburg Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23150  
(804)-222-2780

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday, May 14	*8:00 AM - Field Test begins *Lunches will be available on the grounds
Sunday, May 15	*8:00 AM - Field Test continues *Lunches will be available on the grounds *Awards presentation immediately following the last test

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### AWARDS:

Official NAHRA rosettes and walnut plaques to all qualifying dogs. Gold pins to all handlers, silver pins to judges and bronze pins to all workers.

### PROGRAM:

Rosemary Haynes

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### GUN CAPTAIN:

Heth Miller

### BIRDS:

Ducks and Pheasant

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## Facts About the ALPO/NAHRA Invitational

1. 30 hunting retrievers having the highest number of annually accumulated licensed NAHRA Field Test points, will be invited by NAHRA to participate in an annual international hunting retriever field test, titled *The ALPO/NAHRA Invitational*.

2. Points are defined as only those points earned and received for passing the NAHRA Senior Dog Standard at licensed NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Tests.

3. Point scoring credit for the *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational* must be earned between January 1 and December 31 of the calendar year.

4. Selection for the 1988 *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational*: 80 NAHRA Senior Dog points were required for eligibility.

If more than 30 hunting retrievers qualify, with 80 or more NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Test points, selection is made based on highest points first, and then by a drawing to break the runner-up tie point scores:

Sample:	28 dogs; 100 NAHRA Points or more
	<u>8 dogs; 80 NAHRA Points</u>
	36 dogs

To make up the field of 30 dogs, the 28 dogs with 100 NAHRA Points, would automatically be invited.

The remaining eight dogs needed to make up the field of 30 dogs would be drawn at random, from the 80-point group of dogs, with invitations to the first two dogs drawn and alternate, stand-by invitations in order of draw, to the next six 80-point dogs.

5. All hunting retrievers qualified for the *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational*, including those who qualified but by luck-of-the-draw cannot compete, will each receive a Certificate, stating their eligibility for the *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational*.

6. The *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational* is limited to qualified dogs and their owner-handlers. Professional handlers may qualify a client's dog in licensed NAHRA Field Tests, but only the dog's owner (or one of the principal owners) may handle the dog during the *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational*.

7. Professional handlers remain eligible to run dogs if the handler is a principal owner of the dog.

The owner of each dog participating in the *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational* must be a member in good standing with the North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA).

8. The *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational* will be held during the second week in May of each calendar year. NAHRA will select the geographic location.

9. The *ALPO/NAHRA Invitational* will be scheduled as a two-day licensed NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Test. All NAHRA Regulations for Senior Dog Field Testing Procedures will be observed in the running and judging of the dogs.

10. Three eminently qualified upland game and waterfowl accredited NAHRA Field Test judges will be selected and invited by NAHRA to officiate at the event. Each of the three field test judges will reside in a different time zone.

11. Dogs that successfully complete the non-competitive Invitational shall be named to *The ALPO/NAHRA Hunting Retriever All American Team*.

# **Regulations and Field Procedures For Senior Hunting Retriever Field Tests**

**SECTION 1:** A Senior Field Test shall consist of at least six (6) tests which shall include the following: a multiple marked water retrieve; a multiple marked land retrieve; quartering (which shall not be considered a marked retrieve); trailing; a water blind retrieve and a land blind retrieve, at least one of which shall be incorporated within one of the required multiple marked retrieves.

(The Senior Hunting Retriever Test is for the finished dog; the Started and Intermediate events are intended primarily for training and experience. The judging of these tests should be relaxed and helpful to the dog and the handler. The Senior Field Test must consist of serious tests worthy of the hunter's retriever. The making of a Master Hunting Retriever (MHR) is a serious responsibility. The dogs should be tested on their natural ability and training accomplishments. Simply completing a test will not be enough; the tests must be completed with style and precision.)

**SECTION 2:** A dog shall be steady at the point of origin (see subparagraph c of this Section). (For marks, the point of origin is the point at which the dog is located at the time the first bird becomes visible.)

a. Voice/whistle commands shall be allowed to steady a dog at the point of origin.

b. A dog may be touched or patted at the point of origin to steady, but once the "ready" signal has been given to the judges by the handler, the dog may not be touched again.

c. A controlled break shall not fail a dog, but it shall be marked down. (As soon as the dog leaves the point of origin and manifests an intent to make the retrieve without being so ordered, it must be stopped. If a dog is immediately brought under control, it shall be considered a minor infraction.)

**SECTION 3:** A dog shall deliver all birds to hand.

**SECTION 4:** On marked retrieves, a dog may be handled by voice/whistle and/or hand signals or urged to hunt by voice command, but shall be marked down.

(The dog is being tested for its marking ability, not handling; however, a crisp handle is preferable to a long hunt.)

**SECTION 5:** A dog shall be cast from the point of origin a maximum of once. (If, in the opinion of the judges, the dog exhibits confusion at the point of origin, the judges may allow a recast; however, the judges must signal for a recast before the dog leaves the immediate area of the point of origin.)

**SECTION 6:** Dogs may be required to honor another dog at or near the point of origin during the entire test. An honoring dog's view of the test shall not be obstructed.

**SECTION 7:** Maximum test distance for land or water marks shall not exceed approximately one hundred (100) yards.

**SECTION 8:** Tests for this event shall normally consist of double marks on both water and land and dogs may be required to make retrieves in a sequence established by the judges. The handler shall not point out the location of the gunners or bird boys to the dog prior to the time the bird is thrown.

a. Triple marks may be used.

b. Blind retrieves on water and land shall be used. Maximum distances shall not exceed approximately one hundred (100) yards.

(Handling in these tests must be done with precision. The dog must stop on whistle. Judges should look for perseverance, obedience, and style. A cast refusal may be a serious infraction. The judges must decide on the seriousness of the refusal by taking into account the conditions at hand.)

c. A diversionary bird or birds may be thrown and guns or dry shots fired. The order and sequence of the retrieve shall be determined by the judges.

d. Walk ups to simulate jump shooting may be used in this event. The dog shall be brought to an area designated as the point of origin at heel or under control approximately ten (10) feet in front of the handler. Section 2, Paragraphs A, B and C shall be in effect. The judges shall signal for the bird while the handler and dog are walking.

e. Hidden gunners and bird boys shall be used in this event unless they are at the point of origin. From the area from which the bird is to appear, an attention-getting attraction shot or shots shall be fired or game call blown prior to each bird being thrown. A shot or shots shall be fired when each bird is at the top of its arc. At the discretion of the judges, but not more than once for any one dog, the gunners may be visible in order to simulate specific hunting situations such as dove hunting. (It is the intent of these Regulations to provide the dog with an adequate opportunity to focus its attention on the area of the fall.)

f. Dogs may be required to be placed at the point of origin at a distance from the handler.

g. The handler may be required to handle an empty shotgun with both hands on the firearm in the firing position.

h. Simultaneous falls with birds and shots originating from the same location may be used.

i. Delayed marks or falls may be used.

j. Quartering tests shall be used. A live bird or birds shall be utilized. The dog shall be required to retrieve to hand. The retrieve shall not be scored as a mark, but it must be completed. The dog shall be required to quarter and locate birds as in upland hunting within gun range of the handler. A dog may be urged to hunt or handled by hand/voice/whistle commands; however, hand/voice/whistle commands which are, in the opinion of the judges, excessive, shall be marked down. A dog shall be steady to wing and shall be disqualified if it is not. See Below. A dog shall be steady to shot and fall and shall be disqualified if it is not. See Below. If a dog is manifesting an intent to chase or catch a bird at the time that the shot is fired or at the time that, in the judges opinion, the shot should have been fired, then the dog is not steady to wing. If a dog is steady to wing but then breaks at the shot and manifests an intent to make the retrieve without being so ordered, it must be stopped. If a dog is immediately stopped and brought under control, it shall be considered a minor infraction.)

Trailing tests shall be used. The dog shall be required to trail and locate a bird. The dog shall be scored on its natural ability and its use of its nose to locate and follow the trail of the bird. A dog may be urged to hunt or handled by hand/voice/whistle command; however, hand/voice/whistle commands that are, in the opinion of the judges, excessive, shall be marked down. (Judges shall restrict entry of the handlers into the area of the trail. Hand signals are inappropriate and shall not be used other than to put the dog onto the beginning of the trail.)

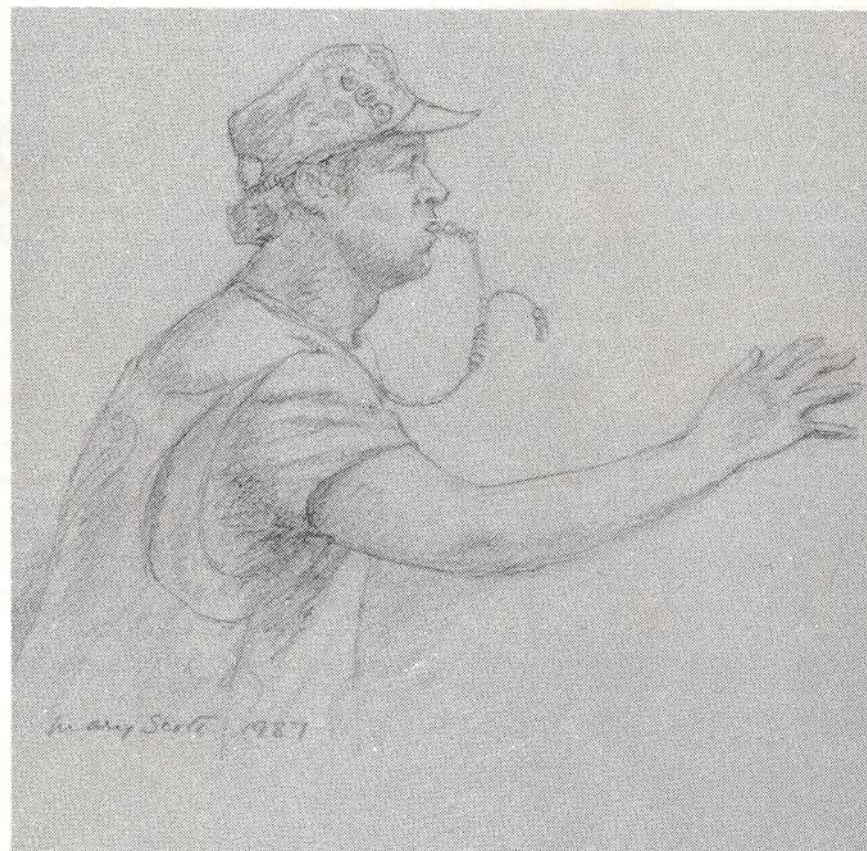
Retrieves simulating crippled retrieves may be used.

Tests may be established which gauge the dog's ability and suitability as a hunting retriever which may not require the dog to retrieve. Such tests shall include, but are not limited to, fly aways, test simulating the placement and pick up of decoys using a boat or canoe, tests designed to gauge a dog's control of suitability as a hunting retriever where retrieves are made from a neighboring blind by another dog, or tests in which the dog is required to remain stationary at a distance from the handler.

# 1988 ALPO/NAHRA Invitational Field Test Running Order

DOG	HANDLER
1) MHR WR Daniel's Thunder Jake	Donnie Daniel
2) MHR T. J. 's Russet Fauna	Tom Stasierowski
3) MHR WR Rio Retriever's Peter Bilt	Larry Walker
4) MHR WR Southdown's Crackin' To Go	Tony Leonard
5) MHR La'Mist Miss Bobbi McGee	Joe Letta
6) MHR WR Mississippi Molly	Rick Knuth
7) MHR RAW's Tartu	Richard Wolters
8) MHR WR Van Lee's Applejack	Tom Stasierowski
9) MHR WR Parne Girl	Jerry Parnham
10) MHR WR Mississippi Brandy	Roger Weller
11) MHR Weller's Moses of Antioch	John Weller
12) MHR Trieven Thunder Annie	Jack Jagoda
13) MHR Senor Zorro Von Cheltenham	Robert Ruggeri
14) MHR WR Richard's Fellow	Richard McDonald
15) MHR Maxwell's Bell of Baton Rouge	Max Altman
16) MHR Hiwood Pacer's Captain Cook	Brian Baines
17) MHR WR Hunsucker Trained Bear	Jim Cimburke
18) MHR Foggybottom Buckeroo	Doug Johnson
19) MHR Sam Spade of Eastshore	Greg Lee
20) MHR WR Lacey J. VI	Trish Jagoda

21) MHR Atta Boy Redigo	Harold Zimmerman
22) MHR WR Mississippi Rascal	Roger Weller
23) MHR Hiwood Pacer's Mr. Tanner	Brian Baines
24) MHR WR Ruby's Black Rose	Bruce Burnett
25) MHR WR Southland Bullwinkle	Rocky Emery
26) MHR Southland Lucky Strike	Jack Jagoda
27) MHR WR Jeb IX	Tom Rentz, Jr.
28) MHR Macho Don Diego	Wallace Gober
29) MHR WR Rio Retriever Super XII Pak	Don Mesisca
30) MHR Royal Hunts Sky High	Tom Wininger





**MHR WR Daniel's Thunder Jake**  
 10-29-83, M, Black, AKC, SD992711  
 Sire: Seajay's Thunder of Sycamore  
 Dam: Sandy's Brandywine Burgandy  
 Breeder: Jim & Sandy Cimburke  
 Owner: Donald J. Daniel  
 5031 Woodpecker Road  
 Petersburg, VA 23803

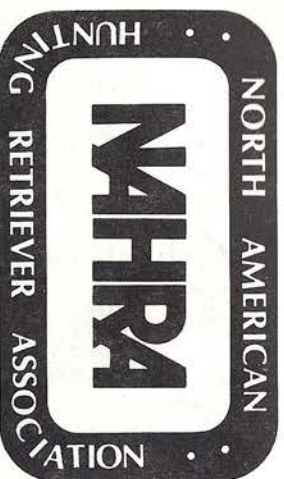
saw both of us." We were training or playing or just riding to the store.

Jake started NAHRA and AKC Field Tests as a puppy in 1984 and did real well. He was Gun Dog Champion in two clubs in 1985 and placed in the First Virginia State Gun Dog Championship in 1986. Jake placed second and third in AKC Open Gun Dog in 1986 and 1987 and qualified in AKC Master Stake in 1986. Jake and I are both amateur trained and love trials, good friends and the competitions we've had in the past four years.

Thanks NAHRA for giving us such a good, clean, healthy sport.

Jake is a 100 lb. Black Lab - tall, fast, gentle and full of love. He was a "Pick of the Litter Gift" from breeders Jim and Sandy Cimburke, our good friends and training partners. I brought Jake home when he was five weeks old. It was a cold winter night, so I brought him upstairs and put this little black ball of fur in the bed with my wife - Jake has been a house dog ever since.

I started training with him, in the house, about 12 weeks old and as the weather got better it was school every day outside. During the next two years my wife said "If you saw one of us, you



## JOIN NAHRA TODAY! You Owe It To Your Dog

### Here is what NAHRA will do:

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**MHR T.J.'s Russet Fauna**  
 4-5-83, Lab, F, AKC, SD718053  
 Sire: Brentwood's Honky Tonk  
 Dam: Ginger's Chocolate Power  
 Breeder: Christine Callahan  
 Owner: Tom & Jody Stasierowski  
 12072 Valley Ln.  
 East Aurora, NY 14052



Fauna is a chocolate Labrador Retriever that excells at her job, she is always a pleasure to be with, train, and hunt.

Fauna is completely amateur trained and handled, she does everything that is asked of her. Fauna has completed 100% of all hunting retriever tests entered, she is Qualified All-Age in Canada and has qualifying placings in the United States. Fauna has received high point club trophies in derby, qualifying, started intermediate and senior hunting dog stakes.

Fauna is used extensively for hunting ducks, geese and pheasants, many times all in the same day. Fauna is a family pet that is very good in the house and sleeps on our bed at night.

Fauna is the first dog that I have trained for hunting, the development of NAHRA came along while Fauna and I were learning the game. We are very proud to be a part of NAHRA and hope to breed, train, and hunt many more Master Hunting Retrievers. I would like to thank the officers and directors of NAHRA for their time and great effort to develop this fine organization.

**MHR WR Rio Retriever's Peter Bilt**  
 10-26-79, Lab, M, AKC, SC927487  
 Sire: Lawhorn's Cadillac Mack  
 Dam: Lady's Lucky Lulu  
 Breeder: L.L. Nesmith  
 Owner: Larry & Mickey Walker  
 P.O. Box 389  
 Parker, AZ 85344



This is Pete's second Invitational and by completing the first one he is surely one of the few exceptional dogs. At this date (March 1988) he has acquired 360 points and is running strong; his overall completion ratio is 96%, in NAHRA test 100% in 1987-88, but we will wager his hunting success is higher than that. Pete is a serious hunter and is hunted with family and friends; he has competed in all retriever activities and always made us very proud to be his owners.

Pete weighs in at 85 lbs. is black and has never been down a day either in health of spirit. Pete cannot be a house dog yet (although he visits regularly) as that privilege is held by the number 13 dog from the 1987 Invitational; however, his time is coming. Pete now donates all his time to hunting NAHRA and stud service.

**MHR-WR Southdown's Crackin' To Go**  
 7-16-82, LAB, F, AKC, SD514225  
 Sire: Itchin' To Go  
 Dam: Shady Lady of Caine Manor  
 Breeder: Woody Thurman  
 Owner: Tony Leonard  
 Rt. 3 Box 55  
 Laurinburg, N.C. 28352



Crackin is a 58 lb., four year old black Labrador female and recently the Dam of nine puppies.

Crackin was very sick with Parvo when she was four months old and to nurture her back to health I began to mix a can of Alpo in with her dry food and to this day she will not eat if she does not get her can of Chopped Beef Dinner.

Crackin lives in the house, sleeps on the bed and is a great companion at home and afield. She loves Duck and Dove hunting and Field Trialing in that order. Crackin's first three years of training was centered around traditional AKC Field Trials and culminated in her becoming Qualified All Age at the age of three. Crackin's introduction to NAHRA Field Testing was done so with a sigh of relief and a bud-

ding of excitement for her and her handler. To be tested under actual hunting conditions seemed to bring out a level of anticipation an eagerness that I had not seen before. I think she actually thought she was hunting.

Crackin qualified in four Intermediate events in a row to earn her WR Certification and she has completed three Senior events all in one year. Crackin only needs to qualify once more to become a Master Hunting Retriever.

I had hoped Crackin would achieve her MHR Title at the 1987 ALPO/NAHRA Invitational but it was not to be. However, since the Invitational, Crackin has qualified in 11 consecutive licensed field tests.



**MHR La' Mist Miss Bobbi McGee**  
 1-17-82, LAB, F, AKC, SE062445  
 Sire: Sandringham Geordie  
 Dam: La'Mist Mini Mouse  
 Breeder: Joseph & Archangel Letta  
 Owner: Joseph & Archangel Letta  
 Pebble Lane  
 Fairport, NY 14450

Bobbi is a Female Black Lab, average in size and one of a litter of seven. At the age of six weeks the litter contracted Parvo and we lost four of the seven puppies. Bobbi was affected the greatest by the illness. She spent 16 days in a touch and go condition at the vets, and finally came home a sick, fragile pup who looked like death warmed over. The other puppies went to their owners, but Bobbi, in the condition she was in, needed around the clock attention, therefore remaining at La'Mist Kennels, and with excellent care given by Arch, Bobbi gained back her strength. As the months went by Joe started to ease her into training along with the other dogs in training. Being a Professional Retriever Trainer Joe perceived the natural abilities possessed by Bobbi.

Bobbi began running NAHRA Field Tests in 1983. At this time she injured her knee cap and again we thought she was lost. But with proper care she bounced back and became High Point Intermediate Dog at Finger Lakes and then went on the next two years in a row to win the High Point Senior Dog. Bobbi became the first Black Labrador Retriever in New York State, and one of two to complete the Master Hunting Retriever Title. Bobbi completed her Master Title on July 13, 1986.

Bobbi has been raised in our home and has never relinquished that title of being our family pet, an excellent all around Hunting Dog and loyal companion. A better friend we've never known.

Bobbi qualified as one of the seven members of the 1987 All-American Team.

**MHR WR Mississippi Molly**  
 12-21-80, Lab, F, AKC, SD083787  
 Sire: FC-AFC Rascal's Medicine Man  
 Dam: Candlewoods Marriah  
 Breeder: Bob Hogan  
 Owner: Rick Knuth  
 Rt. 2, Box 77  
 Bangor, WI 54614



My hunting partner is "Molly", a 7 year old black lab female. She has great desire to please, is a wonderful companion for us and our children, a beautiful house dog and great hunter. This past fall she has hunted and retrieved ducks, geese, ruffed grouse, and pheasant. I can honestly say this past season was our first where she retrieved every bird I shot and sent her for. (I did sail one duck into heavy cattails while hunting in a marsh covered with 1" ice. . . that I chose not to risk her on.) There is no doubt in my mind, the NAHRA game we play and train for has helped us get to this point! Last year in Iowa, Molly tracked a wing broke pheasant across the corner of a bean field (clean as a billiard table) through a fence row across the corner of the next field into a ditch row of canes across a narrow creek up across a mowed strip about 12 feet wide then out into a field of uncut foxtails. . . . far enough that when I had finally worked over to the foxtails I couldn't see her. Waiting there I experi-

enced the joy of her romping return with a gaudy rooster firmly gripped around the middle.

Molly is our first pedigreed dog and we take pride in the fact that she is having much success with only my amateur training. Molly is a consistent finisher including back-to-back wins in sanctioned Qualifying, Qualifying scores in all four Intermediates she ran and to-date she has qualified in nine consecutive Senior events, including being one of the seven dogs to qualify at last year's NAHRA/ALPO INVITATIONAL. Molly has been high-point dog in our club for Qualifying, Derby, and Amateur Trained and Handled stakes.

Molly has had two litters of pups; both litters have demonstrated "Molly" characteristics including: a licensed Qualifying Win, several with Intermediate points, and a pup with consecutive wins at six months of age. Molly throws yellow pups also.



**Raw's Tartu**  
 12-21-81, LAB, M, AKC, SD416763  
 Sire: Machipongo's W. A. Nappy  
 Dam: Super Rap-Up  
 Owner: Richard A. Wolters  
 12 Susquehanna Rd.  
 Ossining, NY 10562

I'm Richard A. Wolters and my dog is Tar. Sometimes I love Tar and sometimes I hate him. He is a very handsome black Lab with a head that looks like it is chiseled from rock. He has a very athletic body and when we walk down the street at least one of us is considered handsome. . . and that is the very point. All the women make a great fuss over Tar and I'm left holding the other end of the leash as they oogle, google and pet him. But that's a dog for you. . . I share everything with him and he never returns the favors.

Tar is a most interesting fellow. His whole personality changes with the circumstances. He is as calm a friend as a man could have. He is great socially and has been every place I have been for the last five years. . . He is a perfect gentleman and has his bed next to mine. . . He doesn't snore.

But Tar is a "high roller." As calm as he appears when I take him to someone's office and he sleeps at my feet. . . Try that at a NAHRA field test. As soon as we hit the test grounds he becomes a maniac. A real Jekyll & Hyde. Take him to a duck blind and he's a gentleman again. . . a field test and he's a monster. I think he believes that the guns, the judges, the bird boys even the lady that sells the lunch do all this just for him.

Tar is a very "up" dog. His papers claim he is pure Lab with lots of Super Chief on both sides (36 out of 72 FC and NFC's) but I suspect there is also lots of ham in him too. He knows when "the cameras are rolling" and will put on his act be it at the Super Dome in New Orleans for thousands or at one of our seminars for 12.

I honestly believe that Tar loves life.

**MHR WR Van Lee's Applejack**  
 1-17-85, LAB, M, AKC, SE379762  
 Sire: Nitram Bull Market  
 Dam: Van Lee's Chipmunk  
 Breeder: Carroll Ann Lewandowski  
 Owner: Tom Stasierowski & Jaqueline Jayson  
 12072 Valley Road  
 East Aurora, NY 14052



Applejack is a male chocolate Labrador Retriever that completed his MHR at 2½ years of age. At age three, Applejack appears to be gaining a lot of confidence and, putting this together with a lot of training, he appears to be getting even better.

Applejack is co-owned with Jaqueline Jayson. Together with the Jayson family, we have been 100% behind the dogs and the hunting retriever game. He was offered to me at one year of age for training, but since I do not train for other people, he was then offered as a co-ownership deal which has worked out extremely well for Applejack, myself and the Jayson family.

Applejack is used throughout the hunting season along with MHR T.J.'s Russet Fauna. Together, they make a team on ducks, geese and pheasants.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Jaqueline and her family for having the trust and faith in myself as a trainer to work with this fine animal.

**MHR WR Parne Girl**  
 7-25-83, LAB, F, AKC, SD807240  
 Sire: D B Zachery Winston  
 Dam: Terye Lake of Tasha  
 Breeder: Bruce Nelson  
 Owner: Jerry Parnham  
 R.R. 3, Box 51  
 Thief River Falls, MN 56701



Parne came to me in the most unusual way as I was at a local Ducks Unlimited function and they were auctioning the sweetest looking pup I had ever seen. Being an avid hunter, I thought it would be nice to have a hunting dog to train and hunt with. I had never owned a hunting dog before and after outbidding everyone else I now had a pup and didn't know the first thing about training her. I bought all the books I could find for training retrievers and we were now on our way. In the last four years I have learned a lot about training, and have been hooked 100% on field trials and hunting with fine retrievers.

After being introduced to field trialing and especially to NAHRA, Cyndee and I have made this our full time hobby. Realizing we had something when we nearly won the Minnesota State Derby Championship in 1986, Parne has now earned her way through NAHRA completing her started, intermediate, and last year senior. We have been involved in NAHRA from its beginning and have sincerely enjoyed running in the many events we have participated in. Parne has also done

very well in the traditional trial events we have entered placing or winning in hunters, derby, qualifying and open. A wall full of ribbons and trophies is proudly displayed in our living room. The greatest pleasure in all the training is in the fall when we hunt every day possible (21 days straight last year) starting in Manitoba and working our way to Minnesota. I hunt with a super partner and companion - a truly all around hunting dog that excels on ducks, geese, grouse and pheasants and makes it all worthwhile.

Parne lives with us in the house and is a fine companion for Cyndee and I. She spends part of the time with our trainer, Les Scottston, who has continued her training and brought her along and turned Parne into a fine Master Hunter.

We wish to thank NAHRA for a fine program and Alpo for their sponsorship in a truly exceptional national event.

Our next goal will be to qualify Parne again for next year's Invitational and to get Cyndee's pup qualified as far as possible in NAHRA. You could say we have been NAHRAsized.

**MHR WR Mississippi Brandy**  
 3-15-81 Lab, F, AKC SD I40928  
 Sire: Doc's Double Bid  
 Dam: Mississippi Blue  
 Breeder: Roger Weller  
 Owner: Crow River Kennels  
 Roger Weller  
 45557 Cty. Rd. 27  
 Belgrade, MN 56312



Mississippi Brandy is a 60# Black Labrador with the speed, desire, and style that will put her with the best hunting retrievers, whether it be hunting upland birds or waterfowl.

I was very fortunate to be able to even get a pup from her dam, (Mississippi Blue), because of her age. A breeding attempt at both eight and nine years of age didn't work out so another attempt was made at 10 years of age. That litter produced only two pups, one female and one stillborn male. From six weeks on Brandy became an excellent family dog as well as an excellent gun dog.

Brandy began running NAHRA field tests in 1986 and aquired her MHR and WR certificates in 1987 at licensed NAHRA

events in Alpena, MI. Brandy enjoys every event as if it were an actual hunt for upland birds or waterfowl.

Brandy gets in plenty of hunting from Sept. 1st through March 31st. She enjoys the hunting, whether it be for Quail, Sharptail Grouse, Ruffed Grouse, Partridge, Pheasants, Ducks, or Geese in Canada, Minnesota, South Dakota, or Iowa.

If there ever was a dog that could demonstrate that the retriever breeds have the ability to quarter for upland game like a well trained Springer, Brandy would be that dog.

Brandy and I would like to thank NAHRA for its fine program, directed toward keeping the hunt in our retrievers.

**MHR Weller's Moses of Antioch**  
 2-21-82, Lab, M, AKC, SD395584  
 Sire: A Shade Lighter  
 Dam: Sue's Gal Sal  
 Breeder: Susan D. Fort  
 Owner: John L. Weller  
 865 Gaskins Rd.  
 New Bern, N.C. 28560



**MHR Weller's Moses of Antioch**  
 When asked to do a biographical sketch of "Moses", hundreds of ideas danced in my head. It comes down to this, he's the best dog I've ever owned.

Being Moses' owner and trainer is a great pleasure. His willingness to learn is beyond words. I'm a professional trainer who is just as proud of my dog being in this year's Invitational as anyone else. I've owned Moses since he was 49 days old, always dreaming of big things for him.

Moses was one of the seven dogs to finish the 1987 ALPO/NAHRA Invitational. In 1987 alone, he gathered 220 Senior points. To date, Moses has over 420 lifetime points, the highest in NAHRA today. He is six years old, very athletic but very gentle with my two daughters ages two

and four. When Moses comes in the house, the girls make a big pillow out of his black coat and watch TV. I bet those three have seen the Wizard of Oz 100 times.

A couple of years ago Moses was called on to help in an unsuccessful search for a lost fisherman. The individual's boat was found, but no sign of the man. I figured we would go in the thick, muddy marsh hoping to find the person alive. Moses had an old sock of the victim to use as a tracking reference. After an hour or so, he found a boat paddle belonging to the missing man, leading authorities to a quick recovery of the body. The fisherman had drowned just down from where Moses retrieved the paddle.

Moses is one of a kind. I'd like to thank God for the enjoyment he's given me.

**MHR Trieven Thunder Annie**  
 12-22-78, LAB, F, AKC, SC685700  
 Sire: FC-AFC Trieven Thunderhead  
 Dam: Trieven Dreamboat Anny  
 Breeder: Jay & Val Walker  
 Owner: Jack & Diana Jagoda  
 35 Misty Lane  
 Stafford, VA 22554



Annie was purchased from Trieven Kennels in Oregon. She is a full sister to FC Trieven Taking A Chance and FC Trieven Twenty Twenty.

At 14 weeks old she began running puppy stakes and placed in every trial she entered. She became the four state (Penn-Del-Mar-Va) puppy champion in 1979. In the spring of 1981, Annie won the Virginia State Gun Dog Championship. Later that year, Annie was sent with Junnie Harris, a professional trainer, from Port Royal, Va. Annie remained with Junnie for close to two years and became an AKC Qualified All-Age dog.

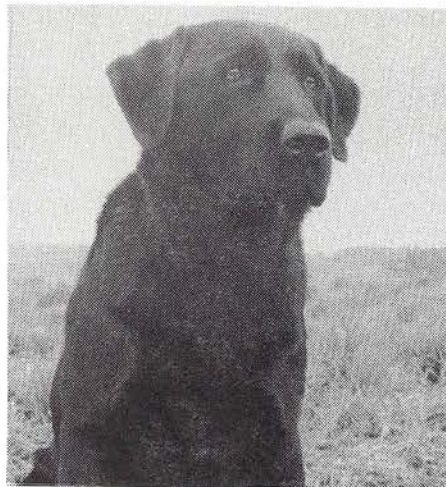
In the winter of 1982, Annie returned home for the hunting season and was bred to FC-AFC Itchin' To Go. This breeding produced MHR Southland Virginia Slim. After her litter, Annie retired from field trials but continued to run Gun Dog stakes and became the High Point Gun Dog in the Penn-Del-Mar-Va area.

Annie then began running NAHRA Field Tests and in 1985 became the first Master Hunting Retriever (MHR) in the nation. To date, "Annie" has accumulated over 300 NAHRA points.

Early in 1986 Annie was bred to NAFC TRUMARC'S ZIP CODE "CODY".

Annie is a house dog and our shadow day and night.

**MHR Senor Zorro Von Cheltenham**  
 4-05-82, LAB, M, AKC, SD445841  
 Sire: Berek of Cheltenham  
 Dam: Miss Macey of Cheltenham  
 Breeder: Shirley Ingrove & Ron Smith  
 Owner: Olwen Morgan & Robert Ruggeri  
 14071 117th Ave., NE  
 Kirkland, WA 98034



#### **MHR Senor Zorro Von Cheltenham**

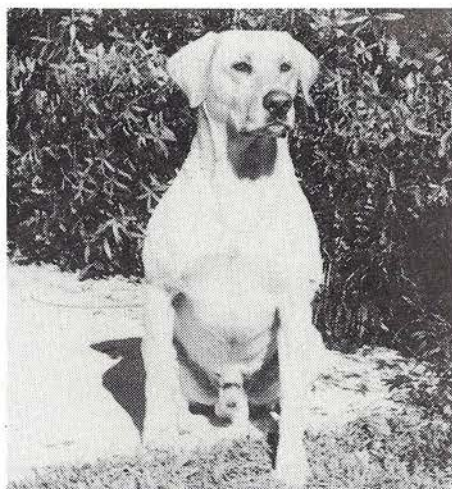
Zorro came to live with us because Olwen wanted a labrador. She located a tri-colored litter bred by the brother of a close friend, and got a one week trial period for the puppy because I am allergic to dogs. I figured the dog would be back with his mother in Portland before the week was out, and so I wasn't too excited by his arrival. Naturally, by the end of the week I was planning hunts for every type of bird in the state, and Zorro was in no danger of being sent back.

From the beginning Zorro took to the work. He loved it all, the birds, the water, the guns, and especially the hunt. When he was six months old I took him quail hunting. At this point we were training on baseball, but we hadn't started real blinds yet. Well, during the hunt a friend shot a bird that flew toward a nearby river. It fell into the water about 40 yards from shore. The only way to retrieve the bird was to

send Zorro because the other dog was far upstream and out of position. I calculated the line and sent the dog figuring he had to line the blind or come back without the bird. He took the line and made the retrieve like he had been doing it for years. I knew then he was a dog I could trust.

In later years we honed our combined talents. We both loved to train, but the off-season was entirely too long. To break up the training sessions we began running picnic field trials, and when I heard about NAHRA we were ready to run. It was quite a wait before any hunting tests were held in our area, but one Friday in June 1985 we drove to Spokane and ran in the senior category. Zorro qualified, and our whole family has been hooked ever since. Zorro has been very successful in hunting tests since that first one, and I give most of the credit to Olwen. She just knows how to pick puppies.

**MHR WR Richard's Fellow**  
 5-22-82, LAB, M, AKC, SD912873  
 Sire: Swift Creek's Little Boy  
 Dam: Swift Creek's Ice Breaker  
 Breeder: Nancy Jackson  
 Owner: Richard McDonald  
 Rt. 1, Box 163K  
 Hartsville, SC 29550

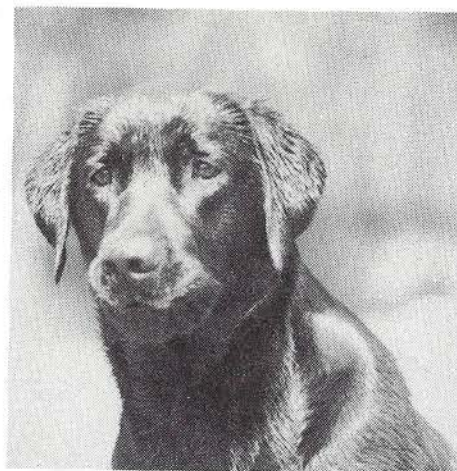


Fellow is an almost six year old yellow male Labrador. He was bred from gun dog stock on his sire's side and field trial stock on his dam's side. He has an uncanny sense of self worth and pride that is evident in everything he does from crossing his feet and perking his ears as he responds to the "lie down" command, to returning at full gallop with tail high as he brings back the birds.

Fellow has sired many litters and is now able to watch his offspring as they perform in NAHRA tests. Currently, he has several year-old puppies qualifying in intermediate tests.

Fellow has set the example for his offspring. His accomplishments include: WR, MHR, 1987 All-American Team, Palmetto Retriever Club Gun Dog of the Year '87, PRC Runner-Up High Point Dog of the Year '87 and, at the time of this writing, he has completed five consecutive senior tests.

Fellow is the most important element in his master's life and Richard is certainly the most important in Fellow's. The longer they are together, the more they both are developing the same uncompromising zest for life. Richard and Fellow are quite a pair!



**MHR Maxwell's Bell of Baton Rouge**  
 5-20-84, LAB, F, AKC, SE514731  
 Sire: MHR Mama's Boy Buck  
 Dam: Josi JoJo Jr.  
 Breeder: Maxie F. Altman, Jr.  
 Owner: Maxie F. Altman, Jr.  
 Rt. 1, Box 1240  
 Cedarhurst Rd.  
 Chester, SC 29706

**MHR Maxwell's Bell of Baton Rouge**

Bell was Palmetto Retriever Club's 1987 Master Hunting Retriever runner up. Bell has only once placed less than third in two and a half years of club trial competition. She is an 80-pound black female that achieved her MHR at the age of three. I did not begin to train Bell until the age of one year and a half. She progressed from a started dog to a senior dog in less than six months. Bell is a house companion as well as an avid hunting companion. She is also the first female MHR in South Carolina.

Sire: MHR Mama's Boy Buck

First MHR in South Carolina; one of the first male MHR's in the country; fourth overall MHR in the country; sire of three tricolor litters.

Owner: Bruce Jackson

Dam: Josi JoJo

Hunting companion with 60 American, Canadian, English and Australian show and field champions in nine generations.  
 Owner: Max Altman

**MHR Hiwood Pacer's Capt. Cook**  
 2-03-82, LAB, M, AKC, SD696432  
 Sire: Piper's Pacer  
 Dam: Ripples Abby  
 Breeder: Raymond Hubbard  
 Owner: Brian Baines  
 1277 E. 75th St.  
 Anchorage, AK 99503



Make it happen Captain Cook and I met when he was seven weeks old and we've been together ever since. Cook is quite a character - extremely hard going, very stylish and left handed to boot. He's never heard of the word slow. He's a fun but dangerous dog to handle because he is so fast. Cook loves the life of training and hunting. I'll put training before hunting only because we do more of that. He enjoys everything we do together.

Cook has retrieved many birds while hunting with me - ducks, geese, pheasants, ptarmigan, quail, spruce hens, cranes and countless pigeons. This year, we've added wood ducks and black ducks. We are getting ready for a little turkey hunting. There is no bird too big or too little for Cook - he loves to hunt them all.

Captain Cook is an All Age Dog and Master Hunting Retriever. He runs NAHRA Senior stakes and Field Trials. He is one of my ultimate hunting partners. He prefers NAHRA; he says it's more like the

real thing. He's with me all the time. He is also part astronaut; he loves being upside down and carried around like a baby. I think Cook converts dog food to jet fuel. He will hardly leave your side except when the action starts. He enjoys sleeping on my stomach and watching TV. He definitely likes being in the house and with me.

Cook is a black male Lab weighing about 75 lbs. and is solid as a rock. A dog for all seasons, his nicknames are Cooker, Budda Belly, Itmen and Bityone.

He is proud to have a Master Hunting Retriever title and to be running NAHRA events. He tells me it's like hunting in the off season.

Cook and I would like to thank NAHRA for what they stand for and for being invited to the Invitational. We will do our best. We would also like to thank everyone who has helped us and the sponsors of this event.

**MHR WR Hunsucker Trained Bear**  
 10-29-83, LAB, M, AKC, SD932431  
 Sire: Seajay's Thunder of Sycamore  
 Dam: Sandy's Brandywine Burgundy  
 Breeder: S. Edwards & J. Cimburke  
 Owner: Jim & Sandy Cimburke  
 Rte. 1, Box 201B  
 Dewitt, VA 23840



Early one fall morning in 1983 a litter of nine puppies was born in our home. Donnie Daniel had pick of the litter who is MHR Daniel's Thunder Jake.

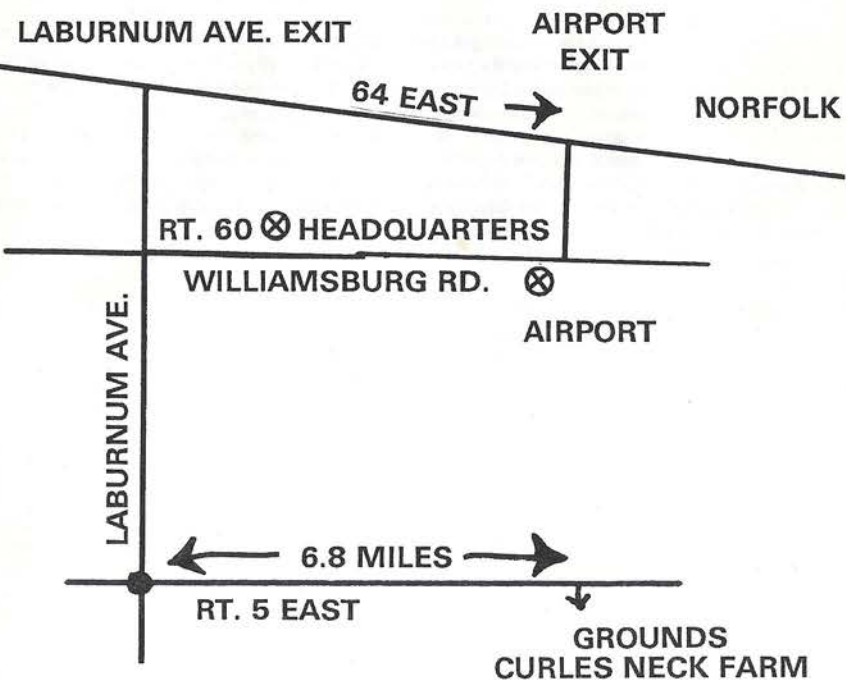
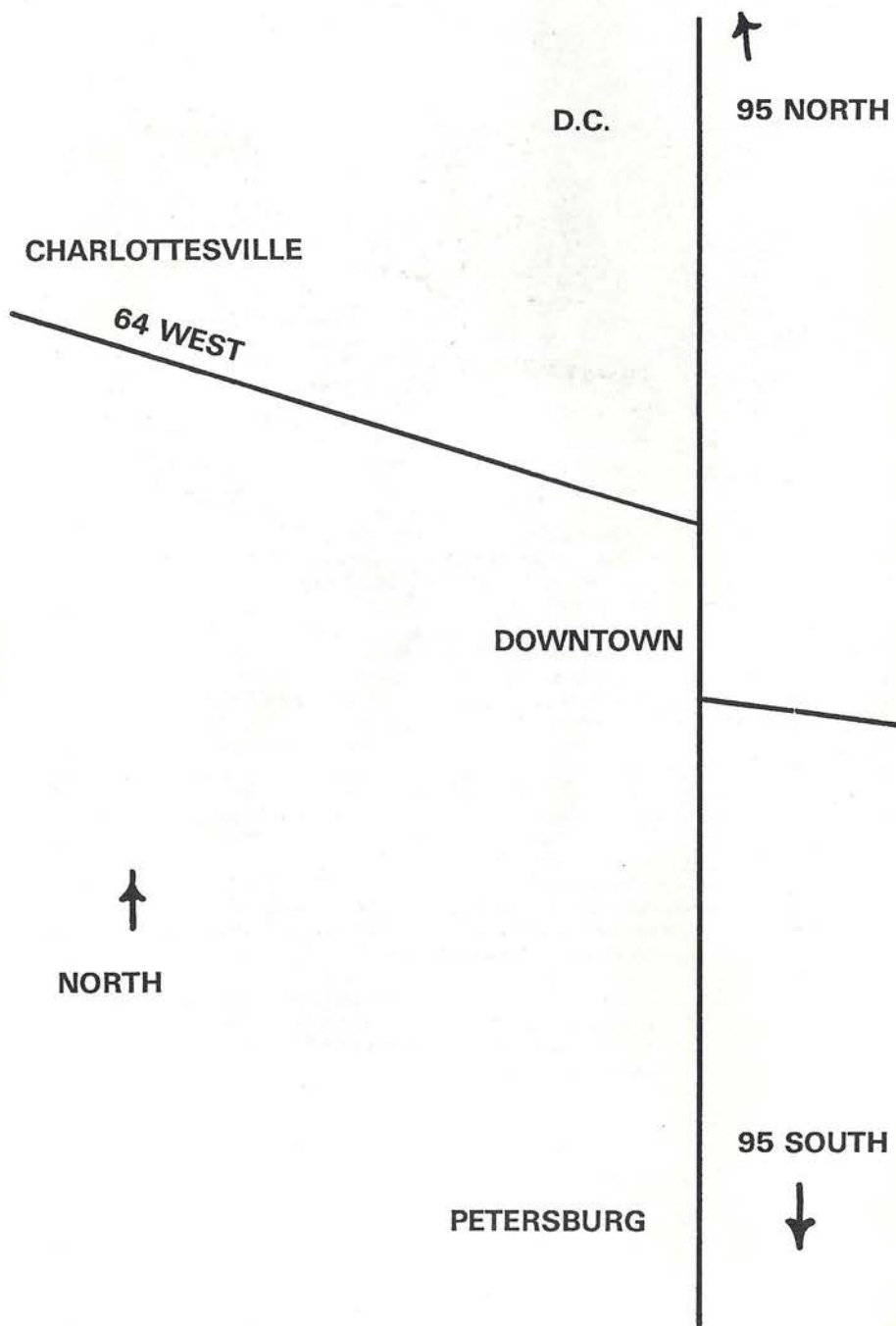
Our dog BEAR was the puppy who no one picked, leaving us stuck with him. It makes us VERY proud to have two of our pups in the Invitational.

BEAR is named after the person who is responsible for him being where he is today. Rick Hunsucker is a very knowledgeable dog trainer and we could never thank him enough for helping us but most of all BEAR.

BEAR took 2nd place in his first puppy trial at four and one half months and has been retrieving ever since. He received his MHR title in October 1987.

He is a 95 pound black Lab that when not training, trialing, hunting or diving off the dock for blue gills at Smith Mountain Lake is a couch potato, who shivers at the thought of spending a night outside.

Through pinning marks and missing marks, lining blinds and whistle refusals BEAR is without a doubt the BEST friend I have ever had.



**MHR Foggybottom Buckeroo**  
 4-13-84, LAB, M, AKC, SE080155  
 Sire: Accipiter Black Song Earnie  
 Dam: Sierra Gingersnap Cookie  
 Breeder: Carol Moore  
 Owner: Doug Johnson  
 Rt. 1, Box 186  
 Bakersfield, CA 93308



Buck, a totally black, classic, English Labrador was raised retrieving Mallards from the swift waters of the Kern River in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevada mountains. When not retrieving these ducks he is just at home locating quail on the steep ridges and slopes of those mountains or hunting pheasants and geese in the great rice country of northern California.

Like most Labs, Buck was a naturally fine retriever who proved to be exceptionally trainable and an eager, willing student who never seemed to tire of training and who is still that way. Show him a dummy or a bird or a shotgun and he's ready for business. Buck earned his MHR certificate in the fall of 1987 following several consecutive senior qualifications.

When the hunt or the trial is over though, this dog shifts down a few

notches and becomes simply a good and fine companion--pleasant to have in the house by the fire on a cold winter's night or to just join up with for a quiet walk in the country.

He likes to travel and takes to it well, already having several thousand airline miles to his credit. Additionally, he's a pleasure to share a motel room with--being among the quietest of guests.

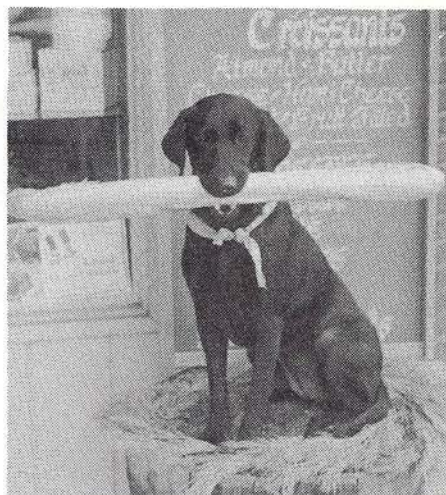
One of Buck's favorite activities is fishing--especially fly fishing for trout which can be easily seen in the clear waters. A bit of a throwback to his northern ancestors of long ago, he delights in diving after a hooked fish, often pursuing it to depths of five or six feet and, on occasion, even making the retrieve of a firmly clenched, but very lively, wild rainbow trout.



**MHR Sam Spade of Eastshore**  
 2-11-82, LAB, M, AKC, SD422582  
 Sire: Dandy Joe of Stanwood  
 Dam: Tonheims Yellow Katy  
 Breeder: Kim Tonheim  
 Owner: Greg Lee  
 5530 S.W. Lander Place  
 Seattle, WA 98116

Sam's bloodlines are a mixture of hunting stock, field trial and show. He is a strong dog with a blocky type build which serves him well from routing pheasants or tracking crippled ducks in the thickest cover, to breaking ice for that tough retrieve. When training, Sam is a cooperative dog who learns quickly and is eager to please. I've never had to use a collar (electric) on Sam. He works best with positive reinforcement. Beginning last year to the present Sam has passed eight out of nine senior hunting tests. In the field Sam is a natural hunter. He has made retrieves that both my hunting partners and I can barely believe. In concluding, an older gentleman once told me every hunter deserves a good dog in his lifetime, and thanks to God, I believe I have one.

**MHR WR Lacey J VI**  
 4-04-81, LAB, F, AKC, SD764183  
 Sire: Bask  
 Dam: Barbara's Shadow  
 Breeder: Barbara G. Figg  
 Owner: Patricia Jagoda  
 8250 Silverbrook Rd.  
 Lorton, VA 22079



On April 4, 1981, my first Labrador Retriever was born; Lacey. Little did I realize on my way down to Petersburg to pick her up, exactly what I was getting myself into. . . Now, seven years later, Lacey has single-handedly changed my life. At first it was little things, the older Lacey got, the worse everything else got.

Lacey's constant pressure and love for money and finer things has nearly put me in the dog house. She now owns her third Cherokee, many shotguns, kennel runs, hundreds of dollars in dog training equipment, and now *even* a six-hole dog trailer.

The beginning of the end came when she began competing in Puppy Stakes & Gun Dog events. After winning and placing in almost every event she entered in her first year, she became bored with it all and decided there was bigger money out there to be found and she wasn't going to get rich in this game. She insisted on pursuing a modeling and advertising career in prestigious Old Town Alexandria near Washington D.C. In a very short time she became a local celebrity modeling for advertisements with a large Gourmet food store. Two years in this extremely cut-throat profession was devastatingly de-

manding.

After making her first million and nearing four years old, she decided to retire to the good life. After all, she wasn't getting any younger!

A hunting organization by the name of NAHRA had recently come into existence. Considering that Lacey did well at a younger age, she then decided to channel her money and experience towards this new profession. Two and a half years later, she attained a Working Retriever title and soon after, her Master Hunting title. She also volunteered her services as a test dog for last year's Invitational.

After acquiring her MHR, Lacey married WR High Flight Bomber of Southland Kennels. Lacey, with Bomber's help, has produced one of the youngest MHR's of all time, at 25 months of age. "Midgie" has qualified for the invitational this year, with Lacey.

Needless to say, Lacey lives in my house, comes to work with me everyday, and sleeps in my waterbed everynight. Anyone who knows me, knows Lacey and what she means to me. She is the best, most loyal friend I'll ever have.



**MHR Atta Boy Redigo**  
 4-10-79, LAB, M, AKC, SC865364  
 Sire: Piper's Black Diamond Jim  
 Dam: Zimmerman's Lucy Bob  
 Breeder: Jean Zimmerman  
 Owner: Harold & Jean Zimmerman  
 Box 4237  
 Soldotna, AK 99669

Red was from a litter of 10 and was born in Alaska in our garage to our little yellow female Labrador named Lucy. We decided on him more for his personality than anything else as he was rather laid back from the rest of the litter, but came alive when the puppy bumpers started flying. I guess he fits in the category of "Yellow Lab," however, his color is red, hence his name.

Red was trained totally by my wife and myself from the time he was a pup. He ran in a couple of derbys, however, his early field trialing was limited due to my being laid up and unable to train for a couple of years, and then Red had to have two surgeries to correct an injury which incapacitated him for another two years and still gives a great deal of problem and

discomfort to him. However, over the years Red has managed to be my hunting companion on my hunting trips for ducks and geese in the fall and also the last two years we have hunted pheasant, chukar, quail and wild turkey on a private game farm in Alaska near our home. I couldn't count the birds he has retrieved from the cold waters of the Susitna Flats in Alaska.

Red has open an amateur points in field trials, but has never gotten that elusive first place. As of this date he has finished eight out of eight Senior NAHRA tests and also has a CD in Obedience. Red is nine years old now, and I think that in the future he will be spending most of his time sleeping in the sun or on his rug before the fire.

**MHR WR Mississippi Rascal**  
 7-23-83 LAB, M, AKC SD 820946  
 Sire: Glyndon's Lucky  
 Dam: Mississippi Brandy  
 Breeder: Roger Weller  
 Owner: Crow River Kennels  
 Roger Weller  
 45557 Cty. Rd. 27  
 Belgrade, MN 56312



Mississippi Rascal is a strong muscular 70# Black Labrador that loves to retrieve, whether it be a training session, running NAHRA field tests, or hunting.

Rascal was one of two male pups kept by me from a litter of 10. He was kept by me to give me another hunting companion and serve as a stud dog. Rascal has come through the NAHRA program with high marks. He has developed into an excellent gun dog and is siring excellent gun dog prospects.

Rascal began running NAHRA field tests at the age of two and acquired his MHR and WR certificates at licensed NAHRA field tests in Iowa, sponsored by the Northeast Iowa Hunting Retriever Association. Rascal like his dam (Mississippi Brandy), enjoys each event as if it were an actual hunt.

From Sept. 1st to March 31st, Rascal gets plenty of chances to demonstrate his hunting abilities, whether it be for geese in Canada and Minnesota or for pheasants and quail in Iowa.

Rascal, like his dam, excels at the game of quartering for upland game. Rascal truly can show that our retriever breeds know what quartering and flushing upland birds within gun range is all about.

Rascal and I would like to thank NAHRA for its fine program.

**MHR Hiwood Pacer's Mr. Tanner**  
 1-29-81, LAB, M, AKC, SD336367  
 Sire: Piper's Pacer  
 Dam: All-Star's Moon Baby Mindy  
 Breeder: Martin Garrett  
 Owner: Brian Baines  
 1227 E. 75th  
 Anchorage, AK 99503



Tanner is a true Alaskan - born, bred, raised and trained there. Land of magnificent beauty, cold long winters, Northern Lights and long summer days of the Midnight Sun. Tanner loves what he does - hunting, training and retrieving - and I love watching him do so.

One trip last year comes to mind running down one of our favorite rivers to one of our hunting spots. We camped in a small cabin with only a woodstove in it. There were no lights except for my pocket flashlight and the glow of the stove. I was straightening out the decoy lines and Tanner was making himself comfortable on my sleeping bag. He had this grin on his face. He knew where we were and what was going on in the morning and loving it. Before daylight, we got up and headed toward the swamp. I previously had stashed a small duck boat there. We headed to a place we both decided we had seen ducks that evening before. We flushed a bunch as we moved in and set the decoys out. I maneuvered the boat into the cattails and we sat there watching the sunrise together and then it happened. The birds started to fly and they were decoying like crazy. I was knocking them down and Tanner was retrieving. It

was heaven or as close as we will probably get. Leave this one, get that cripple, he did not see go down, run the blind, towel the dog off, slip him a bite to eat, it was great.

Tanner is one of last year's All-American Team members; he also got his Master Hunting Retriever title last year. He did well in the field trials and he only has a few points to go toward his Amateur Field Trial title. He had a great hunting season and racked up a lot more fond memories.

Tanner is a black male Lab weighing about 85 lbs. with dark eyes. His nicknames are Mr. T, Tanomano and Manbanicans. Mr. T is the world to me, he's my most prized possession. I would rather have him than anything. No matter what he does, I love him.

We would like to thank ALPO and NAHRA for holding such an event and getting everyone together for the Invitational. We would also like to thank all the people, mostly our fellow Alaskans, for being there and helping us when we needed you. Thanks also to the sponsors; the event would not be possible without you.

We will do our best!

**MHR WR Ruby's Black Rose**  
 4-10-82, LAB, F, AKC, SD478216  
 Sire: Super Powder  
 Dam: Ruby's Burning Daylight  
 Breeder: Robert B. Burnett  
 Owner: Robert B. Burnett  
 4640 Sandy Beach Dr.  
 Anchorage, AK 99502



Ruby's Black Rose SD478216. Female; Black Labrador Retriever. Known by those who love her as "Boo", was conceived on a trip to Oregon in 1982 by her Mother, Ruby's Burning Daylight. The greatest hunting dog I have ever known, she met a Stud named "Super Powder," fell in love and hence "Boo" was born, April 10, 1982. Boo and I have bummed around ever since, hunting birds wherever and whenever we can.

When I first started training Boo, I observed several of her physical characteristics, unbelievable speed, running low to the ground like a cheeta uncanny natural marking ability, and the best nose on any retriever I've owned. Boo has attained several accomplishments thus far in her career, and pursuit of flushing and retrieving our fine feathered friends. First, Boo won an AKC licensed Qualifying Field Trial to make her a qualified All Age Dog. Second, Boo received her WR Designation. Third, and most impressive, Boo

received her MHR title in five tests in the fall of 1987. Three in Alaska, and two in Georgia, making her eligible for this 1988 ALPO/NAHRA Invitational. This makes her the first female retriever in Alaska to receive the MHR Title, which we are both very proud of.

Boo is also a family pet and my two year old son's best friend. They are inseparable playing together all day long. She is a house pet but confined to one area of the house. She sleeps on a feather bed in the garage at night.

To me the best enjoyment of owning a dog like Boo is watching her hunt and retrieve birds all season long, which starts September 1st, and ends December 15th, in Alaska. I seem to have more hunting buddies than I can handle, much to Boo's credit. Boo and I wish to thank ALPO/NAHRA for giving us the opportunity to compete in the ALPO/NAHRA Invitational in Virginia, this May.



**MHR WR Southland Bullwinkle**  
 9/8/81, Lab, M, AKC, SD422092  
 Sire: Tuckahoe Clinchco Jake  
 Dam: Trieven Gone with the Wind  
 Breeder: Jack and Diana Jagoda  
 Owner: Rocky Emery  
 6210 Bardu Ave.  
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After many years of goose and dove hunting, I reached the conclusion that the real enjoyment of hunting was watching the work of a black lab owned by my friend Bob Brumley. At this time I decided that owning a hunting retriever was a must.

Bob introduced me to Jack and Diana Jagoda of whom I befriended and purchased a puppy. I named my new puppy Southland Bullwinkle and nicknamed him Winky. With the help of Bob and Jack the little guy was retrieving anything with feathers, including crows and blackbirds at three months. Winky went on to become the four state (Penn-Del-Mar-Va) puppy champion for 1982.

Because I live in a metropolitan area with very little training grounds I felt the need to send Winky to professional trainer, Junnie Harris, for polishing on marked retrieves. I soon missed having Winky with me and decided it would be more enjoyable to do the lining and handling training myself. Winky lives in the house with Melinda and I and always seems to know that 10 o'clock is ice cream time.

Winky has placed in many gun dog stakes and was the 1984 Aylett D. U. High Point Gun Dog and the 1985 Tidewater Retriever Club Open Gun Dog trophy winner.

**MHR Southland Lucky Strike**  
 6-14-82, LAB, M, AKC, SD680990  
 Sire: Trieven Ebony Buccaneer  
 Dam: Brigantine Belle  
 Breeder: Gene Piscitelli  
 Owner: Jack & Diana Jagoda  
 35 Misty Lane  
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Lucky is a special dog to Diana and I. He represents combined breeding of a few of our old gun dogs as well as a host of well known field champions. Lucky's mother was sold as a gun dog to a hunter on the Eastern shore of Maryland. She was later bred to a full brother of MHR Trieven Thunder Annie. The breeding produced 12 puppies of which eight were sold to hunters in the Maryland area. I received a phone call from the breeder begging me to pick up the last four puppies and sell them for him. I was not to tickled with the prospect but I did have a few friends that had been looking for a pup. I was able to move three of the puppies in a matter of hours. The little male pup that was left became one of the top 10 derby dogs in

the country and had an Amateur first and Open Second by the time he was three years old. He achieved his Master Hunting Retriever title by qualifying at five Senior Field Tests in a row.

Lucky spent the 1987-88 hunting season with Joe May in Walkerton, Virginia. Joe is an avid hunter and old time dog man. His dog Dee began to fail with age leaving Joe in a terrible predicament---no retriever!

I offered Lucky to him for the upcoming season and Joe's response was less than favorable. Finally he agreed to give Lucky a try and the two have been inseparable since. Lucky was a quirk of fate for Diana, myself and Joe. He is truly as his name implies, a "Lucky Strike."



**MHR WR Jeb IX**  
 10-24-81, LAB, M, AKC, SE043100  
 Sire: Trapper John  
 Dam: Larmer's Shadee Lady  
 Breeder: Curtis Parker  
 Owner: Tom Rentz, Jr.  
 825 Bo Jones Rd.  
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Jeb IX was sired by Canadian FC Trapper John. .his pedigree includes more than a dozen titled (FC/AFC) dogs. .he was outstanding junior in Canadian Jr. Stake at one and a half years of age. .he is an AKC Qualified all age dog. .in 1987 he received his WR and MHR titles. .he is my best hunting retriever as well as my best pal. .he loves to train, test and most of all hunt. .he can do it all. .Jeb has already sired several very fine NAHRA dogs now participating in NAHRA tests. .

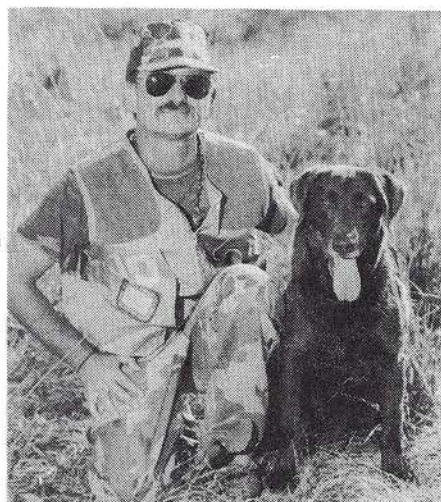
Tom and Bunny have a ball with Jeb. . he pleases them with his outstanding performances in the field. .Jeb grins! That's right, he curls back his lips and grins!

In all my years of owning and observing Labs at work, Jeb's got to be one of the finest looking dogs as he performs in the field.

His kennel mates at Riverbend Retriever Kennels-Hawksprings include WR/MHR Jet (Evergreen's Jet Powdered, sired by Super Powder) who qualified and ran in the 1987 NAHRA Invitational. . and WR/MHR Choonie (Riverbend's Pic A Pepper) sired by FC/AFC Piper Pacers Pic.

**MHR 87 All America's Team Macho Don Diego**

4-26-79, CHOCOLATE LAB, M, AKC SC711261  
 Sire: Greentree's Gunner  
 Dam: Calneh of Swiss Bend  
 Breeder: Gilbert Ray Anderson  
 Owner: W. Ron Gober of Don Diego Kennels  
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Macho is a chocolate Lab, weighing about 85 pounds. This will be Macho's second trip to the Invitational. Macho is one of the Magnificent Seven, as wrote up in *Sports Afield*. He qualified for this year's Invitational by competing five of six events he was entered in. Macho also has 40 AKC Hunting Retriever points to his credit from the two events that he has run in. Macho will be nine years old for this year's NAHRA Invitational and is still going strong with the females.

As for hunting use, I keep him busy beginning with dove season, all the way through pheasant, geese and black sea brant. He prefers the larger of the birds. Macho is just a super hunting dog, retrieving birds in places where only the better of the dogs are capable of doing the job, retrieving crippled birds in thick cover either on land or in the water.

I just can't say enough about Macho. I have learned as much from him as he has from me. I would take another like him in a second. Macho, to me, is one of the finest dogs anyone could ever hope to have the opportunity to take on a hunt!



**MHR WR Rio Retriever Super XII Pak**

7-25-83, LAB, M, AKC, SD931467  
 Sire: Tidewater Max Pak  
 Dam: Shamrock Acres H H Pepperbell  
 Breeder: Tom & Barbara Kilgore  
 Owner: Don Mesisca  
 2669 Plaza Hermosa  
 Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Master Hunter Rio Retriever is a 90 lb.; well proportioned; high power black lab, who figures that the only reason he is around is to hunt for anything with feathers. A clown at heart, it is impossible to find something he does not like to do. I received Rio as a seven week old pup coming all the way from Wisconsin. Out of line bred Super Chief ancestry, I waited one and one half years for his breeding, which I now know is a short wait for a lifetime of memories.

Coming home from a busy day at work, don't try to sit down. Rio's nudging and pawing at you will drive you mad. So, with bumpers in one hand and whistle in the other, off we go for a training session. Regardless of how it goes, it is pure satisfaction for us both.

We started running puppy and derby trials in Southern California and Arizona. By age two, he had accumulated derby points, jams and top honors in local clubs. NAHRA was introduced to us in 1986 and Rio has massed a grand total of 220 points at age four.

My boy made the 1986 alternate list for the NAHRA Invitational Field Test, missing the qualifiers' list due to handler errors. We both watched the Invitational on video tape with anticipation for 1987.

Rio is my best hunting partner and he is never late or makes an excuse of why he can't go. Rio is also the one who explains to my wife why mud has been tracked onto the carpet and why there are feathers in the kitchen sink. Rio makes any hunting trip an adventure.

**MHR Royal Hunts Sky High**  
 11-27-82 LAB, Black, Male, SD644440  
 Sire: FC Candlewood's Super Deal  
 Dam: Alexander's Dame Margaret  
 Breeder: Robert F. Alexander  
 Owner: Thomas E. Winger, III  
 25 Buttonwood Circle  
 Wallingford, CT 06492



SKY was given to me by a friend from Massachusetts, at five months of age.

At the time of SKY's homecoming, I was presently training a one and one half year old female Lab for the AKC Field Trials and began to work SKY right in.

SKY did well in the Field Trial Game from Derby through the OPENSTAKES, but SKY's and my real love was hunting. What a relief the birth of NAHRA was!

Our first year in NAHRA, SKY ran in just a few trials. He was always there at the end but could not grab the Gold Ring. Last year he seemed to put it all together and qualified in five of eight tests he ran. The final two were held in Alpena, Michigan, where he earned his MHR Title.

SKY and I have hunted ducks and geese from the Great Marshes of James Bay to the Shores of Delaware. (Not to mention our home state of Connecticut.) It's great pleasure and pride having him by my side, either in a Duck Boat or Goose Blind.

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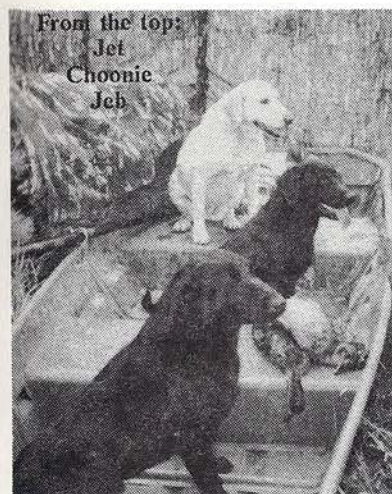
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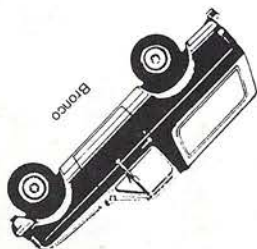
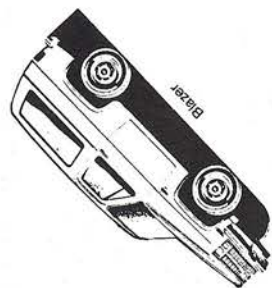
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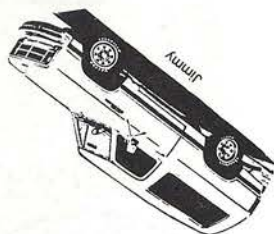
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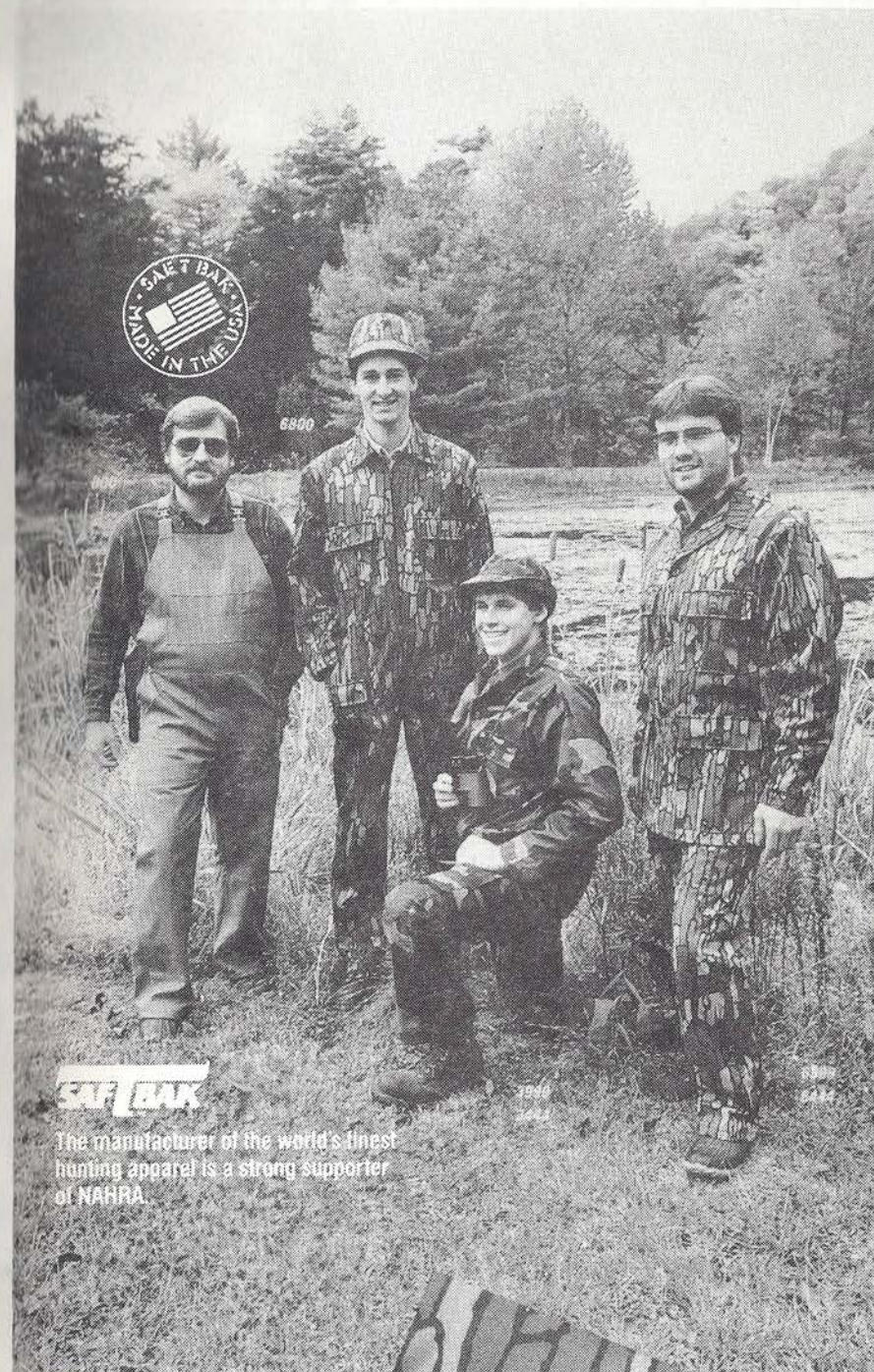


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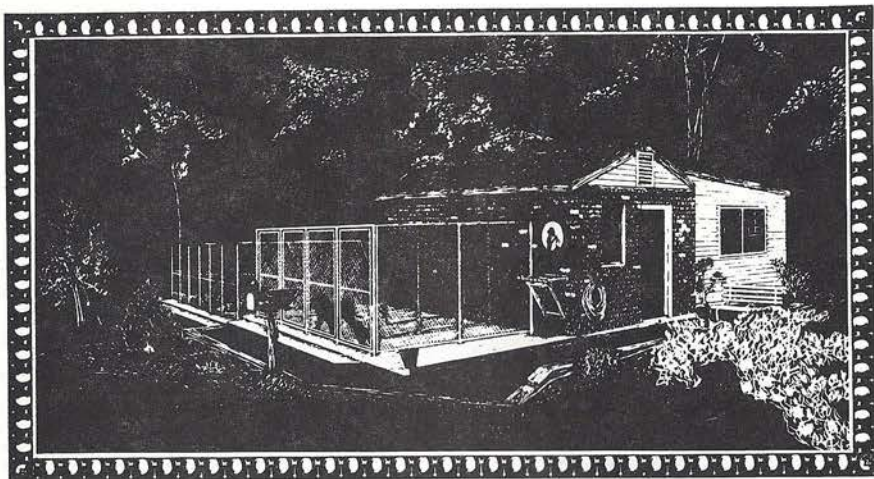
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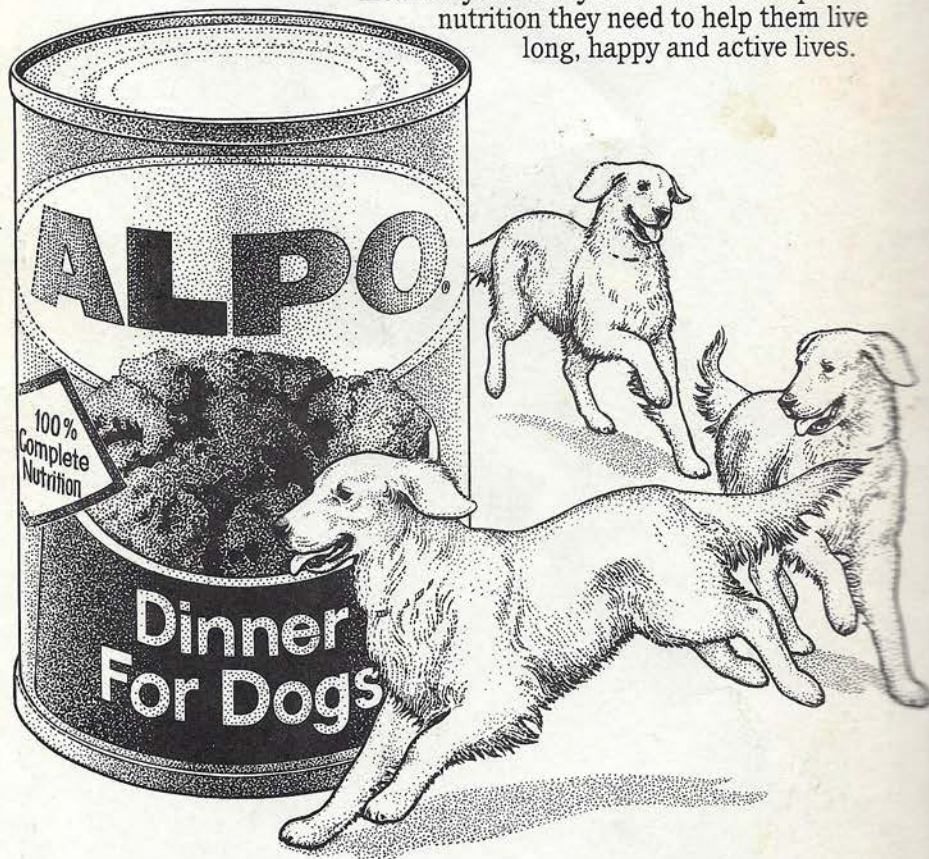
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