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Notes from the Editor

Well here we are in a new summer season - where alot is going on. Getting reports of show and field events across the country. .

The Covid crisis has ended and we now are in a travel cost crisis. Travel for training and attending events is adding a damper to many to attend such activities.

In spite of this I hope you can enter and attend as many as possible.

I have been in contact with a couple of well known field trainers that are very supportive of publishing their training advise. These are Dennis Voigt and Pat Burns. Dennis has been a contributor for many years. He has even has held a training seminar in New Zealand and made contact with Chesapeake owners/handlers and was impressed with what he saw. Both have provided permission to publish some of their training information. Such material is of the highest quality from some of the top pro trainers in North America.

Pat Burns has developed quite an Internet presence with training Webinars, Blogs and other sources of information. I'd encourage field people to contact Elite Retrievers, <https://www.eliteretrievers.com/> and see what he has to offer. Likewise Denis has excellent training materials available through Retrievers Online, <https://www.retrieveronline.com/> and YBS Media, <https://ybsmedia.com/index.php>. Great sources of advanced field training materials.

Another source that has been personally helpful to me is the Bill Hillmann site. Bill caters to amateur trainers with the pupose to train their own dogs. His web site: <https://billhillmann.net/home/>. His training approach is based more on teaching/learning and less on pressure. This results in training more suitable for hunt tests rather than field trials.

With Terry Dancy back as Conformation Vice president, we will be getting more reporting from the show side of the breed. Also the new position of Preformance, hopefully we will be hearing more about all the possibilities in working with our ChesaPeakes.

While the chessie was originally developed as a tough, hard working water dog, it has mellowed into a multi-purpose working dog having many abilities and talents. This opens up many possibilities for owners to work with their dogs. Everything from thereapy, search and rescue, conformation, obedience, hunting,

field competition and everything in between.

So if the traditional working gun dog side of the breed is not possible or in your sphere of interst, there are many others activities the chessie can excell at.

With several of our club owners dealing with the loss of their chessies this year, I'm putting in an entire section dealing with the grief that comes with such a loss. This is personal as I lost two of my favourite chessies over the past year.

With the filling of the membership position, we are already seeing the results with our membership exceeding seventy. Thank you Patti for your efforts. Congratulation to Mike Michel in winning the membership draw.

Brian West
Editor

F.G. SKINNER; CARROLL'S ISLAND; CHESAPEAKE BAY DUCKDOGS Sporting Family of the Old South 1936

Provided by Dyane M Baldwin

Frederick Gustavus Skinner was one of a generation who traveled the American countryside, hunted with thehounds, fought in the Civil War (a colonel in C.S.A.) and wrote extensively of his experiences. He wrote under the "name" F.G.S. for the Turf, Field and Farm an influential sporting publication of its day. Through his writings, hepromoted the first field trial, the first bench show of dogs (Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia 1876 of which he playeda part) and the first international gun trials held in the United States. Among these endeavors he came to ChesapeakeBay and wrote of the hunting and dogs of its shores. "For those who have not been there to give some description of the island, which when we take intoconsideration the quality as well as the number of wild fowl is probably the very finest ducking ground in the wholeworld."

The island was not suited to agriculture but was endowed with a coastline exceeding 20 miles due to its covesand creeks. Another feature that made it so attractive to waterfowl was the abundant eelgrass which is highly prized bymany ducks especially the Canvasback.

Cover Inset: Sedgcroft Meskanaw (Roady)

The prime fowling spot was the Carroll's Island bar that for a mile divided the Gunpowder River from the Bay. Skinner describes a phenomenal flight of ducks for close to two hours. "Ducks under certain weather conditions passed this bar in astounding numbers. In the line by the bar, about a gunshot apart, are the blinds or boxes with seats where the shooter warmly clad and partially sheltered from the wind waits the passing of the birds to and fro between the river and the Bay; and squatted under the lee of these blinds lie

noble Chesapeake dogs-the hardiest, boldest and best retrievers in the world, watching with almost human intelligence the flight and the fall of the swift-winged game." From his travels, F.G.S related exploits and hunting experiences of the gentry he meet.

In 1834, at Berkeley Springs (then Virginia) he met a man he named only as Campbell. Campbell was from Scotland and was described as "a hereditary chief of a once powerful clan in all the Highlands."

In discussing various breeds of dogs, F.G.S records the Chief's pronouncement on the Chesapeake Bay

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Vintage Photos - provided by Bruce Hood



Hi Brian,

The above photo was sent to me by Gary Chambers, an American facebook friend whose hobby is collecting vintage Chesapeake photos and memorabilia. He posts some really neat old photos on various facebook retriever sites. I had said to him recently that there seem to be few photos and records available of Canadian dogs and asked if he had any in his collection that we could share with Wave readers. He sent me this one a short while later with the description " Circa 1920. Alberta. Boy with Canada Goose and uncooperative Chesapeake Bay Retriever. From "A History of North American Goose Hunting: Images of the Morning's Sport.

Here are a couple of other photos that Gary Chambers sent me. For interest if nothing else.

Bruce note: Gary says, "Picked up a vintage list of CBR Champions and there were some American/Canadian Champions included. Early 1980's."

AM. & CAN. CH. CHESARITE'S JUSTIN TYME, CD, WD

(AM. & CAN. CH. DONWEN'S BOB OF TRICROWN, WD x CH. SEAMASTER'S GINGER, CD)

JUST IN TYME is the sire of 20 Champion offspring. His offspring include several group placing dogs and a son who has won 6 Canadian All Breed Best in Shows, and another son who was the first Chesapeake to win Best Puppy in Show in Canada.

Some of JUSTIN'S other accomplishments include:
 *FIRST Chesapeake to be Breeder, owner, handled to BEST IN SHOW!
 *FIRST Multiple BEST IN SHOW winning Chesapeake!
 *#1 Chesapeake in Canada 1983! After only 8 shows!
 *FIRST and only BEST IN SHOW dog to sire a BEST IN SHOW dog!
 *Winner of 3 DOG WORLD AWARDS of Cassie Distinction!
 *In the Top Ten Chesapeakes from 1974-1983!

AM. & CAN. CH. EASTERN WATERS CHARGN KNIGHT, CD



BIS CAN-CH CH* Eastern Waters Chargin Knight CD CH Eastern Waters' Oak CD TD WD x Eastern Waters' Ever Amber TD

dogs. "You have one variety of dog, unrivalled in all the world for the purpose for which he is intended; I mean your native retriever, fine specimens of which I saw on Carroll's Island and among the gentry of the Eastern Shore; the Lloyds, the Goldsboroughs, Tilghmans and others. These dogs are of noble presence, of almost human intelligence and of indomitable pluck.

With these qualities and a coat as close, warm and impervious as a skin of the seal, such as can be found on no other dog, they make in the hardest weather and roughest water the most powerful and best retrievers of wild fowl to be found in any country, and indeed, I am inclined to rank them equal with the Newfoundland and the St. Bernard.

Returning to Carroll's Island years later, F.G.S. writes of a hunting day on the bar with Tyrone Power an Irish actor, General Cadwallader and Chapin. "The boxes on the bar are provided with a bench at either end, one serving as a seat, the other to hold the ammunition ready for rapid loading. These boxes, about shoulder high, afford a good shelter from the cutting winds to which the bar is, of course, exposed. Outside and under the lee of the boxes when the wind was high and unusually cold, lay the dogs of that noble and

unique breed unrivalled in all the world as retrievers, known in my day as Carroll's Island dogs, but which now registered on the show benches as the Chesapeake Bay dogs.

With the senses of hearing and sight more acute than those of their masters, they watched with human anxiety the coming of the ducks, and exulting in their fall, would dash into the rushing tide amid the floating ice and retrieve their game from incredible distances.

Except the Newfoundland, there is no other variety of retriever that has the necessary physical strength to get through a hard day's work at a good ducking point with the thermometer down to zero. As a water dog, the short, close, seal like coat of our native gives him a great advantage over the Newfoundland who necessarily carries too much dead water in his long coat."

Today the breed still works the Bay and other waterways across the United States and into Europe. It is to the breeders of the present to retain those traits, both mental and physical, that has made this dog the renowned waterfowl retriever he is.

Health Topics

Question: What is a dog's normal body temperature?

Answer: The normal body temperature for a dog falls within the range of 100.5°F to 102.5°F (about 38°C to 39.2°C).

If your dog's temperature is outside of this range, you should contact your veterinarian. Body temperature over 104°F or under 99°F indicates an emergency situation.

In general, the most accurate way to measure a dog's body temperature is rectally. However, some

ear thermometers made especially for dog's ears can be considered somewhat accurate. In a pinch, temperature can be measured in the axillary region (underarm) and one degree can be added to the final reading. Be aware that this measurement is approximate and NOT considered very reliable.

It is also important to understand that you cannot gauge a dog's body temperature by touch. In addition, a warm or dry nose does not necessarily indicate a fever or any other health problem.

When Your Dog Doesn't Feel Well

By Robert Boswell (Gun Dog Magazine, October/November, 1990)

When your best dog doesn't feel well, he can't perform well. If he seems to be suffering from problems of the skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal tract, his symptoms may be an indication that he is allergic to something in his environment. Dogs, like people, are subject to allergic reactions which can be caused

by dust, pollen, molds, tobacco smoke, cleaning products, insect bites, and even certain foods. Your dog may be subject to one or more of these allergies. The following list includes the most common allergies, their symptoms, and what can be done to control or eliminate them.

Allergic Bronchitis: Allergic Bronchitis occurs when the dog inhales substances such as tobacco smoke, aerosol sprays, or fumes from cleaning products. Symptoms are caused by an allergic reaction in the dog's respiratory tract, and include

coughing, wheezing, and difficulties in breathing. Exercise will only increase the dog's respiratory problems.

Treatment: The cause of the allergy can be diagnosed through physical examination, x-rays, and microscopic examination of respiratory secretions. Your veterinarian may prescribe bronchodilators, a medication which will make breathing easier, or corticosteroids, which help suppress the allergic reactions. If a particular substance is determined to be the cause of the allergy, it should be removed from the dog's environment.

Atopic Allergies: Atopic allergies occur when the dog inhales pollen, dust or molds. Symptoms include frequent itching and may also cause hay fever-like reactions. Atopic dogs rub their faces, muzzles and eyes, scratch their armpits and ears, and bite their feet and legs. The itching sometimes spreads over the entire body, the dog's skin becoming red and irritated from scratching and chewing.

Treatment: Atopic allergies may be treated with a short course of anti-inflammatory medication, such as corticosteroid, if the disease is caused by a seasonal irritant. When it becomes a year-round problem, it will be necessary for your veterinarian to diagnose the cause. Special skin or blood tests will determine the source of the problem. Once the cause of the allergy is discovered, every attempt must be made to avoid exposing your dog to these irritants. Since it's not always possible to prevent exposure, it may be necessary for your dog to receive a series of hyposensitizing allergy shots.

Contact Allergies: Although most of the dog's body is covered with hair, there are certain portions of his anatomy which are not. Hairless areas include armpits, lower abdomen, groin, nose, the bottoms of his feet, and between his toes. If your dog has a contact allergy, redness and itching are the most common symptoms. Allergic contact dermatitis, or contact allergies, are caused when the dog's skin comes in contact with cleaning agents, plastics, grooming detergents, fertilizers, and some plants.

Treatment: If a contact allergy is suspected, your veterinarian may recommend removing the dog from his usual environment, perhaps by boarding, for a few days. If symptoms disappear, skin or blood tests will be used to isolate the cause of the problem. When the dog is exposed to the source of the allergy, symptoms usually reappear within twenty-four hours. Once the cause is deter-

mined, the condition can be remedied by removing the source from the dog's environment.

Gastrointestinal Allergies: Allergies to certain foods can cause such symptoms as diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and even skin problems. Preservatives in commercial pet foods, soybean products, wheat and gluten are common sources of food allergy reactions. Severe food allergies can cause chronic diarrhea and severe weight loss in dogs.

Treatment: Your veterinarian will diagnose the allergy by placing your dog on an elimination diet. When the source of the difficulty has been determined, the offending foodstuff must be omitted from the dog's diet.

However, there are additional diarrheas which may result from allergies. Two of the most severe are eosinophilic enteritis and plasmocytic-lymphocytic enteritis. If your dog develops chronic diarrhea, a veterinarian should be consulted at once: He or she will be able to determine both the cause and the proper treatment.

Injection Allergies: Some dogs are subject to anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction to injected drugs, vaccines, insect stings, medications or blood products. Symptoms include hives, swelling about the eyes, ears and mouth and, in severe cases, salivation, breathing difficulties, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain.

Treatment: If your dog exhibits these symptoms, he must be taken to a veterinarian immediately. Left untreated, the dog can become uncoordinated, collapse, and may even die.

Parasite Hypersensitivity: The most common allergic reaction in dogs is caused by the saliva of the flea. If your dog is allergic to flea saliva, a single bite is likely to cause severe itching, scratching, and chewing. If you live in a climate that includes winter freezing, the allergy may be seasonal. In warmer geographical areas, the problem is present all year. Either way, your dog needs help. Problem areas are along the lower back, insides and backs of the thighs, flanks, lower abdomen, and may include the neck and ears.

Treatment: Your veterinarian will prescribe an anti-inflammatory medication such as steroids or antihistamines to reduce the itching. He or she will also recommend an insecticide for stringent flea control. The latter is necessary both to treat the problem and to prevent any more reactions.

Since the flea depends on your dog for its life, the parasite will remain either on the dog, in the house,

or in the yard. All must be treated with some type of insecticide. Your veterinarian may suggest one of the newer and less toxic insecticides, such as the micro-encapsulated and synergized pyrethrins or one of the insect-growth regulators. These are very effective.

Keep in mind that the flea is one of nature’s hardiest creatures. A flea can survive freezing temperatures easily. It can also survive for up to two years without nourishment. Left in an empty house or in a rolled-up rug for a year or two, the flea simply bides its time while it waits for its next meal.

Your dog depends on you for his health and well-being. If you notice any unusual behavior or recurring symptoms, the dog may have an allergy. A veterinarian can prevent or minimize the suffering caused by allergic reactions. Once your dog regains his health, he’ll not only feel better, he’ll do a better job for you.

Gun Dog – October/November, 1990

Long Coat Database

I posted prior about the new DNA test that is available in the US for the Long Coat gene from DDC.

DDC- DNA Testing Laboratory | Animal DNA Test .

The tests are very reasonable priced at \$58. if you do 5 dogs or more it is \$48.

<https://www.dnacenter.com/vet/coat-length-test.html>

A Lab in Germany and England that we know of also offer the test.

Anyway, I am volunteering to keep a Data Base for the Long Coat dogs so we have a record/registry that we can use when needed for checking our pedigrees. I will put sire and dam on the list that the Breeder or Owner sends me for dogs that are know carriers because they have produced a long coat puppy and/or for dogs that have been tested. The results of the DNA test will be either Clear, Carrier or having the long coat.

Dog	Sex	Date	Result	Sire	Dam
Jane’s Little Digger	D	9-17-13	Clear	Brown Dog	George Deadgrass female
Jane’s Cloe	B	9-17-13	Carrier	Skippy III	Carla’s Butterfly Girl
Jane’s Susie	B	9-17-13	Carrier	Produced LC Bill’s Billyboy	Linda’s Little Girl

This is what the Database will look like:

Email me the registered name, sex, date of the test results or a date if known of when a long coat puppy was produced, the registered names of the sire and dam. (No titles) Please make sure your info is correct and accurate to put on this list. I will have this Database available soon on the ACC website and it can

be downloaded as a PDF at that time. I will make periodic updates as soon as possible as well. With just a few inquires I already have results of 30 dogs on the list.

This is another tool to use when breeding so that we can prevent this disqualification from happening when possible. Health clearances, conformation, etc are most important and this is another trait to consider when appropriate in your breeding program.

You may pass this email on to anyone that may be interested. Thank you.

Jane Pappler, Redlion Chesapeake, Labradors & Goldens

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Canine Hair Length

Description:

Some breeds of dogs, such as Labradors, always have a short-haired coat. Some breeds, such as Poodles, always have long hair. Other breeds can have either type of coat, like the Dachshund. This type of long coat is caused by a recessive genetic mutation in the FGF5 gene. The FGF5 gene controls the hair cycle and tells the hair when to stop growing.

Because it is a recessive mutation, a dog must have two copies of the recessive long-hair allele (l/l) to cause the dog to have long hair. A dog that has short hair could have one or two copies of the short-hair allele (L/L or L/l) to have the short-hair phenotype. Thus, it is possible for two short-haired dogs (if they are both carriers of the long-haired allele, L/l) to have a litter of both long-haired and short-haired pups. If two carriers breed, there is 25% chance per puppy of inheriting the long-haired gene. This may be of a concern for breeds in which long hair does not fit the breed standard.

Hair Length Testing:

Animal Genetics currently offers a test to determine the number of copies of the recessive “long hair” allele a dog carries. Dogs can be DNA tested at ANY age.

Sample Type:

Animal Genetics accepts buccal swab, blood,

and dewclaw samples for testing. Sample collection kits are available and can be ordered at Canine Test Now.

Testing is Relevant For The Following Breeds:

Alaskan Malamutes, Bullmastiff, Chihuahuas, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Dachshunds, Dalmatians, German Shepherd Dogs, Labrador Retrievers, Mastiffs, Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terriers, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Rottweilers, Schipperke, Shiba Inus, Weimaraners

Results:

Animal Genetics offers DNA testing for the recessive “L” allele. The genetic test verifies the presence of the mutation and presents results as one of the following:

L/L Short Hair

The dog is negative for the long-hair allele. The dog will have short hair and will always pass on the

allele responsible for short hair to any offspring.

ƒL/1 Short Hair

Both the dominant and recessive alleles detected. The dog will have short hair and carries the gene responsible for long hair. The dog can pass on a copy of either allele to any offspring.

1/1 Long Hair

The dog has two copies of the long-hair allele. The dog will have long hair and will always pass on a copy of the long hair allele to any offspring.

Select from Available Tests - there are many labs that can do DNA testing for the Long Coat gene including the following:

<https://dnacenter.com/products/veterinary/canine-dna-testing/breeds/chesapeake-bay-retriever-dna-tests/>

<https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/test/coat-length-dog>

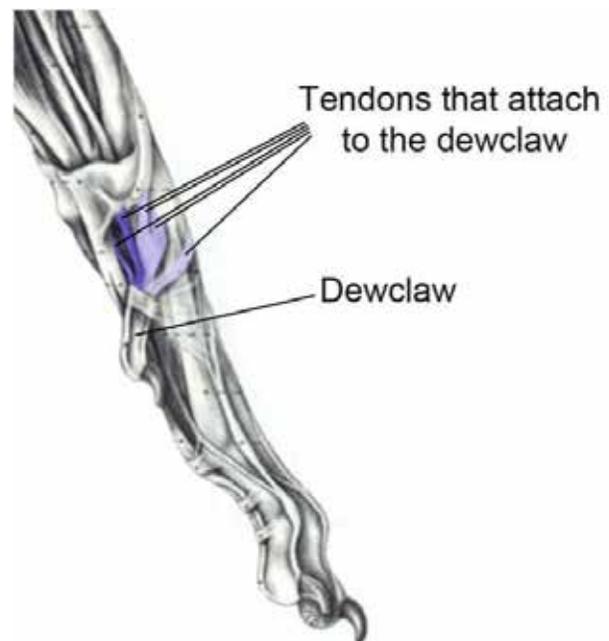
Do the Dew(claws)? M. Christine Zink DVM, PhD, DACVSMR

I am a vet that works exclusively with performance dogs, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that have had surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws. The others have all had them removed.

If you look at an anatomy book (Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of Dogs is an excellent one – see figure below) you will see that there are 5 tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are 5 muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse. Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque.

If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis. Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere. They can be absorbed by the dewclaw, or they will move up and down the leg to the toes, carpus, elbow, and shoulders.

Perhaps you are thinking, “I never have had one of my dogs have carpal pain or arthritis.” Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not tell us



about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don't complain unless it is excruciating. But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I almost always elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation.

As to the possibility of injuries to dew claws. Most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury. In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs "just in case." Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog's left front leg demonstrating the five tendons that attach to the dewclaw.

Source: CBRCC FB Reported by Bruce Hood
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/895907563778843/permalink/5246997342003155/>

Loss and Grief

"You Were a Part of Me"

By LEONARD H. GROSS

From Coca we learned the preciousness and the ephemeral quality of love—and of life itself.

I TOOK HER LIFE. This after years of pure love on her part. I had laughed at people who took extreme pains to prolong their dog's life, but in retrospect I understand.



Laker's last day.

When I was in my early 20'S, lonely, full of self-doubts because of my inability to stay with one person, I was moved by the harmony of a family I knew. Much of their good cheer revolved around the antics of a goofy, tireless, Chesapeake Bay retrieve named Coca. When she had a litter of two pups, I claimed one, perhaps seeking, through the dog, a smidgen of their happiness.

I named the puppy Coca, too. My Coca was chocolate brown and wavy-coated. The sun captured glints of silver-red, making her endlessly interesting and beautiful to look at. Whether Coca had a socializing, even calming, effect on me, I can't say. But the fact is, within weeks I started dating the woman who is now my wife.

Coca became an exceptional dog. Doted upon by two adults, she developed the brilliance of a precocious child. She was thoroughly people oriented, sensitive to every nuance of expression—tone of voice, facial gesture, how of movement. When I'd rise to explore the fridge or to go out, she'd bound to her feet. For other excursions within the house she'd remain relaxed. How did she know which it would be? If I frowned or sounded severe, she'd slink. When she wasn't sure of my mood, her face became a study in worryment.

At play, Coca was outstanding. I would form a hoop with my arms through which she had to walk to get to her food, and she quickly learned to leap through that circle. Sitting, lying down, rolling over were elementary. A palm in her face would make her wait, even with food in clear sight. On the street, she halted at curbs till I said it was okay to go. The briefest whistle or gentlest call was isolated by her ears from the city din, and she responded instantly. Never before or again have I been trusted so implicitly. Coca's unconditional love was pure.

I wasn't alone in cherishing Coca. On a beach, in a park, chasing balls, playing with children, being tugged at by babies, she generated good will and conversation. Her presence and reliability had a profound effect on my wife and me. We lived for five years in a cottage on the roof of a factory in New York City. No one else lived in the building. At night the elevator was inoperative—we had to walk eight flights. The companies in the building were periodically broken into and we always feared meeting burglars on the stairs. With Coca running a couple of flights ahead we felt at ease. If I went out, my wife felt more secure at home.

In a sense, the anecdotes fail to acknowledge Coca's real role in our lives. The texture of our existence was kinder and richer because she was there. The children, particularly the shy one, had an ever-present friend to snuggle with and murmur to. At times, she might not be able to hug or confide in me or her mother, but with Coca there she was not bereft of intimacy. Touch, physical warmth, acceptance, a returned kiss—all very important—were hers. In my childhood, grandparents, uncles and aunts were always close by to assure the children they lived in a loving world. In some small way Coca provided this same sort of ever-loving presence.

Wherever we went, Coca went also. She shared our lives in three apartments, was with us when we bought a home. She walked fields and boundary lines with us when we bought a farm. She went to Fire Island, Maine and thousands of other places with us. She watched over our children from the time they were born, observed them crawl, and stood by even as they forced her to endure the squeaks and squawks of their music lessons.

Coca remained lively for almost her entire 15 years, swimming, chasing after my truck as I went over fields to cut wood or gather apples. Then, about two years ago, she became deaf. She showed no other signs of age—was lean and muscular, ran a lot, her coat ever-shining. We adjusted to her deafness by using signals to communicate. When I let her out at night, flicking lights became the way to summon her home.

Shortly thereafter her rear legs became stiff. Leaping through my arms was given up. I had to lift her into the truck or station wagon.

At a certain point there was a loss of bladder control when she was left alone for several hours. Then she developed trouble climbing stairs, yet insisted on coming up each night to sleep in the same rooms as the family. I'd help her. Once upstairs she developed thirst or a need to go out. Then the



Laker's resting place in our orchard.

process was repeated. I lost sleep. Eventually, when there was no need we could think of to be satisfied, she continued to rise and whine. Her look became alarmed. Was she having dreams? Delusions? Was the hereafter calling?

The changes in Coca became undeniable. Her back legs gave out completely and friends whispered consolingly, "You'll have to put her to sleep."

That inevitability shook me. I couldn't do it. Toward the end I took to sleeping on a couch downstairs because she didn't have the strength to raise herself and would whine ceaselessly. I would get up, lift her, aligning her rear legs, and she would hobble. Shortly afterward, Coca would lie down, grow uncomfortable and have to be raised by me again. I hadn't had a full night's sleep in a long time.

Thoughts of killing her were excruciating: Who, I asked, can judge who is entitled to life? Do we kill the old and infirm? No. Why is Coca different? Old people can still derive pleasure from existence. Coca supposedly cannot. Who can be sure about these things? But, basically, I knew life was not my gift to give or take away.

I was also plagued by that cynical monitor in the brain, analyzing my emotions. Was I actually mourning for myself, Coca's end being a poignant reminder of my own mortality? Like T. S. Eliot's Prufrock measuring out his life with coffee spoons, was I calibrating that, if lucky, I had two more dogs left to my own lifetime?

It was my wife who made the appointment with the vet. When we told our children we were taking Coca to the clinic, my son asked whether she would be put to sleep. "If there's nothing he can do to help her, yes," I answered. The morning of the appointment my son asked whether he could be dropped off at school on the way to the vet. I said yes, but as I lifted Coca into the back seat I noticed him walking toward the street.

"Don't you want a ride?" I asked.

"I think I'll walk," he replied.

Coca had been scared on previous visits to the vet, and I didn't want that to be her last state, so I asked the vet if he would come to the car and, if necessary, do it there. Most people just leave their animals, but I couldn't accept Coca's carcass tossed on a garbage truck. The vet and his young assistant were upset and nervous. I was gratified they hadn't become hardened to doing this. I told them Coca wouldn't bite and I'd wait in the office, dreading the prospect of her looking up at me in that last instant.

The vet gave her a large shot of sodium pen-

total, the drug humans receive to be knocked out before operations. I came out and petted Coca, the vet listening for her heart-beat. He and his assistant were both deeply affected. I forced myself to say thank you.

I thought I had lost the capacity to cry, not having done so since child-hood. But I drove home with tears in my eyes and bawled helplessly as I dug a grave beneath a beech tree. Coca's death clearly was an outlet for other feelings. I don't know exactly what I cried over, but I know it was important—the preciousness and the ephemeral quality of friendship, love, bonds, life itself.

I spread a soft cotton blanket on the bottom of the pit and carried Coca to it. I was astonished by how light and rubbery she was. Her head dipped between her paws, which caught on the side of the grave.

Pliant as always, Coca's paws readily dropped after my touch and I curled her head over them, creating her normal sleeping position. I covered her with another soft blanket and placed the earth on top of it.

Now, weeks later, I still avoid the spot beside my bed where Coca slept, so as not to step on her. Before turning in, I arrest the impulse to let her out, and am surprised whenever I notice her water dish gone. I feel much as Robinson Jeffers did of his mourned wife: "It is not that I am lonely for you ... I am mutilated, for you were a part of me."

Source: Condensed from Glamour - August, 1979 Readers Digest



Our Winnie's last hug - we miss you!!
Brian West

When it's Time to Call 'TIME'...

This is a really hard, emotional subject. I've been wanting to write a post about it for a while. Take a look at the attached image and prepare to have some heartbreaking conversations.

The first one might be just between your dog and you, once you have walked to one of your favorite places. No one else needs to hear this conversation, as you struggle between the tears to get the words out to your best, best friend...

As the subject is so tough, it is definitely worth discussing among family members the criteria associated with the falling quality of life that would encourage you to make the make the hardest, kindest decision....

It seems that most people wait slightly longer than I have done...as there are heart-wrenching descriptions or videos from time to time with exhausted dogs who might have preferred slipping away earlier, but it's their owners who are not 'ready'.

Let's *STOP* with the myth that your dog is always going to tell you when it's time.

As DM, and other tragic ailments, take the dignity; the fun and the overall quality of life from our best friend, they might well be soldiering on.

Please -

They need and deserve us to step forward and say - IT'S TIME : There is never enough time... but today, my dear sweet friend, it is Timeand I shall miss you forever and a day, with an intensity that most dog owners do not begin to understand.

Today, you need me to put your needs ahead of my own, in the same selfless way that you have loved & honored me throughout your amazing life....

Good luck when you are navigating this horrible, important topic:

My thoughts are with you and your dog

Roger Booth

Source: The Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of Canada facebook page.

Written and posted by Roger on the CBRCC facebook page.

Sedgcroft Meskanaw - Tribute

April 09, 2009 - March 5, 2022

Editors Note: You might wonder why this tribute gets a bit more space than some. Its because some dogs have been closer to my heart and are just special dogs. Roady has spent time at our kennel and he produced 3 wonderful litters from our two females Winnie and Laker. Losing both of them this past year makes the passing of Roady even more emotional.

Rest in peace Roady boy.

Sedgcroft Meskanaw: New Hope's Blazing Sun x Crackshot Rose to the Occasion

Breeder: Diane Mazy

Owners: David Rankin and Terry Byrne

April 1, 2022

Brian

I sent some photos of Roady in our times together doing what we both loved. Chasing the migration so we could pursue the flocks of geese and ducks that came down every year. You want a tribute so here it is. Also, I just realized this am that my membership was up for renewal so I did that for both the WRHC and the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of Canada.....all done.

Terry

I first saw Roady as a puppy back in the spring of 2009 when his original owners David Rankin and Phyliss brought him home from Idaho as a little brown fur ball and he came to me and layed on his back showing his white blaze, telling me he was my friend. Dave later sent him as he grew older to be trained by a pro in Idaho and actually ran in some derby trials with Mark Henry and did pretty good from what I hear.

His background as you know comes from strong field trial dogs and it showed, he was 100% octane as a young dog and most of his life. He is captured on film jumping into the ice filled Bow River at ten like a kid at an amusement park at Disneyland. He loved his walks and swims in the Bow River, only thing he loved more in life to do was.....you guessed it, retrieving birds!!.....

When he was around two, I received a phone call from David asking me if I would be interested in owning him as he was not having him being boarded and trained anymore by a pro and he was at the age where he (David) no longer had the stamina or energy to work with Roady and that he might be a "good fit" with me.....wow, that was a great offer but I also had to keep in mind that I already had my Beartown Chesapeake "Widgeon" and a high rolling machine like Roady might be too much at that time, my other half, Teresa also agreed saying that he may not fit in with our family, especially with Widgeon, so we borrowed him for a day or two to see how he did.

Everyone took an instant liking to him except the older Chesapeake (ha-ha) but she later grew to like him and Teresa fell head over heels in love with him and to this day says he was her all time favourite dog for several reasons, including his looks. She often went to work with him as her "other half" or recently she referred to him as her "Covid Co-Worker".....

I started my waterfowl outfitting business, "West Winds Waterfowling ltd" back in 2012 and it was actually a fairly successful first year and Roady became addicted to retrieving ducks and geese and also loved chasing those fancy long tailed ringnecks after my northern outfitting season was completed. He figured the game out quite quickly and became very good at it.

Sometimes he was called upon by local hunters to



find lost and/or crippled birds. Sometimes those lost birds required doing blinds across the water, did not matter, he understood there was a bird to be had, he was all up for that! Rarely did we lose birds with him, he was a machine! He would often pickup a six man limit of ducks in the am (8-ducks each) and then go for geese in the afternoon, he just wanted to retrieve birds, and he did that!

In ten seasons as my retriever he returned a LOT of fowl, but as he turned ten, later in the year he aged over night and could not move like he once did and his days as my main “Picker upper” were no more. He was however, a great teacher for the younger dogs that were reluctant to pick up birds and that issue was solved with him. Yes, older dogs can teach the younger ones at times better than their human owners.....

Everyone that met Roady or hunted over him usually remembered him, in a very good way. He was never mean or surly, wanted to be everyone’s friend but more so, he wanted you to shoot ducks and geese for him!

He got along well with other dogs, never wanted to fight and although he was a high rolling retriever, never was mean to other animals or creatures but seemed to fully understand his role as retriever.

In fact, shorty story, I was driving down the road one day on a cool wet morning looking for birds when suddenly there was what appeared to be a small grey/blue creature on the road. I stopped and saw it was a kitten that was from a nearby farm that somehow escaped the litter.....not knowing what to do, I took the helpless kitten with me (while noting a fresh badger hole near where she was).....into town to get food for her. I left her in the front seat while Roady stayed in the back as his normal domain. When I returned back to the truck, the kitten was not in the front seat as I looked for it, the kitten was in fact in the back snuggled with Roady as he kept her safe and warm. He



must have picked her up because she was too small to climb up on the seat by herself.

My words for Roady are not in sorrow or grief but gratitude, I am so thankful we could spend these moments in time together and I believe our time was meant to be. Still have a little bag of hair from him that was taken at the vet in his last moments of life, I carry it with me and I feel he’s still here.

There are so many things I could say about Roady, so many little stories, but I’m sure we heard them all before as Chesapeake owners. I will say however to point out that he never stole food off the table or from people, never attacked or showed aggression towards anyone or any other dog.

He did as a Chesapeake show stubbornness at times but all chessie owners have come to expect that, it’s in their DNA. He was very birdy, understood the retriever game very well, no water too icy or cold, no weather too miserable, he was ready to ‘Rock N’ Roll’ and did so with enthusiasm and any resentment ever. Employers love this type of employee.

Every serious and experienced Chesapeake breeder understands at least the basics of breeding(I hope) for genetic faults and inherent risks as to which females are compatible for selected males, be it for genetic markers or characteristics such as retrieving desire, temperament, physical structure, coat and perhaps a number of other items. When the right combination happens, it’s a great thing for both the breed , Chesapeake owners, breeders too for that matter.





Perhaps the biggest regret I have regarding my Chesapeake♥ journey was not getting a pup from Brian West's female and recently deceased I'm sorry to say, "Laker" who when bred to Roady produced absolutely great looking and working dogs that were very high octane. That and very tractable dogs that would absolutely excel in the field.

He did two breedings of Roady/Laker and I did not get a pup.....big mistake, very big! Three times a charm? Could be but won't happen in this

case for obvious reasons. I lament my decision of not getting a pup from that breeding. It is good to know however that his pups are out there to carry on his great retriever traits. I am informed that there is semen available from him too should the right female be available.

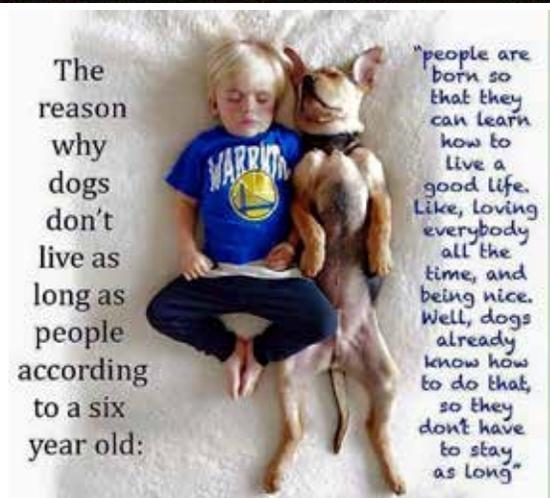
Thank you Roady old friend, we think about you every day and recall all the happy moments like our walks together, our waterfowl hunts or just when you jumped in the truck with me just to go for a ride and you would sometimes poke your big round head out the window while people smiled at your presence.

Glad I had the opportunity to cook that Bison steak for you during your last days here with us. Going to miss giving you a daily hug that we both always enjoyed. Miss you lots big guy, wish you were here. I'm sad that it's over but very glad that it was. RIP Sedge Croft's Meskanaw aka Roady!

Terry Byrne



Roady with daughter Sophia.



The reason why dogs don't live as long as people according to a six year old:

"people are born so that they can learn how to live a good life. Like, loving everybody all the time, and being nice. Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long"

Quality of Life Scale (HHHHMM Scale)

Using a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = Unacceptable, 10 = Excellent), patients can be evaluated for their quality of life.

Score	Criterion
0-10	Hurt —Is the patient in pain, including distress from difficulty in breathing? Can the pet’s pain be successfully managed? Is oxygen necessary?
0-10	Hunger —Is the pet eating enough? Does hand-feeding help? Does the pet require a feeding tube?
0-10	Hydration —Is the pet dehydrated? Are subcutaneous fluids once or twice daily enough to resolve the problem? Are they well tolerated?
0-10	Hygiene —The pet should be kept brushed and clean, particularly after elimination. Does the pet have pressure sores?
0-10	Happiness —Does the pet express joy and interest? Is he responsive to things around him (family, toys, etc)? Is the pet depressed, lonely, anxious, bored, or afraid? Can the pet’s bed be near the kitchen and moved near family activities to minimize isolation?
0-10	Mobility —Can the pet get up without assistance? Does the pet need human or mechanical help (eg, a cart)? Does she feel like going for a walk? Is she having seizures or stumbling? <i>Note: Some caregivers feel euthanasia is preferable to amputation, yet an animal with limited mobility may still be alert and responsive, and can have a good quality of life as long as the family is committed to quality care.</i>
0-10	More Good Days than Bad —When bad days outnumber good days, the pet’s suffering is appreciable and quality of life might be too compromised. When a healthy human-animal bond is no longer possible, the caregiver must be made aware that the end is near.

Total: A total of > 35 points is acceptable quality of life for pets.

Adapted from Canine and Feline Geriatric Oncology: Honoring the Human–Animal Bond, Villalobos A, Kaplan L—Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2007, with permission.

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A Tribute to Bruno Bergeron and Skeetercreek Freyja (GMH) 2009 - 2021
by Steve Larouche

My meeting with my friend Bruno took place in July 2007 during a hunt test at Lac St-Jean. This meeting will remain forever in my memory. During this hunt test.... There was an unusual fact...there were cows in the test fields Not one but one but twenty. To all the people who do trials we are quite nervous and every time something happens that we did not practice it goes up a notch. I was very anxious and devastated. This is where I met Bruno. He reassure me, focus on the positive side and It allowed me to evacuate my stress. He even gave tips and took me under his wing. This is Bruno Bergeron. A gentle fellow who likes peoples and a generous guy.

Bruno Bergeron trains is dogs in the same way. With passion, time and patience. He s a team player with his faithful companion.

At the time, there were not many Chesapeakes running in the circuit

of hunt tests. He asked me a lot of questions about chessies and saw the connection that only a Chesapeake can have with his master. He took contact with my friend Henry Goeree. 2 years later...he met the wonderful Freyja.

The adventure began! Quite an adventure! A



journey that took nine years but which led to a GMH (Grand Master Hunter). Very few new Chesapeake owners have achieved this feat! Few Chesapeake's reached this potential in Canada but Freyja succeeded with Bruno!

What a great adventure!

Thank you Bruno on behalf of all your Hunts Test friends for putting your passion, your courage, your determination and your experience with Freyja.

Know that you and her will remain forever in the memory of all enthusiasts Chesapeake from Quebec and Canada.

Your friend Steve Larouche

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Ma rencontre avec mon ami Bruno eu lieu en juillet 2007 lors d'un hunt test au Lac St-Jean. Cette rencontre restera à jamais gravée dans ma mémoire. Lors de ce hunt test... Il y avait un fait inusité...il y avait des vaches dans le champs du test au fond Pas une mais une vingtaine. À tous les gens qui ont déjà fait des hunts tests, on est déjà nerveux et à chaque fois qu'un truc arrive où l'on n'était pas pratiqué cela monte d'un cran. J'étais très anxieux et dévasté. C'est

là que j'ai connu Bruno. Il m'a permis d'évacuer mon stress et m'a donné des trucs et m'a pris sous son aile.

Bruno Bergeron c'est ça. Un homme passionné, bienveillant, généreux de son temps et joueur d'équipe avec son fidèle compagnon.

À l'époque, il n'y avait pas beaucoup de Chesapeake dans le circuit des hunts tests. Il me posait beaucoup de questions et voyait la connexion que seul un Chesapeake peut avoir avec son maître. Il a pris contact avec mon ami Henry Goeree. 2 ans après ...il a fait connaissance de la belle Freyja.

L'aventure commença! Toute une aventure! Un chemin qui a pris neuf ans mais qui mena à un GMH (Grand Master Hunter). Très peu de nouveaux propriétaires de Chesapeake ont réussi cet exploit! Peu de Chesapeake ont atteint ce sommet au Canada mais Freyja a réussi avec Bruno!

Quel bel aventure!

Merci Bruno au nom de tous tes amis de Hunts Test d'avoir mis ta passion, ton courage, ta détermination et ton expérience à avoir entraîné la belle Freyja.

Sache qu'elle restera à jamais dans la mémoire de tous les passionnés de Chesapeake du Québec et du Canada.

Steve Larouche



Photos provided by Steve Larouche

Conformation News

The Show Report - Terry Dancey Director of Conformation

Top 5 Chesapeake's in the Conformation Ring for 2021

#1 Grand Champion Excellent, Stonepeake's Dirty Tommie CGN RN, (Tommie)
 Owned/bred By Zabrina Livingstone. Handled by Tammy Sawatzky



2 GCH Queen's Don't Call This A Comeback, (Faraday)
 Owned by Kaye Broens-Elwood, Handled By Lisa Wright



#3 Ch Stonepeakes Blue T Shadow RN (Blue)
 Owned by Doug and Marie Carlson, Handled by Doug. Breeder: Stonepeake Chesapeakes - Zabrina Livingstone.



#4 CH Tsunami's Rednecker Than You (Hardy)
 Owner/Breeder/Handler in 2021 by Terry Dancey



#5 GCHS/GCHB Redlion's Invasion CGC TKN (Doc)
 Owned by Amanda and Tammy McAllister and Robert Boyd
 Bred by Jane Pappler



How it all works, numbers count.

To obtain a championship in conformation, a dog must obtain 10 points by defeating other dogs within their own breed or from group placings. These points must also be awarded by at least 3 different judges.

The dog must also obtain at least 1- 2 point win at breed level or group level to be called a champion.

Points are allocated as follows.

Breeds at group level	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
13 or more (pts)	5	4	3	2
10 to 12 (pts)	4	3	2	1
6 to 9 (pts)	3	2	1	1
5 (pts)	2	1	1	1
4 (pts)	2	1	1	1
3 (pts)	2	1	0	0
2 (pts)	1	0	0	0
1 (pts)	0	0	0	0

Grand champion titles are a subject for another day.

Respectfully submitted : Terry Dancey Director Of conformation.

BREED STANDARD OF AN EXHIBITOR

CHARACTERISTICS

A pleasant intelligent person, helpful, considerate, attentive and of a sporting demeanour. Always willing to give advice and assistance to newcomers, or to others needing it. Attentive to the needs of the dogs being handled, and present each dog to its best advantage.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A neat, smart, fit looking individual, well-groomed, well shod and well-equipped, who moves freely both in and out of the ring.

TEMPERAMENT

Calm, confident, unhurried and friendly.

HEAD

Neither big nor pin headed. Skull broad to allow for plenty of brain power. Expression pleasant and smiling, regardless of judges' decisions, other exhibitors' actions and the dog's behaviour. Nose small so as to not be stuck into where it is not wanted.

EYES

Sharp and bright Observant of other exhibitors location, judge's hand signals and the movement and position of all dogs in the ring.

MOUTH

Usually best kept closed except to briefly answer judge's questions or to congratulate successful exhibitors. Teeth clean, white and presented in a smiling fashion at all times.

NECK

Long enough to hold the head up proudly and flexible enough to turn the head as to observe everything that is happening in the ring. Should never be stuck out.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders broad and able to shrug off unsporting comments from other exhibitors. Arms of sufficient length and strength to extend a handshake to the winners, keep a firm hold on the dog, collect any prize cards, and give a friendly pat to the dog all at the same time.

BODY

Sufficiently slim as to not impede other exhibitors leaving the ring and to not completely block the judge's view of all the dogs behind.

HINDQUARTERS

Well developed and strong so as to be able to move the dog in the ring at its optimum speed.

FEET

Firmly on the ground as this is only a sport after all. To be kept out of the mouth at all times.

GAIT

Free moving and graceful, moving in harmony with the dog's speed.

COAT

Dress should be neat, clean and tidy, neither flamboyant nor immodest, but designed to allow free movement without distraction to any dog in the ring. Feet should be well shod in practical shoes to allow for easy movement.

COLOUR

Should be chosen to complement the colour of the dog, or if several different coloured dogs are being handled, to at least not completely hide the outline of any dog, e.g. Wearing a long black skirt when showing a black dog.

SIZE

Exhibitors may come in all sizes and shapes, the only limitation being ability to do justice to the dog when in the ring.

MAJOR FAULTS

Dirty or scruffy appearance, grumpy, vicious or flustered temperament; swollen head; loud mouth, especially when used for insulting comments or bad language; unsporting behaviour; unkempt dress.

NOTE:

The usual Kennel Club requirement that all males have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum has been dispensed with, in the interests of decorum and to avoid any sudden inspections with attendant violent reactions, while male exhibitors are attending dog shows.

Show News/Results

NEW CH - THINKER



AM CH, Can CH* Redlion's What Do You Think, JH, WDX

Thinker finished his CH title 4-30-22 in Delaware at the Wilmington KC by going Winners Dog and Best of Winners for 3 points under Judge Kimberly Anne Meredith. He previously won two 5 point majors at ACC supported shows in Philadelphia and York, PA. CH Redlion's Come Back Hudson and out of Am GCHB*, CBISS, Can GCH*, UKC BIS/CH*, Redlion's For What It's Worth, JH. Also 3-19-22 Delaware Co KC, York, PA, ACC Supported Show WD/BW 5 pts Judge Dana Cline
Owner/Breeders: Jane Pappler and Darren Sausser. Handled by Jane and by Will Chrzanowski.

NEW AM CH - RYE



CH Chesacola's Tennessee Honey. (Rye)

GCHS/GCHB Redlion's Invasion CGC TKN x CH Chesacola's All Hallow's Eve BN RN BCAT
Owners: Michelle Keehn, Amanda McAllister, Tammy McAllister and Robert Boyd
Bred by Brian and Angie Cox
 Rye and Michelle traveled to Nashville Tennessee in March for her first Akc confirmation event. Rye took WB all 4 days and went BOB over specials on the Friday for a 4 point major. The following weekend was a stop for 2 days in Kentucky. Rye went Rwb on Friday and BW on Saturday for a 5 point major.

In April Rye and Robert took a quick trip to Indiana where Rye took BOS on the first day to finish her AKC CH at 16 months old.

#1 CHESAPEAKE, #5 ALL-BREED - DOC (2021)



GCHS/GCHB Redlion's Invasion CGC TKN (Doc)

GCHS/GCHB Redlion's Invasion CGC TKN By. MBIS MRBIS GCHP Sandbars Hardcore Hank MH QAA x Redlion's Flying Circus
Owners: Amanda and Tammy McAllister and Robert Boyd
Bred by: Jane Pappler
 Doc and Amanda ended 2021 as #1 Chesapeake in

See next page for more details.

Report cont'd on "Doc"

Canada in breed points and #5 in all breed points. Only shown for 2 long weekends for the year in Canada. 2022 for Amanda and Doc has started out pretty well. Spending limited time in Canada and USA. As of June 1st Doc is ranked #2 Chesapeake in all breed in Canada and is ranked #10 in breed points in USA and #16 all breed in USA

Report by Robert Boyd

NEW CH - HARDY



CH Tsunami's Rednecker Than You "Hardy"

By: AM Ch Next Generation's Ironwood Walnut QA2 x Tsunami's Cowgirl Logic
 OFA Hips-Excellent, Elbows-Normal, Patella's-Normal, PRA-Car, DM-Car Eic-normal

I am happy to say that Hardy has finished his Championship. Judge Ben Wasylszen awarded him his last needed point and was also the group judge that day. Mr. Wasylszen cut the group down to 6 dogs. Hardy was one of the 6. Even though he didn't place in the very competitive group, it was an honour to see him in the final 6 dogs.

Handle by: Kristine Neilson
Owned and Bred by: Terry Dancy, Tsunami Kennels.

Report by Terry Dancy

Field Results

NEW WC, WCI, WCX - Mathias



Pine Haven's Mathias JH WCX (Caroways High-country Gambler x

Westpeake Ruin JH)

Pine Haven's Mathias JH WCX had an outstanding day at the Working Certificate testing put on by the Eastern Flyway Hunting Retriever Club. He successfully passed the WC, WCI and WCX tests all in one day.

Owner/Handler: Laurie Waye
Breeder: Heather Mycholuk

Source: Pine Haven's FB page.

NEW QAA & CH - Barret



Can CH Redlion's Come Back Barret* QAA TDX JH DS.** See next page details

From previous page --

So very proud of our boy Barret!
At Colonial Fied Trail today in CT, he ran the 34 dog Qualifying, done in one day. He was one of 7 to the last series for water triple with long retired gun and an honor.

He won 2nd place and is a new Qualified All Age FT dog! Thanks to trainer and handler Lois Munroe of Heart and Soul Retrievers in NH for guiding him today to the right places. She works so hard with our dogs, everyday.

Tomorrow he gets a good bath and Sunday he switches hats and is at the Trenton dog show!

This little boy had a tuff start, couldn't get out of the birth canal due to an obstruction only his nose was out and I thought he was dead. Two hours later by c-section he actually was alive, so he was special from the beginning.

Barret is a great house companion on a horse farm with Leighann Barnes. Her passion is Tracking and Barret easily got his TD and TDX.

With field training in between, this boy is always pumped and we are always nervous on the line!

We had a fantastic weekend this spring getting QAA and CH two days later. Friday, May 6, 2022 Barret ran the 34 dog Qualifying in CT with trainer/handler Lois Munroe and got a 2nd, new Qualified All-Age!

Saturday he had a bath and a long nap. Sunday I showed him at the Trenton Dog Show, an ACC supported entry. He won Winners Dog and Best of Winners to complete his show championship. Barret loves working but we just have to be able to keep up with him!

Handler: Lois Munroe

Owners: Jane Pappler and Leighann Barnes.

Report by Jane Pappler

NEW JUNIOR HUNTER - WINSTON



Redlion's Winston Churchill received his 3rd JH leg 6-18-22 in CT and 6-26-22 got his 4th consecutive pass in Maine to complete his Junior Hunter title. Such a hard running young boy and he's getting excited about the game. Winston's sire is Am/Can CH Redlion's Come Back Barret*** QAA, TDX, JH, DS, CGC and his mother is Redlion's Texas Toast.

O/B: Jane Pappler.

Handler/Trainer: Lois Munroe of Heart and Soul Kennel in NH.

NEW WCX - GCH - MR. BLUE



CH Northwind's Big Prairie Sky "Mr. Blue" RN JH WCX

(CH Shallcross Lake's Chaamp RA MH x CH Montauk's Copper Penny RN SH WDX WCX)

Received his WCX title at the recent Lanark Highlands Working Certificate Event in June. He also obtained his Grand Champion Title (pending CKC approval) at the Ottawa Kennel Club Show in May. Owner/Handler: Bruce Hood & Olissia Stechishen

Report - Gary Ridout, Ontario Director

2021 US Derby National, written by Frank Pittelli.

It's not often in the field trial world that handlers get to see the judges' scores. However, for national events, The Retriever News posts the scores for all of the finalists, providing us a glimpse of each dog's performance. Here is Sam's critique for the trial and a summary of all 15 Finalists.

Basically, over a total of 20 marks, in 10 series, over 5 days, it came down to just a few mistakes. Sam made a mistake in the 3rd Series (veered off a perfect line as he approached the gun) and I made a mistake in the 5th Series (didn't line him up properly for the memory mark).

The immortal words of Ricky Bobby, "If you ain't first, you're last", easily apply to field trials but in this case, at least we have a good idea how far out of first we were.

No. 36 – Rocky Hooks JJs Play It Again

CBRM, 12/28/19, owners Marston Jones and Frank Pittelli
 FC Topsail's Good Time Buddy ex JJ's Chi-Town Jazz
 Breeder: Mitch Patterson

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| Judges Critique | 4. Excellent | 8. Very Good |
| 1. Excellent | 5. Good | 9. Excellent |
| 2. Excellent | 6. Excellent | 10. Very Good |
| 3. Good | 7. Excellent | |

2021 National Derby Finalists

Team	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Pts (4-3-2-1)	Pts (5-3-1-0)
32 – Sanders (A) & Winnie	7	2	1	0	36	42
36 – Pittelli (A) & Sam	6	2	2	0	34	38
28 – Lynch (P) & Charlie	5	3	1	1	32	35
14 – Lynch (P) & Wyatt	6	0	4	0	32	34
52 – Thompson (A) & Kobe	4	4	2	0	32	34
01 – Moroz (A) & TC	4	4	1	1	31	33
15 – Dunn (P) & Bow	5	2	2	1	31	33
13 – Koether (A) & Huck	4	2	3	1	29	29
53 – Morley (A) & Herbert	4	2	3	1	29	29
38 – Baker (P) & Socks	3	3	4	0	29	28
26 – Wright (P) & Tor	4	1	4	1	28	27
48 – Gliese (A) & Red	4	1	4	1	28	27
50 – Olean (A) & Diggy	4	1	4	1	28	27
12 – Pleasant (P) & Teddy	2	4	2	2	26	24
06 – Eichelberry (P) & Lotie	1	4	2	3	23	19

2021 TOP DERBY DOG & DERBY LIST



Not hard to find Sam in this photo lineup from The Retriever News, April 2022. He's the good looking one in the brown coat.



Samisgunn's Amrillo, "Ammo"

2 Seasoned passes,
 Lake Ontario HRC, June 2022.
 Owner/Handler: Cody Melvin



**Montauk's Kitty Hawk, 2 Senior passes
 Silverpeake Cooper's Hawk, 1 Junior
 pass, Horseshoe Retriever Club, June 2022,
 Owner: Laura Biancolin.**

Reported by Gary Ridout

Reporting the Alberta Hunt tests, July 1, - July 11, 2022

Labrador Hunting Retriever Club - July 1, 2022

Held at the training grounds at Wabamun, AB

Five chessies entered in this event with at least one in each level, one in Master Hunter, two in Junior Hunter and two in Senior. The exciting news is that there were Qualifying ribbons earned in all three levels.

Leroy Mulrooney led the way with a qualifying score in Master Hunter with his Beretta, Heather Mycholuk with Bishop and Ross Schmidt with Zeva both with passes in the Junior Hunter category. To fill out the day, Brian Whittaker's Sue earned a pass in Senior Hunter. Brian West was the odd man/dog out when his young female Fly broke on the water honor on the final SH test of the day.



Qualifying Chessies - Clipper Club, July 3, 2022 Wabamun, AB

Leroy Mulrooney - Beretta, Master Hunter
Brian West - Fly, Senior Hunter
Brian Whittaker - Sue, Senior Hunter
Ross Schmidt's Zeva with her title JH pass, but not available for the photo.

Alberta Clipper Hunting Retriever Association - July 2-3, 2022

Saturday July 2, 2022

Horrible weather on Saturday with steady rain. But was just chessie weather. Entries similar to the day before, chessies were entered in all three levels on both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturdays results again saw Leroy and Beretta with a Master Hunter pass, Brian Whittaker and Sue with a pass in Senior Hunter. Both Heather's Bishop and Ross's Zeva both with Junior Hunter passes.



Pine Haven Bishop (Caroways Highcountry Gambler x Westpeake Ruin JH WC)
2 Qualifying JH scores
WC Certificate (July 16, 2022)
Owner/Handler/Breeder: Heather Mycholuk

NEW JUNIOR HUNTER - ZEVA



Dakens in the Livingskies WC JH (Zeva)
Bluecollars Full Metal Jacket QFTR MH CD x CH
Dakens Shadow Queen CGN JH WC
Owner/Handler: Ross Schmidt
Breeder: Dave Lancaster

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Sunday July 3, 2022

Same group of chessies entered as the Friday test, but the results weren't quite as good. Leroy's Beretta discovered the sting of defeat in Master Hunter, going out on the water blind. Both Brians', Whittaker and West made it thru Senior Hunter with Sue and Fly with very solid performances.

Ross made it thru with a title performance with his Zeva. Congrats to Ross and Zeva on very good work all three days. Now Ross is quaking in his boots thinking about jumping up to the Senior Hunter level.

So great to see the chessies at this event, not only see them, but see them perform well and take home their share of ribbons. This bodes well for our dogs here in the west. There are several others that hopefully will launch into the hunt test world with their young chessie.

Rather than maybe one Chesapeake entered and not taken seriously, when several enter, perform well and end up with ribbons, people's head start to turn and take the brown dogs seriously.



Ross Schmidt with his new JH Zeva - 3 for 3 passes.

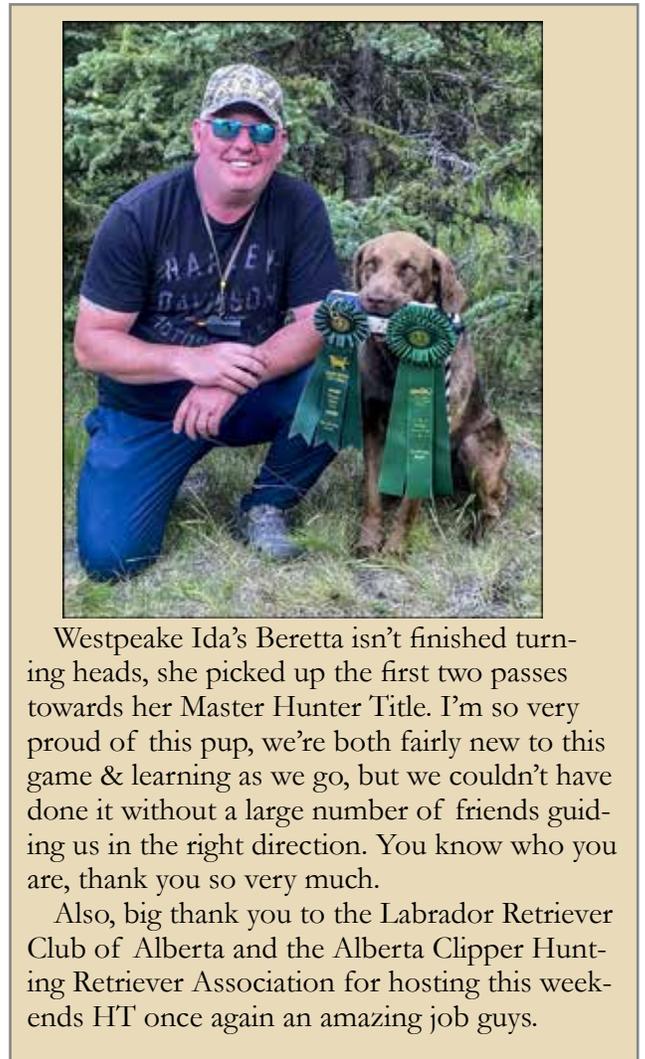
WildRose Hunting Retriever Club - Calgary, July 9-10

One week later, the action moved to Irricana, AB. This is an area of open range, cattle country with undulating terrain and water mostly supplied by irrigation. So the tests can be very variable with the natural terrain. Also lots of gophers (Richardson ground squirrels) and badgers hunting them for dinner. This results in lots of badger/gopher holes - so watch your step.

On Friday a Masters test was put held by the AFTA, quite a tough technical test by reports, held on the training land of Dan and Laura Danforth. Only one chessie entered - Leroy's Beretta. Unfortunately she didn't qualify, went out on the water blind - those dang water blinds!!!!

Saturday July 9, 2022

Beautiful day at Irricana. Four chessies entered to-



Westpeake Ida's Beretta isn't finished turning heads, she picked up the first two passes towards her Master Hunter Title. I'm so very proud of this pup, we're both fairly new to this game & learning as we go, but we couldn't have done it without a large number of friends guiding us in the right direction. You know who you are, thank you so very much.

Also, big thank you to the Labrador Retriever Club of Alberta and the Alberta Clipper Hunting Retriever Association for hosting this week-ends HT once again an amazing job guys.

day, two in Master Hunter and two in Senior Hunter. Master chessies were Leroy's Beretta and Dana Schmidt from BC with his Sophi. Unfortunately a difficult Masters and both chessies failed to qualify. Different story though with the seniors as both



Brian Whittaker with Sue and Brian West with Fly. Senior Hunter Passes. Saturday July 9th, Irricana, AB

chessies made it through. Brian Whittaker with his boy Sue and myself with Fly. Sue had an especially strong test for her 4th in a row.

After Fly breaking on the water honour at Wabamun I was nervous about Fly's steadiness, even when the running dog broke on the water double, Fly managed to keep her butt on the ground for the honour and earned her second SH pass in a row.

Sunday July 10, 2022

Over at the Masters under judges Jeff Morari and Steve Bushie, it was no secret that a very unique test was coming and so it was. Starting off with a chaotic land triple featuring simultaneous launches by two wingers, plus a further 3rd mark. Before the pickup of the memory bird, it was interrupted with a blind. Too much for Beretta and she didn't make it through the test.

Dana moved his Sophi♥ entry over to the Senior test and she made it through with nice work.

My Fly earned her 3rd ribbon in a row in SH.

Her water blind was weak but her land blind and marks on both water and land carried her through.

Again, nice to see a nice entry of chessies and good results. In the Senior test, only 4 out of an entry of 10 dogs made it through to qualify and 2 were chessies.

Reported by Brian West



Dana Schmidt and Sophi and Brian West with Fly. Senior Hunter passes. WildRose Club - July 10, 2022 - Irricana, AB



Collage - Clipper HT - SH & JH Wabamun, July 2-3, 2022

Versatility Activities



Northwind's First Light "Tango"

Tango began her 2022 dock diving where she left off in the fall of 2021 by jumping 23 feet. We hope she can extend this distance by another foot or two.



Northwind's Drifting River "Drifter"

Drifter received her Advanced Dock Diving Title with jumps ranging between 21'3" to 22'6". Drifter also received her WCI title at the recent Lanark Highlands Working Certificate Event in June.

Tango, Sassy and Drifter results reported by Bruce Hood - thanks Bruce



Northwind's Sassy Autumn Red "Sassy"

Sassy reached her 500 point mark at the Sprinter event hosted by the Borzoi Club of Ontario in June 2022 and obtained her Sprinter title.



**I give you Nordais Pure Jagermeister SH, WCX, NTD, SD-S
Titling in nosework at almost 11 years old
Owner/Handler: Emilie Bourassaw**

North American Sporting Dog Association (NASDA)

“Try it, you’ll like it! Assured Dian & Jeanne, barn hunt trial buddies.”

“What is it? And why would Bart & I like it?”

“Because it’s lots of fun for dogs and handlers!” was their enthusiast reply.

So I registered online, got a NASDA competition number and filled out my first trial entry form. Before I could press send the trial was FULL!

This was harder than trying to get into a scent detection trial I thought! When I heard there was another trial in Alberta in the spring of 2022 I was poised and ready over the computer. We entered everything we could – Trial & Locate 1, Shed 1, Urban Locate 1, and a challenge game. We got in – now I had to figure out what the heck this sport is all about – LOL.

NASDA was formed in 2016 to demonstrate the olfactory abilities of dogs. Trials are designed to resemble both historic working and competitive fieldwork as closely as possible plus promote and celebrate the versatility of all dogs.

Every dog owner knows that dogs are able to pick up scents up to 100,000 times better than humans can. Historically these abilities were embraced and many breeds of dogs were developed to assist people in searching, hunting, and locating.

NASDA Working Dog Trials offer an opportunity for all dogs to engage in scent games previously open to only a select few breeds and working dogs. They also welcome physically challenged dogs and/or handlers.

Competing teams can earn titles and championships that showcase their merits and abilities within hunt and search situations. NASDA maintains a registry of trial results and titles awarded

During the COVID-19 quarantine NASDA recognized people’s desire to continue performance training and earn titles with their dogs. NASDA offered a limited time video submission titling with items found around the home.

Teams were able to train at their own pace then take a video of a run and upload the clip.

While I was looking through their registry there is every kind of dog – Airedale Terrier (10) to Yorkshire Terrier (4) to Mixed Breeds (377) to Labradors (137) to some names I couldn’t pronounce, and almost everything in between EXCEPT, as of this writing, there

were NO Chesapeake Bay Retrievers but there are two Curly Coated Retrievers.

There are five areas that dogs may compete in

1. Trailing and Locating Standard Class – leashes optional at Levels I & II: Level III must run off leash.

2. Urban Locating – leashes are required at all levels

3. Brace Locating – all levels compete off leash

4. Shed Dog - leashes optional at Levels I & II: Level III must run off leash

5. Lost Item Standard Class – leashes are required at all level

Lines and leashes may be up to 30 feet in length and of any material.

At the lower levels, I & II, hides are shown to the handler and for levels above the hides are “blind”.

In Trailing and Locating, Urban Locating and Brace Locating quarry animals (rats are preferred, unless not permitted then rodents of similar size or likeness maybe be used. In Alberta gerbils are used) are in a secure quarry cage.

The Shed Class is exactly what is sounds like – the search for deer antlers and the retrieval.

In the Lost Item Standard Class Level I is a handler scented item (wallet, keys, clothing); Level II is a stranger scented item (Level I items plus a digital item); Level III are challenge items – credit card, ring, single key, remote control and or watch.

All of the above classes have set time limits, amount of area to be search, height item may be hid at as well as bonus points that can be earned and possible deductions a team may incur.

This brief outline hopefully will pique you and your dog into “Try it, you’ll like it!” Bart and I did and Bart titled in three and earned three high in class all in one weekend.

Karen Douglass - Director of Performance Sports

**I DON'T KNOW
WHOSE DOG NEEDS
TO HEAR THIS, BUT
JUST BECAUSE IT
CRINKLES DOESN'T
MEAN IT'S YOUR
SNACK.**

Field Training

Challenges for Newbies and Experienced Alike

by Dennis R. Voigt

Perusing a bunch of Internet chats recently, it seems some think Training Groups can be your best and most important source of information while others relied on the Internet as their number one source of information.

Some recommended newbies go to a training group to learn how to train dogs and do basis such as Force Fetch, Collar Conditioning, Pile work and Double-T. Some think you should go to a training group to find solutions to your problems. Some think training groups are good to work on drills like no-no's and improve your handling on blinds.

Generally, I have found most groups focus on field set-ups and emphasize marks. Usually, these groups would prefer not getting bogged down with "yard work that could be done alone. Group time is just too important and valuable.

In my experience, many training groups set up tests like they saw on a weekend. They then test their dogs and in too many cases, each person hopes their dog will put in a sparkling performance in front of their peers. I've seen trainers refuse to handle their dog because they didn't want to be "penalized" or they were embarrassed that everybody else didn't handle! Everybody tries to win the training session!

I continually watch handlers nervously hope their dog will turn in the perfect performance. While, I too, like to see a high degree of success, I'm also continually praying for a good teaching opportunity and a learning lesson. That lesson may well be a lesson of experience based on success. BUT, it may also be a lesson based on a perfect intervention. In other words I really try not to care whether my dog does well or not but does he learn something while training. A perfect retrieve or a perfect correction or a perfect intervention are all of GREAT value.

But why hope only for a perfect retrieve? Why get frustrated when your dog doesn't do perfectly? You'll never get a ribbon for winning the training group day. Take advantage of such group training opportunities and make the best of what it is ... training!

Learning from Others

Often a group will have a guru who engineers the

day. That person may be the most experienced but that alone doesn't ensure that in the big picture they have really accomplished very much. Local "experts" may even "helpfully" critique your handling or your dog's performance but their advice may be misguided. On the other hand, the gurus may indeed be superb trainers. They may provide great learning opportunities for novice and experienced alike.

Most trainers are not very attentive watching the most experienced trainers with their dogs. They fail to think about why various things were done. They fail to observe standards. They are usually just thinking about their dog. I try to make a point of watching the handling and training techniques of all those I train with in order to see how different dogs respond to different handlers.

Watch how others dogs perform on the setups. Don't think though that you have to run the test the same way. Perhaps your dog is more or less experienced. If in doubt run the simpler options.

What to Work On

A pet peeve of mine is when the question "What do you want to work on today?" is answered "I don't care -whatever you want to work on!" If you don't care — why are you here? It's why I usually end up setting up — because I've been thinking about it all day!

On the other hand, it is OK to show Training Group etiquette and say, "Let's talk about what we can set up today for everybody!" There are pitfalls with committee designed tests just as there may be problems with having everybody taking a turn at designing tests. In both cases, the dogs may be subjected to a hodge podge of unrelated concepts. There may be no systematic progression of skills.

I like the idea of taking a concept and working on it over the day or over a week. This is called "Theming a Concept" or "Training in Themes". Those who have come and trained for 2-3 set-ups in a morning with me will have noticed how we theme some idea, perhaps, first with land marks, then blinds and finally on water. It works !

The concepts that you choose to work on should be built upon earlier work and progressive needs not just a list of random things. For example, you might start with simple retired guns, then next week, short retireds, then long retireds and so on. Meanwhile, it's important to keep everything in balance. This is hard for training

groups as they often end up with a 'mix it up' or 'let's try this now' pattern. Beginners can not be expected to have mastery of 'big picture' sequencing and theming. However, once a group training set-up has been designed, beginners should not be afraid to ask for advice on how to run their dog on the set-up.

The assumption is that someone in the group is more experienced and knows your dog. Generally, it would be considered inappropriate to move gunners all over the place or throw birds the other way in the midst of a particular setup.

If a setup is totally inappropriate for your dog, it would better to engineer a different setup after all the dogs have run the prime setup. Or perhaps you can move the line and achieve what you want. The point is you should do your homework and know what you want and what your dog can do. Beware that what you want is not what you should have worked on at home first.

Learning Outside the Group

Group training can be very educational as well as a superb opportunity for realistic scenarios with distractions and all the props. All the trainers in the group are unlikely to be at the same level or follow the same philosophy. This alone can create problems. In other cases, it may be that the level of the training groups is that the blind are leading the blind. If this all sounds negative, you are missing the points I wish to emphasize.

The first is that the activity of many training groups can be improved hugely. Secondly, most trainers do not use training groups wisely. Third, and most important, is that you can do MUCH to learn outside of the training group — don't be totally dependant on the group as your source of information.

Both the Internet and Training Groups should not be your number one source where I find too many may be Wannabe Winners, as opposed to the Best trainers and Doers who are Willbe Winners.

Tip: If training at my property, I often have everything set up by the time folks arrive IF I know the dogs and their needs. Setting up in a group can be very time consuming.

The single biggest thing that you can do to improve your training and your handling, and thus your dog, is to study dogs and how to train them. Most trainers haven't studied 10% of the information out there. Study means to read, observe, think about, memorize, rethink, visualize and practice. Most of this has to be done on your own.

Ultimately you become self taught by synthesizing from the best. How many of you have made study visits



Some of our little training group here at Red Deer. A yellow lab, my chssie Fly and two goldens. Photo by Brian West.

to other groups to learn? How many have visited other pros? Have you read all the books available? Have you watched all of the DVD's over and over? Can you list all the steps in a program from memory? Do you know the purpose and procedure for all of the common drills? Have you studied different programs to understand what and why they are different? How many workshops or seminars have you attended? Have you ever flown across the country to observe some "expert"? Have you gone to study somebody whose dogs you DON'T like, in order to learn what not to do? Can you quote the Rule Book? All of these things are my priorities.

When I can answer most of these questions with a yes, I will get so much more out of a training group AND I will contribute more! I know the answers to most of these questions for many by the questions asked. That's OK but how many are even planning to do all of these things? It is extremely common for me to encounter trainers who say they have studied all the commonly available material. However, they routinely ask questions which make it clear they have not absorbed the content of the most common resources.

This isn't meant to criticize their asking of questions whatsoever. It is simply meant to illustrate that many who say they have read or studied "so and so" have not absorbed the salient lessons. Be aware of the tremendous amount of information out there these days. There is little excuse these days for lack of knowledge.

Conclusion

Yes, I believe in and work with a training group — it is invaluable. Yes, I train alone (85% in the sum-

mer)! There is no substitute for a good mentor and for a good training group but the best resource that you have is YOURSELF AS A STUDENT!

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Dennis Voigt

Editors Note: Dennis has produced 2 excellent DVD's Field Guide to 25 Essential Retriever Training Drills for Handling and Training Retrievers Alone with Dennis Voigt. I have both these DVD's and they are excellent for the serious trainer.

QUIT YER WHINING

by Dennis R. Voigt

Ian Tyson's ballad, "Roll on Owyhee" from the Lost Herd album is a tribute to the old time Vaqueros and Buckaroos who "still hear the call" and take great pride in doing what they had to do no matter what came their way! Whether you call it "meeting the challenge" or "cowboying up", it was characterized by a lack of complaining and whining.

The escalation of difficulty in today's tests, competition among dogs and costs of training and campaigning has raised the stakes. This also seems to have projected a lot of folks into a continual state of complaining when things don't work out to their benefit. This occurs during daily training but especially during weekend tests at field trials and hunt tests.

Don't you think our games would be a lot healthier if everyone adopted a "Quit Yer Whining" attitude? Of course, that in itself won't change the fact that lots of things will occur each and every weekend that will seem unfair. In other words, your dogs will encounter things that put them at a disadvantage. I also often get frustrated when these things occur (especially when winning a big Open and it's the last series!)

My approach lately has been to have a good hard look at the things that cause whining by others and then try to negate them for me by preparing my dogs for them or handling better myself. I've talked to a few top pros who have adopted the same

philosophy. They say, "I expect these things are going to happen most weekends so I try to be prepared for them and not complain."

Following is a list of common occurrences that you might encounter. Most of them can be prepared for if you first identify the need. Consider building solutions into your training plan for your dog. Practice becoming a better handler so that you can deal with unfair or bad luck events.

Category: Rotation and Draw

Early number — lack of scent, no opportunity to watch, poor lighting, no wind

Late number — excess drag-back, many flier falls, no wind

Middle number — heat of day, strong winds, back-lighting

Split tests — changed conditions

Undesirable rotation — sudden bad weather

Category: Other Dogs

Bitches in season or almost!

Interfering honor or running dog

Category: Test Conditions — Marks

Poor lighting — dark, into sun, backlit

Poor throw — not visible, too short, low, etc

No-birds (multiple)

Erratic fliers — outside usual area

Bird change delays

Changed throws

Category: Test Conditions — Blinds

Dog out of sight

Unclear parameters

Hard to see dog

Hard for dog to hear — distance, running water, into wind

Category: Judges

Over-penalizing faults

Dropping for small errors

Extreme tests, distance, tightness

Bias towards dogs or breeds

Vendetta, politics

Poor evaluation

In conclusion, prepare for bad luck and unfortunate events or circumstances. It would be great if we could all quit our whining. Hand in hand with that is distinguishing critique from criticism. There's a fine

line between the two and I've learned that often the difference is in the eye of the recipient. However, it also depends how you deliver the comments.

Next time you hear somebody whining about their misfortunes, remind yourself of its value (zero).

“Learn to play the card that’s dealt you.”

Solutions to Things that cause “Whining”

Be aware of your dog’s short-comings. Work on them until they won’t give a judge an excuse.

When handling, don’t “cheat” the test and don’t “gamble” on the blinds. Do what is required.

Prepare for challenging conditions especially with marks, in your daily training. Prepare for interferences by exposing your dog to such events

When you find yourself complaining, ask yourself honestly, “What could I have done to make up for the poor card that was dealt me?”

Quit Yer Whining.



The water honor - the source for lots of whining. It's the first senior hunt test of the season, the dogs are pumped. And its the the final series, my Fly is running a good test, then comes the water honor with honor dog right up close to the running dog - yikes why situate the honor so close??? Yes, my Fly broke. So the test was, "good, good, OUT". Couldn't help it, but I whined!!

Went home and worked on honor, ran another test the following week, this time the running dog broke on the water double, but Fly was solid. I'm happy again.

Photo by Ross Schmidt

Late News!!!



Pine Haven’s Mathias WCX

Pine Haven Mathias went two for two in the Senior Hunt tests put on by the Moncton Retriever Club. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make these events possible.

Owner/Handler: Laurie Waye



**Pine Haven’s Bishop WC
Randy Treasure Memorial Award by
Gunners Choice**

Alberta Clipper Hunting Retriever Association - July 16, 2022 - Wabamun, AB
Owner/Handler/Breeder: Heather Mycholuk



Master Hunter Ribbons - Saskatoon - July 24
Far right: Westpeake Ida's Beretta
Owner/Handler: Leroy Mulrooney

Nizina went 7 for 7 in master tests in North Dakota in June and July. Qualifies for the Master National which is in October in Oregon
Owner: Mike Vogel



Chugach's Chattering
Nizina MH QAA

- 07/15/2022 Island Lake Retriever Club of North Dakota - Pass
- 07/08/2022 North Dakota Retriever Club 2022 - Pass
- 06/23/2022 Minot Retriever Club 2022 - (Thu, Sat) - Pass / Pass
- 06/18/2022 Island Lake Retriever Club of North Dakota - Pass
- 06/14/2022 North Dakota Retriever Club 2022 - Pass
- 06/10/2022 Vikingland Retriever Club 2022 - Pass

Winner of the CBRCC Membership Draw!!

The CBRCC held a draw for a Field Dog First Aid Kit for people who registered or renewed their 2022 Club membership by January 15, 2022.

All eligible members' names were entered into the draw which was held during the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Mike Michell of Ontario was the winner of the Draw



Assorted



"River"



"Fly"



"Barret"

CBRCC Regional and National Conformation Specialty

Pleased to announce that CKC has approved the dates for this years Regional and National Specialty Shows.

September 23rd Regional Specialty
September 24th National Specialty

Being held in conjunction with the Mt Cheam Kennel Club Chilliwack Heritage Center, Chilliwack BC

Regional will offer regular conformation classes, Ribbons, prizes and sponsorship by Purina will provide dog food for winners

National is offering regular classes as well as baby puppy, puppy sweeps, and veteran sweeps. Purina will be sponsoring the National as well. Ribbons and additional prizes with the National.

As soon as the judges are approved, I will let everyone know. Updates will also be available on Canuck Dogs under events.

Anyone wanting to donate to the shows, please private message me.

Terry Dancey - Director of Conformation

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of Canada

Annual General Meeting
via Zoom and teleconference
Sunday, June 5, 2002



Call to order: 4:09 PM ET (Ontario time)

Attendance:

Brian West, Bruce Hood, Olissia Stechishen, Dave McRae, Rita Jones, Patti Kipper, Gary Ridout, Ross Schmidt, Jayne Stoddart

Bruce asked if there were any items to add to the agenda. There were no items to be added. Bruce made a motion to accept the agenda. Patti accepted; Dave seconded the motion.

Reading of the last meeting minutes:

No errors or omissions were identified in the 2021 CBRCC AGM minutes. Bruce moved the minutes be accepted.

President's report:

Bruce provided the attendees with a welcoming note and asked that the attendees introduce themselves to the other members.

Treasurer's report:

Olissia gave a summary of the revenues and expenses for 2021 along with a balance of the CBRCC account. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Bruce, Dave seconded the motion.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Membership:

Patti indicated the Club has 71 members of which 15 are new members. The majority of the new members are in Ontario and BC with Quebec and Alberta being a close second. New members receive a welcoming letter from the Club president, a copy of the Club Constitution and the Club Code of Ethics along with a Club decal.

This year the Club had an incentive draw to encourage people to renew early. Results have yet to be analyzed to see if this made a difference between this year and last year. Patti also put forward for discussion: that the Club consider moving the membership renewal date from January 1 to April 1 annually.

She provided several reasons why this might be beneficial to members including moving it away from the busy Christmas holiday season, and also other Clubs that have made this change found it beneficial. If implemented, the 2023 membership will receive 3 free months of membership (January 1 to March 31).

Patti listed several upcoming events for Saskatchewan. They are Regina Retriever Club Hunt Test – July 16 and 17, Working Certificate – June 18 and 19, Field Trial July 23 to 25, National Master – September 12 to 17.

Bruce asked Patti if she thought the Facebook page was bringing in new members and Patti felt it did not. Jayne suggested the Club might want to consider other social

media to expand the Club presence such as Instagram and YouTube.

Director and Committee Reports:

Brian West (The Wave editor) – To get more material for The Wave, Brian suggested that each Director provide him with a column for every edition, speaking to events that were or will be taking place in their region, Chesapeake items of interest, etc. Brian said that this may give members a regional and personal connection to the Club. Consider including topics related to “Chesapeake’s Do More Than Just Field”.

Heather Mycholuk (Prairie Director) – Heather was not available for the meeting. However, Ross Schmidt provided input on the Prairie region. Ross commented on the significant number of Chesapeake owners in Alberta and a number are members of the Club. Saskatchewan and Manitoba have fewer Chesapeake owners who are interested in becoming Club members. This is unfortunate as there historically were a significant number of accomplished Chesapeake’s that came from Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Ross said he makes a concerted effort to promote the Club when he talks to Chesapeake owners.

Ross also put forward an idea he’s considering for his future litters and that is to provide one years free Club membership to his puppy buyers if they’re interested. Gary suggested that maybe there’s an opportunity for the Club to do a 50/50 split with the breeder on the puppy buyer membership if the Club requirements are met, health clearances, CKC registration, etc.). This topic will be part of a future discussion with the Club executive.

Patti mentioned that there are 14 days of hunt tests and working certificate events in the Prairies this summer.

Gary Ridout (Ontario Director) – Gary has been busy assisting Chesapeake breeders in placing pups. There have been several recent litters born in Ontario and the breeders are looking for homes for their pups. Gary is also a Working Certificate Judge and a Hunt test judge and will be judging events this year. Gary mentioned some accomplished field Chesapeake’s that have been written about and suggested that the Club may be able to reproduce those articles in The Wave. Brian stated The Wave itself provides the history of the Club.

Rita Jones (Director of Field) – Rita stated that she has not been able to connect with Steve Larouche regarding the Clubs request for dates for a future hunt test. However, Rita has been working with the Caledon Kennel Association (CKA) to hold a Chesapeake Regional Specialty (November 26) and a booster (November 27) in the CKA fall show.

Brian stated that he shipped the show material to Terry Dancy.

Karen Douglass (A/Director of Versatile Sports) - Karen was not available for the call.

New Business:

Emilie Bourassa has indicated that she is working on a fall Scent Detection Trial.

Patti Kipper and Ross Schmidt will be judging the Junior Hunt at the Regina Hunt Test in July.

Motion to adjourn: 6:07pm ET (Ontario Time)

CBRCC CODE OF ETHICS

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- (a) Always conduct yourself in a manner which will reflect credit on yourself and the breed. Refrain from public criticism and/or malicious degrading of others or their dogs whether in person, in social media or otherwise.
- (b) Promote membership in the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of Canada (CBRCC).
- (c) Support and abide by the rules of the CBRCC and The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).
- (d) Read/familiarize yourself with the Canadian Chesapeake breed standard that is approved by the CKC.
- (e) Never knowingly sell or place a Chesapeake Bay Retriever with unethical persons or those who would not provide proper/humane care to the dog. Refuse to sell any Chesapeake Bay Retriever to any pet shop or to any wholesale dealer in dogs.
- (f) Should you become aware of the mistreatment, abuse or need for relocation of any Chesapeake Bay Retriever, make every effort to be of assistance by notifying the breeder of the dog involved, the appropriate local authorities and helping in any other way in which you are able.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BREEDERS, BROOD BITCH/STUD DOG OWNERS

- (a) When breeding, breed only Chesapeake Bay Retrievers that are purebred, and which can be registered with the CKC or a recognized kennel club, e.g., American Kennel Club.
- (b) When breeding, strive to improve the breed according to the breed standard. Conscientiously plan each breeding based on parents of appropriate temperament, working ability, physical characteristics, and other desirable breed qualities.
- (c) When breeding, the CBRCC strongly recommends that only animals with hips and elbows certification and current OFA eye clearances, as well as a known status for PRA, DM, EIC and other health issues/faults for which there is testing available, be used.

(d) When breeding, endeavor to select animals that will reduce the incidence of genetic problems while enhancing the positive attributes and abilities of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever. Be open with all persons interested in the welfare of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever and discuss possible physical or temperament defects in your own stock.

(e) Only breed animals which are mature and in good health.

(f) Conduct yourself in a respectful and professional manner when communicating with puppy buyers, other breeders and Chesapeake Bay Retriever owners in general.

(g) Do not allow pups to go to their new homes until at least seven (7) weeks of age. Provide educational information on the puppy and the breed. Assist in re-homing pups if an owner can no longer keep a dog during his lifetime.

(h) Make sure all puppies have been tattooed or micro-chipped (only ISO microchips are acceptable under the Canadian standard) prior to leaving for their new homes.

(i) Any breeder selling a dog as purebred must register the dog with the CKC and provide the new owner with the registration certificate within six months of the date of sale, this is the law as required under the Animal Pedigree Act.

(j) Keep accurate records and pedigrees.

(k) When entering into contracts/agreements whether verbal or written, breeders are expected to perform and honour such transactions with integrity. Such as might be required include sales, co-ownerships, breeding, bitch leases, and stud service agreements.

(l) Consider the use of the CKC Non-Breeding Agreement on pet quality puppies which are sold or placed by you.



**Wildrose Hunt Test - Irricana, AB
Senior Hunter Water Double**



Stud Dog/Puppy Ads

Please note: Ads for puppies or dogs for sale may only be posted and/or shared on the CBRCC facebook or web site by members of the CBRCC. These ads must clearly indicate the registered name of both parents, and health clearances such as PRA, EIC and DM. Any missing health information should prompt contact with the breeder for further information. Mixed breedings will not be permitted. To become a member of the CBRCC, please check out membership information on the website at this address: www.cbrcc.ca

Stud Dog Ads



CH NORTHWIND'S BIG PRAIRIE SKY JH WCI "Mr. Blue"
 (CH Shallcross Lake's Chaamp MH RA CGC x CH Montauk's Copper Penny SH WCX)
DOB: Apr 11, 2015 **CKC Reg:** CG609617
DM: Clear, **PRA:** Clear, **EIC:** Clear,
Long Coat: Clear **Hips:** Good,
Elbows: Normal, **Eyes:** Normal
Contact: Bruce Hood, Northwind Chesapeakes
 6653 Third Line Road South, Kars, ON, K0A 2E0
 613-489-0249, bruce.hood@gmail.com

DOCKCOVE'S HOT SHOT MH QFTR - "Trooper"
DOB: February 27, 2016
CKC Reg: 1133356
DM: Clear
EIC: Carrier
OFA: CB-11516E25M-PI Excellent
OFA: Elbows normal
 Natural or fresh-chilled
 Contact Philip Williams, Dockcove Retrievers
 PO Box 37, mill Village, NS B0J 2H0
 902-677-2392 | dockcoveretrievers@hotmail.com



DOCKCOVE'S COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO MH "Rooster"
DOB: May 11, 2013 **CKC reg:** 1123186 **DM:** Clear,
PRA: Clear, **EIC:** Clear
Weight: 87 lbs
Hips: OFA: CB-10762E24M-VPI Excellent
Contact: Philip Williams, Dockcove Retrievers,
 PO Box 37, Mill Village, NS B0J 2H0 902-677-2392
 dockcoveretrievers@hotmail.com



**RIVERSTIXBISCAYBAYBEAR - “Bear”
(CH Wingmaster’s Nordais Nighthawk x Sandycreeksriverstixleapingliberty)**

DOB: Aug 3, 2010

CKC registered. DM: Clear, PRA: Clear, EIC: Clear, Coat length: Clear PennHIP: 0.30/0.31 (90%) Elbows normal.

Weight: 85 lbs

Hardcore hunter, swimmer, retriever, excellent temperament.

Frozen semen only available.

Contact: Leroy Mulrooney, Chestermere, AB
709-770-6663

CAN CH REDLION’S COME BACK BARRET TDX, JH, DS**



“Barret”

DOB: 11-14-17, AKC # SS02499202,

WEIGHT: 84 lbs

Hips OFA12113: Good,

Elbows: OFA EL3773,

EYES: OFA1277/2021-47, OFA CA350 clear

DNA: clear for PRA, DM, EIC, Long Coat and EDSF.

In 2021, Barret received a JAM in an all-breed Qualifying and a Qualifying 4th at the ACC Specialty Field Trial. He has 13 show points.

Contact: Jane Pappler Redlion Kennel 609-859-3570
nofleas24@gmail.com www.redlionkennel.com

Advertising, Policy and Membership

CBRCC Advertising Policy

The criteria for stud dog and/or litter advertising is CBRCC membership in good standing and payment for the ads. This would include OFA, Penn-Hip, Optigen, DDC, Vet evaluations (or equivalent) for such health factors as hips, elbows, hereditary eye disease, Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) and Exercised Induced Collapse (EIC). Absence of the status for any of these health factors should give reason for prospective buyers to obtain additional information from the breeder.

The publishing of puppy ads does not imply endorsement by CBRCC and the club reserves the right to refuse to advertise a litter that knowingly will produce an “at risk” litter for congenital defects such as PRA, DM and EIC.

Advertising Prices

- Member Ads (Web and Wave)
- Stud or Kennel \$15/yr
- Puppy listing (4 months) \$15

Usefull Links

HEALTH

AMERICAN CHESAPEAKE CLUB DATA-BASE

CHESSIEBOOK

OFA

OVC

Canine Genetic Disease Network

Optigen - PRA testing

PAW PRINT GENETIC

DDC VETERINARY

RESCUE

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Relief and Rescue

American Chesapeake Club

Chesapeake Safe Harbor

Chessie Rescue Virginia

Chessie Rescue Wisconsin

Active links on the CBRCC web page.

<https://www.cbrcc.ca/>

Membership and other club information

Membership

Single - \$25 Cdn Household - \$30

Note: The membership form has to be filled out for ALL NEW members only (not renewals), or if you have had a change in your personal information. The membership application form is available on the club web site:

<https://www.cbrcc.ca/membership.html>

Send ad and membership applications/corrections to:

Patti Kipper pkipper@accesscomm.ca

Make cheque or money order payable to the:

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of Canada

227 Coldwell Road, Regina, SK S4R 4L1

OR by Paypal on the club web page:

<https://www.cbrcc.ca/membership.html>

NOTICE

CBRCC sponsors a Web page:

CBRCC WEBSITE: <https://www.cbrcc.ca>

Its purpose is to publish information about the club, the chessie breed, activities and results, news and events, membership, breeders list, puppy and stud dog ads.

CBRCC administers a Facebook Page:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/89507563778843>

Belonging to the FaceBook CBRCC group **DOES NOT INCLUDE** membership to the CBRCC. A paid membership to CBRCC can be obtained on-line at:

<https://www.cbrcc.ca/membership>

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Welcome to New Members

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National clubs must have a minimum of 4 regional directors representing 6 CKC regions across Canada. The 6 regions being British Columbia, Prairie Provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Region and Yukon (Northwest Territories and Nunavut) Directors must reside in the region they represent.

NOTICE: there are TWO executive vacancies:

- Director Atlantic Region
- Vice President
- Treasurer

If you have an interest in serving the club in any of these positions or need further information, please contact anyone on the Board to make known your interest. Here is a super opportunity to get involved and serve the club.

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