

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Grand Handlers Workshop in August. In order to minimize disruption to the morning routine at the kennel, we will be meeting at the hay field adjacent to Stephen's house. Please plan to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15. We need to get as much done as possible before the heat of the day so classroom instruction will start PROMPTLY at 7:30 Saturday morning. That first hour or two of discussion is one of the most important parts of the seminar so you won't want to miss it!

If you have not been to the kennel before, the address for Stephen's house is **1734 Winchester Road, Sylvania GA 30467** (it's at the intersection of Winchester and Rocky Knob Rds). It is a dirt road but is well maintained and should be easily accessible in a two wheel drive passenger vehicle. If you are using navigation, I have found GPS to be fairly accurate but if you have trouble finding us or are running late, give me a call and I'll help direct you to where you need to be. My cell # is 478-232-8765.

We plan to be in the field as much as possible but must make the safety of the dogs and handlers in the summer heat our first priority. We ask that if at all possible you consider leaving your dogs at home this trip so that you don't have to worry about them being on a hot truck all weekend. Stephen will provide finished/grand level dogs for us to use to demonstrate the concepts we are discussing. Handlers will be drawn at random from a pool of qualified applicants. Depending on how many applicants we have, there IS a chance that you may not be selected to handle a dog. Please keep in mind the value in this workshop is more in the material being shared than time at the line.

If the heat becomes too much, we have the option to continue classroom discussion in a nearby church social hall but either way I would guess we'd be finished with the day's activities by mid-afternoon. We will start again early Sunday morning and should wrap things up shortly after lunch so that we can get everyone on the road home.

We will provide lunch both days. We usually bring in sub sandwiches, pizza or something similar so that we don't have to leave the grounds. If you have special dietary needs, make sure you plan accordingly. We will keep a cooler stocked with water and sports drinks on the grounds at all times. Please make sure you stay hydrated. Dinner Saturday night is on your own.

The fee to attend is \$50. Checks are to be made payable to Middle Georgia HRC and mailed to Elaine Mitchell, 2542 Webster Road, Warthen GA 31094. The money collected will be used to cover lunches, port-o-lets, birds and bird boys and other workshop expenses. Our presenters are both volunteering their time for this event. Any funds left will be used to fund future events in Region 4.

### **What to bring:**

Bring a chair and clipboard/notebook for taking notes. If you're hoping to handle a dog,

you will need your lanyard with a duck call/whistle. We'll be doing some water work so knee boots or water shoes may come in handy but you shouldn't need anything more than that. Camo is not required; we are TRAINING so dress comfortably for the conditions of the day.

**Accommodations:**

**The Sylvania Inn** (912 564 2490) is the closest and the most reasonably priced. It is about 15-20 minutes from the kennel. It is dated but clean and lots of people choose to stay there. Their website indicates they are NOT pet friendly but some people have reported being able to negotiate pet privileges – please call ahead to confirm if you need to bring your dog in. And if you ARE able to negotiate pet privileges, please do your part to leave a good impression for future events!

**Quality Inn, Waynesboro** (706 437 0500) is about 30 minutes away. It is recently renovated and is pet friendly for a fee. The **Hampton Inn, Waynesboro** (706 558-4190) is relatively new and to my knowledge does not accept pets. The drive is a little longer, but it's a nicer room and a little more variety in terms of restaurants and stores.

There is also a campground (**Magnolia Springs State Park**) about 20 minutes away in nearby Millen. They have a few cabins available but it is my understanding that only one of them is pet friendly and they book fairly quickly this time of year.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need. Otherwise, I'll see you all bright and early Saturday morning!

Elaine Mitchell

# HRC Region 4 Grand Handlers Workshop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be considered to run one of Stephen's dogs in demonstrations? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been involved in HRC? \_\_\_\_\_

What local club(s) are you involved with? \_\_\_\_\_

What HRC Classifications have you run? \_\_\_ Started \_\_\_ Season \_\_\_ Finish \_\_\_ Grand

Do you run other venues? \_\_\_ AKC Hunt Test \_\_\_ AKC Field Trial \_\_\_ Super Retriever Series \_\_\_ Other

If you have run a Grand Hunt before, what was the most recent? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently planning to run? \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2018 (Opelousas, Louisiana)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2019 (Cheraw, South Carolina)

If you have run before, are there any areas of concern or topics you'd like us to focus on?

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**Liability Waiver:** I agree not to hold the Landowner(s), HRC, UKC or the Host Club responsible for loss of property, damage or injury incurred during this event. HRC, UKC, the Host Club and the Landowner(s) are NOT responsible for loss, accident or theft, and further assume no responsibility for any damage or injury sustained by the handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children who are to be under the supervision & control of their parent or guardian. FURTHER, by my signature, I acknowledge and insure that the Handler understands that he/she assumes all risk of harm or accident to either the Handler or the dog.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$50 (spouse may attend at no extra charge but only 1 is eligible to handle a dog).  
Lunch/soft drinks included both days. Dinner is on your own.

**Make checks payable to "Middle Georgia HRC".**  
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