



The Hunter's Blind

About NEFHRC Newsletter . . .

This monthly newsletter is to help members keep updated on our club events, achievements, or other announcements that may be of interest. Please call or e-mail Karen VanDonsel at (828) 877-3254 or karenvandonsel@gmail.com if you have anything you would like to submit. Alternatively, you may contact Tom Gaddis at (904) 699-3084 or President@nefhrc.net.

Please feel free to submit pictures, announcements of events, brags, sale of dog or training equipment, litters, or any other announcements for club members! The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.

If you have an idea for a recurring feature article, please let us know. This newsletter is for you, our members. We want to include what you want. So, please help make this a

great newsletter. Submit your articles, pictures, stories and ideas. We want to hear from you!



HRC Founder Omar Driskell with NEFHRC VP Brian Milner

NEFHRC Fall 2016 Hunt Test

The NEFHRC Fall 2016 Hunt Test has been rescheduled to September 10-11, 2016. The test will be held at SSJ Farms Quail Hunting Preserve located at 28163 Dog Gone Trail, Hilliard, FL 32046. The Hunt Test Premium is in the process of being put together. Once it's available, it will be posted to the web site.

Entry for the Hunt Test will be by Entry Express (<http://entryexpress.net>).

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Coming Events:

- ◇ 07/16/2016 NEFHRC Training Day
- ◇ 08/20/2016 NEFHRC Training Day

The Hunt Chairman is NEFHRC VP Brian Milner. Brian can be contacted by phone at (850) 687-7094 or by e-mail at ze6464@yahoo.com.

The Hunt Secretary is Andy Brittingham. Andy can be reached by phone at (904) 284-3961 or by e-mail at abrittingham@gmail.com. Andy requests that members not telephone before 5 PM.

Lunches will be available for purchase at the Hunt Test. Callahan BBQ will be doing the Saturday night Tail Gate Party.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks during the Hunt Test. We would encourage everyone to volunteer, even if it's just a small task. Please contact Carolyn Abood by e-mail at cbrutusmom@aol.com or by phone at (904) 505-3404 to see how you can help make this the best Hunt Test possible.

Heatstroke (Hyperthermia)

Heatstroke occurs when normal body mechanisms cannot keep the body's temperature in a safe range. Animals do not have efficient cooling systems (like humans who sweat) and get overheated easily. A dog with moderate heatstroke (body temperature from 104° to 106°F) can recover within an hour if given prompt first aid and veterinary care (normal body temperature is 100-102.5°F). Severe heatstroke (body temperature over 106°F) can be deadly and immediate veterinary assistance is needed.

Signs

A dog suffering from heatstroke will display several signs:

- Rapid panting
- Bright red tongue
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Depression
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Vomiting - sometimes with blood
- Diarrhea
- Shock
- Coma

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What you should do

Remove the dog from the hot area immediately. Prior to taking him to your veterinarian, lower his temperature by wetting him thoroughly with cool water (for very small dogs, use lukewarm water), then increase air movement around him with a fan. **CAUTION:** Using very cold water can actually be counterproductive. Cooling too quickly and especially allowing his body temperature to become too low can cause other life-threatening medical conditions. The rectal temperature should be checked every 5 minutes. Once the body temperature is 103°F, the cooling measures should be stopped and the dog should be dried thoroughly and covered so he does not continue to lose heat. Even if the dog appears to be recovering, take him to your veterinarian as soon as possible. He should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.

Allow free access to water or a children's rehydrating solution if the dog can drink on his own. Do not try to force-feed cold water; the dog may inhale it or choke.

What your veterinarian will do

Your veterinarian will lower your dog's body temperature to a safe range (if you have not already) and continually monitor his temperature. Your dog will be given fluids, and possibly oxygen. He will be monitored for shock, respiratory distress, kidney failure, heart abnormalities, and other complications, and treated accordingly. Blood samples may be taken before and during the treatment. The clotting time of the blood will be monitored, since clotting problems are a common complication.

Aftercare

Dogs with moderate heatstroke often recover without complicating health problems. Severe heatstroke can cause organ damage that might need ongoing care such as a special diet prescribed by your veterinarian. Dogs who suffer from heatstroke once increase their risk for getting it again and steps must be taken to prevent it on hot, humid days.

Prevention

Any pet that cannot cool himself off is at risk for heatstroke. Following these guidelines can help prevent serious problems.

- Keep pets with predisposing conditions like heart disease, obesity, older age, or breathing problems cool and in the shade. Even normal activity for these pets can be harmful.
- Provide access to water at all times.
- Do not leave your pet in a hot parked car even if you're in the shade or will only be gone a short time. The temperature inside a parked car can quickly reach up to 140 degrees.

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- Make sure outside dogs have access to shade.
- On a hot day, restrict exercise and don't take your dog jogging with you. Too much exercise when the weather is very hot can be dangerous.
- Do not muzzle your dog.
- Avoid places like the beach and especially concrete or asphalt areas where heat is reflected and there is no access to shade.
- Wetting down your dog with cool water or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.

Move your dog to a cool area of the house. Air conditioning is one of the best ways to keep a dog cool, but is not always dependable. To provide a cooler environment, freeze water in soda bottles, or place ice and a small amount of water in several re-sealable food storage bags, then wrap them in a towel or tube sock. Place them on the floor for the dog to lay on.

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2016 Annual Picnic

Our yearly event was held at a dairy farm on the north side of Jacksonville. Our thanks to the owners, Doug and Teresa Moore, who generously allowed us to use this beautiful site.

Don Imfeld set up a challenging triple and blind for advanced dogs. We ran from an elevated platform and adjusted for seasoned and started dogs. Stephen and Claudia Rosasco joined us with their three Labs. Others in attendance were: Andy and Lynne Brittingham and their two Golden Retrievers Gus and Reggie; Ron Berry and Aggie; Matt Webb and Dakota; Don Imfeld and Annie; Carolyn Abood and Eli, Jake, Emma; Mike Thommasen and Taco; Tom Gaddis and Buck; and a visitor, Kevin, and his puppy. Loads of fun for us and our dogs.

In the meantime, Joe Abood was cooking our delicious lunch of burgers, sausage, hot dogs. Thanks to lunch helpers Rodney and Sherri Osborne who set up tables and chairs and set up the side dishes. Many thanks to all who brought side dishes.

Our dogs loved the "dock dog" games which lasted long enough to tire out even the most seasoned dog. Sherri conducted an informational meeting and presented the awards to our members. Those receiving plaques were: Adam Triay: New Member of the Year; John Spires received the Brian Mc Millian Volunteer of the year; Matt Webb and Dakota: Puppy of the year and Robert Joiner and Billy: Dog of the Year. What a fabulous day we had!!!

Submitted by Carolyn Abood.



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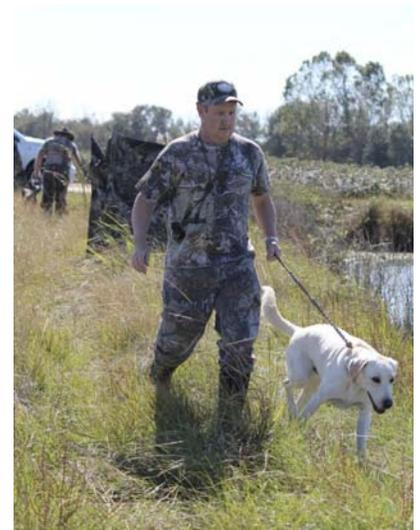
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2016 Annual Picnic and Awards Pictures



JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16 NEFHRC Training Day
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AUGUST 2016

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