



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 karenvandon-sel@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 announce-

ments 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

Reminder

As a reminder, NEFHRC will not be holding a Fall 2017 Hunt Test. Due to various conflicts, a date was not available to hold the test at our preferred site.

Be on the lookout for announcements concerning our Spring 2017 Hunt Test. We are tentatively planning the Spring test for sometime in April at SSJ Farms.

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Coming Events

- 09/02/2017 NEFHRC Training Day
- 09/09-09/10-2017 Big Elkins Creek
- 09/09-09/10/2017 North Georgia HRC
- 09/16-09/17/2017 Old South HRC
- 09/25-09/30/2017 Fall International Grand
- 10/07-10/08/2017 Coastal Empire HRC
- 10/14-10/15/2017 Midlands HRC
- 10/21/2017 NEEFHRC Training Day
- 10/21-10/22/2017 Midsouth Boykin Spaniel
- 10/21-10/22/2017 SOWEGA

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Canine Influenza (Dog Flu)

What is canine influenza (dog flu)?

Dog flu is a contagious respiratory disease in dogs.

What causes dog flu?

Dog flu is caused by the canine influenza virus, known as H3N8. It is a specific Type A influenza virus that causes disease in dogs but not humans. The H3N8 influenza virus was originally a horse influenza virus. The virus spread to dogs and has adapted to cause disease in dogs and be easily transmitted between dogs. There is now what is believed to be a dog-specific H3N8 virus.

When was dog flu first identified?

The H3N8 influenza virus was identified in horses more than 40 years ago. It was not until 2004, however, that it was first reported in dogs. It was originally diagnosed in greyhounds, and has since spread throughout the dog population.

How is dog flu transmitted?

Dog flu is spread through airborne viruses from respiratory secretions, just like human flu is spread between people. The virus can be transmitted to a dog through direct contact with an infected dog, through contact with contaminated items, and by people who may be carrying the virus on their hands or clothing. The virus can remain alive and infective on surfaces for up to 48 hours, on clothing for 24 hours, and on hands for 12 hours.

Dogs have the highest level of virus in their secretions 2-4 days after they are exposed to the virus. Often they are not yet showing clinical signs when they are most at risk of transmitting the virus. Dogs may be able to spread the virus for up to 10 days.

What are the symptoms of dog flu in dogs?

Approximately 20-25% of exposed dogs will become infected, but show no signs of disease, even though they are able to spread the virus. In 80% of infected dogs who develop dog flu, the signs are mild and may include a persistent cough that does not respond to treatment, sneezing, runny nose and a fever. These signs may be very similar to those of "kennel cough." In the remainder of infected dogs, canine influenza can become very serious, with infected dogs developing pneumonia, with labored breathing and even bleeding into the lungs. Dogs will generally start to show signs of disease 2-4 days after they are exposed to the canine influenza virus.

How is dog flu diagnosed?

A veterinarian will suspect dog flu if the dog is showing the above signs, but dog flu cannot be diagnosed solely on clinical signs. A specific [antibody](#) test is used to diagnose dog flu. It is performed on two blood samples, one taken at the time the dog is first suspected to have dog flu, and the second sample taken 10-14 days later. If the dog is seen very early in the course of the disease (within 72 hours of showing signs), the respiratory secretions can be tested for presence of the virus.

How is dog flu treated?

There is no specific treatment for canine influenza, but the dog is given supportive care. This may include fluids to prevent dehydration, good nutrition, and medications to relieve some of the symptoms. If the dog is more seriously ill, he may need supplemental oxygen. Antibiotics are often given to prevent or treat any secondary infection, especially if there is pneumonia or the nasal discharge is very thick or green in color.

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What is the prognosis for a dog diagnosed with canine influenza?

Most dogs with mild signs recover fully. Death occurs mainly in dogs with the severe form of disease; the mortality rate is thought to be 1-5% or slightly higher.

Is there a vaccine for dog flu?

Yes, an approved vaccine is available. It will not treat the disease, and may not entirely prevent it, but it may help decrease the severity of the disease if the dog acquires it. The vaccine will also decrease the amount of virus that is shed into the environment, so vaccinated dogs are less likely to transmit the virus to other dogs.

Veterinarians do not recommend that every dog receive the canine influenza vaccine, but only those who are at higher risk of coming into contact with the virus. This would include dogs who are in a shelter, boarded in a kennel, go to dog shows or dog parks, or otherwise come into contact with a large number of dogs. This is the same group of dogs for whom "kennel cough" vaccine is often given. You should discuss, with your veterinarian, whether the canine influenza vaccine would be appropriate for your dog.

How can I prevent the spread of dog flu?

Any dog who is showing signs of a respiratory infection should be isolated from other dogs for at least 2 weeks. Any clothing, equipment, or surfaces that could be contaminated with respiratory secretions should be cleaned and disinfected. The virus is killed by routine disinfectants, such as a 10% bleach solution. People should wash their hands before and after having contact with a dog showing signs of a respiratory disease.

To prevent dog flu and other infections do not allow your dog to share toys or dishes with other dogs grouped together.

What is the risk to humans from dog flu?

To date, there is no evidence that the canine influenza virus can be transmitted from dogs to people. There is no reported case of human infection with the canine influenza virus. While this virus infects dogs and spreads between dogs, there is no evidence that this virus infects humans. There is also no evidence that influenza in horses can be spread to people.

If my dog is coughing or showing other signs of a respiratory infection, what should I do?

Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian so your dog can be examined and tested, if indicated, and treated appropriately.

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Below is a listing of all pet health related articles that have appeared in The Hunter's Blind, along with the issue in which the article appeared. If you need to refer to a particular article, you can download the specific issue on the Newsletter Archive page of the club's web site (<http://www.nefhrc.net/newsletters/newsletter-archives/>). If you have any problems or questions, please e-mail Karen VanDonsel at Webmaster@nefhrc.net.

Article	Issue Included
Living With a Blind Dog: Helpful Tips	03/01/2016
Ear Infections (Otitis Externa) & Ear Cleaning in Dogs	04/01/2016
Food Allergies and Food Intolerance	10/01/2016
First Aid for Snake Bites in Dogs	05/01/2016
Ruptured Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL)	08/01/2016
Burns: First Aid for Pets	09/01/2016
Choking: Using the Heimlich Maneuver in Dogs	11/01/2016
Dog Emergencies: Contact Your Veterinarian When Your Dog Shows These Signs	11/01/2016
An Evacuation Kit for Your Dog	06/01/2016
Heatstroke (Hyperthermia)	07/01/2016
Arthritis (Degenerative Joint Disease, Osteoarthritis)	12/01/2016
Causes and Management of Arthritis & Other Joint Diseases in Dogs	01/01/2017
Hip Dysplasia in Dogs: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention	02/01/2017
Heartworm (Dirofilaria Immitis) Infection & Prevention	04/01/2017
Mast Cell Tumors	05/01/2017
Kennel Cough (Infectious Tracheobronchitis) in Dogs	08/01/2017
Canine Influenza (Dog Flu)	09/01/2017



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ **New Member** _____ **Renewal**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE Home: _____

Other: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DOG BREED: _____

CALL NAME: _____

Club dues are \$50.00 for both individual and family membership. The dues include the cost of the NEFHRC decal.

ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.

Please make checks payable to NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB.

Mail the check and both pages to:

Barry Sales, NEFHRC Treasurer
11869 Remsen Road
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Areas where I'd like to help with the Club:

RELEASE

WHEREAS the undersigned desires to release certain parties from any damages that may arise, directly or indirectly, as the result of his/her participation in club activities offered by the Northeast Florida Hunting Retriever Club, fully realizing the inherent danger in any type of sporting event of this nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of being allowed to participate in said activities, the undersigned does hereby release and forever discharge Northeast Florida Hunting Retriever Club, its officers, directors, members, participants, spectators, and all landowners whose land they may be using, from and all manner of actions, causes of such actions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise now or in the future because of, or pertaining to, the undersigned's participation in any of its activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my hand the date and year written below.

DATED AND SIGNED THIS _____ day of _____.

(Name Printed)

(Name Signed)

All club members are urged to also become members of the national HRC. To do so, complete the form found on our website and send to: UNITED KENNEL CLUB – HRC, 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Annual National HRC dues are \$25.00 (individual) and \$30.00 (family). This membership includes the *HUNTING RETRIEVER* magazine.

If currently a member of the National HRC, enter Membership # _____ and Expiration Date _____.

We're on the web!
<http://nefhrc.net>

NEFHRC is sanctioned by the United Kennel Club, Inc. We are a club devoted to the training of bird hunting dogs for the purposes of hunting and hunt tests. As the UKC says, we are a club "*Conceived by hunters for hunters.*"

Always for the dogs!

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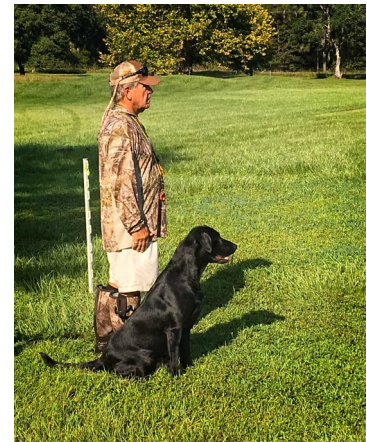
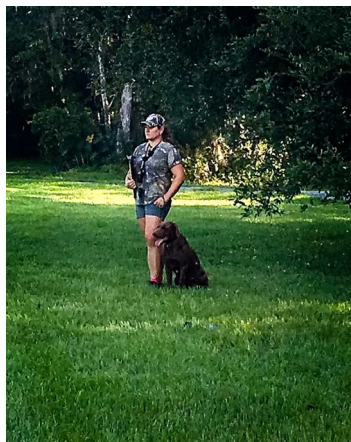


August Training Day

NEFHRC had another successful training day August 19, 2017. We were kind enough to have use of Betsy Reineys' property (last years volunteer of the year) and club members enjoyed the set ups of an open field and a water mark.

We had great participation and help from members and officers alike and in spite of the heat were able to work older dogs and the puppies. We even had new members come to their first training day with us and pitch in to help with set up and take down.

Its always great to see dogs at every level from just starting basic obedience to dogs that run finished level tests. The club has really had a nice 'shot in the arm' of new members and dogs and it helps everyone and every dog. The pictures show Don Imfeld with his Granddaughter running his dog 'Annie' and having a blast at it. Also our Vice-President Jenny Richardson with her dog 'Tonny' and Dan Meinert and his dog 'Tar'.



SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01	02 NEFHRC Training Day
03	04 LABOR DAY	05	06	07	08	09 Big Elkins Creek NoGA HRC
10 Big Elkins Creek NoGA HRC	11	12	13	14	15	16 Old South HRC
17 Old South HRC	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HRC Fall 2017 International Grand Hunt						

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07 Coastal Empire
08 Coastal Empire	09	10	11	12	13	14 Midlands HRC
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