

Old South News

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Old South Announcements

We need your help!!

The board members are looking for volunteers for the Spring Hunt Test. From managing a flight to delivering lunches to the judges, we need help with it all. If you think you might be able to spare some of your time, please contact Jeff Mann: mannsmobile@bellsouth.net.

We want to hear from you!!

I only have so much to say...

I would love to hear from all of you and include your thoughts, ideas, suggestions etc. in our member newsletter. Please feel free to send me anything you think could benefit our members, and I'll try to include it in one of our monthly newsletters. These can be your own thoughts, something you read somewhere, something you heard or saw somewhere, etc. You can send them to becca32@charter.net

I look forward to hearing from all of you!

Thanks,

Becca Roper



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DOWN EAST HRC HUNT TEST

KINSTON, NC
FEBRUARY 6TH & 7TH
www.dehrc.com

CHARLESTON RETRIEVER CLUB HUNT TEST

JAMESTOWN, SC
FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH
www.charlestonretrieverclub.com

NORTHEAST FLORIDA HRC HUNT TEST

ST. JOHN'S COUNTRY, FL
FEBRUARY 20TH & 21ST
www.nefhrc.com

BACKWOODS HRC HUNT TEST

MONROE, NC
FEBRUARY 20TH & 21ST
www.backwoodshrc.com

NORTH GEORGIA HRC HUNT TEST

JERSEY, GA
FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH
www.nghrc.com

DEER RIVER HRC HUNT TEST

ALAMO, TN
FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH

FOR A MORE EXTENSIVE LIST OF EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR SITE

WWW.OLDSOUTHHRC.ORG

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Training Tips

Housebreaking Your New Puppy

I'm going through this for the 3^d time this year and haven't been able to master it yet...thought it might be helpful.

Schedule puppy's activities

The most important detail in housebreaking is to make a schedule and stick to it. This both minimizes the opportunity for accidents and builds your pup's confidence. If you keep track of when food and water goes in, you can predict when it needs to come back out. As the days go by you'll notice your puppy can hold himself for longer periods, which means more praise and trust from you. The best housebreaking schedule sets times for when puppy gets food and water, when he plays or goes for walks, and, of course, bathroom breaks. Plan each activity for the same time every day. Because dogs are creatures of habit, the more regimented the schedule the easier it will be for your puppy to learn what you expect from him.

How often to go out

In the beginning stages of housebreaking puppy, you should take him out in the morning when he wakes up, every hour-and-a-half during the day, and in the evening before bed. Later on, your pup should only need to go out in the morning, evening, and after meals or long play sessions. The following is a simple formula to remember:

Puppy's age plus one

Add one to your puppy's age in months to get the number of hours he should be able to wait before going out. So a puppy that's two months old can wait about three hours; you'll need to take him outside at least once during the night.

To avoid accidents while housebreaking, pay attention to how your puppy signals he needs to go out. Signs may include sniffing or scratching at the ground or door, pacing, or whining. Once you're keyed in to these behaviors, you can extend the periods between bathroom breaks.

Taking puppy outside

The heart of learning how to housebreak a puppy comes when it's time to go outside.

Take puppy to the designated soiling area

Always use the same route to get there and don't let him out on his own. You want to be sure he goes in the same place every time and that you're there to give praise.

Repeat a housebreaking command as he starts to go

When it looks like your puppy is about to go, softly repeat a command like "hurry up" or "do it". Don't stop repeating the command until puppy actually starts to go.

Switch to gentle praise

Quietly switch from the command to gentle praise once he starts to eliminate and continue to praise until he's done. It may take a few times for your puppy to be completely empty, particularly in the mornings. Wait until you're certain he's finished, then give him some hearty praise and head back to the house.

If this method is used consistently when housebreaking your puppy, you'll eventually be able to make him go on command.

How to deal with accidents

You should expect a few accidents during the housebreaking process. Whatever you do, **do not punish your puppy!** Don't rub his nose in the mess and don't discipline after he's already eliminated in the house because you think he knows what he did. This will only confuse and intimidate your puppy.

Catching him in the act

Clap your hands or slap the wall. Make any loud noise you can to interrupt the behavior. Then scoop your puppy up and take him outside to the soiling area. When he's done, praise him as usual.

For all other times

Clean up the mess and figure out where YOU went wrong in housebreaking puppy. Did you ignore the schedule, give him water late at night, or miss the signs that he needed to go out? If you can see where you failed your pup, you can be better prepared to help him succeed.

Clean up messes with a product designed for pet accidents. Never use household cleaners or those containing ammonia, which can't remove the odor. Your puppy may revisit the area if it's not properly cleaned.

Learning how to housebreak a puppy is a pretty simple task if you stay alert and stick to your schedule. With consistency and plenty of praise, your puppy will be housebroken in no time.

Article taken from www.raisingspot.com

Is Your Pet Ready for an E-Collar?

By Rhett Kermicle

Today's electronic collars are excellent tools for training dogs in the off-season and keeping them in control during hunting season. Of course, a tool can only be as good as the trainer who is using it. With that in mind, it's important to remember that an e-collar is most beneficial when it's used to reinforce commands your dog already knows. It is NOT meant to teach a dog a command it has never heard before.

There is a natural, common-sense progression we follow while introducing pointing dogs to training experiences at our kennel. This progression is one I suggest you follow, regardless of the dog breed you are training.

Most dog owners understand the importance of good obedience training and are anxious to jump into it while the dog is young, but before you get into that, you should lay the groundwork that will make your dog a superior bird-finder. At our kennel, this period consists of our "puppy program." This simple but important program centers on bird contacts (quail and pigeons) and introducing young dogs to the gun.

We want young dogs to find lots of birds and be free to chase them. During this time they are getting lots of positive results from using their natural abilities. For roughly 60 days, these "bump and run" outings are teaching dogs that, most importantly, birds are fun. Eventually we time gunshots to coincide with bird finds. We start gradually, using a blank pistol or small-gauge shotgun from a distance that won't startle the dog. Soon the dog associates the noise with the best part of his outings: finding birds.

Now that we know our young dogs are full of enthusiasm for birds and won't be shy of gunshots, we move into the obedience phase of training. I don't have the space here to cover everything about obedience. Regardless of the techniques you use to teach commands such as stopping (whoa-training), holding point (steadiness) or patterning (also known as bending), be sure to reinforce the commands by traditional means such as the whoa barrel and check cord. Remember, you're still in the teaching phase, and the e-collar will later be used to reinforce the commands.

After you've been at these drills for a few weeks, only then should you introduce the e-collar. And then, don't even think about turning it on. The dog should simply be learning that anytime it is out of its kennel, it will be wearing the collar. Soon, your dog will associate the collar with the excitement of enjoyable training sessions.

All of this preparation is leading up to eventually being able to correct the dog with stimulation from the collar and not have the dog lose its enthusiasm because of it. Even then, the e-collar isn't a punishment tool, it's a reminder. This comfortable process works best for both you and your dog when you use an easy-to-operate collar that lets you start with very low stimulation levels. Radio Systems' new SportDOG® Model SD-1825 is one excellent example of an e-collar that is simple to operate and provides stimulation levels so low, the chance of accidental over-correction is no longer a concern. This is the perfect finishing tool to complete your systematic introduction to birds, guns and basic obedience.



Before you start training with an electronic collar, be sure your dog fully understands your commands. An e-collar is meant to reinforce commands a dog already knows.

Classifieds

Puppies

Roux's Graceful Lil Sioux "Sioux"

(GRHRCH UH Dakota's Cajun Roux X Menard's Amazing Grace SH)

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Big Jake's Ramblin On "Jake"

(2xNAFC FC Candlewood's Ramblin Man X Red Neck Roxy SH)

Hips on both parents are OFA good. Sioux is CERF Clear As of 1/15/10, the pups are 8 weeks old and have been introduced to feathers and wings.\$475.00

Contact John Parham for more information

iparham26@yahoo.com

GRHRCH Rush Duxback Pronto MH UH – "Rush"

(HRCH Hilltops Huckelbury Finn X GRHRCH Webshires Bouncing Zeke MH UH)

X

HRCH Smokin Little Ms "Lexie"

(FC AFC Carolina's Smoke on the Water X GRHRCH Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds)

Pups due January 1, 2010. Expecting all black pups. Both Rush and Lexie are OFA good, eyes clear. \$650.00

Contact Scott Baldwin for more information at 706-342-6359

or sbaldwin@netcommander.com

Discounts offered for program dogs.

Great repeat breeding of yellow pups on the way.

GRHRCH Hot Shot Yoo MH

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S & A's Moon River Sunrise

(NFC AFC Deweys Drake of Moon River X Highpoint Law Abiding Heidi MH QAA)

Pups due on February 27. Call now to get your name on the list as these will go quickly! Pups will be dual registered AKC & HRC, Dew claws will be removed and pups will come with a written hip and eye guarantee. Pups will be well socialized and introduced to birds.

Outstanding Chocolate Litter born 1-10-10.

Ready for their new homes at the end of February.

Now accepting deposits.

HRCH Roux's Hot Shot Shot Harley "Harley" (GRHRCH UH Dakota's Cajun Roux MH x Bayou Segnette's Pretty Cher)

OFA Excellent, CERF – clear, CNM – clear, EIC –clear.

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Fowlmaster's Devil Went Down to Georgia "Georgia" (FC Running with the Devil x Muddy's Blinking Star JH) OFA – good, CERF –clear, CNM –clear, EIC –clear.

For more information please contact Jeff Mann at 678-977-2599 or via email at mannsmobile@bellsouth.net. Pictures and pedigrees can be seen at www.fowlmasterkennels.com

Beautiful Black Christmas babies. Ready now. EIC clear per parentage.

Sire: Bama's Rising Son SH, Great grandson of NAFC-FC-AFC Ebonstar Lean Mac. Sire OFA hips good and elbows normal.

Dam: Gypsy Rose War Eagle Awbrey. Great granddaughter of FC-AFC Black Gold's Kates Rascal.

Dews removed, started on vaccinations and wormed.

Only 1 male left!! \$500

For further information and pictures contact Pat Awbrey Roanoke, AL.

Home 334-863-4635 Bus. 334-863-2213 or Cell 334-436-0363.

Studs

At Stud-GRHRCH UH Rush Duxbak Pronto MH- 75lbs, HRCH at 21 months, 500+ HRC points, excellent pedigree on both sides (available upon request), great marking and handling dog, very mild natured and awesome pet, excellent hunting partner, OFA Good,

Contact Chris Dameron at: 770-862-9089

HRCH Roux's Hot Shot Shot Harley "Harley" (GRHRCH UH Dakota's Cajun Roux MH x Bayou Segnette's Pretty Cher) OFA Excellent, CERF – clear, CNM – clear, EIC –clear. (Frozen Semen Only) Contact Jeff Mann at 678-977-2599 or via email at mannsmobile@bellsouth.net

Equipment

For sale-8-hole dog trailer with ATV hauler, dual axle, 50gal water tank gravity fed or pressurized, storage underneath and storage box on the tongue, recently overhauled from the ground up including axles, wheels, tires, wiring, stainless floor, paint and lights. Vented on front of dog box as well as each door with fan on top in the rear, storage rack and spare tire on top. Steal at \$7800 over 10k invested. Contact-Chris Dameron at 770-862-9089

2009 G3 1756 Gator Tough 16' 10" Aluminum Boat with Yamaha Four Stroke 60HP Fuel injected engine with electric tilt and trim. Brand new boat - won at fishing tournament. This boat is perfect for Duck Hunting! Price - \$12,500 OBO

For pictures and more information, please visit our website:

