

RICE CREEK HUNTING DOG CLUB

June - July 2009

President's Address
Mark Monson

HI All.

I Hope this letter finds everyone and their dog in great health. On June 6th we had scheduled training at the Rice Creek grounds, unfortunately the turnout was poor. We are still not giving up on the training. The training grounds are available to all club members at anytime so feel free to use them at your leisure. The grounds are an ideal place to condition you dog for the upcoming test and fall hunting season.

In August we will be hosting 2 events, The Retriever hunt test August 8th and 9th and the Spaniel hunt test August 22nd and 23rd. We are looking for volunteers to help out with duties (gunners, planters, wingers and so on) if you are available to help please let me know. You can get a hold of me by email or phone the email is monso020@usfamily.net of the phone number is 651-592-0499.

Take care and I'll see you at the tests.
Mark

2009 POINTER TEST

The Spring Pointer Test on May 2nd and 3rd was a success. There were 27 Dogs entered on Saturday and 29 on Sunday. On Saturday, 5 Master Dogs qualified, 2 Senior and 6 Junior. Saturday, 4 Master qualified, 2 Senior and 6 Junior. The weather was warm and sunny both days. Many Pointing Breeds were represented and both Owners and Dogs had a great time.

Thanks to all the Gunners, the Rat pack, Gary for Chairing the Test, Sandy for helping and to all those who helped, if I forgot anyone. The Test wouldn't have been the success it was without your help.

Dianne Pflipsen, Pointer Test Secretary

Retriever Hunt Tests

Margaret Grondahl - Event Secretary
805 6th St NE
Staples, MN 56479-2233
(218) 894-1157
kmgrondahl@charter.net

Saturday - August 8, 2009 - Closing Date - July 30, 2009

Class		Judge	Entry Fee
Junior Hunter		Dave Bunde Julie Mach	\$55.00
Senior Hunter	Division A	Lin M Gelbmann Paul Danahy	\$65.00
	Division B	Lin M Gelbmann Paul Danahy	\$65.00

Sunday August 9, 2009 - Closing Date - July 30, 2009

Class		Judge	Entry Fee
Junior Hunter		Dennis C Riebe Jack Hoffman	\$55.00
Senior Hunter	Division A	Mike Kuehne Richard Bruesewitz	\$65.00

Spaniel Hunt Tests

Sandie Resch - Event Secretary
16463 Nature Road
Royalton, MN 56373-3821
(320) 360-4563
brusan@fallsnet.com

Saturday, August 22, 2009 - Closing August 12, 2009

Class	Judge	Entry Fee
Junior Hunter	Bruce Resch Mark Monson	\$55.00
Senior Hunter	Debra Livingston J P Martin	\$55.00
Master Hunter	Lee Erickson Linda Martin	\$55.00

Sunday, August 23, 2009 - Closing August 12, 2009

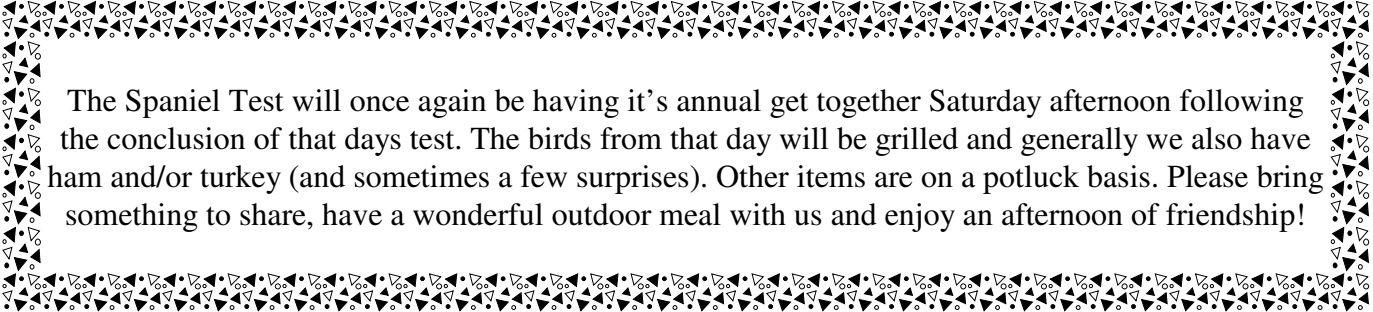
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Junior Hunter	Bruce Resch Debra Livingston	\$55.00
Senior Hunter	Dean Bicknese Linda Martin	\$55.00
Master Hunter	J P Martin Stephen P Krueger	\$55.00

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Mark is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Retriever and Spaniel Hunt Tests. If you are able to help please contact him at monso020@usfamily.net or 651-592-0499.



The Spaniel Test will once again be having it's annual get together Saturday afternoon following the conclusion of that days test. The birds from that day will be grilled and generally we also have ham and/or turkey (and sometimes a few surprises). Other items are on a potluck basis. Please bring something to share, have a wonderful outdoor meal with us and enjoy an afternoon of friendship!

NEW MEMBERS

RCHDC would like to welcome the following new members and their dogs.

Todd and Jill Piechowski from Buffalo - German Shorthairs and Weimaraners
Bruce Olsen from Hutchinson - German Shorthair
Steve Mason from Austin - Chocolate Lab
Joel Ihnen from Princeton - Retriever



WAY TO GO!!!!

Congratulations to Greg Livingston and Pip. They had a great day this spring at the Northern Minnesota ESS Trial. Deb says they were “out of our minds with glee” when Pip placed FIRST!

There was a sad day at the Erickson home this spring. We lost our loved companion, Tank, after a very short illness. Most of you know of Tank’s “antics” in the field (some of which seem to have been passed on to his progeny). He also held obedience and agility titles and was Jeni’s longtime 4-H companion, earning many state titles. He also spent 11 years as a therapy dog at Merit Care Hospital in Fargo.

How to Handle Your Dog's Emergency Heat Stress

By: [Jane Saeman](#)

Both obesity and advancing years reduce a dog's tolerance to extremes of heat. The brachycephalic breeds (those with the pushed-in face) are particularly susceptible, due to their normal respiratory difficulties. It is through respiration that the majority of your dog's excess body heat is eliminated. When you and I get overheated, we breathe rapidly and perspire all over our bodies. Because of their hair coats, dogs are unable significantly to perspire through their skins, although a small amount does occur through the underside of the paws. For all practical purposes, excess body heat must be removed by rapid respiration.

Most dogs, other than the brachycephalics, can withstand exposure to the sun and rather high environmental temperature as long as they are free to move about. It is confinement, restraint, and excitement in hot weather that sets the stage for heat stress. The dog left inside a car in the sun, leashed to a post outside the supermarket, or held in a pen when there are other dogs nearby to excite it, is a prime candidate for this life-threatening emergency. Symptoms range from panting with a hot dry tongue, bright red mucous membranes in the mouth, rapid heartbeat, and a hot, dry skin, to a dazed look, inability to stand, unconsciousness, and death. The body temperature may be between 106 degrees F and 110 degrees F (41.1degrees - 43.3degrees C). The chance of death increases in direct proportion to the length of time the body temperature remains that high. This is a true emergency.

If heat problems occur, remove the dog from the constraining environment to a cooler place, preferably indoors. Immediately, before anything else is done, telephone your veterinarian. If she is in, and you can get to her clinic quickly, go directly there. In the event travel time will be prolonged, she may advise you to start emergency treatment at home, under her telephone direction, and then bring your dog to the clinic. But suppose you cannot reach her by phone - you're camping out miles from a telephone, or she is on vacation and the nearest veterinarian is in another town at a considerable distance. You must take action at once!

The most urgent need is to lower the dog's body temperature. Immerse the entire body, except the head, in cold or ice water - bathtub, stream, river, or lake - anything that has or can hold cold water. Take care to support the dog so he doesn't collapse into the water. Massage the skin all over the body and flex and extend the legs one at a time. This will stimulate the flow of the cooled blood back to the heart, through the internal parts of the body and to the heat sensitive brain.

If you have a rectal thermometer handy, check the temperature every seven to ten minutes until it reads 103 degrees F (39.4 degrees C). Do not cool below that point. The dog should then be removed from the water and the temperature checked with the same frequency for at least three-quarters of an hour, to be sure it doesn't start to go up again. Once the temperature has remained stable for that period of time, take your dog as quickly as possible to a veterinarian somewhere. There are important medications which should be given to prevent the many serious complications which can follow heat stress.