

Rice Creek Hunting Dog Club



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Letter from the President

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. We have been training Saturday mornings at 8am if anyone would like to come join in. You can come to club house or contact me. We will be having retriever tests and spaniel tests in August and volunteers are needed for both tests.

Thanks,
Gary Lee



Our Web site is :

<http://www.ricecreekhuntingdogclub.com>

If you have any Photos you would like to share and have put on the web site please contact Travis Lund at:

WANTED!!

We are still looking for people to help with the Retriever Hunt Test Aug 13 & 14, And Spaniel Test Aug 27-28 we need shooters and a gun captain, and of course the Rats!

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Dog Nutrition for your working partner... Are you giving him what he really needs?

We've all heard the saying "You are what you eat". This holds true for dog nutrition, the same as it does for all other living creatures. Due to their high activity levels and the strain placed on their body during hunts and trails, performance and hunting dogs require a superior level of nutrients.

Provide the proper nutrition to your hunting dog. He will reward you with maximum performance in the field.

How Important Are Calories and Fat?

Calories are the primary nutrition that working dogs require for energy. Calories in the diet promote stamina, and boost performance.

Providing calories in a nutritious and balanced way is the primary goal of a diet suited to hunting dogs.

Fat contains at least twice the calories of carbohydrates or protein.

High-fat products are the best way to provide stamina to your hunting dog.

High-fat foods provide:

- caloric intake for stamina
- reduction in amount of food consumed
- maintain weight and energy without having to eat as much

Research by a major pet food company has shown that dogs on high-fat diets are better able to burn oxygen and perform better, even without extra conditioning.



What are Fatty Acids?

All fat sources are not created equal. Along with providing calories, fat is the source of one of the main building blocks of the body, fatty acids.

These vital nutrients, fatty acids are:

- are a component of cell wall,
- provide nourishment to the skin,
- boost and strengthen the immune system.

Omega-6 fatty acids work to create the inflammatory response in the body, an essential part of healing and response to injury. Good sources: sunflower oil, safflower oil, soybean and corn oil.

Omega-3 fatty acids work to counteract the excessive inflammatory response of the body. Good sources: canola and flaxseed oil, and cold water fish oils.

The careful balancing of both of these nutrients is essential to promoting athletic performance.

Look for the guaranteed ratio of omega-6:omega-3 fatty acids in the best dog foods.

Carbohydrates, Fiber and Protein. What's the Difference?

While carbohydrates are an important component in dog nutrition, care must be taken to select the correct ingredients.

- Rice can be an excellent source of carbohydrates due to the rapid rise in blood sugar and energy levels it will cause in the dog, enabling stronger performance.
- Carbohydrates such as wheat should be avoided, as they lower the blood sugar.
- Corn and milo provide a slower rise in blood-sugar levels, but provide a stable energy burn over a longer period of time than rice.

Fiber is not just Filler. Fiber is an essential player in the intestinal health of the dog. Fiber ferments in the intestine, and "feeds" the cells that line the intestine and colon.

Increased protein intake for optimum athletic performance is needed by humans and dogs alike. Amino acids are the building blocks of protein.

Amino acids contribute to:

- the making of red blood cells
- increased muscle size
- enzyme and blood plasma production
- maintaining and rebuild muscle tissue
- increase strength and stamina

All these components that are vital in the demanding performance of hunting dogs.

Dogs are carnivores, and animal-based protein is the most beneficial and easily digestible.

Soybeans and corn gluten have been used traditionally as a protein source in dog food, but their amino acid balances are inferior to those of animal-source proteins.

Look at the ingredients of some of the best dog food on the market.

Knowing the characteristics of a good feeding program for the hunting dog can make selecting or creating a balanced diet easier. Many reputable brands, such as the Innova dog food Company, is dedicated to making well-balanced forms of dog nutrition suitable for the hunting dog.

A strong feeding program should provide:

- be nutrient-dense, providing high-energy in a small quantity of food
- contain an animal-based protein sources
- be a high-fat, high-energy food
- contain a moderately-fermentable fiber source
- have an adjusted ration, and guaranteed analysis of the omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acid content
- easy to purchase or prepare
- good taste

We all need our Water

Finally, the last major component of any diet is water and in particular with dog nutrition. Water is of greater importance to the performance and hunting dog, as more water is lost during the activity of running than may be thought.

Water loss comes from breathing, salivating and urinating, and this progressive dehydration, combined with extensive exertion, can cause stress to the body of the athletic dog.

Clean, fresh water must be available at all times to the performing dog.

Dogs that are not heavy water drinkers may benefit from the addition of Jell-O or Gatorade to their water to improve flavor and increase water intake. There are also nutritional supplements on the market to mix with water to assist the working dog.

Picky eaters could benefit by mixing in a small amount of homemade dog food, to moisten and give additional flavor.

A study by the Iams dog food company found that trained hunting dogs fed a high-fat performance food performed on average 55% better than their counterparts fed standard dog food in dog nutrition.

By providing your hunting or performance dog with the proper dog nutrition he needs, you can help him to perform his best, and achieve his maximum potential on the field.

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Calendar of events 2011

AKC Pointing Dog Hunt Test 2012

5-6 May Tentative

Rice Creek Hunting Recreation

Little Falls, MN

Test Secretary:



More information can be found at :
(TBA)

AKC Retriever Hunt Test

19-20 May Tentative

Master, Senior, Double Junior

Rice Creek Hunting Recreation

Little Falls, MN

Test Secretary:



More information can be found at :
(TBA)

AKC Retriever Hunt Test

13-14 August

Master, Senior, Double Junior

Rice Creek Hunting Recreation

Little Falls, MN

Test Chairperson: Mark Monson

Test Secretary: Margaret Groundahl



More information can be found at :
www.entryexpress.net

AKC Spaniel Hunt Test

27-28 August

Master, Senior, Junior

Rice Creek Hunting Recreation

Little Falls, MN

Test Secretary: Sandy Resch

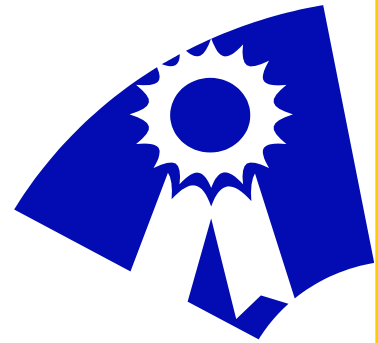


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Hall Of Fame

Let us know when your dog and taken a placement or a leg towards it title so we can let everyone know. Pictures are welcome. Send the information to Mark Monson at:

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MEMBERSHIP

There is currently only one category of membership. \$35.00 includes individuals and families. Your membership must be current in order for you to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. (There is one vote per paid membership.)Membership renewals can be sent to:

Dianne Pflipsen 30397 Clear Lake Rd. Albany, MN 56307

RICE CREEK HUNTING DOG CLUB MEMBERSHIP, year 2010

Name _____ Renewal _____ New _____ (check one)

Address _____ Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Family members names (spouse and children under 18)

Breed of Dog/s _____

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