



THE WAVE



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Notes from the Editor

First of all I need to apologize for the lateness of this issue of the Wave. Real assortment to so its going to be an odds and ends issue. So you'll have to take it as it is. At this late date, I will combine the fall and December issues into one publication.

Another summer has passed quickly. Great to see the results coming in over the summer - some nice ribbons both in the east and in the west.

There has been sad news with several owners losing their chessies this summer. We all grieve when our friends lose their dogs. Club members losing their chessies were Ross Schmidt, losing his Cassie - see memorial report including some of Cassie's stories. As the breeder of Cassie, her passing is of particular loss to me. Bruce and Olissia lost their Sassy. I'm sorry if I missed some others. So a reminder, if you would like to have a memorial of your chessie published, please send me the notice with short write up and a photo

or two in remembrance of your loss. Our dogs should be recognised when they pass away.

Maybe at the top of the news is Leroy Mulrooney's second Canadian National Hunt test qualification in a row. Beretta was the only Chessie entered this year.

With an entry of 35, there were 10 finalists. The national was held on Vancouver Island.

Also of note is a new Grand Master Hunter - Paul MacKinnon and his Jaxy. Congratulations to Jaxy and Beretta. Also a couple of new Master Hunter titles
Front Cover: Judge Steve Larouche getting the hunt test going. Also a photo of Leroy and his Beretta Qualifying at the Canadian National Hunt test held in BC. The second year in a row.



earned. Phillip Gervais and his fine male Tex that made his MH at 2 years and 10 months old. That is quite an amazing feat Philip. Also other results that will be reported and some I've missed - my appologies.

Then the exciting search and rescue by Ross Schmidt and his Magoo - wow, what a story. See report.

Some show news - the club held a successful Show Specialty in BC reported by Terry Dancy. Thanks for the report Terry and to the ribbons awarded.

A shout out should go to Laura Biancolin who's Dakota was awarded the top producing Chessie in the recent HRC magazine.

A training day was held at the Normandeau Community Center in the Lac La Biche County, AB. Thanks goes to Daton Tchir, with help from Heather Mycholuk. We need more of these kind of events. It's a wonderful way to expose hunters, owners and trainers to the world of hunt tests.

Christine Schragel sent a facinating article on scent detection training. She has been doing this activity with her two chessies. Two primary purposes is to detect dead birds that have been killed by wind turbines and the other is detecting disease in greenhouses.

Brian West - Editor



A chessie (Saki) trained to locate and recover dead birds killed by wind turbines. (cadaver training) See page 27

In Memory of Westpeake Cassie JH-WC-WCI-WCX

Sedgcroft Meskanaw x Westpeake Laker QAA

May 19, 2016 - September 22, 2025 - Owner Ross Schmidt

Editor's Note: Cassie's passing was a special loss to me too. She was out of my Westpeake Laker - one of the really good ones I've been privileged to own and train over the years. So I grieve with you too Ross. She had been with me for 5 months - enough to really bond with us.

It was October 6th/2016. I worked a 16 hour shift pushing dirt with a cat dozer – drove two hours back to camp and packed my gear and headed to Sylvan Lake Alberta to Brian West's Westpeake home. Where I first laid eyes on my Westpeake Cassie.

And was I ever in for the journey of a lifetime I didn't have any idea of what and where it would take me this Chesapeake bay retriever was the first dog I could come near to since my sagebrush angel passed away on my chest some 16 years prior.

I was actually headed down a dark road in life this stop to pick up my Westpeake Cassie turned my life around this little 5 month old bundle of brown fur and

energy changed my life completely and took me on a journey I never imagined possible.

It was a 17 hour drive from Sylvan Lake Alberta to Churchbridge Saskatchewan. My grandson Preston following behind in his car was coming to join me on his annual waterfowl safari.

Well Cassie had not ever been on such a vehicle trip. She braced herself against me, pinning me between the steering wheel and the seat the whole trip. I believe this was when we bonded so strongly.

The next morning my grandson and I headed out to a snow goose hunt about a mile out of

town. After the birds stopped flying I called my wife Carla to bring Cassie out while we picked up decoys. As we were picking up decoys my grandson said it would be cool if just one bird would come over in range. Well 10 minutes later it happened. And he shot the bird it crash landed about 20 yards from Cassie and without sending her she just naturally ran out sniffed it picked it up and brought it straight to me. Well to say the least I was ecstatically proud of my little 5 month old Chesapeake bay retriever.

Two weeks later out in the yard a raven landed and tried eating the cat food which was set out for the stray cats, well that's when I learned she had a hate on for ravens. She ran and jumped straight up at the raven coming down on a patch of ice. I heard her leg snap. I just picked her up and headed to the vet where she was lucky the bones didn't shift but had to be in a cast for 6 weeks.

She healed up well with no lasting effects. We never spent a day apart until dec of 2022 when I had open heart surgery. And even then my wife Carla brought her to the hospital for a visit



I had never heard of a thing called hunt tests or field trials. But I had heard Patti Kipper helped with a retriever training course and I wanted a well trained gun dog. And I contacted her through email. Which then started my journey down the hunt test route. I made so many huge mistakes with my training. Cassie was my nemesis when it came to training. But Cassie persevered and eventually passed her JH title

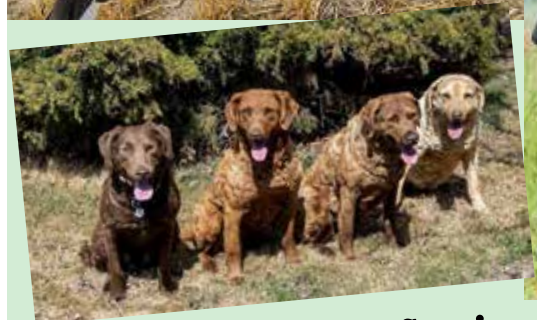
I was occupied with work for a couple years and not able to train or attend hunt tests but this was when Cassie and I became hooked on goose hunting. We worked for several different outfitters.

Cassie racking up as high as 350 birds per day, what memories and friends we made together.

Cassie Photos



Chainsaw carvings of Cassie and Magoo



Some Cassie Stories

One day my wife Carla had to go for knee surgery so we left the house at 01:00 am to be in Regina for her surgery time of 05:00am. I stayed through the day in Regina until the sedative and drugs of the surgery had worn off from Carla and made sure she was settled, then the 3 hour drive home I got home at 02:30 am. I was fagged to say the least. I just put my phone and vehicle keys on the kitchen table and went and fell on the bed. At 03:30 Cassie was making a fuss. I had never heard the sounds coming from her. So I got up walked into my sunroom. There hiding in a corner behind a chair was a young native man who had come in looking to steal a vehicle and whatever else. He got his indoctrination about a Chesapeake Bay retriever. Cassie had him cornered behind a chair

This story in itself is quite long so I'll save the full version for another day. Time went by I decided I wanted a pup from my beloved Cassie. So talking with Tom Lind of Grand Oaks Chesapeakes I made the arrangements for the last of the semen from Linda's Northcreek Magnum. Well that frozen AI breeding didn't take so we made a deal again for frozen semen from Grand Oak's He's No Boy Scout. This time the breeding produced two male puppies - my Mr Magoo and his brother Blaze.

Well it was a long labour so I took Cassie to get a c section, it was the beginning of Covid so I couldn't even enter the vet clinic. I had to wait outside, next thing I got a call - she had delivered the first puppy naturally and was just giving birth to the second. The third puppy was a female but she was still born.

Taking Cassie home with her puppies it soon became apparent she was having trouble nursing the puppies. She took after her mother (Westpeake Laker) and who had the condition called pre-tetanic eclampsia. It was so bad she was having hallucinations and become very aggressive and would hurt her puppies.

So trying to convince the vets to give her a certain medication - they were having nothing doing. I was losing my Cassie to this condition. So I got on the phone with Linda Harger who got on the phone with Dr Pew of Orem, Oregon who specializes in this condition.

He contacted myself and he arranged for a zoom seminar for my vets which I paid dearly for. A knock came at my door at 8 pm and here was my vets with the right medication just in time to save Cassie.

In the meantime I had talked to Kristy at Oaklane Retrievers and she had a female Labrador with a litter of two puppies. She said bring my boys and try to see if she would accept them and did she ever just like they were her own.

Well fast forward to Cassie's first heat cycle after whelping. I looked into her eyes and knew something was wrong. So I just loaded her up and took her to the vet. She had developed a Pyometra infection (infection in the uterus). I caught it in time and was able to cure it with medication.

Fast Forward to her next heat cycle and the pyometra infection came back with a vengeance and this time it was emergency hysterectomy (spay). So I was just happy to have her in my life and enjoy our trips and training time together

Hunt tests were not Cassie's thing but she passed 3 of her 4 SH tests then I decided she didn't have



Cassie's Dad (Roady) and her Mom (Laker)

anything else to prove – she was my rock, my best friend .

Then after the 2022 hunting season was over tragedy struck my home. First I had a major heart attack and had to have 7 bypass open heart surgery. A week after I came out of the hospital my wife Carla took ill and passed away. While leaving the hospital when Carla passing away, I slipped on the ice and broke the ball off of my arm where it attached to the shoulder socket. A day later I was in surgery again still with staples from my throat to my ankle.

Bless my daughters and Carla's daughter for coming out to Saskatchewan during this time. Once every thing



Puppy Cassie playing with her mom Laker - 2016

settled down and everyone left I was home alone with Cassie, Magoo and Zeva. I fell into quite a depression. If it wasn't for Cassie coming and dropping my shoes on my head in the mornings as if to say hey old man get up you still have us and we love you. I don't think I would have pulled out of it.

But Cassie and Magoo were adamant about me getting up and putting my shoes on they kept me sane and were my saviours.

Fast forward a year and I got together my new wife Meghan and her son Dalane and daughter Karolina. They really wanted to do the hunt test so off to Regina we went. I entered Karolina with Cassie for a WC test. Cassie shined for Karolina and passed as did Mr Magoo for Dalane

Back home we went. Kids happy and proud. Cassie would happy too as it was time for hunting season which was really her thing.

Oh did she shine. She was in her glory retrieving birds for her family. She was living a life of a queen - no pressure just living life with the family always by our

side, always happy with her cheshire smile.

This was to be her year of relaxed hunting and fun. She was out hunting having a great time, she retrieved her ten thousand and one bird.

Then two days later I woke up to see the side of her head swollen as big as my fist, her eye swollen shut. We rushed into the vet who didn't even want to do a proper examination on her - just wanted to put her down. We said, no we are getting a second opinion. So off to another vet. By the time we got there the swelling was gone. She was back to her normal self but we did a CT scan and it showed a massive infection and tumour on the left side of her brain.

In 5 days she went down hill and we did the right but very difficult thing. We had the vet out to a field where geese were flying over head and with the tears flowed and won't stop flowing - she passed away in my arms. Just before she did she lifted her head and licked my face as I held her in my arms and cried.

I will never forget her and our memories and life she shared with me and family and friends. She was loved and is missed so very very much.

I can't thank Brian West enough for entrusting me with such a great friend, companion and partner. And starting me on a journey I never imagined in a 10 lifetimes I'd ever be on

There are more stories and memories than I have space for. Like the second break in at my house in churchbridge or the time some guy tried stealing the car while she was sitting on the front seat.

But those are stories and memories for another day. I have a chainsaw carving of Cassie and her son Mr Magoo which I'll place at the entrance of our new property next spring. See the photo album.

This way she will always be there to welcome visitors and to welcome us home

My fairwell to a great friend companion partner Westpeake Cassie. I will never forget you and your memory will never fade, fairwell my dearest friend I miss you already. You're morning smile always started my days out perfectly

You gave so very much in so many ways you took a huge piece of my heart with you and i was so blessed that you shared your love and life with me and all who knew you.

You were so very special and dear to our hearts until we meet on the far side of the rainbow bridge, my dearest friend, I will hold you in my thoughts, my prayers, my heart and memories until the day I pass from this world

I will always keep you close to my heart.

Ross Schmidt

In Memory of Northwind's Sassy

April 11, 2015 - October 6, 2025

On Monday, October 6, 2025, Northwind's aka Sassy grew her angel wings.

Sassy woke up every morning and acted like it was going to be the best day of her life. She had an incredibly exuberant personality. Sassy was a c-section pup who came into the world screaming for attention and as she grew over 8 weeks, her natural abilities showed why she was pick of the litter.

Sassy was a very independent thinker and didn't care about field titles even though she was a great marker and retriever. She liked to surprise and shock people as demonstrated by her running excellent hunt tests and then ripping her last duck of the



Northwind's Sassy

test in half in front of the judges from Sunpoke to Regina.

Spring and fall were her favourite seasons. In the spring, Sassy would blast out the back door and using her incredible sense of smell, she would explore all the shrubs and small trees looking for her springtime favourite snack, baby birds. It took us a while to find out what it was she was looking for until we caught her with a foot protruding from her mouth.

Sassy's other spring talent was to find, and hand

deliver wild turkey eggs. The eggs were delivered in perfect condition. She was also very masterful at catching turkeys, both poults and adults. The adults were too heavy for her to hang onto but the speed at which she could rush and catch a turkey was amazing. Sassy continued to hunt turkeys in the back yard up to her last week. She was great at flushing woodcock and ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge and sharp tail grouse instinctively quartering ahead of you on walks through fields and bush. Sassy also continued her rabbit watch until her last days. She had observation posts on the deck, ramp and dog run where she held her watch.

From the age of three months on, no strawberry or raspberry in the garden was out of her reach. Later it would be peas, beans, tomatoes, carrots and cucumbers as these veggies ripened. She was the best garden thief we've had by far. She continued to seek out carrots until her last days.

At age three, Sassy had a litter of 9 beautiful pups. Treating it like a job, she pushed out the pups, did a wonderful job of nursing the pups for 3 weeks and

then she was out of the whelping box with no desire to return. She had other things she wanted to do.

Sassy was a very good watch dog. No person, vehicle, or animal entered the yard without Sassy letting us know. Anyone coming into the house was then greeted by a bit of barking and then rubs against their legs so she could optimize the chance of being petted. If they sat down on the sofa, she would jump up beside them, snuggle in and bump their hand subliminally suggesting that they should be petting her. In her mind, she could never get close enough to you or receive enough pats.

Locally, Sassy loved to visit with Jim and Kathy on their large rural property. There were many trails, bush, marsh and a creek to explore and other big dogs to play with. She also enjoyed dismantling Kathy's seasonal displays and steal her pumpkins.

The farm in Manitoba was one of Sassy's favourite places. She would go off on her own, running through the canola, wheat or soybeans. All that could be seen was a slight wave in the crops as she chased ground squirrels in the cover. We lovingly called her the Canola Kid as she would return from the field, dappled with bright yellow canola flowers in the summer or her coat

Sassy Photo Album



Sassy's Final day



full of canola through the farm to hunt. She is the only one of our dogs that hunted bank gophers. She was always extremely proud of herself every time she caught and killed a bank gopher and then she always proudly paraded with it in front of us. She also always checked out the fox and badger dens and luckily never met up with either species. Although there were many garter snakes at the farm. She had no interest in them and often stepped over them without a second thought.

Sassy was a great partner to take hunting. You could ask her to sit along the marsh or riverbank and then walk away to jump shoot. Only her eyes moved until she was released.

One organized sport Sassy excelled at was Sprinter. She loved to run full tilt whenever given the opportunity. Like her mom Penny, Sassy would run the 100 metres and then grab the lure and return up the track to the judge at the start line. She and Penny were the only two dogs in the area that did this and it was very much appreciated by the judges and timekeepers.

Usually Sassy never bothered with other dogs nor they her. She just went about her business and that was that. She was never pushy, always waiting her turn for a treat, a meal, waiting in the holding blind and she loved her people massively.

Since coming back from the farm in mid-August, and a diagnosis of Lymphoma, Sassy and I would go on daily walks through the orchard, gardens and yard. She was always on the look out for turkeys to chase and checked out all the places where the coyotes had passed through the yard. She had two favourite apple trees which she would regularly pick an apple from and snack on it.

Since her diagnosis, most nights, Sassy and I spent numerous hours outside stargazing, listening to the coyotes packs howling and moving through, the geese calling as they flew south, and owls hooting. We watched shooting stars, satellites and aircraft pass through the night skies, and reminisced of the adventures we had over the past 10 years. This past week we also watched the moon grow into the harvest moon which marked Sassy's passing.

Sassy, my sweetheart, find Penny. She'll show you the best ponds in the universe for retrieving and where the turkeys and rabbits are for you to chase.

'Til we meet again'

Just like Penny, Sassy left this earth with a large, beautiful drake mallard tucked under her front leg to take on her journey of the universe.

Northwind Chesapeake - Bruce Hood/Olissia Stechishen

Field Reports

PRAIRIE HUNT TEST NEWS

The Regina Retriever Club's hunt test was held July 19-20 at the club's training grounds near Pilot Butte, Saskatchewan. The previous weekend we did the Georgian Bay test near Elmvale, Ontario, then dashed to Pilot Butte, with a detour to Delta Marsh to deliver a Chessie that had been in Ontario for training.

The Regina Club's training grounds are a spectacular mix of rolling fields and ponds in former gravel pits. We found the test setups simulated actual hunting scenarios very well. A bonus is that we got to spend a couple of days with CBRCC membership coordinator Patti Kipper, who was marshalling at the test, and fellow CBRCC member Terry Byrne, from Calgary and his young Chessie male Eagon. Terry, Olissia and I were all running Senior. Here is a photo of Terry and I with our dogs and senior pass ribbons on Saturday. Tango also got a pass on Sunday.

The following weekend, Terry and Eagon got 3 senior passes at the Saskatoon Retriever Club's hunt test for Aegon's Senior Hunter Title. Congratulations to both and thanks Patti for the photos!

Bruce Hood



Bruce Hood with Tango and Terry Byrne with his Aegon. Both handlers and their chessies with SH passes

Taken at the Saskatoon Retriever Club

New Senior Hunter - Aegon



Westpeake Aegon of Sedgroft Past SH
 Sedgroft Peesim Sakeway Bilbo STPR-1 TBH WT BH IPO-FL-B IPO-T-V WSH x
 Westpeake She Can Fly Owner/Handler: Terry Byrne



Leroy and Beretta. GMH NMH Westpeake Ida's Beretta QFTR, picks up her 20th MH pass today.



On the left: Beretta's first test of the year with 11 week old puppies on the ground, not too shabby, And Benelli on the right picks up her 2nd MH pass !!

More Western Field



David Lancaster - western goose hunt.



Grand Oaks Pistol's Benelli Can SH (CH Grand Oaks Smok'n Grizzly MH QAA x SR-SAC Grand Oaks Packin A Pistol MH QA2

Benelli brings home her very first Master Hunter Ribbon from the Regina Retriever Club, only 7 dogs made it through out of 25. Hats off to the judges, gunners and the Regina Retriever Club !!
Owner/trainer: Leroy Multooney

Eastern Field Report



Early arrivals for the CBRCC hunt test.



CBRCC Quebec Director Steve Larouche explaining the test



Landowner Bill Blaine receiving a ribbon from judge Steve Larouche.



Judges explaining the test.



Judges Steve Larouche and Mikael Brochu awarding ribbon to Kim Pardy.



Willow achieves her Senior title at the Chesapeake Club of Canada hunt test 5 for 5. Ran master land test dog clean Sunday. Thanks to all. Chris Stoddart



Hunt test Field Director Chris Stoddart en-route to the line.



Laura Biancolin and Tarka about to run the Masters land marks and blinds.



New Master Hunter - Tex

Am 4th Place for Jane Papppler's Boing

I posted a note about my Qual 4 on FB, Chad sent me a terrible photo, can't even hardly see his face so don't know if you want to use it or just a photo of Boing. It's happened to many of us and our dogs... you're winning the field trial-till the last bird... What a great showing for our girl Boing yesterday in Colonial's Qualifying Field Trial in CT. 28 starters with only 8 going to the water marks. With a quick handle on the last bird Boing still took a 4th place. Handled by Chad Martin of ME. Sired by our boy **Redlion's Come Back Boing** Barret and mom is Lucas Bellanceau's Poppy, MH. Owners Jane Papppler and Leighann Barnes.



Redlion's Come Back Boing

Uniklab Lone Star Of Texas MH WE MADE IT!!

Memorable weekend at the L'abitii-Témiscamingue club dog events! At 2 years and 10 months old, Tex gets his 5th ribbon to complete his Master Title on Saturday and his 1st ribbon to Grand Master Title on Sunday. With these two rosettes, we are now qualified for the 2026 Canadian National Master.

Thank you to all the people I have worked with and/or coached over the past few years that have allowed me to grow as a manager! Thanks to the club, the judges and all the volunteers involved during the weekend!

Owner/Handler: Phillip Gervais



I judged on Saturday in PEI and ran Brisket and Twist on Sunday. Brisket just turned 6 months old and did an awesome job earning her first Junior pass. Twist got her 9th Master pass. It was a great weekend with many thanks to the PEI club!

Phillip Williams - field report.



Master Hunter pass #3 for Dakota and #2 for Tarka. I honestly couldn't be happier with how the dogs were all weekend. A few handler errors as I step into the Master level running multiple dogs, but they still worked hard for me. BIG thank you to Long Point Retriever Club for putting on such a well organized and well run tests and thank you to the judges and volunteers!

Report from Laura Biancolin



Rye - Can GCh Am GCh Chesacola's Tennessee Honey CGC JH TKN CA S - earned her final qualifiers for her Novice Scent Detection to add SDN to her name. Thank you to my friend Suzanne Wiebe for your guidance and seeing this through.



Coady Melvin
Smiles all around 2 more to go for Silverpeake Retrievers Rhianna

New GMH Nordais AFG's Mr.October



Owner/Handler: Paul MacKinnon



Proud to introduce a new CKC Grand Master Hunter... GMH Nordais AFG's Mr October MH (Jaxy)

Jaxy went 11 for 13 and also jammed his first trial this summer. We had two goals this summer was to run and finish a field trial and attain our GMH title and we did both even though we missed 5 weeks with a bad paw cut. We have a very short season up here as its only 4 months long. The last two summer out of those 8 month we have missed 4 months or 50% of the time. Jaxy's character, perseverance and resilience makes me even prouder of him accomplishing our goals missing half of the tests.



Reminesents from James Crawford



Brian that assortment of photos of Duke also included me just finishing 12 miles of trap line down the Grand River C.B. Note that there is no dog in the canoe for obvious reasons. Might be of interest for the Wave.

Nov 7 1970 Native Shore Duke of Chatham. My first chessee that took me down a life-time of Chesapeake.... 55 years ago. Never missed a day without 1,2 or 3 chesseys by my side. Clipper is doing great. Woodcock have pretty well moved on. So now we transition to geese and ducks with a few grouse on the side..... Dukes paternal grandfather was Mrs. Cherry's great dog. Bear orCub I can't remember - too many years ago.



James Crawford



Just a nice picture of grand-father and grandson with my great dog Nordais Ocean Clip-

CBRCC HuntTest 2025

Early in 2025, a group of CBRCC members began planning a Club hunt test. The previous Club test, held in Quebec in 2023, was organized by Quebec Director Steve Larouche. Afterwards, our Club secured priority dates from the CKC for the next 3 years and those dates for 2025 were August 23-24.

The hunt test committee met regularly on Zoom. Jayne and Chris Stoddart, Bill and Jennifer Blaine, Steve Larouche, Rita Jones, Olissia Stechishen and I comprised the Committee.

We were very fortunate that Chris and Jayne, Rita and Steve were all experienced hunt testers and had planned hunt tests before, as they were very familiar with the process, the test requirements and organization, and had loads of advice to offer. Steve shared his records from the 2023 test.

The Blaines offered to host the 2025 test on their farm, situated between Perth and Carleton Place in Eastern Ontario. The rolling fields on their 200-acre property are ideal for the land portion of tests. However, when the idea of having a hunt test there was conceived, the property didn't have any existing ponds or wetlands for water tests.

Hunt tests are most often held at locations that don't require much site preparation other than perhaps mowing. In this case, however, there since there were no available sites for water tests, some had to be created from scratch.

The Blaines, being avid waterfowlers set out to construct two ponds and fortunately there were wet areas fed by springs and intermittent streams that provided suitable sites.

Chris Stoddart designed two ponds with waterfowl habitat and technical features for retriever training in mind. Each pond is irregularly shaped and has several points and islands. Excavation for the first pond began in the Fall of 2024 with some assistance from Ducks Unlimited Canada and continued into the winter.

Construction of the second pond began in spring 2025 and progressed over the summer. The

Blaines rented an excavator, and Chris did much of the digging. Constructing a sizable pond is a huge task and it became a race against time to have the ponds ready for the test!

Fortunately, it didn't take long for the ponds to fill with water, however the prolonged drought conditions through July and August lowered water levels about a metre by test weekend. Fortunately, there was adequate depth for the dogs to swim.

Access to the ponds and adjacent land test sites also needed to be upgraded and fields mowed. Chris, his son Wesley and Bill Blaine worked hard to get the property ready in time.

As Hunt Test Secretary, Jayne looked after administration for the test, which was a huge job that included everything from liaising with CKC, creating the catalogue of entries, enlisting judges, gunners and other helpers, making directional signs, reserving rooms for judges, ordering porta-potties and much more.

Olissia and I procured ducks, purchased test supplies that the Club was lacking and prepared food for the tailgate. Jennifer enlisted gunners and looked after other logistics.

Many of the dog handlers coming were from Quebec so it was important for us to have bilingual judging. Our judges were Rita Jones and Dan Rapson from Ontario and Steve Larouche and Mikael Brochu-Gagnon from Quebec. Jayne also provided translation at times during the test.

Several handlers and their dogs arrived at the Blaines the night before the test and camped. Judges stayed at a hotel in Perth.

Weather during the weekend was perfect for a hunt test. Temperatures in the mid 20s sunny and no rain. We met to discuss how it had gone and make a list of needs and improvements to make for future tests. Overall were satisfied that most aspects of the weekend had gone well and we made a list to guide us for future tests. For example, we hope to have more Club members come out to help next year.

Report by Bruce Hood/Olissia Stechishen

The dogs that passed Master were:**Sorry no photos****Saturday**

3. Silverpeake's Cooper's Hawk (Tarka)
(Chesapeake)

Owner/Handler Laura Biancolin

5. Black Jack's Tikkula of Dacre (Tikka)
(Chesapeake)

Sunday

3. Nordais Talisman (Talie)
(Chesapeake)

Owner/Handler Mario Beauregard

Only finisher

4. NORDIAS SAILOR OF GOSLINS (Sailor)

CKC Reg No. : CK-MG4318934 Sex : Male DOB
: 2024-04-16

Breed : Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)

Breeder : Mario Beauregard

Sire : Dockcove's Gander

Dam : Nordias Taiga

Place of Birth : Canada

Owner : Stephen PAYTON

Handler: Stephen PAYTON

6. SAI/ERPEAKE COOPER'S HAWK SH WCI (Tarka)

CKC Reg No. : CK-JQ4126674 Sex : Male DOB
: 2021-08-17

Breed : Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)

Breeder : Laura Biancolin

Sire : Samisgunns Billion Dollar Baby SH

Dam : Montauk's Kitty Hawk SH WCX

Place of Birth : Canada

Owner : Laura BIANCOLIN

12. WINGTIP'S OCHAM'S RAZOR OF DACRE (Razor),

CKC Reg No. : CK-KN208466 Sex : Male DOB:
2022-07-22

Breed : Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)

Breeder : William & Jennifer Blaine

Sire : Probie's Duke of Dacre

Dam : Blaine's Piper Avery

Place of Birth : Canada

Owner : Chris & Jayne Stoddart

Handler: Chris Stoddart

21. BLACKJACK'S TIKKULA OF DACRE (Tikka)

CKC Reg No.: CK-JY4208461 Sex : Female DOB
: 2021-12-04

Breed : Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)

breeder : Jennifer Blaine and William Blaine

Sire : Probie's Duke of Dacre

Dam : Blaine's Piper Avery

Place of Birth : Canada

Owner : William BLAINE, Jennifer BLAINE

Handler: STODDART

ACC Specialty Field Trial Report - Jane Pappler

The American Chesapeake Club National Field Trial Specialty was held in Maine Sept 16-18 and I wanted to share some results. I'm a little slow getting to them but they are so worthwhile to share! Four Redlion dogs were running at the trial with three completing three series each and one two series, quite an accomplishment at a National trial.

There are four "series" in the Open and Qualifying Stakes for those of you who aren't familiar with the game - land marks, land blind, water blind and water marks, using pheasants and ducks. If is you do a good job, then you get called back to the next series and keep moving on each time.

First to run was Am/Can CH Redlion's Come Back Barret*** QA2, TDX, JH, DS, CGCA, owned by Jane Pappler and Leighann Barnes. "Barret" went back in training for three months after 1 ½ years retired just to be able to join in the fun. We are so proud of his work in a major stake and the first time he ran an Open Field Trial. He is a very "high" dog, loves his retrieving, sitting ver y still for the marks and went on to complete the third series water blind!

He was one of only 8 of 27 dogs in the Open to get that far. The judges told me he had the best land blind of all the dogs. Barret was trained and handled for this trial by Chad Martin, ME, of Wicked Waterfowl Retrievers.

In the Qualifying stake three of our girls were running. 1. Redlion's Madeleine*** QAA MH TKN, owned by Claire McCall, completed the 3rd series water blind. She is trained and handled by Lois Munroe, NH, of Heart and Soul Retrievers. 2. Redlion's Notorious Sophie Brown, MH owned and trained by Beverly and Robert Post, SC, and handled by Beverly in her first field trial ever! Sophie also completed the 3rd series water blind. 3. Redlion's Come Back Boing** JH CGC, owned by Jane Pappler and Leighann Barnes, handled by Jane, completed 2 series. Both

Sophie and Boing are Barret daughters.

I also would like to thank Lois Munroe. She early-on trained Barret and Boing and brought out all of their potential. Lois made Barret QA2 and Maddy QAA MH She also was part of making Chesapeake breed history with Barret and Maddy along the way in Qualifying Field Trials!

Jane Pappler

Nordais Chesapeakes

Nice weekend for the Nordic this weekend at the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of Canada test at Carleton Place Ontario. Nordais Flying Racer JH (Gander X Taïga WCX SH) completed his Junior Hunter title handled by Harold Lambert. He is the 5th in this litter to become a JH this summer. Just 16 months old, Nordais Sailor of Goslin JH (Gander X Taïga WCX SH) has completed 2 passes in Senior Hunter handled by Stephen Payton. And finally, after a difficult season my Nordic Talisman SH** (Bear MH X Ch Totem WCX MH**) was one of 5 dogs out of 25 to complete the Master event.

Report by Mario Beauregard

New Junior Hunter



Nordais Daisy Swan WC JH completed her Junior Hunter title on June 6th 2025 handled by owner Julien Boivin-Roussy (Dockcove Gander X Nordais Taïga WCX SH).



Nordais “Atta boy” Luther JH (Dockcove Gander X Nordais Taïga WCX SH)** completed his season by earning a CM in the Junior Field trial held by the SWORTC on October 12, handled by Sandie Bond. He earned his Junior Hunter title earlier in the season. Congratulations to owner Gary Charchalis.

New Junior Hunter



At the test held by the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of Canada at Carleton Place on August 24th, **Nordais Flying Racer JH (Dockcove Gander X Nordais Taïga WCX SH)** completed his Junior Hunter title handled by Harold Lambert. He is the 5th from this litter to complete a JH this summer.

New Junior Hunter

On June 26th at the Hunt test held by Le Club du Chien Rapporteur de Québec, Patrick Gagnon handled Hope to her Junior Hunter title, she already had her Working certificate title.



Nordais Hope WC JH (Dockcove Gander X Nordais Taïga WC SH).

New Junior Hunter

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Everest – An Exceptional Year Despite the Challenges

Despite health challenges that greatly limited my ability to train and compete, Everest had an extraordinary year — excelling across multiple disciplines and making history for the breed.

In Rally Obedience, Everest began her career in February 2024 and quickly rose through the ranks. She earned her Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master titles back-to-back, finishing the 2024 season as #1 of the breed with an impressive 155 Top Dog points – a record unmatched by any Chesapeake!

In 2025, despite once again competing only sparingly, Everest continued to shine by earning her RAE, RMX, and RCH titles, becoming the first Chesapeake to achieve the Rally Champion title. This remarkable milestone also qualified her for the prestigious CKC Gold Versatility Award – yet another historic first for the breed. She concluded the 2025 season with an impressive 184 Top Dog points, surpassing her own record from the previous year.

Everest also showcased her versatility in dock diving, completing her Dock Senior, Dock Master Advanced and Air Master titles.

In hunt tests, she earned a Master-level qualifying score, and wrapped up her season in style by adding her PCD title and her first Novice qualifying score in obedience — along with a High in Trial award.

With an outstanding total of 49 titles to her name, Everest now holds the distinction of being the most titled Chesapeake in Canadian history – a true source of pride!

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who, in one way or another, helped me pursue these goals despite my limitations. Your kind presence and your support made all the difference. These achievements are yours as well, and I am deeply grateful.

RCH Susquehanna Toujours Plus Haut JH SH WCX SDM RAE RMX VNS PCD VG ETD DS DMA HDJ AM ETD SD-EL SD-MACH SD-GCH2 RPT (GCH CH Nuka Bay’s Mighty Yukon Red Gold*** MH, WDQ x Nordais Pure Jägermeister JH SH WCX SDO SD-S SD-GCH NTD DJ)





Everest – Une année exceptionnelle malgré les défis

Malgré des enjeux de santé ayant grandement limité ma capacité à nous entraîner et à participer à des concours, Everest a connu une année tout simplement remarquable, se distinguant dans plusieurs disciplines et inscrivant son nom dans l'histoire de la race.

En rally-obéissance, Everest a amorcé sa carrière en février 2024 et a rapidement accumulé les succès : elle a obtenu coup sur coup ses titres Novice, Avancé, Excellent et Master, terminant l'année 2024 au 1er rang de la race avec un impressionnant total de 155 points Top Dog – un record inégalé pour un Chesapeake !

En 2025, malgré une participation encore très limitée, Everest a poursuivi sur sa lancée en ajoutant les titres RAE, RMX et RCH, devenant ainsi la première Chesapeake à obtenir le titre de Rally Champion. Cette réalisation la rendait également éligible pour le prestigieux titre Versatilité Or du CKC, une autre première pour la race. Elle a terminé l'année avec un impressionnant total de 184 points Top Dog, battant ainsi son propre record établi l'année précédente.

Toujours aussi polyvalente, Everest s'est aussi illustrée en dock diving, complétant ses titres Dock Senior, Dock Master Advanced et Air Master.

En hunt test, elle a obtenu un qualificatif au niveau Master, puis a terminé sa saison en beauté en obéissance, décrochant son titre PCD ainsi qu'un premier qualificatif

au niveau Novice, en remportant de surcroît un High in Trial.

Avec un total impressionnant de 49 titres à son actif, Everest détient désormais la distinction de Chesapeake la plus titrée de l'histoire du Canada – une véritable source de fierté.

Je tiens à remercier sincèrement toutes

les personnes qui, de près ou de loin, m'ont aidée à poursuivre ces objectifs malgré mes limitations. Votre présence bienveillante et votre soutien ont fait toute la différence. Ces réussites sont aussi un peu les vôtres, et je vous en suis profondément reconnaissante.

**RCH Susquehanna Toujours Plus Haut JH SH
WCX SDM RAE RMX VNS PCD VG ETD DS DMA
HDJ AM ETD SD-EL SD-MACH SD-GCH2 RPT
(GCH CH Nuka Bay's Mighty Yukon Red Gold***
MH, WDQ x Nordais Pure Jägermeister JH SH WCX
SDO SD-S SD-GCH NTD DJ)**

Report by Emilie Bourassa



Everest



HRCH Montauk's Kitty Hawk
CAN-SH WCX (Dakota)



Dakota with litter of puppies.

Dakota is officially the #1 Current Top Producing Chessie in the last HRC magazine!

The milestones I've accomplished with my first dog are milestones I would have never even dreamt of 10 years ago when I was looking for a hunting partner.

Special thanks to all my puppy people who have help make this accomplishment happen, we couldn't have done it without you! Looking forward to adding some more HRCH titles to that list next year

Report from Laura Biancolin

Conformation Report

Show Report - National Specialty
August 23-25, 2025

So I have finally had the time to report on the specialty weekend. See photos below.

BOB both days was **GCH Cypress Creek's Until I Found You**, Owned by Gayle Brady, Handler Jennifer Driessen

BOS both days was **GCH Tsunami's Rednecker Than You**. Owner Terry Dancey, Handler Kristine Nielsen

Friday at the Regional
BOW Tsunami's Repeat Logic,
Owner Handled by Keeley Dancey

WD Tsunami's Last Stand For Parker
Owner Handled by Kathy Beck

Best Puppy Stonepeake Ring Of Fire At Cedarbrook,
Owner Erin Stefanuik, Zabrina Livingstone, Handler Caroline, I didn't get her last name.

Saturday National
BOW and Best Puppy , Stonepeake Ring Of Fire At Cedarbrook

WD Tsunami's Last Stand For Parker.

Award Of Merit Ch Tsunami's Logical Consequent

We had 4 juniors for Junior Handling and un-

fortunately I did not get their names. I will report on them after I get accurate information.

A Big thank you to Purina for sponsoring our specialty weekend and to all who came and supported the club.

Report by Terry Dancey



Our prize table. A huge shout out to Purina for sponsoring the specialties.



Can GCH Tsunami's Rednecker Than You
BOS both specialties. Owner: Theresa Dancey
 Handler Kristine Neilsen



Can GCH Cypress Creek's Until I Found You
BOB both specialties Cypress Creeks Special Tea x Pond Hollow Ten A C **Breeders:** Jay Lowery & Dyane M Baldwin. Sazerac **Owner:** Gayle BRADY. **Handler/Agent:** Jennifer Driessen



Ch Tsunami's Repeat Logic
Best Of Winners at the Regional on Friday
 Owner Handler Keeley Dancey



The names of the junior handlers from the front to the back are:
 Willow Bertrand handling Gch Cypress Creeks Until I Found You "Georgia"
 Emily Bradbury handling Gch Tsunami's Rednecker Than You, "Hardy"
 Ava Williams handling Ch Tsunami's Logical Consequent SH "Dixie"



Tsunami's Last Stand For Parker, Tsunami's Fast Eddie WC JH x Spinnaker's Olive Branch.
 Owner: Kathy BECK



Tsunami's Here We Go Again
 Owner: Kathy BECK
 Breeders: Terry Dancey.



Can GCH Tsunami's Rednecker Than You
 BOS both specialties. Owner: Theresa Dancey
 Handler Kristine Neilsen



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All the Placements - Specialty Show

Ch Tsunami's Logical Consequent SH Winning select Female Teri Peacock

Stonepeake's Ring of Fire at Cedarbrook Best of winners and best puppy Carolyn

GCH Tsunami's Rednecker Than You Kristine Neilsen With Best of Opposite and best Canadian Bred

The Judge

GCH Cypress Creek's Until I Found You Jennifer Dreissen Best Of Breed

Regional Specialty wins



CH Tsunami's Repeat Logic

Best Of Winners This win completed Echo's Canadian Championship

Owner Handler Keeley Dancey



Gch Tsunami's Rednecker Than You

Best Of Opposite/Best Canadian Bred

Owner Terry Dancey

Handler Kristine Neilsen

Results reported by Jane Pappler.

New Champion



CH Redlion's Mist and Stone, FDC, CGC "Claire"

- 11-13-25 Penn Treaty KC WB, BW 2 pts
 - 11-15-25 Kennel Club of Philadelphia WB, BW 4 pts Am Chesa Club Supported Show
 - 11-16-25 The Kennel Club of Philadelphia WB, BW 2 pts
 - 11-22-25 Windham CO KC, Springfield MA WB 5 pts Am Chesa Club Supported Show
- Owner: Jane Pappler and Katherine Grizzanti, Handler: Hailey Carusi



Redlion's RSR Over The Ridge

The Kennel Club of Philadelphia WD 2 pts H/Malissa Ruchak O/Jane Pappler and Meg Offerman

Living Skies Mr. Magoo Search and Rescue.

Late In the evening on the night of Aug 2/3 2025 our family was at a wedding of one of our friends and neighbours at the Duffield Hall. When the local Fire department and RCMP came looking in the area for a missing person. Unfortunately due to our location this is not out of the unusual. All of the patrons stated that no one had any information regarding the missing person.

At this point in the evening we had not been given any formal information regarding the individual that was missing. The only information we knew was there someone missing. There was the police helicopter circling the area with their spot lights, and a large presence of RCMP in the area.

Early the next morning while sitting outside on our bench sipping our coffee and letting the dogs have their morning pee. While scrolling through Facebook, I saw a post regarding the missing individual and asking for volunteers to come assist looking for him. The missing individual was a 57 year old non verbal man, with major health & mental health challenge (without his medication he could have seizures). He had walked away from a home located on the nearby Paul First Nation Reservation.



Mr. Magoo - on his SAR assignment!!!

In the very early hours of the morning (I was told he had left at approximately 3 am) with no shoes or socks. He was last seen in grey sweats, a brown button up western shirt and leather jacket.

Without thinking I called the number and told them I would bring one of our dogs that is a certified service dog, and



Muster site for SAR. Thank you to all the volunteers who came and helped lookI am so happy he is home with his family now.....couldn't have asked for a better feeling.....ALWAYS LISTEN TO YOUR DOG!!!!!!

has in the past successfully assisted in locating a 14 year old run away (from the same Reservation).

I very quickly put together a few things went outside and asked 'Living Skies Mr.Magoo' if he wanted to go to work. He stood there barking at me wagging his tail, as if to say he couldn't wait to help. He came inside and stood right beside the wall hanger that holds his service dog vest. I told Magoo there was someone missing and we needed his help finding him. He barked repeatedly until I took the vest off the wall and held it as he placed his head right inside the vest. I clipped it up, and we headed out the door.

Once at the fire hall there was a large group of volunteers besides the SAR's group plus 4 other K9 teams.

The search area was broken up into quadrants and everyone was given a search area. Approximately 2 hours into the search the individual was found -- Mr. Magoo had led us right to him.

He was found ALIVE!!! After over 48 hours missing, on his own, lying in a ditch beside the train tracks, in grass that was over 8 feet tall. No food, no water, no shoes or socks, the days he was missing got upwards of +33 F at night, dropped right down to +8 and rained. How he survived we all would like to know.

Mr. Magoo loved the fact that he found him, it was the greatest game/reward he has ever received.

The group of SARDS volunteers came and praised Magoo for his find, telling me and him how the good job he did. they even gave him an invite to contact their manager as they felt Magoo



GPS SAR search patterns by Magoo

would be a huge asset to their team.

To date, Mr. Magoo has received the title as the Paul First Nation Search and Rescue K9, and has been requested to assist on multiple other searches.

However, unfortunately those searches are in need of a Cadaver dog, and to date Mr Magoo has not received training in Cadaver.

Meghan Kennedy

Hunt Test Demo

Well the weather wasn't the only thing hot on this weekend! These 3 chessies put on quite the show!!

On September 20, 2025 Daton Tchir with Pine Haven Nero JH WC and Heather Mycholuk with Pine Haven Bishop JH WC and Pine Haven Slone put on a hunt test demonstration for the Normandeau Community Center in the Lac La Biche County. The demonstration took place on Tchir's property and consisted of 2 marks and a blind approx 200 meters each in distance.

Each dog demonstrated their skills at their

applicable level and the time and dedication that has been put by both handlers to get their dogs to the levels they are at today. Approx 25 people from all ages show a community bbq at the hall

The idea of the demonstration was for Heather and Daton to show Daton's local community the sport he has been involved in the last year with his trusty companion Nero. Hoping to spark interest for others to get into this fun sport as well. Being so far north in Alberta it's a struggle to find others to train with !

Hoping this will be a first of many demonstrations and efforts made to bring people into this fantastic sport and experience the wonderful breed of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever!

Daton Tchir



Heather, Daton and Nero - training demo



Heather Mycholuk discussing hunt test training at the hunt test demo near Lac La Biche

Editor's Note: I Received this article from Christine Schragel in Austria. She discusses the training of her two chessies to do scent detection. Her two chessies are male *Sedgcroft Peesim Sakeway Bilbo* (Bilbo) and his daughter *Westpeake Sakihitowask* (Saki). Saki is out of my young female Westpeake She Can Fly (Fly). Amazing work.

“Saki is now grown into a really nice female. She loves to work but is working much slower in most areas than Bilbo. Still she is very consistent and she also can be fast. She gets a lot of compliments when we do SAR searches and scent detection. She has a good head to work.” Christine

Two Chesapeakes Walking The Path To Nature Preservation Search Dogs/ Conservation Detection Dogs

Christine Schragel

During the Covid, lock-down a friend told me about the Austrian nature preservation Search Dog Organisation, www.naturschutzhunde.at. As I knew the CEO through SAR work, I contacted him. My goal had then been to do a project with some of the long time inhabitants of the shelter I had been working in as dog trainer.

We started online with my own at that time with two old chessies and my young one as well. We were two volunteers from the shelter and two colleagues.

All three dogs loved scent detection but with limited time I mainly continued with my young one. After teaching him the scent of camilla tea and later kong, it was decided that he should learn to search for bird and bat cadaver.

Here came our first challenges. Bilbo had previously been trained to search for individual human scent as well as picking up dead birds. So it took me some time for him to generalize the new scent tasks and even more to teach him to ID cadaver with a stand stare even when it was an intact bird cadaver. This was essential to be able to pass the exams of the organisation as well as keep the dogs from being killed by poisoned birds.

But with some help from our trainers Dr. Leopold Slotta-Bachmayr, Ann McGlooin and Florian Schneider, we learned to succeed and passed our

two levels of test to certify as cadaver search dog.

Between summer 2023 and end of spring 2025 Bilbo has been part of a project to monitor dead birds and bats in an area of Austria which were killed by windmills. Of course also other dogs of all kind of breeds from Springer Spaniel, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Labrador, German Shepard, Largotto and others took part in learning this task.

During this time Bilbo searched 1-3 times a month 10 wind mills in one of the four designed areas, no matter in what kind of weather from heat over 30 °C to -8°C, rain, wind, snow. We had it all. The fields were in one of Austrian's richest population of game. (rabbits, pheasants, deer and many more). All dogs were trained after Austrian standards of animal protection law, which prohibits the use of any device that is made to inflict pain to the dog. Meaning we use motivation and reward based training methodes as well as management.

The dogs had to search for the scent covering about 3 km running distance per windmill with an average of 30 km a day of work, while the handler walked about 10 km. (messed by tractive live) In spring when many fields in high cover it was less as fields were only to be searched through the cover with a height of the dogs belly.



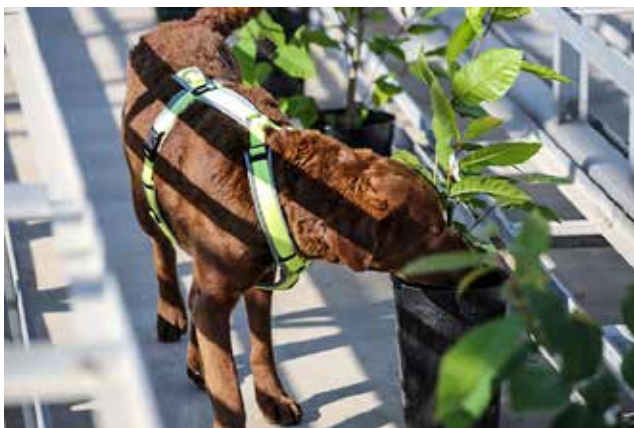
Saki and Bilbo in scent training.



Saki in scent training. (cadavers) Note the wind turbines in the background.

Bilbo searched without leash following my whistle even when rabbits departed under his mouth. We have to admit he loved to flush pheasants but still would do his job and there were much more rabbits running around and deer than pheasants. He had this typical tail action when being on pheasant than when he would be on a cadaver scent.

Especially with bat cadaver I sometimes wasn't sure what he was staring at and had to look three times to discover that he was right. Which showed very well that many would not have been found without the dogs as well as that dogs cover more ground faster and more



Saki using her scent training in a greenhouse.

reliable than humans.

His little daughter Saki came with us nearly from the start. So she naturally started to learn all the scents and during a break of Bilbo found her first bat cadavers on a little walk only being 4 month old. As soon as she was old enough she made the exams as well and then could support Bilbo to take part of the searches. Though she had been in training from puppy on in the area, especially on leaving game and concentrating on recall and her job.

Saki had a much harder time to ignore rabbits, especially after they jumped away from her nose too often. She also quickly knew that she would only have to start running and continue to do so to flush one after an other and she loves running. So after the first searches on leash, she had to continue the rest of the time to work on a long leash which she did very well, finding no less than her dad, Bilbo.

In January 2025 the weather was cold and wet and Bilbo suffered an iliopsoas strain from running in muddy uneven fields having his paws with too much mud. Thanks to his vets and physio, he could continue with the last searches again and in between Saki had to cover up for him too.

No matter when we came home, I always thought the dogs would be tired but usually they would just ask for a swim in our little pond.

Bilbo and Saki did this amazing work for some cookies and thrown or tugged toys. It has been wonderful to see how they loved the work and how we all grew into it. After some searches I just would have to turn a bit and the dogs would follow my body going into this direction. There has been no day they did not want to go and no weather.

Besides this work they also took part in a research project training dogs to detect the plant bacteria *Erwinia amylovora* and the plant fungus *cryphonectria parasitica*. In this project also some of our shelter dogs participated together with dogs from the nature preservation. The dogs were trained to detect odor by the DDTS detection dog training system by Kynoscience. This way the human influence on the dog can be greatly eliminated as well as statistic data can easily be obtained.

Some of the dogs like Bilbo and Saki were also worked in line up settings and on infected and clean trees. The dogs showed that it is very pos-



Saki identifying a dead bird (cadaver) with a stand stare.

sible to train them for the task of distinguishing between related pathogenes. See <https://fb.watch/DjfhJOYmx/> for more information.

It is a lot of joy to train these dogs and we are already working on new ideas to use the dogs noses to protect wildlife and environment. We also hope that we will be able to continue using what we already trained these chessies for.

Christine Schragel

Medical Note - To spay or neuter

In conclusion, this study shows that the risk of cranial cruciate ligament disease in dogs is linked to how long they are exposed to natural sex hormones, and the relationship isn't simple or linear.



The highest risk was seen when females were spayed before about 1054 days (just under 3 years) and males before about 805 days (a little over two years). These results may

help define what counts as “early” spay or neuter when it comes to cranial cruciate ligament disease risk.

Veterinary reproduction specialists now recommend hormone-preserving sterilization: preventing unwanted litters & less risk of torn cruciates.

My Trip to Costco

Yesterday I was at Costco buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Necco, the Wonder Dog, which weighs 191 lbs. I was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is, to load your jacket pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care, because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Costco won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say. Forward this (especially) to all your retired friends... it will be their laugh for the day.

Editors Note: One of my retired friends sent this to me!!

Shed Antler Hunting

Daryl Meyer

Shed antler hunting pairs naturally with dog training because it taps into a dog's instinct to search, retrieve, and problem-solve in the outdoors. Specially trained shed dogs help locate antlers from deer, elk, or moose that have naturally fallen off after breeding season. Their scenting ability and persistence allow handlers to cover more ground efficiently and find sheds that are hidden in thick cover, snow, or brush.

Training a shed-hunting dog typically begins with establishing motivation for antlers through play, fetch, and praise. From there, handlers introduce real or scented antlers, teach dogs to recognize antler odour, and build stronger search patterns. Dogs learn to air-scent, ground-scent, and work independently while still keeping contact with the handler. As they advance, dogs practice searching realistic environments—bedding areas, feeding zones, travel corridors, and transition terrain where ungulates winter.

Ethical shed hunting with dogs includes keeping dogs under control to avoid stressing wildlife, especially in late winter when animals are vulnerable. Many handlers also teach steadiness, recall, leave-it, and calm behaviour around wildlife sign or fresh tracks. Whether trained for practical field use or competitive trials, shed dogs deepen the connection between handler and dog, enhance outdoor experiences, and improve success in finding naturally dropped antlers without disturbing wildlife.

Shed Antler is a fun way to engage your dog's searching and retrieving skills. Many people train dogs specifically to locate sheds, using either practical field-based training or competitive-style scent work. There are several associations that host Shed Antler Hunting games and trials.

Overall, shed hunting combines outdoor adventure, wildlife observation, and skill-building, offering a low-impact way to enjoy and learn about wild ungulates and their habitats.



Phoebe learning the ropes.

The Sad Loss of Hamish

reported by Cam Thomson

It's been a couple of weeks and I have not felt up to sharing my story until the last few days. I lost my dear old Hamish to a sudden illness. He was a great buddy and the best duck dog I have had in over a half century of hunting. All this with only a month to go till the season starts.

I was thinking 2025 would be a write off as I won't hunt without a dog, way too many lost birds. So I put out the word amongst the large circle of duck hunting and retriever people I know that I was looking for an adult dog that could hunt this fall even if they came with problems. I just assumed I would have to settle for a Lab but to my delight I was quickly referred to a young family in the city with a two year old CBR bitch that they loved but did not have time for her.

I feel so lucky that Faith (second picture) and I found each other at this time. So now I have a duck dog who has never seen a duck but am so happy to be undertaking the journey to get her there together.

Thanks for all the kind comments. Many of you described Hamish as beautiful. In fact he was anything but. One ear was set higher than the other and usually inside out. Despite being only 65 lbs he needed an XXL neoprene vest his chest was so deep. On the other hand he was a hunter to his very core and used his nose, eyes and mind better than any dog of any breed I have seen in our big Lake Erie marshes. Faith on the other hand maybe the most beautiful Chessie I have ever seen. She is sweet and biddable but has no idea what she has been signed up for.

So my last post was about the sad loss of my dear old Hamish with only 5 weeks until duck season. I won't hunt without a dog but reached out to everyone I know and found a 2 year old CBR bitch in need of a good home. She had never seen a duck or been in a boat or heard a gun but she is smart and loves to work and train. I have been working with her a couple of times a day, every day.

I can't believe how far she has come in such a short period of time. We have been out actually hunting

five times now and each trip to the marsh she is more confident and adds skills. I am a very lucky duck hunter

I have had her two weeks now and have zero doubt she will make it. It's just a matter of me making the time for her every day and giving her the opportunity to learn. A lot will be "on the job training" but I believe we can make that

work. The circle of Life! I have Faith!!

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My two year old rescue female-Faith. She's catching on right away.

Training Corner

A PRIMER ON HANDLING ON MARKS - PART 2

Handling on Marks During a Field Trial or Hunt Test by Dennis R. Voigt

Last issue, (Issue 197, Summer 2024) I discussed handling on marks during training. I offered reasons to handle on a mark and reasons not to handle on a mark. At a trial or test, the reasons to handle or not change dramatically. No longer are we teaching but instead we are being tested. There are several factors to consider: the rule books, the judges, the stake, the difficulty of test, likelihood of a good handle and situation (time of day, number of dogs).

The Rule Book and Conventions

Section 10.5

A dog that handles sharply and positively on a mark should be given credit for its performance based on the relative performance of other dogs participating in the test.

Section 16.1.2(d)

Dogs which disturb cover unnecessarily, clearly well out of the area of the fall, either by not going directly to that area, or by leaving it even though they eventually find the birds without being handled, should be penalized more severely than those handled quickly and obediently to it.

In field trials, despite the Rule Book excerpt, dogs that are handled in the first marking series are often dropped. This is especially the case when entries are large (>50) or when most other dogs do relatively well. Dropping handles is an easy decision for many judges. It is easier than evaluating that big hunt! Ideally, in assessment of a handle, the judges should consider all the other work, whether the dog identified the mark and area of fall and simply didn't get the bird or whether the dog struck off elsewhere and was then handled. Did the dog disturb a lot of cover first — especially out of the area of fall? Was the handle a good one? This doesn't mean just 12 whistles but whether the dog sat promptly, took casts and was put on the bird. Although it is not clear in the Rule Book, it is convention amongst almost all judges that once you begin to handle on a mark, you should handle right to the bird and not allow the dog to hunt on his own. Note the difference here from handling on a

mark in training as discussed last issue.

In many cases, the only dogs that get carried after a handle are those that get the mark with only 1 or 2 whistles. This is often labeled a "clean" handle even though the dog may have been heading in a totally wrong direction. I'm not convinced such "clean" handles are better than those on a dog that goes directly to the area of the fall and hunts there but can't find the bird, for some reason. However, most judges find it easier to defend the "quick" handle.

In hunt tests, handling can get you a pass. Sometimes even handling on more than one mark is awarded a pass. Rarely is a dog handled on two marks ever carried in a field trial. The exceptions I have seen are at Nationals where the following criteria are met: 1) All of the dog's other work was exceptionally clean; 2) The dog indicated a mark by going in the direction of the fall, and; 3) The handling was quick and clean. In such cases, I suggest the two handle carry is legitimate at Nationals, unless both handles were on the same test.

Generally speaking, first handles are carried in Nationals, given other good work

Tips for Handling at a Test

Deciding to handle can be a tough decision! Too often, we have handles that look exactly the same on paper but have different consequences?

Know your judges! Some are loathe to ever carry a handle but others will do so readily. Some simply don't like hunts that take time, even if they are in the area of the fall. Some judges consider a bad line and a quick clean handle as 2 mistakes but some say that's only one mistake.

Some judges have other assignments or an airplane to catch and the "handle" is welcomed by them as a free licence to drop your dog.

Evaluate the Field: If most other dogs find the mark unaided, you will stick out with your handle even if a good one. Pay attention to the rest of the field and their performance. This is true even in hunt tests where the standard is paramount and not relative performance. However, when you stick out you become a target!

Know your Situation: How many dogs can the judges

carry? How big is the entry? A 25 dog Open is judged differently than a 75 dog Open. How late in the day is it? Is this the last series or the first? Often a handle in the last series will get you a placing, when there are few survivors. In other cases, you won't even get a green ribbon. Handling in a Junior or Derby is almost invariably a no-no, except to intervene for teaching purposes.

The likelihood of a good handle is another factor. The following tips might help you decide.

Know where the dogs don't recover from. This generally requires you to watch earlier dogs, although sometimes a friend can give you critical advice. Similarly, know where dogs recover from poor lines.

Know where dogs can be successfully handled from. If your dog has already hunted wildly, attempts to handle from a distant spot with poor visibility and strong wind is a recipe for a convincing disaster. Be prepared to handle when you see your dog, and when closest to the mark he is likely to achieve.

When your dog is in the process of switching, you have no recourse - you must handle! First, this means you must carefully watch your dog and be evaluating his loose hunt. Is he in the area of a fall before he "drifts" into another bird. Did he clearly hunt before "leaving". What will the judges think?

When handling, slow down and make sure your dog sits and looks at you. Don't forget he was likely in high prey drive marking mode. Now you need control. Avoid that tweet-tweet handling without stopping first. Slow down your casts. Keep handling right to the bird. Often-times you can make an advanced decision of where you will handle. An example is on a shorter bird that is prone to be overrun.

Handling Decisions

- Is dog switching?**
- Is dog going back to old fall where he is likely to hunt?**
- Is dog running past a mark where few other dogs stopped?**
- Is dog starting an exhausting hunt?**
- Is dog approaching closest spot to bird he is likely to achieve?**
- Is dog showing impossible initial line or did he indicate a mark?**

Similarly, when evaluating how you will run the marks, consider your handling situation. What is the background? What attire will you wear? Where can you and can't you see your dog? Where can and can't he see you?

When you do handle - do so positively. Don't act peeved, simply go to work and get the bird. Put your dog on the bird and don't wait for him to hunt it up after you start handling.

Summary

The decision and reason to handle on marks at a test are radically different than handling in training. The results of your handling will depend not only on how well you and your dog do but the particular judges and the situation. There will always be an element of uncertainty under current Rule Book interpretation.

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DOB: 16-May-2019

CKC reg: GJ3962193

DM: Carrier, PRA: Carrier, EIC: Clear

Hips - OFA: Excellent, Elbows: Normal, Patella: Normal

Eyes - current, Long Coat: Clear

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DOB: February 27, 2016

CKC Reg: 1133356

DM: Clear

EIC: Carrier

OFA: CB-11516E25M-PI Excellent

OFA: Elbows normal

Natural or fresh-chilled

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**GCH NORTHWIND'S BIG PRAIRIE SKY S WCX
JH RN "Mr. Blue"**

(CH Shallcross Lake's Chaamp MH RA CGC x
CH Montauk's Copper Penny SH WCX)

DOB: Apr 11, 2015 **CKC Reg:** CG609617

DM: Clear, **PRA:** Clear, **EIC:** Clear,

Long Coat: Clear **Hips:** Good,

Elbows: Normal, **Eyes:** Normal

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PINE HAVEN BISHOP JH WC "Bishop"

(Caroways Highcountry Gambler x Westpeake
Ruin CAN-JH WC)

DOB: 13-Feb-20021

CKC reg: JC4063464

DM: Clear, **PRA:** Clear,

EIC: Clear,

CDDY/CDPA: Clear

Hips: OFA Excellent,

Elbows: Normal

High desire to please - his career is just getting started

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DOCKCOVE'S GANDER "Gander"

DOB: 13-06-2021

CKC reg: JL4096896

DM: Clear, **PRA:** Carrier, **EIC:** Clear

Hips - OFA: Good - CB-12895G24M-C-VPI

Elbows: Normal - CB-EL4559M24-C-VPI

Cerf Eyes Clearance - CB-EYE1722/10M-VPI

[https://ofa.org/advanced-search/?quicksearch=CB-](https://ofa.org/advanced-search/?quicksearch=CB-EL4559M24-C-VPI)

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Frozen Semen available Live coverage available

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DOCKCOVE'S COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO MH
"Rooster"

DOB: May 11, 2013 CKC reg: 1123186 **DM:** Clear,

PRA: Clear, **EIC:** Clear

Weight: 87 lbs

Hips: OFA: CB-10762E24M-VPI Excellent

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RIVERSTIXBISCAYBAYBEAR - "Bear"
(CH Wingmaster's Nordais Nighthawk x Sandycreeks-
riverstixleapingliberty)

DOB: Aug 3, 2010

CKC registered. **DM:** Clear, **PRA:** Clear, **EIC:** Clear,
Coat length: Clear PennHIP: 0.30/0.31 (90%) Elbows
normal.

Weight: 85 lbs

Hardcore hunter, swimmer, retriever, excellent temper-
ament.

Frozen semen only available.

Contact: Leroy Mulrooney, Chestermere, AB
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LIVING SKIES MR. MAGOO JH WCI "Magoo"

Sire: Grandoaks He's No Boy Scout QA2 MH

Dam: Westpeake Cassie JH WCI

DOB: April 23, 2020

CKC reg: HG4015665

DM: Clear, **PRA:** Clear, **EIC:** Clear,

CDDY/CDPA: Clear, **Long coat:** carrier

Hips: OFA Good **Elbows:** Normal

Frozen semen available

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CAN/AM CH REDLION'S COME BACK BARRET TDX, JH, QA2, CGC DS "Barret"**



DOB: 11-14-17, AKC # SS02499202,
WEIGHT: 84 lbs
Hips OFA12113: Good,
Elbows: OFA EL3773,
EYES: OFA1277/2022-61, OFA CA350 clear
DNA: clear for PRA, DM, EIC, Long Coat and EDSF.
 In 2021, Barret received a JAM in an all-breed Qualifying and a Qualifying 4th at the ACC Specialty Field Trial.

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