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Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

Jul/aug/sep 2021

from our president...

Happy Summer Yankee members!

High Fives to all who have been successfully vaccinated as it helps us ease back into normalcy. I can't tell you how nice it is to see your faces at our events.

Speaking of events, man, did we ever fill our Spring Days with things to do! We welcomed a record number of new members to our chapter and as NAVHDA International membership exceeds 10,000 members, our chapter membership has reached nearly 250. This growth did cause concern about our events, but our members stepped up to the challenge with a record number of volunteers. Thank you to so many for your dedication to our chapter. We received many words of appreciation for a job well done.

Through the hard work and organization of our Yankee Chapter Board, dedicated judges and chapter workers, we held four days of maximum testing this spring. Please check out the results on page 2. The breeders of our chapter appreciate the importance our chapter puts on testing these young versatile dogs. Again, thank you to so many for making this happen.

Moving on into summer and adventures with water.... Our chapter likes to keep things simple during these warm days, both for the safety of our dogs and also to allow for family time and fun. Speaking of water, our Water Clinic and Semi Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 11 at Sugarfoot Kennels in Burnham, Maine. If you have not made it to this day of training, don't miss it. Just an FYI, there were lots of puppy owners in waders last year encouraging their wee ones to swim. Most dedicated from 2020, was Steve Morse and his pup Bissell. Come early, stay late, as we have rented

the ponds and fields for the day. Please check out the details found in this newsletter.

Yankee Chapter's Semi Annual Meeting: Sunday July 11, high noon! While you are enjoying your delicious picnic lunch, everyone is encouraged to attend our very brief but important Semi Annual Meeting. It is very informal. Our Officers and Directors will share their reports for the first half of 2021 and their hopes for the second and answer any questions. Please contact me with any ideas you have or concerns as we continue our record year of training and testing our versatile hunting dogs.

Not to rush summer along too fast, but fall and testing will come along quickly. The chapter continues to be a great resource for training. It's always more fun, safe and productive to train with others.

Have a great summer with family and friends. Stay safe and well.

-- Patti

Welcome New Yankee Chapter Members !

Brandon Locke

Clayton Loubier

Traci, James, Megan, Katie Dearborn

Kimberly Medsker-Mehalic

Birch, Fayth, Wayland, Cordelia Shambaugh

Matthew Wolf



bulletin board

July 11

Water Clinic
Burnham, ME

Aug 28

Pre-Test Clinic
Bowdoinham, ME

Aug 29

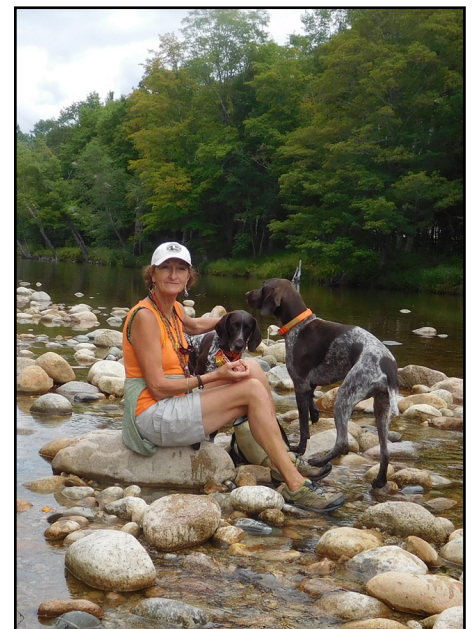
Yankee Test
Bowdoinham, ME

Sep 3-5

Yankee Fall Test Weekend
Bowdoinham, ME

Sep 12-18

NAVHDA Invitational
Searsboro, IA



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Visit the Yankee Chapter website for training info and videos, newsletters, forms, photos, and more. Follow the Yankee Chapter on Facebook and Instagram, too!

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yankee updates and info



upcoming clinics and tests

A few reminders and notes for the upcoming clinics and tests:

Unlike most of our clinics which are held on Saturdays, this year's Water Clinic at Sugarfoot Kennels in Burnham, ME, will be on a Sunday -- July 11th.

Our calendar changed from the one first posted after the Yankee Annual Meeting. Test weekend is now September 3-5, with an all NA test day the previous Sunday, August 29th.

As we transition out of the days of COVID regulations, we still want to be cautious. Please keep that in mind, especially if you haven't been vaccinated.

SPRING TEST RESULTS

JUNE 6 - Natural Ability

Rip - Axel von der Western Mountain - Tim Moody	112	PZ1
Raven - Merrymeeting's Round Lake Raven - Joe Kazar	112	PZ1
Ranger - Merrymeeting's Ranger - Levi Beauboeuf	85	PZ3
Penny - Merrymeeting's Penny - Eric Holbrook	108	PZ1
Willow - Merrymeeting's Willow - Steven Milton	100	PZ3
Bissel - Merrymeeting's Bissel - Steve Morse	102	PZ3
Leo - Fenton River Strak McDonough - John McDonough	110	PZ1
Louie - Schwarzekabel a Louie Boy - Scott Dhein	112	PZ1
Mooney - Autumn's Mooney - Alex Morrow	96	PZ3
Jovi - Merrymeeting's Jovial Merlot - Scott Harmon	112	PZ1

JUNE 11 - Natural Ability

Timbah - Merrymeeting's Timbah - Dan Woodman	112	PZ1
Avery - A Capella von der Western Mountain - David Hatch	112	PZ1
Ziggy - Ajax von der Western Mountain - Donald Lucas	112	PZ1
Hans - Johan von der Merrymeeting - Courtney Hagensaars	101	PZ2
Callie - Merrymeeting's Callie - Dennis Fournier	90	PZ3
Capone - Alder von der Western Mountain - Richard Davis	112	PZ1
Ember - Ember Bayley - John Simoneau	112	PZ1
Brooke - Nick Racioppi - Schwarzekabel Alder Brooke	105	PZ2
Timber - Wet Acres Lumber Jacques Timber - David Zografos	75	---

JUNE 12 - Natural Ability

Barley - Abram von der Western Mountain - Phillip Laperriere	112	PZ1
May - Jaecar von der Merrymeeting - Robert Shaw	112	PZ1
Auggie - Augustus von der Western Mountain - M. Hodgkins	98	PZ3
Quill - Atticus von der Western Mountain - Brian Pike	112	PZ1
Moose - De Jac's Tea for the Tillerman - Kathrine Bennett	103	PZ2
Reload - Jedda von der Merrymeeting - Patrick Bowles	112	PZ1
Alta - Merrymeeting's Alta - Kurt Adams	104	PZ2
Carbon - Fenton River Time Stands in a Duel - Rich Gay	112	PZ1
Fern - Autumn's Three Spot Fernia - Timothy Gagnon	112	PZ1
Scout - Jaeger von der Merrymeeting - Duston Colson	110	PZ1

JUNE 13 - Natural Ability

Hutch - Fenton River Bosphorus Hutch - Chris Yattaw	112	PZ1
Skippy - Wet Acres LIVES with Wolves - Matt Wolf	96	PZ3

Utility

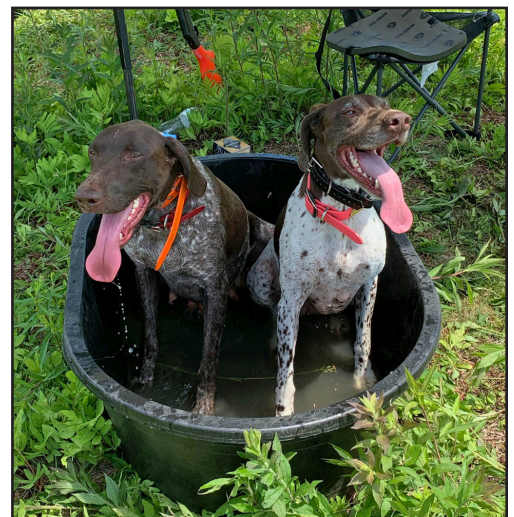
Buddy - Merrymeeting's Buddy - Will Beck	183	PZ2
Rooster - Forest King Little Red Rooster - Kathleen Weller	201	PZ1
Yoshiko - Just Call Me Brookside Yoshiko - Adrian Yanofsky	201	PZ1
Gwennie - Aubree Vom Kanandarque - Reggie Poussard	183	PZ3

your newsletter needs you!

We are always looking for help with the Barking Dog Express. Cub reporters or digital content creators -- if you're interested in gathering or writing hunting or bird dog news, let us know! Also, if someone out there might be interested in putting together the newsletter, let's talk! Various formats or programs can be used, with as much or as little creative input as you'd like. -- Nancy Anisfield, anisfield@gmavt.net, 802-233-9158.

www.yankeenavhda.org

The chapter website is a wealth of info and support materials from first aid to Yankee training sites to our photo gallery. Any questions? Contact our Webmaster, Brian Pike: bpike@maine.rr.com



Willa and Dylan shared a tubby after their field run at the spring Pre-Test Clinic.

spring testing...and beyond

by Blaine Carter

Spring testing is behind us. For those that tested, what did you learn and what should you do to move forward? In the NA test, the tracking element was the most difficult on the dogs. Weather conditions were hot and dry. Your young pup's obedience and conditioning weigh on his ability to concentrate. By the time the dog got to the judging team, he was most likely panting and very excited, making the track even more challenging.

This presents a question. How much obedience is needed in these young dogs to complete the task required, tracking? The more calmly the dog approaches the track, the more mentally sound he will be, and able to track.

Your dog must understand the task he is expected to do, track the foot scent of a pheasant. When and how you release your dog on the scent could give your dog a huge advantage. I like to teach my young dog to sit or stand quietly before a start on a track. Once they are quiet, I will show them the track

and in calm soft voice I will command, "track." Do not wind him up. It is at this point the dog will attach his nose to the scent.

In training, I use the long lead and any time the dog leaves the track I will stop and restart the dog where he left the scent like in the beginning. Calmly repeat the track command as he reattaches. Repeat this exercise until your dog clearly understands the difference between tracking and searching. Remember, the release to track and the release to search should have very different processes to them. Your dog will read your body English and easily differentiate between the two. Be clear. The release on the track is very calm and deliberate, and the search is exciting and quick. If you prepare properly, it can help the dog understand his job.

In Utility we had some very good runs by the dogs. Testing UT in the spring is a challenge due to fewer days available to train. Two areas proved to be difficult for a few dogs this spring. Patience and ability to keep a clear mind

are involved in both. Walking at heel to the blind with a dog anticipating a duck retrieve is not an easy task. This exercise done at home in sterile conditions is not that difficult, right? Add the anticipation of gunfire, water and ducks, and things can go south fast. In your training, you need to gradually add distractions that will challenge your obedience package. None of us does enough heeling. The same obedience and distractions must be used during the Remainder by the Blind work.

Never expect a dog to be a hundred percent at anything while testing. Your training regiment should continue right up to the moment you go to the field or water. Heel is heel. Stay is stay. Fetch is fetch. Repeat, repeat, repeat.

Keep up the great work as you move towards hunting and Utility testing.

Congratulations to all on a job well done.

-- Blaine

conservation challenge

I want to put out a challenge to every Yankee Chapter member.

If you are a grouse, woodcock, duck or pheasant hunter, are you giving back to our Conservation Partners -- Ruffed Grouse Society, Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever -- or Ducks Unlimited? There are conservation groups out there trying to support and grow the resources that we deeply cherish. Ask yourselves what you are doing to help these groups through these challenging times.

I would like to see every Yankee Chapter member belong to a conservation group. There are conservation groups that have made commitments to us, so why not us to them? So when a judge or anyone asks if you belong to a conservation group, I would like to see lots of Yankee members proudly raise their hand.

Proud member of RGS, PF/QF, and DU
Blaine Carter

<https://ruffedgrousesociety.org/> <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/> <https://www.ducks.org/>

upcoming events

Water Clinic Sunday, July 11 9 a.m. until waterlogged

Dave Mosher, owner of Sugarfoot Kennels designed his training site to offer a variety of water entry and working areas. Whether you have a little puppy who's not swimming yet, a Utility Dog developing or practicing a duck search, or an Invitational dog doing double marks and blinds, we'll have a place for you. Heeling, steadiness, drags and other drills, too. There's plenty of parking along the treeline, but it's a good idea to bring a shade tent for when the sun swings overhead. Order your ducks with the online form sent the week before, but still be sure to check in when you arrive. Bring your own lunch and beverages.

At lunchtime we will gather for our Semi-Annual Meeting while you enjoy your picnic. Please contact Patti Carter if you have items you'd like discussed. We are always looking for new ideas and willing to listen to your concerns.

Pretest Clinic Saturday, Aug 28 9 a.m.

Last training clinic of the year!

Even though testing dogs will have priority in the field running order and water sites, there will be plenty of opportunities for all dogs to train

on field work, obedience, and water retrieves. Mike will be sending out a bird/duck order form before the clinic as usual. Please contact Blaine Carter, Dir. of Training, with any questions: mmkennels@myfairpoint.net.

Exciting News Bulletin and back by popular demand, Yankee Chapter's Famous Bar-B-Q! We are dusting off Bob, oops -- we mean the grill -- and flipping burgers and dogs, not the 4-legged ones. Please share all those delicious side dishes and sweets that were so popular in days gone by.

And... drum roll... our Amazing Yankee Chapter Yard Sale! It's time to clean out that closet of goodies. As usual, anything goes! However, if it does not sell, you'll need to take it back home. Funds are used to offset our event costs. Thank you so much.

NA Test Sunday, Aug 28 Fall Test

Friday - Sunday, Sep 3 - 5

With so many dogs applying to test this year, we added an extra NA test the Sunday before Test Weekend as we did in the spring. Tests start at 7 a.m. sharp, but handlers will want to arrive by 6:30 to check in, get settled, and air their dogs.

Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Rich Gay, Dir. of Testing, and let him know which day you can help.

If it's hot, we will be putting tubs of water in the field for cooling during testing. Please, if you have room, bring water to help fill those tubs!

For those testing, do your best to keep your dogs calm and cool, you too. Only use designated exercise area which you will drive by coming in. Keep dogs on a lead or staked out at all times. No dogs allowed in testing field until after the completion of Sunday's test. Please call Rich if you have any questions: 207-890-9386.

Meal planning... Friday lunch is Bring Your Own. Friday night lasagna dinner at Carters (33 Simpon's Point Road, Brunswick). Saturday and Sunday lunch will feature the Yankee grill. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Saturday night will be a no-host dinner at Joshua's Tavern in Brunswick.

Clinics and tests will all be held at the Wildes Point WMA in Bowdoinham, ME.

Directions:

From I-295, take exit 37 for ME-125/ME138 toward Bowdoinham. Turn right onto ME-125/ME-138 N/Main Street. When Maine Street intersects River Road, turn left onto River Road. Turn right onto Browns Point Road. Take the first right onto Wildes Road.

CHECKLIST

- WATER
- BUG SPRAY
- SHADE TARP
- WATER
- CHAIR
- LUNCH
- WATER
- LEASH
- STAKE OR CRATE
- WATER
- SUNSCREEN
- WATER
- RAIN GEAR
- WATER
- DOG

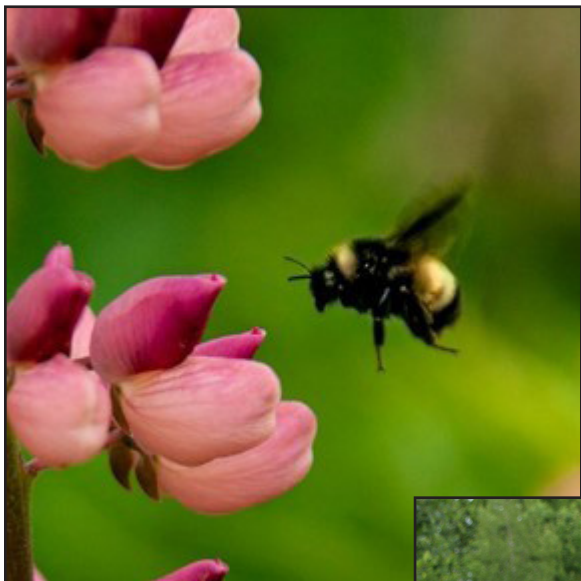


We like our judges smiling...

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**Good luck to all handlers
and dogs testing this fall!**

yankee chapter showcase



Lupine & Bee
photo: Betty Blackman

Abby Hatch and Friends
photo: Nancy Anisfield

Meadow on a Rainy Morning
photo: Kathleen Brandt Weller



"Looking for My Forever Home"
Western Mountain puppy
photo: Donnie Lucas

Oysters!
photo: Joe Saltalamachia



from our conservation partners...

Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

Many grouse, pheasant and quail hunters are also waterfowl hunters, but that's not the only reason to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp. Even if you're not a duck hunter, buying a duck stamp is a great way to help support upland birds, their habitat, and increased hunting access and opportunity!

Why? Because duck stamps are a boon to upland bird species as well as ducks. Recognized as a conservation revenue stamp, 98 percent of the purchase price goes directly to help acquire and protect wetland habitat. Wetlands acquired with Duck Stamp dollars help purify water, aid in flood control,

reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities -- all of which are critically important to the success of upland birds as well.

Purchase yours now:
<https://bit.ly/2T17GVBP>



This post first appeared on the Quail Forever and Pheasants Forever Facebook pages on 6-28-21.

Ruffed Grouse Society / American Woodcock Society



Have you heard the term “Species of Greatest Conservation Need” (SGCN) and wondered what that means? Ruffed grouse are now listed as an SGCN in 19 states, while American woodcock are listed similarly in 29 states.

Todd Waldron, Northeast Forest Conservation Director writes, “While SGCN is not a federal statutory designation such as the “endangered species” listing associated with the US Endangered Species Act, the status of “SGCN” tells us that populations are in decline. It tells us that conservation action is required to keep these species common.

“So, what does this mean? Well, it means we can take bold, landscape-level conservation measures to address

the forest habitat diversity issues that are causing these SGCN designations. If we don't, grouse, woodcock, New England cottontail, and many other species on the brink will continue to struggle.

“It means that the RGS & AWS forest conservation model approach, one which focuses on a shifting mosaic of forest-types and conditions, will benefit not only grouse and woodcock but dozens of other species that are currently SGCN-listed and in decline.”

Read the more of this blog post about what SGCN designations mean and what we can do to help forest wildlife:

<https://ruffedgrousesociety.org/defining-the-needs-of.../>

Time for a little back porch, sipping lemonade, shady spot reading? Did you know that back issues of the *Versatile Hunting Dog* magazine are available to read online? The VHD library has issues from 2017 to the present, all available to click, swipe and read.

<https://www.navhda.org/vhd-library/>



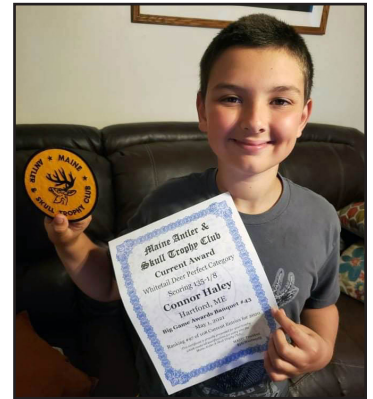
yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development jason carter

Yankee Chapter Featured Youth Member Connor Haley



From deer, bear, and turkey hunting to helping train versatile dogs with his mom, Sara Lalemand and step-dad Jeremy Johnson, Connor has always gravitated towards the outdoors. Sara writes: "Connor has spent many seasons tagging along on hunts practicing skills, learning to be quiet, learning patience. In recent years he has been able to put those skills to test. This past year, Connor experienced thrilling success in the woods, claiming his first wild turkey, grouse, bear, and whitetail deer. I hope as he grows each new experience strengthens his skills and passion for the outdoors."



some pics from the yankee fly tying workshop

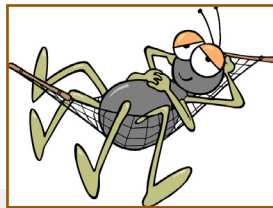
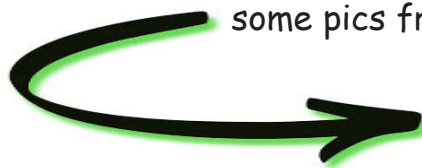
Fool a Fish Challenge!

Congratulations to all the youth participants in our Fool a Fish Challenge. It was a huge success. Our winners were first place Carter Colson, Second place was Ashley Poussard and third goes to Wyatt Knutson. Also, a big thank you goes out to Phil Lappierre, Toby Leveque, and Greg Pointe from Trout Unlimited for your generosity and support for our chapter youth. Thank you as well to all the kids pitching in and helping throughout the day. It was amazing have so many youth at our clinic.



Now it's time for our **Fool A Fish Challenge!**

The first Yankee youth to create a fly using only what they find around the house and can catch a fish on that fly wins a guided fishing trip with **Reddog Guide Service** generously donated by Casey Mowers. I know Wyatt Knutson is collecting dog hair as we speak. Good luck to all!



Scrambled Pests!

From annoying itching to serious medical conditions, these five summertime nuisances need to be watched for when we venture outside during the warm months.

What are they?
Answers on page 9.

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fair chase

Along with their **Bird Dogs Afield** video series on puppy training, Patti and Blaine Carter sat down with host Paul Fuller and filmed a discussion about hunting and fair chase. The video is less than 10 minutes long but worth every minute. Share it with your kids, too, as they get into hunting and are faced with decisions to make about what type of hunter they want to be.

The link:

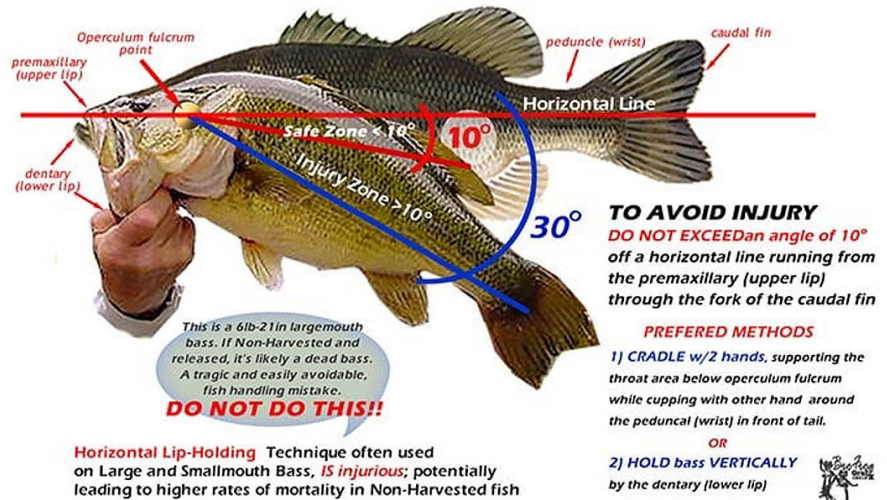
<http://www.birddogsafield.com/videos/2021/BDA13-2021-About-Shooting-A-Ruffed-Grouse.html>

From hunter-ed.com:

Fair chase rules make sure hunters have no unfair advantage over wild game by balancing the skills and equipment of the hunter with the abilities of the animal to escape. The rules of fair chase are defined by law, regional preferences, and personal choice.

- Fair chase emphasizes self-restraint and skills development.
- Fair chase is primarily defined by individuals and their level of hunting ability.
- Expert hunters may use more restrictive and less effective techniques than novice hunters.

stop the lip grip!



Stop the Lip Grip! - This graphic by Les Booth was posted for Orvis last year along with an article by Phil Monahan giving important tips on how to hold a fish for a photo without harming it. Many fish die after release each year because the “lip grip” damages the muscles needed for them to take in water and food then separate them, expelling

the water through the gills and ingesting the food. Furthermore, according to Monahan, “A purely vertical hold by the lower lip is okay for smaller fish only. Large bass, those fish over 3 pounds, suffer an elevated potential for internal damage from the vertical position, which should be avoided.”

MAPLand Act Introduced to Improve Hunting & Fishing

This May, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership celebrated the reintroduction of a House bill that will enhance outdoor recreation on public lands by investing in modern technology that allows sportsmen and sportswomen to know exactly which lands and waters they can access.

The MAPLand Act would digitize recreational access information and make those resources available to the public. The legislation would also provide federal land management agencies with funding and guidance to create comprehensive databases of available map-based agency records related to recreational access and use.

“Access is one of the most important issues facing hunters and anglers today, and the MAPLand Act is a commonsense investment to ensure all Americans can take full advantage of the recreational opportunities on

our public lands,” said Whit Fosburgh, president and CEO of TRCP. “In addition to making it easier for public land users to stay safe and follow the rules while in the field or on the water, this bill would allow our agencies to manage and plan more effectively while also reducing the potential for access-related conflicts between recreators and private landowners. Simply put, this legislation promises to help more people get outdoors.”

The bill includes language to digitize information about:

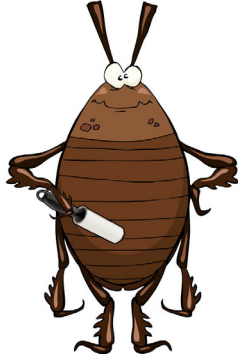
- legal easements and rights-of-way across private land;
- year-round or seasonal closures of roads and trails, as well as restrictions on vehicle-type;
- boundaries of areas where special rules or prohibitions apply to hunting and shooting;
- and areas of public waters that are closed to watercraft or have horsepower restrictions.

Currently, many of the easement records that identify legal means of access into lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are stored at the local or regional level in paper files. This makes it difficult for hunters, anglers, and even the agencies themselves to identify public access opportunities.

Last year, more than 150 hunting- and fishing- related businesses signed a joint letter calling on congressional leadership to pass the MAPLand Act. From gear manufacturers and media companies to guides, outfitters, and retailers, the letter signers emphasized the importance of outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands to their bottom lines. In addition, conservation groups across the country applauded the leadership shown by lawmakers to invest in the future of America’s public lands system. The bill was also introduced in the Senate in March.

tick tip

Use a clothing lint roller on your dogs and on yourself to remove ticks. It might not grab one that is embedded, but the ones running around on your dog's fur or your skin will stick to the adhesive paper.



bird dog handler anxiety quiz

Identify at least FOUR indicators of bird dog handler meltdown in this photo. The winner gets a six-pack of Advil and a pet goldfish.



Answers on page 10.

von der Western Mountain Deutsch Kurzhaars

B Litter - Whelp date 5/2/21 - Males & a Female available

Dam: Henna Deutzen Carra von der Merrymeeting 0621/15
Z Puppy SG, Z V, D1, AZP 1
Sire: Panther KS vom Riverwoods 1162/13
HN, Fw. V1, Derby 1, Solms 1, IKP 1, Dr. Kleemann 1,
HD A1, VGP 3361, 66414/1, SW 20/40 1/1, VBR, BTR, LN

Henna is 62 pounds (65 cm) with excellent conformation. She is a machine in the woods and has proven reliable with waterfowl and fur. She is a medium distance hunter, a true companion at home and in the field. She is gentle and obedient and shows exceptional drive, desire and cooperation. She shows the same dedication to hunting that she does to home life, and is an excellent family dog. Panther (66 cm) has an immaculate shape, with an expression of nobility, a typical masculine head and a very nice under and top line, supported by a correct movement. He has an excellent nose, which along with a quick search, makes him excellent in the field. He has flawless form. He shows toughness and staying power in the water and never gives up. He is also very tolerant with other dogs and is a loving family dog.

This pairing is a repeat of our A litter; all nine pups from that litter prized in the DK test, and we had 8 Pz 1 and 1 Pz 3 in the NAVHDA NA tests.

Contact Donnie Lucas,
(207) 415-5240,
donnielucas1980@gmail.com
for more info.

Located in Carrabassett
Valley, Maine.



Henna



Panther

Scrambled Pests! (from page 7)

deer tick
brown tail moth
mosquito
wild parsnip
hornet
poison oak

barking dog schedule

The Barking Dog Express will be published five times a year:

Oct/Nov/Dec	Fall Test Recap & Upcoming Hunting Season
Jan/Feb	Hunting Recap & Upcoming Winter Events
Mar/Apr	Annual Meetings Reports & Winter Recap
May/June	Training Season Issue
July/Aug/Sept	Spring Test Recap & Summer Issue

Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook for member news, on the Yankee website galleries for event photos, and on chapter emails for announcements.

send us your stories!

We are always looking for fun articles and stories for the Yankee newsletter. Send us short pieces on your adventures hunting and training, dog insights, or best game recipe. Please send your stories or story ideas to the Barking Dog Express at: anisfield@gmavt.net.

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Possible answers to dog handler contest: Indicators of meltdown include gear destruction, unsafe use of potential puncturing tool, teeth grinding, apoplectic eyeballs, last wearing of wedding ring (pending upcoming divorce due to dog obsession), beard stubble (neglect of personal hygiene), white knuckles....

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