



Steady On Point

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NAVHDA is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to foster, promote, and improve the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America; to conserve game by using well trained reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; and to aid in the prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs.

From The Training Table Of Brent Catura

Brent is pretty busy chasing birds in the woods, which I hope you all are as well.

We had a good start to our year with young Baron and Karma with a fun trip out west, and added a new young pup to the herd (Jasper). Its been a challenge going into the woods with a finished gun dog then switching off to the exuberant, rough around the edges Baron (8 month old). Makes me appreciate all the more what all that hard work the past years have created with Karma.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Karma and Baron had been diagnosed with Anaplasmosis and Lymes. Good news - the U-NC study showed that both dogs have been sucessfully treated at the DNA level for the diseases. One concern is that Karma carried a

strain which is not common to this area, likely one that came from southern states, yet she has not been south of WI. The vet mentioned that there are many tick borne diseases which are probably still out there yet to be discovered. But at least the docxcycline appeared to treat her disease. Certainly her behavior shows significant improvement.

If your dog has somewhat less energy than you would expect, maybe doesn't push as hard, or starts showing slight lameness which may move from leg to leg, you may want to consider bringing it in to the vet. There is a quick and dirty test which usually will pick up either disease, and the antibiotic is not all that expensive. It can take anywhere from 3 days to 2 weeks to see improvement (in Barons case which was acute 3 days, for Karma more like 2 weeks).

I have included some pictures from a great Invitational for our

chapter members who passed, take a moment to look at all those smiles!

Happy Hunting - Sheryle

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Membership Information

NAVHDA International dues:

New Member \$50

Special Value Package \$73.50 (not \$72.50 as earlier listed)

Renewal \$45

Spouse and Jr. \$22.50

The time period for all International membership dues runs for 12 months from date paid.

NCWNAVHDA Dues:

\$20 for first family member, \$5 per additional family member. Check the North Central Wisconsin NAVHDA (ncwnavhda.com) web site for the application and instructions, or contact Dave Spang for more information.

2008 Important Dates

Officers Meeting December 6 2008

2009 Important Dates

Annual Meeting/Dinner January TBD

Joe Aumann has some neighbors (Amish) who will build pigeon coops and quail recall pens , \$500 for pigeon and \$375 for quail. If you are interested call Joe at (715) 613-6868

LUNCH SIGN UP: Done for the year! Thank you to all who helped with the lunches, both those who hosted a lunch and those who brought a dish to pass. It sure is nice to have a hearty meal in the middle of the day!

Invitational 2008 pictures



Not necessarily in order of appearance above, the Versatile Champions from NCWNAVHDA for 2008 were:

Owner/handler

Dick Sutherland/Clyde Vetter	VC Timberland's George	200 P
Tim Peeters	VC Peerless Northwoods Jam	200 P
Scott Daenicke	VC Peerless First Light	200 P
Brent Catura	VC Tokla Bell J'Emma	200 P
Dan Snider	VC Isadora Vom Enzstrand	200P
Ken Pierce	VC Cedarwoods Zabrina	194 P

What I want to know - is who is the guy in the funny hat?

For 2009 we have the following dogs qualified:

Brent Catura	Autumn Legends Daisy
Mike Melotik	Snowy Oak's Gopher
Cortney Schaefer	Cora vom Illertal
Corey Siegler	Rockwood's Kivalo Gunsmoke
Matt Tepp	Rockwood's Kivalo Super Tramp
Daniel Wall	Dankar's Dakota
Joe Aumann	Ginny Vom Wendigjager
John McKenzie	Soco's Mystic Lady