



Steady On Point

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From The Training Table of Brent Catura

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A member says "Thanks NCW".

Well fall is finally arriving and with it comes the long awaited bird hunting season. I imagine all of you are eagerly waiting to hit the woods just as much as I am. Enough with dog training, lets get hunting.

Oh well. Don't I wish training was over, but it's not unfortunately. Luckily I'm done with Emma this year as she got her Prize 1 UT back in July. I'm also done with Daisy my other 2 year Brittany. She got her Prize 1 UT in August. I tested her at the Kettle Moraine chapter test and she got Copts. I feel that once again it shows that our chapter's utility training is right on the money.

Now the unfortunate part. My male Brittany Duke did not pass his Invitational test in Minnesota on Labor Day weekend. His field work was great, but his shackled duck eluded him and from there both he and I gave up. Though I thought I had prepared him enough for the test, it was pretty obvious that was not the case. We had done a lot of shackled ducks, most of which went to the shoreline and he was able to track them down. But while he went to the shoreline to track down his duck at the Invitational, his duck headed in the opposite direction to the swampy area and he didn't find it. In retrospect I realize that I also failed this part of the test with my first Prize 1 UT Brittany, Ellie. Though that time her duck came to shore by me and she was a duck-searching maniac and went deep into the swamp. Now if only the 2

instances were switched it probably would have worked out, but oh well. So now it's been training time again with Duke. I have him entered in another UT test Sept. 24th in Nebraska.

As you can see I'm a little obsessed with my quest for a VC title on my Brittany's. It sure would be nice to get it before I start another new dog.

Enough said on that, I have to tell you a little story. A non-member called me recently about a started dog he had bought. The dog did get a prize in NA and was judged not gun shy. Well he wanted to test whether the dog was really gun shy. So he precedes to fire a shotgun over the dog. What do you think the dog did? He headed under the guy's truck and wouldn't come out. Now did this guy just make the dog guy shy? What do you think? This is a very good example of why people should join a training club like NAVHDA. Everyone with a bird dog should belong so we can help these people and their dogs.

I have to say our last test weekend went off very well. We finished on time each day, had a good crew of workers on Friday to setup. Steaks cooked on the grill Saturday night at the grounds were fantastic. Good food, weather, conversation and no medical emergencies like we've had in the past. The Sunday clean up

Fall Test Results

Saturday, August 27th, 2005 – Site: Mead Dog Training Grounds
Judges: Mike Melotik, Alain Lebon, David Carlstrom

Natural Ability Test	Breed	Points	Prize	Handler
Peerless First Light	GSP	110	I	Scott Daenicke
Hunting Hill's Emma Ruby	SM	69	None	Richar Eineichner
Carson V den drei Teufeln	GWP	68	III	Joe Aumann
North Star's Atta Girl	WPG	93	III	Carol Johnson
De Jac's Java	WPG	83	III	Gregg Ebens
Rockwoods Kivalo Super Tramp	VI	67	None	Sheryle Tepp
Wrigley's Hallelujah	BS	108	I	Deb Guldán
Willows Edge Brodie	LM	79	III	Kathy Ruenger
Precious Buffy Doo	ES	112	I	Thomas Waggonner
Rockwoods Kovaló Maveric	VI	27	None	Sheryle Tepp

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Natural Ability Test	Breed	Points	Prize	Handler
Fleurdelyste Axius Vermilion	WPG	98	III	Bill Sloneker
Granite Peak Aleha	WPG	83	None	Josh Wilson
Utility Test				
North Ridge Marco Polo	SP	176	III	Jonathan Paranjothy
Nelson II	BS	147	None	Keith Olson
Cedawoods Zabrina	PP	177	II	Ken Pierce
De Jac's Good Golly Miss Molly	WPG	189	II	Julie Carlstrom

Judges: Kent Jensen, Steve Brodeur, Michael Jansen

Sunday, August 28th, 2005 – Site: Mead Dog Training Grounds

Natural Ability Test	Breed	Points	Prize	Handler
Ariel of Busch Farm	VI	94	III	Ryan Rice
RockCreek Daisy	PP	90	III	Michael Suhsen
DeJac's Island Girl	WPG	96	II	James Krohelski
Drumlin Edge's Alba	WPG	106	I	Doug Huntrods
De Jac's Lola	WPG	86	III	Julie Carlstrom
Sharp shooter Hi-Velocity	GSP	112	I	Jon Peeters
Granite Peak Autumn	WPG	65	None	Jim Franken
Tolka Belle Marco's A Buckshot	BS	110	I	Dean Wells
Utility Prep Test				
Gitta II vom Allerlei	GWP	138	III	Robert Williams

Judges: Thomas Pfeffer, Alain Lebon, Steve Brodeur

Sunday, August 28, 2005 – Site: Mead Dog Training Grounds

Judges: Michael Melotik, David Carlstrom, Michael Jansen

Utility Test	Breed	Points	Prize	Handler
Willow Edge Alix	LM	142	None	Dale Ruenger
Peerless Prairie Wind	GSP	195	I	Scott Daenicke
De Jac's Hear of Gold	WPG	176	III	Tony Kulinski
Black River Destiny	WPG	149	None	Jamie Kuhn
Black River Dana	WPG	186	III	Robert van Meter
Griffonpoint Into Upland	WPG	194	I	Dale Bruni

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A Perfect Day by Sheryle and Matt Tepp

This morning it was a beautiful 56 degrees, light and variable winds, and both Matt and I were off of work. We had an early breakfast, loaded the kennels, dogs and a gun into the truck and drove to the swamp (some hunting land we own east of town). Matt had been bow hunting last weekend and had noticed grouse in a couple of thickets on his way into his stand. We planned on taking a 2 mile walk into and out of the swamp, using a few different trails to cover more ground.

Hunting the swamp area is like taking a step back in time, thick cedars interspersed with sedge grass and cattails, some areas very open with giant old trees, bordered by thick nurseries with balsams and the occasional maple or popple stand on higher ground. After walking in 50 yards the thick cover muffles most car and farming sounds, and the ground is soft and spongy, muffling our footsteps.

Sophie had not been in the swamp in over 2 years since before her accident, and the pups had never been on this land. All three dogs fanned out as we walked along an old logging road that is the main trail into our land. We kept a close eye on Sophie to ensure she did not over exert herself, but she was all business, intent on scenting birds. Karma and Mojo worked independently, moving away and then back. It was surprisingly easy to keep track of all three, listening for the collar clinking as each one moved out.

We covered several likely areas, and the dogs probably did pick up scent

in a couple of them. Karma's tail was in windshield wiper mode, she was so excited. In some very thick cover one of the dogs did put up a grouse, and quickly thereafter Karma went on point, holding it for well over a minute. The bird finally got nervous with Matt and I talking over "what to do next", and flushed toward us. Matt made a nice shot, dropping the bird a few yards away. Karma quickly found it and tried to bring it to us, but Mojo interfered with her good intentions - the perils of having young siblings hunting together. Of course, it was wonderful to see them find a bird, but the greatest accomplishments today were: Karma finding and pointing a wild bird, Mojo not afraid of the gun (and hunting well after the shot), and Sophie's enthusiasm through the hunt.

Despite our rocky beginning with Karma and Mojo, we have learned from our mistakes, and the dogs are forgiving enough to learn despite our mistakes.

We hope you have a great hunting season this year - we know we will!

Editors note: Matt & Sheryle's dog Sophie was severely injured in an accident last year. They have nursed her back to health while taking on the daunting task of two puppies. They tested the two puppies in the fall test at a very young age only to have the entire week and test day "go south" on them. Too many of us (myself included) get caught up in test scores and prizes. The attitudes expressed in this article

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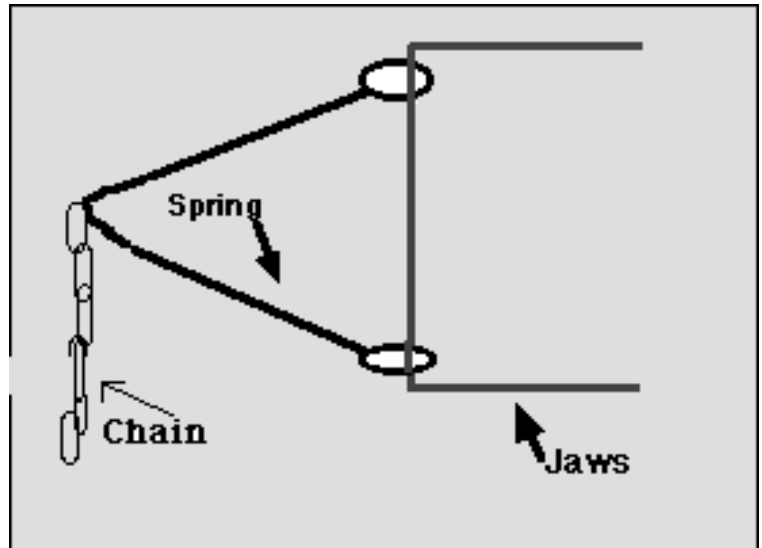
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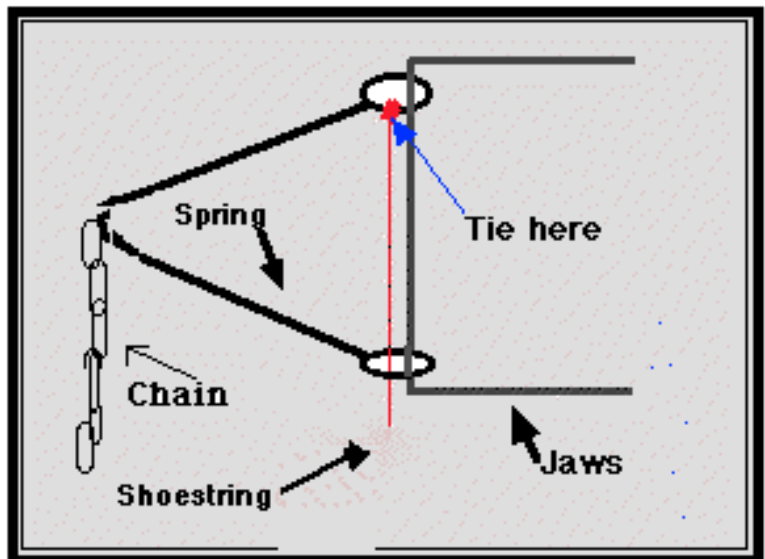


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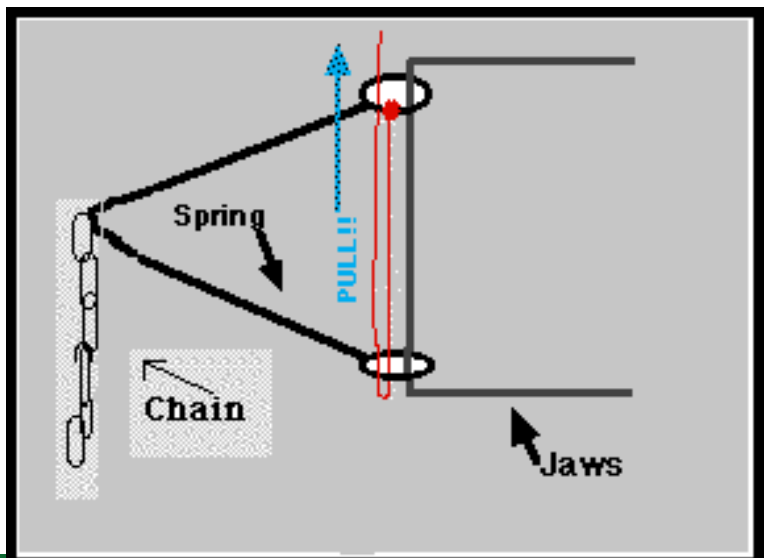
The Conibear Trap- Shown in sprung position. Carry 2 long, strong, boot-type shoestrings with you at ALL times.



To release the trap, tie one end of a shoestring to the top loop of the spring where it runs along the jaws, run the shoestring through the bottom spring loop and then back through the top spring loop.



Then, stand on the trap chain, pinning the trap to the ground and haul up on the shoestring. This will compress the spring. Pull and take up the shoestring until both sides of the spring meet. Tie off the shoestring and repeat the process on the other side of the trap, if necessary.



This article was reprinted from the website <http://www.terrierman.com/traprelease.htm>.

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First Aid Kit for Dogs

Hunting season has begun. Hopefully we have prepared ourselves and dogs by doing our training this summer. Most of us have also prepared our clothes and hunting equipment but did you remember to assemble your first aid kit for the dogs? The following list is a reprint of key items making up a hunting dog first aid kit. The list was provided by a local vet and fellow hunter. Most items can be found at local stores like pharmacies and discount stores. Remember, if you hunt dogs, they will eventually need some field first aid. We owe it to them to be prepared!

- Roll of 1 inch adhesive tape
- 2-3 rolls of 3 inch gauze
- 1-2 inch roll, 1-3 inch roll of Vetwrap, Co-flex, Coban elastic, self adhesive bandage
- 6 Tefla non-adherent pads
- Bandage scissors
- 1 Mosquito or Kelly forceps
- Several 4x4 gauze sponges
- Cholorhexidine or Betadine surgical scrubs
- Super glue – for closure of **clean**, small, simple lacerations
- Surgical skin stapler – if you are able to acquire one
- Triple antibiotic ointment for skin wounds – Neosporin or Mycitracin, triple antibiotic ophthalmic ointment for corneal scratches
- 1% Hydrocortisone ointment – for inflamed skin
- Panalog or Otomax for inflamed ears or skin
- Sterile Eye Irrigation solution – to flush debris and foreign objects from eyes
- Ear Drying/Flushing solution – for dogs prone to ear infections secondary to swimming
- Rimadyl, Etogesic, Deramaxx, Zubrin, Metacam – Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for dogs with arthritis, and controlling exercise induce joint and muscle pain (do not use Ibuprofen – Advil & Motrin, and Naproxen – Aleve)
- Frontline, Advantix – for control of ticks, fleas
- Water, Gatorade, other oral re-hydration electrolyte solutions, for hunting on hot days
- Food – energy foods to prevent hypoglycemia
- Needle nose pliers for fish-hooks, porcupine quills

Items not included in the original list but worthy of consideration:

- Boots for your dog

Annual Raffle Results

The chapter raffles were completed successfully due to everyone's continued support and the efforts of the raffle committee. During our August 21st training day, we raffled off two very nice donated prizes. The lawn furniture donate by Dan and Kara Gannon went to Tim Peeters. The ruffed grouse mounting donated by Matt Tepp was won by Jonathon Peeters.

The annual chapter raffle drawing was held on Sunday, August 28th. The prizes were as follows:

- 1 \$1000 Gander Mountain Gift Certificate - TJ McKenzie.
 - 2 6 Pheasant hunt @ Sugarbush Pheasant Ranch - Dave Leitner
 - 3 ATS Sonic Beeper - Michael Hickey
 - 4 5 bird Pheasant hunt @ Big Rock Game Preserve - John Doucette
 - 5 \$50 Gander Mountain gift certificate - John Williams Sr.
 - 6 4 bird Pheasant hunt @ Wilhorn Upland Farm - Chaundra Williams
 - 7 3 Pheasant or 5 Chukar hunt @ Wolf River Game Farm - Michael Williams
 - 8 3 Pheasant hunt @ River Ranch - Michael Jansen
 - 9 \$25 Gander Mountain gift certificate - Tommy Irwen.
- Congratulations to all the winners!

One fourth of raffle proceeds are donated to the Mead Grounds Association for use at the dog training grounds. Examples of their efforts are the improved water site, well, toilet, bridges and field improvements. Due to state budget constraints, the financial burden of grounds improvements will increasingly fall on the dog training

clubs. We need to help ourselves if we are to maintain and improve the training grounds.

Please take time to thank the raffle committee members. They spend time throughout the spring and summer obtaining the prizes, getting tickets printed and distributed, then collecting all the stubs and material. Their efforts help keep our chapter financially strong so we can all enjoy the benefits of better grounds and training equipment.

The 2005 raffle committee members were Tim & Sally Peeters, Kathy RuengerBob Van Meter, and John McKenzie. Great job!

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afterwards also went well. Thanks to everyone for contributing help, time, etc. for the test. Oh, I have to mention that our chapter member TJ McKenzie was the big \$1000 prize raffle winner. Hey TJ, you'll be helping out extra next year. Right TJ??

We will set a date for our big annual meeting late in Dec. or early Jan. The International meeting is in Phoenix, AZ on Jan. 20-22. I plan to attend that and do a little quail hunting while I'm out there.

Speaking of hunting...ducks, geese, grouse, woodcock, pheasants are all awaiting us. So much to choose from. Remember as we head into the woods and fields. Keep gun safety in mind. Don't be in such a hurry that you make a mistake and regret it latter. There's lots of time in the day and also remember to drive safely.

Seriously, don't forget to enjoy yourself hunting this fall, be safe and I'll see you in the woods.

Brent Catura



Calender of Events Gone Hunting!

A Member Says "Thanks NCW"

To the officers, board members and trainers of the North Central Chapter,

I want to thank each of you for the time, energy and experience you put into making the NCW a great dog club especially for new handlers. I have wanted to train a pointing dog since I was a kid, and later a versatile dog when I learned the difference and benefits, but held off because I wanted to do it right. That dream finally has begun to come true thanks to the trainers at NCW who invest their time in new handlers like myself. Training a dog to an NA Prize I was only a small part of the experience. It really became a family affair when my kids helped with training at home as well as at the training days. Now I have a son who wants train a dog, actually a Brittany, although Mama says no more dogs, and a daughter reminding me that our Griff is 1/3 hers and she wants in on the action.

Although not directly related to the club's activities the youth hunt is a great event. After the youth hunt I saw a small piece of an e-mail Heather was writing to a pen-pal describing herself as a hunter who bagged two pheasants that day (her first) and how she helped train her bird dog this summer. Accidentally seeing that little note let me know that the youth hunt was more of a success than anything she could have told me. Talk about a proud dad.

I cannot thank each of you enough for your parts in making the club such a success and my summer so memorable. If Uncle Sam keeps me in the area I will be back next spring to start working on UT, if not I hope I can find a chapter as good where ever I go.

I know I missed many of the names of those who answered my questions, but each answer was appreciated.

Thanks

Doug Huntrods