

# YRWRC NEWS



**NOTICE:** If you have not paid your 2004 dues, please do so ASAP. Persons who have not paid their dues by 3/31/04 will be deleted from the club mailing lists.

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## **YRWRC Hunt Test Friday - Sunday April 16, 17 & 18 Help Needed**

Our Spring Hunt test is only a few weeks away. We need each and every member to pitch in and help. If you do not have an assignment yet, please contact Al Davis

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## Raffle Items Needed

Once again, we will have a raffle in conjunction with our Hunt Test. In the past, a nice raffle with lots of items donated by club members has made a big difference in helping your club to have a financially successful event.

Tommy and Stefani Nance are organizing the raffle this Spring. If you have items to donate please contact them at 336-226-7448 or email [fitnesstrain@aol.com](mailto:fitnesstrain@aol.com)

## April Training Day

Patrick Riddick is hosting the next training day on April 3 at 9:00 a.m.

### Directions:

Take exit 153 off of interstate 40/85. The exit is marked for Mebane, HWY 119

If coming from the Raleigh/Durham area make a RIGHT at the top of ramp

If coming from the Burlington/Greensboro/Winston-Salem area make a LEFT

You will be following HWY 119 North - follow 119 through Mebane - there will be some turns you need to make to stay on 119 so watch carefully.

After you have made it through Mebane you will head out of town - after you pass Mill Creek Golf Course you will veer RIGHT onto Lynch Store Road (about a mile or so after golf course)

Once on Lynch Store Road travel approx. 3 miles we will have YRWRC signs out by the road on the RIGHT - there is a paved road there (where the signs will be) make that RIGHT turn and you will enter the farm just down on the LEFT. (I don't know the name of the paved road to get into the farm, but we will have it clearly marked with signs.)

### TRAINING GROUNDS

During our February meeting, there was considerable discussion concerning the possibility of the club leasing property for use as training grounds for all club members. If you know of any properties for lease that are suitable for retriever training, please contact Todd Kennedy or Al Davis.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **NEWS FLASH!!!**

#### **Handler's Seminar With Mike Osteen June 19-20**

Thanks to the organizational efforts of Narda Croughwell, YRWRC is sponsoring a handler's seminar with Mike Osteen June 19-20. Participation will be limited to 10 handlers and 25 observers.

The registration fee is \$50 for handlers and \$25 for observers. First come first serve...members will have priority over non-members. All attending need to be registered. Checks (payable to YRWRC) should be sent to Narda at 1400 Arnette Ave, Durham, NC 27707.

### **HUNT TEST CALENDAR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
April 16	Yadkin River Waterfowl & Retriever Club	April 5	Jodi Telander 800 Lakeview RD Durham, NC 27712 919-477-4093 Telander@pobox.com
April 24	Carolinas Retriever Association	April 15	Robin Spriggs 75 Hillcrest Cir Bishopville, SC 29010-7310 (803) 428-5659
April 30	Lumber River Retriever Club	April 19	Sudie Smith PO Box 1240 Youngsville, NC 27596-1240 (919) 497-8541 rosebaychessies@touchnc.net
May 8	Labrador Retriever Club of the Piedmont (No Master Offered)	April 28	Linda Lloyd 3081 Tatertown Loop Nebo, NC 28761-7880 (828) 659-9862

## New Members

Please welcome the following new YRWRC members:

Ken Burns, Durham, NC ... Ken has a Chesapeake Bay Retriever

Denise McDonald, Timberlake, NC ...Denise has Golden Retrievers

Phil and Sudie Smith, Youngsville, NC...Phil and Sudie have Chesapeake Bay and Labrador Retrievers

## **AVOIDING HEAT RELATED INJURIES IN DOGS By: Nate Baxter, DVM**

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes through exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiological changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile; they need IV and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can, run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point; you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate. For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e., shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air on.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working, but do not hesitate to use it. Due to the thicker skin and rapid evaporation, I do not worry about it being absorbed. Plus we recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend a rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones from the drug store I have found to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time. This is VERY IMPORTANT \*\*once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS!. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.8, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog; you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air. Mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will re-hydrate itself after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dog's responses to different environments. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better.

Another very important point - DO NOT swim your hot dog to cool it then put it in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation cannot take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up. Remember: Prevention and learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.

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Dear Dogs,

When I say to move, it means go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two dogs in the way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food.

Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs sleeping -- they can actually curl up in a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years --canine attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is to kiss me, then go smell the other dog's butt. I cannot stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you.

### ANONYMOUS AND OTHERS WORTH READING

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. - Anonymous

Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.  
- Groucho Marx

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard. - Dave Barry

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down  
-Robert Benchley

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate. - Sigmund Freud

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. - Andrew A. Rooney

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die, I want to go wherever they went. - Will Rogers

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. - M. Facklam