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ON POINT

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One of the Worst Things that Can Happen Training or Hunting

Obviously, injury to you or your faithful hunting partner would be at the top of the list. This is probably closely followed by an auto accident on the way to the training fields. However, I would like to mention one thing I have seen happen several times that is very avoidable.

Losing your e-collar remote.

Having spent 3 hours in a Prado alfalfa field in 100 degree weather searching for my Sportdog 1825 remote, I swore this would not happen again. It had been a great training day, Griffin and Mojo were improving in several areas (steadiness, patience, etc). We then went to "load up" and I realized the remote was gone. After about an hour searching the alfalfa, I released Griffin and Mojo from their crates hoping they could "point" my lost Sportdog 1825. If they can find quail



DRENTSE PARTRIDGE

anywhere I plant them in the field, why not a remote?? Unfortunately this was not successful. At about the 3 hour mark my wife Whitney found it. What did we learn? **Always have your remote tied to a lanyard or in an attached holster of some type.** If for some reason you don't have a lanyard or holster **tie 2 feet of bright orange surveyors tape to the end of your remote.** Many of these remotes cost \$200-\$400 . The Tritronics brand has many different holsters available. Losing your remote at the end of a training day can end a very positive day on a negative note.

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When training try not to work too long.

Dogs have short attention spans. Several 5-10 minute sessions are better than one hour without a break. As your dog learns new skills you can go from one skill to the next to extend your session. On your daily walk or run, you can take a break from

the run to work on whoa, heel, stay, leave it, fetch and others. This will keep your dog more mentally engaged while on his run and he will also look forward to this interaction with his master. Simply put, its less boring for you and the dog.

What's next?

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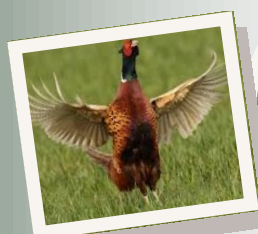
28 Breeds of Versatile Dogs Recognized by NAVHDA

BRACCO ITALIANO	(BI)	IRISH SETTER	(IS)
BRAQUE D'Auvergue	(BA)	POINTER	(PT)
BRAQUE DU BOURBONNAIS	(BB)	STICHELHAAR	(ST)
BRAQUE FRANCAIS	(BF)	WIREHAired POINTING GRIFFON	(GR)
WEIMARANER	(WM)	VIZSLA	(VI)
WIREHAired VIZSLA	(WV)	SPINONE	(SP)
BRITTANY	(BS)	SLOVAKIAN WIREHAired POINTER	(SH)
CESKYFOUSEK	(CF)		
SMALL MUNSTERLANDER	(SM)		
DRENTSE PARTRIDGE	(DP)		
ENGLISH SETTER	(ES)		
FRENCH SPANIEL	(FS)		
GERMAN LONGHAired POINTER	(GL)		
GERMAN SHORThAired POINTER	(GS)		
GERMAN WIREHAired POINTE R	(GW)		
GORDON SETTER	(GO)		
IRISH RED & WHITE SETTER	(IR)		
PORTUGUESE POINTER	(PO)		
PUDELPOINTER	(PP)		
LARGE MUNSTERLANDER	(LM)		
PICARDY SPANIEL	(PS)		

HEY,
SPINONE, WHO'S YO
MOMMA?

YOYO!! PP !!
WHY DO THEY CALL
YOU "PP" !!

YO, YO, YO!!
CESKYFOUSEK !!
UH . . UH . . I GOT .
.NOTHIN.





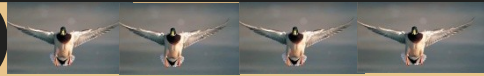
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The Vizsla "Lap Dog"

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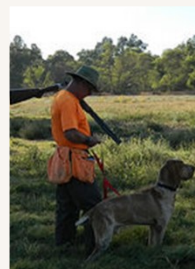
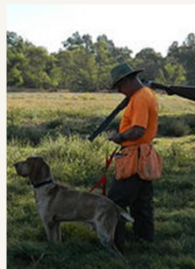
HUNTING SEASON

BEGINS

We would love to share your hunting adventures with our members. People go hunting for many reasons: adventure, competition, friends, dogs, nature and for a simple change of pace. If you can write a few sentences (or several) about your hunt and send a few pictures of you or your dog we will try and put your story in the newsletter this winter. Please email your story and/or photos to gary_johnson@busdk12.com Looking forward to your adventure!!!



WHERE MEMBERS TEACH OTHERS HOW TO TRAIN THEIR BIRDDOG



Bob Worrell—NAVHDA TEST PRO

Training Days Guidelines & Procedures

- (1) Please keep your dog under control at all times, particularly when he/she is not working on a drill.
- (2) Everyone in the field must wear blaze orange hat, t-shirt or vest and have completed a hunter safety class or have a hunting license.
- (3) Children are to be supervised and remain in the designated parking area at all times.
- (4) No alcohol on premises.
- (5) "Boat Safety", persons under 12 years of age must wear a life jacket when in the boat.

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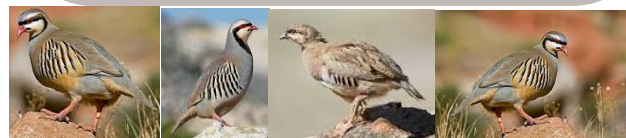
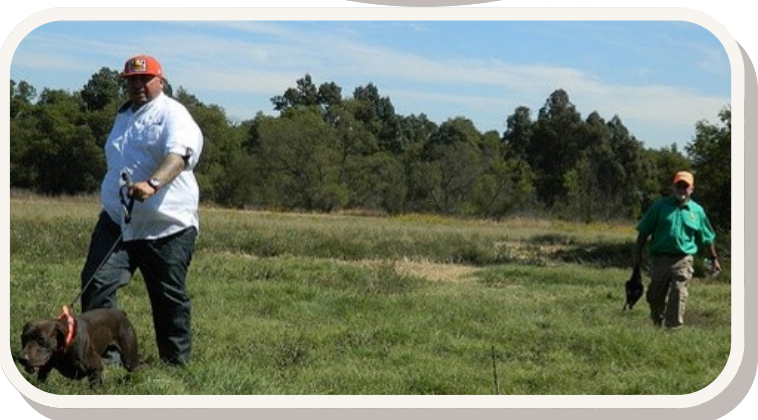
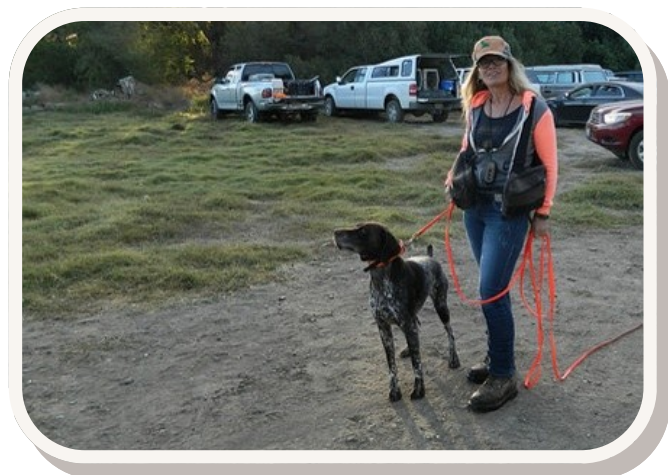


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Rafael Aguilar -Duck Drag , no problem.



Great Field Search!

JON VESELY &
RYDER UT PRIZE 1



"Did you
know the bird
was to end up
in YOUR
hand???"



We have an outstand-
ing training facility ,
check out the back-
ground, the fields, the
weather!!!

FEATURED NEW MEMBER

DAN MICK AND TIKKA

A few years ago, my (now) wife, Chiani, and I were walking through Bass Pro Shops. Upstairs, near the guns section, my wife saw someone with their dog. It was a beautiful black and white dog with medium hair and really nice feathering on its tail. She walked up to the man and asked to greet the dog. When she asked the man what type of dog it was, she was told it was a Large Munsterlander. She had never heard of such a breed and was told that they are a relatively uncommon German hunting dog. I didn't say hi to the dog as I was too busy at the gun counter, but I did see it and, he was stunning! We left BPS and on the way home, Chiani and I were talking about the dog and how, one day, it would be nice to get a dog like that, that I could train and spend time with in the field and with any kids we may have in the future. We lost our lab-mix, Sadie, back in May of this year. She was an amazing companion and just the sweetest pup anyone could ever want. Cancer took its toll on her very suddenly, and after we had to put her down, we both felt as though we were cheated out of being able to enjoy 3-5 more years with her. There was such an emptiness in the house after her passing, despite 3 other dogs in the house. Chiani knew that, as Sadie was my dog, I would need to get another dog when the time was right, but she expected that to be several months down the road. About a week later, the void that existed in the house was just too much and I began to look around for another dog. Remembering the Munsterlander that Chiani met at BPS, I began earnestly looking for breeders of Small Munsterlanders. (We thought that the size of the SM was better suited for us as compared to the LMs). I contacted several breeders, but none had any puppies available or any planned litters. I spoke with Sande Mustain (Mustain Kennels) and Pam Robinson (Robingun Kennels). They were so pleasant and helpful. It quickly became apparent how much they love and care for this breed. Pam told me about another kennel, Hunting Hills Kennel, that may have one or two unclaimed pups from a recent litter. **I quickly got on the phone with Kris Hill who confirmed that there was 1 male and 1 female that were available. Apparently, the family that initially claimed them had to back out as it wasn't the right time for them to get a couple of puppies. Kris and I spoke at length about the possibility of me getting the female. She asked me a ton of questions, and I did the same of her. It just felt more and more like this was about to happen! My wife and I expected to have to wait weeks or months for a SM, but it turned out, we only had to wait for a few days!.. Kris spoke so highly of the female, Yoshe, and about her breeding. Kris told me how strong Yoshe's nose was and how much drive she had. I couldn't wait to let my wife know that we would have a puppy in a few days (pending my wife's approval of course!). My wife gave me the go ahead and the money was sent. We were so excited! A few days later, we went down to LAX to pick up Yoshe. She was so beautiful and so nervous! We loaded her into the car and headed for home! She and I bonded immediately. She was instantly daddy's girl!**



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DAN MICK AND TIKKA

We didn't love the name Yoshe. We couldn't decide on a name we liked until Chiani suggested Tikka. It was an instant fit! When I was researching SMs and speaking to the breeder, I kept hearing about NAVHDA, a group I had never heard of. The breeder asked that I test Tikka in the Natural Ability Test at the very least. Training a hunting dog sounded fun and I wanted to do right by the breeder (and Tikka), so I showed up at my first SoCal NAVHDA training day back in June. Tikka had so much fun chasing birds and playing in the field. Everyone I met that day, and every day since, was so welcoming and helpful. It was clear that everyone has a common goal of improving and promoting the best versatile hunting dogs possible. Tikka and I went through some exercises with other NA pups that day. I thought we did pretty well, but I felt as though I was in over my head. I had no clue as to what I was doing and was sure that I was going to screw Tikka up! **I set my sights on the NA test in October. I figured that, even if she doesn't pass, we would both gain valuable experience in how the tests are run, and we can always retest in the spring!** Since she joined our family, we have attended every training day and I have tried to work with her with the limited time, resources, and knowledge that I had. Initially, I was freaked out because she wouldn't swim. I kept thinking that I had already ruined her as SMs are supposed to love water! Everyone kept reassuring me that there is no reason to worry, she will swim when she is ready. They were correct! She took to the water when we visited the San Diego chapter's training day. She loves it! The amount of knowledge and expertise that I have found in the membership is simply incredible, as is everyone's willingness to share it with me! It seems as though, whatever problem I am encountering in training her, 50 others have been through the exact same thing and they all talk me off of the ledge! **Tikka ran in the NA test on October 12. We were so nervous (actually, I was probably the only one nervous). We ran second that day. I was really worried about the tracking, the pointing, and the gunshot (she had a bad experience the week before). We had only done 1 track with a live pheasant, and Tikka stopped pointing several weeks before. In her search phase, she did an amazing job. She covered the field like an old pro and with a ton of excitement. When the first gunshot sounded, Tikka took off towards the street. I immediately thought I was doomed. It turns out that she just saw my wife at the edge of the field and wanted to say hi. She did so and immediately went back to her search. On the second shot, she showed no reaction. As she was searching, she found a few birds and immediately locked up in a hard point. It was almost like she knew she was being tested and wanted to show off her abilities! I was so proud!**

TIKKA—SMALL MUNSTERLANDER



On the tracking phase, we had a small slip up. When it was her turn to run, we went to the starting point. I tried to steady her and focus her on the feathers. When I released her, she just ended up running around like an idiot having fun! She eventually found the bird, but it was obvious that she was hunting, not tracking. The judges allowed me to re-run that phase. Prior to her next at-bat, I took her to a side field and threw the bumper for her several times, hoping to burn some excess energy off of her. It worked like a charm. When her turn came up again, she walked out to the starting point very calmly and seemed focused. I steadied her and got her into the scent. When I released her, her nose was glued to the ground. She was obviously using her nose and was deliberately tracking whatever scent she found. She didn't find the bird, but the judges did say that she ended up tracking a bird released for a previous dog and that was good enough! **Her swim test was a piece of cake! 2 throws and 2 methodical and deliberate retrieves. At that point I knew that we had a real shot at earning a prize. I was on cloud 9!** When we all met at the campsite for the scores, I could barely contain myself as the judge kept giving 4s for Tikka. She did get a 3 in tracking, but that was the max score she could receive as we had to retest that portion. If I would have burned the energy off of her prior to her first attempt, I am confident that she would have gotten a 4 in tracking as well. She ended up with a Prize 1 score of 110. I'll admit that I did get a little misty when the judge announced the final score! I was just so proud of her! **It's been a couple of weeks since the test and I eagerly look forward to the next training day and the opportunity to work towards the UT. The people and dogs involved with SoCal NAVHDA are top notch. I really do cherish the time that I get to spend with everyone that I meet. I hope I am able to stay active and involved with the chapter for a very long time. I am also looking forward to being able to bring my soon-to-be-born son to the training sessions when he is old enough!** Looking back over the past few months, here are a few things that all new trainers and handlers should know:

1. **Owning/training versatile hunting dogs is an expensive and time-consuming endeavor, but one that is infinitely rewarding!**
2. **Don't buy books and DVDs about dog training. If you do, read/watch them, then throw everything you learned out the window.**
3. **Spend the time talking to fellow NAVHDA members and solicit advice from them.** They will get to know your dog over time and they want to see him succeed.
4. **When in doubt, trust the dog!**
5. **Guido isn't yelling at you, he is just speaking passionately!**

Thank you to all those that have helped me and Tikka! We'll see you in the fields sometime soon! Happy hunting!

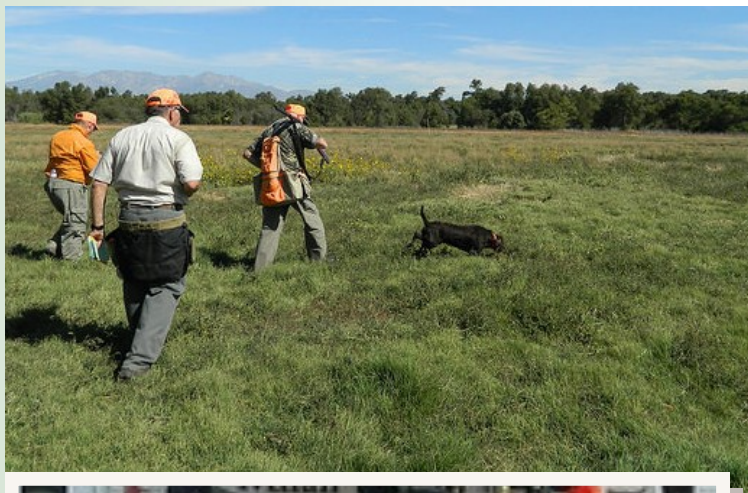
Dan Mick and Tikka

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Sylvia Hansen - "Yoli, this is it . . .Field

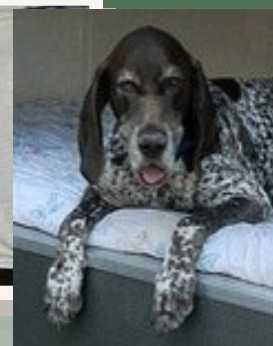


Gunners—we PROMISE to hit the Chukar



Waiting for the scores





The "shot" begins the Duck Search

Field Search . . check, Steady.check,Retrieve,check



*Excuse Me, I'm looking for the
NAVHDA Test. Can you direct
me to the Pond??*



HEELING STAKES SEEMS SO EASY BEFORE the TEST



BREED OF THE MONTH

WEIMERANER



Six sleek mouse-gray dogs stood waiting on the tie-out chain, muscles tensed as they watched one of their number work the field. Back and forth he traveled in a pattern guaranteed to cover every inch of the area, nose aquiver as he searched for a whiff of bird. There! The big gray dog froze; the handler moved in close, and the quail flew from its hiding place. The Weimaraner, the sporting dog born in the German Duchy of Weimar, had done his job.



Known as the Weimar Pointer in the early days of the breed, the Weimaraner was developed by the noblemen of the Court of Weimar to hunt large game. When boar, elk, and deer became scarce in Germany, he was converted to a bird dog. As with all German breeds, the Weimaraner was tightly controlled by its creators; strict rules governed who could own and breed the silver-coated canines, and a "Breed Warden" evaluated all potential breeding stock and determined which pups were to be culled from each litter.



Developed from the Red Schweisshund, a scent and tracking dog itself descended from the Bloodhound, the Weimaraner is a cousin of the German Shorthaired Pointer. He reached his modern configuration in the early 1800s, but was seldom seen outside his native province.



Then in 1929, an American named Howard Knight was admitted into the German Weimaraner club and was permitted to bring two of the dogs to the US. This pair and the six additional dogs he imported were the foundation of the breed in the U.S. .

The Weimaraner is a large dog, 23-27 inches at the withers (top of the shoulders) and 55-75 pounds, with bitches smaller than males. He is always mouse-gray to silver gray, often blending to lighter shades on the head and ears. A splash of white is permitted on the chest, but larger white markings are prohibited here and no white is permitted anywhere else on the body. His coat is short and sleek. A long-coated variety is possible, but it is not accepted in the breed standard, and many long-coated puppies are culled at birth. (Before World War II, some fanciers of the long-coated Weimaraner tried to get this coat type accepted, either as an addition to the standard or as a different variety of the breed, much as the varieties of Dachshund or color varieties of the Cocker Spaniel. Efforts failed, and the long-haired dogs almost disappeared. However, a few occasionally show up in otherwise smooth-coated litters.) The Weimaraner head is aristocratic, with muzzle and skull being the same length, and the stop -- the rise from muzzle to skull -- is moderate. Eyes must be light amber, gray, or blue-gray; ears are fairly long and are set high on the head and folded over; and nose is gray. His tail is docked to reach six inches in length in the adult dog. This is a powerful-looking dog, capable of spending the day in the field. He is well-muscled for strength and stamina and deep-chested for endurance. His long reach, forceful drive, and great energy make him an ideal hunting companion. The Weimaraner Standard describes the breed temperament as friendly, fearless, alert, and obedient, but this is but the half of its personality. Assertive, bold, loyal, and headstrong also fit, giving the dog a loving attitude with a willingness to take the upper paw in the family if the opportunity presents itself. Housebreaking can be a problem, as can destructive chewing. Like most large hunting breeds, the Weimaraner needs lots of exercise and must be kept in a fenced yard to prevent him from ranging in search of game. A "walk" is not exercise; he needs to run . . . Wide open. Because he was developed as a hunting dog and still maintains those instincts, he may be dangerous to birds and small mammals. Unlike many hunting breeds, however, the Weimaraner is definitely a house dog and does poorly when confined to a kennel. This is a breed that definitely needs obedience training to control his rambunctious nature. Owners should definitely have a crate for the new puppy for help in housetraining and to protect furniture and woodwork from puppy teeth when the little rascal cannot be watched. Puppy classes or control exercises at home are essential for the Weimaraner the moment he enters the family. He must be taught that all members of the family are to be obeyed. Training methods must be gentle and firm, for harsh treatment will sour his attitude.imported later were the foundation of the breed in the US .

A Weim's Own Space. Have a quiet time place for your Weim established BEFORE he/she comes home. It may be next to or near your other dog, or in separate rooms or his/her own bed in the family room. Weims are very family oriented which includes another dog and seem to do best when they are placed together. Practice crating during times when it is not necessary. Ask them to go into their crate with the command that you choose. Have them stay for just a moment or two and then give a treat reward with an upbeat praise. Repeat and gradually lengthen the time they stay inside. Make sure that family members, especially children know that if your Weim goes to his/her crate or bed voluntarily, they are NOT to disturb them. Do not allow children to crawl into their crate or wallow on their bed. Just like people, dogs need quiet time too. Respect their needs for a break.

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CESKYFOUSEK



Training Tips

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Fundamental Behaviors for your Dog

- ♦ Sit
- ♦ Down
- ♦ Stay
- ♦ Leave it
- ♦ Come
- ♦ Walk on Leash



More Advanced Behaviors For your Dog

- ♦ Heel
- ♦ Fetch
- ♦ Mat (down on designated spot)
- ♦ Sit to Greet
- ♦ Stay (your not visible)
- ♦ Sit (walk around, distract)
- ♦ Whoa

How to Improve your Skills

- ♦ Begin your training where there are no distractions
- ♦ Increase the time of behavior (treat/reward when you get it)
- ♦ Increase the distance you are away from them
- ♦ Introduce distractions to see if they lose concentration
- ♦ Change location (backyard to front yard to public location)
- ♦ Change location and increase distractions
- ♦ If they can perform the skill at youth soccer practice they probably have the behavior mastered
- ♦ Use physical barriers to your advantage (i.e. practice heeling next to a chain link fence or block wall)



Your dog can learn with_NAVHDA
Test Results from October 3,4,5

DOG CALL NAME	TEST	POINTS	PRIZE	HANDLER
Beausoleil	U.P.T.	111	No Prize	Kimberly Jameson
Grinzo	U.T.	171	II	Robert Worrell
Milo	U.T.	200	II	Michael Rizzo
Tasha	U.T.	198	I	Mark Miller
Tex	U.T.	185	II	Robert Worrell
Yoli	U.T.	164	III	Sylvia Hansen
Arli	U.T.	156	III	Tom Dillon
Citori	U.T.	201	I	Ralph Martinez
Ryder	U.T.	195	I	Jon Vesely
Remmington	U.T.	201	I	Rafael Aguilar
Fritz	U.T.	197	II	Brett Bigley
Rocky	U.T.	168	III	Ron Weeks
Griffin	U.T.	182	No Prize	Gary Johnson
Abby	U.T.	181	II	Mary Sarmiento
Mojo	U.T.	138	No Prize	Gary Johnson
Berly	U.T.	185	II	Vladimir Litvin
Diva	N.A.	104	II	Robert Worrell
Boss	N.A.	110	I	Carlos Hernandez

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