

Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter Newsletter **November 1999**

Test Update

The Del-Val Chapter Fall 1999 Test was a success. A maximum number of dogs were tested each of the two test dates. A number of dedicated chapter members showed up and worked on both days of testing. It is this chapter support that means the difference between a smooth, well run test and a frustrating day of organized chaos. Thanks to all of you who gave up your weekend for the chapter. A special thanks goes out to Jim and Pat Bottino for donating soda and water for the test.

The Del-Val Chapter will again hold a Spring Test in 2000. The Spring Test will be a Natural Ability only test. The planned test dates are May 20, 2000 and May 21, 2000. The test fee will be \$75.00 per entry. Please make checks payable to the Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter. Barbara Kissinger will be the Test Secretary. Please send all entries to:

Barbara Kissinger , 547 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA, 19047

The Del-Val Chapter will also hold its regular Fall Test in 2000. The Fall Test will be a Natural Ability, UPT and Utility Test. The planned test dates are September 16, 2000 and September 17, 2000. The test fee will be \$75.00 for Natural Ability, \$80.00 for UPT, and \$85.00 for Utility. Please make checks payable to the Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter. Again Barbara Kissinger will be the Test Secretary. Please send all entries to:

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Keep in mind that a completed Test Entry is required prior to your being admitted to the test. If your entry is not complete, you will not be allowed to test and you may forfeit your test entry fee. A complete test entry includes a check for the appropriate test fee, a complete Test Entry Form and a photocopy of your dog's pedigree. If your dog's hips have been x-rayed, a photocopy of the hip evaluation should be included.

It will be the chapter's policy to cash all test entry fee checks as soon as they are received. If you decide to withdraw from the test, your test entry fee will be refunded if your test slot can be filled. If your test slot can not be filled, your entry fee will not be refunded. If the test becomes full, you will be placed on a first come first served waiting list. If you decide to withdraw from the waiting list, your entry fee will be refunded. Once you agree to test, your entry fee will only be refunded if your slot can be filled.

Keep in mind that this is an Invitational Test Year. This means that there will be an additional burden placed on the testing program. It is therefore in your best interest to submit your test entry as early as possible. Having said that, please do not submit an entry unless you are serious about preparing your dog. If you submit an entry for the sake of submitting an entry, you may lose your entry fee. It has become necessary to

adopt this policy because, entrants who are not serious about testing their dog, tie up test slots. These people then wait until the last minute to withdraw from the test. Other perspective entrants do not submit entries when they find out there is a waiting list. This could leave the chapter in a bind to fill test slots. If we are not able to fill a test, it becomes more costly for the chapter to run the test. Please, only enter the test if you are serious about preparing your dog.

Training Clinic Update

The tentative dates for the Del-Val Training Clinics are:

March 26, 2000

July 23, 2000

April 16, 2000

August 6, 2000

May 7, 2000

August 20, 2000

June 18, 2000

September 10, 2000

July 9, 2000

Note: All clinics will be held at the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area.

The procedure for attending the clinics is the same as last year. You must call Bob Budin at (201)-440-1625 (home) or (973)-235-1800 ext. 271 (work) by 10:00 PM on the Wednesday before the clinic date. Any calls received after this cutoff will not be accepted. Please call even if you are not ordering any birds for the clinic. We need to know who is coming so that we can plan the clinic. The practice of breaking up into smaller training groups worked very well last year. We plan on doing the same this year.

Also, please note that if you order birds and do not show up at the clinic, you will be charged for the birds. All clinics will start promptly at 8:00 AM. Please try to get to the meeting site by 7:30 AM so that fees can be collected and birds distributed. Remember to bring a bird carrier to hold your birds. It is also advisable to bring other equipment that you might need during the course of the clinic. Please note the clinic dates on your calendar. Both your International and Chapter memberships must be current for you to attend a training clinic.

Club Hunts

The chapter will sponsor two club hunts this year. The hunts will be held at Springfield Hunt on January 23, 2000 and February 20, 2000. Details on these hunts will be sent to you along with your membership renewal. Please remember, your International and Chapter memberships must be current to participate in any chapter functions.

Changes to the 1999-2000 New Jersey Game Code

Those of you who hunt in the State of New Jersey may have noticed a change to the legal hunting hours this season. In the past, the legal starting time for upland hunting has been sunrise. This season, the starting time has been moved to _ hour before sunrise to coincide with starting times for other types of hunting such as waterfowl and deer

hunting. Experienced hunters know that there are significant differences between these types of hunting and upland hunting. The dense brush that is encountered while hunting upland game, combined with the low light conditions that exist _ hour before sunrise, create an unsafe hunting situation. Waterfowl and deer hunting are usually done from stands or blinds that are situated so as to give the hunter a good view of approaching game. We strongly suggest that you forward your comments regarding the change in legal starting time for upland hunting to:

Game Code

New Jersey Division of Fish Game and Wildlife

P.O. Box 400

Trenton, NJ 08625-0400

Also, consider contacting your State Representative to urge support for the proposed hunting and fishing license fee increases. The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife has been forced to cut several valuable programs do to budget considerations. Without the increase in license fees, programs such as the fall trout stocking and the pheasant and quail stocking programs will continue to be curtailed. If you are unsure of the name and address of your state representative, try contacting the reference librarian at your local library.



**NORTH AMERICAN
VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION
(NAVHDA)
DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. (____) _____ Breed of Dog(s) _____

E-Mail Address _____

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|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | New Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 | Renewal Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 | Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Make check payable to: Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter **Mail to** Carl Mertens
538 Lakewood- Farmingdale Rd
Howell, NJ 07731

The above membership dues are for the Delaware Valley Chapter only. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Family members have voting privileges but will not receive a separate newsletter.

A person may join the National organization only (application below), but must have a National membership to join the Delaware Valley Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ Prov _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. (____) _____ Breed of Dog(s) _____

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 | New Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 | Spousal Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 | Renewal Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 | Youth Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$600.00 | Paying Life Member | (\$50.00 Down Payment and 11 Quarterly Installments of \$50.00) | |

Make check payable to: NAVHDA
*All dues are tax deductible in the USA
Tax Exempt No. 95-3402-489

Mail to NAVHDA
PO Box 520
Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0520

NAVHDA Official Test Entry

revised 9/99

Please print this form using your browser's print command and mail to [test secretary](#) of chapter hosting the test you wish to enter.

Make checks payable in U.S. funds to the test host chapter.

Chapter _____ Test Dates _____
Preferred Running Day? _____
please circle: **Natural Ability** **Utility Preparatory** **Utility** **Invitational**

Type or print clearly and attach a COPY of Registration, Litter Paper or Pedigree

NAVHDA Registered? (circle) Yes No
(copy of pedigree not necessary if NAVHDA registered)
Dog Previously NAVHDA Tested (please circle)

NAVHDA Registration # _____

Yes No

If Not Registered with NAVHDA,
Other Registration # _____

Registered With (circle):
AKC CKC American Field VDD

Registered Name _____ (circle): Male Female

Call Name _____

Whelp Date: Mo ____ Day ____ Yr ____

Breed of Dog _____

Color _____

Breeder's Name _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Owner _____

Your NAVHDA Member # _____

Street _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Handler _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____

If handler is a NAVHDA Judge, please indicate Yes ____ Number _____

Hip Dysplasia X-Rayed? ____ Yes ____ No (Include copy of X-Ray results - OFA, Berlin, Guelph, PennHip)

It is recommended that dogs over 24 months of age have their hips X-Rayed.

Age of Dog on Test Day: (Natural Ability) ____ Months (UPT/UT/INVIT) ____ Years ____ Months

IMPORTANT! Dogs are eligible for a Natural Ability Test up until, and including, the day they reach 16 months of age. Dogs over 16 months may be tested for evaluation. No Prize Classifications are awarded dogs tested for evaluation. Dogs over 16 months may be tested if space is available.

To Make Your Entry Complete Include the Following Items:

This application filled out legibly and completely.

Copy of registration certificate (not necessary for NAVHDA registered dog).

Entry fee in the form of check or money order. Do not send cash.

Copy of hip dysplasia X-Ray evaluation (if applicable).