



About NEFHRC Newsletter . . .

This monthly newsletter is to help members keep updated on our club events, achievements, or other announcements that may be of interest. Please call or e-mail Karen VanDonsel at (828) 877-3254 or karenvandonse@gmail.com if you have anything you would like to submit. Alternatively, you may contact Tom Gaddis at (904) 699-3084 or President@nefhrc.net.

Please feel free to submit pictures, announcements of events, brags, sale of dog or training equipment, litters, or any other announcements for club members! The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.

If you have an idea for a recurring feature article, please let us know. This newsletter is for you, our members. We want to include what you want. So, please help make this a

great newsletter. Submit your articles, pictures, stories and ideas. We want to hear from you!



Brian Milner and Rev

April 2016 Training Day

If you missed the April training day, you missed an event! We counted fourteen vehicles and a lot of dogs! We had dogs of all ages and breeds - Labs, Goldens, Boykin, old, puppies. Thanks

to all who set up, worked the stations, and packed up.

We especially want to thank Bill & Betsy Reiney for allowing us to use their beautiful property at Happy Tails Farm.

We signed three new members: Christian Hazouri, Kim Hurst, and Gregg Farah. A big thank you to all.

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Coming Events:

- ◇ 05/07-05/08/2016 Carolina Boykin spaniel RC Hunt Test
- ◇ 05/20-05/22/2016 Lady Handler Seminar
- ◇ 05/21/2016 NEFHRC Training Day, Annual Picnic

Meet The Kennicutts . . .

This month we are featuring Tom and Debbie Kennicutt who joined our club in August 2015. They met at Florida Junior College and married in 1984. They have three children: Thomas, manager at Four Rivers; John, retired Marine Combat Photographer; Emily who will enter UNF in the fall. Tom is the Director of Auto Contracts CEVA N.A. and Debbie takes care of the family including grandson Alec, and the two Labs, Callie and Bonnie. She is a very busy lady!! Tom sculpts duck decoys which are a work of art.

They have lived in several U.S. states and Malaysia, which was their favorite assignment because it was a radically different environment. The people were welcoming and the living was relaxed and easy. However, they were happy to return to Orange Park.

They recently bought a black Labrador and named her Lucy. At 10 weeks old, Lucy began to have seizures and Tom and Debbie were saddened to know the owner had not given proper shots to her dog. After this tragedy, their longing for a Lab sent them to an online search and they purchased two black Labs, Bonnie and Callie from a breeder in Georgia. While looking for information to train their dogs, they discovered our club online and came to a training day at Whisper Creek.

We are very blessed to have them as part of our club. They are always willing to help with training set-ups and take downs and intend to help with our Hunt Tests as well. Getting Started titles for both dogs is their first goal and they intend to move into advanced work. We are thankful that they are a part of

our Club and look forward to the fun with Bonnie and Callie.



Contributed by Carolyn Abood.

April 2016 Training Day (cont.)

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Andy Brittingham and Jim Brandt ran a water puppy event and Matt McKenzie answered questions and advised owners.

After training, new President Tom Gaddis conducted a short meeting. He gave a "State of the Club" address and encouraged us to rally up and get involved. We are planning a Fall and Spring Hunt Test. He also asked for suggestions for events that would be of interest to members.

Our next Club Training Day is May 21, 2016 at 12300 Holstein Dr. Jax 32226. This is our annual meeting and awards day in addition to a training day. See the next article for more details.

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NEFHRC 2016 Annual Picnic and Awards

The NEFHRC 2016 Annual Picnic and Awards will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 12300 Holstein Drive in Jacksonville. We will hold our May Training Day in the morning and then move on to a brief club meeting and the annual picnic and awards.

The club will provide the meat, with side dishes provided by members.

Please call Carolyn Abood to let her know how many people will be attending and what you'll be bringing. You can reach Carolyn at (904) 505-3404.

Awards for Dog of the Year, Puppy of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and the Brian McMillan Award for the Volunteer of the Year will be presented.

Plan on a fun filled day with a great bunch of people!



First Aid for Snake Bites in Dogs

Toxin

Snake venom

Source

Most snake bites are from pit vipers, which are poisonous snakes that are identified by their triangular heads, retractable fangs, and a special heat-sensing pit between the eye and nostril. North American pit vipers include five subspecies of copperheads, three subspecies of water moccasins, three subspecies of pygmy rattlesnakes, three subspecies of massauga, and at least 26 subspecies of rattlesnakes. Water moccasins and copperheads are found in the eastern United States and southward through Texas. Rattlesnakes are found throughout the contiguous United States, with the highest concentration in the south and southwest.

General Information

Snake bites tend to occur on the pet's head or neck. Bites involving the trunk of the body have a poorer prognosis. Snake bites may affect one or more body systems including the [cardiopulmonary](#) system, the nervous system, or the [coagulation](#) system. Usually, if the snake is not poisonous or the venom was not injected, the pain, swelling, and bruising at the bite site will be minimal.

Toxic Dose

Varies. [Envenomation](#) does not always occur. The severity of envenomation is related to the time of the year, the volume of venom present in the snake, the location of the bite, the number of bites, and the amount of victim movement after the bite (movement increases the spread of the venom). The amount of venom is not related to the size of the snake. [Systemic](#) signs such as kidney damage may take 24-72 hours to develop in mild envenomations, so the animal should be observed closely for several days.

Signs

May see one, two, or several small puncture wounds, bleeding, bruising, immediate and extremely painful swelling at the site of the bite, and [tissue necrosis](#). The more severe [systemic](#) signs may take up to several hours to appear and include [hypotension](#) and shock, lethargy and weakness, muscle tremors, nausea, vomiting, and neurological signs including depressed respiration.

Immediate Action

Identify the snake if possible. Restrict movement of the pet. Loosely immobilize the limb in a functional position if bitten on an extremity. DO NOT incise the bite wound to [aspirate](#) the venom and DO NOT apply a tourniquet without veterinary assistance. DO NOT apply ice to the area. Seek veterinary attention.

Veterinary Care

General treatment: The animal will be kept quiet and the bitten area immobilized if possible to decrease the spread of the venom. The area around the wound will be clipped and cleaned.

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Supportive treatment: Antihistamines may be administered and IV fluids given to help prevent low blood pressure. Oxygen is given if needed. Antibiotics are used to prevent secondary infections. Pain medication is provided as necessary. Laboratory tests to check for bleeding problems and organ damage will be performed repeatedly. Blood transfusions may be necessary in cases of severe coagulopathies. The area above and below the bite wounds may be measured every 15 minutes to monitor the edema. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are contraindicated in the early phase (first 24 hours) of treatment because of the different types of venom and the anticoagulant effects of NSAIDs. The use of corticosteroids may be contraindicated also, as some research shows they increase the severity of the bite.

Specific treatment: Antivenin* may be administered. The use of antivenin is controversial and is used at the discretion of the attending veterinarian. To be most effective, antivenin should be given within 4 hours of the bite. It becomes less effective as more time passes.

All snake bite victims should be observed for a minimum of 12 hours, even when there are no clinical signs. If clinical signs are present, the length of observation is increased to 48-72 hours, as damage to organs may not appear immediately.

Prognosis

A study of animals bitten by pit vipers showed that those treated with antivenin, intravenous fluids, and antibiotics had a mortality rate less than 1% and local tissue damage was rare. The mortality rate in untreated patients depended on the species of snake involved. For example, in patients bitten by the Northern Pacific Rattlesnakes, the mortality rate was about 10%. In the much more dangerous Mojave rattlesnake, it could be as high as 35%.

*Two companies, Fort Dodge and Wyeth Ayerst Laboratories produce antivenin. Veterinary clinics and human hospitals in areas that have a high population of pit vipers have this product on hand. Many owners want to carry this product with them, but because of the intravenous administration and instability of the product, it is recommended that a veterinarian give it.

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NEFHRC is sanctioned by the United Kennel Club, Inc. We are a club devoted to the training of bird hunting dogs for the purposes of hunting and hunt tests. As the UKC says, we are a club "*Conceived by hunters for hunters.*"

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April 2016 Training Day Pictures



MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07 Carolina Boykin Spaniel RC
08 Carolina Boykin Spaniel RC	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Lady Handler Seminar	21 Training Day /Annual Picnic Lady Handler Seminar
22 Lady Handler Seminar	23	24	25	26	27	28
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JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01	02	03	04 North Alabama HRC
05 North Alabama HRC	06	07	08	09	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		