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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. If you have something you would like to submit, please call or e-mail Karen VanDonsel at (828-877-3254 or webmaster@nefhrc.net).

Please feel free to submit pic-

tures, brags, sale of dog or training equipment, litters or any other items of interest for club members. The deadline for submission is the 15th of each month.

This newsletter is for you, our members. We want to include what you want. So, please help make this a great newsletter and submit your articles, pictures, stories and ideas. We want to hear from you!



Coming Events

- 12/01/2018 NEFHRC Training Day
- 12/08-12/09/2018 Central Florida HRC
- 12/25/2018 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 12/31/2018 NEW YEAR'S EVE
- 01/01/2019 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 01/12/2019 NEFHRC Training Day

Photos From the Past





Care for Dog Vomiting and Diarrhea

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Dogs may vomit for a number of reasons; some reasons are minor, but others are, in fact, cause for concern. It is important to know how to differentiate between the times when it is not absolutely necessary to consult a veterinarian and when it is vital to take immediate action.

Upset Stomach

Some dogs vomit simply because they ate something that they shouldn't have that did not settle well and thus, just needs to come back up. Sometimes dogs will purposely eat grass in order to induce vomiting to settle an upset stomach. If they display no other strange symptoms and the vomiting is a one-time occurrence, then it is probably safe to say that the dog now feels better from relieving themselves in this manner.

Eating Too Rapidly or Not Fully Chewing Food

Dogs sometimes vomit, because they have scarfed their food down too quickly, which is another instance of when it typically is not necessary to consult a vet. This can often be remedied by hand-feeding a dog their food in smaller increments (a couple pieces at a time), allowing

them to properly chew each piece as opposed to swallowing gulps of food entirely whole. There are also specially designed food bowls that slow down dogs that have a tendency to gobble their food, which are available at most pet retailers.

Change in Diet or Toxic Human Foods

A sudden change in diet may also cause a dog to vomit. A change in their dog food brand or the introduction of human foods that they are not used to or that are potentially toxic can bring on vomiting in dogs. Potentially life-threatening foods that should be avoided at all costs include grapes, raisins, onions, macadamia nuts, dairy products, and foods high in fat content such as bacon. If it cannot be determined what the dog has ingested that may have brought on the bouts of vomiting, it is wise to contact a vet.

A change in diet may also incite diarrhea in dogs. If the dog's stool is soft or watery in consistency or is lighter or darker in color, it could be related to something they ate, but it is still smart to call a vet, especially if the dog is displaying

any other behavior that is out of the ordinary, which could indicate that something else is going on.

Allergic Reaction to Insect Bite or Sting

Sometimes vomiting can be brought on by an allergic reaction to an insect bite or sting, which often requires medical treatment. Signs that a dog has been bitten or stung include facial swelling around the eyes, mouth, and ears (soft pink tissues) and possibly even the stomach or genitals, along with lethargy, general discomfort, itching, and vomiting.

Treatment often entails a steroid or antihistamine injection, administered by a vet or veterinary technician, to calm the reaction. Some vets will prescribe medication to take home or advise owners on proper dosing of human Benadryl. It is important to know safe dosing directions, because they are based on the dog's body weight. A small breed dog weighing under 15lbs., for example, can be given one 25mg tablet of Benadryl or its generic equivalent, diphenhydramine hydrochloride, both of which are

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Care for Dog Vomiting and Diarrhea (cont.)

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available over-the-counter at drugstores and mass retailers.

Contact a Veterinarian Immediately

If the vomiting persists and/or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as diarrhea, blood in the stool or vomit, excessive lethargy or a decrease in normal activity (i.e., disinterest in playing), panting, excessive thirst or an increase or decrease in appetite, it is a good idea to contact a vet, describe the symptoms in detail to them, and to seek further advice. They will then be able to advise on the proper course of action at that time. If these symptoms occur outside of normal veterinary office business hours, contact the nearest pet emergency clinic. Their rates will likely be higher (with payment required upfront), but it could be the difference of life and death in some cases.

More Serious Health Problems

Vomiting accompanied by diarrhea can be an indication of more serious health problems. Dogs are susceptible to their own form of the flu (only contracted among canines), and this can usually be treated with medication to stop the

vomiting, by limiting their food and water intake for up to 12 hours, and then introducing them to a bland diet of boiled chicken breast and white rice in small amounts until they show signs that they are able to keep food down. After a couple days of eating and keeping down the bland chicken and rice diet, it is usually safe to return to their normal dog food diet.

Further Testing May Be Required

Vomiting and diarrhea may also be signs of intestinal inflammation (i.e., gas and bloating), intestinal blockage due to a foreign object lodged in the gastrointestinal tract, pancreatitis, or liver failure. Only a vet can properly diagnose which of these may be the underlying cause for the vomiting. Diagnosis often requires further testing beyond a physical exam such as blood work, X-rays, and ultrasounds. It can still be difficult for a veterinarian to be 100% sure of the problem, but they will be able to treat the symptoms to make the dog more comfortable. Surgery may be required if there is in fact a foreign body found in the intestinal tract.

Better Safe than Sorry

Dog vomiting and diarrhea may or may not be a serious indication of further health problems, but it is best to err on the side of caution when it comes to the life of a beloved pet. While some vomiting and diarrhea in dogs may be nothing to worry about, there are times that those behaviors indicate the need for further attention.

It is best not to ignore these warning signs, but rather to be proactive and seek the advice of a highly trained veterinarian. As our dog's caretakers and "pack" we owe it to them to provide the very best love and care for them. Since they are unable to tell us in plain English how they are feeling, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms to look for that do tell us that something is out of the ordinary, as is the case with some bouts of dog vomiting and diarrhea.

For full article and video on this, go to:

<https://doghealthinsider.com/care-for-dog-vomiting-and-diarrhea/>

@DogHealthInsider.com

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Below is a listing of all pet health related articles that have appeared in *The Hunter's Blind*, along with the issue in which the article appeared. If you need to refer to a particular article, you can download the specific issue on the Newsletter page of the club's web site (<http://www.nefhrc.net/newsletters/>). If you have any problems or questions, please e-mail Karen VanDonsel at Webmaster@nefhrc.net.

Article	Issue Included
Living With a Blind Dog: Helpful Tips	03/01/2016
Ear Infections (Otitis Externa) & Ear Cleaning in Dogs	04/01/2016
First Aid for Snake Bites in Dogs	05/01/2016
An Evacuation Kit for Your Dog	06/01/2016
Heatstroke (Hyperthermia)	07/01/2016
Ruptured Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL)	08/01/2016
burns: First Aid for Pets	09/01/2016
Food Allergies and Food Intolerance	10/01/2016
Choking: Using the Heimlich Maneuver in Dogs	11/01/2016
Dog Emergencies: Contact Your Veterinarian When Your Dog Shows These Signs	11/01/2016
Arthritis (Degenerative Joint Disease, Osteoarthritis)	12/01/2016
Causes and Management of Arthritis & Other Joint Diseases in Dogs	01/01/2017
Hip Dysplasia in Dogs: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention	02/01/2017
Heartworm (Dirofilaria Immitis) Infection & Prevention	04/01/2017
Mast Cell Tumors	05/01/2017
Kennel Cough (Infectious Tracheobronchitis) in Dogs	08/01/2017
Canine Influenza (Dog Flu)	09/01/2017
Blastomycosis	10/01/2017
Benign Skin Tumors in Dogs	12/01/2017
Coughing in Dogs and Cats	01/01/2018
Sneezing and Nasal Discharge in Dogs and Puppies	02/01/2018
When and How to Induce Vomiting in Your Dog	03/01/2018 & 06/01/2018
Ten Dangers to Your Dog in the Summer	04/01/2018
How to Keep Mosquitoes Away from Your Dog	05/01/2018
Common Reasons Your Dog Might be Limping and When to See a Vet	09/01/2018
How to Help Arthritis in Dogs	10/01/2018
A Dog Owner's Guide to Doggie Dental Care	11/01/2018



NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

www.nefhrc.net

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

____ New Member ____ Renewal

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE Home: _____

Other: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DOG BREED: _____

CALL NAME: _____

Club dues are \$50.00 for both individual and family membership. The dues include the cost of the NEFHRC decal.

ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.

Please make checks payable to NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB.

Mail the check and both pages to:

John Spivey, NEFHRC Treasurer
2427 Creekfront Drive
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
(386) 288-1350

Areas where I'd like to help with the Club:

RELEASE

WHEREAS the undersigned desires to release certain parties from any damages that may arise, directly or indirectly, as the result of his/her participation in club activities offered by the Northeast Florida Hunting Retriever Club, fully realizing the inherent danger in any type of sporting event of this nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of being allowed to participate in said activities, the undersigned does hereby release and forever discharge Northeast Florida Hunting Retriever Club, its officers, directors, members, participants, spectators, and all landowners whose land they may be using, from and all manner of actions, causes of such actions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise now or in the future because of, or pertaining to, the undersigned's participation in any of its activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my hand the date and year written below.

DATED AND SIGNED THIS _____ day of _____.

(Name Printed)_____ (Name Signed)_____

All club members are urged to also become members of the national HRC. To do so, complete the form found on our website and send to: UNITED KENNEL CLUB – HRC, 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Annual National HRC dues are \$25.00 (individual) and \$30.00 (family). This membership includes the *HUNTING RETRIEVER* magazine.

If currently a member of the National HRC, enter Membership #_____ and Expiration Date _____.



Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

In North America today, there is an organization that was established to test the hunting retriever in a true-to-life hunting environment. This organization, the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc., was created to develop the type of testing that you, and thousands like you, have wanted for years. The Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. (HRC) has established a no-nonsense, true to life, training and testing program where gun dog owners meet, train, learn and test their dogs afield.

The HRC was formed under the auspices of the United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC). UKC was founded in 1898 as a purebred dog registry devoted to maintaining the inherent working abilities of hunting dogs. UKC sponsors more hunting dog events than any other such organization in the world.

You can renew your HRC membership or join HRC on line on UKC's website by ordering the Hunting Retriever magazine. Each membership includes a subscription to the HRC magazine, which includes training and information articles as well as local Club event results and a list of upcoming events of the HRC local Clubs. You can choose a one or two year membership that will begin as soon as your application is processed.

If you prefer, you may use the paper application below. Please include a check or money order payable in United States funds, made out to *HRC, Inc.* or *UKC* Send the application & fees to:

**Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.
c/o United Kennel Club, Inc.
100 E. Kilgore Road
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002**

Membership type:

USA: 1 year Individual \$25.00_____ Family \$30.00_____
2 year Individual \$50.00_____ Family \$60.00_____

Foreign/Canadian: 1 year Individual \$30.00_____ Family \$35.00_____
2 year Individual \$60.00_____ Family \$70.00_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

What HRC Local Club are you a member of? _____

Family members name(s):



We're on the web!

<http://nefhrc.net>

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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*Merry
Christmas*