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**NEW YEAR—NEW LOOK!**

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## About NEFHRC Newsletter

**T**his 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

- 02/10-11/2018 Central Florida HRC Hunt Test
- 02/17/2018 NEFHRC Training Day
- 02/24-25-2018 Bay Area HRC Hunt Test
- 02/24/2018 Central Florida HRC Upland Hunt
- 03/03-04/2018 Cherokee Foothills HRC Hunt Test
- 03/03/2018 Carolina Boykin Spaniel Upland Hunt
- 03/10-03/11/2018 Old South HRC Hunt Test
- See calendar for full listing of events

## NEFHRC 2018 Spring Hunt Test—Reminder

**T**he NEFHRC 2018 Spring Hunt Test is scheduled for the weekend of April 14-April 15, 2018 at SSJ Quail Farm in Hilliard, FL. Details can be found on the Event Calendar on the club's web site at [http://](http://nefhrc.net/event/nefhrc-spring-2018-hunt-test/)

[nefhrc.net/event/nefhrc-spring-2018-hunt-test/](http://nefhrc.net/event/nefhrc-spring-2018-hunt-test/).

If you would like to help out to make this our best hunt test yet, please contact either Carolyn Abood at [cbrutsmom@gmail.com](mailto:cbrutsmom@gmail.com) or Tom Gaddis at [president@nefhrc.net](mailto:president@nefhrc.net).

The Hunt Test Premium is not yet available. However, it will be posted to the web site as soon as it's approved.

Be sure to save the date and check the web site for further updates!

## Sneezing and Nasal Discharge in Dogs and Puppies

*"Sneezing is defined as a 'sudden expulsion of air through the nasal passageways and mouth.'"*

When we sneeze, it is usually caused by something such as an allergy or the ever present "common cold." Sneezing is defined as a "sudden expulsion of air through the nasal passageways and mouth." It is an effort of the body to eliminate the source of irritation within the nose or pharynx. This latter area is the common crossroads of the digestive and respiratory systems, or as one of our clients said "where the air we breathe passes the food we swallow." There are many causes of irritations in these areas. Examples would be a cold or sinus infection, inflammation brought on by pollen grain allergies or paint fumes, or inhaled foreign bodies such as rug fibers or grass that are caught in the nose.

In dogs, all the same reasons for sneezing apply. Most dogs do not exhibit this behavior as often as we do, but it does occur and is frequently a cause of some concern. Although their noses are shaped differently, the same basic anatomical features exist as in humans. Their nasal passageway can be much longer than ours (as in a Collie) or relatively short (as seen in the Pug). The digestive and respiratory systems still cross in a common pharynx. Dogs are also equipped with those excellent sources of headache and congestion, the sinuses.

Causes of sneezing in

dogs

If your dog ever has a bloody nose, always contact your veterinarian.

Excessive sneezing in dogs is usually caused by allergies, infections, foreign bodies, or tumors. They are all very different and present predictable signs and patterns.

### ALLERGIES:

Allergies are usually seasonal and the most common ones are in response to pollen grains and other plant fibers. Tree pollens are most abundant in the late spring and early summer, grass pollen is usually a mid-summer ordeal, while the weeds and other plants generally liberate their pollen in the fall. Each type is present for only two to four weeks. Since a dog is usually only allergic to one of these, sneezing is limited to a certain period. Combine the sneezing with some watering of the eyes, chewing on the feet, and scratching on his sides, and that is about all you need for a diagnosis. There are a few animals that are allergic to things that are inhaled such as rug fibers or cigarette smoke. In these cases, it is fairly easy to recognize the relationship between the sneezing and the presence of these types of allergens.

With any allergy-induced sneezing it will be bilateral, which means that it affects both the right and left nasal passageways. There will be a discharge

from both nostrils, however, there will rarely be any blood or pus-like material in this discharge.

Patients with allergies suffer but generally show no other signs. They eat, drink, and remain as active as they always were. Infections that cause sneezing are probably more common in humans than in dogs. Our canine friends have nothing comparable to our common cold that affects their nasal passages. Their most common respiratory infection is Kennel Cough Syndrome, but it affects the throat and windpipe, resulting in a hacking cough, that is without sneezing.

### INFECTIONS:

Infections that do induce sneezing in the dog are usually more serious. It may be an infection from a tooth or its root that protrudes upward and drains into the nose. There are infections that occur on membranes within the nose or sinuses, but with rare exceptions, they are just pathological organisms that happen to end up there and are not limited to this area of the body (as is the cold virus in humans). Dogs that suffer from a bacterial, viral, or fungal infection of the nose can have the condition at any time of the year. In most cases they turn into long term, chronic conditions. There is almost always a bloody or pus-like discharge from the nose and it may

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affect one side only or both sides.

### FOREIGN BODIES:

Foreign bodies, a picturesque term referring to an inanimate object that has gained access to the dog's body, can cause some horrendous sneezing fits in the dog. As an explanation of this phenomenon, let us tell you about a case that we treated a few months ago. An elderly client brought a Rottweiler into the clinic that was sneezing about 10 to 20 times per minute. The sneezing had been occurring for three days and the dog only stopped to eat, drink, and maybe take a very brief nap. The animal was totally exhausted. There was some blood coming from the left nostril on some sneezes and a lot of blood at other times. We sedated the animal, gave him a short-acting anesthetic agent, and looked up the left nasal opening with a small, lighted probe. About an inch back from the external opening, we

saw a dark spot that should not have been there. Using a small alligator clamp we reached back, attached it to the dark phantom dot, and pulled out a 5 " stick. That is absolutely right 5 " long. The next time you look at a Rottweiler from the side, try to figure out where the stick was. What probably happened was the dog was charging through the woods chasing something and accidentally ran the stick up his nose. After administering injections of an anti-inflammatory medication and antibiotics, we sent the pet home with his owner. Within a day, he was back to his normal self.

Over the years of our veterinary practice, we have removed from the noses of dogs lots of sticks, a few dead insects, some string, Christmas tinsel, a paper clip, and much more we have forgotten. Finding a foreign body in the nose of a dog is not a rare occurrence. It always causes sneezing and

there is usually some blood in the nasal discharge. As would be expected, this discharge only comes from the injured side of the nose.

### TUMORS:

In the older dog, usually eight years of age or older, we may encounter another cause of sneezing a tumor. They are not very common, but we still see two or three cases every year. Dogs with an intranasal tumor usually exhibit a bloody discharge

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## Membership Renewals Due

As a reminder, all membership renewals were due on January 1, 2018. Please renew your membership, if you have not already done so.





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](mailto: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



# NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

[www.nefhrc.net](http://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 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR.**

Please make checks payable to NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB.

Mail the check and both pages to:

Barry Sales, NEFHRC Treasurer  
11869 Remsen Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32223  
(904) 923-2813

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

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### 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):

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*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.*"

#### *Club Officers and Contacts*

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**Secretary@nefhrc.net (805) 757-1029**
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**Treasurer@nefhrc.net (904) 923-2813**
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**osbornequarters@aol.com (904) 753-1155**
- ⇒ **Webmaster/Newsletter Editor—Karen VanDonsel**  
**Webmaster@nefhrc.net (828) 877-3254**

## **Atta Girl, Brandy!**

**HRCH UH Mrs. Bwana's Brandy**, had some big shoes to fill after the lose of our last dog Buddy. Brandy has been a special dog from the start. She has to be, and I believe everyone that has met her, would tell you, she is one of the sweetest, most gentle dogs they have ever met. She has an amazing ON/OFF switch that before her, I thought was a mythical wives tale made up to sell dogs!



I bought Brandy for my wife Kathy, who decided she wanted her own retriever to run at hunt tests with me. After doing a lot of research, looking for a dog that would be easy to control, and biddable to a less than commanding handler, I concluded my best bet would be with a well-bred British Lab. With the proper lineage located (half Wildrose, half Duckhill), further stacking of the odds were accomplished by picking a birdie, energetic female. It didn't hurt any that this little red fur ball was adorable from the get go.

Introduction to gunfire started the very next day after picking her up, at a trip to the gun club. There just so happened to be a sorority fundraiser going on when we arrived. I couldn't have planned it any better, with hundreds of young cooing girls fawning over Brandy, and guns going off in every direction.

With that start and lots of birds, that tail starts going every time she hears gunfire.

Training began immediately, and she was shown what was and was not acceptable behavior. Kathy had to learn to fake a much more dominate role than is her nature so she wouldn't end up on the submissive end of this relationship. Kathy soon saw the rewards when Brandy accepted her dominance and happily took her place at the bottom of the pack. After lots of training, and with an amazingly quick grasp of her basics, Brandy, steady as a rock, was ready to enter her first Quad Upland test at 5 months old. She was a natural, with a great nose. I think this was her calling. She is a pleasure to hunt over.

The following weekend, Kathy ran Brandy in her first 2 started tests, off lead, which she passed with flying colors. Brandy also ran another difficult Upland test on Chucker for her title, after which the judge said he didn't think his 1500pt. dog was that steady. She went on to earn her Seasoned title on her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, and her HRCH, just over 3 months into her second year at 17 months. After earning 85 HRC points in her first year, Brandy earned 180 HRC pts. in her second year, along with 2 AKC Master passes in both tests she entered.

She is currently having testing done in order to be bred to another Red super achiever GRHRCH UH, from which I intend to pick **My** next competition/hunting partner.

We are so Blessed to have Brandy, and have learned so much, and are so Thankful for the Super (mentor) Friends we have met at both Central Florida & NE Florida HRC. Without which we could never have had the success and great dogs/hunting companions that we do. **Thank You, Thank You**, from the bottom of our Hearts!!! Everyone is so friendly and a pleasure to be around.

*Submitted by Richard Daniels*



# FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
						Central FL HRC
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Central FL HRC						NEFHRC Training Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						Bay Area HRC
						Central FL Upland Test
25	26	27	28			
Bay Area HRC						

# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				01	02	03
						Cherokee Foothills
						Carolina Boykin Upland Test
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Cherokee Foothills						Old South HRC
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Old South HRC						SOWEGA HRC
						NEFHRC Training Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
SOWEGA HRC						Midlands HRC
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Midlands HRC						