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**NEW YEAR—NEW LOOK!**

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**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](mailto: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!

## NEFHRC 2018 Spring Hunt Test—Reminder

### Coming Events

- 01/20/2018 NEFHRC Training Day
- 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

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


[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!



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*"A cough is a forceful expulsion of air from the lungs through the airways and an open mouth."*

*"In a productive cough, something is 'coughed up', such as a watery fluid, pus, or blood."*

## Coughing in Dogs and Cats: Causes, Diagnosis, and Treatment

### Why is my dog or cat coughing?

This is a question that many pet owners ask their veterinarians. It's a good question because a cough can mean many things. Generally speaking, a cough results from an irritation of the respiratory system. The respiratory system includes the opening to the outside world (mouth or nose), nasal passages, pharynx (throat), larynx (voice box), trachea, bronchi, and the small airways of the lung. Additionally, coughing can be related to problems with the heart or a mass in the chest. Because a cough can be a symptom of many different diseases, it is important that all coughing pets be seen by their veterinarian. Here are some questions that your veterinarian may ask.

### Is it really a cough?

A cough is a forceful expulsion of air from the lungs through the airways and an open mouth. Surprisingly, what sounds like a cough may be something else. Coughing has been confused with gagging, wheezing, labored breathing, retching, vomiting, and a condition known as reverse sneezing. It's very important that the sound coming from your dog or cat is properly identified. Coughing and all of the conditions listed above have different causes.

### What does the cough sound like?

The sound produced by a cough can indicate its cause. A hacking, honking, brassy cough is generally associated with diseases of the large airways; trachea and/or large bronchi. In small/toy breed

dogs tracheal collapse is a common condition. Tracheal collapse produces a characteristic "goose-honking" sound. Tracheal trauma from a collar, for instance, can also cause a honking cough. Subtle half-hearted coughing could be a sign of pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs). A cough that sounds moist may indicate an infection of the lungs or congestive heart failure.

### When does your animal cough?

What time of day or night and under what circumstances your dog or cat coughs can help determine the cause. If the cough is a result of early heart disease then the cough will be more common at night. However, as heart disease progresses, this cough may occur at any time. With chronic bronchitis, exercise may induce a cough. When pressure is put on the animal's collar a cough may be stimulated. It is important to note when and under what conditions your animal coughs.

### Is the cough productive or non-productive?

In a productive cough, something is "coughed up", such as a watery fluid, pus, or blood. This should not be confused with vomiting. Vomiting will contain stomach contents and bile. A productive cough is most often associated with an infectious process (bacterial, viral, or fungal). Allergic lung disease or early heart disease would produce a non-productive cough. Non-productive coughing produces sound but no discharge.

### How long has your animal been coughing?

Generally speaking, if your dog or cat has been coughing for more than five days he should be seen by your veterinarian. However, if your pet has a cough and is obviously very ill, seek veterinary help as soon as possible.

### Diagnosis: Determining the cause of the cough

Using information gathered from the above questions, along with a thorough physical exam, your veterinarian will begin to get a better understanding of what is causing your pet's cough. The veterinarian may also request some diagnostic tests to help discover the cause of your pet's cough. These include:

- Thoracic radiographs (chest x-rays), which are very useful
- Complete blood count (CBC)
- Blood chemistry profile
- Urinalysis
- Heartworm test
- Fecal exam

### Additional tests might include:

- *Trans-tracheal wash:* a procedure in which a catheter is placed through the skin and into the trachea. The catheter is passed to where the tra-

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chea branches into bronchi. A sterile fluid is placed or "washed" into the area and then recovered for examination.

- **Laryngoscopy or bronchoscopy:** procedures that allow direct visualization of the airway using a bronchoscope (flexible tube with optical fibers) device that travels through the mouth and into the trachea and bronchi.
- **Bronchoalveolar lavage:** a bronchoscope is passed through the trachea and into the bronchi and cells and fluid from deeper in the lung are collected for examination.
- **Fine-needle aspirate:** a procedure in which a small diameter needle is inserted into the diseased portion of the lung and cells are recovered for examination.
- Diagnostic ultra-

sound.

- Feline leukemia testing in cats.

The more common causes of coughing in dogs and cats are shown in Table 1 on Page 4. (This chart is not meant to be an inclusive list.)

### The treatment of cough

Treatment of the cough will depend solely on its cause. For example, bacterial pneumonia with a cough will require antibiotics along with other supportive care. A mass in the chest will require either surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy or a combination of all three. Resolving a cough caused by heart disease would involve therapy to correct or strengthen the heart. If your dog or cat has a productive cough, it is very important

that we do not suppress the cough. Additionally, human cough suppressants should **never** be given to your pet as they may be toxic. Alternatively a cough suppressant prescribed by your veterinarian could be used on a nuisance cough that is non-productive.

Any cough that your pet displays is cause for concern. As illustrated above, a cough could be a self-limiting nuisance or a sign of a serious illness. To prevent conditions that cause coughing, a good preventive health plan is necessary. As always, you should have your pet on a quality diet appropriate for the animal's age, he should be current on all appropriate vaccinations, and be on a parasite control program that includes preventives for heartworms and intestinal worms. It is also very important that you have an established relationship with a veterinarian.

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## Membership Renewals Due

As a reminder, all membership are to due to renew on January 1st of each year. Please renew your membership, if you have not already done so.





Table 1

Causes	Examples	Symptoms	Diagnosis	Treatment	Prognosis
<b>Bacterial</b> (Less common in cats)	<a href="#">Bordetella</a> , <a href="#">Streptococci</a> , <a href="#">E. coli</a> , <a href="#">P. multocida</a> , <a href="#">Pseudomonas</a> , <a href="#">Klebsiella</a> , <a href="#">Pneumonia</a>	Productive cough, with or without labored breathing, Fever, Loss of appetite, Severe illness	Thoracic radiographs, CBC, Transtracheal wash, Bronchoalveolar lavage, <a href="#">Bronchoscopic exam</a> , <a href="#">Fine needle aspirate</a>	Antibiotics, Supportive care	Depends on the type of bacteria and the extent of the illness
<b>Viral</b>	<b>Cats:</b> <a href="#">Rhinitis</a> , <a href="#">Calicivirus</a> <b>Dogs:</b> <a href="#">Parainfluenza</a> , <a href="#">Adenovirus</a> , <a href="#">Herpes virus</a>	Productive cough, Fever, with or without <a href="#">dyspnea</a> . Often complicated by a bacterial infection	Thoracic radiographs, CBC, Transtracheal wash, Bronchoalveolar lavage, Bronchoscopic exam, Fine needle aspirate	Supportive care, Antibiotics (if needed for secondary bacterial infection)	Depends on the virus involved and the extent of damage done by the secondary infection
<b>Parasitic</b>	<a href="#">Heartworm disease</a> , <a href="#">Lungworm</a> , <a href="#">Hookworm</a> , <a href="#">Roundworms (dog &amp; cat)</a>	Non-productive cough, with or without labored breathing	Thoracic radiographs, Blood test for heartworm, Fecal exam	Antiparasitics, Supportive care	If diagnosed early prognosis is good
<b>Fungal</b>	<a href="#">Blastomycosis</a> , <a href="#">Histoplasmosis</a> , <a href="#">Coccidioidomycosis</a>	Cough, sometimes productive, with or without labored breathing	Thoracic radiographs, CBC, Transtracheal wash, Bronchoalveolar lavage, Bronchoscopic exam, Fine needle aspirate	<a href="#">Antifungal agents</a> , Supportive care	Depends on extent and length of infection
<b>Neoplastic</b> (May be in lung or chest)	<a href="#">Lymphoma (dog &amp; cat)</a> , <a href="#">Metastatic cancer</a>	Non-productive cough, with or without labored breathing	Thoracic radiographs, Fine needle aspirate	Surgery, <a href="#">Chemotherapy</a> , <a href="#">Radiation Therapy</a>	Depends on the site, nature of the tumor, and how invasive it is
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	Congestive Heart failure	Subtle "half-hearted cough," most often at night - progressing to anytime, Cough may be moist and productive as disease progresses	Thoracic radiographs, Heart <a href="#">auscultation</a> , <a href="#">Electrocardiogram</a> , Blood chemistry profile, Blood parasite screen	Surgery to correct leaky valve or other abnormalities, Medications to lower load on heart +/- increase the strength of the heartbeat	Depends on the specific heart condition
<b>Allergic or Irritant</b> (Air-borne allergen such as dust or pollen)	<a href="#">Feline asthma</a> , <a href="#">Allergic bronchitis</a> , Second hand smoke	Non-productive cough	Thoracic radiographs, Symptomatic response to allergen, Allergy testing	<a href="#">Bronchodilators</a> , Antihistamines, Cough suppressants	Depends on environmental controls and reducing the allergen exposure
<b>Traumatic</b>	Tracheal trauma from excessive pressure on a collar, Irritation from barking	Honking cough when pressure is placed on collar	Based on symptoms	Remove trauma, Anti-inflammatory medications, Use of halter instead of collar	Depends on the extent of the trauma
<b>Physical Factors</b>	Collapsing Trachea, <a href="#">Foreign body</a> , Lung lobe torsion, <a href="#">Tonsillitis</a>	"Goose-honking" cough (tracheal collapse), Productive cough (trying to expel the foreign body)	Thoracic radiographs, <a href="#">Palpate</a> trachea	Bronchodilators, Cough suppressants, Limited activity, Use of halter instead of collar, Surgically removing the foreign body	Collapsing trachea: fair with maintenance program. Depends on damage done by the foreign body



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





## 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:

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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What HRC Local Club are you a member of? \_\_\_\_\_

Family members name(s):

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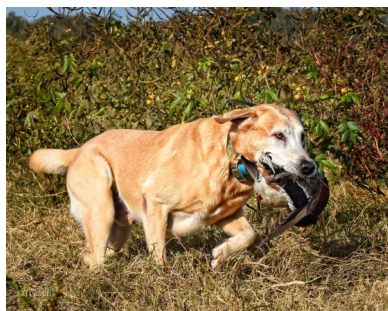
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NEFHRC is sanctioned by the United Kennel Club, Inc. We are a club devoted to the training of bird hunting dogs for the purposes of hunting and hunt tests. As the UKC says, we are a club "*Conceived by hunters for hunters.*"

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## **Pictures From November Training Day**





# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01 Happy New Year!	02	03	04	05	06
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# FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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