



The Hunter's Blind

NEW YEAR—NEW LOOK!

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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

- 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
- 03/17-03/18/2018 SOWEGA HRC Hunt Test
- 03/17/2018 NEFHRC Training Day
- 03/24-03/25/2018 Midlands HRC Hunt Test
- See calendar at end of newsletter for all events.

NEFHRC 2018 Spring Hunt Test—Reminder

The 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-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 cbrutumom@gmail.com or Tom Gaddis at president@nefhrc.net.

The Hunt Test is available for sign-up on Entry Express

(<http://entryexpress.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!



When and How to Induce Vomiting in Your Dog

"...it is important to safety-proof your home to prevent your dog from getting into any potentially hazardous or toxic substances."

As responsible pet owners, it is important to safety-proof your home to prevent your dog from getting into any potentially hazardous or toxic substances. Nonetheless, given dogs are notorious for eating just about everything, the need to induce vomiting in your dog may occur. Fortunately, as long as you are prepared with the proper knowledge and resources, inducing vomiting is an easy and safe procedure that can save your dog's life. If you suspect your dog may have eaten something hazardous, follow these three guidelines.

1) Contact a veterinarian right away. The veterinarian will be able to further instruct you based on the individual circumstances. While inducing vomiting can save your dog's life, it can also make matters much worse depending on what your dog has ingested and how long it has been since they have eaten it. According to Dr. Jennifer Coates, inducing vomiting two or more hours after the substance has been eaten can exacerbate the situation. Additionally, in the event the ingested substance was petroleum based or potentially caustic, you should never induce vomiting. That is why it is important to first call a veterinarian or animal poison control center to seek further assistance.

2) Only induce vomiting when water-soluble or digestible toxins, such as choc-

olate or pharmaceuticals, have been consumed. Never induce vomiting in a dog that has eaten solid items such as tinfoil, tinsel, bone shards, etc. For this, take the dog to the vet immediately, as surgery will need to be performed to remove the foreign objects. Inducing vomiting in such instances will only make matters worse by increasing the risk of organ puncture or internal bleeding.

3) If you have determined that inducing vomiting is the best option, then retrieve hydrogen peroxide and a device to administer it such as a turkey baster, straw, or needleless syringe. A needleless syringe is preferable, as it contains measurements on the sides, allowing you to safely administer the precise amount of hydrogen peroxide. Measure out one milliliter of hydrogen peroxide for every pound, with the maximum being 45 milliliters. Extract the necessary amount into the syringe.

If possible, have a second person hold your dog for you, while you force-feed it the hydrogen peroxide. Your dog is likely to put up a fight, and it will be difficult to administer the hydrogen peroxide on your own. Have your friend hold your dog with one arm firmly around the dog's waist, and the other arm positioned around the head in a headlock. If you need to hold the dog yourself, use your non-

dominant arm to restrain the dog and your dominant arm to administer the hydrogen peroxide.

Tilt the dog's head back and open its jaw. Position the syringe in the far back of the dog's mouth and release all of the liquid at once. Withdraw the syringe and clamp your dog's jaw shut with your hands until you are certain they swallowed the liquid. Stroking the dog's throat and nose will encourage swallowing. The vomiting should occur no more than 15 minutes after swallowing the hydrogen peroxide. If the dog hasn't vomited in that time, call your veterinarian for further instructions.

Tasty for You—But Toxic for Your Dog

A dog may be "man's best friend" but our four-legged friends do not have the same digestive constitution that we do. Your beloved pet may look up at you with pleading eyes while you wolf down your dinner, but sharing your food with your dog can be very dangerous to your furry companion's health. Some foods may only give him or her a mild stomach upset. Others, however, can have far more serious consequences including, in some cases, even death. We're all aware that certain foods are bad for our canine friends, but many of the following may surprise you.

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Sneezing and Nasal Discharge in Dogs and Puppies

Chocolate & The Most Dangerous Type for Dogs

Most people nowadays know that they shouldn't give a dog chocolate. Not everyone realizes, however, that the darker the chocolate, the more dangerous it is for your pet. Dark chocolate contains particularly high levels of theobromine which can cause a dog to grow thirsty and agitated. Other effects may include stomach upsets, while still more serious cases can lead to muscle spasms, seizures and occasionally death. But chocolate is only the best known of the many food items which are toxic to dogs.

Milk and Dairy Products

Other processed foods which can prove harmful to your pet's health include milk and dairy products which, as the animals suffer from lactose intolerance, can cause stomach issues including vomiting and diarrhea. Live bread dough can also interfere with a dog's digestion as it can expand in your pet's belly causing pain and, in some cases, even intoxication as the dough ferments inside the stomach. Concentrated onion and garlic products such as salts or powders, meanwhile, can bring about blood poisoning in your pet. Symptoms to watch out for here include generalized weakness and darker than normal urine.

Whole Foods To Avoid

It is not only processed food which can be harmful to your dog. Many whole foods can also cause a range of problems and conditions. Avocados, for instance, contain a fungicidal toxin known as persin which can cause upset stomachs. Grapes and raisins, meanwhile, can induce kidney and liver failure in some dogs. The symptoms to look out for here include a generalized weakness as well as vomiting and diarrhea. Macadamia nuts may be irresistible to us humans, but feeding them to your dog can result in fevers and tremors and rear leg mobility issues. Fortunately these issues usually resolve within forty-eight hours. It is naturally best not to let your pet indulge in wild mushrooms as they may be as poisonous to him as they are to you. We usually shun moldy foods for ourselves, but they should especially be kept from your pet. Mold spores, you see, may contain tremorgenic mycotoxins which, in addition to digestive problems, can cause tremors and convulsions in canines.

Stimulants

Dogs should also never be given stimulants as these can affect your pet rather differently than they might you. Caffeine, for instance, can cause restlessness, vomiting and, in some rare cases, death. Alcohol, in addition to

intoxication, can bring on vomiting, seizures and even death. Hops, as used in the home-brewing of beer, are particularly dangerous to dogs. Their ingestion can lead to high temperatures and organ failure. Panting and tremors are the symptoms to watch for here. Tobacco, meanwhile, is much too strong for your dog's systems. In addition to stomach issues it can also bring on a dangerously increased heart rate and unconsciousness. One final substance to steer well clear of is Xylitol, a sugar substitute seen in some candies and gums, which is very toxic for pets and can cause liver failure, seizures and death.

Always Double Check!

What may seem innocuous to you, may be very dangerous indeed to your four-legged friend. Just because your pet seems to think something is safe, it doesn't mean that it necessarily is. If at all in doubt over whether an item is safe or not for your dog, don't chance it — stick to pet food. And if your dog exhibits any worrying or unusual symptoms after eating anything out of the ordinary, don't hesitate to have him or her examined by a veterinarian. Our pets depend on us to keep them healthy, after all.

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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



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:

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 _____

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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Spring is here! Ready to go to a Hunt Test?

