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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-



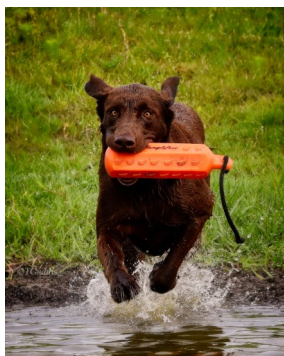
tures, brags, sale of dog or training equipment, litters or any other items of interest for club members. The deadline for submission is the 15th of each month.

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!

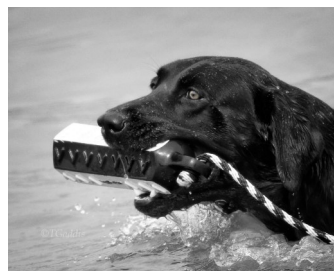
Coming Events

- 09/08/2018 NEFHRC Training Day
- 09/08-09/09/2018 North Georgia HRC
- 09/15-09/16/2018 Big Elkins Creek
- 09/15-09/16/2018 Old South HRC
- 10/13/2018 NEFHRC Training Day
- 10/20-10/21/2018 MidSouth Boykin Spaniel
- 10/20-10/21/2018 SOWEGA HRC
- 10/20-10/21/2018 Midlands HRC
- 10/27-10/28/2018 Etowah Retriever Club

New Photos From Training



Jenny Richardson's Tony



Dan Meinert's Tar



*Rami Ashouri, Christian Hazouri,
Donna Hazouri, Dan Meinert, and
Carolyn Abood*



Common Reasons Your Dog Might be Limping and When to See a Vet

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Limping is never a good sign, and it may be easy to feel worried or distressed when signs of limping begin to show in your beloved companion dog. While a veterinarian visit is most likely inevitable, you may want or need more information before making the decision to take your dog in for medical attention. The more you know about your dog's limping, the easier the veterinarian's job will be in order to start the process of diagnosis and treatment.

Recognizing a limp and taking action

It is important to know what to watch for when you see limping in your dog. Most of the time limping is due to an internal injury, but when you first notice limping it will behoove you to check for things like ticks, barbs, or other external causes to the leg and/or foot. Once you have ruled out any sort of external injury, you can focus on what may be happening on the inside.

Your dog will most likely be shifting their weight unnaturally or spending an inordinate amount of time laying down. Your dog may even change their eating habits, eating less or losing interest in things that once brought them joy. These are all signs that something is wrong.

Sudden limping

Sudden limping in dogs is almost exclusively caused by trauma, including breaks or tears of muscle tissue.

Dogs are an active species, often jumping, running and rolling around. Trauma can easily occur when dogs participate in any of these types of activities. Just like humans, the spectrum of trauma injuries is quite wide, including but not limited to breaks, sprains, strains, dislocations, fractures, back injuries, and muscle tears.

Some may be easier to spot, for example a broken bone that shows an unnatural angle in your

dog's leg. Most of these injuries require medical attention and some even require periods of recovery in the form of physical therapy.

Gradual limping

Regardless of the age of your dog, if you notice gradual limping that gets worse over time, this could be a sign of some sort of degeneration of bone or muscle strength. Although it is more common in older dogs, arthritis, spinal degeneration and disease or infection can all be causes of limping in dogs. Disease and infection are harder to diagnose and treat, and may require x-rays or other more in-depth medical procedures.

There are some dog-specific medications that your veterinarian may be able to prescribe your pooch for any pain they may experience due to arthritis especially. Natural supplements for bone and joint health may also prove to be beneficial to your dog's

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daily health.

Home remedies

Cold compresses can [help lower a dog's pain](#) in some cases and could be a good idea. If, however, you administer a cold compress for a period longer than 24 hours with no signs of relief, switch to a hot compress and plan on taking your dog in to the vet.

Under no circumstances should you administer over-the-counter human medications to your dog without the supervision or advice of a veterinarian specialist, as this could result in severe side-effects that could harm the well-being of your furry friend.

Never exercise a limping dog

There is never a case where exercise will improve the limping of your dog. Be sure to let them sleep, rest and simply lie down when

you notice a limp. If your dog is small enough, you can even carry them instead of having them walk around, which is great for when they need to relieve themselves, eat, drink or move positions.

This may be easier or harder depending on the age of your dog as well as size. If you have a puppy that has a limp, the puppy may be more brazen in its attempts to play instead of rest. Try confining your puppy to an enclosed space as much as possible to prevent further injury, at least until there are signs of improvement.

When to see a vet

The unfortunate part about knowing when to take your dog to the veterinarian is that dogs cannot tell you what hurts or how much it hurts. This leaves their humans guessing pain level and balancing that against both costs of a

vet visit, as well as the well-being of their companion.

Here's the thing—you know your dog best, and if your dog is in pain, it's best to simply get them to someone who can diagnose and treat the injury, whether it be sudden or gradual onset. A vet will be able to qualify your pet's pain and provide solutions that get them back on the road to a full recovery.

For full article, go to:

https://www.petwellbeing.com/blog/customer-stories/dog/dog-injury/common-reasons-your-dog-might-be-limping-and-when-to-see-a-vet?utm_source=bm23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=READ+MORE&utm_content=18-08-Newsletter&utm_campaign=18-08-Newsletter&_bta_tid=072752677221392245489533250968855342015296211893814588408749608762271484156716014968714338351738159937

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Joe Abood Obituary

It is with extreme sadness we announce the passing of NEFHRC member Joseph Abood, 76, on July 15, 2018. Joe passed away peacefully after a brief illness.

Joe's love of life was evident to all. He loved automobiles and boats and had longtime careers in both businesses. He had a fondness for dogs and was an excellent trainer. Joe was also a great cook and shared his talents for us to enjoy at many hunt tests! Joe was also very talented at gardening, woodwork, and related crafts.

Joe served in the US Army Reserve and was a patriotic American who was also very proud of his Lebanese heritage. He was an active member of NEFHRC and Westside Family Worship Center. Above all, Joe was a man with a contagious smile, kind heart, always willing to help, who loved family and friends, and whose faith in and love for Jesus Christ was evident in everything he did. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

A celebration of Joe's life was held on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Westside Family Worship Center, 9717 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL 32210. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Westside Family Worship Center or the charity of your choice.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and the rest of Joe's family during this time.



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
	03/01/2018 &
When and How to Induce Vomiting in Your Dog	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



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
(904) 704-6935

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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