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- 05/11/2018 NEFHRC Training Day
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- 06/08/2019 NEFHRC Training Day

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!

Fun Facts

Did you know the Fall 1986 International Grand was held in Monroe, LA? There were only 14 entries, with 4 passes. With a small field, only three judges were needed.

Contrast that to the Fall 2018 Grand held in Grand Prairie, LA.

Last October there were 539 entries, with 134 passes! Amazingly, this vast field was judged by 12 judges, including NEFHRC member Alan Wilcox.

We've certainly come a long way!

The 2019 Spring Grand is being held April 8-12, 2019, in Cheraw, SC.

The 2019 Fall Grand is being held September 9-13, 2019 in Kansasville, WI.



The Dog Owner's Guide to Giardia in Dogs

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Giardia in dogs and puppies is a contagious disease that is also seen in humans (in fact humans can become infected by drinking contaminate water). Giardia are classified as 'protozoan' parasites which are fairly resilient to most environments (for example they can survive for long periods in streams, ponds and lakes and any wet environment that has the right conditions).

There are actually two forms of 'Giardia' including a motile form and a cyst form. The motile form is known as a 'Trophozoite' (the term 'motile' simply means that it has the ability to move or be mobile). The Trophozoites become attached to the inside of the dog's body (to the side of the intestinal wall). After a period of time the Trophozoites start to reproduce and will then transform into the cyst form. Once the cysts have formed they will then be excreted in the dog's poop (feces) and after they have been consumed by a passing dog or animal the cysts will be ingested and after opening in the dog's small intestine the whole process will start again.

It is estimated that the period from when a dog is infected and when the cysts are excreted is about 8 days.

Symptom Of Giardia

In Dogs

Although some older studies have estimated that the infection can affect 10% of dogs living with the family, 50% of puppies and as many as 100% of dogs living in kennels most dogs infected with Giardia do not exhibit any symptoms. If a dog does show signs of the infection symptoms can include diarrhea, lethargy, vomiting, the stools may appear soft and the affected dog may appear in poor condition or experience weight loss. Other symptoms can include stools (feces) that smell particularly bad, there may also be mucus in the stools and the feces may appear pale in color. If the affected dog is experiencing severe diarrhea the owner may notice blood in the feces.

Diagnosis For Giardia In Dogs

Although a vet will normally diagnose a dog that is experiencing a case of Giardia by examining characteristic organisms in the dog's feces – it is very difficult to detect the cysts through a routine check or examination. The vet will also need to rule out any other possible infections that may have similar symptoms to a case of Giardia i.e. Inflammatory Bowel Disease and digestive problems.

To help the vet get an

accurate diagnosis of the disease as the cysts are produced sporadically and on an intermittent basis the vet will need to take stool samples over a set period of time (two/three samples over the course of a week should provide enough time for the vet to get an accurate diagnosis).

There are three accurate methods of diagnosing giardia in dogs including the zinc sulfate concentration method, the smear test and the ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay test).

Zinc Sulfate Concentration

This method uses a dye to clearly detect whether there are any cysts in the dog's feces.

ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay test) –

This technique tests for antigens that are released by the giardia organisms during an infection.

Fecal smear test –

This is one of the more simple methods for diagnosing giardia in dogs and will involve the vet closely examining the dog's feces under a microscope looking for characteristic organisms seen with a giardia infection i.e. trophozoites.

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Prevention Of Giardia In Dogs

To help prevent your dog from becoming infected it is important that owners do not allow their dog to drink water that could be infected. For example a pond that is near a common dog walking area maybe more likely to be infected (this is because dogs that have been walked in the area may have defecated near the pond causing

the infected feces to contaminate the water).

Treatment For Giardia In Dogs

Treatment for giardia in dogs and puppies is normally through the vet prescribing a course of Metronidazole (which is estimated to be effective in two thirds of cases). If a course of Metronidazole is not effective the vet may opt to start a course of Fenbendazole or combine both the medications

together. It is also important to mention that there is also a vaccine for giardia that can be prescribed (although some experts do not consider it an effective agent in stopping the infection from developing if the puppy is exposed to the infection).

It is also very important that any dog suspected of being infected with giardia is washed thoroughly as the fur and hair can contain infected cysts.

For full article, as well as video, go to <https://doghealthinsider.com/giardia-in-dogs/>.

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Training Days





NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

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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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