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Coming Events

- 07/13/2019 NEFHRC Training Day
- 08/10/2019 NEFHRC Training Day
- 09/28-09/29/2019 Old South Hunting Retriever Club
- 09/28-09/29/2019 Charleston Retriever Club

About NEFHRC Newsletter

This quarterly 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 e-mail Karen VanDonsel at webmaster@nefhrc.net.

Please feel free to submit pictures, 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 Fall Grand is being held September 9-13, 2019 in Kansasville, WI.

The 2020 Spring Grand is being held April 25-29, 2019 in Grenada, MS.



A Guide to Addison's Disease in Dogs

“Addison’s disease in dogs was first officially recognized in 1953. . .”

Addison’s disease in dogs was first officially recognized in 1953 (although it was seen in humans around the middle of the 19th century and named after Thomas Addison).

This condition which is also known as Hypoadrenocorticism occurs when the affected dog’s adrenal glands (adrenal cortex) stop producing enough ‘steroid’ hormones including Cortisone (Cortisol) and Aldosterone. Both of these hormones are vital as Aldosterone helps to regulate the amount of potassium, water and sodium in the dog’s blood stream and Cortisone helps to reduce inflammation, deal with shock, stress and act as a natural pain killer. Cortisone (Cortisol) is also necessary for the production of glucose.

What is the difference between Cushing’s disease and Addison’s disease?

To put this simply, Cushing’s disease is caused by an overabundance of adrenal hormones being manufactured and Addison’s disease is caused by a deficiency of these hormones being manufactured.

Symptoms Of Addison’s Disease in Dogs

As a consequence of the dog’s body not producing enough Aldosterone and

Cortisone the electrolytes in the dog’s blood stream including calcium, potassium, chloride and sodium start to get out of proportion in relation to each other causing the dog to become very unwell. It is also important to mention that Addison’s disease in dogs is a very serious condition which can be fatal – it can also be misdiagnosed at times due to the early clinical signs being similar to digestive problems, infectious diseases and kidney disease. Addison’s disease tends to be more common in young to middle aged female dogs with the average age of onset around the age of four. Some breeds are more prone to the condition including Rottweilers, Standard Poodles, Great Danes, Bearded Collies, Chinese Crested Dogs and Portuguese Water Dogs.

Dogs that experience Cushing’s disease or Addison’s may develop an increased thirst so this needs to be taken into consideration when you fill up the water bowl. To give you some idea about how much water a dog needs, experts estimate that dogs need about 10 ml of water per pound of body weight (this is just to maintain them on a daily basis). However, if your dog is more active or has health problems then the amount of water provided for your dog will need to be increased.

Some of the symptoms of the condition can include...

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- Vomiting.
- Loss of appetite and associated weight loss.
- Weakness and lethargy.
- Muscle weakness.
- Diarrhea and loose stools.
- Excessive drinking and urination.

Sometimes owners are not able to notice a specific pattern in relation to the symptoms as the symptoms can be sporadic in nature. This can have an impact on the treatment of the condition as diagnosis can occur later than would be recommended.

Is the condition more common in certain breeds...? The simple answer to this is yes. It is also more common in females than males. Some of the breeds that seem to be more predisposed to the condition include Westies, Rottweilers, Great Danes, St Bernards and Springer Spaniels (this is not an exhaustive list). The average age of onset for the disease is around five years of age and it is estimated that 70% of dogs that are affected are female.

Causes Of Addison’s Disease In Dogs

There are numerous causes of this condition including...

- **Secondary** – The condition can be caused by illness, a tumor or

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due to an infection.

- **Autoimmune** – This is another cause of Addison's disease in dogs where the antibodies start to attack the dog's adrenal cortex.
- **Genes** – As mentioned above there are some breeds that seem to be genetically predisposed to developing the disease.
- **Lysodren (also known as Mitotane)** – If a dog is being treated for Cushing's disease and has been over treated with Lysodren this can lead to irreversible adrenal damage leading to Addison's disease.

Iatrogenic – This cause of Addison's disease in dogs occurs as a result of medical treatment (basically the condition is caused by the Vet treating the dog for too long with Corticosteroids). Due to the prolonged treatment of Corticosteroids the adrenal gland will begin to atrophy (waste away or

shrink).

What is an Addisonian crisis?

This condition occurs when a specific medication or drug is discontinued too abruptly leading to a temporary lack of hydrocortisone – this can then lead to circulatory collapse and shock.

Diagnosis and treatment for Addison's Disease in dogs

This condition is normally diagnosed through an ACHT test (the same test that is also used to help diagnose Cushing's disease).

When a dog is experiencing Cushing's disease and is then injected with ACHT the cortisol in the affected dog's body starts to increase. However, when a dog suspected of suffering from Addison's disease is injected with ACHT then the cortisol is not stimulat-

ed and does not increase. The simple reason for this is that the dog's adrenal glands are unable to produce enough cortisol to respond to the ACHT stimulation test.

Blood tests can also be undertaken to determine whether the dog is suffering from the condition. For example some dogs that are experiencing the condition may appear anemic due to there being a lack of cortisol – which will then start to suppress the dog's bone marrow.

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



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
(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.*"

Club Officers and Contacts

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