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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

As we put the finishing touches on the April issue, the world is certainly in turmoil and our little dog club has been affected too. Our inaugural Southeast test turned out to be the only test for the spring, and the BOD is now scrambling to address the disruption. We'll publish updates on the web page and in future GDS issues.

On the bright side, we do have one nice litter on the ground and more may be arriving. Nothing like a new pup to inspire optimism.

We did need to share a couple sad notes on the loss of two club dogs. The death of four year-old Alma z Brezove hraz, who had a ten-puppy litter last year is especially tragic. I want to thank Tony and Kate Meyers for sharing an informative article about their loss.

I also want to thank Spiro Mavroidis for his editing help and Rick Sojda for locating the article on nose trauma in dogs. Spiro, Rick and Brook Merrow will be taking over GDS editing duties by next year and are getting their feet wet now.

Rem DeJong,
Editor

On the Cover:

Our first domestic litter of 2020. (Oliver z Malého Boubína x Dorka z Podřipské stráně - AKA Dezi). Dezi had 5 white females and one brown male. She's busy doing her mom thing. Owners are Glenn and Nina Ross.

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CFNA Board of Directors Deliberations/Decisions Submitted by Secretary, Robin Strathy

The world is facing something it's never experienced before. The COVID-19 virus has altered everyday life to an extraordinary extent and drastic measures are being taken to minimize the spread of this virulent disease. It also resulted in the cancellation of the Rocky Mountain and Heartland chapter's spring tests and the annual general meeting and Educational Seminar. Lots of hard work went into making arrangements for these tests. In addition, arrangements had been made to have Robert Milner, author of Absolutely Positively Gun Dog Training, speak at the Educational Seminar at the RM event. We are hoping Dr. Milner will come to another club event when the opportunity presents itself. And many thanks to chapters for the incredible time and effort they put forth. In the meantime, we will do what it takes to get our dogs tested even though timeframes may have to be relaxed. Chapters with upcoming events will need to consider current state and local guidance and restrictions and assess whether holding an event is reasonable and prudent.

The Board of Directors (BoD) has been holding conference calls to conduct business and, absent the general membership meeting, this article is intended to provide a synopsis of those discussions. Some decisions change our approach to testing, others are still in the works. Here are some highlights:

- **Constitution Changes:** Two proposed changes the Club Constitution were voted on by the membership in December. Both proposals were approved.
 - * The requirement to publish the Gun Dog Supreme six times/year was eliminated. This doesn't mean the GDS won't be printed. It just may be printed fewer than 6 times/year but most likely at least 4 times/year. The BoD received many comments on how important the GDS was in connecting members to what was going on in the club and they want to ensure members it will continue to be printed in hard copy as well as be available on the club's website.
 - * Language regarding when the annual Treasurer's report was printed in the GDS was changed. The Constitution originally required the report be submitted and reviewed by the BoD then printed in the December GDS. Changes allow the report to contain end-of-year information and be reviewed by the BoD for publication in the GDS in the spring.
- **Changes to Hunt Tests:** Over the past several years, test scores have generally declined. There can be many reasons for this, such as lack of exposure or training. But, with regard to the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test (IHDT) in particular, the Club has also seen that dogs may not be fully mature by 24 months and may need time to develop emotionally and temperamentally.
 - * In recognition of this, the BoD decided to eliminate the Older Hunting Dog Test (OHDT). This test was for dogs over 24 months who had not tested in their Intermediate Hunting Dog Test by that time. Dogs tested under OHDT rules were judged more severely under the category of "obedience" and the age of the dog was taken into account when all judgements were made. It was assumed that the dog would have had

more training and should be more obedient. The BoD felt this harsher judging was not warranted.

- * In addition, the BoD decided to increase the upper age limit for the IHDT to three years of age. Increasing the age limit to three years generally allows for at least one hunting season before a dog is tested in IHDT. Handlers are encouraged to test their dogs as close to the 24 month timeframe as possible. This can help with breeding determinations and being able to breed a dog at a younger age.

- **GDS Editor:** Rem DeLong has served as Editor Extraordinaire for the GDS for about 14 years. Along with that, he has managed the website through multiple name changes, new domain names, moving our communications into the digital age, and a myriad of behind-the-scene things that keep the club operating. Our thanks to him cannot be overstated. Rem has asked to be relieved of some of these duties as he's taken on many others at home. Spiro Mavroidis has stepped up to mentor with Rem to take over some of these tasks. Rick Sojda has also offered to help acquire article material. Much thanks to these folks for taking on a critical role with club communications and best wishes to Rem in a well-deserve semi-retirement!

- **General Rogers Award:** The traveling General Rogers award for those griffons who placed in a Utility test will be discontinued and replaced with an individual award recognizing the efforts of those handlers and dogs who have successfully completed and prized in a Utility test. The award will be presented by the National Club. The final General Rogers award went to Andy Ogden and Kaja. Congratulations!

- **Southeast Chapter update:** The Southeast Chapter held its first test in February 2020. Six dogs were tested. Commendations were given to the southern hospitality extended at the event! Donn Fizer has been Point Person for getting this new chapter up and running. Many thanks to Donn for all his efforts.

- **Judging Program:** The judging apprentice program and qualifications for becoming a judge have been a topic of discussion for some time. Currently we have three levels of judging:

- * **Apprentice:** these folks observe and provide input and insight to judging discussions leading up to scoring but are not signatories on the scorecard.
- * **Regular (or Full):** can judge ALL tests (NA, IHDT and UT). Current requirements are that the individual must have run a dog "successfully" (i.e. Prized) in UT. These judges sign the scorecards.
- * **Senior:** No additional qualifications necessary; these folks have the experience level to be able to lead a judging group as senior official.

We haven't had a system or well-defined training program in place that helps an apprentice judge move to the next level. And as we produce more pups, we are in need of more judging capacity, which can be problematic. Discussions have centered around whether we should have an additional level for judges (i.e. those that can judge Natural Ability and Intermediate Hunt tests, but not Utility). This level would not have to meet the requirement of successfully

running a dog in Utility. Some feel we would lose commitment, the skills to fully be able to evaluate the quality of our dogs, upper level leadership and ability to communicate and mentor upcoming judges. Others feel that either providing an intermediate judging level (i.e. just for NA and IHDT) or eliminating the requirement to "successfully" run a dog in UT, would provide a way to advance apprentice judges and increase our judging pool. A consensus among the Board, however, is that we need to have a defined and implementable program in place to ensure our apprentice judges are getting the mentoring and feedback necessary to advance to the next level. The Judging and Testing Committee, chaired by Jim Crouse, will be taking steps to address this issue.

The BoD discussed whether some apprentices or other judges should be considered for the next level. They decided that:

- * John McDunn has been approved as a Regular (full) Judge
- * Anna Artz and Andy Yeast have been approved as Senior Judges.

- **Puppy Retainer:** Much discussion has taken place on whether or how to institute a system to ensure that those requesting a puppy are committed to receiving one. Last year the club was saddled with trying to find homes for two litters when about 15 puppy-requesters backed out or postponed their timeframes after breedings had already taken place. It has been suggested that we institute a puppy retainer fee payable once a puppy requester has been approved to receive a puppy for the current year. The retainer would be applied to the puppy purchase price once the purchase agreement is signed. Details as to how to determine whether a retainer is refundable or not and tracking such things are still under discussion. The BoD has set a July 2020 timeframe to complete discussions in order to have a system in place by 2021.

- **Puppy Purchase Agreement:** A new puppy purchase agreement is being developed that reflects the new age timeframes for testing, clarifies previously agreed-upon PennHip testing responsibilities, has our new name, and other corrections.

- **Puppy Package:** The Breeding Committee has assembled a Puppy Package to go to new puppy owners. It has several components that may be sent at various times during the pups development.

- **2020 breedings:** we have one litter on the ground by Dorka z Podřípské stráně (Dezi) x Oliver z Mahéla Boubína. This litter resulted in 5 white females and one brown male. An ultrasound was to be performed on Adele od Tělické hráze (bred to Mig od Pitné vody). A third breeding (Fousek z Sakerd Bohdan x Arika of Zumbro Valley), has also taken place. These are all the breeding planned to meet our current puppy list, but additional breedings could take place as needed.

Other reporting is available on the website.

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Accrual Basis

ČESKY FOUSEK NORTH AMERICA**Profit & Loss**

March 25, 2019 through February 28, 2020

Submitted by Roger Fuhrman, CFNA TREASURER

	INCOME	EXPENSE
ADMINISTRATION	23.55	564.36
BOOKS & VIDEOS		1,336.57
DNA STUDY	270.00	2,620.00
DOMESTIC PUPPY	21,250.00	2,782.50
FROZEN SEMEM		79.00
IMPORTED PUPPY	8,200.46	6,851.38
DUES CFNA	13,730.00	67.67
DUES CHAPTERS	1,960.00	2,700.00
FUND RAISERS & DONATIONS	130.00	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		4,473.73
INSURANCE EXPENSE		750.00
JUDGING COMMITTEE	453.00	1,156.00
MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT		131.50
PAYROLL Fees		347.35
GENERAL DESIGN & PRINTING		868.45
GDS		3,459.14
PHEASANT FEST		1,870.34
TOTAL	46,017.01	30,057.99
NET INCOME	15,959.02	
BALANCE 3/20/2019	26,261.13	
ITEMS CLEARED BETWEEN 3/20/19 & END OF MONTH	(824.96)	
BALANCE 2/28/2020	41,395.19	

Cov-19 Notice

The current COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world as we know it. Establishments are shuttered, events have been canceled, schools have been closed, and people are being asked to limit their exposure in an attempt to "flatten the curve" of this virulent disease. For many of these reasons, the Rocky Mountain chapter has canceled its spring test and the annual Board meeting and Educational Seminar have been canceled as well.

In keeping with current advice, the Board of Directors suggests that all chapters with upcoming tests and other events consult with their local and state health authorities to assess their risk and determine whether those events should be rescheduled. We understand that there are many unknowns regarding how this situation will progress, and at this time it is impossible to predict all the potential complications that could arise. Please know that we are ready and willing to consider all requests for alterations in Chapters' plans for testing during this time and are prepared to make adjustments as necessary. For example, if a dog enrolled in an NA test is at or very close to the 16-month age limit and cannot run because the test is cancelled or because the handler chooses not to attend due to health concerns, that dog will be permitted to run in a later test during calendar year 2020 even if the dog has passed the 16 month age limit.

If you do decide to hold a chapter event as planned, please keep the following issues in mind:

- Limit the number of helpers to the bare minimum required to successfully conduct your test.
- Urge all handlers to come alone or with one person only. Limit the number of spectators and gallery.
- Ask handlers to bring their own lunch and to limit gathering at mealtime.]
- Have hand sanitizer and rubber gloves available at all times.
- Do not use shared coolers.

Please be vigilant during these challenging times and keep yourself and those around you safe and healthy.

Jim Crouse
President

Pheasant Fest 2020 by Kirk Dilly



Jim Edgar and Dulci of Sandhill field questions from Pheasant Fest crowd

Pheasant Fest 2020 was a huge success for our club! The Pheasants Forever sponsored annual event was held in Minneapolis this year and drew a record crowd of 32,467 over the three-day event. While we at CFNA take pride in a professionally presented booth, the real draw obviously is the dogs. Our club purchases two booths for an overall 10'x20' space, where we always make room for two to four dogs and owners during the show. In addition to a newly created slide show and video rolling on a loop, we had a new sign and flag made with the new club name. We discovered that the colorful images of dogs working, colorful game being retrieved and dogs & puppies relaxing or playing with children drew the public to the booth.

Of course, very few, if any, visitors had previous experience with our breed. What they found, was a very welcome surprise though. Many attendees commented that they appreciated the differences in the dogs' coat colors and different coat types. Although some expressed preferences of one coat type & color over the other, everyone seemed to recognize that all dogs present had good, dense coats that would be very functional in the field. Most dogs in the booth ranged from 9 months to 3 years. Attendees also often noted how calm and mature even the younger dogs were. The dogs' stable temperament was also very much on display with several mature male dogs working side by side, soaking up all the affection. It also seemed to be very common that younger children were down on their knees hugging and petting our dogs. There was not one incident with any of the dogs not relishing in their newly found attention.

When club volunteers working the booth were plentiful, many of us walked the show floor with our dogs and our club's business cards. I personally did this for much of the show if I felt the booth was staffed adequately. I was frequently stopped by someone wanting to know the breed of my dog, what I hunted with the dog, and what kind of family pet they make. Between giving out business cards from the booth and walking the show with the dogs & cards, the club passed out nearly 250 business cards during the three-day event.

While the short term returns of our efforts in this event are sometimes hard to quantify, it's important to remember that often times the lead time of "planting that first seed" with a prospective dog owner and placing a puppy with a new club member can be upwards of three or four years. The event also gives us exposure to a target market of upland hunters on a very large stage, making us a more visible and viable breed club. Thankfully, the club has been blessed over the years to have more than adequate numbers of active members, happy to volunteer their time and their dogs to promote the club and our breed at this event.

Next years show will be held in Sioux Falls, SD. On behalf of our club, we'd welcome all club members who are able, to consider attending with your dog and help us promote the advancement of our favorite breed and our next generation of puppies that will need good, committed hunting family homes. Many thanks to all who made considerable road trips and volunteered their time and efforts for this year's event!

Special thanks to our club volunteers:

Tom Breuckman, Paul Stadem, Jim Crouse, Dave Joppa, Dan Seibel, Jon Coil, Rick Sojda, Jim Edgar, Russ Steele, Kyle Kessler, David Finley and John Dorn

Cryptococcosis Infection Proves Fatal

Alma z Brezove hraz: December 31, 2015 – February 18, 2020

by
Tony & Kate Meyers



Our family was lucky enough to receive a beautiful Cesky Fousek imported from the Czech Republic in March of 2016. She developed into a wonderful family dog and a great hunting partner always full of enthusiasm. She was our fourth club dog over the last twenty years and checked all the boxes to be used in club's breeding program. Last year she had ten (10) healthy puppies at the beginning of May that we raised with her. My wife, Kate put together a Facebook page, "Shaw Brook – Puppy Culture", that we uploaded pictures and videos of our litter, check it out.

In early November she came up our icy back stairs limping on her front left leg. I figured she sprained something racing down the stairs, or outside on the snow and ice we had at the time. I didn't see it happened, so I was just guessing. I didn't hunt her for the month of November. She seemed to be improving, so I took her out hunting in mid-December. She started out hunting OK, favoring it a little. A hour into the hunt she wasn't moving well, and laid down in the field, so we quit for the day.

I took her into my vet the following week, the vet thought it was likely a tick born illness, so he put her on the antibiotic meds and sent blood out to test for nine different types of tick borne illnesses. A week later the blood work came back normal.

Alma was still walking on her own at this point. We took her back to the vet; she was seen by a different vet at the same office who took X-rays and saw some inflammation but didn't see or feel anything out of the ordinary in her joints. They referred us to an Orthopedic vet specialist.

We brought her in and Orthopedic Vet took a CT scan of her front shoulders, while she was sedated the vet noticed Alma had a torn front left shoulder. The Orthopedic vet suggested physical therapy and keeping the leg in the correct position to let it heal. So we ordered a shoulder vest to help her with physical therapy and rehabilitation.

The next week we went to a rehabilitation Vet specialist and they evaluated her, folding her toes over on her feet to see if she would correct them, and she did on all of her feet except her front left. At this point she wasn't moving well at all, but it was passed off as her compensating for her torn left front shoulder. The following week at rehabilitation they evaluated her again and noticed she wasn't correcting her left front leg toes and rear left leg toes being folded over. The Orthopedic vet practices out of the same building, so he came down to look at her. Seeing that he suspected a neurological issue and referred us get into a neurology vet ASAP.

A couple days later we saw a neurologist and had a MRI of her spine and spinal tap done that day. Her blood work came back normal with normal kidney and liver functions. Alma had inflammation in her spinal cord between her front shoulders, causing the nerves to be pinched off that control her legs. At this point she was having a tough time moving. Taking a few steps before falling, so we started using a harness to help her.

The Neurology Vet started her on prednisone for the inflammation and sent out the spinal fluid for testing. Over the weekend after being sedated the following day Alma couldn't walk or roll over. Early the following week we increased her prednisone to the maximum level, and she was able to get up for a few steps, which was encouraging. The prednisone also caused her to need to go outside every couple of hours day and night to pee. Kate and I took turns for the last month sleeping on the couch with her and carrying her in and out of the house. Her front elbows were cut up and swollen from crawling, so we were putting socks over her front legs to help. We continued taking her to rehabilitation once a week to let her swim, stimulate her nerves with electrical stimu-

lation and trying to retain some muscle mass and range of motion.

Later that week the spinal fluid results came back with normal white blood cell counts, which wasn't what the Neurology vet expected. We went back to the neurology vet later in the week. She said it could be some type of cancer, or it could be some type of infection. They tested for (11) different diseases and she came back a week later with a fungal infection in the spinal cord called, Cryptococcosis. They breathe the mold spores in through their noses and the disease can spread into the body from there. They typically see it more in the Southwestern US and around pigeon dung.

We started her on a fungal medication called fluconazole, which didn't seem to help very much, likely because the disease was so advanced in her body.

It's amazing how much muscle mass Alma lost in three months. Alma was a very active, muscular dog that loved to be outside running, playing and hunting. She was very anxious since this began, which has been tough to watch, along with everything else.

The neurologist said she has seen this disease while practicing in Southern California, but not settled into the spinal cord like Alma's was. The neurologist didn't paint a pretty picture of the road going forward since she hadn't shown any improvement from the medications, she was being honest, which is what we wanted. The prognosis and quality of life expected for Alma was terrible. This disease is one that is typically treated for the rest of their life with flair ups, often with kidney or liver complications from the medications.

The tough thing about diagnosing Cryptococcosis is that it settles into different parts of the body for each patient. It doesn't have a specific set of symptoms. Alma passed away from a fungal infection in her spinal cord that essentially paralyzed her, Cryptococcosis.

In hindsight, I'm guessing she took some type of fall in early November that tore her left shoulder due to the lack of control of her legs from the fungal infection she had in her spinal cord. It camouflaged the real problem, which caused the diagnosis to be delayed until it was too late.

We were lucky to love her for the four short years she was with us. She raised ten beautiful puppies, so we will be able to see her in them. Hopefully this information will help another dog someday.

Editor's Note:

I recommend that you visit our club photo gallery and do a photo search on "Alma z" where we have over 70 photos of alma and her litter.

Go to: <https://ceskyfousek.smugmug.com/>

Click on the search window and enter Alma z

Editor's Note: Board member and Rocky Mountain Chapter member, Anna Artz recently posted about the loss of her dog, Belle of Cattail Storm, on the club Facebook site. I asked Anna if we could share the news in the GDS.

You can see many other images of Belle's life by going on-line to the club's photo gallery. Use this link: <https://ceskyfousek.smugmug.com/search?q=Belle+of+Cattail+Storm&i=42>

Belle of Cattail Storm Farewell

by
Anna Artz



It's with great sadness that Ryan and I share the unhappy news of Belle's unexpected passing early this morning from complications of GI surgery. She was our "wild child" and shared our home for 10.5 wonderful years. Although her life was cut short, she went out with a bang! How fitting. LOL. Belle lived life on her terms. Always. That was just her way. Because of this, she had earned many nick names (master-of-disaster, streetfighter, etc.) that carry with them legendary stories. But Belle had a softer side too. She was beloved by many of our friends and family who came to know her sweet and affectionate side. She never missed an opportunity for snuggles. Or human attention!! Or to carry ANYTHING around in her mouth while asking for attention. Good grief! That was an endearing but super annoying habit of hers. LOL. Lastly, she was an exceptional hunter, and traveled everywhere with us. She was fortunate enough to hunt in CA, NV, ID, NM, MT and WI. Each and every adventure/misadventure left an indelible mark on our hearts. For that we are eternally grateful. Until we meet again my darling girl, please know your family loves you and misses you terribly

Nasal Discharge in Dogs – Identifying Nose Trauma with Hunting Dogs

by

Dr. Joe Spoo

Dr. Joe Spoo explores minor to major nose issues that can occur in the field with hunting dogs.

If you run hard-charging dogs long enough you are guaranteed to encounter issues with their nose. These can range from minor irritation to a severe trauma related to something jammed up the nose. Understanding how to recognize these various concerns, and more importantly how to address them, is a vitally important component to keeping your pup in the field the entire hunting season.

If you think about the heavy cover we ask these dogs to run through, the numerous obstacles and the fact they are leading with their noses, it's shocking that we don't see more traumatic injuries. However, when they do occur, it's important to be able to recognize when there's a problem, the degree of the problem and whether it's something you can address yourself or if it's something that needs the attention of your veterinarian.

Years ago, on a South Dakota pheasant opener, we were hunting a little brushy draw through the middle of a cornfield when my English setter, Maggie, started sneezing violently. I caught up to her and the blood was pouring out of her right nostril. I carried her back to the truck and her day was over. I sedated her to look with a scope but the amount of bleeding and trauma didn't allow me to see much. I placed her on antibiotics and hoped for the best.

Over the month-long course of medications, she still had a small amount of discharge and my plan was to take her to the university for a CT at the end of the antibiotics as these were in the days before we had those capabilities in-house. Other than the discharge and occasional raspy, nasally breathing she continued to seem normal and so I continued to hunt her and she performed like a rockstar. We were wrapping up a three-day trip and I planned on her hunting one last spot. I opened the crate to get her out and she again started to sneeze violently. Out on the tailgate came an approximately four-inch long blood covered stick. I was shocked and amazed that this little dog had hunted for nearly a month with this thing jammed up her nose. To make it more impressive, shortly after sneezing it out she nailed a covey of sharpshooters in a stiff 25 mph wind.

Nearly two decades later I'm now more aggressive when a dog presents with her symptoms and make sure we find the offending stick or weed as soon as possible. Unfortunately, these foreign body issues will require a trip to the vet clinic as these dogs need to be under heavy sedation and many times fully under anesthesia as the tissues of the nose are very sensitive. The good news is that removing them usually doesn't require some fancy fiber optic scope or a rigid videoscope. The vast majority of these can be removed through an otoscope (the scope used to examine your dog's ears) and with an alligator

forceps. In rare occasions, some dogs will require more aggressive diagnostics, like a CT, and a flexible scope to get further into the nasal passages.

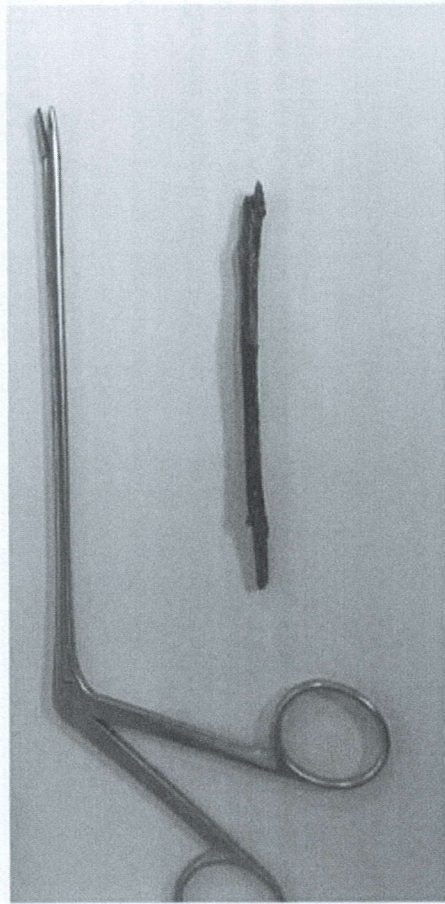
Common Nose Irritants that can be Solved with Saline

The more common issue that we see with our hunting dogs are dogs that have irritation brought on by the conditions in the field. The two most common offenders are dust and pollen. In dry years out West dust, especially around fencelines and roads, can wreak havoc on a dog's nose and ability to scent game. In luscious green years, we can see a similar problem with pollens in the early season. The good news is that both problems



can be addressed in the field. Every fall I stock the truck with several bottles of saline eye flush to be used to flush out the eyes, nose and wounds. The key here is that you want *saline* and not contact solution. Not many years ago the contact aisle was all saline with a few bottles of solution; now it is all solution and you must hunt for the straight saline.

The process of flushing is pretty simple. You gently take the dog by the muzzle and tip its head back and then allow the saline to run into the nostrils, one at a time. You will not want to forcibly squirt the saline in as this will be irritating but rather allow it to gently run into the nose. If your pup looks at you like they are asking "why are you drowning me" and they begin to swallow, you know you are doing it correctly. Basically, you are mimicking what is accomplished with a neti pot, but instead of having it run out the other nostril you are having it run to the back of the dog's throat. It doesn't take much to flush the nasal passages; after a couple of swallows I usually switch to the other nostril. I find that this is something, on the days that you do it, that you are only doing once a day unless you are in horribly dusty conditions.



Identifying Foreign Body Issues in a Hunting Dog's Nose

The major issue is differentiating if your dog has a foreign body that needs to be addressed or an irritation. For a foreign body the dog will usually have consistent, and often times violent, sneezing episodes. They will usually pull their nose to one side looking like they are irritated or about to sneeze and the hallmark is discharge that is different from one nostril to the other. In severe cases, there will be a thick, green, nasty looking discharge from the nostril. In the more typical case it will just be an increase in the normal clear-looking discharge. Sometimes these changes can be subtle; if there is a question, error on the side of a veterinary exam, and if one nostril is obviously different from the other then definitely seek veterinary attention.

So much of our upland experience is guided by our canine companion's nose. It's imperative to understand the problems that occur and how to address them to keep your partner happy and healthy all season long.

About the Author / Joe Spoo DVM, DACVSMR



"Dr. Joe Spoo is a graduate of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation he practiced in the grouse woods of northern Minnesota before relocating to the prairies of South Dakota where he has spent the last 16 years chasing birds with dogs. Spoo's passion is the canine athlete and he believes in a cradle-to-grave approach to managing the canine athlete. Spoo is a Diplomate of the American College of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation and the only such specialist who has committed his career to hunting dog health and expanding our field of knowledge of these amazing athletes. In addition to his practice responsibilities, he has an active consulting business serving sporting dog owners and the sporting dog industry. He also manages a website (www.gundogdoc.com), a comprehensive resource for all things gundog related."

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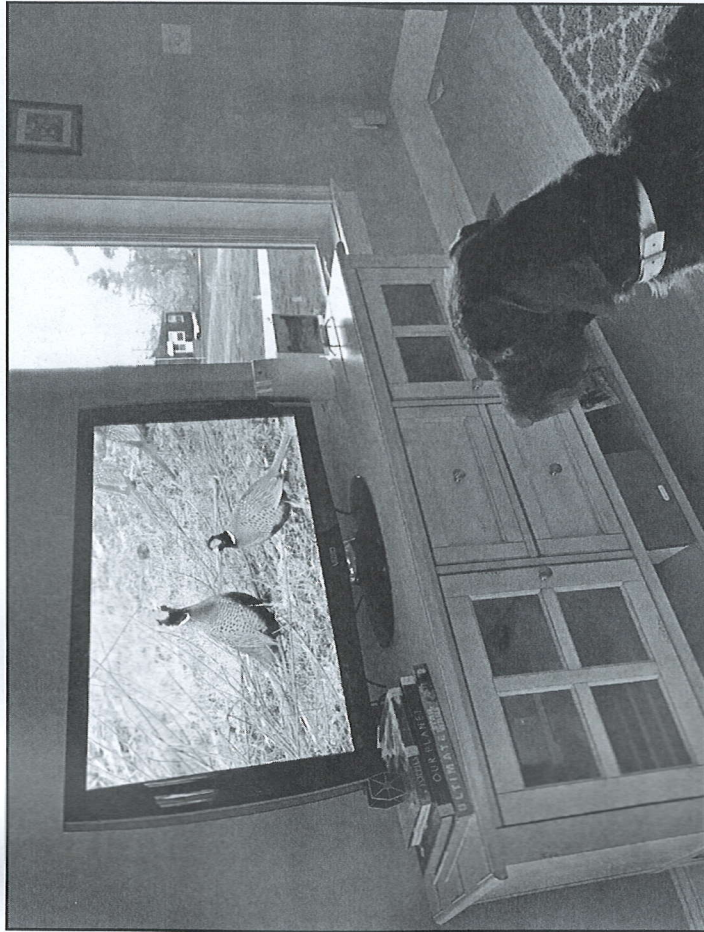
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The Test Group Inaugural Southeast Test was held this February in South Carolina at Edwin McCain hunting property. Thanks to Edwin and Donn Fizer and Damien Lancois (above) for organizing the test.

Below Left: Cahaba's Lola od Karlova smrku retrieving to owner Donn Fizer.

Below Right: Brownie od Pálavských vršků retrieving pheasant to owner Damien Lancois



On-line Learning. Covid-19 be damned. **Darwin Wallace of Valley House** resorts to on-line training to prep for an Intermediate test someday when the pandemic fades away. (Photo by owner, Spiro Mavroidis)



Future Events

CFNA Heartland Chapter spring tests canceled

The Heartland Chapter has canceled its spring test and training days that were originally scheduled for April 23-26.

CFNA Northeast Chapter spring tests canceled

The Northeast Chapter has canceled its spring tests that were originally scheduled for May 15-16. Many states (including here in Montana) are imposing "stay home" orders as this corona virus spreads exponentially. Rigorous cautionary measures are well-advised. We'll get through this and will come up with plans to make up for lost time. In the meantime, please keep yourselves and those around you safe.

Summer Michigan Training Days

No Marshall Michigan training days have been scheduled at this time. We usually hold a training day about once per month at Marshall, MI. near the I-94 and I-69 interchange. Jim Crouse maintains an email list for these training events. Contact Jim to be added to the email list. We'll alert you to any events if scheduling becomes possible.

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Fall Tests

The club typically holds Fall Tests in Washington, Wisconsin and Maine. No tests have been scheduled at this time. We'll have an update in the June GDS and post information on the website as details become available.

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