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President's Message

Hello everybody!

The month of June has officially kicked off Summer 2023 filling everyone's calendars with dog events, family vacations, graduations, and other social gatherings. Please mark your calendars for the next scheduled Rainier Hunt Test for August 12 and 13 in Carnation, at the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds, (SVRG).

We are looking for some additional help for our August test to make this event a memorable, exciting event for both participants and volunteers. We have some great judges lined up in all stakes and will be hosting an on-site raffle and silent auction. Our silent auction will be for a Pheasant Hunt in Eastern Washington, (details can be found in the newsletter).

If you have any items you would like to donate for the auction or are willing to help with the coordination of prizes or the raffle tables, please contact either myself or Jean Fowler.

A Mexican Cuisine Food Truck will be on the grounds on Saturday late afternoon/ early evening. It's a no-host food truck.

We extend a warm welcome to Scott Dyer—our newest RHRC member.

Finally, if you have any ideas that would help to make the club even more successful, we would love to hear from you. Please continue to visit the RHRC website at www.rainierhrc.com or our Facebook Page, Rainier Hunting Retriever Club.

Thank you for your continued participation and club support!

Cheers, *Betsy*



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**RHRC Fall Hunt Test
August 13 & 14, 2023
Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds**

**Master—Saturday and Sunday
Junior—Saturday
Senior—Sunday**

Join us for our annual Fall Hunt Test. On Saturday we have the **Tacos El Guero** Food Truck on our grounds. They will have authentic and delicious Mexican cuisine to tempt you. The Fall Raffle will also tempt you with many great items. Don't miss a chance to win a...

“Premier Pheasant Hunt”
donated by Rusty Hunt of
Hidden Ranch Outfitters in
Coulee, WA.



Raffle “Rangler” Needed



Who is willing to help coordinate and set up the raffle space.

Contact Jean Fowler
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or Betsy Reali
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How Can YOU Help???

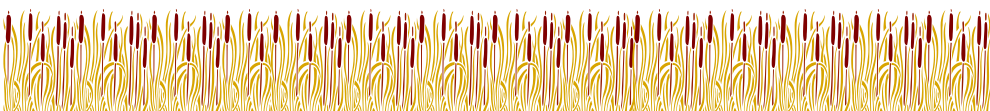
Do you have an ATV we can borrow for the weekend? It would really assist in getting birds and equipment to the test sites.

Do you have Raffle Items you can donate?

Please contact any board member if you can assist with these items.

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Cooking with Dog Hair—The Proper way to cook with dog hair

By Mary E. Wolley

Do you remember the last time you had company for dinner and how embarrassed you were when you dug several dog hairs from your best gourmet effort? This is because there is a right and a wrong way to cook with dog hairs. First, we must remember each dish calls for a different variety. If you are unfortunate enough to own only one variety, I'm sure you can come up with a friend who will be willing to exchange the proper variety of hair with you or one could even send off an order for a rare variety as they are light and easy to mail.

There are many dishes that are basic to most menus and these can always be spiced up with the buff variety which are especially useful when baking biscuits, pastries and yellow cakes. The black and tan hairs go well with fall dishes, thanksgiving turkey, mince or pumpkin pies or even yams. Black, of course is for your roasts, steaks, ribs and hearty dishes, including stews, which carry blacks well. Naturally chocolate will go well with most desserts, unless it is a very light Jell-O type dessert, then go back to the silver buff. If you are especially interested in foreign foods, most varieties can be used in

Mexican, Japanese and Chinese cooking. In fact, any nationality food will accept most dog hairs without hurting the flavor.

A good rule of thumb to remember which dog hairs go with which dish is--use them as you would a good wine--white wine and light hair with the delicate dishes, dark wine and dark hair with the more robust, heartier dishes.

Use your dog hairs in good health!

(Comment overheard at a dog show--one sure way to tell a real dog person, if we find a human hair in our food, we immediately say "Oh Yuck, I can't eat that, it had a hair in it." If it's dog hair, we flick it out and go right on eating; think about it!)



Welcome

*We extend a warm RHRC welcome
to our New Member:
Scott Dyer*

What Is Heat Exhaustion?

Heat exhaustion, also called hyperthermia, occurs when your pet’s body temperature rises above a healthy range and they are unable to regulate their own body heat. This condition ranges from mild heat exhaustion, which can be treated at home, to severe heatstroke, at which point your pet can lose consciousness, run a high fever, or even experience organ failure.

Because dogs primarily pant rather than sweat, they are much more sensitive to heat than humans are. Luckily, heat exhaustion is easily preventable—even in the dog days of summer.

How To Prevent Heat Exhaustion

1. Never leave your dog inside a parked car. Even for just a minute. Even with the windows cracked. Every year, hundreds of dogs left inside parked cars suffer heatstroke and die. Remember, your dog is more sensitive to heat than you are!

On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 100 degrees in 10 minutes. On a 90-degree day, it can reach 110 degrees in 10 minutes—and 130 degrees in 30 minutes. This can be fatal.

2. Make sure your dog doesn’t stay outside too long. If your dog spends a lot of time outdoors, make sure they have plenty of water and cool, shady areas to rest in, and bring them indoors during peak temperature hours.

3. Avoid exercising your dog during peak temperature hours. If possible choose morning or

evening to avoid the hottest hours of the day. Have water available.

4. Keep your house cool. If you have to leave your dog at home, keep the AC on (even at a conservative 75 degrees) or set up multiple electric fans to keep certain areas cool.

5. Make sure your dog has enough water. The only place dogs have sweat glands is on the pads of their

feet, so they regulate their body heat by panting, resting, and drinking water.

6. Consider boarding your dog during your summer vacation. It may be better than having a friend come over to the house

periodically to feed and check on your dog.

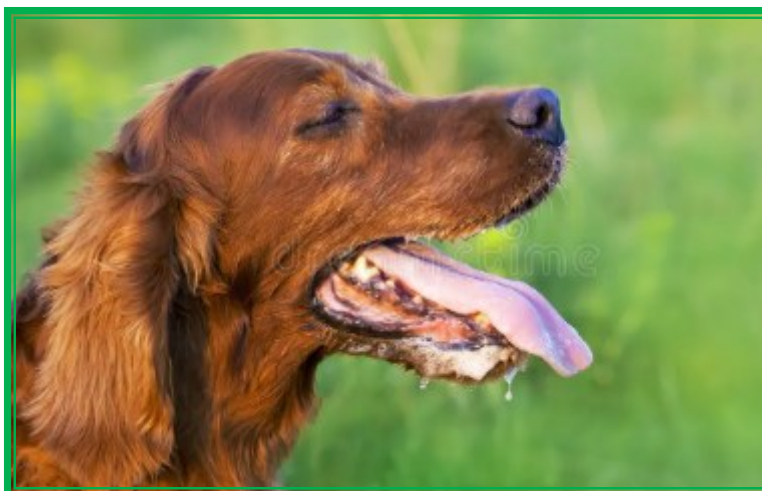
7. Know your dog’s medical history. If your dog is older or has conditions such as heart disease, obesity, or breathing problems, it’s even more imperative to keep them cool.

How To Detect Heat Exhaustion

Common symptoms of heat exhaustion and heatstroke:

- 1. Excessive panting or difficulty breathing.
- 2. Dehydration. Signs of dehydration include dry nose, visible tiredness, excessive panting, and sunken eyes.
- 3. Excessive drooling.

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4. Fever. A body temperature above 103°F is considered abnormal.
5. Bright red, gray, purple, or bluish gums.
6. Lack of urine.
7. Rapid pulse. The easiest way to take your dog's pulse is to place your hand on their chest near their front elbow joint.
8. Muscle tremors. If your dog is shivering or shaking regardless of outside temperature, it may be caused by heat exhaustion.
9. Lethargy or weakness. Overheating can cause dogs to nap more than normal or having trouble standing up or walking.
10. Vomiting or diarrhea. Abnormally soft stool, or stool with blood in it, is a big warning sign for heat exhaustion.
11. Dizziness.



These are the most common and easily detectable symptoms of heat exhaustion, but there are many more. If your dog is acting at all sick, tired, or otherwise abnormal during the hot summer months, don't ignore it!

When in doubt, call your local vet. Keeping your dog safe and healthy is the most important thing.

How To Treat Heat Exhaustion

1. Take your dog to a cooler area (preferably indoors) immediately.
2. Lower their body temperature by wetting them

thoroughly with cool water. Do not use cold water! It seems counterintuitive, but cooling too quickly can actually be just as dangerous as heat exhaustion. For very small dogs or puppies, use lukewarm water instead of cool.

3. Apply more cool water around their ears and paws. This helps reduce fever.

4. Put them in front of a fan to dry off. If you have a

pet thermometer handy, check their temperature every few minutes (note: don't use a glass thermometer that your dog might bite and break). Once their temperature drops to 103 degrees (F), remove the fan and stop applying water.

5. As they continue to cool down, provide them with

small amounts of lukewarm or cool water to drink. Again, not cold water, and no ice!

6. Call your veterinarian as soon as possible. Even if your dog seems to be recovering, they may need to be monitored for shock, dehydration, kidney failure, and other possible complications of heat exhaustion. Your vet will be able to advise you about next steps.

If your dog loses consciousness or seems severely ill (vomiting, seizing, etc.) get to a veterinary hospital immediately.

Summer can be a lot of fun for your and your pets—all it takes is a little extra attention and care. If you have any questions or concerns about heat exhaustion or caring for your dog in the summer, please contact your veterinarian.

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RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023



Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gullucci, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Bill Woll, Jim Olson, Kevin Medved. Absent: Liz Gibson, Sue Meyring

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed everyone. The May minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Lee Redd): \$13,532 in the RHRC checking account. The May RHRC test income was \$10,143 with \$440 in refunds. The test cost RHRC \$11,000 due mainly to the cost of the birds (~ \$4,000). Lee reported that we have adequate supplies for our August test (ammo, awards, etc) so we will not have those expenses in August.

Lee has established a reimbursement form and email address for submission of bills. Email address is: rhrcwash@gmail.com. He is encouraging everyone to set up a Zelle transfer account at their banks as the automatic transfer of funds between banks is very efficient, safe, and reliable.

Using Zelle will improve payment requests and reimbursements (including for the Tri-Club account). Right now the Tri-Club account has two outstanding reimbursements that will be made after the ERGC June deposit is made.

Old/New Business

Trailer/Equipment Update:

-Trailer: Fully serviced – includes new tires (5), license tabs have been renewed, brakes (brake box) has been repaired. The trailer is parked at SVRG (\$50 rental fee) until after the EGRC HRT then it will be moved to Nancy Light's property for winter storage.

-Green Kick-Wingers: All but 3 kick-wingers have been removed from the trailer. The 3 best ones have been dismantled and stored back in the trailer.

May HRT - Birds

RHRC and PSLRA owe Boyd Ulsh for 70 frozen birds he loaned to the clubs so that they could conduct their spring hunt tests. The agreement was to pay him back either in live birds or at \$10/bird (\$350/club). Bill Woll will work out the arrangements with Boyd. We need more specificity on what he would like: live birds from Bob Hunt who is bringing them up for the June EGRC test (bird condition unknown), fresh killed birds from our August HRT, or be paid \$350.

August HRT-Entry Fee

The board held a discussion regarding raising the entry fee for the Fall test. Our cost to secure birds has risen significantly as we now must order birds from out of state. We will be getting ducks from Brad Henman in California for the August test.

After considerable discussion including noting entry fees for neighboring events, the board passed the following: *M/S/P to raise the entry fee for our Fall event to \$105 for the Master Stake and \$90 for both Junior and Senior Stakes.* This decision was not made lightly. Susan will make the change on Entry Express.

We will include additional language in our premium regarding the fact that our tests are run on private, well-maintained grounds and that those grounds will be the site of the 2024 Master Amateur Invitational.

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August HRT - Birds

The 175 live ducks will be secured from Brad Henman (California). Betsy has made the initial contact to reserve the ducks. Lee Redd offered to take up the baton and work out the payment/logistics of getting the birds here. The birds will be delivered but not stewarded during the test. That issue will be addressed in future meetings.

August BBQ/Raffle

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the advisability of holding a BBQ and/or Raffle at our August HRT. Dianne Clark has already secured sufficient dog food from Purina for participants in the test and has offered to prepare/cook the food if we decide to have a BBQ. While all thought the BBQ was a great idea, the amount of work necessary to pull it off was a negative factor. The idea of holding our raffle at the August test instead of during our February Banquet was discussed. Several great ideas for raffle items were offered up: Pheasant Hunt in Eastern WA, Duck Hunt in Snoqualmie Valley, paid Entry Fee to all 3 summer hunt tests, Holding Blinds, etc. We might be able to secure a food truck for people. We will be recruiting a lead for the Raffle.

August HRT – Judges

We need to find at least one additional judge and perhaps two. Darlene Prado (Jr/Sr) has not passed her AKC required test and Mark Schlender cannot judge Master. Liz Gibson has offered to judge Master but it is possible that the Master Amateur would support a Judge (\$\$) to come here and judge in advance of the MAI. We will explore this possibility in the next week.

Annual Meeting Speaker

Betsy has spoken with Dr. Adam Black who is involved in a study of the avian flu. Dr. Black is

collecting blood samples from retrievers from many areas. Betsy invited Dr. Black to be the featured speaker at our Annual Meeting and he accepted the invitation to review the study and the results. He will also conduct a short Q & A after his presentation.

Additional Business

**Welcome to new members: Katy and Cory Miller from Olympia. They own Black River Dog Training.

**Changes to Master National: Jean requested Board members to send her any comments they might have regarding proposed changes to the Master National. She will forward any information she receives to Annette Pacheco.

**Advanced Judge's Seminar in 2024: It is possible that we could receive a grant from the Master National to help cover expenses for a Handler's Seminar in 2024. Doug will follow up.

Tabled to next meeting:

- Update policy on scratch refunds
- Review hunt test job descriptions and where they are kept.
- Club apparel/swag for the MAI – Need lead for this activity

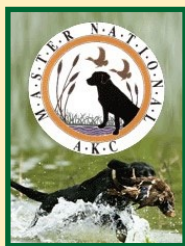
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary





CARNATION, WASHINGTON
 OPENING CEREMONY JUNE 8TH
 RUNNING DOGS JUNE 9TH-16TH



Master National Retriever Club

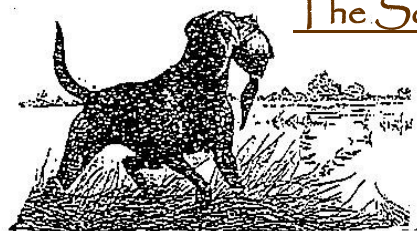
The Master National Board of Directors (BOD) continues to wrestle with designing a new model for how the Master National Event will look in the future. The BOD is soliciting input from members and member clubs regarding their current model proposal. If you have questions or concerns, please contact any Board Member (contact information can be found on the MNRC website) or Annette Pacheco <chpette@comcast.net> .

Additionally, this link will take you to a video summary of the current model proposal.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAZlccPmgfA>

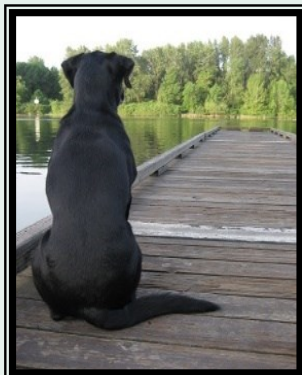
“It is not just that animals make the world more scenic or picturesque. The lives of animals are woven into our very being—closer than our own breathing—and our soul will suffer when they are gone.”

Gary Kowalski,

The Souls of Animals



Chase Away K9 Cancer



Many of us have lost our four legged companions to canine cancer and many are currently fighting this disease. One in Three Dogs will get Cancer!

ChaseAway K9 Cancer has partnered with The National Canine Cancer Foundation (NCCF). ChaseAway is a designated fund within the NCCF, a nationwide, contribution funded, 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to eliminating Cancer as a major health issue in dogs by funding grants directly to Cancer researchers who are working to save lives, find cures, better treatments and accurate, cost effective diagnostic methods in dealing with canine Cancer.

We raised \$1,474,518.37 by the end of 2022

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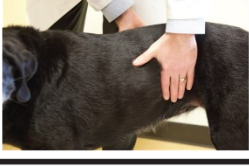



The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club is a community of support and love for anyone who is ill, who may have lost a beloved relative, pet, or is in need in any other way.

Please contact Dianne Clark if you, or someone you know, could use a helping hand, phone call or other support. You can reach Dianne at: 360-568-3368 (home), 425-299-4252 (cell) or dianneclark@comcast.net



June 23 is National Take Your Dog to Work Day! Wake up in the morning, Do A Pup Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer, and take your pooch with you to work. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!



<p>CANINE CANCER CHECK Use these pictures to help you check every area. Start with the tip of their nose, and work your way to the tip of their tail. For the greatest potential for success, conduct the exam in a familiar environment where your pet is not easily distracted. For example, avoid the time of day the UPS gal makes deliveries, or at dinner time. It might be a good idea to make a body chart: Using a simple outline, note any points of concern in each area. This will help identify when something changes. *Please be sure to do a K9 cancer check of your dog once a month.</p>	
<p>NOSE/MUZZLE: Check the nose for lesions, debris or excessive drainage and take note of whether it is wet or dry. (Your pet's nose will not always be wet, it will typically vary from moist to dry throughout the day.) Check for symmetry of the nose and note any differences from one side to the other.</p>	
<p>EYES: Take a look to see whether there is abnormal eye discharge (each pet has different eye weeping. Pay attention to what is normal for your pet and make note when it increases or decreases.) Check the symmetry between both eyes - consider shape, color, discharge, and active movement. Observe all parts of the eye including the whites of their eyes. Note any change in color including increased redness or graying.</p>	
<p>MOUTH: Check inside the pet's mouth for lesions, swelling, and bad breath. Their gums should be pink, their teeth free of tartar and plaque. Check the tongue and underneath it. Pay special attention to the gums and the roof of the mouth for symmetry or any obvious masses. Pay attention to the normal ridges and ensure that there is no difference from one side from the other. Not all animals are comfortable with checking their mouth. Take it slow if this is the first time working in their mouth (and while you are there, go ahead and give their teeth their weekly brushing - a healthy mouth ensures a healthy pet!)</p>	
<p>JAWLINE: checking outside the mouth, the jaw line should maintains a consistent texture along the entire length of the jaw with no sensitivity to touch and is the same on both sides of the mouth.</p>	
<p>SKIN: Brush back the hair and look at the skin and coat. Check for excessive flakiness, lumps and bumps. Pay special attention to either side of the spinal cord. Make note of the normal color of the skin. Note any changes in skin color including darker or red spots.</p>	
<p>EARS: Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.</p>	
<p>LEGS: Check for heat, bumps and swelling and test the range of motion of the joints. All joints should move freely with no discomfort to the pet.</p>	
<p>TORSO: Evaluate muscle tone and weight. Note any changes. If your animal is overweight, work to address the issue. Carrying excessive weight can be very harmful to their overall health.</p>	
<p>UNDERBELLY: Gently palpate the belly to look for lumps and notice if your pet seems to experience discomfort or pain. Note any bumps, lumps and sensitive areas over the skin. Examine your pet regularly to determine what is normal so you can determine when there are changes.</p>	
<p>FEET: Look at the claws and the pads of their feet, there should be no debris between their toes and should be fairly symmetrical to the alternate side. Examine the nail bed for any abnormal masses or discoloration. Note excessive heat in the paws. Take note to determine what is normal for your pet.</p>	
<p>ANUS: Also examine your pet's anus for cleanliness, uniformity and a consistent color.</p>	



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Information and demonstrations provided by
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**"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."*

~~~ M.Facklam