



Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club

THRC Newsletter

April–May 2007

Dear THRC Club Members,

It was a great weekend! We had great weather, great dogs, and a lot of good camaraderie. We had 433 dogs enter the tests with a total of 254 passes. I was at Master D judging but you guys pulled the event off beautifully. Thank you. I have had countless telephone calls and complements. Paul Brown said THRC is the only club that he knows that could have pulled off an event this large and with this many dogs! Paul is a club member from PA who runs Field Trials and Hunt Tests and I certainly respect his knowledge and experience. I took this as quite a complement for our club.

You may already have heard there was a fire at the Sunday, Junior B test. The wind had died down a lot by Sunday; if this had happened Saturday we may not have been as lucky. We think the fire may have been started by a cigarette or car muffler. We were very lucky to extinguish the fire quickly but about two acres were affected by the fire. We must remember to please be careful and that we are guests on the property.

We still have a few opportunities that need to be addressed and volunteers are what make this club so great. Without everyone helping as best they can we will not be successful. When you are called on to help please do so and give the person calling some other names that may be willing to work. By everybody doing this we will continue to be great.

Happy Training ~ Sam

"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job." - Franklin P Jones

Two Great Retrievers Needing Great Homes...

Paws with a Cause, a national service dog organization, has dismissed two pups raised in Tallahassee from their training program. They both have a great work ethic and will make great pets. Please consider these fine young retrievers if you can give them a great home. *Paws With A Cause* requests a \$300.00 fee. Both dogs could receive ILP registration from AKC. **KEIKO**, a male, black Labrador, is 16 months old. He has high drive, is house broken and has basic obedience. He was dismissed from the program because he ate a dish rag and received abdominal surgery to confirm he was OK. *Paws* dismisses dogs who require this surgery because of the possibility a client might incur a big Vet bill if the dog repeats the activity. He is very healthy and well socialized. **BRIER**, a beautiful female Golden Retriever, is 10 months old. She has a calm nature that makes her a pleasure in the house and out on a leash. Brier was run over when she was 2 months old and required OFO surgery. She has made a complete recovery but *Paws* fears the hip which had the surgery will not be sound enough for her to do service work. Please contact **Mary Ann Sauer** for more information. Home 850-997-4604 or Cell 850-508-9008 or Email cheer@nettally.com.



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Newsletter Spotlight



Click on **Mark Atwater's** card to view and order your dog's photos from the THRC's 2007 Spring HT or 2006 Fall HT. Contact Mark for details or private sittings.

The Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club & Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia will be co-hosting a **Hunting Test Judge's Seminar** on Saturday, **June 16, 2007** at Quality Inn & Suites, 15138 US Hwy 19 South, Thomasville, GA 31757. Please register by the **May 23rd** deadline (need 20+ to avoid cancellation by AKC). For updated Event information check the [THRC](http://thrc.com) or [Wiregrass](http://wiregrass.com) websites. Click [here](#) to print form and mail with check to Gloria Nusbickel. Note: If you are not sure of your judging status with the AKC, you can contact Lisa Carroll, manager of performance events, at 919 816-3900.

Tallahassee Hunt Test CNM and CERF Clinic a Success — Marilyn Fender, Clinic Coordinator



The weather cooperated for the Hunt Test and the CNM and CERF Clinic with sun and temperatures that were not too hot. Participants lined up with their dogs on Sunday afternoon at Sallie Sullivan's **Borderline Plantation** Pointer Kennel Office. The clinic was open to the general public as well as hunt test participants.

Dr. Beckey Malphus of the Clanton Malphus Veterinary Clinic in Thomasville Georgia took the DNA samples for Centronuclear Myopathy in Labradors, formerly called Labrador Muscular Myopathy. She also inserted microchips as needed.

Dr. Dan Brown from the Animal Eye Clinic of North Florida, Board Certified Ophthalmologist Examination for Canine Eye Clearances, examined the dog's eyes for CERF clearances.

Marilyn Fender PhD, CNM Global Communications Coordinator, checked everyone in, helped them fill out the right forms, and collected the money for the veterinarians. **Jeannie McLendon-Ferguson** coordinated communications and advertising with the THRC.

At the end of the afternoon, the numbers indicated: Nine dogs had microchips inserted, 35 Labradors had CNM DNA analysis samples taken, and 63 dogs had their eyes examined for CERF clearance. The CERF results forms were given directly to the owner at the end of the eye examination. The owner could then send the report to CERF headquarters with a small fee, to get their official certificate number. The address is on the back of the form provided by Dr. Brown.

Marilyn sent the CNM samples to the CNM laboratory at the Alfort School of Veterinary Medicine in France. E-Forms completed prior to the clinic were mailed by Express in the first package. The handwritten forms that needed to be converted to E-forms were sent a few days later. The results should be at the owners e-mail addresses by the time this is read. The CNM clear dogs were also put on the **CNM International Registry** (White List) at the www.labradorcnm.com web site.

It takes a maximum of two weeks for the final reports to be sent from the day the CNM DNA brushes arrive at the Alfort School of Veterinary Medicine. If you do not yet have your results, it means that there was a problem with your email address. Please contact Marilyn at cnm@athenet.net if you do not yet have your report or if you want to discuss your CNM report.

Thank you to all who helped make the Clinic a success --- both workers and clients. The numbers participating indicated that there are many who care about their dog's genetic and physical health clearances. It is anticipated that the Clinic will hopefully happen again at THT in two years, March 2009. Next year, March 2008, it is being planned for the Snow Bird Field Trial near Boston, GA.



Interested in understanding the safety and fundamentals of shooting a shotgun? Come take a clinic with Competition Sporting Clays and Skeet Shooter, Scott Welch, from Vestavia Hills, AL to be held May 18 & 19, 2007.

Scott is a member of National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) and Southern Skeet and Trap. By the NSSA Rule Book, he is a Class A shooter. In the last Alabama State Championship, his scores were the following: 12 ga. 97/100, 20 ga. 97/100, 28 ga. 95/100, 410 ga. 95/100 and Dbls. 94-100; and he brought home two medals. Scott has been hunting ducks, dove and quail since he was six years old. He enjoys hunting all over the world. In Bolivia, he killed 3,984 birds out of 5,211 shells in 3 days.

REGISTRATION for the Shooting Clinic!

Sallie's, "Borderline's Late Addition MH" (*Addie*) passed away March 31. Addie will be missed by everyone that has ever been to Sallie's home. She was always right under your feet to make sure she got any hand outs. Addie knew the sound of my truck (even though she was half deaf) and she would always come running for me to love on her. Addie, we all miss you. (Sam)



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We want to send our condolences to Chuck & Sandy Yanke for the loss of their dog, *Digger*, to an untimely illness. He was a great pheasant hunting dog and ready to run in the Master this year with a promising career. He, too, will be deeply missed.