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Happy Memorial Day!

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Dear Jeannie

By the time you get this newsletter, we will only have one remaining test in the South. We hope you and your dogs had fun this year. Our Yankee friends have all gone home for the summer and some of you will be going north to train where it is cooler. If you are going to be here, remember all of the grounds are open for us to train on and they look beautiful. However, please **do not** use the "Outback" and the "Zippy" ponds as Sallie's men are doing some work and have asked us to use other areas for the time being. We will let you know when the work is completed and you can resume training in these areas.

The recent story in the "*Orlando Sentinel*" about officials trapping and killing an 11 foot 6 inch gator after it attacked a swimmer in a lake in Lake Mary, FL sent me to the internet.....

<http://www.floridaenvironment.com/programs/fe00529.htm>. Males start bellowing and courting females around May. Females build nests and lay eggs in late June and July. This means that any gators in the area will be active-- be sure to look at any ponds and surrounding land, big or small, to make sure you are safe while training.

Recently a friend who is a field trialer called to ask if they could train at Borderline. Yes, field trialers are welcome to be members of THRC and train on the grounds! However, remember Borderline is for THRC members only; if you know of someone that would like to join, I will be happy to get them an application. Have fun--remember the heat, watch your dog and look forward to the fall!

Happy Training,

Sam Ferguson

Master National Request



Master National President Janet Peters has asked clubs to gather photos of all our beloved furry companions that have run and are about to retire from running in this years' Master National annual event. For the last few years, the Board of Directors has been putting together a PowerPoint presentation highlighting all our

beloved four legged friends. This presentation has always been a highlight at the annual banquet and is displayed on a wall screen for most of the evening. Please send your photo(s) to: Theresa Stevens Durham, 4635 Maiden Forest Rd., Rhodesdale, MD 21656 or email her at tstevens2@gmail.com. Along with the photo, please include the name and address of handler, name of dog, and titles it



THRC - a member of the Master National



Q: Why can dogs scratch whenever they want to?

A: They live in a flea country!



Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!

has obtained. (Deadline: September 15, 2010).

Animal Rescue Postage Stamp

As of April 30th, you can help shelter pets every time you send a letter! The United States Postal Service has launched a new line of stamps to encourage people to adopt pets from shelters. Learn more at:

<http://www.stampstotherescue.com/>



In celebration of the new Animal Rescue stamps, the Postal Service has teamed up with Ellen DeGeneres and her pet food company, Halo: Purely for Pets, to donate 1 million meals to shelter pets.

The goal is for more Americans to know about the millions of shelter pets that need good homes. Nearly half of the animals that enter animal shelters are euthanized. Many of these cats and dogs would have made wonderful pets if only given the chance. You can make a difference- adopt a pet, volunteer at a shelter, or just get the word out by buying these stamps. They are available at your local post office or online at www.shop.usps.com.

AKC Judges Seminar

The Atlanta Retriever Club is hosting an AKC Judges Seminar on Saturday, June 12, 2010 in Madison, GA. If you are interested in becoming an AKC Hunt Test judge or just knowing more about what judges are looking for, this is a great time for you to learn more. For more information visit Entry Express Seminars at <https://www.entryexpress.net/loggedin/viewevent.aspx?eid=4052>.

Doggy Bytes~Club News



Sallie has recovered beautifully from her hip surgery on May 10th! Her doctor is very proud of her. She says thanks for all the calls and cards. Sallie is hoping to get all her girls back to the house soon and anxious to begin the force fetching with her new puppy, Borderline's Miss Impossible also know as "Imp".

The 2011 Master National Hunt test will be hosted by Susquehanna Retriever (Region 1) on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. You can get a sneak peak of the event on the Master National web page at <http://www.floridaenvironment.com/programs/fe00529.htm>.

Remember to friend the Master National Facebook page. This social -networking device is a pre-information toll and will also be used during the event this year. You and your friends should become familiar with this site. You can find pictures of recent hunt tests on the Facebook page that may help you visualize what you'll see when you arrive.

SAVE THE DATES:

THRC Fall Hunt Test November 13-14, 2010

THRC Spring Hunt Test March 19-20, 2011

Welcome New THRC Members:

- Joe Carter
- Kate Maynard

Totally useless fact: Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about ten.



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