

National Canine Weight Check

You and your dog have a lot in common. You play together. You eat and relax together. And if you aren't careful about how much you eat and relax, you both might pack on unwanted weight together – excess fat that can be tough to shed. Bring your dog to a participating veterinary practice in February for a free weight check, information on the serious health implications of canine obesity, and a mail-in postcard for a free gift. For local participating veterinarians, please visit online: www.StopCanineObesity.com.

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Keith Farmer is hosting a hunt test as a fund raising event for Ducks Unlimited on March 1st, 2008 in Waycross, GA. "Bear" is one of the judges. Visit the web site for all of the details: <http://duchallenge.com/>

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To remove your name from our mailing list, please let us know. Questions or comments? E-mail us at thrc@comcast.net or call 850.847.8742

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Happy Training...



Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club

THRC Newsletter

Dear Club Members and Guests:

We had an excellent turn out for the general membership meeting earlier this month. Thank you very much for coming. If you missed the meeting, the minutes are up on the web page along with the minutes from previous meetings. Items that we discussed were: 2008 Spring hunt test, repairs to the road to the training pond and 2008 Membership (your dues are due now). A mail box will be put on the oak tree at the west end of the training pond in which to place membership forms or you can mail your form with payment to Jim Branning, Treasurer.

The Spring Hunt test is March 15 and 16. We are going to have three of the 2008 Master National judges. It should be a fun weekend. Please remember we need **lots-n-lots** of volunteers for the weekend beginning Friday through Sunday! Mrs. Laurie Williams is coordinating the volunteers and can be reached on-line gwc7865@embarqmail.com or 850.668.2311.

Entry Express is going to handle the event for us so please enter on-line through the website EntryExpress.net or mail your entries to Entry Express Inc., PO Box 743 (420 East Main Street if using UPS or FedEx), Charleston, AR 72933 before closing on Saturday, March 1st. If you have a dog that is not running the tests, we would like for you and your dog to come out and help set up the tests on Friday.

THRC is sponsoring a **Hunt Test Judging Seminar** on Saturday, **June 7th**, at the Hampton Inn in Thomasville, GA. Be sure to fill out a registration form by going to our website for the form or contact me for a hard copy before the deadline of **May 23rd**. Judging is a great way to give back to the sport. Remember, judges are required to attend a seminar and apprentice an event before judging.

We thank you for your participation in helping us to create a better THRC in 2008! See you soon!

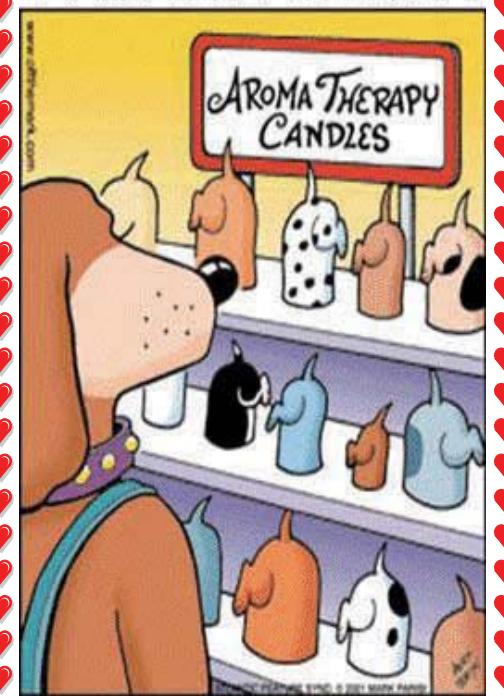
♥ ~Sam

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"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face." - Ben Williams

Happy Valentine's Day!



February is Pet Dental Health month!

Give your dog a healthy smile. Don't make February the only month to think about your pet's oral health — it should be a year-round priority. Don't let your dog's mouth become a playground for bacteria. Annual dental cleaning by your veterinarian is important. Regular brushing of your dog's teeth is important to prevent oral and other diseases. There's a new vaccine to help the destruction caused by canine periodontitis. The *Porphyromonas* vaccine by Pfizer Animal Health aids in the prevention of canine periodontal disease as demonstrated by a reduction in bone changes. (Check with your Veterinarian for more information on the vaccine.) Toys such as rope or rawhide chips are good; some toys can wear down the teeth if they are abrasive or if your dog chews very aggressively.

How Do I Know If My Dog Has Periodontal Disease?

If you notice that your dog has any of the following symptoms, be sure to tell your veterinarian:

- *Bad Breath (one of the first signs of periodontal disease)
- *Red or swollen gums
- *A yellow-brown crust near the gum line
- *Loose or missing teeth
- *Discomfort when mouth or gums are touched
- *Possible decreased appetite or weight loss due to pain when chewing.

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Mike Lardy 2008 Workshop Dates

Basics Transition: Feb 21-24 in Georgia
Collar Conditioning to Beginning Cold Blinds

Advanced: June 26-29 in Wisconsin
Training and Preparing for Advanced Competition

Look at the web workshop section for details/ applications
Limited Registration - Handlers and Observers

www.totalretriever.com

***Basics Transition Workshop**—Four days focus on dogs from force fetch to simple cold blinds following Mike's flow chart. Development of marking skills and problem solving techniques designed to effectively and positively advance your dog. Restricted numbers for Handlers and Observers.

We would be happy to take one person from THRC as a volunteer worker to come free to the Basics Transition in February.

That is a good one to volunteer at since so much is done in the yard and with drills that they would get lots of free information. They would throw for some series, take birds, pack bird bags, take down and put up holding blinds, etc...Contact Marilyn if interested at nfc96@athenet.net.



The "Snowbird Retriever Club of South Georgia" is hosting a CNM Clinic on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. (in conjunction with their field trial) at Mike Lardy's (9110 Boston/Monticello Road, Boston GA). If you have not had your Labradors checked, this is a great opportunity for you to do so. For more information and pre-registration you can e-mail Marilyn Fender at nfc96@athenet.net.

"I've been on so many blind dates, I should get a free dog." - Wendy Liebman



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008

TALLAHASSEE HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

Annual Membership Fees _____ \$35.00 Working Club Member _____ \$70.00 Non-Working Club Member

Name:		Date:	
Spouse Name:		Phone: ()	
Address:		City	
		State: Zip:	
E-mail:		Mobile: () Fax: ()	
Dog Breed(s):		AKC/HRC Registered? ___ Yes ___ No	
Would you like to work? ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, check all that apply) ___ Work Day ___ Marshal ___ Gunner ___ Clean-up Tailgate party ___ Newsletter ___ Web Page Design/Coordinator ___ Wherever needed ___			
Interests: ___ Hunt test ___ Field Trial ___ HRC ___ Obedience ___ Conformation ___ Agility ___ Tracking ___ Other Are you a : ___ Breeder ___ Judge ___ Exhibitor ___ Other _____			
This information is for membership renewal for working members. I volunteered or served on the following committees in 20____: _____ _____			
For club use only)		Check #:	
		Date :	

PLEASE COMPLETE if you have more than one address _____ Summer _____ Winter

Name:		E-mail:	
Address:		Phone: ()	
City:		State: Zip:	
May we publish your phone number in our membership directory? ___ Yes ___ No			

Make check payable to THRC and mail to:

Jim Branning
6915 Priority Lane
Tallahassee, FL 32311

_____ hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and the by-laws and Constitution of the Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.

I/we the undersigned, hereby agree that the Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club and owner, shall not be held responsible for any injury that I or my dog might receive while training on Borderline/Springhill Plantation or being trained by the Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club, and further agree to pay for any injury or damage that my dog may do to the other animals or persons or property while on Borderline/Springhill Plantation.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of witness: _____

Name of Sponsor* _____

*Sponsor required for new members. Renewals do not need a sponsor.