

MICHIGAN CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER CLUB

www.micbrc.orgJune/July**Judges Training Days**

By Tina Cox

We had a wonderful weekend for the judges training days despite the rain. It was held again in Metamora MI at the Hunter's Creek Gun Club June 26-27 and geared around the sporting breeds. Patty Martin was the breed mentor again this year for the Chesapeake Bay Retriever and did a superb job on educating the future judges for Chesapeake's not only with her hands on demonstrations but the wonderful PowerPoint presentation she uses. We had four sessions each day with one to four judges in each session. Chessie owners participating with their dogs include Jim Gosler, Robin Short, Virginia Bartnicki, Cindy Franklin, David & Michelle Keehn, Jonny Wilson, Deb Rhodes, Maggie Fisher, Jan Treglown, Tina Cox, Hailee Melow, Patty was able to bring a young dog with skirting and Dorene Irish came to observe. We were able to present every color and some masked and patterned dogs as well. Patty took her time going over each dog giving each judge the opportunity to get their hands on the dogs and ask questions and give their comments. We also had a field/water training demonstration each day in which I heard many of the judge's comment how spectacular and some had never had the opportunity before to see the dogs work. A big thank you to Kathy Wiecha for coordinating the whole event and Michelle Keehn for coordinating the Chessie's.





Fort Detroit Hunt Test

By Michelle Keehn

The Club helped out at the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club (FDGRC) hunt test. We had a wonderful turn out of helpers which helped the club raise \$900.00. Thanks go out to Jim and Barb Gosler, Tina Cox and her niece Hailee, Dave and Tina Gean, Dave and Pat Ramon, Robin Short, Michelle and Dave Keehn, and Elbert Rush for planning the helpers. I apologize in advance if I missed anyone and a huge THANK YOU to all for giving your time. This is a wonderful way to give back to the Sport so we can continue to have hunt tests and not have to travel long distances. It was a hot weekend but we made it through. I had to judge on Saturday so had the pleasure of having some of our workers at my stake; I was very pleased. Watched many wonderful dogs run this stake. I hope we can do this next year to help both the clubs out.



Photo credit goes to Linda Grabinski, thank you Linda for sharing!

Teaching Hold

By David Keeln

There are several ways to teach hold this is one of the easiest and have found it works with most dogs regardless of age.

Prerequisites

Solid sit and heal. (If you are using an e-collar, collar conditioning would be done before hold.)

Equipment needed

Paint Roller or Dowell

Flat buckle collar

Leash

This is the beginning step of the Trained Retrieve although you do not have to go into the trained retrieve unless you want.

This is a teaching step with little or no corrections involved in this process. Although obedience should be enforced.

Keep in mind that every dog is an individual.

Step 1

Have your dog sit beside you

Step 2

Take the roller or dowel in your hand and say fetch and place item in the dog's mouth. You may have to open the dog's mouth gently to get the dog to open his mouth.

Step 3

Once the object is in the dogs mouth say hold. You may have to gently hold the dogs mouth closed around the object.



Step 4

With the item in the dogs mouth praise him.

Step 5

Start with 5-10 seconds with your dog holding the object. Increase time gradually

Step 6

Give your dog a command to release the object. Examples - Give, Leave, drop and so on. And take from dog's mouth. I prefer leave as the command.

Repeat steps 1-6 until dog shows progress holding without assistance. Each session should be about 10 minutes a day and try to end on a positive note. As dog progresses increase time the dog is holding object in his mouth continue to praise as the dog is holding the object.

When dog is holding without assistance for about 1 minute start to have the dog heel with you at a slow walk on lead. At this time the dog may spit out the object when he starts to move stop and replace in the dogs mouth and start heeling again.

Continue this till you can get a simple heeling pattern complete with the dog holding object. Example- heel a few paces, sit, heel a few paces, sit and so on.

Somewhere along this process your dog may give you trouble with wanting to spit out the object at this time lightly tap the dog under the chin when he is attempting to spit and say "Hold"

This process should take about a week. The indications that you are done with hold is either your dog is doing well with the heeling pattern and holding the object or forcefully spitting the object and not responding to the light tap under chin. If hold was your goal and he is doing well you are done. Otherwise in either case it is time to move onto the trained retrieve.

Family helps ex-military dog learn to relax

Submitted by Carole Bomberger

By Asia Rapai

For The Evening News , last modified August 17, 2010 12:48PM

Buddy served his country well and is now in retirement with a loving family. Thankful we have people who step up to the plate.

To view this story on Monroenews.com, go to:

<http://www.monroenews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010708179993>

Get Rid of Nasty Flea Infestations Naturally

Submitted by Tina Cox

I found this article online and thought it was interesting. I do not know if any of these things work and do not suggest them without first checking with your own vet or doing more research on your own.

Article:

Flea infestations can cause diseases and allergies. They may result in hair loss and anemia. Flea bites are itchy and annoying. Fleas can easily be transmitted from animals to humans and often result in an infested home. Luckily, there are many ways to battle your dog's flea infestation without resorting to harsh chemicals.

Prevention

1) Dogs with a good immune system are less likely to contract fleas. Keep your dog healthy and stress free. Feed quality foods and maintain regular veterinary appointments.

2) Plant a rosemary bush in your yard. Fleas do not like the scent of rosemary and will stay away.

3) Beneficial Nematodes are an outdoor treatment consisting of micro-organisms which eat flea larvae (as well as other garden pests).

4) Another outdoor choice is Diatomaceous Earth (food grade) which will dry out adult flea larvae.

5) Check your dog thoroughly after time spent outdoors. Comb them with a flea comb and look for any sign of fleas.

6) Natural flea repellents include lavender, lemongrass, peppermint, lemon, cedar, eucalyptus, myrrh, neem, rosewood and citronella. Place a few drops of oil in between your dog's shoulder blades or on his collar. They can also be mixed with a little olive oil and water and then be sprayed on your dog and any dog bedding.

7) There are also food additives and supplements which are thought to prevent fleas. Check with your veterinarian before administering any supplements.

a. Brewers, or Nutritional Yeast (not Bakers Yeast) can be added to a dog's food. Mix in one teaspoon for every thirty pounds of your dog's body weight.

b. Organic apple cider vinegar helps in flea prevention. Add a tablespoon to your dog's water bowl. This can also be added to your dog's bath water.

c. Safflower oil and seaweed, or kelp, can be mixed into food to aid in flea prevention. Approximately one teaspoon each should do the trick.

d. Omega 3, and Omega 6, fatty acid supplements are thought to prevent fleas.

e. Adding fresh garlic may also make your dog less appealing to fleas. Warning - there is

some research which indicates that garlic may not be healthy for dogs.

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http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1683099/natural_flea_remedies_for_your_dog.html?cat=68

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HUNTING

New AKC Senior Hunter
HARDWOOD'S DUSTYROSE I FOUND U
JH SH
" Scout"
Owned and Handled by Dave & Michelle
Keehn



New AKC Junior Hunter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunt tests:

AKC dates:

Lapeer MI: WD, WDX, WDQ
September 12, 2010
Check the website for details and the premium.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Fun Day September 11, 2010

MCBRC Meetings 2010:

September 18~ Goodell's 1 Hour after Best of Breed judging. Potluck picnic, bring your favorite dish to pass, club will provide a meat & cheese tray, bread and refreshments. We will also be holding a raffle to help with next year's show expenses, please bring your items for the raffle table or get them to Michelle Keehn, Dorene Irish or Tina Cox prior to the show.

October & November no membership meetings

December

Check the website for details

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Michigan All Breed Dog Shows 2010

Marquette Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Marquette	Fri 09/03/2010	Closes: Wed 08/18
Marquette Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Marquette	Sat 09/04/2010	Closes: Wed 08/18
Marquette Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Marquette	Sun 09/05/2010	Closes: Wed 08/18
Jaxon Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Marshall	Sat 09/04/2010	Closes: Tue 08/24
Jaxon Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Marshall	Sun 09/05/2010	Closes: Tue 08/24

You can find details on these shows at:

www.infodog.com/panels/mi.html

or the links for MB-F and Roy Jones Shows on our website www.micbrc.org

Newsletter Submission/Delivery Guidelines

After reviewing the way I set up submissions and delivery I noticed that they did not coincide with the issue months so I have revised the deadline/delivery dates. I hope this will work out better for future submissions.

<u>Submission Deadline</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
▪ September 30	Late October
▪ November 30	Late December
▪ January 30	Late February
▪ March 30	Late April
▪ May 30	Late June
▪ July 30	Late August

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