

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NAVHDA CHAPTER 2019 HANDLERS CLINIC



Where: Cobb Lake SWA

When: Saturday April 27th and Sunday April 28th, 2019

Cost: \$120.00 per Rocky Mountain Chapter Member/\$150 per Non-Member

WHAT IS A HANDLER'S CLINIC?

The Handlers Clinic is an educational tool developed by NAVHDA to help dog owners and handlers understand the testing system. The clinics are conducted by designated trained leaders; all of whom are NAVHDA Senior Judges. During the two day clinic weekend, participants experience all aspects of a Natural Ability, Utility Preparatory, and Utility Test. The first few hours of each day is devoted to informal classroom instruction. There is discussion of Test mechanics, the scoring system and NAVHDA philosophy.

The group then goes out to the field to judge and score dogs being run in the actual Test process. After each dog has run and been scored, there is a discussion of performance and scoring as observed by the participants and the clinic leader. The discussion includes strengths or weaknesses of training and handling observed in the demonstrations, and how they may have affected the dog's inherited skills.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ◆ People with their first pup to see how other dogs work and gain insight into what their pup is doing and why. This helps them to develop their pup's talents and improve performance in weak areas.
- ◆ Novice handlers learn how NAVHDA evaluates versatile dogs, and are better prepared to handle their dogs in a test.
- ◆ Experienced handlers gain a deeper, more technical knowledge of how the team of dog and handler are judged.
- ◆ Breeders learn what to look for in their breeding stock and their progeny, and how to use NAVHDA records obtained through our Search Test Records for selective breeding.
- ◆ For aspiring NAVHDA Judges, attending a Handler Clinic is one of the first steps in our Apprentice Judge Program.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ◆ Prepare by reading NAVHDA Aims, Programs and Tests rule book
- ◆ Bring all-weather gear, an article of blaze orange clothing and appropriate field boots/shoes
- ◆ Lunch and bottled water will be provided
- ◆ Youth (ages 10-18) Handlers can apply for the Kristin Rieser Scholarship Fund to cover their entry fee.
- ◆ NOTE Clinic is for Handlers only—NO DOGS

NAVHDA Handlers Clinic—Limited to 20 Participants

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

To attend, complete and mail this form, along with a check made out to RMC NAVHDA and send to:

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