

Rocky Mountain Chapter – North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2021

Opening

The annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Chapter was called to order at 6:01pm on January 9, 2021. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom by Jake Heesacker.

Present

A total of 39 members attended.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed via email to all current members (paid dues in 2020 and to date in 2021).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Special recognition:

2021 Invitational Qualifiers

1. Dale Parker with Jackson Creeks Capt Call
2. Tim Griffin with Outlanders Dauntless O'Delle
3. Theo Stein with Scarecrow's Belle of Boulder Creek
4. Ray Quenneville with RNR Heywire Livin' the Alaskan Dream
5. Scott Wilkey with Honor Points I'm Your Huckleberry
6. Terry and Lisa Uhrich with Wyowires' Too Hot to Handle
7. Terry and Lisa Uhrich with Wyowires Atma Aisha Syllwann Forest
8. Terry and Lisa Uhrich with Wyowires' Some Like it Hot
9. Rick Huber with Stoneyridge Zanna

2020 Breeder's Award Qualifiers

1. Sheryl Dierenfield- Sire: GCH CH Ear Mountains Butch Cassidy
Dam: GCH CH Dierenfields Piper on a Debut1 2019 Versatile Champion

2020 Board Reports

Reports of 2020 were provided by all board members.

President's message and Treasurer's reports attached.

2020 Board Elections

The following board positions were renewed, unanimously and unopposed:

President - Jake Heesaker
Vice President - Tim Griffin
Treasurer - Sheryl Dierenfield
Secretary – Candice Cooper
Director of Training - Sara Heesaker
Director of Testing - Allen Kidd
Director of Judging - Brian Thoman
Director of Promotions - Theo Stein
Member at Large - Dale Parker

2020 Appointed Positions

The following appointed positions were renewed, unanimously and unopposed:

Bird steward - Jake Heesacker
CPW liaison - Theo Stein.

The following position has been appointed:

Webmaster – Candice Cooper

Old Business

1. Website Improvements:
 - a. Online payments are now available for members convenience.
 - b. Website membership clean up –
 - i. Members are from 1/1 – 12/31 of each year.
 - ii. Please renew your memberships asap.
 - iii. Website user list will be cleaned up starting 3/1 and non-current member accounts will be deactivated.

New Business

1. 2021 Chapter Dues
 - a. Proposed dues: Currently \$40 for both individual and family
 - b. Board recommends staying at current dues and staying the same for 2022.
Board unanimously approved to keep dues at \$40.
2. 2021 Chapter Test
 - a. Proposed dates: May 14-16, 2021 and August 20-22, 2021
Board unanimously approves testing dates.
 - b. Proposed test fees: currently, Natural Ability is \$145, Utility Prep and Utility Test are \$150. Non-chapter members add \$25 fee per test.
 - i. Proposal to hold costs. We are slightly higher than average on test fees.
Board unanimously approves to retain testing fees at existing rates.
3. 2021 Training Day Schedule
 - a. Small game or fishing license is required by **everyone** coming to Cobb Lake training days as per new CPW regulation released 7/1/2020. This also applies to observers.
 - i. CPW's expectation for dog handlers is that they must be focused on training activities – recall, bumpers, birds, etc.
 - ii. Too many people were using State Wildlife Areas to let their dogs run free.
 - b. **Separate sign-ups for Cobb training days: UT/INV, YOUTH, NA. Groups are limited in size and are first come first served.**
 - i. The training day rules are also posted and will need to be agreed to prior to attending a training day.
 - c. **All sign ups will only be open for 1 week:** Wednesday of the week prior to the Wednesday prior to the training day.
 - d. The training day rules are also posted and will need to be agreed to prior to attending a training day.
 - e. Restructure of bird purchases: Cobb training days will now have a cost associated with them for birds that will be used during that training day. These birds will belong to the Chapter (Chapter holds the receipts) and will only be available for use on training days (you can no longer take these birds home).
 - i. Make checks payable to RMC-NAVHDA.
 - ii. If you would like to purchase birds for at home use, please contact Jake and Sara at BlackHollowGameBirds@gmail.com (they will provide you with the receipt for your birds).
 - f. Cobb Lake training days: ALL UT/INT will be asked to leave the field/water at 11am. Everyone can return for independent work after 2pm.
 1. March 6
 2. April 3
 3. May 1
 4. June 12
 5. August 7
 - g. Surefire Kennel training **nights** from **6-8pm** at **Surefire Kennels with Jake and Sara Heesacker**. Handlers it is ok to come without your dog if your dog is not ready:
 - i. These will be topic based and will build upon each other.

1. February 12 – Obedience Session 1 – Place and Patience Building
 2. February 19 – Obedience Session 2 – Heels and Recalls
 3. February 26 – Obedience Session 3 – E-Collar Conditioning
 4. March 12 – Steadiness Session 1 – Table Work
 5. March 19 – Puppy Pointing
 6. March 26 – Puppy Gun Introductions
 7. April 9 – Steadiness Session 2 – Table Work with Birds
 8. April 23 – Steadiness Session 3 – Stop to Flush in the Field
 9. May 7 – Puppy Natural Ability Pre-Test Troubleshooting
 10. May 21 – Steadiness Session 4 – Field Work Pigeons in Launches
 11. June 4 – Steadiness Session 5 – Field Work on Chukar
 12. June 18 – Puppy Pointing
 13. July 9 – Puppy Gun Introductions
 14. July 16 – Utility Duck Drags and Blind Steadiness Drills
 15. August 13 – Puppy Natural Ability Pre-Test Troubleshooting and Hunting Season Prep
- h. Jackson Creek Kennel training – Open to Natural Ability only. Training will be held on the following **days** from **8-10am** at **Jackson Creek Kennel with Dale Parker**: MAX OF 15 DOGS/HANDLERS
1. April 17
 2. May 8
 3. August 14

Board unanimously approves the outlined training plan.

4. NAVHDA International meeting
 - a. Chapter delegate: Candice Cooper

Board unanimously approves (no fees required due to virtual meeting)

 - i. There are no motions for the NAVHDA International meeting this year.
 - ii. 2021 NAVHDA planning
 - iii. Anticipate request for volunteers for the 2022 Invitational in New Mexico.
5. Other items:
 - a. Start developing a training plan for your dogs
 - i. January – is a great time for obedience foundation training.
 - b. Congratulations to Carl Ciacco on winning the Hanwag hunting boot raffle.
 - c. Dogs Unlimited is offering a discount to current RMC NAVHDA members! This is ONLY for our members, do not share outside our membership.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm by Jake Heesacker. The next general meeting will be January 2022. The date, time, and location are to be determined.

Minutes submitted by:

Candice Cooper, RMC-NAVHDA Secretary

2021 President's Message

As we move out of 2020 and reflect on the challenges we faced last year, I am reminded of why I love this organization and this chapter so much. Despite our lives being changed forever through lost loved ones, lost jobs, and lost businesses due to this pandemic, I have found that many of you, like myself have found refuge through our versatile dogs. To me this is why our organization is like no other. The relationships we develop through the common goal of a better hunting dog should serve as a reminder of what really matters in our lives: relationships. Even through cancellations of training days and our May test, I was constantly encouraged and reminded of the relationships. Watching small groups and friendships form throughout the year amongst our chapter members to get out and enjoy their dogs, even though the chapter couldn't get together for large events, speaks to the community we have in the versatile dog world. I am blessed to be a part of it, and am gracious to know each and every one of you and share in a common bond: our dogs.

As we move into 2021, I am encouraged by the excitement in our chapter. More and more new members join our chapter every day. As we welcome new versatile dog owners into our chapter, the need for volunteers continues to grow. As our need for volunteers continues to grow, so does our need for mentors to teach. I encourage our newer members to jump in and help when available. I also encourage all of our seasoned members to welcome these new handlers into our group, and mentor them to help out. Every single one of us has talents, and helping everyone share those talents with our great chapter should be our goal. Every year we seem to have a discussion about the concerns of volunteer burnout. Now is the time to train up the next generation of volunteers.

Looking into the future, I feel the search for new training and testing grounds for our chapter needs to intensify. While we have great grounds at Cobb Lake and are truly blessed with the opportunity to use them, it comes with limitations that having other grounds could help alleviate. As we continue to search for more options, your support of the chapter's fundraising efforts will become critical. There will more than likely be a financial requirement involved with new training and testing grounds, and the more we are prepared for this requirement the better our chances of securing new areas to train and test.

In closing, I want to thank the RMC Board of Directors and their selfless commitment to our growing chapter. Their dedication and love for this chapter is unparalleled. I also want to thank all of the members of our great chapter. Without you, this chapter wouldn't exist, and despite the challenges of last year, we still had a successful year because of each and every one of you. I am blessed to call you all friends, and I look forward to training with all of you for many years to come.

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RMC Annual Meeting Agenda

January 9, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. Special Recognitions
 - a. 2021 Invitational Qualifiers
 - i. Dale Parker with Jackson Creeks Capt Call
 - ii. Tim Griffin with Outlanders Dauntless O'Delle
 - iii. Theo Stein with Scarecrow's Belle of Boulder Creek
 - iv. Ray Quenneville with RNR Heywire Livin' the Alaskan Dream
 - v. Scott Wilkey with Honor Points I'm Your Huckleberry
 - vi. Terry and Lisa Uhrich with Wyowires' Too Hot to Handle
 - vii. Terry and Lisa Uhrich with Wyowires Atma Aisha Syllwann Forest
 - viii. Terry and Lisa Uhrich with Wyowires' Some Like it Hot
 - ix. Rick Huber with Stoneyridge Zanna
 - b. 2020 Breeder's Award Qualifiers
 - i. Sheryl Dierenfield- Sire: GCH CH Ear Mountains Butch Cassidy
Dam: GCH CH Dierenfields Piper on a Debut
4. 2020 Board Reports
 - a. President-Jake Heesacker
 - b. Vice President-Tim Griffin
 - c. Treasurer-Sheryl Dierenfield (Report to be given by Jake Heesacker)
 - d. Secretary-Candice Cooper
 - e. Director of Testing-Allen Kidd
 - f. Director of Training-Sara Heesacker
 - g. Director of Promotions-Theo Stein
 - h. Director of Judging-Brian Thoman
 - i. Board Member at Large-Dale Parker
5. Elections of 2021 Rocky Mountain NAVHDA Board
6. Selection of Appointed Positions
 - a. Bird Steward
 - b. CPW Liaison
 - c. Webmaster
7. Old Business
 - a. Website Improvements
 - i. Online Payments
 - ii. Signups online
8. New Business
 - a. Chapter Annual Dues Membership Vote

- i. Currently \$40 for Family Chapter Membership (Board proposes it stays the same for 2022)
 - b. 2021 Chapter Test Dates
 - i. Proposed Dates: May 14-17, 2021 and August 20-22, 2021
 - c. 2021 Training Day Schedule
 - i. Small game or fishing license is required by everyone coming to the Cobb Lake training days as per new CPW regulation released in 2020.
 - ii. Attached calendar list for all training days/nights
 - d. NAVHDA International Meeting
 - i. Virtual meeting to be held on January 23, 2021
 - ii. Chapter Delegate (Candice Cooper to sit in on Virtual Meeting with Jake Heesacker)
- 9. Open the floor for questions from the membership present
- 10. Adjourn

March 6, 2021 Training Day

Schedule: 6:30-7 a.m. Utility and Invitational Check In and Morning Huddle

7:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Utility and Invitational Field Work

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Team Elevate Youth Challenges
Natural Ability Check In and Group Huddle

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Natural Ability Station Work

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Independent Work

Signups will be limited to 2 dogs/handler total. We recommend you focus on working one dog in the structured morning session. If you have more than one dog or would like to work other components not outlined in the structured schedule, please plan to do so during the independent portion in the afternoon.

Utility and Invitational Field Work

- Total Capacity: 20 dogs
- Total Number of Birds: 3 chukar per dog/handler
- Cost: \$40/person (birds and live ammo for designated gunners)
- Volunteers: Max 3 per group (Total of 9 volunteers needed)

We will have 2 Utility groups and 1 Invitational group to focus on field skills. Please be prepared to initiate training activities that you know your dog needs, and don't take on training for which your dog is not ready. Group mentors will help you assess your dog's level and share tips to understand where you need to focus, and when you are ready to move to next steps. Only designated gunners are permitted to shoot live ammo in the upland fields. No exceptions.

Natural Ability handlers are welcome to attend the morning session as volunteers to support the training activities. This will be an invaluable learning opportunity for handlers wishing to learn about Utility and Invitational level training.

Team Elevate Youth Challenge

For all chapter youth and their dogs! Please bring leash, treats and your excitement as we learn a skill drill, have a game or relay challenge and a new skill to work for the next month.

Natural Ability Station Work

- Total Capacity: 30 dogs
- Total Number of Birds: 2 chukar per dog/handler
- Cost: \$30/person (chukar and tracking bird)
- Volunteers: Max 4 per group (Total of 12 volunteers needed)

Natural Ability Handlers will be split into 3 groups to focus on bird introductions, field work on planted chukar, and tracking introductions. Mentors will be in each group to assist new handlers with beginning exposures for their young dogs.

Independent Work

After all formal sessions, handlers are welcome to go to designated areas for other unassisted training that they would like to do that day.

Other Information

Be prepared for any kind of weather, especially at this time of year. Bring all the gear needed to keep you and your dog comfortable in any conditions. Bring all necessary dog training supplies: Crate, Training collars, Leash, Water, Pick up Bags etc.

Agree to Training Day Rules

Agree to Liability Waiver

April 3, 2021 Training Day

Schedule: 6:30-7 a.m. Utility and Invitational Check In and Morning Huddle

7:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Utility and Invitational Field Work

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Team Elevate Youth Challenges
Natural Ability Check In and Group Huddle

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Natural Ability Station Work

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Independent Work

Signups will be limited to 2 dogs/handler total. We recommend you focus on working one dog in the structured morning session. If you have more than one dog or would like to work other components not outlined in the structured schedule, please plan to do so during the independent portion in the afternoon.

Utility Water and Invitational Field Work

- Total Capacity: 20 dogs (Simultaneous stations- either Utility Water or Invitational Field – can't sign up for both)
- Total Number of Birds:
 - Utility: 1 duck per dog/handler
 - Invitational: 3 chukar per dog
- Cost:
 - Utility: \$25/dog (live duck, dead duck, blank ammo for sequences)
 - Invitational: \$40/dog (birds and live ammo for designated gunners)
- Volunteers: Max 3 per group (Total of 9 volunteers needed)

We will have 2 Utility groups and 1 Invitational group to focus on different skills. Please be prepared to initiate training activities that you know your dog needs, and don't take on training for which your dog is not ready. Group mentors will help you assess your dog's level and share tips to understand where you need to focus, and when you are ready to move to next steps. Utility handlers will work between two stations: Duck Search and Steady at the Blind/Duck Drags. Invitational dogs will focus on field work. Only designated gunners are permitted to shoot live ammo in the upland fields. No exceptions.

Natural Ability handlers are welcome to attend the morning session as volunteers to support the training activities. This will be an invaluable learning opportunity for handlers wishing to learn about Utility and Invitational level training.

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Natural Ability Station Work

- Total Capacity: 30 dogs
- Total Number of Birds: 2 chukar per dog/handler
- Cost: \$30/person (chukar and tracking bird)
- Volunteers: Max 4 per group (Total of 12 volunteers needed)

Natural Ability Handlers will be split into 3 groups to focus on field work on planted chukar, tracking and developing bumper drive in preparation for water tasks. Mentors will be in each group to assist new handlers with beginning exposures for their young dogs.

Independent Work

After all formal sessions, handlers are welcome to go to designated areas for other unassisted training that they would like to do that day.

Other Information

Be prepared for any kind of weather, especially at this time of year. Bring all the gear needed to keep you and your dog comfortable in any conditions. Bring all necessary dog training supplies: Crate, Training collars, Leash, Water, Pick up Bags etc.

Agree to Training Day Rules

Agree to Liability Waiver

May 1, 2021 Training Day

Schedule: 6:30-7 a.m. Utility and Invitational Check In and Morning Huddle

7:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Utility and Invitational Field Work

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Team Elevate Youth Challenges
Natural Ability Check In and Group Huddle

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Natural Ability Station Work

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Independent Work

Signups will be limited to 2 dogs/handler total. We recommend you focus on working one dog in the structured morning session. If you have more than one dog or would like to work other components not outlined in the structured schedule, please plan to do so during the independent portion in the afternoon.

Utility Field Work and Invitational Water

- Total Capacity: 20 dogs (Simultaneous stations- either Utility Field Work or Invitational Water - can't sign up for both)
- Total Number of Birds:
 - Invitational: 1 duck per dog/handler
 - Utility: 3 chukar per dog/handler
- Cost:
 - Utility: \$40/dog (birds and live ammo for designated gunners)
 - Invitational: \$20/dog (duck and blank ammo for sequences)
- Volunteers: Max 3 per group (Total of 9 volunteers needed)

We will have 2 Utility groups and 1 Invitational group to focus on different skills. Please be prepared to initiate training activities that you know your dog needs, and don't take on training for which your dog is not ready. Group mentors will help you assess your dog's level and share tips to understand where you need to focus, and when you are ready to move to next steps. Utility handlers will on field steadiness. Invitational dogs will focus on water work. Only designated gunners are permitted to shoot live ammo in the upland fields. No exceptions.

Natural Ability handlers are welcome to attend the morning session as volunteers to support the training activities. This will be an invaluable learning opportunity for handlers wishing to learn about Utility and Invitational level training.

Team Elevate Youth Challenge

For all chapter youth and their dogs! Please bring leash, treats and your excitement as we learn a skill drill, have a game or relay challenge and a new skill to work for the next month.

Natural Ability Station Work

- Total Capacity: 30 dogs
- Total Number of Birds: 2 chukar per dog/handler
- Cost: \$30/person (chukar and tracking bird)
- Volunteers: Max 4 per group (Total of 12 volunteers needed)

Natural Ability Handlers will be split into 3 groups to focus on field work on planted chukar, tracking and intro to swimming. Mentors will be in each group to assist new handlers with beginning exposures for their young dogs.

Independent Work

After all formal sessions, handlers are welcome to go to designated areas for other unassisted training that they would like to do that day.

Other Information

Be prepared for any kind of weather, especially at this time of year. Bring all the gear needed to keep you and your dog comfortable in any conditions. Bring all necessary dog training supplies: Crate, Training collars, Leash, Water, Pick up Bags etc.

Agree to Training Day Rules

Agree to Liability Waiver

June 12, 2021 Training Day

Schedule: 6:30-7 a.m. Utility and Invitational Check In and Morning Huddle

7:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Utility and Invitational Field Work

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Team Elevate Youth Challenges
Natural Ability Check In and Group Huddle

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Natural Ability Station Work

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Independent Work

Signups will be limited to 2 dogs/handler total. We recommend you focus on working one dog in the structured morning session. If you have more than one dog or would like to work other components not outlined in the structured schedule, please plan to do so during the independent portion in the afternoon.

Utility Field Work and Invitational Water

- Total Capacity: 20 dogs (Simultaneous stations- either Utility Field Work or Invitational Water - can't sign up for both)
- Total Number of Birds:
 - Invitational: 1 duck per dog/handler
 - Utility: 3 chukar per dog/handler
- Cost:
 - Utility: \$40/dog (birds and live ammo for designated gunners)
 - Invitational: \$20/dog (duck and blank ammo for sequences)

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Natural Ability handlers are welcome to attend the morning session as volunteers to support the training activities. This will be an invaluable learning opportunity for handlers wishing to learn about Utility and Invitational level training.

Team Elevate Youth Challenge

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Natural Ability Station Work (Must designate Chukar or Duck Focus)

- Total Capacity: 30 dogs
- Total Number of Birds: 2 chukar per dog/handler OR 1 duck per dog/handler
- Cost: \$30/dog (chukar and tracking bird) OR \$17/dog (duck)
- Volunteers: Max 4 per group (Total of 12 volunteers needed)

Natural Ability Handlers will be split into 2 groups to focus on field work on planted chukar, tracking and swimming in preparation for puppies planning to test Natural Ability in a Fall Test. Puppies that have already ran in their Natural Ability test will be able to do their duck introductions on land and in water. Mentors will be in each group to assist new handlers with beginning exposures for their young dogs.

Independent Work

After all formal sessions, handlers are welcome to go to designated areas for other unassisted training that they would like to do that day.

Other Information

Be prepared for any kind of weather, especially at this time of year. Bring all the gear needed to keep you and your dog comfortable in any conditions. Bring all necessary dog training supplies: Crate, Training collars, Leash, Water, Pick up Bags etc.

Agree to Training Day Rules

Agree to Liability Waiver

August 7, 2021 Training Day

Schedule 6:30-7 a.m. Utility and Invitational Check In and Morning Huddle

7:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Utility and Invitational Field Work

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Team Elevate Youth Challenges
Natural Ability Check In and Group Huddle

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Natural Ability Station Work

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Independent Work

Signups will be limited to 2 dogs/handler total. We recommend you focus on working one dog in the structured morning session. If you have more than one dog or would like to work other components not outlined in the structured schedule, please plan to do so during the independent portion in the afternoon.

Utility Water and Invitational Field Work

- Total Capacity: 20 dogs (Simultaneous stations- either Utility Water or Invitational Field – can't sign up for both)
- Total Number of Birds:
 - Utility: 1 duck per dog/handler
 - Invitational: 3 chukar per dog
- Cost:
 - Utility: \$25/dog (live duck, dead duck, blank ammo for sequences)
 - Invitational: \$40/dog (birds and live ammo for designated gunners)
- Volunteers: Max 3 per group (Total of 9 volunteers needed)

We will have 2 Utility groups and 1 Invitational group to focus on different skills. Please be prepared to initiate training activities that you know your dog needs, and don't take on training for which your dog is not ready. Group mentors will help you assess your dog's level and share tips to understand where you need to focus, and when you are ready to move to next steps. Utility handlers will work between two stations: Duck Search and Steady at the Blind/Duck Drags. Invitational dogs will focus on field work. Only designated gunners are permitted to shoot live ammo in the upland fields. No exceptions.

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Natural Ability Station Work

- Total Capacity: 30 dogs
- Total Number of Birds: 2 chukar per dog/handler
- Cost: \$30/person (chukar and tracking bird)
- Volunteers: Max 4 per group (Total of 12 volunteers needed)

Natural Ability Handlers will be split into 3 groups to focus on preparation for the fall Natural Ability test. Mentors will be in each group to assist new handlers with beginning exposures for their young dogs.

Independent Work

After all formal sessions, handlers are welcome to go to designated areas for other unassisted training that they would like to do that day.

Other Information

Be prepared for any kind of weather, especially at this time of year. Bring all the gear needed to keep you and your dog comfortable in any conditions. Bring all necessary dog training supplies: Crate, Training collars, Leash, Water, Pick up Bags etc.

Agree to Training Day Rules

Agree to Liability Waiver

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NAVHDA TRAINING DAY RULES

1. Be kind and courteous to all other handlers. Share the grounds and keep your training times reasonable so other people can work their dogs as well.
2. Be respectful of other dogs. Training days are meant for working your dog on hunting skills. These facilities are not a dog park. Please be courteous of dogs patiently waiting on chain gangs as they are still working. Do not allow your dog to meet other dogs without the handlers' permission.
3. You are responsible for all of your trash. Trash does not belong in the porta-potty but disposed of properly when you get home.
4. Your birds are your responsibility all day. From the moment you collect them at the beginning of the day. You must take home all birds that you purchased whether dead or alive at the end of the training day.
5. Clean up after your dog.
6. Training days begin when you drive on the facility and end when you leave. All rules must be followed the entire day.
7. All dogs must be on a leash at all times, unless they are actively working on a training component that requires them to be off lead.
8. If you sign up for a training day that has limited signups and are a no show, your registration will be restricted for other training days.
9. All handlers and guests must be RMC chapter, NAVHDA International current members and have a current Colorado Small Game or Fishing License.
10. Hunters orange must be worn in all live fire fields. Only designated gunners are permitted to shoot live ammo in the upland fields. No exceptions.
11. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations.
12. Take necessary safety precautions (ie. Sunscreen, bug spray etc.) Watch for ticks. There are rattlesnakes and bull snakes on the property so please monitor your surroundings.

Feb 12, 2021 Obedience Session – Place and Patience Building

Focus: Our focus will be teaching dogs the concept of place. We will discuss why this task is important for a dog to learn. We will utilize dogs of various ages and experience to demonstrate how to develop this progression along with ways to use this task further on in your dog's career. We will also focus on some patience building exercises both for puppies and older dogs prepping for steady and honor at the blind. We use place for our e-collar conditioning, so plan to attend this session if you would like to prepare for e-collar conditioning in a few weeks.

Dog Pre-Requisites: None. Dogs of all ages and skill sets welcome.

Tools Needed: High Value Treats, Leash, Check Cord

Feb 19, 2021 Obedience Session – Heels and Recalls

Focus: Our primary goal of the evening will be on developing a dog that heels due to their focus on the handler's body position. The progression will begin with developing "look" and then molding that into focused attention while on heel. We will also break down recalls to develop 100% consistency in distracting environments without the need for extra training aids.

Dog Pre-Requisites: None. Dogs of all ages and skill sets welcome.

Tools Needed: High Value Treats, Leash, Check Cord

Feb 26, 2021 Obedience Session – E-Collar Conditioning

Focus: This session will be building off of the Place and Patience Building work that handlers have been doing. We will utilize the Place command to begin overlaying e-collar stimulation. The goal of this session is for dogs to understand how to turn off pressure by completing a task. We will also discuss how to build a reward-based mindset in your dog to where they seek out the right answer by providing increasingly better work to yield maximum performance.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Place and Patience Building. Dogs chosen to participate in this session will be based on their understanding of the pre-requisite session as well as demonstrating the mental maturity desired to begin the e-collar conditioning process.

Tools Needed: High Value Treats, Leash, Check Cord, E-Collar

Mar 12, 2021 Steadiness Session 1 – Table Work

Focus: This 5-session series is designed for dogs that are ready to build their steadiness foundation. This first session will be focused on developing an understanding of the Whoa command on the table. This Series does require handlers to accomplish progression yardwork tasks to be prepared for the next session.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Recommendation is for dogs that have had at least one hunting season. E-Collar Conditioning is recommended before starting the steadiness progression.

Tools Needed: Leash, E-Collar

Mar 19, 2021 Puppy Pointing

Focus: Our goal is to expose puppies to scent of game and help develop the pointing instinct with the use of launchers and pigeons. The number of puppies in attendance will determine how much time can be spent with each puppy. We hope to provide insight into the development of each puppy and recommendations on how to proceed in exposing each young dog to birds to develop their scenting instincts.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Puppies should have had a bird intro prior to this session

Tools Needed: Leash, Water Bottle

Mar 26, 2021 Puppy Gun Introductions

Focus: Our goal is to introduce puppies to gunfire in a safe and engaging fashion. We will utilize the foundation that we introduce puppies to in the pointing session as a platform to create the situation desired to start our gun introductions. We will also discuss the progression to fully introduce the gun and how to work through increasing intensity, decreasing distance and how to add in successions of shots.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Puppies should have had a bird intro and also been a part of the Puppy Pointing Session.

Tools Needed: Leash, Water Bottle

April 9, 2021 Steadiness Session 2 – Table Work with Birds

Focus: This 5-session series is designed for dogs that are ready to build their steadiness foundation. This second session will be focused on further understanding of the whoa command in the presence of birds on the table. This Series does require handlers to accomplish progression yardwork tasks to be prepared for the next session.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Dogs should have spent time working on the tasks outlined in Session 1 and showing proficiency of the Whoa command.

Tools Needed: Leash, E-Collar

April 23, 2021 Steadiness Session 3 – Stop to Flush in the Field

Focus: This 5-session series is designed for dogs that are ready to build their steadiness foundation. This third session will be focused on further understanding of the whoa command in the presence of birds in the field. We will be outlining the progression of how to effectively develop a stop to flush that can be utilized not only in developing field steadiness but also as the pre-requisite to easily teaching the task of backing another dog for higher level testing. This Series does require handlers to accomplish progression yardwork tasks to be prepared for the next session.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Dogs should have spent time working on the tasks outlined in Session 2 and showing proficiency of the Whoa command.

Tools Needed: Leash, E-Collar, Water Bottle

May 7, 2021 Puppy Natural Ability Pre-Test Troubleshooting

Focus: Our focus for this evening will be providing handler tips to prepare for the Natural Ability test. Please designate which area you would like to work most on and any comments associated with that task. This information will help steer the focus of the training night but we will try to incorporate all components of the Natural Ability test. Not all puppies will get worked on all components so please put thoughtful consideration into the area your puppy needs to focus on most!

Dog Pre-Requisites: Handler should have read the AIMS Rules Book regarding the Natural Ability test to have introductory understanding of the test requirements.

Tools Needed: Leash, Water Bottle, Check Cord, Whistle

Comment section needed

May 21, 2021 Steadiness Session 4 – Field Work Pigeons in Launchers

Focus: This 5-session series is designed for dogs that are ready to build their steadiness foundation. This fourth session will be utilizing the Whoa Foundation and the dogs understanding of Stop to Flush to start putting these concepts to work with pigeons in the field. We will be working dogs through bird contacts and focus on the dog staying steady through the fall of the bird. We will be shooting blanks for the dog so all dogs present should have had a proper gun introduction. This Series does require handlers to accomplish progression yardwork tasks to be prepared for the next session.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Dogs should have spent time working on the tasks outlined in Session 2 and 3 and showing proficiency of the Whoa command.

Tools Needed: Leash, E-Collar, Water Bottle

June 4, 2021 Steadiness Session 5 – Field Work on Chukar

Focus: This 5-session series is designed for dogs that are ready to build their steadiness foundation. This final session will be all the skills from the previous 4 sessions to put it all together and begin field work on chukar. We will be working dogs through bird contacts and focus on the dog staying steady through the fall of the bird. We will be shooting for the dog so all dogs present should have had a proper gun introduction. This Series does require handlers to accomplish progression yardwork tasks to be prepared for the next session.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Dogs should have spent time working on the tasks outlined in Session 4 and showing proficiency of all of the previously outlined work.

Tools Needed: Leash, E-Collar, Water Bottle

June 18, 2021 Puppy Pointing

Focus: Our goal is to expose puppies to scent of game and help develop the pointing instinct with the use of launchers and pigeons. The number of puppies in attendance will determine how much time can be spent with each puppy. We hope to provide insight into the development of each puppy and recommendations on how to proceed in exposing each young dog to birds to develop their scenting instincts.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Puppies should have had a bird intro prior to this session

Tools Needed: Leash, Water Bottle

July 9, 2021 Puppy Gun Introductions

Focus: Our goal is to introduce puppies to gunfire in a safe and engaging fashion. We will utilize the foundation that we introduce puppies to in the pointing session as a platform to create the situation desired to start our gun introductions. We will also discuss the progression to fully introduce the gun and how to work through increasing intensity, decreasing distance and how to add in successions of shots.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Puppies should have had a bird intro and also been a part of the Puppy Pointing Session.

Tools Needed: Leash, Water Bottle

July 16, 2021 Utility Duck Drags and Blind Steadiness Drills

Focus: Our focus will be working Utility Level Dogs on effective Duck Drag foundation. We will also work on drills and exercises to build steadiness in Water Blind situations with increasingly distracting environments. This session will include work on fundamental tasks as well as progressions to provide challenges for the dogs. There will be blank shots so all dogs present should have gone through a proper gun introduction.

Dog Pre-Requisites: It is recommended for dogs to have been through a trained retrieve program and have a solid recall in the presence of distractions.

Tools Needed: Leash, Water Bottle, E-Collar

August 13, 2021 Puppy Natural Ability Pre-Test Troubleshooting and Hunting Season Prep

Focus: Our focus for this evening will be providing handler tips to prepare for the Natural Ability test. Please designate which area you would like to work most on and any comments associated with that task. This information will help steer the focus of the training night but we will try to incorporate all components of the Natural Ability test. Not all puppies will get worked on all components so please put thoughtful consideration into the area your puppy needs to focus on most! For puppies that have already gone through their Natural Ability test, we will also be discussing Hunting Season Prep to give these young dogs the best opportunities on wild birds.

Dog Pre-Requisites: Handler should have read the AIMS Rules Book regarding the Natural Ability test to have introductory understanding of the test requirements.

Tools Needed: Leash, Water Bottle, Check Cord, Whistle

Comment section needed

Natural Ability Training Days at Jackson Creek Kennels 8-10 am

April 17

May 8

August 14

Max capacity 15 dogs/handler

Natural ability training is all about exposure. Short, frequent sessions will help you and your puppy gain exposure and confidence in situations that you will encounter in both training and hunting fields. Just as important, it will help to establish the handler as the dominant member of the pack. Dogs need to know their position in the social order, and you must show them that you are the boss. For more information, please contact Dale Parker at dale@jacksoncreekkennels.com

Expect your puppy to be exposed to:

Training table

Whoa, Come, Heel

Birds

Tracking

Gunshots

Distractions

Be Prepared for winter weather and cold, or spring weather and rain.

We suggest you bring the following supplies:

Crate

Leash

Check Cord

Training collars: choke, pinch, e-collar, studded

Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots for you and your dog

Report: YTD Account Summary		
Year to Date: 1/1/2020 - 12/20/2020		
105 Categories		
Category		CHECKING

INCOME		9,530.00
	Fundraising	1,400.00
	- Raffle	600
	- RMC Logo We	800
	Membership Due	3,920.00
	Test Entry Fees	4,210.00
	- Fall	4,355.00
	- - NA Fees	3,455.00
	- - UT/UTP Fee	900
	- Spring	-145
	- - NA Fees	-145
EXPENSE		-7,105.22
	Administrative	-1,194.27
	- Banking Fees	-12
	- Conference De	-165
	- Insurance	-451.81
	- Website Fees	-565.46
	Appreciation Gift	-183
	Board Meeting	-213.85
	Fundraising Expe	-1,221.00
	- LOGO Wear	-1,221.00
	Legal/Profession	-10
	Supplies	-31.19
	Test Expenses	-3,333.59
	- Fall Test	-3,333.59
	- - Bird Purchas	-2,132.00
	- - Lodging; Jud	-260
	- - Meals/Food;	-113.09
	- - NAVHDA Int'	-200
	- - Porta Potty F	-120
	- - Supplies	-508.5
	Trailer	-473.32
	Training Day Exp	-445
	- Facility Fees	-55
	- Porta Potty	-390

TOTAL		2,424.78