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AUGUST MINUTES

Members present: Bret Lindback, John Lindback, Steve Ralph, Denise Koslowski, Brian Lange meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Sec. report motion passed to read as posted

Tres. report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

● Cabelas dog event had a poor turn out. Time of the year was bad and it was discussed about holding it closer to game fair time when people's thoughts are of hunting not graduations.

● Picnic was enjoyed by all who attended. The warm weather made cool beverages all the more special. Big thanks to Michael Pinkosky for providing the grilling food as well as doing the grilling. Michael also raffled door prizes. Thanks to Denise for her hospitality. Special thanks to Brian for bringing and setting up the clubs tent for shade.

● Bob Burchett sent our club a letter announcing he will be able to provide horses for rent at trials he attends. His rates are very reasonable and we will have more info later.

● Discussed getting some hats made to sell for income.

● Summer training going well with a nice turnout.

Mowing of the fields are the best they have been to date.

● **Field trial business:** none at this time

● **Hunt Test:** spring hunt test went well. Thank you to all those who attended and helped. Special thanks to our gunners Mike Nibbe, Tony Pouliot, and Rob.

Looking into a seminar for hunt tests.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

— *Brian Lange, Secretary, Field Trial Secretary*

DIRECTIONS TO THE LINDBACK'S

Take I-35 to Wyoming Exit. Go west to the Frontage Road (Kettle River Blvd) and turn South. Go four blocks to 261st. and turn right. The Lindback's house is the 1st one on the left. Address is 5025 261 St.

MEMBERSHIP

If your club membership is due or has expired, please contact Fran Marier at 763-506-0488, fjmarier@cs.com or send a check to Fran at 13165 Marigold St. NW, Coon Rapids MN 55448. Membership cost are as follows: Full \$30, additional family member \$5; Associate \$15.

SUMMER TRAINING AT FOUR BROOKS: THE RIGHT WAY TO PRAISE YOUR DOG

Most dog owners don't realize how much influence they have over their dog's performance! Here is how your approach to praise and dominance can make or break your dog's hunting career.

By Chad Hines

Among the most difficult lessons school teachers and athletic coaches learn as they go through life is that they can't be buddies with their students. At least, it can be safely said that a buddy-buddy relationship between coach and player is likely to break down and cause problems at a crucial time.

Problems arise because nothing is settled concerning who's in control.

This is true to an even higher degree when it comes to training your dog.

So many well-intentioned dog owners do a wonderful job of establishing a bond with their dog, but never assert their dominance over the dog. The dog—who cannot be blamed—goes through life with an instinctive belief that the two of you are on equal footing. It becomes a toss-up as to who's turn it is to decide whether the dog needs to obey or not when asked to sit, come, or is simply asked for its undivided attention.

Believe it or not, from the day you bring a puppy (or adult dog) into your home, you can gently assert dominance through the way you pet and handle the animal. When it's playtime, you can let many of the rules go out the window. But during training sessions (which should, ideally, be frequent and brief), you should reinforce your calm control over the dog and the situation.

Understanding Dogs

All dogs evolved from wolves, and a dog's behavior and social structure still resembles that of their wild ancestors. Two wolves (or two dogs) playing together are on the same dominance level. When you play with your dog, you are putting the two of you on the same dominance level.

Because of this, there is a time to play with your dog and a time to be dominant over the dog. I'm not saying you shouldn't play with your dog—and you'll see that dominance is asserted gently. But you should clearly separate playtime from training or hunting time. Pick your times to play, usually at home in the yard or in the house. When you go to the field—or



even begin a training session in the yard—leave the playing and the roughhousing out of it.

Subtle Dominance

Every dog is different. Every dog is an individual, and you have to get to know your dog's personality over time. But from the first day, you should establish that you are the boss, beginning with how you pet the dog.

You have to earn the dog's trust, and get it to realize that your touch is not threatening. You must get to a point where the dog accepts your touch. When you pet your dog, do it with a firmness to your touch. Use this same firmness whenever you put your hands on the dog to show it something, such as how to sit.

Show the dog that you are more powerful than he or she is. Demonstrate that you are in control. You are planting in their mind that you are the master. Again, there cannot be two masters. But let me say this,

too: you are not slapping the dog around, nor are you threatening physical violence (which you can easily do, with physical gestures) to get the dog to do what you want.

Calm, Firm Praise

As your dog learns its lessons, it can be tempting to break out in loud cheering, or some other enthusiastic response. You see amateur dog trainers jumping up and down and hollering "Good Boy!!" or some such thing, as their dog gets to a distant retrieve and turns to bring it back.

You know what that does? It introduces the element of play into the training or hunting time. It's a very natural response from the dog to then drop the bird or dummy and come running to you to join the party. After all, you have just relaxed your grip on dominance. Even when your dog does something good—even for the first time ever—praise should be given calmly, to keep the dog's emotions under control and his or her head in training mode.

There are dogs that just seem to do well no matter what, and so you can come up with exceptions to this rule. But most dogs, if you go crazy with the praise, tend to get overly excited. It can cause them to 'lose their head' and kind of spin out of control.

Keeping a dog's emotions in check seems to open their minds to learning. And if they understand that you are in control, the training sessions are consistently productive.

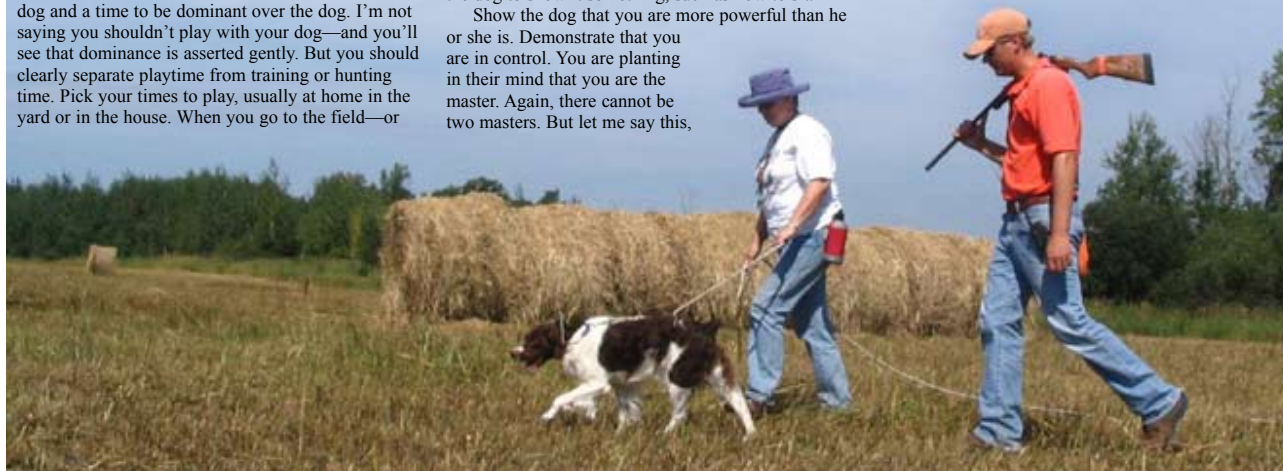
EDITOR'S NOTES:

If you would like to read the complete article of "The right way to praise your dog" as well as other very useful articles written by Pro Trainer Chad Hines, go to his web site at Willowcreekkennels.net.

I chose this article to share with you because it's the part of training that is the least talked about but has the most impact (at least in my case).

A very special thanks to Chad for the informative, helpful sessions at summer training. Thank you.

(Photo above, Jeff Hunter with Jake; Below, Diane Hedstrom and Toby, with trainer Chad Hines)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 11-13, 18-20** Game Fair, Armstrong Kennels, Ramsey, MN
- Sept. 2-3** National Shoot to Retrieve, Jordan Minn. Contact: Brian Weir at 952-492-2586, Mike Ryan at 952-492-6030
- Sept. 5** General Meeting at the Lindback's
- Sept. 23-24** MN Brittany Club Field Trial at Solon Springs, Wis. Contact Diane Hedstrom for premium 763-755-1784
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1** SCVBC Hunt Test at Four Brooks, Contact Mark Dinsmore for premium 612-201-3420

PUPPIES

Brittany puppies. Nine pups born 6-19. 4 males, 5 females out of Ch Bantam's Never Say Never (Bud) & Magnum's Saddled Miss Magdline. Both Bud & Maggie are OFA Good. For further information check: <http://home.earthlink.net/~bantam/BudMagLit.htm>

FOR SALE

Last year, I bought the new **Tri-Tronics Field 90 - 3 dog system**. Although, I like it. It just doesn't fit my needs as well as I had hoped for. It retails for \$629.00. I'm looking to get \$ 575.00. It's basically new. I used it maybe a half dozen times last season. Please contact Michael Nibbe: home (612) 727-3718; cell (612) 310- 4615

AMERICAN BRITTANY RESCUE

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly 1000 Brittanys find new homes. Despite this staggering number, we also lost hundreds more. We lost them simply because we had no place for them to go.

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