

# The Retriever Review

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## **KOSTER'S KORNER**

*A Message from our President*

Well, "the dog days of summer" are definitely upon us! I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the dangers of being exposed to this high heat and humidity that we have been experiencing the last several weeks. Just a reminder of how dangerous it can be for you and your dog as you try to work to get ready for the upcoming hunt test season.

Human symptoms for heat stress are:

- Clammy, damp skin
- Pale or flush skin
- Fainting/dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Headache

If these symptoms of heat stress are not recognized, a heat stroke can occur, which is a much more serious problem. If not addressed soon enough, a person could die from heat stroke. The symptoms of heat stroke are:

- Warm, dry, flushed skin (no sweating)
- Very high temperature (106° or higher)
- May be delirious, unconscious, or having seizures

In the case of heat stress the victim should be moved to a cool place and their clothing soaked with cool water, call emergency personnel. In the case of heat stroke, call emergency personnel immediately, move victim to a cool place and soak their clothing with chilled water. A victim of heat stroke will have to be given fluid intravenously. They will be hospitalized for observation.

Canine symptoms for heat stress include:

- Tongue being extended farther than normal from the mouth and may begin to turn blue
- Become sluggish (may refuse to work)
- Appears to be down in the hips
- May go into convulsions or have seizures
- Ears will feel extremely hot

The dog should be moved to a cool place and soaked with cool water. Electrolytes can be given along with cool water. Transport the dog to vet for further evaluation.

So how can we prevent heat stress from occurring? Work only in the early mornings or late evenings. You and your dog should drink plenty of fluids, avoiding alcohol and caffeinated drinks. Keep yourself and your dogs in a shaded area if at all possible. Keep training sessions short. One last note, just remember that the water temp of that pond your training on will be hotter in the evening than it is in the morning.

We will start lining up help for our Feb. hunt test at our next meeting. Please be prepared to discuss any improvements we might make to help our hunt test become even better than they already are.

Remember, good things happen to good people.

## AUGUST MEETING

The meeting was held on August 8, 2007 at the Los Compadres Restaurant in Alvin, TX. Those present were Stan & Michelle Spradley, Jeremy & Korbin Raef, Matt Jannise, Anthony Barber, Don & Liz Koster, Lewis Goodman, Frank Meginn, Jason Luker, Jason Hayley, Kyle McFatridge, Leslie & Dawn Gourley, Tunga Alper, Aaron & Liz Tolleson and Russ Gartman. Don called the meeting to order, he had our guest introduce themselves and asked that the minutes from the July meeting be accepted. Stan Spradley made the motion to accept the minutes and Jason Luker seconded it. All agreed. Don had all visitors' introduce themselves. They included Leslie & Dawn Gourley of Lake Jackson who has a chocolate lab, Kyle McFatridge of Texas City who has a 3 year old yellow lab, Jason Hayley of Texas City who has a german wirehair, Matt Jannise of Friendswood who has a chocolate lab, Anthony Barber of Friendswood who has a black lab, Eric & Liz Tolleson who have a 4 month old black lab. Don talked about the advantages of belonging to our club. He explained AKC & UKC. He encouraged our visitors to join HRC and he urged them to check our website and the HRC website. Don said that they were still training at Jack Brook's Park on Saturday and said to use the Hwy 6 main entrance paved road because of the high grass behind the Rodeo Arena.

OFFICERS REPORT: *Don Koster* has been involved in training days. There has been an average of 11 dogs and 9 handlers. Almost all the handlers have been new. *Michelle Spradley* gave the treasurers report and said we have \$7,764.94 and that all bills are paid. No other officers were present.

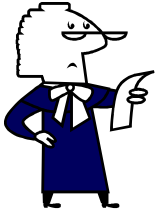
OLD BUSINESS: There had been a rumor about Tejas having a training day in August to set up a mock hunt test and we were going to join them. Janet & Don had tried to find out so information but could not find out anything. Their president had been transferred and there wasn't anything on their website. We had discussed buying some Gunners Up Wingers and found out they would be \$315 each for the full size ones. This price reflects a 10% savings. Stan suggested that we buy 6 wingers since there is no price break and that would be enough for two setups.

NEW BUSINESS: Don said the trailers' license should be close to needing to be renewed. He also said they had renamed Peach Point Wildlife Refuge. *Dog Training Issues:* Jimmy Nealy has a table for force fetching. Don has a training collar on order for Russ. Lewis Goodman would like to train with real ducks. *Judging:* Don Koster & Janet Kimbrough will be judging at Central Louisiana August 11 & 12 and Michelle Spradley will be at Heart of Texas September 7 & 8. Don wants to try and have a Game Warden at the next meeting to discuss new hunting law. Stan Spradley made a motion to adjourn and Jason Luker seconded it. All agreed.



### ***A Note from Your Secretary-***

*I just wanted to thank Michelle Spradley and Maria Jefferies for taking notes for me at the meetings this summer. My shift rolls around in the summer and I've been on nights the last three months on meeting nights. I should be back at the September meeting. Also, if any of you have any Hunt Test pictures please email them to me or mail me a disk. They can be from any Hunt Test that you've been to this year. If you are interested in getting a jacket, I need that information ASAP. I'm going to set September 15 as the deadline so be sure to let me know!!!! Donna*



## HERE COMES THE JUDGE

Below are listed upcoming judge's assignments for your fellow club members who volunteer their time as HRC judges. We also have club members who judge AKC Hunt Test. Be sure to thank them for their dedication to our sport when you see them.

### **Central Louisiana**-Aug 11 & 12

Don Koster

Janet Kimbrough

### **Heart of Texas** -Sept 8 & 9, 2007

Michelle Spradley-Started Sat & Sun

Bob Brundrett-Finished Sat & Sun

Dave Brannon-Finished Sat

Jimmy Nealy-Finished Sat

### **Lonesome Dove**-Oct 13 & 14, 2007

Dave Brannon-Finished Sat

Bob Brundrett- Finished Sun

Dick Beaufils-Finished Sun

### **Big D 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**-Oct 20 & 21, 2007

Robert Hines-Seasoned Sat/Finished Sun

Janet Kimbrough-Finished Sat

Jimmy Nealy-Finished Sat

Dick Beaufils-Finished Sun

### **Northeast TX Upland Quad**-Oct 27 & 28

Dave Brannon-AM Sat & PM Sun



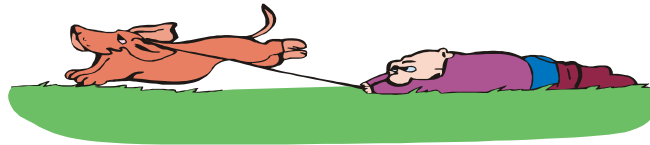
## TITLES AND PASSES

Our club members had great success this month at Hunt Tests. Here's a list of their accomplishments. Be sure to turn in your passes so you can get the credit you deserve!!

Congratulations to Rody Best and his client dog GRHRCH UH Scotty's Big Ticket SH "Ike" on their 2nd Place in the Super Retriever Series in Hot Springs, Arkansas in June. They missed 1<sup>st</sup> place by 1 point!!! This win qualified them for the 2007 Crown Championship where they placed 10<sup>th</sup>! In August they ran another Super Retriever Series and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are now qualified for the 2008 Crown Championship! "Ike" is also a new 500 Club Member! "Ike" has never failed a HRC HT!!!



UPCOMING HUNT TEST



**Heart of Texas HRC HT** September 8 & 9, 2007

LOC: Dunnam Cattle Company /Moody, TX (catalog entries close Sept 1)

**Cajun HRC HT** September 8 & 9, 2007

LOC: Pontoon Bridge/Estherwood, LA (catalog entries close Sept 3)

**2007 Fall Grand** September 22-26, 2007

LOC: Webberville, Michigan

**Lonesome Dove HRC HT** October 13 & 14, 2007

LOC: SF Ranch/Comanche, TX (catalog entries close Oct 5)

**Amite River Upland Quad** October 13 & 14, 2007

LOC: St. Francisville, LA (catalog entries close Oct 6)

**Big D 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary HRC HT** October 20 & 21, 2007

LOC: May Sel Ranch/Fairfield, TX (catalog entries close Oct 12)

**Northeast Texas Upland Quad** October 27 & 28, 2007

LOC: Summerfield Ranch/Tyler, TX (catalog entries close Oct 19)

Go to our website [www.crcinc.org](http://www.crcinc.org) and click on the Retriever Events tab to get a premium for any of these HRC HT

**Port Arthur AKC HT** September 15 & 16, 2007

LOC: Hampshire, TX (entries close Sept 5)

**Rose Country AKC HT** September 22 & 23, 2007

LOC: Tennessee Colony, TX (entries close Sept 12)

**Brazosport AKC HT** September 29 & 30, 2007

LOC: Montgomery, TX (entries close Sept 19)

**Tejas AKC HT** October 13 & 14, 2007

LOC: Giddings, TX (entries close Oct 3)

**Bryan College Station AKC HT** October 20 & 21, 2007

LOC: Iola, TX (entries close Oct 12)

**Waterloo AKC HT** October 27 & 28, 2007

LOC: Manheim, TX (entries close Oct 18)

**Pontchartrain AKC HT** October 27 & 28, 2007

LOC: Bonnet Carre Spillway, Norco, LA (entries close Oct 17)

For premium and to enter online go to [www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net)

# CRRC JACKETS!!!



Front View



Back View

We are going to be ordering jackets soon and we need to know who is interested. The more we order, the more we save!!! The jackets will be similar to the one shown above, khaki with a fleece liner, your name on the front and our logo on the back. They will cost approximately \$75. If you are interested in buying one please email me at [rexndonna@earthlink.net](mailto:rexndonna@earthlink.net) . Be sure to include the size and name you want on the front. Send me the information no later than Sept 15, 2007 so that I can get the information to Tracy Stevens. We need to get them ordered so that we can have them by the fall. These are really nice jackets and are well worth the money!!!



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!**

**A BIG CRRC WELCOME TO OUR NEWSEST MEMBERS:**

David Simmons is from Houston and has a weimaraner named "Kaos". Aaron, Liz and Charles Tolleson are from Deer Park and have a yellow female lab named "Bella" and a black male lab named "Gunner". Jenny Lyons is from Brazoria and has a black female lab named "Keira". Bill Coleman is from Richwood and has a yellow male lab named "Tiago".

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON Sept 12, 2007 (AT OUR NEW LOCATION!) AT THE LOS COMPADRES MEXICAN FOOD RESTRAUNT ON HWY 35 IN ALVIN! IT'S LOCATED DIRECTLY BECHIND POPEYE'S CHICKEN! THE MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM SO COME EARLY AND ENJOY SOME FOOD AND AS ALWAYS, LOTS OF DOG TALK!**

**STAY COOL** AND ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!!

