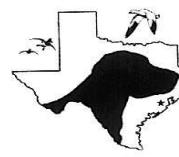


# The Retriever Review



*The newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club*

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September 2011

**NEXT MEETING \* OCTOBER 12, 2011 \* BASS PRO SHOP \* PEARLAND**

## Minutes

CRRC's *September* meeting was held Wednesday, September 14, 2011. Kyle Grant, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Kyle, Brandy and Hunter Grant, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Steve & Maria Jefferies, Sloan Landry, Don Koster, Robert Hines, Ken Burge, Roy Barnes, Rob Somers, & Mike Akeroyd.

**Don Koster** made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2011 meeting and a second was made by Rob Somers, all were in favor.

## **Officers Report:**

**President:**

**Vice President:**

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** Brandy Grant reported a balance of 4,623.15

**Historian:**

## **Old Business:**

**Don Koster** reported that he's not going to replace all radios – he wants to see what we have and what works, before we replace. Roy Barnes has a couple of radios he will donate to the club.

**Kyle** asked if anyone has camouflage caps, clothes, etc. that you have outgrown (or the dryer has shrunk) and would like to donate them to the club, we will put them in the trailer for bird boys.

**Kyle** asked that all members please let Brandy know about your Titles for 2011. The cut off date will be **November 1, 2011**. Maria will send out an email.

**We** are hoping to have the Christmas Party & Awards on December 3, 2011. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please let us know. We will send out more information at a later date.

**The** February Hunt Test will be on February 18 & 19, 2012. Bob Brundrett reported that the City of Texas City would like to host our February Hunt. They have a budget allowance and are willing to host our Judges dinner in their convention center. After some discussion Ken Burge made a motion to accept their offer and a second was made by Kyle Grant, all were in favor.

Bob will keep us posted and more detailed information will come soon.

**Janet** Kimbrough announced that Tejas, Debbie Story and herself were having a Ladies Handling Class on August 13, 2011 at Debbie's house at 7:30 am. She also announced that Cowtown would also hold a Woman's Handling Seminar on October 7-9, 2011 in College Station. She reported that they were asking clubs to please donate 2 free runs for the seminar. Janet made a motion for CRRC to donate 2 free runs, a second was made by Don Koster and all were in favor.

**Janet** Kimbrough asked that we keep John Wallace in our thoughts and prayers as he is very ill.

**New Business:**

**Don** Koster volunteered to be the chairman of the Christmas Party Committee. The Christmas Party and Awards Dinner will be on Saturday, December 3, 2011. More details to come soon.

It is time to start thinking about Officer Elections. The executive board will choose 3 to 4 club members to run this committee. There will be a few positions open, so please help us to nominate new officers for 2012. The committee will contact you by email...please respond to them.

**Brandy** Grant asked if the club would be interested in purchasing new T-shirts for the upcoming hunt test. The shirts will cost around \$8.65 for 144 and we had a couple of different logos and colors to choose from. Rob Somers made a motion to order the shirts and a second was made by Mike Akeroyd, all were in favor.

**Don** Koster has been training on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (unless there is a hunt test) mornings at 7:00am at Jack Brooks Park. Anyone interested may come train.

**Don** Koster would like to get hunting reports from all to put into the region report. His email address is [kosterdon@aol.com](mailto:kosterdon@aol.com) .

A motion was made by Don Koster and a second by Donna Westbrook to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.



**Quote:** “A dog will look at you as if to say, ‘What do you want me to do for you? I’ll do anything for you’ whether a dog can in fact, do anything for you...is another matter. The dog is willing”

*Roy Blount, Jr.*



# Dog Topics

## GETTING READY

I'm sure you've noticed it; the cooler mornings, the shorter days, a few new bird species at the feeders, kids going back to school. It all means the same thing...autumn is coming. Along with slightly cooler weather comes the wide variety of hunting seasons, beginning with a couple of bird hunting seasons.

Spend some time getting your gear together; waders, thermal underwear, gun, etc. While doing so make sure your faithful companions gear is ready too. Dust off the neoprene hunting vest and double check your dog's first aid kit. Make sure it contains all the essentials necessary to care for your dog in the event something unexpected was to happen. The following is what should be in your first aid kit.

### **First Aid Kit:**

Duct tape, Scissors, Rectal Thermometer, Hemostats, Muzzle (or know how to make one out of what you have), Saline Solution, Skin Stapler, Flash Light, Quick Stop, Latex Gloves, Gauze Sponges, White Adhesive Tape, Cotton Bandage Roll, Roll Gauze, Vet Wrap, Antibiotic Ointment, Syringe, Multi-tool, and Chrohexidine Scrub.

Depending on how long you will be hunting and how far from civilization you will be, you may or may not need to add to your first aid kit. Most things you need for your first aid kit you can pick up at any store that has a first aid section, or ask your vet.

Bird Hunting is something that is incredibly fun for dogs and their owners. Be sure you pay attention to your bird dog in the field. Have they had enough to eat? Are they eating the right food? Don't forget that our four legged friends have different needs, especially during hunting season, because of all the exercise they are getting. If bird hunting becomes a regular activity, you should also consider getting a higher protein dog food to get them through the hunting season. Your dog will burn through calories retrieving birds for you and keeping warm in the hunting blind.

Keep an eye on your dog's water intake. Are they getting enough to drink while bird hunting. Make sure you supply them with plenty of fresh water. Just because it's cold out, does not mean that your dog is not thirsty.

The best activity to burn off some energy and get ready for the season is swimming. Since retriever hunting involves waterfowl, swimming retrieves are a natural training tool, but it really doesn't matter whether you primarily hunt over water or not. The point is, dogs love water, and swimming is the perfect low-impact exercise, for dogs young and old.

Finally, take it easy as you start your dog's conditioning. Hunting dogs in particular don't have an off switch when you put them in the field. It's up to you to know when your pup has had enough.

*Remember our hunting dogs give us their ALL on every retrieve while we sit in the blind and watch. The least we can do is exercise them in the off season, buy them quality dog food and occasionally take them to the vet for a check up as they age.*

## September Birthdays

### **High Praises Houdini**

“Houdi” 9-21-03

Owned by Dave Brannon

### **Brittons Hot Chocolate Au Lait**

“Coco” 9-8-09

Owned by Paul & Jama Britton

### **Wind River’s Edge of Night**

“Shadow” 9-5-02

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

### **Story’s Black Texas Gold Roo**

“Rufus” 9-27-04

Owned by Deborah Story



### **It’s a Fact**

The short “otter” tail of the Labrador Retriever aids him in swimming.

## Did you know?

The old rule of multiplying a dog’s age by seven to find the equivalent human age is inaccurate. A better measure is to count the first year as 15, the second year as 10, and each year after that as 5.



## *Messages from the Secretary*

Please help me keep the membership information updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address...if you have a “new” canine family member, please let me know. I am going to recognize our four legged friend’s birthdays, but cannot do so unless I have your info. My email address is [mljefferies@hotmail.com](mailto:mljefferies@hotmail.com) .

### *It's About That Time!*

Please send in your Titles for 2011.

Remember, we cannot acknowledge your accomplishments, if you don't let us know.

We will need this information for the Awards dinner at the end of the year.

Email Brandy Grant at:

[Brandyb27@yahoo.com](mailto:Brandyb27@yahoo.com)

**By November 1, 2011**



### **Upcoming Hunt Test**

#### **Cowtown HRC**

October 22 & 23, 2011

Rockwall, Texas

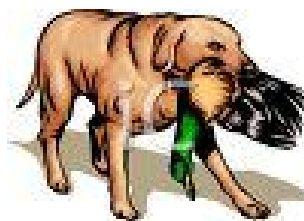
Upland Hunt (4)

#### **Cajun Retriever Club**

October 29 & 30, 2011

Estherwood, LA

Regular Hunt



## Reminders

### **Save the Date!**

**CRRRC Christmas Party & Awards**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2011**  
Details coming soon

### **The Hunting Retriever Club**

A History 1983-1990

By Robert Hines

\$20.00

If you would like to purchase a book, contact:

Maria Jefferies at: [mljefferies@hotmail.com](mailto:mljefferies@hotmail.com) or 979-345-6993

### **Duck Season**

November 5 – 27, 2011

Split

December 10, 2011 – January 29, 2012

### **Goose Season**

November 5, 2011 – January 29, 2012

### **Deer Season**

November 5, 2011 – January 15, 2012

## **October Meeting**

*The next CRRRC meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2011  
Bass Pro Shop in Pearland.  
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.*



***Happy Fall***