

The Retriever Review

The Newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

Finally, Duck season has arrived! I hope you all have your blinds brushed and shotguns ready. Be sure to take a couple of minutes to access where your dog will launch from. Make sure there are no major obstructions that will put your dog in harm's way.

Would like to thank John for the use of his land for our last training day. It was hot, but we ended up with about 20 people. We will have one more before the October test and we will be using real birds for those of you that want to do last minute training.

Congratulations to Justin Hooter and Dotty for qualifying for the Crown SRS last weekend.

Sam Roll



Quote: "IF YOU ARE LUCKY...A dog will come into your life, Steal your Heart, & Change everything!"

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The Club's Best News

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next CRRC meeting will be
Wednesday, **September 8, 2021**
7:00 pm

Las Flores Restaurant
306 E House Street
Alvin, Texas 77511



AUGUST MEETING

Minutes

CRRC's *August* meeting was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. Sam Roll, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Member's Present: Sam & Karen Roll, Ken & Michele Burge, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Lori Allyn, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Randy Crable, Don Koster, Wayne Lindsey, Chris Prejean, Bob & Lauri Hanson, Adam & Emily Rust, David Dalmolin, Kyle Wilson, John & Dana Laviolette and Justin & Murphy Hooter.

Welcome: Sam Roll welcomed all. Welcome to Chris Prejean, new member.

Sam Roll asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting. Don Koster made a motion to approve and a second was made by Karen Roll, all were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Officers Report:

President: *Are you prepared for a disaster emergency?* Sam discussed being prepared for hurricane season, flooding, evacuation and all that the Texas weather brings. **Be Ready!**

Thank you to John Laviolette for hosting the *July* training day at his place. It was hot but we had quite a few members present.

Central Texas held an Amateur Retriever Jackpot and it was a huge success. Congratulations to Justin Hooter & Dotty for 2nd place. Justin recommends running this event, he said everyone had fun, the dogs had some challenging setups and the food was great.

On a sad note, one of our club members lost his dog to the heat & humidity while training. This has happened to a lot of us, please be careful, check yourself and your dogs while training. **Have plenty of water on hand.** Make sure your Dog Box has good ventilation and fans, stake your dogs out if you need to and don't put a wet dog into the dog box.

Vice President: Ken Burge spoke about the officer elections that will take place at the December meeting. If you would like to run for an officer position, please contact Ken.

Secretary:

Treasure: Lori Allyn reported 7,998.63 in the bank. The land and the ducks were paid for the October hunt test.

Historian:

Region 11: The *Judges/Handlers Seminar* will be in Kyle, Texas on August 28, 2021 hosted by Alamo HRC. Sign up with Jason Luker if you would like to attend.

Running Rules Rep: Sam Roll reported that Robert Hines wrote an article that's in the August/September 2021 Hunting Retriever magazine titled "Hunt Test Chain." It's a good read, take a look.

Old Business:

CRRC's Fall Hunt Test: CRRC's Fall Hunt will be on October 23 & 24, 2021, in Jones Creek at the Justin Hurst WMA. Sam Roll, hunt chairman, reported that this test will be a 1-2-2 test and will include a tailgate dinner and a raffle. Misty Ryder may need some help with the raffle.

CRRC Banner: Two CRRC banners will be made, one for the front entrance gate and one for headquarters. Kyle Wilson & Maria Jefferies are finalizing the details on these.

Save The Date!

October 23 & 24, 2021

**Colorado River Retriever Club
Fall Hunt Test**

**Justin Hurst WMA
Jones Creek, Texas**



Hunt Chairman

Sam Roll
281-777-0137

Hunt Secretary

Maria Jefferies
979-299-2111

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Upland Test: The proposed date for the Upland hunt would be the 2nd or 3rd weekend in May, if one of these dates are open. We will continue discussion at a later date.

New Business:

Retriever Challenge: Sam discussed having an Amateur Retriever Challenge for our club. Justin Hooter explained that the challenge was similar to SRS. They used wingers, sold lunches and had a raffle. Sam asked Justin if he would be willing to chair the challenge, he asked him to think about it and we would discuss at a later date.

Training Day: CRRC will have a training day at John Laviolette's property on August 21, 2021. Maria will send out an email with detailed information.

Door Prize: Murphy Hooter was the winner of the CRRC Cap, T-shirt & Tumbler. *Congratulations Murphy!*



Keep Kool !

Both you and your dog
drink plenty of water, drink plenty of water



Message from the Secretary

Please help me keep the membership information updated. If you have moved and have a new address, if your phone number or email has changed or if you have a “new” canine family member, please update this for me. I also love to recognize our four legged family’s birthdays, so please make sure to include this information too.

Pawing to Remind You ...

If you would like to see you and/or your dog’s hunting/hunt test pictures in the newsletter, Please email: mljefferies@hotmail.com or text: 979-299-2111 them to me.

Welcome New Members

I’d like to introduce you to the newest
Members of Colorado River Retriever Club

- ❃ **James “Bo” & Meagan Patterson** from Angleton, Texas. They are the owners of Bopco’s Little Red Wagon “Red” a yellow, female Labrador retriever, Bopco’s Chocolate Sookie “Sookie” a chocolate female Labrador retriever, Bopco’s Hail or High Water “Rain” a black female Labrador retriever and Bopco’s Lean Rough and Rowdy Ways “Rowdy” a yellow male Labrador retriever.
- ❃ **Justin, Rebecca, Bradley & Emma Gray** from Sugarland, Texas. They are the owners of Gray’s Belle of the Ball “Bella” a yellow female Labrador retriever and Hazzard County Shore Runner “Duke” a yellow male Labrador retriever.

August Doggie Birthdays

Marsh Dogs Southern Breeze

“Breeze” 8-12-2020

Owned by Denise Ferguson

Wolfcreek’s Sonic Boom

“Boomer” 8-17-2020

Owned by Don Koster

JT’s Simple Southern

“Lulu” 8-2015

Owned by Jason Luker

Emerald Glen’s Star of the Sea

“Marlo” 8-24-2020

Owned by Sam Maida

Moreno’s Bella 11

“Bella” 8-28-2018

Owned by Rudy Moreno

Bopco’s Hail or High Water

“Rain” 8-16-2019

Owned by Bo & Meagan Patterson

RBR’s Quick Road Trip

“Trip” 8-22-2017

Owned by Tommy Pavlovsky

Roll’s Lil Joey

“Junior” 8-19-2015

Owned by Sam & Karen Roll



Dog Topic

Warning Signs of Dehydration in Dogs

What Is Canine Dehydration?

Dehydration in dogs occurs when the body loses more fluid than it's taking in. All mammals rely on water to keep their bodies functioning properly, and dogs are no exception. In fact, water is necessary to virtually every important body function, including lubricating joints, cushioning internal organs, aiding digestion, and regulating body temperature.

When we think of nutrition, we generally think of food. But water is a critically necessary ingredient that allows the cells in your dog's body to absorb nutrients.

It is normal for a dog's body to gain and lose water throughout the day. Panting, breathing, urinating, defecating, and evaporation through the paws all contribute to normal water loss, which your dog compensates for by eating and drinking. When a dog's body gets to the point where normal fluid intake fails to make up for water loss, the blood flow and the volume of fluids is reduced, which reduces the delivery of oxygen to organs and tissue. Dehydration in dogs also results in a loss of electrolytes, such as sodium, chloride, and potassium. These minerals have important functions in the body:

Balancing the body's PH

Moving nutrients into cells

Facilitating muscle functions

Regulating nerve function

In the most serious cases of canine dehydration, [the severe shortage of fluids can even lead to kidney and other organ failure](#) and to death.

Causes of Dehydration in Dogs

Lack of water intake can cause dehydration, which can occur if a dog doesn't have proper access to water or won't drink enough. Whether you're at home or gone for part of the day, be sure to leave enough water so your dog will not run out.

Acute attacks of [vomiting](#) and [diarrhea](#), [heat stroke](#), or illnesses and a fever may also cause a dog to become dehydrated. Puppies, senior dogs, nursing mothers, and [toy dog breeds](#) may have an increased risk of dehydration. Sometimes dehydration in dogs is a symptom of an underlying cause, including these diseases or conditions: kidney disease, diabetes, or some types of cancer.

There are some dogs who just won't drink much water unless they are encouraged to do so. Or they are exercising outside to the point where they are panting and therefore losing fluids.

What are the Symptoms of Canine Dehydration?

So, how can you tell if your dog is dehydrated? Unfortunately, our dogs can't tell us they're thirsty, but knowing the signs of dehydration can help dog owners respond quickly and also catch potential serious medical conditions before they become life-and-death emergencies. Symptoms of canine dehydration include:

Loss of skin elasticity

Loss of appetite

Vomiting with or without diarrhea

Reduced energy levels and lethargy

Panting

Sunken, dry looking eyes

Dry nose

Dry, sticky gums

Thick saliva

Loss of skin elasticity is the easiest signs to test for dehydration. To test for it, gently hold some of the dog's skin near his shoulder blades, raise it up, and then let it go. Watch carefully as it falls back into place. In well-hydrated dogs, the skin instantly will spring back to its original position.

The skin of dehydrated dogs, on the other hand, will take longer to fall back into place. It might be a good idea to first test your dog's skin when you are sure he is well hydrated, so that you can have a base for what normal skin elasticity feels like.

Another test is to check your dog's gums to feel whether they're sticky and dry, and while you're doing that, test for capillary refill time. Press your finger gently against your dog's gums and then remove your finger. In a well-hydrated dog, the area where you pressed will appear white for a second, and then return to its normal pink color almost immediately. In dehydrated dogs, the capillary refill time takes much longer.

Treating Canine dehydration

If you suspect your pet is dehydrated, first make sure he drinks plenty of fresh, cool water, especially in hot weather. In a vicious cycle, dehydrated dogs can lose their appetites, which causes them to eat less, and therefore eliminates the water content they would normally get from their food.

He also may need to have his electrolytes replaced because when his body isn't getting enough water, fluids containing electrolytes are drawn out of the cells, causing an imbalance that affects his organs. If your dog is not vomiting, you can try giving him an electrolyte-enhanced fluid like Pedialyte. It's best to check with your veterinarian for dosage recommendations.

If your dog has any of the symptoms of dehydration listed above, persistent vomiting or you suspect heatstroke, take him to the vet immediately; this is considered a medical emergency, the vet can administer subcutaneous or intravenous fluids to most quickly replace the fluids that were lost and prevent further loss.

Since dehydration is often a symptom of a larger problem, your veterinarian will want to diagnose and treat the underlying condition. This process will depend on your dog's other symptoms and could involve anything from blood work to x-rays or other tests.

How to Prevent Dehydration in Dogs

The best way to protect your dog from dehydration is to make sure he doesn't get in that condition in the first place. Provide him with a constant supply of clean, clear water at all times, including when you take him outside. Some dogs drink more than others; so you may need to take extra care to make sure that drinkers get enough water.

Depending on the weather and temperature, and the activity level and exercise of your dog, he will probably need more water on some days than others. As a general rule, dogs require at least one ounce of water per day for each pound of body weight. Your veterinarian can offer advice about how best to ensure your dog consumes enough fluids, based on his age, weight, and condition.

We can't always prevent our dogs from getting sick, beyond keeping them [up-to-date on their vaccines](#), and providing them with a healthy diet, exercise, and regularly scheduled examinations by a veterinarian. But understanding the importance of providing our dogs with ready access to fresh water and knowing the signs of dehydration can help us prevent dehydration and catch it before it becomes dangerous.





Upcoming Hunt Test

OCTOBER

Big D HRC Fall Hunt Test

Collinsville, Texas
October 9 & 10, 2021

Central Texas Retriever Club Fall Hunt Test

Giddings, Texas
October 9 & 10, 2021

Lake Charles HRC Fall Hunt Test

Lake Charles, Louisiana
October 16 & 17, 2021

Colorado River Retriever Club Fall Hunt Test

October 23 & 24, 2021
Jones Creek, Texas

The *Officers* and *Members* of Colorado River Retriever Club would like to recognize the following club members who give their time to judge.

Thank you all for the weekends you give to make each and every hunt test a success. The support is greatly appreciated!

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Central Texas Retriever Club

October 9 & 10, 2021
Becky Bass, Bob Brundrett, Robert N Hines, Wayne Lindsey & Carrie Shaw

Lake Charles Hunting Retriever Club

October 16 & 17, 2021
Jason Luker

Colorado River Hunting retriever Club

October 23 & 24, 2021
Bob Brundrett, Ken Burge, Rockie Hall & Lisa Nutter



it's a Fact: All **dogs dream**, but puppies and senior dogs dream more frequently than adult dogs.

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