

North American Versatile Hunting Dog Southern California Chapter
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So Cal Chapter News

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There is nothing better than a puppy hug

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Don't forget to review our www.socal.navhda website!

Your dues are due. If you have not paid them please contact Guido.

Sign up for the handler-dogs team only \$10.00/year subscription to the 'Members Page' so you can brag about your dogs or anything else that you like to brag about!

Testing.... Testing....Testing.... Testing.... Testing.... Testing.... Testing....

The San Diego Chapter is having their test this April, please come out to help and support our sister Chapter. For More information please contact Gaby Aubrey.

Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training....

Remember to tell the office that you are a member of So. Cal. NAVHDA to reduce your daily fee from \$15.00 to \$10.00.

2010 Training Schedule: Location; Prado

Every third Sunday at Prado unless otherwise announced.

On Training days, remember to tell the office that you are a member of So. Cal. NAVHDA to reduce your daily fee from \$15.00 to \$10.00.

*Beth and Bob Worrell are sponsoring a Snake Avoidance Clinic at their place near Gorman CA. I think they should think of putting one on for people too!!
All kidding aside, if you hunt or like me go to tournaments, you will run across rattlers and your dog should be prepared.*

SNAKE AVOIDANCE CLINIC FOR DOGS



DATES: May 1, 2 & 3, 2010 (Sat, Sun & Mon)

TIME: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, by appointment only

Appointments every 15 min. – you will only be here for 1 hour

PLACE: Sporting Dogs B&B (Bob Worrell's)

(near High Desert Hunt Club, Gorman, CA)

Actual address: 51310 280th St. West, Lancaster, CA 93536

COST: \$65 Per Dog

RATTLESNAKE VACCINES WILL BE AVAILABLE SUNDAY ONLY

If your dog is exposed to rattlesnakes hiking, hunting, or even in your backyard, you may want to consider Snake Avoidance training. If a rattlesnake should cross your path, your dog could safely alert you to its presence. The Snake Avoidance Clinic will be conducted by Robert Kettle, of Fallon Nevada, widely recognized as the leading expert in Snake Avoidance training.

David Hinebaugh D.V.M., of Granada Hills Veterinary Clinic, will be available on Sunday only to administer Rattlesnake Vaccines and provide other veterinary services. The cost of the rattlesnake vaccine is \$28. Please let us know if you need the rattlesnake or other vaccines.

Call today for information or to make your reservation:

Beth Worrell

619-997-6277

Please make checks payable to

Bob Worrell and send them to

PO Box 49

Gorman, CA 93243

A confirmation letter will be sent upon receipt of your check.

The logo for Sporting Dogs B&B is displayed in a bold, serif font. The text is white and set against a solid black rectangular background. The words "Sporting Dogs" are in a larger font size than "B&B", which is positioned to the right of "Dogs".

Sporting Dogs B&B

Pictures of the February Training day at Prado:









Members' Corner... Members' Corner... Members' Corner... Members' Corner..

Arrival and Raising of Pups

By Guido Dei

I'd like to give you some advice after Reni Erdmannshausen has delivered my litter of pups.

You want to have the whelping area ready for your pregnant female about two weeks before the arrival of the puppies. The area should be shielded from drafts, relatively warm and away from the everyday comings and goings. My whelping area was my study. It fulfills all the requirements except warmth and I've solved that problem with a portable heater.

Gundogs usually fall into the category of "larger breeds." Which means they don't often have much trouble delivering their pups. But that doesn't mean the delivery is always trouble-free, especially if it is the dog's first litter. So you need to have your vet on stand-by and have his phone number handy.

Gather your supplies a couple days in advance of the expected whelping day. You'll need a blunt-tipped scissors, some thread, a small suction ball (the type you use to clear a baby's nose), disposable latex gloves and some clean towels. You'll also want to have a draft-free box in which to put the first few pups while next one is being born.

I built my whelping box with $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood 48"x48" x 24" high and I installed a 3" PVC pipe as safety railing about 6" high from the bottom of the whelping box as safety of the pups getting pinned against the edge by the mom.

There are several good books and DVD on the market that will give dog owners who are experiencing whelping for the first time valuable information about the process of the delivery of pups.

Just remember, for the most part, the dog knows what she is doing. You're just there to help out.

When the puppies are born I keep a diary for each puppy with all the daily information such as weight, pictures, health and behavior notes for each puppy.

When puppies are three days old I start them in the Early Neurological Stimulation. I'm a strong believer in the Early Neurological Stimulation.

For the Early Neurological Stimulation I encourage you to read the article of Dr. Carmen Battaglia at: http://ahimsadogtraining.com/handouts/early_neurological_stimulation_en.pdf

Another good book that I recommend reading is:

How to Raise a Puppy You can Live With

By CR Rutherford & DH Neil

"Imprinting Of the Puppies" is done from day 1 to 8 weeks of age. Imprinting really works. It "levels out" the whole litter. All puppies are consistently strong and confident. At the 49th day each puppy will take a PAT (Puppy Attitude Test); this will help to give the proper puppy to the proper customer.

When puppies are six weeks old I let them playing with a live bobwhite quail to sharpen their prey drive.



If mom has a lot of good milk I let her nursing the puppies as long as she wants to. Just remember to trim the puppies nails frequently to avoid to hurt mom.

Reni nursed the puppies until they were six weeks old and she started growling at them at over seven weeks.

At six weeks of age I started weaning the puppies. I have been using puppy food soaked in warm water and then mixed in the blender with two teaspoon of Cod Liver Oil and a teaspoon of Schindele's Mineral Powder ordered from Canada at www.weight-care.com

I used a round weaning dish for the five puppies and it worked great



First they were fed twice a day while they were still nursing some from mom. At 12 weeks of age I start giving them regular puppy dry food with Cod Liver oil and Schindele's minerals four times a day. At four months three times a day. At six months they will be fed twice a day and at one year once a day.

I've de-wormed the puppies with **Durvet Liquid Wormer-2X** at the following age: 2 weeks- 4 weeks- 6 weeks- 8 weeks.

I've vaccinated the puppies for Parvo, Distemper, and Canine Adenovirus Type2 – Parainfluenza-Bordetella Bronchiseptica at 6 weeks- 8 weeks-13 weeks using **Intervet Modified LiveVirus Progard Puppy DPV. And the intranasal Intervet Modified Live Virus and Avirulent Live Culture Progard-KC Plus.** I will vaccinate them again at six months of age. At four months they have been vaccinated for rabies by the vet.

Puppies are now a joy to work with and training them is a challenge that keeps me very excited.

Tournament Update:

The 2009 – 2010 tournament season is coming close and the next season is being planned. Left this year is the NAGDA Nationals in Stratton, Co on April 9 – 11.

This last season was very good for Fletcher and Maya scoring qualifying and championship points in the BDC, and Fletcher scored enough championship points to earn the BDC Champion title. Also in BDC Maya, Abbie, Cody and Fletcher qualified for the BDC Nationals but schedule conflicts prevented us from attending.

In NAGDA Marcel's Maya and Abbie qualified for NAGDA Nationals in the Amateur Pointing Singles Division. Fletcher only entered the NAGDA Open Doubles Division and qualified for the NAGDA Nationals. Cody did not enter enough NAGDA events to qualify due to wanting to get pregnant. She did very well in many of the events BDC or NAGDA that she did enter including a 1st place winning a year of Canidae all natural dog food and some 2nd places.

Two young Braques du Bourbonnais (Duke and Remi from Cactus Country Kennels) are becoming tournament hunters as well as excellent wild bird hunters. These two tested NA last fall with our chapter and the NAVHDA training is obviously paying off as these two young dogs competed successfully against very experienced teams of dogs and handlers taking 2nd and 3rd place. This was a shock to many of the tournament hunters because they ran against very experienced handler/dog teams.. Many thought that Fletcher and Maya were an exception and now realize that there is a new (old) breed on the circuit and they are paying attention and inquiring about obtaining BB puppies. This was my agenda and I am happy that it is realized but it will take continued work to get this breed recognized at this level of the game.

Next seasons our loosely organized group of tournament hunters will participate in several tournaments making a bid to again qualify for the Nationals in both NAGDA and BDC. In addition, we are preparing for the big tournament in Dayton NV, organized by the Wild West Shootout and sanctioned by BDC (www.wildwestshootout.com).

I hope some of you express interest in joining us and entering you and your dogs in these tournaments. It truly is a great way to extend your season and work on your training in a competitive setting and it really is not that hard.

I want to thank everyone that has helped us in getting us and the dogs to the level that they are at. You may not realize it but having the support of the So Cal NAVHDA Chapter is a great comfort.

Be kind, your dogs love you unconditionally.



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