



North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

Southern California Chapter

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Members came well prepared for this projected hot training day and Mother Nature was kind to us with members getting their field work done early. Our home training facility, Prado Dog Park, was a safe training area with the dreaded summer fox tails absent from the fields. The area southeast of the pond that for a long time had been under water from winter runoff had dried and the new growth was perfect.

Many of the July training day handlers were getting their dogs ready for the Fall Test. This will be the second test our

chapter will hold this year. For those members that tested in the Spring test and not planning to test this Fall, it will be a great time for you to participate as a volunteer. The Spring test headquarters was a great place to get together with members and we are looking forward to that same camaraderie this Fall. Many volunteers took advantage of the over night campgrounds and the night's pot-luck dinners were not to be missed. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next training day and good training to you all.



Training Day Photos





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Board of Directors Meeting Prado Dog Training Park July 15th, 2012

I. Call to Order – The July 15th, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 12:05 AM. Guido Dei chaired the meeting.

The Officers in attendance were:

Robert Worrell, President

Chris Gentner, Vice President

Rodge Fradella, Director of Publications

Jon Auer, Training Day Coordinator

Jon Vesely, Director of Promotions

Guido Dei, Secretary & Treasurer

II. Meeting Agenda – It was moved by Guido Dei.

1. REVIEW MINUTES OF THE 04/15/12 MEETING.
2. NOMINATE THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICERS POSITION.
3. TEST SECRETARY IS PAT BEAVER. TEST DATES AND JUDGES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY NAVHDA. ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FALL TEST TO BE SET.
4. A TEST “MANDATE”, THAT A SENIOR JUDGE MUST BE GIVEN A TOUR OF THE TESTING FIELDS THAT WE HAVE RESERVED BEFORE THE TESTING BEGINS.
5. “BOAT SAFETY”, WE NEED LIFE JACKETS FOR THE BOAT. WE NEED TO SET AN AGE FOR YOUNG USERS WHEN IN THE BOAT TO BE WEARING THE VEST I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE SAFETY RULES ADDRESSED TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE BOAT BY YOUNG MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER. THE BOAT WE KNOW IS A TOOL, BUT CAN ADD QUITE AN INTERESTING TRAINING DAY TO A YOUNG MEMBER THAT HAS NO DOG YET TO BE TRAINING.
6. CATTAIL SITUATION AT THE NAVHDA POND: WE NEED TO TRANSPLANT MORE CATTAILS AROUND THE NEW ISLANDS

1. **REVIEW MINUTES OF THE 4/15/12 MEETING:**
All the items of the last meeting where successfully completed.

Nomination of candidates was as follows:

President: Pat Beaver

Vice President: Kim Gentner

Secretary: Guido Dei

Director of publications: Kristin Cook

Treasurer: Guido Dei

Director of Promotions: Jon Vesely

Training Day Coordinator: Juan Hernandez

Guido Dei informed all the officers that, because only one nominee was entered in each position, election will not be necessary on August 19th. All the nominees will be elected and begin they duties on August 19th.

3. FALL TEST

Pat Beaver will request individually all the members to participate in volunteering for the Fall Test

4. ***Agenda Item 4 moved by Rodge Fradella.*** A TEST “MANDATE”, THAT A SENIOR JUDGE MUST BE GIVEN A TOUR OF THE TESTING FIELDS THAT WE HAVE RESERVED BEFORE THE TESTING BEGINS . ***Officers decided that was not correct that we can mandate that a Senior Judge must take a tour of the fields before the test. It was decided that the Test Secretary would offer the Senior Judge a tour of the fields and water before the test.***
5. ***Agenda Item 5 moved by Rodge Fradella.*** “BOAT SAFETY”, WE NEED LIFE JACKETS FOR THE BOAT. WE NEED TO SET AN AGE FOR YOUNG USERS WHEN IN THE BOAT TO BE WEARING THE VEST I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE SAFETY RULES ADDRESSED TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE BOAT BY YOUNG MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER. THE BOAT WE KNOW IS A TOOL, BUT CAN ADD QUITE AN INTERESTING TRAINING DAY TO A YOUNG MEMBER THAT HAS NO DOG YET TO BE TRAINING. ***Officers agreed with this Item. Jon Vesely offered to provide the boat with safety vest. Rules on the use of the boat by young members will be enforced.***
6. ***Cattail Situation At The NAVHDA Pond: moved by Guido Dei. Officers decided that it was not necessary to transplant more cattails to the newly formed islands.***
7. ***A new item moved by Jon Auer: To refund the training coordinator \$5.00 for each training day. Money to be used as a tip to Prado’s owner to set up the NAVHDA signs in the chosen field. All the officers vote yes for this item.***

The meeting was adjourned at 01:00 PM.

HIP DYSPLASIA EVALUATION

One of the questions asked when filling out a NAVHDA test entry form for a Utility Test is whether your dog has been tested for hip dysplasia. This is also one of the first questions a utility test judge will ask you before testing begins because it is item number four on his score card under “Physical Attributes. So what is hip dysplasia and why are you being asked?

Hip dysplasia is a degenerative disease that involves the hip joints of affected dogs. It can also be classified as an inherited disease, since genetics plays a role in its transmission. The disease is characterized by a malformation and abnormal articulation of one or both hip joints, resulting in degeneration and erosion of the joint cartilage and bony surfaces. Your judge is asking if your dog has been tested because one of the founding goals of NAVHDA is to “improve the versatile breeds” by “breeding the best to the best” and only dogs of proven ability should be used in breeding programs. At this point you may have said to yourself that I have no plans to breed my dog and why should I have my dog tested. The thinking here is that there will be a lot of time and money spent training to have your dog at the level you want only to be limited with the time you will share with your hunting partner if this degenerative disease is detected. Finding out how your dog rates in this test may help you evaluate your future plans.

Only dogs that are two years old when tested for hip dysplasia can qualify for a OFA hip number and the dogs registration certificate or a copy of this information should be brought at the time of radiography. Another important and often over looked area of the evaluation is on the application itself. The section titled “Veterinary Information”, which is filled out by the vet, has a box to be checked that states how the vet verified the dog (tattoo/microchip) being evaluated. If the dog has no permanent identification and the box is not checked this hip evaluation will not show up on the dog’s AKC paperwork, pedigree.

Obtaining the proper film position for a hip x-ray often requires the use of a chemical restraint or general anesthesia and this will increase the cost of the test. I was referred to a veterinarian in Newport Beach that does not use either of these methods and in 2011 my cost for the x-ray was \$115.00. I had a microchip implanted at the same time

so I covered the verifying portion for the paperwork. The vet will ask for the \$35.00 evaluation fee as a separate check to be included with the paperwork he will then send in with your dog's x-ray for evaluation. The evaluation is made by a team of qualified veterinary radiologists and a consensus report is what you will receive as the evaluation.

Below is a copy my OFA report. This copy is kept for my records and used to qualify my dog as free of hip dysplasia in any breeding program.

ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS, INC.	
HEIDI ROSE LEGACY FRADELLA <i>registered name</i>	SR35608204 <i>registration no.</i>
GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER <i>breed</i>	F <i>sex</i>
LIVER & WHITE <i>color</i>	7/11/2006 <i>date of birth</i>
151818066A <i>tattoo/microchip/DNA profile</i>	55 <i>age at evaluation in months</i>
1459560 <i>application number</i>	GSP-14805G55F-VPI <i>O.F.A. NUMBER</i>
3/8/2011 <i>date of report</i>	<i>This number issued with the right to correct or revoke by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.</i>
RESULTS: Based upon the radiograph submitted, the consensus was that no evidence of hip dysplasia was recognized. The hip joint conformation was evaluated as:	
	GOOD
owner RODGE FRADELLA 360 OAKDALE DR CLAREMONT, CA 91711	 G.G. KELLER, D.V.M., M.S., DACVR CHIEF OF VETERINARY SERVICES
www.offa.org	

Application form with veterinarian section high lighted

Office Use Only	
APPL _____	
RAD _____	
CK _____	



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Application for Hip/Elbow Dysplasia Database

Previous application number (if any):			Registration number: <input type="checkbox"/> AKC <input type="checkbox"/> CKC			Other registry name:		
Registered name:			Sex:			Other registry #:		
Breed:			Date of Birth (month-day-year):			Color:		
ID Number (if any): <input type="checkbox"/> Tattoo <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip			Registration number of sire:			Registration number of dam:		
Owner name:			Date radiograph taken (month-day-year):			Film no.:		
Co-Owner name:			Examining veterinarian's name or veterinary hospital:					
Mailing address:						Mailing Address:		
City:		State:	Zip/postal code:		City:		State:	Zip/postal code:
Phone:			E-mail:			Phone:		
			E-mail:					

I hereby certify that the radiograph submitted is of the animal described on this application and that neither the pelvic nor the elbow conformation have been surgically altered. I understand that the radiograph and/or image submitted will be retained by the OFA. I understand that the radiograph and/or image is submitted for a consensus evaluation based on the independent, professional judgment of consulting board-certified veterinary radiologists, and I hereby release the OFA from any and all liability resulting from the consensus evaluation. I understand the OFA will release normal hip and/or elbow results for dogs over 24 months to the public, and by submitting this application I agree the OFA may do so. Abnormal hip and/or elbow results will not be released to the public unless the initials of a registered owner appear in the authorization box below. Normal hip results are defined as consensus evaluations of Excellent, Good, or Fair. Abnormal hip results are defined as consensus evaluations of Mild, Moderate, or Severe. For the purpose of determining whether or not the results will be released to the public, consensus hip evaluations of Borderline are considered abnormal. Normal elbow results are defined as a consensus evaluation of Normal. All other elbow consensus evaluations are considered abnormal.

Signature of owner or authorized representative _____

Authorization to Release Abnormal Results

I hereby authorize the OFA to release the results of its radiographic evaluation of the animal described on this application to the public if the results are abnormal _____ (initials of registered owner).

Veterinary Information

This animal was restrained using: Physical Restraint Only Chemical Restraint
 Anesthesia (type: _____) Tranquillizer (type: _____) Other (type: _____)
 I DID verify the tattoo/microchip information on this dog I DID NOT verify the tattoo/microchip information on this dog
Only dogs with Verified Permanent Identification (VPI) will have their results transmitted to the AKC for inclusion in their registration and pedigree documents

Veterinarian Signature _____

Fees

Animals Over 24 Months

- Hip dysplasia database only\$35.00
- Hips plus elbows (together)\$40.00
- Elbow dysplasia database only\$35.00
- Litter of 3 or more submitted together\$90.00

Kennel Rate—Individuals submitted as a group, owned/co-owned by same person.

- Minimum of 5 individuals\$15 per study

Animals Under 24 Months

- Preliminary hip evaluation\$30.00
- Preliminary elbow evaluation\$30.00
- Preliminary hips plus elbows (together)\$35.00
- Litter of 3 or more submitted together\$60.00

(see page 2 for information regarding release of prelim results)

Consultation

- Other radiographic studies\$30.00

See instructions on page 2

Payments can be made by check, money order (U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank), cash, Visa, or Mastercard, payable to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.

Visa/Master Card Number _____

Name on Card _____

Exp Date _____

CVV (security code) _____

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

What ever hits the fan will
Not be distributed evenly

I have kleptomania but when
it gets bad I take something
for it

I may be schizophrenic,
but at least I have each
other.



Suicidal twin kills sister
by mistake!

I want to die while asleep like
my grandfather,
not screaming in terror like the
passengers in his car.

Editors note:

Every year our “Versatile Hunting Dog” publication does an edition on youth in the NAVHDA chapters. It always is a great edition and inspires members to look around and see what they can do for their young members. It is a fact that for any organization to grow it needs to include young members. It was at this years National meeting in San Diego that NAVHDA President Marilyn Vetter took time to ask the meeting attendees to look around and see how many young members they saw. It was an easy question to answer.

With today’s economic challenges I thought talking to the Prado management about allowing young members in free on training days could help encourage more involvement here. It was to my surprise to find out persons 16 and younger are allowed in free. Included here is a fee sheet from Prado management.



Looking for young NAVHDA members



PRADO RECREATION, INC.

17505 Euclid Avenue
Chino, California 91710
(909) 597-6366

RATE SCHEDULE

TRAINING FEES (GATE)

per person (daily)	15.00
Per married couple (daily)	15.00
(No charge 16 years or younger)	
related overnight camping	10.00
Annual memberships	800.00
Additional dogs over (2)	3.00
Additional dogs over (2) Non Members	5.00
Club Events- \$15.00 per person	
\$15.00 per married couple	
\$ 3.00 extra dogs over (2)	

KENNEL FEES

Boarding (daily)	14.00
Boarding & exercise	18.00
Boarding (monthly)	380.00
Obedience training (30 days)	600.00
Field training (month) plus birds	600.00

CLOSED MONDAY - open Tuesday thru Sunday 7:30am-5:00pm
You must check in by 5:00pm, but you can train until dusk.

Please do not drive in the fields. Rules and regulations are available
In the office.

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Training Coordinator	Jon Auer
Treasurer	Guido Dei

Training Days Guidelines & Procedures

- (1) Please keep your dog under control at all times, particularly when he/she is not working on a drill.
- (2) Everyone in the field must wear blaze orange hat, t-shirt or vest and have completed a hunter safety class or have a hunting license.
- (3) Children are to be supervised and remain in the designated parking area at all times.
- (4) No alcohol on premises.
- (5) "Boat Safety", persons under 12 years of age must wear a life jacket when in the boat.



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