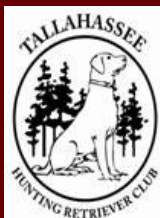


Happy Training...



Newsletter

Message from THRC President...

It has been a busy Spring already. Seems like just yesterday I was asking for help with our Fall Hunt test held last October! The THRC Spring hunt test is in only 18 days and counting down. I want to remind everyone that the Spring hunt test will **close Thursday, February 27** at 11:59 PM. Our grounds are in great shape and when we get all of the volunteers (gunners, marshals, etc) lined-up, it will be a fun weekend. Please volunteer your talents on-line through [EntryExpress](#) (red Volunteer box) or email thrc@comcast.net to let me know which job and/or day you can help out before we begin contacting all working members. Remember the four Master National judges are going to judge our event and we depend on our members to present a good quality hunt test. Due to Master National's dates this year, the THRC board voted to change the date for the Fall 2009 tests. Master National dates conflicted with our test, therefore, AKC granted us a one-time exception and approved the new THRC HT dates as November 14th and 15th. We will host a single Master and a Double Senior and Junior. The dates are on [EntryExpress](#), however, any handlers traveling to MN will need to keep in mind we will close on Tuesday, **November 3rd**, which won't leave you much time upon your return. You might consider entering before you head out to Texas. Daylight saving time occurs the first Sunday in March, therefore, the days will be longer at our event. We will run the Master test until about 6pm - 6:30pm Saturday so please come to the grain bin and help with clean up hence everyone can get to dinner early and have an early evening. The caterer will not set up until 7pm. Remember to bring your chairs. Looking forward to hearing from you....Sam



Cocoa Mulch Warning...

Over the weekend the doting owner of two young lab mixes purchased Cocoa Mulch from [Target](#) to use in their garden. They loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from their garden. Their dog *Calypso* decided that the mulch smelled good enough to eat and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical when she eats something new but wasn't acting lethargic in any way. The next day, Mom woke up and took *Calypso* out for her morning walk. Half way through the walk, she had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's website, [this product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs and cats.](#)

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that 'It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it.'

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by [Home Depot](#), [Foreman's Garden Supply](#) and other Garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks. Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.

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Go to [EntryExpress](#) to Volunteer for the THRC Spring HT!



TRADITIONAL 4-DAY, ALL-INCLUSIVE CO-ED RETREATS HELD IN Douglasville, GA

May 14-17, 2009

July 9-12, 2009

We will also have at least two mini retreat weekends **between now and then.** A big heads-up on our location for the retreats. The location is a Christian camp with several rules by which we have to abide. **There is no smoking or alcohol allowed on the property. And men and women will stay in separate camp areas. This is for EVERYONE – married, single or whatever. This is a really nice location. It's a rustic camp. It will allow us to keep the costs down and still have all the time to spend together working our dogs, learning and socializing.** As those who have been before know, we don't have time to do much besides train and talk about training!! So I

Read more at:
<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

In Memoriam...

On January 17, 2009, Davis and Georganne Arthur lost their black lab "Freedom" (Truline's Braveheart MH) somewhat unexpectedly. He was 11 1/2 years old. Many of us have seen Freedom run over the years. This is the third dog Davis and Georganne have lost in the last year and a half. Earlier this year they lost a chocolate lab named Hawk and sometime before that a neat black lab named Dancer.



Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.

- Anatole France



Your dues support THRC in many ways throughout the year and are now due for the 2009 calendar year.

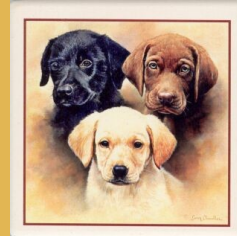
*****NEW this year, we will require the higher rate (\$70) for all renewing members submitting payment after March 31st.*****

Please submit your dues NOW along with an updated application form found on our website>membership link:

tallahasseehuntingretrieverclub.com

think it will work out fine for almost everyone.

I am doing the final numbers tonight and hope to have the cost and all the details emailed out within a few days. Thanks for your patience while I plan the events! For more information or to get on the email list, contact Kristie Wilder
kristie@waterdogkennels.com



Labrador Retriever Remains Most Popular Dog in America

For the 18th consecutive year, the Labrador Retriever is the most popular purebred dog in America. The Lab is followed by the Yorkshire Terrier, the German Shepherd Dog, the Golden Retriever, and the Beagle as the top five registered dogs in 2008.

2009 marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the AKC. In 1884, the registry began with only nine breeds, all members of the Sporting Group. To find out how your favorite breed ranks and to get a historical perspective on the registration statistics visit

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