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Pictured on the front of this issue are the four winning dogs from the NRSFTC Awards. Congratulations to the winners and their owners: Breakstone (Roger Boser) Ruby (Al Fazenbaker) Pal (Steve Witz) and Code Red (Tim Hammons). These beauties also grace the centerfold of this issue.

Another big winner is Tim Hammons (pictured right) who won the James Fike Amateur Handler Award for 2010-2011. The Award Trophy will be presented at the Spring Trial in Berea. Tim's picture with the Fike trophy will be posted here in the Whip once that award is presented. Congratulations Tim— you out-handled 27 other handlers in 21 states, two countries and on 140 trial different grounds. Way to go!



Tim Hammons



## Rambling from Red Setter Run

Hi Everyone:

Hope you're doing well. The NRSFTC will hold it's Spring Trial in Berea Kentucky from Wednesday, February 29th through Sunday March 4th. It's a great site and there are lots of fun activities for the ladies group out.

Berea is a darling little artsy town where there are loads of shops to visit and lots to do. The auction is always full of fun and it's great to get together with old friends. Please join us. We'd love to see you there. The club, in cooperation with National Bird Hunters Association, is also sponsoring the Jack Carter Memorial Open Walking Classic and supporting stakes beginning February 27th. This is an all breed pointing dog stake and certainly what our founding members asked us to do with "The Purest Challenge in Sportsdom." Please join us for the whole week. For more information, visit our website.

Two members won NRSFTC hats last issue. Jim Inbody solved the **Have a Happy New Year** puzzle and Al Houde of Virginia named the Red Setters owned by the Roosevelt family. The dogs actually belonged to President Roosevelt's daughter and they were named **Jack and Jill**! Congratulations to Jim and Al. You **WHIP**-ed the puzzle. By the way, Al Houde is the focus for spotlight on members this issue too.

Speaking of members, many folks have paid their dues for 2012 and we thank you. If you haven't done it yet, please take care of it now. I want to have a complete roster because next issue I plan to include the list of members in your Whip. We are a small group but surprisingly spread all the way across the nation. YOU may not realize that there are other red setter folks in your state or area. Stand up and be counted— please pay those dues **TODAY**. Brian Gard, a member from California, sent us a tribute to his dog Jaime who's life was cut short early. In spite of his sadness, Brian

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shared some great memories and we appreciate his sending the story to us . Thanks Brian- our condolences!

It's time to again think about the NRSFTC Hall of Fame. Please send nomination letters to the Flushing Whip ASAP. We only do this every other year and it is a opportunity to honor the great dogs and people who influences our organization. Presentation of the 2012 NRSFTC Hall of Fame Dog and Individual will be made at the Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction TN next February. We will also honor them at our spring trial one year from now.

Do you remember Bob Barker— long time TV game show host? Bob became very involved in animal rights issues and frequently urged folks to spay/neuter their pets, Of course, for those of us working to *advance the purest challenge*, we need to continue producing the great red setter lines we were blessed with by the restoration project of Ned LeGrande. But what about dogs who don't demonstrate such excellence? Remember, you should only breed to make a BETTER dog— breeding the BEST to the BEST. If you don't plan to breed, would spaying or neutering be an option? Not necessarily so. There's an enormous amount of data, pro and con. So much in fact that it is difficult to separate fact from fiction. Laura J. Sanborn did an in-depth review of this issue for Rutgers's University animal science department in 2007 and it is excellent. As part of our on-going educational mission, I am including it here. Learn the *Truth and Consequences* of Spay Neuter literature to understand ALL of the story. We appreciate Rutgers University making the article available here and we thank Ms. Sanborn for her detailed review. The article is lengthy so I am not publishing the extensive list of references which would have taken up 4 more pages, but, I will mail it to anyone who requests it. Let me know. Finally, I've also included an educational article by John Wick, consultant to Tri-tronics, our generous sponsor. John will get you started on the right foot so you can best introduce the e-collar with success. OK. Enjoy the Whip and a good St. Patrick's Day !

*Deb*

## Rules for 2012 Election of a Distinguished Dog to the NRSFTC Hall of Fame

It's time once again to consider dogs for the NRSFTC Hall of Fame. In the way of a review, the following is the Election Procedure: Election Procedure; Every two years, on the even cycle, members of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club will have the opportunity to elect one distinguished and deserving dog into the National Red Setter Field Trial Hall of Fame. Each member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club in good standing may nominate candidates for this honor. Nominations will elect a distinguished Irish/Red Setter bird dog who is no longer living. The following criteria must also be considered. First and foremost, examine the overall excellence of each candidate. Describe the dog's success as a field trial performer in competition. How did the dog compare to other dogs in that era? Consider the impact this dog made on future generations. How many known wins did the dog and his/her progeny produce?

The Flushing Whip will give notice to membership that nominations are being accepted. Nomination letters (1000 words or less in length) may be submitted by e-mail to [flushingwhip@yahoo.com](mailto:flushingwhip@yahoo.com) or by US Mail to: Flushing Whip, 5630 State Road at Red Setter Run, Kingsville, OH 44048. This IS your notice. **Send your nominations NOW!** All nominating articles and letters become the property of the NRSFTC and will be published on the NRSFTC website and in the July August "Whip."

Once a slate of candidates is established, NRSFTC membership will vote. Each member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club in good standing may submit one

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vote for a distinguished dog. Only the official voting ballot, (included in the July-August issue of The Flushing Whip,) may be used. Ballots must be postmarked no later than September 6th. Once the NRSFTC Membership votes are tallied, the top five candidates will be submitted to the NRSFTC Election Committee for final voting and consideration. This Committee shall consist of the duly appointed and elected Officers and Directors of the NRSFTC including the Editor of The Flushing Whip.

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Hall of Fame Dog	Year Elected	Owner
Askew's Carolina Lady	1972	Ned LeGrande
Buddwing	1979	Don Beauchamp
County Clare's Country Lass	1980	E. J. Lewis
Saturday Night Ed	1981	Col. Ed Schnettler
Ike Jack Kendrick	1981	Ned LeGrande
Joe Junior	1982	M. C. Campbell
Clancy ORyan	1983	Pat Ryan Clancy
Valli Hi Country	1984	David & Jane Hassinger
Abra	2001	Stan Zdanczewicz
Bearcat	2002	Roger Boser
Desperado	2004	Roger Boser
Triple Creek Abby	2008	Stan Zdanczewicz
Wing Shot Fling	2010	Bob Gove
Rock the World	2012	Tim Hammons

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Two years ago when the club had the NRSFTC Hall of fame nominations for Dogs, it was decided that the NRSFTC should also recognize distinguished individuals to our club Hall of Fame. The NRSFTC history is one of great pride and accomplishment. Honor those accomplishments by nominating members who made a major contribution to our history. Ned LeGrande was elected to the National Bird Dog Museum Hall of Fame in 2003. He is therefore automatically a member of the NRSFTC Hall of Fame and would not be eligible for nomination.

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Name of Individual	Year
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# Long term Health Risks and Benefits Associated with Spay Neuter in Dogs

By Laura J. Sanborn, MS

## INTRODUCTION

Dog owners in America are frequently advised to spay/neuter their dogs for health reasons. A number of health benefits are cited, yet evidence is usually not cited to support the alleged health benefits.

When discussing the health impacts of spay/neuter, health risks are often not mentioned. At times, some risks are mentioned, but the most severe risks usually are not. This article is an attempt to summarize the long-term health risks and benefits associated with spay/neuter in dogs that can be found in the veterinary medical literature. This article will not discuss the impact of spay/neuter on population control, or the impact of spay/neuter on behavior. Nearly all of the health risks and benefits summarized in this article are findings from retrospective epidemiological research studies of dogs, which examine potential associations by looking backwards in time. A few are from prospective research studies, which examine potential associations by looking forward in time.

## SUMMARY

An objective reading of the veterinary medical literature reveals a complex situation with respect to the long term health risks and benefits associated with spay/neuter in dogs. The evidence shows that spay/neuter correlates with both positive AND adverse health effects in dogs. It also suggests how much we really do not yet understand about this subject. On balance, it appears that no compelling case can be made for neutering most male dogs, especially immature male dogs, in order to prevent future health problems. The number of health problems associated with neutering may exceed the associated health benefits in most cases.

- On the positive side, neutering male dogs eliminates the small risk (probably <1%) of dying from testicular cancer
- reduces the risk of non-cancerous prostate disorders

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- reduces the risk of perianal fistulas
- may possibly reduce the risk of diabetes (data inconclusive)
- On the negative side, neutering male dogs if done before 1 year of age, significantly increases the risk of osteosarcoma (bone cancer); this is a common cancer in medium/large and larger breeds with a poor prognosis.
- increases the risk of cardiac hemangiosarcoma by a factor of 1.6
- triples the risk of hypothyroidism
- increases the risk of progressive geriatric cognitive impairment
- triples the risk of obesity, a common health problem in dogs with many associated health problems
- quadruples the small risk (<0.6%) of prostate cancer
- doubles the small risk (<1%) of urinary tract cancers
- increases the risk of orthopedic disorders
- increases the risk of adverse reactions to vaccinations

For female dogs, the situation is more complex. The number of health benefits associated with spaying may exceed the associated health problems in some (not all) cases. On balance, whether spaying improves the odds of overall good health or degrades them probably depends on the age of the female dog and the relative risk of various diseases in the different breeds.

On the positive side, spaying female dogs

- if done before 2.5 years of age, greatly reduces the risk of mammary tumors, the most common malignant tumors in female dogs
- nearly eliminates the risk of pyometra, which otherwise would affect about 23% of intact female dogs; pyometra kills about 1% of intact female dogs
- reduces the risk of perianal fistulas
- removes the very small risk (\_0.5%) from uterine, cervical, and ovarian tumors

On the negative side, spaying female dogs

- if done before 1 year of age, significantly increases the risk of osteosarcoma (bone cancer); this is a common cancer in larger breeds with a poor prognosis
- increases the risk of splenic hemangiosarcoma by a factor of 2.2 and cardiac hemangiosarcoma by a factor of >5; this is a common

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cancer and major cause of death in some breeds

- triples the risk of hypothyroidism
- increases the risk of obesity by a factor of 1.6-2, a common health problem in dogs with many

#### **Associated Health Problems**

- causes urinary "spay incontinence" in 4-20% of female dogs
- increases the risk of persistent or recurring urinary tract infections by a factor of 3-4
- increases the risk of recessed vulva, vaginal dermatitis, and vaginitis, especially for female dogs spayed before puberty
- doubles the small risk (<1%) of urinary tract tumors
- increases the risk of orthopedic disorders
- increases the risk of adverse reactions to vaccinations

One thing is clear - much of the spay/neuter information that is available to the public is unbalanced and contains claims that are exaggerated or unsupported by evidence. Rather than helping to educate pet owners, much of it has contributed to common misunderstandings about the health risks and benefits associated of spay/neuter in dogs.

The traditional spay/neuter age of six months as well as the modern practice of pediatric spay/neuter appear to predispose dogs to health risks that could otherwise be avoided by waiting until the dog is physically mature, or perhaps in the case of many male dogs, foregoing it altogether unless medically necessary.

The balance of long-term health risks and benefits of spay/neuter will vary from one dog to the next. Breed, age, and gender are variables that must be taken into consideration in conjunction with non-medical factors for each individual dog. Across-the-board recommendations for all pet dogs do not appear to be supportable from findings in the veterinary medical literature.

#### **FINDINGS FROM STUDIES**

This section summarizes the diseases or conditions that have been studied with respect to spay/neuter in dogs.

#### **Complications from Spay/Neuter Surgery**

All surgery incurs some risk of complications, including adverse

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reactions to anesthesia, hemorrhage, inflammation, infection, etc. Complications include only immediate and near term impacts that are clearly linked to the surgery, not to longer term impacts that can only be assessed by research studies. At one veterinary teaching hospital where complications were tracked, the rates of intraoperative, postoperative and total complications were 6.3%, 14.1% and 20.6%, respectively as a result of spaying female dogs<sup>1</sup>. Other studies found a rate of total complications from spaying of 17.7%<sup>2</sup> and 23%<sup>3</sup>. A study of Canadian veterinary private practitioners found complication rates of 22% and 19% for spaying female dogs and neutering male dogs, respectively<sup>4</sup>. Serious complications such as infections, abscesses, rupture of the surgical wound, and chewed out sutures were reported at a 1- 4% frequency, with spay and castration surgeries accounting for 90% and 10% of these complications, respectively.<sup>4</sup> The death rate due to complications from spay/neuter is low, at around 0.1%<sup>2</sup>.

#### PROSTATE CANCER

Much of the spay/neuter information available to the public asserts that neutering will reduce or eliminate the risk that male dogs develop prostate cancer. This would not be an unreasonable assumption, given that prostate cancer in humans is linked to testosterone. But the evidence in dogs does not support this claim. In fact, the strongest evidence suggests just the opposite.

There have been several conflicting epidemiological studies over the years that found either an increased risk or a decreased risk of prostate cancer in neutered dogs. These studies did not utilize control populations, rendering these results at best difficult to interpret. This may partially explain the conflicting results.

More recently, two retrospective studies were conducted that did utilize control populations. One of these studies involved a dog population in Europe<sup>5</sup> and the other involved a dog population in America<sup>6</sup>. Both studies found that neutered male dogs have a four times *higher* risk of prostate cancer than intact dogs. Based on their results, the researchers suggest a cause-and-effect relationship: "this suggests that castration does not initiate the development of prostatic carcinoma in the dog, but does favor tumor progression" <sup>5</sup>

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and also "Our study found that most canine prostate cancers are of ductal-urothelial origin. The relatively low incidence of prostate cancer in intact dogs may suggest that testicular hormones are in fact protective against ductal-urothelial prostatic carcinoma, or may have indirect effects on cancer development by changing the environment in the prostate."<sup>6</sup>

This needs to be put in perspective. Unlike the situation in humans, prostate cancer is uncommon in dogs. Given an incidence of prostate cancer in dogs of less than 0.6% from necropsy studies<sup>7</sup>, it is difficult to see that the risk of prostate cancer should factor heavily into most neutering decisions. There is evidence for an increased risk of prostate cancer in at least one breed (Bouvier)<sup>8</sup>, though very little data so far to guide us in regards to other breeds.

#### TESTICULAR CANCER

Since the testicles are removed with neutering, castration removes any risk of testicular cancer (assuming the castration is done before cancer develops). This needs to be compared to the risk of testicular cancer in intact dogs.

Testicular tumors are not uncommon in older intact dogs, with a reported incidence of 7%<sup>9</sup>. However, the prognosis for treating testicular tumors is very good owing to a low rate of metastasis<sup>9</sup>, so testicular cancer is an uncommon cause of death in intact dogs. For example, in a Purdue University breed health survey of Golden Retrievers<sup>10</sup>, deaths due to testicular cancer were sufficiently infrequent that they did not appear on list of significant causes of "Years of Potential Life Lost for Veterinary Confirmed Cause of Death" even though 40% of GR males were intact. Furthermore, the GRs who were treated for testicular tumors had a 90.9% cure rate. This agrees well with other work that found 6-14% rates of metastasis for testicular tumors in dogs<sup>11</sup>. The high cure rate of testicular tumors combined with their frequency suggests that fewer than 1% of intact male dogs will die of testicular cancer.

In summary, though it may be the most common reason why many advocate neutering young male dogs, the risk from life

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threatening testicular cancer is sufficiently low that neutering most male dogs to prevent it is difficult to justify.

An exception might be bilateral or unilateral cryptorchids, as testicles that are retained in the abdomen are 13.6 times more likely to develop tumors than descended testicles<sup>12</sup> and it is also more difficult to detect tumors in undescended testicles by routine physical examination.

#### **OSTEOSARCOMA (Bone Cancer)**

A multi-breed case-control study of the risk factors for osteosarcoma found that spay/neutered dogs (males or females) had twice the risk of developing osteosarcoma as did intact dogs<sup>13</sup>. This risk was further studied in Rottweilers, a breed with a relatively high risk of osteosarcoma. This retrospective cohort study broke the risk down by age at spay/neuter, and found that the elevated risk of osteosarcoma is associated with spay/neuter of young dogs<sup>14</sup>. Rottweilers spayed/neutered before one year of age were 3.8 (males) or 3.1 (females) times more likely to develop osteosarcoma than intact dogs. Indeed, the combination of breed risk and early spay/neuter meant that Rottweilers spayed/neutered before

one year of age had a 28.4% (males) and 25.1% (females) risk of developing osteosarcoma. These results are consistent with the earlier multi-breed study<sup>13</sup> but have an advantage of assessing risk as a function of age at neuter. A logical conclusion derived from combining the findings of these two studies is that spay/neuter of dogs before 1 year of age is associated with a significantly increased risk of osteosarcoma. The researchers suggest a cause-and-effect relationship, as sex hormones are known to influence the maintenance of skeletal structure and mass, and also because their findings showed an inverse relationship between time of exposure to sex hormones and risk of osteosarcoma.<sup>14</sup>

The risk of osteosarcoma increases with increasing breed size and especially height<sup>13</sup>. It is a common cause of death in medium/large, large, and giant breeds. Osteosarcoma is the third most common cause of death in Golden Retrievers<sup>10</sup> and is even more common in larger breeds<sup>13</sup>. Given the poor prognosis of osteosarcoma and its frequency in many breeds, spay/neuter of immature dogs in the

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medium/large, large, and giant breeds is apparently associated with a significant and elevated risk of death due to osteosarcoma.

#### **MAMMARY CANCER (Breast Cancer)**

Mammary tumors are by far the most common tumors in intact female dogs, constituting some 53% of all malignant tumors in female dogs in a study of dogs in Norway<sup>15</sup> where spaying is much less common than in the USA. 50-60% of mammary tumors are malignant, for which there is a significant risk of metastasis<sup>16</sup>. Mammary tumors in dogs have been found to have estrogen receptors<sup>17</sup>, and the published research<sup>18</sup> shows that the relative risk (odds ratio) that a female will develop mammary cancer compared to the risk in intact females is dependent on how many

Number of Estrus Cycles before spay	Odds Ratio
None	0.005
1	0.08
2 or more	0.26
Intact	1.00
The same data when categorized differently showed that the relative risk (odds ratio) that females will develop mammary cancer compared to the risk in intact females indicated that:	
Age at Spaying	Odds Ratio
29 months	0.06
30 months	0.40 (not statistically significant at the P<0.05 level)
Intact	1

estrus cycles she experiences:

Please note that these are RELATIVE risks. This study has been referenced elsewhere many times but the results have often been misrepresented as absolute risks. A similar reduction in breast cancer risk was found for women under the age of 40 who lost their estrogen production due to "artificial menopause"<sup>19</sup> and

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breast cancer in humans is known to be estrogen activated.

Mammary cancer was found to be the 10<sup>th</sup> most common cause of years of lost life in Golden Retrievers, even though 86% of female GRs were spayed, at a median age of 3.4 yrs<sup>10</sup>. Considering that the female subset accounts for almost all mammary cancer cases, it probably would rank at about the 5<sup>th</sup> most common cause of years of lost life in female GRs. It would rank higher still if more female GRs had been kept intact up to 30 months of age. Boxers, cocker spaniels, English Springer spaniels, and dachshunds are breeds at high risk of mammary tumors<sup>15</sup>. A population of mostly intact female Boxers was found to have a 40% chance of developing mammary cancer between the ages of 6-12 years of age<sup>15</sup>. There are some indications that purebred dogs may be at higher risk than mixed breed dogs, and purebred dogs with high inbreeding coefficients may be at higher risk than those with low inbreeding coefficients<sup>20</sup>. More investigation is required to determine if these are significant.

In summary, spaying female dogs significantly reduces the risk of mammary cancer (a common cancer), and the fewer estrus cycles experienced at least up to 30 months of age, the lower the risk will be.

#### **FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE TRACT CANCER**

Uterine/cervical tumors are rare in dogs, constituting just 0.3% of tumors in dogs<sup>21</sup>. Spaying will remove the risk of ovarian tumors, but the risk is only 0.5%<sup>22</sup>. While spaying will remove the risk of reproductive tract tumors, it is unlikely that surgery can be justified to prevent the risks of uterine, cervical, and ovarian cancers as the risks are so low.

#### **URINARY TRACT CANCER (Bladder and Urethra Cancers)**

An age-matched retrospective study found that spay/neuter dogs were two times more likely to develop lower urinary tract tumors (bladder or urethra) compared to intact dogs<sup>23</sup>. These tumors are nearly always malignant, but are infrequent, accounting for less than 1% of canine tumors. So this risk is unlikely to weigh heavily on spay/neuter decisions. Airedales, Beagles, and Scottish Terriers are at elevated risk

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for urinary tract cancer while German Shepherds have a lower than average risk<sup>23</sup>.

#### **HEMANGIOSARCOMA**

Hemangiosarcoma is a common cancer in dogs. It is a major cause of death in some breeds, such as Salukis, French Bulldogs, Irish Water Spaniels, Flat Coated Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Boxers, Afghan Hounds, English Setters, Scottish Terriers, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, and German Shepherd Dogs<sup>24</sup>.

In an aged-matched case controlled study, spayed females were found to have a 2.2 times higher risk of splenic hemangiosarcoma compared to intact females<sup>24</sup>. A retrospective study of cardiac hemangiosarcoma risk factors found a >5 times greater risk in spayed female dogs compared to intact female dogs and a 1.6 times higher risk in neutered male dogs compared to intact male dogs.<sup>25</sup> The authors suggest a protective effect of sex hormones against mangiosarcoma, especially in females. In breeds where hermangiosarcoma is an important cause of death, the increased risk associated with spay/neuter is likely one that should factor into decisions on whether or when to sterilize a dog.

#### **HYPOTHYROIDISM**

Spay/neuter in dogs was found to be correlated with a three fold increased risk of hypothyroidism compared to intact dogs<sup>26</sup>. The researchers suggest a cause-and-effect relationship: They wrote: "More important [than the mild direct impact on thyroid function] in the association between [spaying and] neutering and hypothyroidism may be the effect of sex hormones on the immune system. Castration increases the severity of autoimmune thyroiditis in mice" which may explain the link between spay/neuter and hypothyroidism in dogs. Hypothyroidism in dogs causes obesity, lethargy, hair loss, and reproductive abnormalities.<sup>27</sup> The lifetime risk of hypothyroidism in breed health surveys was found to be 1 in 4 in Golden Retrievers<sup>10</sup>, 1 in 3 in Akitas<sup>28</sup>, 1 in 13 in Great Danes<sup>29</sup>.

#### **OBESITY**

Owing to changes in metabolism, spay/neuter dogs are more likely to be overweight or obese than intact dogs. One study found a two fold increased risk of obesity in spayed females compared to intact females<sup>30</sup>. Another study found that spay/neuter dogs were

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1.6 (females) or 3.0 (males) times more likely to be obese than intact dogs, and 1.2 (females) or 1.5 (males) times more likely to be overweight than intact dogs<sup>31</sup>. A survey study of veterinary practices in the UK found that 21% of dogs were obese.<sup>30</sup> Being obese and/or overweight is associated with a host of health problems in dogs. Overweight dogs are more likely to be diagnosed with hyperadrenocorticism, ruptured cruciate ligament, hypothyroidism, lower urinary tract disease, and oral disease<sup>32</sup>. Obese dogs are more likely to be diagnosed with hypothyroidism, diabetes mellitus, pancreatitis, ruptured cruciate ligament, and neoplasia (tumors)<sup>32</sup>.

#### **DIABETES**

Some data indicate that neutering doubles the risk of diabetes in male dogs, but other data showed no significant change in diabetes risk with neutering<sup>33</sup>. In the same studies, no association was found between spaying and the risk of diabetes.

#### **ADVERSE VACCINE REACTIONS**

A retrospective cohort study of adverse vaccine reactions in dogs was conducted, which included allergic reactions, hives, anaphylaxis, cardiac arrest, cardiovascular shock, and sudden death. Adverse reactions were 30% more likely in spayed females than intact females, and 27% more likely in neutered males than intact males<sup>34</sup>. The investigators discuss possible cause-and-effect mechanisms for this finding, including the roles that sex hormones play in body's ability to mount an immune response to vaccination.<sup>34</sup> Toy breeds and smaller breeds are at elevated risk of adverse vaccine reactions, as are Boxers, English Bulldogs, Lhasa Apsos, Weimaraners, American Eskimo Dogs, Golden Retrievers, Basset Hounds, Welsh Corgis, Siberian Huskies, Great Danes, Labrador Retrievers, Doberman Pinschers, American Pit Bull Terriers, and Akitas.<sup>34</sup> Mixed breed dogs were found to be at lower risk, and the authors suggest genetic heterogeneity (hybrid vigor) as the cause.

#### **UROGENITAL DISORDERS**

Urinary incontinence is common in spayed female dogs, which can occur soon after spay surgery or after a delay of up to several years. The incidence rate in various studies is 4-20%<sup>35, 36, 37</sup> for spayed females compared to only 0.3% in intact females<sup>38</sup>. Urinary incontinence is so

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strongly linked to spaying that it is commonly called “spay incontinence” and is caused by urethral sphincter incompetence<sup>39</sup>, though the biological mechanism is unknown. Most (but not all) cases of urinary incontinence respond to the medical treatment, and in many cases this treatment needs to be continued for the duration of the dog’s life.<sup>40</sup> A retrospective study found that persistent or recurring urinary tract (bladder) infections (UTIs) were 3-4 times more likely in spayed female dogs than in intact females<sup>41</sup>. Another retrospective study found that female dogs spayed before 5 ½ months of age were 2.76 times more likely to develop UTIs compared to those spayed after 5 ½ months of age.<sup>42</sup> Depending on the age of surgery, spaying causes abnormal development of the external genitalia. Spayed females were found to have an increased risk of recessed vulva, vaginal dermatitis, vaginitis, and UTIs.<sup>43</sup> The risk is higher still for female dogs spayed before puberty.<sup>43</sup>

#### **PYOMETRA (Infection of the Uterus)**

Pet insurance data in Sweden (where spaying is very uncommon) found that 23% of all female dogs developed pyometra before 10 years of age<sup>44</sup>. Bernese Mountain dogs, Rottweilers, rough-haired Collies, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and Golden Retrievers were found to be high risk breeds<sup>44</sup>. Female dogs that have not whelped puppies are at elevated risk for pyometra<sup>45</sup>. Rarely, spayed female dogs can develop “stump pyometra” related to incomplete removal of the uterus. Pyometra can usually be treated surgically or medically, but 4% of pyometra cases led to death<sup>44</sup>. Combined with the incidence of pyometra, this suggests that about 1% of intact female dogs will die from pyometra.

#### **PERIANAL FISTULAS**

Male dogs are twice as likely to develop perianal fistulas as are the females, and spay/neutered dogs have a decreased risk compared to intact dogs<sup>46</sup>. German Shepherd Dogs and Irish Setters are more likely to develop perianal fistulas than are other breeds.<sup>46</sup>

#### **NON-CANCEROUS TUMORS OF THE PROSTATE GLAND**

The incidence of benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH, enlarged prostate) increases with age in intact male dogs, and occurs in

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more than 80% of intact male dogs older than the age of 5 years<sup>47</sup>. Most cases of BPH cause no problems, but in some cases the dog will have difficulty defecating or urinating.

Neutering will prevent BPH. If neutering is done after the prostate has become enlarged, the enlarged prostate will shrink relatively quickly. BPH is linked to other problems of the prostate gland, including infections, abscesses, and cysts, which can sometimes have serious consequences.

#### **ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS**

In a study of beagles, surgical removal of the ovaries (as happens in spaying) caused an increase in the rate of remodeling of the ilium (pelvic bone)<sup>48</sup>, suggesting an increased risk of hip dysplasia with spaying.

Spaying was also found to cause a net loss of bone mass in the spine<sup>49</sup>. Spay/neuter of immature dogs delays the closure of the growth plates in bones that are still growing, causing those bones to end up significantly longer than in intact dogs or those spay/neutered after maturity<sup>50</sup>. Since the growth plates in various bones close at different times, spay/neuter that is done after some growth plates have closed but before other growth plates have closed might result in a dog with unnatural proportions, possibly impacting performance and long term durability of the joints. Spay/neuter is associated with a two fold increased risk of cranial cruciate ligament rupture<sup>51</sup>. Perhaps this is associated with the increased risk of obesity<sup>50</sup>. Spay/neuter before 5 ½ months of age is associated with a 70% increased aged-adjusted risk of hip dysplasia compared to dogs spayed/neutered after 5 ½ months of age, though there were some indications that the former may have had a lower severity manifestation of the disease<sup>42</sup>. The researchers suggest "it is possible that the increase in bone length that results from early-age gonadectomy results in changes in joint conformation, which could lead to a diagnosis of hip dysplasia."

In a breed health survey study of Airedales, spay/neuter dogs were significantly more likely to suffer hip dysplasia as well as "any musculoskeletal disorder", compared to intact dogs<sup>52</sup>, however possible confounding factors were not controlled for, such as the possibility that some dogs might have been spayed/neutered because they had hip dysplasia or other musculoskeletal disorders. Compared to intact dogs,

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another study found that dogs neutered six months prior to a diagnosis of hip dysplasia were 1.5 times as likely to develop clinical hip dysplasia.<sup>53</sup> Compared to intact dogs, spayed/neutered dogs were found to have a 3.1 fold higher risk of patellar luxation.<sup>54</sup>

#### **GERIATRIC COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT**

Neutered male dogs and spayed female dogs are at increased risk of progressing from mild to severe geriatric cognitive impairment compared to intact male dogs<sup>55</sup>. There weren't enough intact geriatric females available for the study to determine their risk.

Geriatric cognitive impairment includes disorientation in the house or outdoors, changes in social interactions with human family members, loss of house training, and changes in the sleep-wake cycle<sup>55</sup>. The investigators state "This finding is in line with current research on the neuro-protective roles of testosterone and estrogen at the cellular level and the role of estrogen in preventing Alzheimer's disease in human females. One would predict that estrogens would have a similar protective role in the sexually intact female dogs; unfortunately too few sexually intact female dogs were available for inclusion in the present study to test the hypothesis"<sup>55</sup>

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

An objective reading of the veterinary medical literature reveals a complex situation with respect to the longterm health risks and benefits associated with spay/neuter in dogs. The evidence shows that spay/neuter correlates with both positive AND adverse health effects in dogs. It also suggests how much we really do not yet understand about this subject.

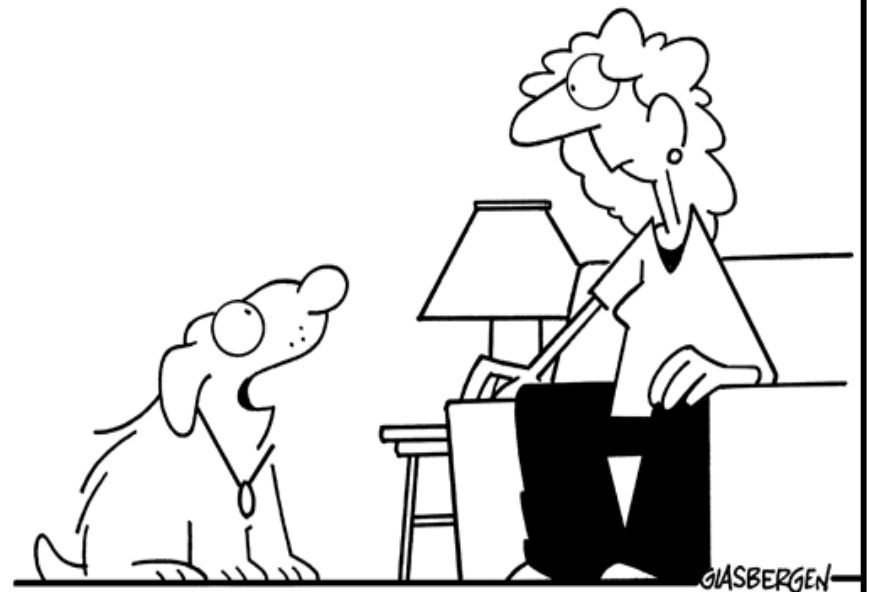
On balance, it appears that no compelling case can be made for neutering most male dogs to prevent future health problems, especially immature male dogs. The number of health problems associated with neutering may exceed the associated health benefits in most cases.

For female dogs, the situation is more complex. The number of health benefits associated with spaying may exceed the associated health problems in many (not all) cases. On balance, whether spaying improves the odds of overall good health or degrades them probably depends on the age of the dog and the relative risk of

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various diseases in the different breeds. The traditional spay/neuter age of six months as well as the modern practice of pediatric spay/neuter appear to predispose dogs to health risks that could otherwise be avoided by waiting until the dog is physically mature, or perhaps in the case of many male dogs, foregoing it altogether unless medically necessary. The balance of long-term health risks and benefits of spay/neuter will vary from one dog to the next. Breed, age, and gender are variables that must be taken into consideration in conjunction with non-medical factors for each individual dog. Across-the-board recommendations for all dogs do not appear to be supportable from findings in the veterinary medical literature.

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for who but I can see you lie  
each night, in fire glow  
and who but I can reach my hand  
before we go to bed  
and feel the living warmth of you  
and touch your silken head  
and only I walk wooden paths  
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so young again and free  
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## Note from Deb about Tri-tronic consultant, John Wick

It's surprising how many well intentioned dog owners purchase an e-collar with the idea of "training their dog in a faster and more efficient manner" Unfortunately, a good number of those well meaning dog owners, don't take the time to train themselves on how to use their new purchase correctly. Many a good dog has been ruined by his uneducated trainer. Although John Wick has had experience with all types of hunting dogs over the years, he is best known for his work— training "tree dogs." I'm not sure if any of you readers know the degree of vehemence I hold against raccoons but I'll tell you this: No one hates a raccoon quite as much as I do. John Wick has spent the last 46 years tracking down such varmints. When I heard that my first thought was that John should be proclaimed a national hero. Although the training plan and goals will vary between pointing and tree dogs, the basic tenets are the same. Consistency and Care. Since Tritronics provides such generous sponsorship, I thought it would be useful to have John Wick share some training tips here— not for seasoned field trialers but for folks who just got their first dog OR their first training collar. So, we'll start at the very beginning with some sage advice— It's just like training kids: keep it simple and consistent. Here's John Wick:

## Basic information on introducing a Tri-tronic collar

By John Wick

### Keep it Simple and Consistent

Some folks have the terrible dog training handicap of thinking like a human being. But you see, successful dog trainers don't think like people; instead they think like dogs. Thinking like people often results in a strategy that's too complicated, or too out of balance and unpredictable for a dog to completely and thoroughly understand. One small, simple step at a time is how a dog thinks and learns. Successful dog trainers know and understand that. They know you must look at the world through a dog's eyes and think of the world with a dog's brain. They know you must keep it simple and uncomplicated. Sometimes it's hard, but they always remember that!

### Beginning

**Basic commands** - Make sure your dog understands the command before you reinforce the command with the electronic collar.

**Have fun** - Make training sessions fun and enjoyable for your dog. Use plenty of praise and play.

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**Your training plan** - Have a "game plan" in your training, work on each command one at a time. Keep a log of your dog's progress.

**Trainer protection** - Be sure to wear a pair of gloves when you first begin working with your dog on a rope to prevent painful rope burn to your fingers or palms if your dog should decide to take off.

**Intensity levels** - Use proper intensity levels for each training session. The tri-tronics Owner's Guide and DVD show how to determine the proper level. Take the time to study it.

**Collar wise** - If you have a dog that is "collar wise" for some reason, one of the best ways to work that kind of dog is to put an e-collar on him 2 hours before you work him. This gives the dog plenty of time to forget about having the collar on. Then start your training as you normally do.

**Gaining confidence** - Keep a long lead or check cord on the dog along with the e-collar until you are confident enough in the dog to go "off-leash".

**Puppy motion sickness** - Condition a young pup to riding in the dog box-first trips should be on an empty stomach-keep the trips short and fun, then gradually extend them as pup gets used to vehicle motion. In this manner, the first few actual hunting trips that the pup experiences won't be marred by uncomfortable motion sickness.

**Methods to use for stimulation** - One way to teach a dog to obey new commands is with the use of continuous stimulation. Pick the correct intensity level for your dog as described in the Tri-Tronic's manual. Press the low button or set the intensity on low just before you give the command (not afterwards) and release the button the moment the dog complies. He will learn to "turn the collar off" by obeying the command. Remember, in the beginning the dog may need the guidance of a leash to show him what behavior will shut off the stimulation. You should start with the low-level button and go up to medium if the dog will not respond. You should reserve the high stimulation for rare circumstances when the dog is very distracted.

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If the dog is not responding to the low at all, you will need to go up one level. Using sit as an example, you would push the low-level button and give the sit command. Guide the dog into a sit using your leash and release the button when the dog is sitting. Very soon, you will no longer need to guide the dog with the leash.

During the first few lessons, you should press the button before each command. After several training sessions on a command, you should see the dog trying to obey quickly. When you see this reaction, the dog is ready for you to phase out using continuous stimulation. Now you can give the command first and if the dog does not comply, say "No, sit" and push low momentary. If the dog appears confused, go back to using continuous stimulation and show him what you want him to do.

When you use the collar to stop your dog from doing things he shouldn't - like digging or jumping up - press the button the moment the dog makes the mistake (use momentary stimulation). You want him to think he caused the correction by something he did. Say nothing, as you do not want the dog to associate the correction with your presence.

We'll stop there. Training sessions should be short enough to hold your student's attention and interest. See you next issue

Thank you Tri-tronics and John Wick for sharing this information with our club. John Wick is nationally known for his 46 years experience with tree dogs. For approximately 25 years, he made all or most of his living breeding, training, and competing coonhounds in Missouri. John is the man behind the design and manufacture of the revolutionary WICK line of outdoor apparel. Dozens of his ideas have spread through the industry and been produced by many other manufacturers.

He's known for innovation and his motto, "Everything can be done a better way." Having written hundreds of published articles in the past 35 years, at various times John's been a regular featured article writer in all four of the national tree dog magazines. He currently does a six page monthly article in American Cooner magazine. John's the author of a set of two books entitled WALK WITH WICK: The Tree Dog Encyclopedia. John is a member of the American Coon Hunters Association Hall of Fame and a Tri-Tronics consultant. We thank Tri-tronics and John for sharing these articles with us.



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## ODE TO A BEAUCHAMP IMP By Brian Gard



I'm fairly new to the world of Red Setters, having only one previously which was a 55lb. male who lived to 16 years. I live in suburban San Diego, CA, and while I can't hunt too often due to time and travel constraints, I love having a hunting dog and exercising the dog is exercise for me as well. I am a walking hunter and a long way away from field trialing.

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When I had to put my last Red Setter down, I resolved to get another Red Setter and set forth via the internet and telephone contact to locate one. I was promised pick of the litter from a California breeder, who then reneged completely without explanation, nor did I ask for one...no means no, and I'm not one to whine.

However the guy suggested that I contact Don Beauchamp as he felt him to be a reputable breeder with a good string of dogs at a reasonable price. I was familiar with Don Beauchamp's name through the NRSFTC Flushing Whip, and gave him a call. Ideally I wanted a started dog, if not a broke dog, because being new to the game I don't really know how to polish a good hunting dog.

Don indicated he had a started dog which he had sold to somebody who wanted her for his father, but then the father took ill and was hospitalized for an extended period of time during which the son commenced training the dog. When the father got out of the hospital, the dog wouldn't hunt for him... she was apparently a one man dog. So Don traded a pup for the started dog, but didn't like the curvature of the started dog's tail so he was willing to sell her for a good price. It was a perfect situation for both of us.

I had her flown in from Kansas to San Diego, and Don even threw in the kennel for free. She arrived as one scared little dog...she certainly was not in Kansas anymore, but I resisted the urge to rename her "Toto" from Jamie.

She was so initially discombobulated that it took about 2 weeks for her to extend her tail from between her legs as she became assimilated into our family of two kids, a bird and a cat...more later about the cat. When she finally started feeling confident and her tail came up, my wife said she looked like a question mark. Be that as it may, there was no question about the intensity of the dog. She pointed EVERYTHING, from flies to moths to butterflies to bees to our pet cockatiel to pigeons to quail to ravens, and to my wife's extreme displeasure...the cat.

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I couldn't break her from harassing the cat.

We separated the cat and dog. The cat slept in our room, and Jamie had her bed in the living room. The cat wanted to eat around 4:00 a.m., so I'd have to get up, put the dog out in the backyard, let the cat out of the room to eat and then wait till the cat was done and then wanted out before I could let Jamie back in. By then it was about an hour before daylight which is when I would take Jamie out for her run. I learned to go to bed earlier. I also learned that taking Jamie for a run in the hills was tantamount to hiking the Himalayas.

This dog was all over the place. I'd see her 50 yards to my left, and the next time 400 yards to my right...running full speed all along. She learned my whistle, and kind of considered it a message of where I was, but not necessarily a call to return. When I didn't have the time to run her in the hills, I'd leash her to my bicycle and we'd go to a local supermarket parking lot where she could point pigeons.

That led to her demise. While I was returning on New Years Eve from my brother's wedding in Huntsville, Alabama, I got a call from a lady who told me Jamie had just been hit by a car while crossing the street...she was only ½ block from the supermarket pigeons. She apparently nosed open the gate, got out of the back yard, and commenced to embark upon that which she loved most...pointing birds. She didn't survive, and it has left a huge hole in the hearts of all my family; well, all except the cat.

I can't thank Don Beauchamp enough for introducing me to such a high energy and intense little hunting dog who captured our hearts and impressed the many people who called him to say that they found her after she had run away from me and only his phone number was on her collar. I'd take another Beauchamp dog any day when I can again afford it, but I think I'd better get a puppy. It appears you can take the dog out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the dog.



## Spotlight on NRSFTC member Al Houde of Stafford, Virginia



I mentioned earlier in the Whip, Al Houde had correctly named President Roosevelt's Red Setters. Let me tell you a bit more about him—he's quite a guy!

Al is a lifelong hunter; he first began hunting at age 14. His chief interest is waterfowl hunting but he also enjoys going for quail, or woodcock there in Virginia. When he gets back

to his "home state" of New York, he likes to hunt partridge, woodcock and ducks.

He actually called our house several years ago because he was looking to get a red setter and he'd seen that my dog Finn had been the first Irish to pass a NAVHDA Utility Test. Al's interest with the NAVHDA dogs was because he wanted a pup who would do waterfowl hunting with him. Anyhow, we didn't have any puppies at the time but we referred him to Amy Gautier who's dog Augie had just earned a Versatile Championship from NAVHDA. Al put his name on a waiting list for a litter of Augie's pups but unfortunately, he wanted a female and there just weren't enough gals to go around. Isn't that always the way?? Anyhow, Al kept looking and, in the end, an American Water Spaniel stole his heart. Al took the pup home and named it Drake. Drake has proved to be an exceptional hunting companion; water spaniels are flushing and retrieving dogs but as it turns out, Drake has also been very good in the field with upland birds.

Now, let me also tell you a little more about Al. After school he joined the Navy where learned gun smithing and weaponry work. During his tenure he traveled to England where, in 1982 he met Helen. They married 6 years later and over time were blessed with 4 children and then 4 grandchildren.

Al retired from the Navy after 20 years and briefly did a stint in

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Federal Law Enforcement in DC. The commute was over an hour and a half each way and as you can imagine, it was pretty tedious. Then, in 2003, his Navy gun smithing skills paid off. Al landed a job at the as the Senior Ordnance Curator for the National Museum of the Marine Corps located in Virginia. It's a great job, doing what he loves— and just 10 minutes from home. What does he do? Well, Al oversees all the weapons in the museum and assures that they are in immaculate condition. The National Museum of the Marine Corps has over 4000 small arms in their collection. The weapons go from all the way back to ancient Japanese matchlock guns to modern day implements used by today's Marines. They also have captured weapons, experimental weapons and a collection of implements which belonged to many renown persons. For instance— the museum has several of the personal firearms of Major General Merritt Austin Edson, who is best remembered as "Red Mike." Edson, a hero of Guadalcanal during WWII, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. After the Marines, Edson was the first Commissioner of the Vermont State Police and was also Director of the NRA in the mid-1950's. The museum also holds two shotguns which were owned and used by John Philip Sousa. He was Director of the Marine Band for many years and wrote "Stars and Stripes Forever" as well as many other patriotic songs. Sousa was an avid sportsman and is enshrined in the American Trap-Shooting Hall of Fame. To learn more about the National Museum of the Marine Corps go to: <[www.usmcmuseum.com](http://www.usmcmuseum.com)>. As the Senior Ordnance Curator, Al doesn't just care for the weapons at the museum— he honors their history and the Marines who held them. So, that's the spotlight on NRSFTC member Alfred Houde— veteran, historian, and great American Patriot. Thank you for your service to our nation Al. We salute you!

BTW, Al hasn't given up on the idea of getting a red setter. Needless to say, he'd still like a female puppy who loves retrieving and playing in the water. He figures it will make an exceptional hunting partner for Drake. So, if you happen to have a red setter litter like that, please give him a call.



## Tom Norton's All Breed Honor

As reported in the American Field Vol. 276, No. 49 dated December 10, 2011 through Vol. 277, No. 3 dated January 21, 2012



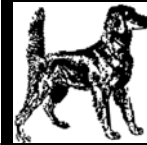
Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Her Ruby Red Slipper places 1st	Allen Fazenbaker O/H	Sharpton	Applebee	Fishing Creek Bird Dog Club, 10-29-11, NBHA Open Shooting Dog	5 EP, 3 ES, 2 IS
From the report: Ruby ran a nice forward race with bird work all in order.					
Rendition places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	York Pointer and Setter Club, 10-22-11, Amateur Derby	7 entries
From the report: Rendition gained second with two finds, an unproductive and a good race.					
Code Red places 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Bear Pond Field Trial Club, 11-5-11, Amateur All Age	7 EP, 1 IS
From the report: Code Red had a find and finished strong.					
Twisti places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carrie & Travor Michael O/Carrie Michael H	Chukarhill Burn Notice	Russel's Grapevine	Big Country Field Trial Club, 8-19-11, Open Puppy	3 entries
Brownhaven Steel Magnolias places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Baker O/H	Brownhaven Let's Roll	St. Jude's Windsong	Hill Country Bird Hunters Club, 10-15-11, Amateur Shooting Dog	6 EP, 2 IS
Code Red places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Commonwealth Bird Dog Club, 10-22-11, Open All Age	10 EP, 1ES, 1 IS
Breakstone Places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Sharpton	Chantilly	Indiantown Gap Trials, 11-7-11, Keystone Amateur Shooting Dog Classic	5 ES, 3 IS
From the report: Breakstone ran an excellent forward race and had four finds, all handled with equally excellent style and manners.					

Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Redstone places 1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Potomac Valley Field Trial Club, 11-16-11, Maryland Amateur Shooting Dog Classic	8 entries
From the report: Redstone's hour was about half on each side of the road. She had a strong race with four well handled finds including one on pheasant. She was lost at the end but was shown to the front five minutes after the hour and was the clear winner.					
Breakstone places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Sharpton	Chantilly	Potomac Valley Field Trial Club, 11-16-11, Maryland Amateur Shooting Dog Classic	8 entries
From the report: Breakstone had three finds, an unproductive and a stop to flush on a covey. He also had a good race, most of it to the front.					
Setter Downs Jiving Sister Fanny places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Rhodes O/H	Setter Downs Tiger in Your Tank	Setter Downs Brown Sugar	Texas Coastal Brittany Club, 11-4-11, Open Puppy	10 entries
Code Red places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Buck-Tuck Field Trial Club, 10-29-11, Open All Age	9 EP, 1 IS
Manteo's Mattie Blaylock places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Falkowski O/H Doug McKenzie	Aiken	Homepage	Big Sky Field Trial Club, 10-1-11, Open Shooting Dog	10 entries
Rock On places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doug McKenzie O/H	Jack Flash	Celtic's Sagacious Ryley	Big Sky Field Trial Club, 10-1-11, Open All Age	8 entries
Iskote Ahnung places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spero Manson O/H	Brophy's Sandcreek John Galt	Brophy's Irish Dream	Northern Colorado Brittany Club, 10-22-11, Open Derby	10 entries
How bout those red dawgs? Wait, there's more! Honor Roll continued on page 36					

Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Code Red places 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Central KY Quail Club, 12-3-11, Amateur All Age	12 EP, 1 IS
From the report: Code Red charted two stand-up finds and one unproductive, a well directed front running race and an all-age finish.					
Moonshine Again places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kristine Hammons O/H	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	Central Kentucky Quail Club, 12-3-11, Open Shooting Dog	8 EP, 2 ES, 2 IS
From the report: Moonshine scored one quail find and a credible shooting dog race.					
Aiken places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Beauchamp O/H	Rockfish	Chantilly	Craig County Field Trial Club, 10-1-11, Amateur All Age	6 entries
Tornado Alley places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Don Beauchamp O/H	Aiken	Soldier Creek Babe	Craig County Field Trial Club, 10-1-11, Amateur Derby	6 EP, 1 IS
Youtoo places 1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Beauchamp O/H	Aiken	Solitaire	Craig County Field Trial Club, 10-1-11, Amateur Shooting Dog	6 EP, 1ES, 2 IS

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**Tim Hammons won Jim Fike Amateur Handler's Award 2010-11**  
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### Jim Fike Amateur Handler's Award 2011-12 as of Jan 14th

Runs July 1st 2011 through June 30th, 2012

Handler	Pts.		Handler	Pts.
Joe Edwards	20		Jim Baker	11
Susan Russell	13		Spero Manson	9
Al Fazenbaker	12			



### Final Results of 2011 High Performance

Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Point
Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	974

Congratulations to Tim Hammons and Code Red on winning the 2011 High Performance award. Code Red notched 7 total wins defeating 85 dogs. He had 3 firsts, 1 second, and 3 thirds. Aiken was runner up for owner Don Beauchamp.

### Final Results of 2011 Le Grande Award

Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	3430
RU Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	974

Congratulations are again in order for Roger Boser and Breakstone. This is the fourth year in a row that Breakstone has won the LeGrande Award. Breakstone accumulated ten wins against 197 dogs. Wow, what a dog! I wonder when Roger is going to retire him. Code Red was the Runner Up this year for Tim Hammons. Congratulations Tim on also having a good year

### Final Results for 2011 Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog of the Year

Her Ruby Red Slipper	F	Al Fazenbaker	Sharpton	Applebee	222
Meteu Medicine Man	M	Al Fazenbaker	King Cormac	Grainne Ni' Mhalle	160
Hondo Muldoon	M	Jim Ashby	Winnabow	Gillian	94
Lakeview Kant Katch Me	F	Jim Ashby	Breakstone	Applebee	28
Roger Ramjet	M	Al Fazenbaker	Breakstone	Flushing Whip Flash Edition	12

### Final Results for The 2011 NRSFTC NSTRA Award

Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Point
Pal Holiday	M	Steve Witz	King Cormac	FW Flash Edition	352
Cherry Bear Holiday	F	Steve Witz	Breakstone	Applebee	128

## Congratulations to all the 2011 Winners!

**2011-2012 Duke Award as of 12-2-11**

Runs July 1st 2011 through June 30th 2012

Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	165
Youtoo	M	Don Beauchamp	Aiken	Solitaire	40
Redstone	M	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	24

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Runs July 1st 2011 through June 30th 2012

Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Point
LVK Rondo Muldoon	M	Jim Ashby	Hondo Muldoon	Lakeview Kant Katch Me	48
Lakeview Hidden Treasure	M	Lauren Hensley O Lance Carver O/H	Hondo Muldoon	Lakeview Kant Katch Me	36
LVK Lexi Muldoon	F	Jim Ashby	Hondo Muldoon	Lakeview Kant Katch Me	12

**2011-2012 NRSFTC Derby of the Year as of 2/1/12**

Runs July 1st 2011 through June 30th 2012

Rendition	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	130
Colonnade	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	126
Fidler's Firefly King Louis	M	Stephanie Fidler	Firefly's Solid Dollar	Firefly's Martina	32
Tornado Alley	M	Don Beauchamp	Aiken	Soldier Creek Babe	28
Kindle	F	Bonnie Hidalgo	Breakstone	Applebee	24



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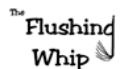


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