

Welcome to The Missouri Uplands NAVHDA Chapter

Welcome to the Missouri Uplands NAVHDA Chapter. The chapter was founded in February 1996 by a small group of dedicated dog enthusiasts from St. Louis and central Missouri. Over the years, the chapter has held many training days, handlers' clinics, training clinics, local tests and two Invitational's. We follow the guidelines set forth by North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association International Club which are: *"to foster, promote, and improve the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America; to conserve game by using well trained reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; and to aid in the prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs."*

The below information is offered to help new and old members to have an enjoyable time at whatever event a person might attend.

Etiquette:

- 1) Be polite and courteous to all who wish to attend our events.
- 2) Volunteer to assist fellow club members who are training their dogs.
- 3) Leave training, testing and hunting grounds in better condition than you found it. (Pick up spent rounds, and other trash, close gates, do not make ruts in muddy conditions, obey all site rules)
- 4) Have control over your dog at all times.
- 5) Remove any recycled dog food your dog may leave from any areas besides training fields or designated spots.
- 6) Pay for all training supplies or fees before training begins (especially birds and club dues).
- 7) In the event you place a bird order, you will be responsible for the cost of your birds even if you cannot pick them up.
- 8) Gunners for all events are designated by board members. All firearms are to remain unloaded and in the safe position until they are required for use. You must be a member of NAVHDA International to be a gunner at any event.
- 9) Do not discharge a firearm or blank gun near vehicles, staging areas or any other area other than the bird fields/water venues.
- 10) If you borrow club equipment, you must return it by the next club event, NO EXCEPTIONS. If a piece of equipment is returned broken, you are the one responsible for the repairs, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 11) Birds ordered for training days are generally for use during that training day unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.

Suggested Equipment:

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| • Dog | * Bug Spray | * First aid kit | * Patience |
| • Leash | * Shovel | * Training table | * Patience |

- Check cord
- Gloves
- Bird Bag
- Shells or blanks
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- * Bumpers
- * Dog stake or tie out
- * E-Collar
- * Pinch Collar
- * Whistle
- * Bird launchers
- * Water bottles (field)
- * Water pan
- * Duct tape
- * Trash bags
- * Kennel/crate
- * Safety glasses/ear plugs
- * Patience
- * More Patience
- * Shot gun or blank gun