

Heartland NAVHDA NEW MEMBER WELCOMING GUIDE FOR TRAINING AND TESTS



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JOINING HEARTLAND NAVHDA:

YOU FIRST MUST JOIN NAVHDA INTERNATIONAL AND ONCE DONE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE THE VERSATILE HUNTING DOG MAGAZINE. YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS REFLECTED ON THE MAILING LABEL. YOU MAY THEN JOIN OUR CHAPTER. THE FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE ON OUR WEBSITE AS ARE THE DIRECTIONS FOR TESTS AND TRAINING DAYS. YOU MAY CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR INSTRUCTIONS OR HELP. HEARTLAND ALSO PROVIDES A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER AND PREFERENCE FOR TEST ENTRIES.

TRAINING DAYS:

HEARTLAND CHAPTER MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING IN MARCH AND ENDING IN OCTOBER. THE FIELD USED FOR THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IS LOCATED AT SKYLINE SPORTSMAN CLUB AT THURMAN, IA. THE THIRD SATURDAY IS HELD AT HUNTING HILLS FARMS AT BRAINARD, NE. BOTH TRAINING AND TESTS ARE AT THESE TRAINING GROUNDS.

PREPARATION:

BIRD ORDER: THE WEEK OF THE TRAINING DAY, AN EMAIL NOTICE WILL BE SENT FOR YOUR BIRD ORDER. A RESPONSE FOR YOUR ORDER NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE TRAINING DAY. IT IS BEST TO HAVE AN EMAIL FOR YOUR ORDER RATHER THAN A PHONE CALL, SO THERE WILL BE A RECORD OF YOUR ORDER. IF THERE IS ANY CONCERN OR VERIFICATION, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL. WHILE EFFORTS FOR ACCURACY IS IN PLACE, ERRORS CAN HAPPEN. BIRD ORDERS MAY INCLUDE PHEASANTS, QUAIL, CHUKAR, AND/OR DUCK. SOME BIRDS MAY OR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE DUE TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY VARY. CHECKS OR CASH ARE DUE UPON PICKING UP YOUR BIRD ORDER. BRING YOUR OWN CRATES/BAGS FOR YOUR ORDER. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT WHETHER YOU PICK UP YOUR ORDER OR NOT

FOR YOUR DOG(S): BRING WATER AND WHAT MAY BE YOUR USUAL PREPARATION FOR YOUR WORKING DOG...THIS MAY INCLUDE TIE-OUTS, LEADS, KENNELS, BOWLS, FOOD/ENERGY TREATS, FIRST-AID ITEMS.... LEASH - YOUR DOG MUST BE ON A LEASH UNLESS THEY ARE BEING WORKED WITH.

FOR YOU: BRING WATER AND APPROPRIATE CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELD AND/OR WATER. THERE IS 'COVER', BUT NO 'FACILITIES'. BRING BIRD CRATES AND/OR BIRD BAGS FOR YOUR ORDERED BIRDS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR DOG. THIS IS A GOOD SOCIALIZATION TIME FOR YOUR DOG, BUT ATTITUDE AND CONTROL IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTION FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A HUNTER ORANGE HAT OR VEST OR COAT TO WEAR.

SCHEDULE:

OUR TRAINING DAYS START PROMPTLY AT 8AM WITH A BRIEF MEETING TO THEN BE FOLLOWED WITH A "TRAINING TIP OF THE MONTH" BY OUR TRAINING DIRECTOR. PLEASE SIGN IN ON THE SIGN IN SHEET. YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A MENTOR TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR TRAINING AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. MANY IN OUR CHAPTER ARE ACCOMPLISHED HANDLERS AND TRAINERS.

TEST DAYS:

SPECIFIC DAY(S) FOR TESTS AND WHETHER THE TESTS WILL INCLUDE ALL LEVELS OF TESTING (NATURAL ABILITY, UTILITY PREPARATION, OR UTILITY) IS DETERMINED DURING THE YEAR AND BY DEMAND. MOCK TESTS ARE HELD THE TRAINING DAY BEFORE THE TESTS. FORMS FOR TEST ENTRIES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE. CONTACT THE TEST SECRETARY FOR SPECIFICS. OUR CHAPTER'S TESTS ARE SUCCESSFUL. PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME AS THIS IS CALCULATED INTO THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHAPTER'S TESTS AND EVALUATIONS FOR FUTURE TESTS.

Your Mentor: _____

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