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Starting in March and ending in October, formal training sessions the first and third Saturdays of every month from March through October. The training sessions start promptly at 8am with a short meeting. The training accommodates those dogs and handlers with or without experience. The training is to help you and your dog attain your full hunting potential.

What can be learned:

- Water fowl hunting and retrieving
- Upland hunting
- Trailing and retrieving game
- Understanding NAVHDA testing



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HEARTLAND NAVHDA TRAINING/TESTING:

Heartland NAVHDA meets for formal training sessions the first and third Saturdays of every month from March through October. The first Saturday is held at Skyline Sportsman Club at Thurman, IA. The third Saturday is held at Hunting Hills Farms at Brainard, NE. Heartland NAVHDA also typically sponsors two NAVHDA sanctioned tests in the spring and fall of each year.

PURPOSE: The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) is a legally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering, improving, promoting, and protecting the versatile hunting dog in North America.

Underlying these aims is the desire to serve the interests of: game conservation by using well trained, reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs; and the gun dog hunter by helping the hunter to train his dog to work before and after the shot, on land and in water

Formed in 1969, NAVHDA has helped thousands of owners of versatile hunting dogs to train their own dogs to become useful hunting companions. Furthermore, the NAVHDA Registry is the only registry in North America specializing in the registration of versatile hunting dog breeds. The NAVHDA Test Information Service keeps and provides to breeders, buyers and interested individuals the performance records of all the versatile hunting dogs tested in the NAVHDA system. NAVHDA International is the governing body for the NAVHDA organization and includes approximately 70 local chapters across the U.S. and in Canada.

NAVHDA TESTS

Natural Ability- evaluates the natural abilities of young dogs (16 mos. of age and younger) and to gain insight into their possible usefulness as versatile gun dogs. It rates 7 abilities: nose, search, tracking, pointing, water, desire and cooperation.

Utility Preparatory- measures the dog's development midway through their training toward the Utility Test.

Utility- evaluates trained dogs in water and field, before and after the shot as finished versatile hunting companions.

Invitational- is the highest level of testing in NAVHDA. Only dogs who have achieved a Prize I in Utility are eligible. This limits the entries to exceptional animals who have demonstrated a high level of training and tests their skills in advanced work.

Versatile Breeds

Bracco Italiano
 Braque d'Auvergne
 Braque du Bourbonnais
 Braque Francais
 Brittany Cesky
 Fousek English
 Setter French
 Spaniel
 German Longhaired Pointer
 German Shorthaired Pointer
 German Wirehaired Pointer
 Gordon Setter
 Irish Red & White Setter
 Irish Setter Large
 Munsterlander
 Pointer
 Portuguese Pointer
 Pudelpointer
 Slovensky Hrubosrsty Stavac
 Small Munsterlander
 Spinone Italiano
 Vizsla
 Weimaraner
 Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
 Wirehaired Vizsla

*Other pointing breeds such as Gordon Setters, English Setters, Irish Setters and English Pointers, although not commonly categorized as versatile hunting dogs, have done very well within the NAVHDA training and testing system.

TESTS: NAVHDA established a system of comprehensive tests that truly measure all aspects of work for the versatile hunting dog at various stages of maturity. The NAVHDA system of testing is truly unique in that the dogs do not compete against one another but rather compete against a set standard.

Entrants in a test are judged one at a time by 3 judges with the dog's performance scored against a set standard. The only exception to this is the Invitational Test, in which dogs are braced in the field so each dog can demonstrate his willingness to back and work effectively with another dog. Prizes are awarded on the basis of numerical scores achieved in the test. Each dog that meets or exceeds minimum standards in all areas of work is placed in one of 3 categories: Prize I, Prize II or Prize III, with Prize I being the highest classification. If all dogs entered in a NAVHDA test perform well, all can receive a prize.



- Join, participate, and achieve you and your dog's hunting potential
- Know what it is to succeed with your dog(s) and understand hunting techniques
- Surround yourself with people that love to learn, hunt and help others with the same goals.

