

# ETRC Upcoming Events

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## ETRC Newsletter

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. April 4, Friday, 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir city, Tn 37771
2. April 6, Sunday: Club Trial #2, Brian Caldwell's Farm, Sweetwater, with frozen ducks
3. April 26-27, Saturday—Sunday: Spring Hunt Test, MH, JH Saturday, SH Sunday, Lucky 7 Ranch
4. May 13-14, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's Farm
5. May 31-June 1, Saturday—Sunday, Double JH / Double SH Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA
6. September 9-10, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only, Lucky 7 Ranch
7. September 21, Sunday: Club trial #3, picnic, summer business meeting, Lucky 7 Ranch
8. October 18-19, Saturday—Sunday: Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, 2 JH, 2 SH, Master, Lucky 7 Ranch

### Photo of the Month



Photo credit: Donna Smith. Master Only Hunt Test, March 29, 2025

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## **President's Message — By J. Michael Evans**

Hello all! Well, it appears we have finally made it to Spring! Charles Dickens said "Spring is the time of year when it's summer in the sun and winter in the shade." That's pretty close to how it is here in East Tennessee lately.

We just completed our first Master Only test of the year at Hiwassee Refuge where we had 49 dogs entered. The weather was calling for torrential rain and possible tornados on Sunday but thanks to the judges, handlers and club members we were able to pull it together and finish on Saturday! It was a long day for everyone involved but what a payoff!! Thank you to our amazing judges Dianne Clark and upcoming Master National judge Wes Bowman for working so hard to make the tests challenging while keeping time management at a premium! Thank you also to all of the club members who were there on Friday for set up and all day Saturday! It's amazing what we can accomplish when we all work together. To everyone who passed, CONGRATULATIONS! The ribbon you and your dog earned was well deserved!

We have our Spring test coming up April 26 & 27 at the Lucky 7 Ranch in Sweetwater, Tn. This test encompasses Junior, Senior and Master test set-ups. This is usually our largest test of the year and one in which we need all club members for step up and help if you can. We will meet at the ranch on April 25th at 1pm to unload equipment and start getting everything ready for the judges. After the set-up, everyone who helped is invited to attend the judges dinner which will be at a restaurant in Sweetwater. The club will pay for your dinner if you were there for set up. However, if you can't make it down for set-up feel free to attend the judges dinner with all of us anyway. It's a great time to meet the judges, converse and get to know them.

Don't forget we also have our 2nd club trial of the year on April 6th at Brian Caldwell's facility. The club has secured some live ducks we intend to use for club members and with enough interest possibly some pheasants as well. The number we have is somewhat limited so if you are wanting your dog to have a live flyer (at no extra cost to members dogs) please RSVP Karen Edwards or myself.

## **Time to Renew Your Membership in ETRC**

Our club membership year runs from March 1 to February 28th (or 29th). It's time to renew if you haven't already! We will keep you on the mailing list until May 31, but if you haven't renewed by then, thank you for your past membership and best of luck with your future dog endeavors!

Membership for a year is \$25 and includes spouse and children. It includes a monthly newsletter, easy access to information about club activities, free or discounted entries into Club Trials and other events, end of year awards, and more. It's a bargain, worth well more than the price of membership.

To renew your membership, please fill out the membership renewal form up on the club website at <https://www.etrclub.org/join.htm>, stick it in an envelope along with your check for \$25, and mail to :

Karen Edwards  
ETRC Secretary/Treasurer  
254 Babbs Road  
Lenoir City, TN 37771

**NOW!**

## ETRC Club Trial #2 April 6, 2025, Brian Caldwell's Farm

**BREAKING NEWS:** This club trial will include live flyers, probably pheasants, and a cookout! In order to get a live flyer, you **MUST** RSVP prior to Thursday, April 3. Free birds are for members only!



**Our second spring club trial is coming up on Sunday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Brian Caldwell's farm in Georgetown.** People who are judging and doing set-ups, please plan to arrive about half an hour early. The GPS address and directions are listed below.

Judges will be Club members, several of whom are licensed AKC judges, including Master National judge Alan Bruhin and upcoming MN judge and MN competitor J. Michael Evans, among others yet to be identified. We will need people to pitch in and trade off on planting blinds, rebirding, and setting up and taking down the equipment. We will be using our club-owned bumper launchers to reduce the amount of time people have to spend out in the field throwing marks and firing wingers.

**STAKES:** Singles Classic, Master, Senior, Junior, Puppy Stakes (Junior puppy & Senior Puppy, under 1 yr). Entry Fee: \$10.00 each stake per dog (dokkens), Puppy Stakes (bumpers) \$5.00 (1 PM). **The first two entries for members will be free.** Completion ribbons will be awarded for hunt test stakes and Advanced Junior stakes; placement 1-4 and JAM ribbons will be awarded for Singles Classic and the two puppy stakes. If you are interested in consideration for our end-of-the-year awards for Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year, successful completions in Master, Senior, Junior, and puppy stakes count towards those awards. .

**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS, PROS AND AMATEURS.** If you would like to join ETRC, membership forms will be available at the Trial. Membership is \$25 for a year, and entitles you to a monthly newsletter and other member benefits like our awards banquet & free club trial entries.

**WHAT TO BRING:** No E-collars allowed if you want to participate for ribbons and awards points. Collars will be allowed if you want to use the session for training only. All dogs must be on leash when out of vehicle unless running tests. Bring your retriever, a chair(s), your lunch, and water for you and your dog, plus appropriate clothing for the weather. **NO WHITE SHIRTS** please, wear something neutral or dark. If you are bringing a puppy, you may bring your own retrieval items if you wish.

**WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY:** We will send out an email on Saturday night if the weather is such that we are going to have to cancel. We will not cancel just for chilly conditions or light rain, but if it is expected to be monsoon-raining, heavy electrical storms or snowing in Georgetown, we will not run. So be sure to check your email Saturday night! If you don't hear anything, come on out. If we have to cancel, we will set up another date later in the spring.

**ETRC TEE SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS AND HATS** will be available for purchase. Bring cash or a checkbook and stock up on some great items to advertise your club.

**ADDRESS:** The address is 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. If you don't have a GPS, here are more detailed instructions:

- ♦ From Interstate 75, take exit 49 for TN-30 towards Decatur.
- ♦ Follow TN-30W for 9.3 miles into the stop light in Decatur
- ♦ Turn left onto TN-58S. Stay on this road for 15 miles and turn left into Brian's property. This is just after going up a hill, so be prepared to turn in a hurry as you approach the hill. There will be "ETRC" signs at the entrance and the gate will be open.

**RSVP:** Please let us know if you are planning to come. Contact me at [edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com). Come anyway if you can, even without an RSVP — but it will help if we know approximately how many people to expect, and an RSVP is required if you want a live bird for your dog(s)!

**SOON!**

## **ETRC Spring AKC Hunt Test April 26-27, 2025, Lucky 7 Ranch**

Our next hunt test is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, at Lucky 7 Ranch. There will be a single flight of Master plus a Junior Hunter stake on Saturday and a Senior Hunter stake on Sunday. Entries open Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. Central time (April 1, same time, for Amateurs and people with worker codes). It closes on Monday, April 14, 2025 at midnight.

Judges will be Frank Barton and Ken Gilbert for Master; and Kathy Poole-Price and Haley Shealy for Junior and Senior.

Please note, our new prices are in effect for hunt tests this year — Junior is now \$90, Senior is \$100, and Master is \$110.

Looking for people to help with all aspects of the test — set up, tear down, run errands, man the office, sell tee shirts and other swag, etc. If you can help, please call J. Michael Evans, Test Chairman, and he can get you a volunteer code if you need one. His number is 865-824-8638; texting is the best way to reach him, or call and leave your number and a brief message.

**ETRC TEE SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS AND HATS** will be available for purchase or to redeem your door prize if you got one of those at the Banquet. Bring cash or a checkbook and stock up on some great items to advertise your club.

**DIRECTIONS TO LUCKY 7 FARM:** The address is, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. BE AWARE that some GPS services may take you to the wrong place, around the back of the farm where there is no entrance. Alternatively, use the address 6979 Erie Road, which is right across the street from the L7 Farm entrance.

## **ETRC May Midweek Master AKC Hunt Test May 13-14, 2025, Brian Caldwell's Farm**

Come join us for our Midweek Master test at Brian Caldwell's on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13-14. Judges are Beth Trudel and Catherine Blackburn. Entries open on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. Central time (Worker / Amateur set-aside opens on Tuesday, April 22, same time). The test closes on Monday, May 5 at midnight. Contact J. Michael Evans for a code & to volunteer to work: text him at 865-824-8638 or call and leave a message.

### **How to get to Brian's Farm:**

The address is 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. If you don't have a GPS, here are some more detailed instructions:

- ◆ From Interstate 75, take exit 49 for TN-30 towards Decatur.
- ◆ Follow TN-30W for 9.3 miles into the stop light in Decatur
- ◆ Turn left onto TN-58S. Stay on this road for 15 miles and turn left into Brian's property. This is just after going up a hill, so be prepared to turn in a hurry as you approach the hill.

## ETRC Club Trial Report

### Sunday, March 9, 2025, Cory Smith's Farm

Our first event of the season was a Club Trial at Cory & Elena Smith's farm in Niota, TN. The weather was in the high 40s to low 50's, breezy, and the sun eventually came out to warm us up. Thanks to Elena Smith for the delicious baked goodies and the coffee pot!

J. Michael Evans, an AKC Master level judge, designed and judged the test stakes. The Singles Classic included two 220 yard marks across the fields. The hunt test stakes were set up on the pond, and all marks and blinds involves splashing through the water to get marks and blinds on the other side from the line. The marks were all in a line with good wide separation, and there were blinds on either end. Junior dogs used the two left-most marks; the Senior test used the two right-most marks and the blind (out of the arc) on the left. The Master stake used everything! We were able to start more or less on time, and events progressed smoothly throughout the morning until we wrapped up around 1:00 p.m. with a ribbon ceremony.

Thanks to J. Michael Evans for setting up the test and judging, and to everyone who filled in as needed. Thanks also to Lois Luthenauer, who made the long trek from Oneida to bring a good selection of tee shirts for sale, and to Karen Edwards who ran the sign up table. Thanks to Cory and Elena Smith for the use of the farm, for storing our trailers, and for providing the goodies. And, thanks to everyone who came and made this a successful day! It was a small test, but lots of fun for everyone.

**Singles Classic:** 4 dogs entered, and 3 placed. Results were:

- ◆ First place was won by Waylon, a black Labrador Retriever owned & handled by Zach Pry.
- ◆ Second place went to Miss Ivy, a yellow Labrador owned & handled by Michael Evans.
- ◆ Third place went to Gus, a Labrador owned & handled by Brent Naveiro.

**Junior Hunter** started the regular hunt test series. Two dogs entered, but Bob Smith used a collar with his Labrador Evie, so was not considered in the results although they did a fine job. Passing was:

- ◆ Whiskey, owned and handled by guest Ronnie Cowan.

**Senior Hunter:** three dogs entered, and two passed. Passing were:

- ◆ Whiskey, owned and handled by guest Ronnie Cowan;
- ◆ Gus, lowned and handled by Brent Naveiro.

Waylon and Zach Pry wore a collar and took the test for training, so their good results were not considered as passing.

**Master Hunter** was the final event of the day. Seven dogs went to the line, with six passing. J. Michael made the point that he was only judging the dogs' work and not their line manners. Several of them had issues there, including the over-friendly Golden who finished her triple and went to visit people in the gallery. Passing were:

- ◆ Fee, Karen Edwards' and Jim Pearce's Golden, with Jim handling;
- ◆ Ivy, J. Michael Evans yellow Labrador;
- ◆ Indy, black Lab owned & handled by Donna Smith;
- ◆ Cooper, black Lab owned & handled by Mike Smith;
- ◆ Cin & Jack, black Labs owned & handled by Alan Bruhin.

**Financial information:**

- ◆ **Entry Fees:** \$30. Stakes were \$10 each except for puppy stakes at \$5 each, and everyone who was a member before March 1 was granted two free entries.
- ◆ **Tee shirt/hat sales:** \$25
- ◆ **Renewed Membership:** \$25.
- ◆ **Expenses:** none



## Report on ETRC's Master-Only Weekend Hunt Test March 29-30, 2025, Hiwassee WMA

Our first hunt test of the 2025 season is in the books! It was a small test with just 49 out of a possible 66 entries, but that let our intrepid judges and Hunt Test Committee finish up in one day and avoid the predicted storms for Sunday. It was a remarkably warm day for the end of March, and temperatures hit the mid-70s. About perfect for a test!

Thanks particularly to the judges — Wesley Bowman and ETRC's own member Dianne Clark. They set up a test that was meaty but efficient. Also thanks to our great bird techs from the Cleveland State Community College Wildlife Society who did a great job as always; to the set up crew on Friday afternoon who also helped throughout the test, to Jim Pearce for the lunches on Saturday; to Michele Fletcher, our brilliant hunt test secretary, to our Chief Steward and photographer Donna Smith, and to the rest of the hunt test committee who did yeoman work on ordering ducks and making all the arrangements for this test. Thanks too to Brian Caldwell for storing the ducks for us for a couple of days before the test.

All 49 dogs that were entered came to the line, and 35 passed. Two of those passing earned title ribbons, so congratulations to all!

Passing ETRC members and their dogs:

- ◆ FC AFC Seaside's Troublesome Fowl Pursuit ("Percy"), owned and handled by John Broucek
- ◆ McCoy's Precious Gem Of The South, owned by Luke McCoy, handled by Brian Caldwell
- ◆ Blythe Ferry's Indy Dos MH, owned by Donna & Michael Smith, handled by Donna
- ◆ Tennessee Gentleman Jack MH, owned & handled by Alan Bruhin
- ◆ Lick Creek On The Money MH, owned by Lisa & Mike Vencille, handled by Mike
- ◆ Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH, owned & handled by Alan Bruhin
- ◆ Coosawattee Backwater Drake MH, owned & handled by Andy Buck
- ◆ Chandler's Lucy Lou, owned by Matthew Tipton, handled by Ryan Stamey
- ◆ Evans Million May, owned & handled by Brian Caldwell
- ◆ HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH, owned & handled by J. Michael Evans
- ◆ Indy's Mini Cooper Of The Clindy Clan, owned by Donna & Mike Smith, handled by Donna
- ◆ The Money's In Sales ("Bootsy"), owned by David Knott, handled by Brian Caldwell
- ◆ Razor's Coal Cotton, owned by Mike Smith, handled by Donna Smith
- ◆ Troublesome Lucky On Heads, owned & handled by Jeff Coffey



*Michele Fletcher, Michael Evans, Ryan Stamey at the line, Lisa Vencille watching, John Broucek in holding blind.*

And, for those who came and did not pass, better luck next time and hope to see you at our next test which is coming up at the end of April.



***March 29 Hunt Test, Continued***



*The Gallery at the third series — Nikki & dog, Jeff Coffey, Mike Vencille, Michael Evans (sitting), Lisa Vencille, Michele Fletcher, Andy & Pam Buck with their dog Drake.*



*Jack & Alan's leg, March 29, 2025*



***Ribbon Ceremony, March 29, 2025***



## Member News, Announcements, Brags

**Congratulations to the Lampings! News from Nate Lamping:** “Mr Lincoln Nash Lamping made his arrival at 7:24 in the morning on 3/13/25 weighing in at 7lb 5oz. Very healthy happy baby! Momma Hayley is also doing fantastic. We're already home and starting our new routine! Brody loves his baby brother even though he's learning to share his momma, he's been a trooper!

Thank you for all your prayers, support and outreaches! We've grown to love this club and the people in it! “

Congratulations too to Club members Dick and Jolynn Lamping, who are the proud great grandparents of these two fine boys!



**Condolences to Alan Bruhin and his family.** Alan's mother Jane Bruhin died recently at the age of 93. She was a wonderful woman who was very active for many years in the 4H program. Very sorry for your loss. ETRC sent a donation to her preferred charity, 4H of Knoxville, in her memory.



**New Master Hunter!** Congratulations to Chandler's Lucy Lou MH, who earned her title on March 29, 2025 at ETRC's Master Only Hunt Test with her sixth pass. She is owned by Matthew Tipton and was handled to her title by Ryan Stamey.



## Health Corner

# Field Triage for Working Dogs

*Editor's Note: This is the presentation made by Dr. Monica Webb, DVM, of Countryside Veterinary Services, at the ETRC Awards Banquet on February 22, 2025.*

## Slides

## Notes

### Triage?

- Stay calm
- Understanding your pet/dog
- ABCs of triage
- Temperature: hypothermia, hyperthermia (normal temperature 100 to 102.5)
- Active bleeding

This is about deciding whether you need to do triage or not.

### Understanding Your Dog

- Behavior
- Genetics (exercise induced collapse (EIC), centronuclear myopathy (CNM))
- Conditioning
- Tailgate evaluation before and after hunt — nose to tail

Know your dog and what is normal for him/her. Be especially sure to know what their normal resting gum and tongue color is; some black Labs have enough pigment that it may be difficult to tell otherwise, as "normal pink" is not a color for them ever.

### ABC's of Triage

- Airway: clear, fluid, obstruction—foreign object, open wound
- Breathing: respiration rate, respiratory pattern, cyanosis
- Circulation—shock, cardiopulmonary arrest, extreme bradycardia (slow heart rate), hemorrhage

Go through these steps in order. If there is an obstruction, try to remove it.

Cyanosis is a bluish or purplish discoloration of the membranes caused by a lack of oxygen in the blood. This is why it's important to know the normal color of your dog's tongue and gums.

## Triage Categories

### Green

- Shaking
- Sprains/strains
- Swimmer's tail
- Paw pad abrasions
- Torn toenails / dewclaws

### Yellow

- Skin lacerations
- Eye injuries
- Minor cuts and scrapes
- Heat/cold stress (Mild)

### Red

- Purple/white mucosa
- Non-responsive
- Snake bites
- Chest/abdominal wounds
- Deep punctures
- Blue/Green Algae toxicosis
- Heat/cold stress (Severe)

## Notes

Green — not life threatening, not always necessary to follow up with vet, frequently resolve soon  
 Yellow — not life threatening. Eye injuries unless extremely mild should be seen to by vet as soon as possible to preserve vision.  
 Red — life threatening, get to vet as soon as possible. See slides below for first aid actions.

*Health Corner, Continued*

**Slides**

**Notes**

**Eyes**

- Penetrating wounds
- Corneal ulcers
- Proptosis

Don't remove items puncturing eye (i.e., moving with eye when eyeball moves)

Proptosis—If eyeball is popped out, use thumb to gently push it back into socket to avoid damage to stretched optic nerve .

**Sprains, Strains, & Fractures**

- Stabilize with bandage material
- Possible fractures may need stabilization with thick bandage
- NSAIDs—Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory
- Cold hose / hydrotherapy
- Rest

Vet wrap & heavy padded bandaging. If injury high on body, wrap with blanket and secure with vet wrap or duct tape.

Don't use hydrogen peroxide, use Chlorhexidine or betadine instead (too much damage to tissues from hydrogen peroxide)

**Paws/Pads**

- Abraded pads
- Torn toenails
- Dewclaws

For torn pads & dewclaws, apply cornstarch (better than flour).

**Cuts/Scrapes/Penetrating Wounds**

- Cuts & Scrapes—clip and clean
- Lacerations—clean, flush, & bandage
- Deep punctures—clean & bandage
- Chest/abdominal wounds—DO NOT FLUSH, immediate bandaging & head to veterinary clinic
- Penetrating objects—may not always recommend removing

For deep wound, pack with lube and bandage. Get to vet. Do not staple any body parts to any other body parts.

For penetrating objects — often removing may cause more damage / blood loss.

**Acute Caudal Myopathy**

- Tail sprain — acute onset
- Swimming in cold water, Hunting
- Resolves in 2-10 days
- X-rays to ensure not a tail fracture
- NSAIDs

Swimmer's Tail, Cold Tail — usually will resolve on its own with NSAIDs, rest, but can sometimes be a broken tail instead.

For NSAIDs, use 2 81 mg tabs aspirin, or Carprofen. DO NOT use ibuprofen, too easy to overdose.

## Health Corner, Continued

### Heat and Cold Stress

#### HeatStress

- Heat stress — panting, drooling, dull, vomiting or diarrhea, increased heart rate.
- Heat Stroke: difficulty breathing, weakness, seizure, collapse (ER!!), temperature > 105 degrees
- Treating heat stress — cooler area but not too cold (don't throw dog in cold water)
- Offer small amounts of cool water
- Cooling mats
- Rubbing alcohol — armpits, groin, pads of feet
- Seek veterinary care

#### Cold Stress

- Prolonged cold temperature exposure, prolonged cold water submersion, shock, hypothyroid dogs more sensitive
- Shivering, muscle stiffness, pale mucous membranes, collapse, dilated or fixed pupils, slow heart rate, comatose
- Hypothermia — dangerous, when dog's body temperature drops too low below 95 degrees
- Warm vehicle or building, wrap in blankets, towels, warm water bottles in axillary areas
- Seek veterinary care

#### Notes

For heat stress, avoid too quick cooling or you will make matters worse. Ice can be applied to armpits, groin and pads, but only if wrapped in a towel to avoid skin damage.

If dog will drink, you can also treat cold stress with warm (NOT HOT) liquids.

#### Slides

##### Cyanobacterial Toxicosis (Blue/Green Algae Toxicosis)

- Most common in non-flowing fresh water in hot seasons, but has been reported in brackish and salt water
- Area of pea soup appearing water (benthic mats)
- Intoxication can occur with swimming in water, drinking, licking hair coat
- Can present with dermatologic, hepatic, or neurologic clinical signs
- Clinical signs can occur within minutes to hours of exposure
- Shock and seizure are the severe clinical signs
- Rinse dogs with clean water after swimming

#### Notes

Blue-Green algae has been found pretty much all over the United States. Colors vary, so don't expect it to be necessarily 'blue green'; it may be almost any color.

Can appear fairly similar to water meal, which is a pea green grainy algae very common in East Tennessee.

According to Cornell's veterinary website, exposure to toxins produced by blue-green algae can be life threatening and it can rapidly become fatal. There is no antidote — symptomatic treatment and support is the only option.

Algae can be controlled by herbicides applied once a year, if it's a pond on your land.



*Health Corner, Continued*

**Slides**

**Notes**

**Envenomation — Snake Bites**

- Clinical signs can occur within minutes to hours
- Swelling & edema at the site of the bite (usually muzzle or extremity)
- Number of fang wounds can range from 1 to 6
- Fang puncture wounds without swelling or edema is a 'dry bite' — no envenomation
- Clean wounds & seek veterinarian
- Antivenom can be administered in 4 to 24 hours after snake bite

Mostly copperhead bites in East Tennessee.

Most ER clinics carry antivenin.

Non-poisonous bites should still be attended to by a vet — they can get easily infected and cause very gross abscesses.

**Dr. Webb's Field Triage Emergency Kit**

**Medicines**

- Dexamethasone 4 mg injectable — 2 syringes containing 2.5 cc each syringe — give contents of one syringe under skin or in muscle for allergic reaction.
- Diphenhydramine 25 mg — for allergies / allergic reaction — 1 mg/1 pound of body weight (example, 50 pound dog receives 50 mg every 6 to 8 hours as needed).
- Cephalexin 500 mg — antibiotic—1 capsule by mouth twice daily (every 12 hours) for 50 pound dog.
- Metronidazole 250 mg — Antibiotic & diarrhea — 1 tablet by mouth twice daily (every 12 hours) for under 50 pounds. Use with caution in Collies, Shelties.
- Carprofen 100 mg — NSAID — 2 mg/pound of body weight for 24 hours (example: 50 pound dog would receive 100 mg per day, or 50 mg (1/2 tablet) twice daily. DO NOT USE WITHIN 36 HOURS OF PREDNISONE.
- Prednisone 20 mg—Steroid — for allergic reactions. Do not administer within 36 hours of an NSAID or 24 hours of Dexamethasone — 1 tablet for 40-50 pound dog.

**Other equipment and supplies**

- Terramycin eye ointment (NOT Neomycin)
- Pocket knife
- Leatherman tool
- Tweezers—2 pairs of 2 sizes
- Thermometer
- Bandage scissors
- Emergency blanket — 2
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Chlorhexidine flush — disinfectant
- Alcohol prep pads
- Sterile lube—pack in wounds to keep clean in transit
- Eye wash
- Portable clippers
- Israeli compression bandage (2)
- Gauze pads — dry
- Chlorhexidine pads — pre-made
- Exam gloves
- Elasticon — 2 rolls
- Vetwrap 4" — 2 rolls
- Vetwrap 2" — 1 roll
- Cast padding 4"
- Cast padding 2"
- Telfa pads — 6
- Brown Gauze
- Duct tape

*Dr. Monica Webb at the ETRC Awards Banquet February 22, 2025*



## New AKC Rules — Dealing With Misconduct Effective 2/26/2025

*[Editor's Note: This information is reprinted from an email sent out from AKC to member clubs on 2/22/25].*

The health and wellbeing of all dogs at AKC events is paramount. After a review of the AKC Discipline Guidelines and in consultation with AKC's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr. Jerry Klein, the AKC Board of Directors approved two new offenses and associated penalties for individuals that **knowingly** bring dogs that have been diagnosed or exposed to communicable diseases on AKC event grounds. This change is not intended to punish the individual that arrives at an event with a healthy dog that subsequently becomes ill during the events and immediately removes the dog from the grounds. This change is intended to provide Event Committees with authority and recourse should an exhibitor knowingly bring a dog onto the event grounds that has been diagnosed or exposed to a communicable disease, putting other dogs on the grounds of the AKC event at risk. The Event Committee would need to have proof (e.g., diagnosis from a veterinarian, verbal acknowledgement by the exhibitor) of the diagnosis prior to attending the event in order to uphold the charges. The AKC Discipline Guidelines on the AKC website and in the *Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events* booklet will be updated to reflect the new offenses and penalties listed below:

### Inappropriate Treatment of Animals

#### **Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 30 days of displaying the first clinical signs of communicable disease.**

Mitigated: 3mo/\$300

Standard: 6 mo/\$500

Aggravated: Up to life/up to \$10,000

#### **Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 14 days of it being in contact with another dog displaying signs of communicable disease.**

Mitigated: 1 mo/\$100

Standard: 3mo/\$300

Aggravated: Up to life/up to \$10,000

## Proposed AKC Rules — Hunt Test Entries & Judging

The AKC Board reviewed a recommendation to allow two changes to be made to the *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* which are:

1. Establish the maximum number of dogs an amateur can handle or enter to three dogs per test when using the Amateur Set Aside program. *[Editor's Note: Amateurs can still enter more dogs at the regular opening time; this only applies to the number of dogs that can be entered a day early on the Amateur Set-Aside slots].*
2. Prohibit a judge from judging his or her professional trainer if they have conducted business within one year.

This will be discussed further at the April AKC Board meeting and if passed, we will provide further information in a later newsletter.

## Youth Program

2022 Award Recipient, Bella Martin



The Luthenauer Young Handler program was established as a memorial to ETRC member Kevin Luthenauer. The program is supported by generous contributions from family and friends to encourage youth participation in retriever sports. Kids who are interested in applying are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and an application form at [http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub\\_youth\\_program.htm](http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm).

There is no application fee; if the applicant is not already part of a family membership, their membership fee will be paid for by the Luthenauer fund. The program will reimburse AKC Hunt test fees and any fees for other ETRC events such as club trials.

Yearly awards include a perpetual trophy along with a plaque to keep, and participation awards for everyone in the program.

## ETRC Membership Information

**It's time to renew your membership in ETRC for 2025.** The cost is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). New member and renewal forms are available online at <https://www.etrclub.org/join.htm> — just cut & paste the link, print it off, & send it along with your check to:

***Karen Edwards, ETRC Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771.***

Membership includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events, and consideration for end of the year awards. There are extra awards for volunteer workers at one of our events! Don't miss out on the opportunity to make friends with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. We are one of the most active Retriever clubs in the country — and have another great year ongoing in 2025 with 6 AKC hunt tests, club trials, picnics, awards, and more.

The membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/29th; people who join after November 1 are also paid up for the following year.

## Newsletter / Facebook Info

**NEWSLETTER:** The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, usually on the 1st of the month. Send us your test results, new titles, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs, items and services, death notices, interesting articles, and any brags you care to share, along with pictures! Deadline is the 26th of the month but we can sometimes sneak something in a little late.... Send items to newsletter editor Karen Edwards ([edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com)).

Numbering System: beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number is the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is Volume XXIII (for 2023). Newsletters are archived on the club Website, [www.etrclub.org](http://www.etrclub.org).

**FACEBOOK:** we now have a Facebook page! Either post on it yourself, or send pics and info to our moderator, Alan Bruhin, at [wbruhi1@retiree.utk.edu](mailto:wbruhi1@retiree.utk.edu).