

## CHAPTER GUIDELINES/POLICIES

### Chapter Membership

Please keep in mind that your membership must be current prior to your participating in **any** Chapter Activities, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please neatly print all information on the renewal form.

### Training Clinics/Days

The chapter will be handling the ordering of birds. This will be thru the use of our on-line Bird Ordering system. The cost of the birds will be shown on the ordering page. An e-mail will be sent to you with verification of the birds ordered and the total cost you will be responsible for. An additional e-mail will be sent to the person responsible for the procurement of the birds, as well as other designated officers of the chapter. If you don't order birds, you will **NOT** have any birds to train with for the day. You should bring a carrier for any birds that you may have ordered. Birds will be divided up at the start of the clinic.

You will be charged \$10.00 for each dog that you train at the clinic you attend, up to a limit of three dogs per handler. Please note the clinic fees go to the chapter to help defer other costs associated with the clinics.

All bird orders and clinic fees must be paid in full, to our Treasurer, before the start of the clinic. She will be able to tell you the total amount owed when you arrive. The fees and bird orders are combined so one payment is acceptable. Here again, if the fee's are not paid you will not have any birds for the day

Also, please note that if you order birds and do not show up at the clinic, you will be charged for the birds. Please try to get to the meeting site by **the announced time** so that fees can be collected and birds distributed. Remember to bring a bird carrier to hold your birds. It is also advisable to bring other equipment that you might need during the course of the clinic. Please note the clinic dates on your calendar. **Both your International and Chapter memberships must be current for you to attend a training clinic.**

### Puppies and Training days

Puppies under the age of 16 weeks will not be allowed on the training grounds, unless they have completed their complete series of puppy shots. This rule is for the protection of the puppies as well as the older dogs. We cannot control the wildlife population that utilizes our training grounds and we know that they carry some diseases that may infect our unprotected puppies and dogs.

### Training Clinic/Days Rules

1. All dead game must be removed from the grounds.
2. All trash and debris must be removed from the grounds; this includes ribbons used to mark birds when placed in the field.

- 3.** Please **CLEAN UP** after your dog. We have permission to use the grounds from the landowner and can lose the privilege if we leave Poo's around the grounds.
- 4. NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages are permitted on the training grounds.
- 5.** Guests and visitors will be allowed one free clinic. After this complimentary clinic, the guest or visitor must join both the Southern Adirondack Chapter and NAVHDA International.
- 6.** All participants and spectators at the clinics must wear Hunter orange hats or clothing at all times in the field during live fire training secessions.
- 7.** Keep in mind we do share these grounds with others (Retriever Club Members). Be aware of their presence and respect their rights to access the property. Give them the right of way on property roads, **Safety First!**
- 8.** Shooting at a Southern Adirondack Chapter event is an honor reserved for chapter members in good standing who: (a) possess a current valid NY Firearms Hunting License (b) have demonstrated safe gun handling skills (c) have been active in the NAVHDA system and have an understanding of dog training that will allow them to know when a bird needs to be shot.
- 9.** Under **no circumstances** may a guest or visitor shoot at a Southern Adirondack Chapter event.
- 10.** Duck searches will be limited to 20 minutes each dog so everyone will have an opportunity. **NO EXCEPTIONS** if necessary you will have to use the kayak and chase down your dog.
- 11.** All dogs must be kenneled or staked out when at a Chapter event as not to interfere or cause a distraction to other dogs or handlers. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 12.** All dogs that are not kenneled or staked out **MUST** be on a leash and under control at all times. If you are participating in an actual training exercise or test you may work your dog off leash.
- 13.** The speed limit on the grounds is no more than **15 mph**. Please give way to others and animals on the roads.
- 14.** Everyone is to stay with their group and not go off on their own and use other pieces of property not authorized to do so.
- 15.** Please be courteous to anyone you happen to meet while traveling or meet on the training grounds.
- 16.** Anyone not following the rules or doing anything to jeopardize the privilege of using the grounds will be asked to leave the grounds.