

## CHAPTER GUIDELINES

### 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

You must email or call Jenny Hortsman (1-802-353-6579 or [gadjt5@gmail.com](mailto:gadjt5@gmail.com)) to register for the clinic no later than on the **Wednesday of the week, prior to the clinic date**. You must also contact Ted McEachron (1-518-695-6135 or [lindamc@localnet.com](mailto:lindamc@localnet.com)) to make arrangements for birds. Due to the shipping and transporting of the birds from the supplier, any calls received after the 9:00 PM cut off will not be accepted. Please call even if you are not ordering birds for the clinic.

Also, please note that if you order birds or do not show up at the clinic, you will be charged for the birds. Please try to get to the meeting site by **9:00 AM** 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.**

### Training Clinic Rules

- 1.** The chapter reserves the right to limit or modify bird orders. The chapter will not accept orders for more birds than can be used at a single training session.
- 2.** You will be charged 10.00 for each clinic you attend. Birds will be available at cost plus a small handling fee. Please note the clinic and handling fees go to the chapter to help defer other costs associated with the clinics.
- 3.** All bird orders and clinic fees must be paid in full before the start of the clinic. No checks will be accepted.
- 4.** If you are unable to attend the clinic, you will still be responsible for the cost of the birds. The chapter will make no effort to hold your birds until the next clinic.
- 5.** You should bring a carrier for any field birds that you may have ordered. Birds will be divided up at the start of the clinic.
- 6.** All dead game must be removed from the grounds.
- 7.** All trash and debris must be removed from the grounds.
- 8. NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages are permitted on the training grounds.

**9.** 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.

**10.** All participants and spectators at the clinics must wear Hunter orange hats or clothing.

**11.** Keep in mind we do share these grounds with others (hikers, fishermen, bird watchers, etc.). Be aware of their presence and respect their rights to access the property. Give them the right of way on property roads, **Safety First!**

**12.** Shooting at a Southern Adirondack Chapter clinic 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.

**13.** Under **no circumstances** may a guest or visitor shoot at a Southern Adirondack Chapter event.

**14.** Duck searches will be limited to 20 minutes each dog so everyone will have an opportunity. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**15.** All chapter members will be limited to two dogs per clinic. All guests and visitors will be limited to one dog.

**16.** All dogs must be kenneled when at a clinic or test as not to interfere or cause a distraction to other dogs or handlers. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**17.** The speed limit on the grounds is no more than **15 mph**. Please give way to others and animals on the roads.

**18.** Everyone is to stay with there group and not go off on there own and use other pieces of property not authorized to do so.

**19.** Anyone not following the rules or doing anything to jeopardize the privilege of using the grounds will be asked to leave the grounds.

**20.** Please be courteous to anyone you happen to meet while traveling or meet on the training grounds.