

## Testing Information

NAVHDA has a complete testing program to evaluate your dog's progress from Natural Ability, up to and including Versatile Champion. For more information on testing, visit the NAVHDA website.

The Southern Adirondack Chapter is sponsoring a NAVHDA Natural Ability, Utility Preparatory and Utility sanctioned tests both in the spring and fall. Natural Ability test evaluates the dog's natural abilities before they are 16 months of age. The birds that we will be using in the bird field will be Chuckar Partridge. To apply for our test please fill out an official NAVHDA test application. The official Test Entry form may be accessed either by going to the International Web Site under the Testing Page, or by going to our web site on the testing page.

(The Interactive Test Entry Form can be completed online, printed, and mailed to )

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along with a testing fee of \$120.00 for Natural Ability and \$140.00 for the Utility Preparatory and Utility Tests. Please make all checks payable to: Southern Adirondack NAVHDA. You will not be considered for a test until a completed application and the check are received. Please make certain you double-check your application for accuracy prior to forwarding it in the mail. You will need to include your NAVHDA International member number along with your dog's registration number. Only completed applications can be processed to participate in the Southern Adirondack test. We cannot, and do not, hold spots unless both the application and the check are received. Your entry fee will not be returned to you unless we can fill your place in the test four weeks prior to the test. In the event you decide to pull your dog within the four weeks prior to the test, your entry fee will not be returned to you. There cannot be any substitutions of dogs.

You must be a member of the International to participate in a Southern Adirondack Chapter test. A participant can only test a maximum of two dogs in our fall test. In the event that, four weeks prior to the test, that test is not full, then the chapter reserves the right to allow a handler to test more than two dogs.

Our testing grounds are located in Ganesvoort NY. The exact location will be announced shortly. Once you arrive, you will be asked to review your scorecard for accuracy of information. Each participant will receive the running order for the day. The judges and the chapter officers will introduce themselves, give an orientation as to the events of the day and then off we go. As always, keep your dog under positive control (on a leash or in a crate) until you are actually handling your dog in the test. Do not bring your dog to the preliminary meeting before the test starts.

Information about hotel accommodations will be provided via e-mail, along with the directions to our testing grounds. There is no training allowed on the grounds on the day of the test. Ask a chapter member about a place to exercise your dog. Lunch / beverages

will be provided (for participants/workers of the test), however a small donation is appreciated

### **Females in Season**

Females in season may be tested, however they can be VERY distracting to the other dogs, especially males. Females can also be distracted as well. Notify the test secretary as soon as possible so that adjustments can be made to the running order. Keep your female as far away as possible from other dogs. Be aware of the wind and try to place yourself downwind from other dogs.