



# MERRIMACK VALLEY NAVHDA NEWS

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## HOLIDAYS 2015



### **MVNAVHDA ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 16, 2016**

Dear fellow members, the annual meeting of the Merrimack Valley Chapter will be held at **Carol and Dave Trahan's Residence, 101 Coffetown Road, Deerfield, NH on Saturday, January 16th. The meeting will begin at 10am.** *This* meeting sets the tone and structure for the entire year, so we encourage all who can to attend. We will send out any further details via "e-mail blasts". See you there!  
Carol T.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, the hunting season is well on its way. I've had a good season this year chasing Woodie and my husband's dog Hannah. (I lost her in the woods one afternoon, and with the help of my husband we found her. ...Phew!) It is nice to see all the hard work that you put into training come together. I was able to shoot some grouse and woodcock over Hannah. As I am writing this, we are off to Kansas to chase pheasant and quail.

Overall, we had a busy summer with clinics and testing dogs—even holding a “double test” and the end. Our youth event was *very* successful and everyone's help made it *fun*! I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who “helped out” in one way or another to make this a successful year. Every effort went into the “big picture” and kept our chapter a great chapter. Again, thanks so very much!

I plan on attending NAVHDA International's annual meeting this year in South Dakota, and would like your support for me as the delegate. When I return, I will let you know what new things are coming up with NAVHDA.

The chapter's annual meeting will be this January 16th (Saturday) at our house at 10:00 am. *(See the front page for info.)* We will be having *many* things to go over, so please attend. We need your voice to be heard. For instance, I think we should consider a fund raiser for the club. We are doing OK now, but I would like to ensure adequate funds for the future.

And last, but not least: we will be looking for someone to step forward and become the new food coordinator for the two test weekends. *(Jim Titus recently moved to Arizona.)*

Happy Holidays everyone!

Carol



**Carol Trahan**

Chapter President





Joanna Korte  
Test Secretary

Hi All!

Another wonderful year closes giving us time to reflect on our upland hunting trips, and the past summer of training and testing our four legged companions. I'm looking forward to a few good duck hunting outings yet to come. Hopefully, we'll see some more retrieves before we start hitching the dogs to the sled for winter fun.

As always, remember that if you are planning to test your dog in 2016, either in NA, UPT or UT, **the earliest you can postmark your test entry (or email) is February 15th, 2016.**

Send in your test entry for both spring and fall tests to ensure you have a spot in the test as we do fill up. Don't wait until the end of the summer to sign up for the fall test. I look forward to seeing you all at the MV NAVHDA Annual Meeting in January.



Pictures of Joanna and Carol on a hunt in Pittsburg, NH



## TO THE POINT:

K-Lee and I were able to get out somewhat this fall. *(Hopefully, no additional medical issues for either K-Lee or me and next year will be better. Still healing.)*

Thanks!

Let me thank those *wonderful* souls who send in “pics” and “blurbs” for the newsletter! We really appreciate your offerings.

They really make the newsletter work!

### Reflections—and a Caution:

As I was walked skidder trails and places that are best un-named (*the names I used while picking myself up off the ground are unfit to print*), I would pick up empty hulls—“trigger trash”. After a few miles, patterns began to emerge. I realized that the hulls left behind told me where someone had seen and tried to kill a bird. A quick GPS waymark of the trigger trash and I have a reading on where the birds “are”. My friends, their relatives neighbors, house dogs and I really believe this will help us explore new coverts. Instead of practicing the “chase”, we just need to “hunt the hunters”. They’ll lead us right to the birds.

*Note: I’m kidding here, but please remember to “carry in and carry out”. There are others who are “dead serious” about such sleuthing. Tread softly and leave no trace. By the way, this year, my best spot for grouse was 41deg 57’ North by 67deg 26’ West. It’s tough going, but well worth it.*



**Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and wonderful Christmas season with the warmth of friends and family!**

*Den*

Editor

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Mini family reunion in Maine. Fripon, Momma Bijou, Mica and Jasper

Submitted by Rob Marcotte





Gris at Loon Lodge, just south of Alagash Lake

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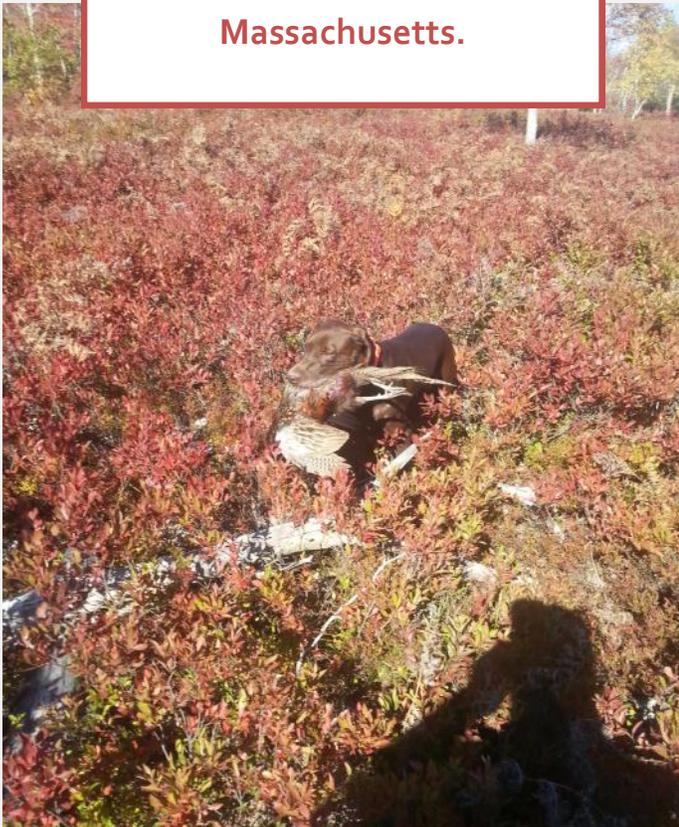


Gene Sartini wrote:

*“Brady with a limit on Saturday 11/7/15. Brady and I went to the fields after all the gun hoe people were gone and we had a good hunt. He pointed 3 birds of which 2 I was able to harvest. He was steady and his retrieves were perfect thanks to training he got from NAVHDA.”*

“The other photos are of the strange things that can be found on the Pheasant fields of Fall River, MA. The first was the remains of a hog and the second a pile of squid.”

**Brady bringing in a rooster somewhere near Fall River, Massachusetts.**



**Brady keeping two birds pinned to the ground with his famous Pudelpointer stare.**

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**Ben & Preston Merrill wrote: Four White Mountain Grouse from 3 White Mountain Dogs...good day of hunting**

## Expensive But Worth It by Rob Marcotte

This fall Amy, Matt and I were discussing our upcoming hunting trips to Northern Maine. They mentioned they were buying a GPS collar for their dogs. To myself I thought this was an unnecessary expense. Was I ever wrong!

One day, my 10 month old Griffon pup went a hard point. As I walked in a large bull moose trotted off with Frippy in pursuit. I had the e-collar on 75% and it had no effect. Frippy was gone for two hours. The longest two hours of my life. I didn't dare leave the truck. I radioed the lodge and asked them to see if there were any hunters in camp that could come up and help but they were all out hunting.

Finally I heard the very faint tinkle of a bell. When Frippy came back he was very confused and wouldn't come to me. I speak French when training and hunting but was speaking English when he came back. So, I got down on my stomach and said "*vien ici Fripon*". It was like a light switched on and he came right to me and tackled me. I don't know who was happier, me or Frippy. It would have been a strange site if someone had come along and seen us rolling around on the ground!

A lot of lost dogs end up in someone's dooryard and are returned to their owners. The trouble is, up in the Allagash Lake Region of Maine there aren't any dooryards. My dogs wear a collar with the name of the lodge embroidered on it but there is no guarantee that someone would ever find them to read the collar.

So, guess what I am buying before our net trip to Maine?

Editors Note: One of our local sponsors, "Bird Dogs Afield" has posted a YouTube video comparing Garmin's "new" small collar versus the larger "original" Garmin Collar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpbtBJUoSKE>

Gun Dog Supply also did a great comparative review.

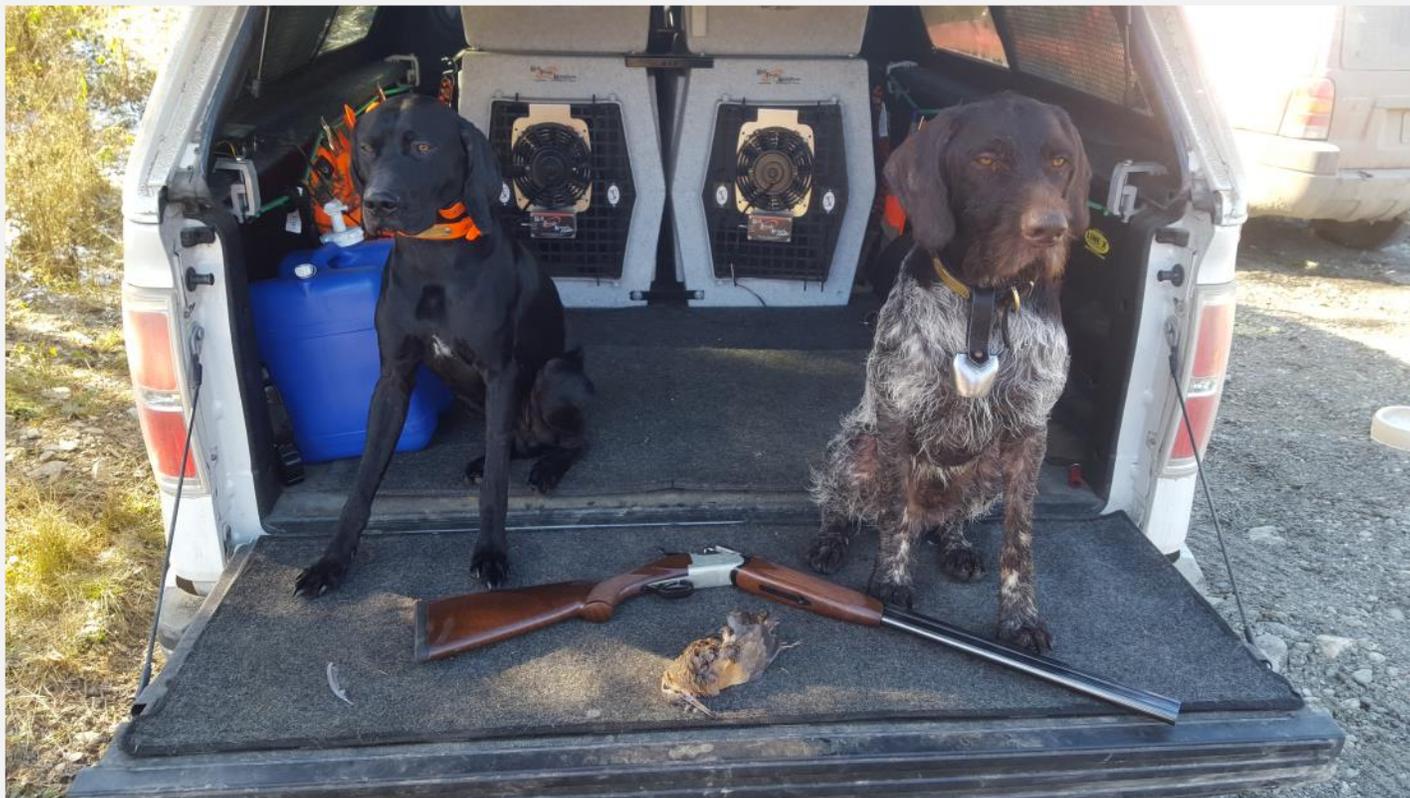
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6f9LYf6qNE>



Frippy relaxing after being lost

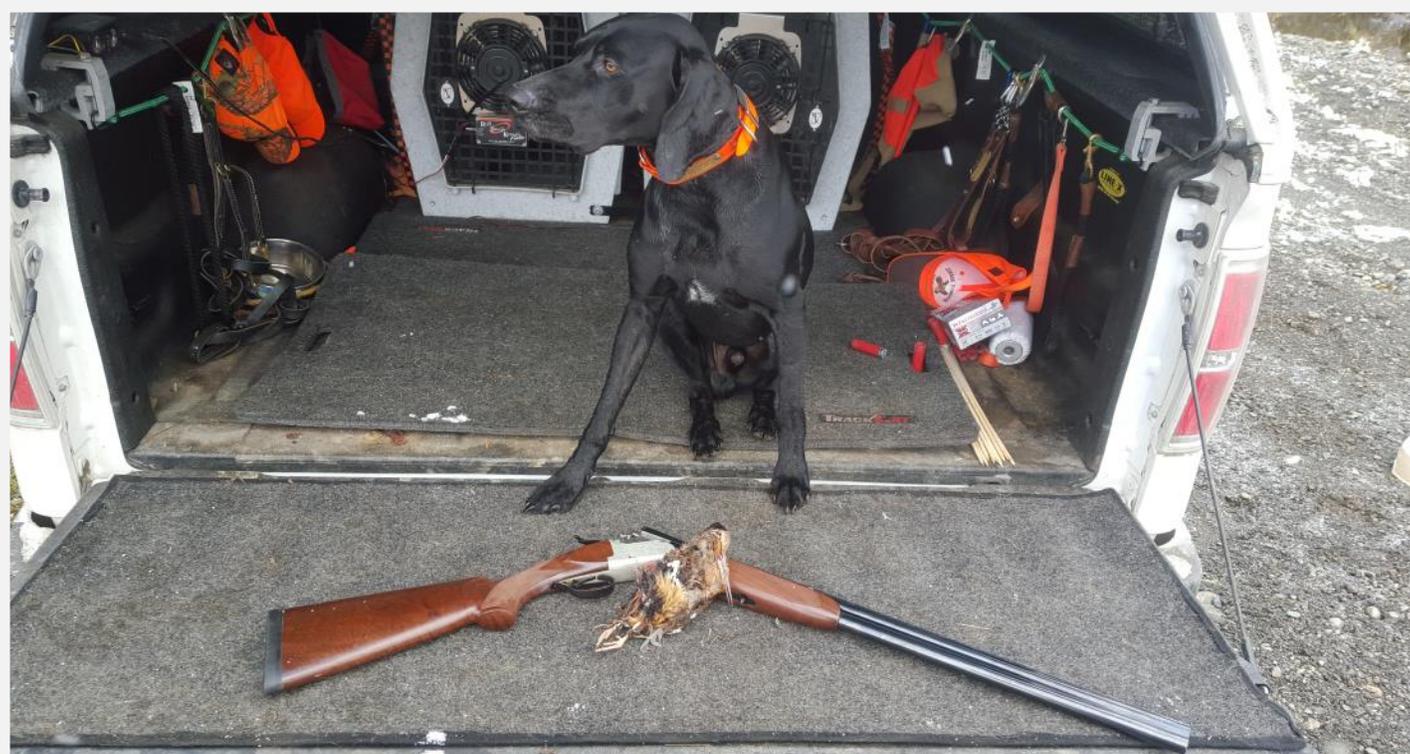


Todd Parsons sent in these photos.



Columbus Day Weekend in Pittsburg NH The woodcock was an early 20 degree morning push with many flushes in heavy cover and dense foliage. Finn is my black GSP and the Drahthaar is Vincent Vom Seilerhaus, owned by Tristopher Hanning from Ohio.

Tristopher and Vincent train and test with the Appalachian Chapter of NAVHDA





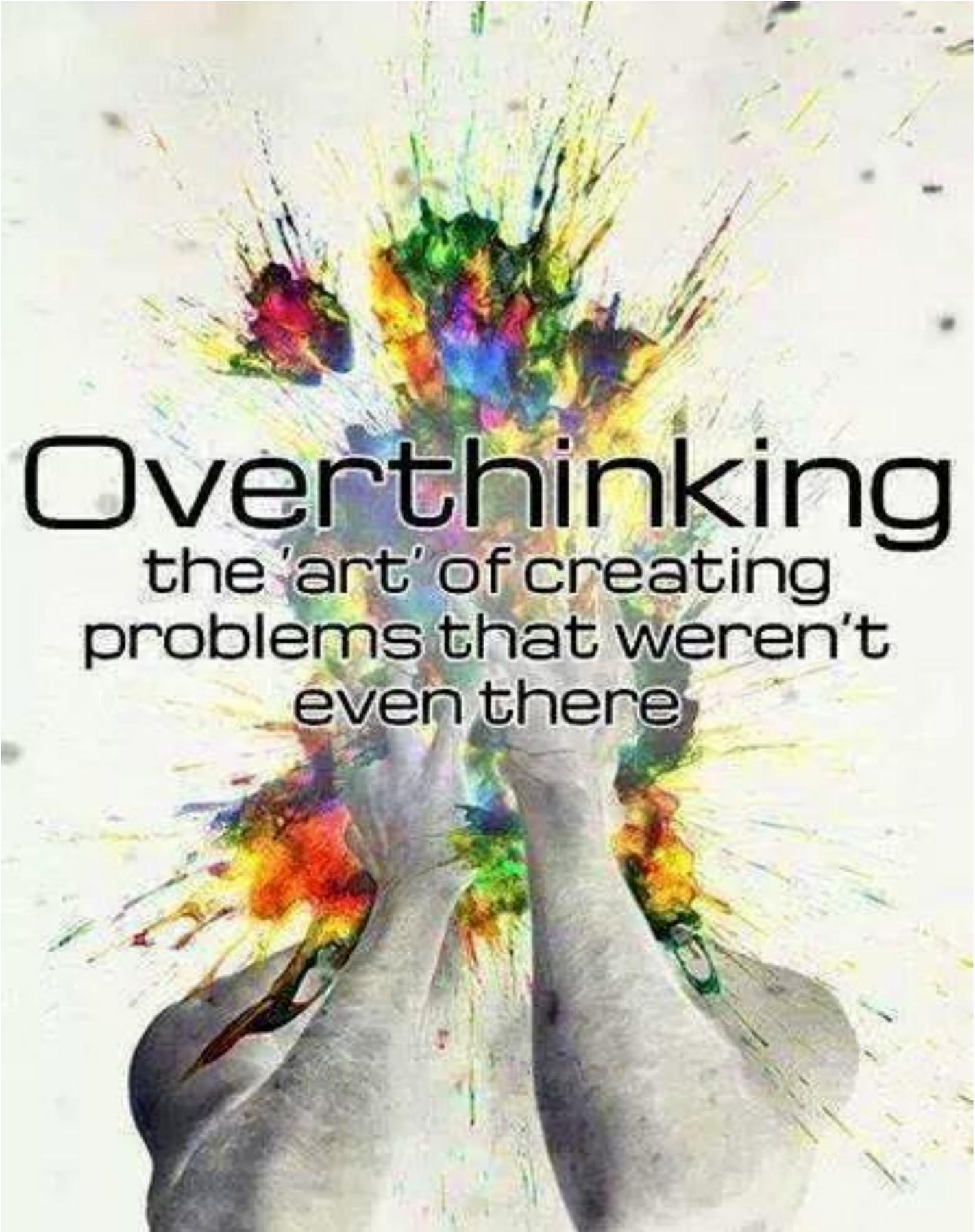
A couple of hens from Central Mass, October 10th on a day of hooky from work in Central Mass. We had 6 finds and shot our limit.

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*Editor's note: I just read in a major dog magazine that —when playing hooky—rather than calling in “sick”, it was a good idea to look at the obituaries in the area where you plan to hunt and then let the boss know you need the day off to pay your respects. The funeral will be easily verified. If anyone sees you in that area, you're covered. It also said that if anyone saw you in hunting garb, you could always tell people that the deceased person's last request was that all pall bearers wore blaze orange. Den*



## Handler's lament.....

A close-up photograph of a hand splashing a variety of colorful paints (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) onto a light-colored surface. The paint is captured in mid-air, creating a dynamic, energetic scene. The background is a plain, light color, making the vibrant colors of the paint stand out.

**Overthinking**  
the 'art' of creating  
problems that weren't  
even there

**STEVEN MARULLI SENT IN THE FOLLOWING:**

Glad to see the newsletter is going strong along with the club and growing new members every year. Here are some photos of Bandit and I from this season. Finally had the chance to wear my new MVNAVHDA shirt and showing off my MVNAVHDA patch!!!

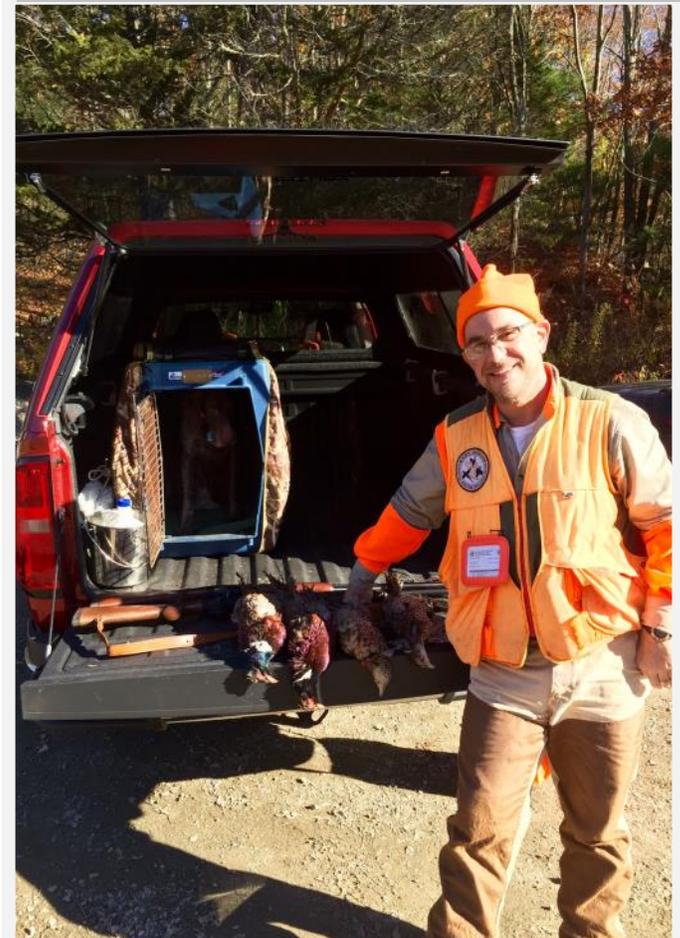
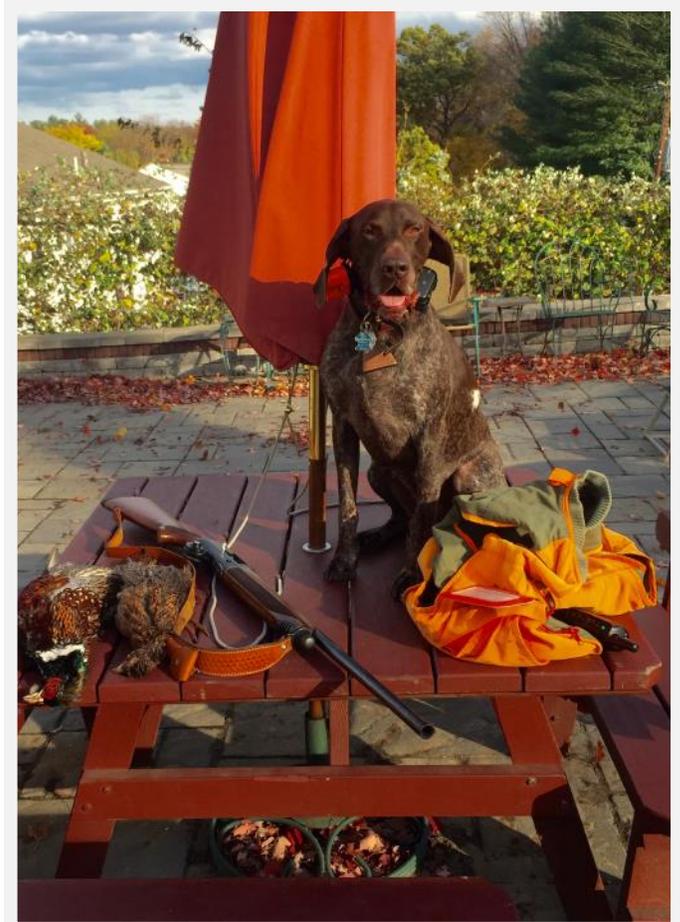
We celebrated Dad's 2 year anniversary since we lost him by doing what he enjoyed.....bird hunting!!! And also again a week later on his B-Day, he would have been 82 this year, we miss him so much.

On a better note, one day out quail hunting we stumbled across a beautiful patch of wild mushroom which went great with the quail in a pan!!!

Say hello to Suzi Moore from Bandit and I when you see her!!!!!!!

Wishing you all a safe and happy hunting season and holidays.

Steven Marulli & Bandit



Steven Marulli also sent in these pictures:



**BEFORE and AFTER**



Here is the recipe that Steven used to cook the quail and wild mushrooms. Looks like a winner!!  
(You can increase document size to read it.)

## Quail Marsala



### Ingredients

- 6-8 broasted quail.
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms.
- ½ cup Marsala wine.
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour.
- 1 tablespoon salt.
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder (or 1-2 cloves of fresh garlic).
- 1 teaspoon black pepper.

### Directions

- Combine salt, pepper, garlic, and flour in bowl and mix.
- Coat quail breasts in dry mixture.
- Saute quail in sauce pan until cooked (4-6 minutes) and set aside.
- Add mushrooms to sauce pan and cook until tender.
- Add Marsala wine to deglaze pan.
- Return quail to pan.
- Whisk remaining dry ingredients into two cups of water, mix thoroughly and add to saucepan.
- Reduce to desired consistency.
- Serve over Angel Hair pasta with side of broccoli.
- Enjoy. And use a napkin! 🐾

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**Tony Ferragamo** wrote: Saw your call for newsletter add-ins.

Thought you might be interested in this recent photo of our three Cesky Fouseks - Zora (Mom), Lacey (daughter) and Ranger (son) all pointing together at the Lake Dennison WMA in Royalston, MA.

If you think it's worthy of the newsletter a good caption might be: "Three Cesky Fouseks Walk Into a Pheasant Bar ...", but you use your judgement.



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## NEWS

### NH Hunting and Fishing License Fees Will Go Up in 2016

**Here's Why:** The NH Fish and Game Department is the state agency responsible for conserving and managing fish and wildlife resources. During an exceptionally painful budget season, the Legislature proposed to keep Fish and Game going by giving it \$1.2 million in State General Funds over two years (\$600,000 per year), and by providing the Department with authority to raise license fees to fill the remaining \$1.1 million annual revenue gap. Both are needed to keep Fish and Game operations going at the current level. While the state budget has not yet passed, *legislation was passed (HB 212) giving Fish and Game the authority to set license fees.* [Learn more about Fish and Game's funding situation.](#)

#### Public Hearings

Four public hearings were held in 2015 for the public to offer input. These were held in Lancaster, Keene, Portsmouth and Concord.

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## **NH Fish and Game Biennial Public Hearings: Dec. 9 in Concord & Dec. 17 in Lancaster**

**CONCORD, N.H.** -- The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will hold two biennial hearings in December, giving the general public an opportunity to offer input on *any* aspect of Department operations. The two sessions will be held on:

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- **Wednesday, December 9, 2015**, at 6:30 p.m. at NH Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, in Concord, NH.
- **Thursday, December 16, 2015**, at 6:30 p.m. at NH Fish and Game's Region 1 Office on Route 3 (629B Main Street) in Lancaster, NH.

"We welcome hunters, anglers and others who care about wildlife in New Hampshire to attend one of these biennial hearings and share your ideas about how we can serve you better," said Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Pursuant to RSA 206:11, biennial hearings are held in odd-numbered years to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on and suggest changes to fishing and hunting rules, wildlife management strategies and other Fish and Game functions. Members of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission, Executive Director Normandeau and other Fish and Game staff will be present at the hearings to answer questions from the public.

Please note that the Department will not make any proposals for changes to hunting or fishing rules at the biennial hearings. Game management issues, such as the number of moose permits to be issued, the number of either-sex days provided during upcoming deer seasons, and/or the length of our regional bear seasons, will be handled as part of game management rule-making slated to occur during the upcoming winter and spring. Public hearings on the new hunting season rule proposals are expected to take place in March or early April of 2016. Stay tuned for more information. Biennial hearings are broader in scope, allowing the public to comment on any aspect of the Department's operations, without the urgency of specific species management proposals. **As the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources**, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, online at [www.wildnh.com](http://www.wildnh.com), works in partnership with the public to:

- Conserve, manage and protect these resources and their habitats;
  - Inform and educate the public about these resources; and
  - Provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources.
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John Graf sent these pictures from the North Country.



Wolfsburg Felda with a limit of woodcock.

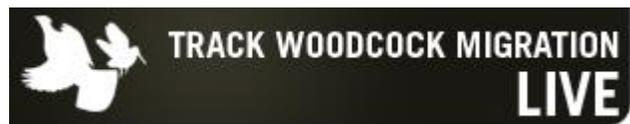
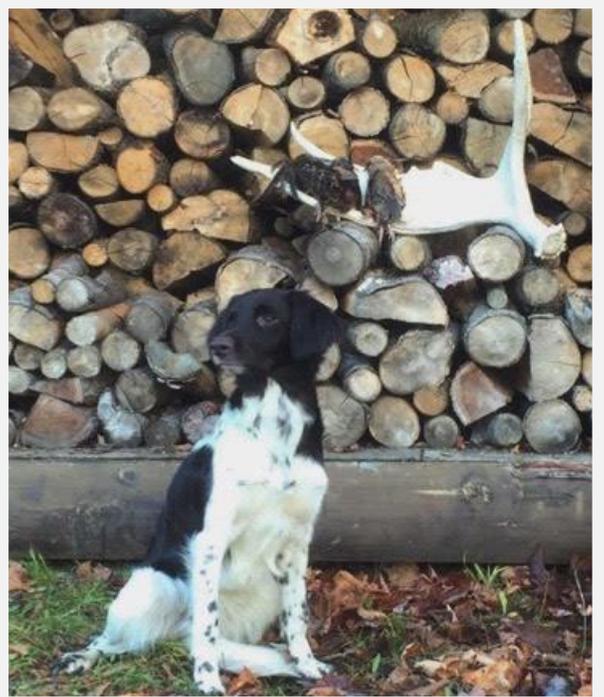


Jaegerbakkens Oakleigh discussing our day hunting in Pittsburg, NH

Jaegerbakkens Oakleigh last guest of the season at Bradford Camps, Munsungan Lake, ME



Wolfsburg Felda after another day afield in Pittsburg, NH



<http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org/woodcockmigration#.Vkqckb927go>



Paul Bruk wrote:

Tess and I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful Fall weather.

Here are a few of the many reasons we train our dogs with NAVHDA:

Water retrieve of a woodcock

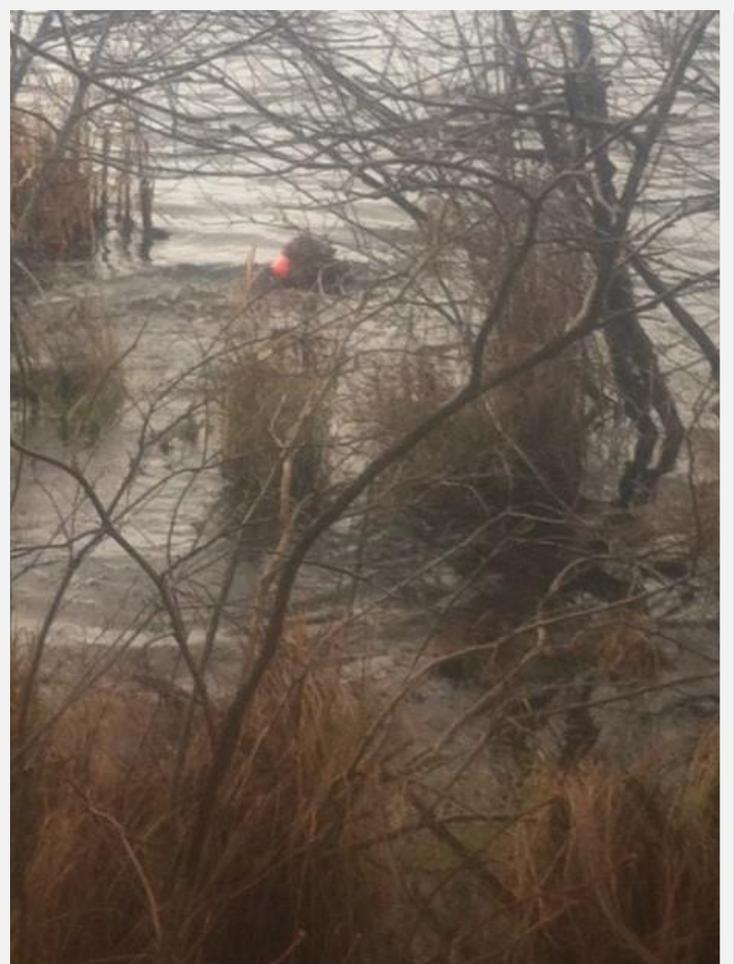
Blind retrieve of a wounded pheasant through this flooded mess!

Enjoying time out in the field with our 4-legged companions

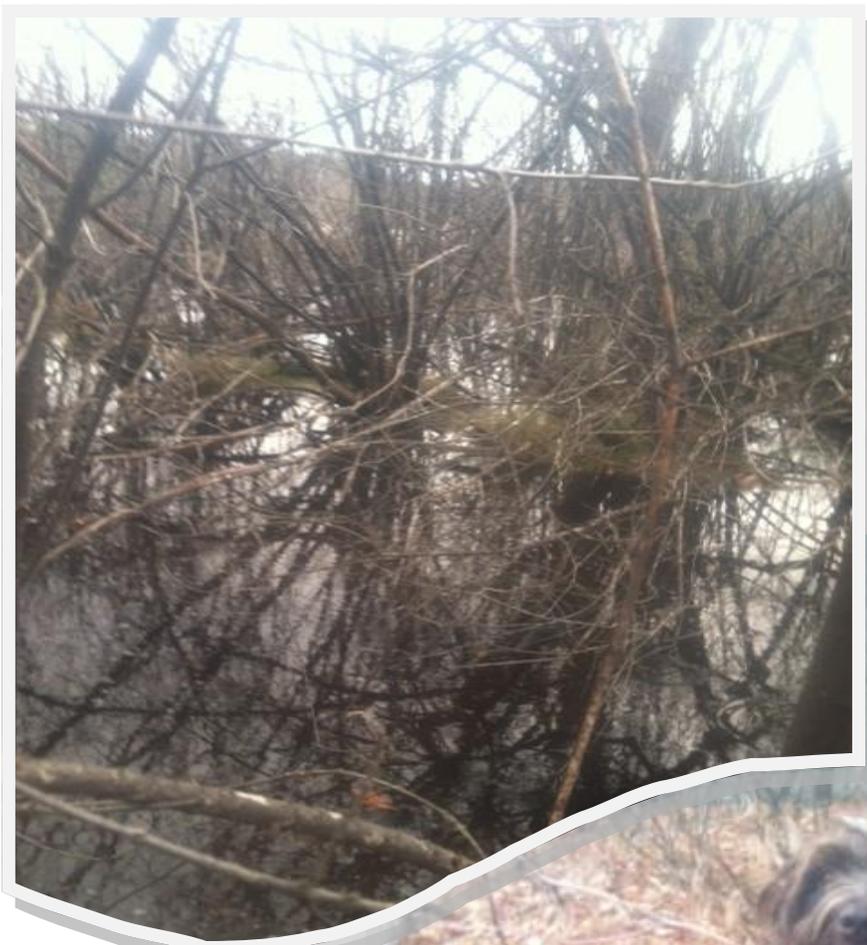
Happy Howlidays to All!



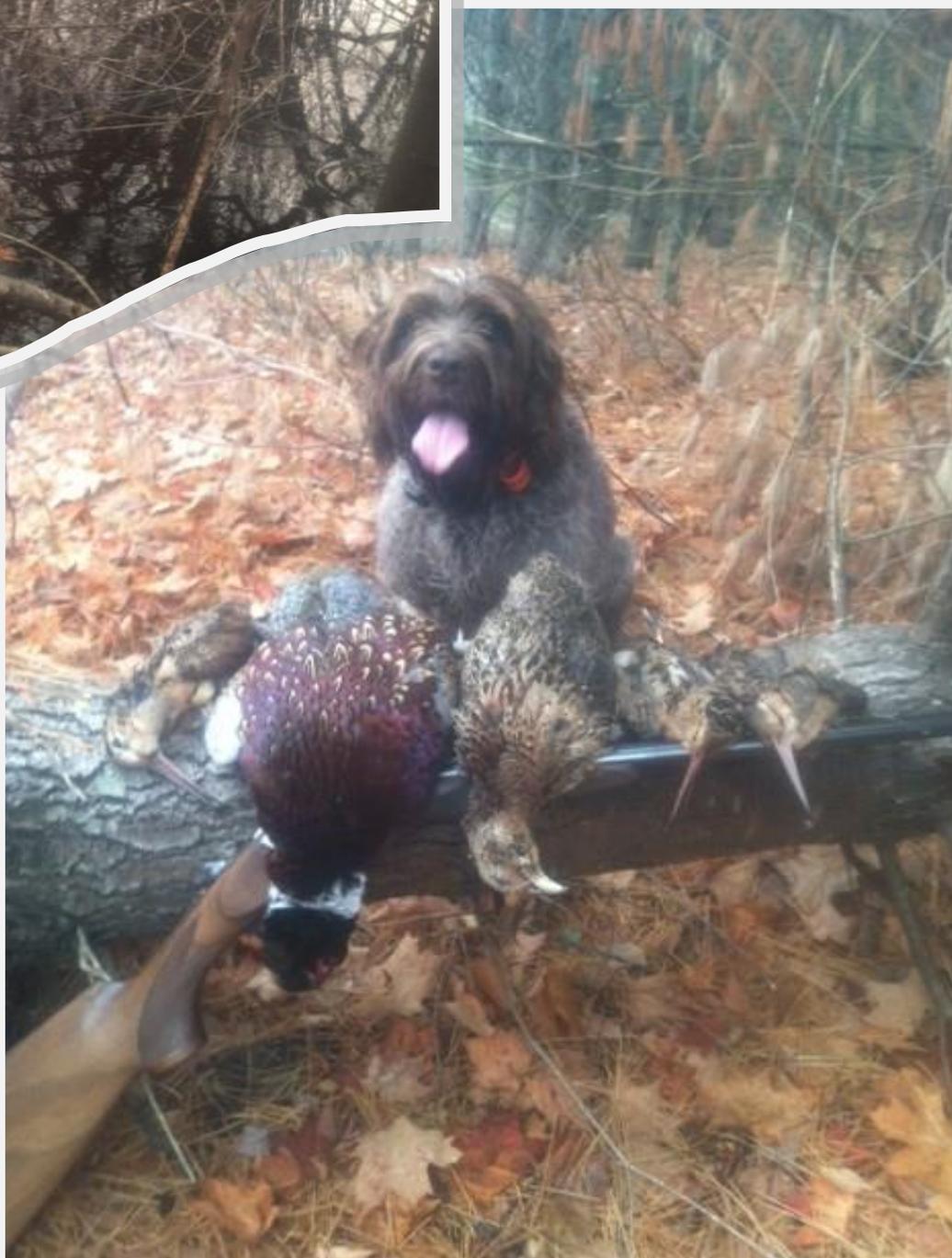
(Above) Pheasant water retrieve



(Right) Woodcock water retrieve



(Above) Swamp Retrieve  
—uh, where's Tess?



(Right)  
Limited Out

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*Okay, how many of you looked up those coordinates? Den*