



# Merrimack Valley NAVHDA News



## Winter 2021 News Letter

Congratulations to our new President John Korte.

New members, John has worked behind the scenes.

We see him getting there early on test days dragging his ATV for our use.

We don't see him hanging out the pavilion because he is working as a gunner in the far field.

He has trained for and tested in all areas of NAVHDA.

He has always been willing to help out in what ever capacities needed in the chapter,

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### A Message From Your President

Hello everyone and welcome to 2021. I know we are hoping for a better year on all fronts including training and testing with the MV Chapter.

I'd like to thank the membership for expressing your confidence in me by electing me Chapter President. I've never felt it necessary to hold a board or officer position with the Club to have impact but it is now my time to give back more formally. I'd like to thank Carol Trahan for her leadership as President of the Chapter for most of the last 10 years. I'd also like to thank Phil Thayer who leaves his post as Chapter Secretary for the last several terms, and welcome Paul Bruk in that role for the coming term.



In looking forward to the training and testing season, we need to acknowledge challenging times remain ahead of us with respect to covid. While vaccines will help tremendously, vaccinations will occur throughout the year requiring us to continue to take precautions in protecting each other and ourselves. We will continue to respect all Federal, State, and local requirements and guidelines for the conduct of our events. Requirements and guidelines continue to evolve and we will publish updated guidance both on our MV NAVHDA website and through this newsletter.

Near term, our priorities are being focused on improving and streamlining training clinic registration and bird ordering. Our goal is to refine our email list distributions for clinics and bird ordering as well as providing instructions and windows for bird ordering on our website for non-members that do not receive email reminders.

Longer-term priorities include finding confirmed backup bird sources, backup training grounds, and better-formalized safety procedures for the Club:

-We have a strong relationship with the bird source that we have utilized for the life of our Club and want to continue to assure that operation remains healthy and successful. Should gaps occur in bird supply, we would like to have an easily activated backup to bridge any short period of time until our usual supply is reestablished.

- Our relationship with the Hopkinton-Everett Lake Dog Club Association (HELDCA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (who own and maintain our Hopkinton training and testing grounds) remain strong thanks to leadership from Jeff Gutt (MV HELDCA delegate at large) and David Trahan (HELDCA Grounds Committee). That said, it remains in the back of our minds that there may be unknown threats to these grounds that warrant at least a low level effort to find alternative fields and water.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone why we are here and present with the MV NAVHDA Chapter. Two years ago the NAVHDA Executive Committee, under David Trahan's leadership, put together a Strategic Plan that helped define and shape NAVHDA's short, medium, and long term goals and objectives. A first step in that exercise was to create a Vision Statement for NAVHDA. While I'm paraphrasing, it goes something like this:

“...To share in the thrill of hunting over a well trained versatile dog..”

That passionate statement, for me, captures the essence of why we do what we do. I look forward to sharing with you many days in the field and on the water working to get the best out of our of versatile dogs.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Greetings Merrimack Valley!

Although we continue to find ourselves in the grip of this on-going pandemic, I hope the New Year finds you and your families in good health and spirits and anxious to get back out in the field with your dogs. Our Editor has requested that I provide a summary of NAVHDA International's 2021 Annual Meeting (See Attached). But first, a few Chapter housekeeping items:

Until we receive direction to the contrary, our plan is to resume the (as close as possible) normal chapter training, testing and event schedule while also following NAVHDA, federal, state and local Covid directives and safety mandates. For the health and safety of us all, and to allow our events to happen it is imperative that each of us follows the appropriate safety precautions! The Chapter will keep you apprised of any changes to the directive or the schedule of events.

2021 Annual Meeting: The chapter held our January 9, 2021, Annual Meeting on-line. Phil Thayer will post the Annual Meeting Minutes on the chapter website.

Chapter Elections: After many years at the helm as Chapter President, Carol has decided to pass the torch and not run for another term. Per the Chapter bylaws and to allow for continuity of management, our 10 Directors and Officers maintain varied terms in office. The following have been elected this year:

Officers (3 Yr Term):

President: John Korte

Secretary: Paul Bruk

Directors (2 Yr Term):

Testing: Jim Jiottis

Test Secretary: Joanna Korte

Judging: David Trahan

We thank both Carol and Phil for their many years of dedicated leadership and service to the chapter, its members and our dogs. We look forward to seeing them at all future chapter events!

Shotgun Raffle: 368 tickets were sold. Chapter members held their breath and watched live, on-screen as our Treasurer put the tickets in a garbage bag, shook it well and drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to chapter member, Kelly LaRoche for winning the CSMC shotgun!

NAVHDA International Discussion Item: I was made aware of this item after we had held our own Annual Meeting and brought it to the Board for discussion. NAVHDA divides the total cost of insurance evenly by the total number of US chapters and bills the US chapters for reimbursement. Each Canadian chapter has obtained their own insurance, separately. In the discussion item it is argued that this is an unfair burden for smaller chapters with few members or for startup chapters who have very little to no capital. The proposal is to NOT bill each chapter for insurance and to raise the International membership dues by a nominal amount (cost of insurance divided by the total number of NAVHDA members) to cover the cost of insurance. This would also save our chapter about \$500/yr. After some discussion, our MV Board agreed, and voted to support the discussion item at the International Annual Meeting. For more detail, refer to my International Annual Meeting Summary (attached).

MV Board Vote: 7 Yay; 1 Nay; 1 Abstention and 1 No Response.

I look forward to seeing everyone out in the field again with our dogs when Chapter activities begin again this Spring.

Paul Bruk  
Secretary

From the Test Secretary:

Greetings!

I am looking forward to the 2021 training and testing season! I love working with dogs and their handlers, helping each other in our pursuit of a well-trained hunting companion (and lap dog secondly) is what it's all about for me.

Test entries and fees may be mailed in or submitted on line beginning on February 15, 2021. For details regarding entering your dog in a test, please see our website [www.mvnavhda.com](http://www.mvnavhda.com) and look under the "Test Info" tab. If you have any questions about entering your dog in a test, please contact me for help. My contact info is on the MV website.

If you are planning to test your dog in 2021, you should not delay in sending the entries in as both the Spring Test and the Fall Test do fill up. Test entries and fees are accepted by the Test Secretary **beginning** on February 15, 2021.

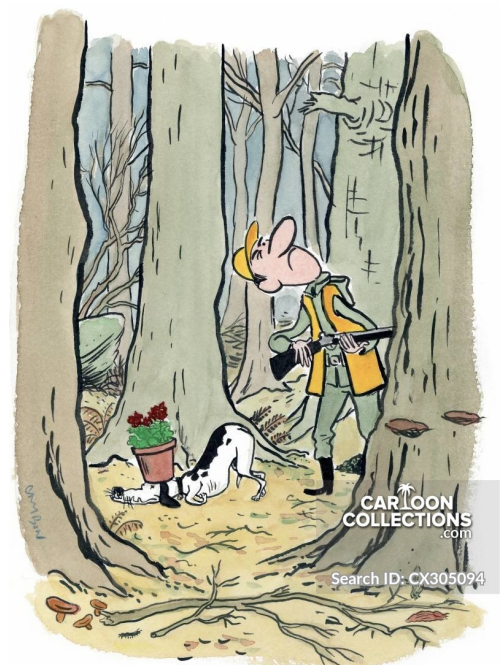
One last note: Please be aware that we do our best to test as many dogs as we can in a test and therefore, you may not run on your preferred day. We have to organize our tests into certain numbers of dogs depending on the test levels (NA, UPT and UT). Please be flexible in your plans for the test weekend so that you can run on the day we can fit you in. All running days will be communicated one month prior to the test.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions regarding testing with the Merrimack Valley chapter of NAVHDA.

Best Regards, Joanna Korte



*"Of course, I expect a ten-per-cent finder's fee."*



Aims and Rules Clinic,  
(formally Known as Handlers Clinic)

Merrimack Valley will be holding an Aims and Rules Clinic what this will consist of a two-day program teaching members on scoring system which NAVHDA use. It will consist of classroom and field application. If you are new to NAVHDA or a pro this is a way to see what the judges, see. If you are running a dog in a test this for you. Limited 20 people.

You must register by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bring seat, lunch, and water.

No dogs

Location Deerfield, NH

Start time 830 am date June 5 and 6 2021.

Cost \$75:00

Check made out to MVNAVHDA

Mail check to David Trahan

101 Coffeetown Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037

Clinic leader: Tim Otto

Contact person: David A Trahan

603/494/3802 email [davidt@onpointkennel.com](mailto:davidt@onpointkennel.com)

## Important Notices

**Reminder!!!! Pay your dues**

**Please pay your dues. Application must be printed and mailed to or scan and emailed to Beth,**  
[bethmatt@comcast.net](mailto:bethmatt@comcast.net)

Beth Mello, MVNAVHDA Membership, 59 Bald Hill Rd., Raymond, NH 03077

Payments maybe be paid from the webpage or send a check.

**International dues** are also due at this time. You must join both. Join on website.



*"I'm a bird dog."*

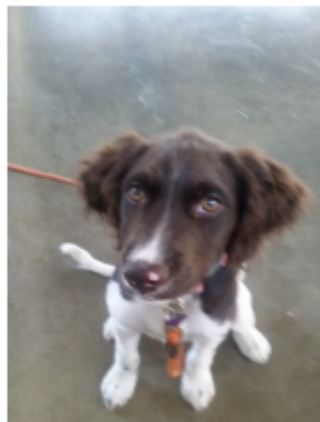
## A Change of Life

I have raced Standardbred Racehorses my whole life. Started with ponies when I was young and grew into the big boys. You have to train them if you want them to do the job. They also have to have the heart to want to really race, If you and your horse put 100 percent in you will get 100 percent out. With all of the drugs in the racing world the fairness of good training and proper care no longer mattered. It was a sport that I no longer wanted to partake in any more.

I miss the track. I miss the daily training. I miss my sport. The kids are grown up and no longer need rides places or help from their old man. I have lots of extra time on my hands.

My wife and girls all have a dog. Ugh. Dogs on the couch. Dogs begging. Dogs smelling like wet dogs on a rainy day. Ugh. Dogs

It was late summer of 2019 when my life took a change. I was minding my own business at work and a friend stopped by with a puppy. Cute little thing. The pup, not the friend. It seems the buyer has backed out because she has a pink spot on her nose. That's dumb. Glad it is not my problem. There is another buyer ready to check her out. Well that is good. Nope. That is not going to work out. How the heck do you not know you're allergic to dogs. Still not my problem. My friend stops by again with the little "homeless" thing. She is cute. What is she again? Oh ya. A Small Munsterlander. Bahaha.. A Cheese dog. Bahaha. Why does he keep bringing her around. He must see how much I like her. These dogs are expensive. (Ya, I have been looking them up.) I am offered a steal on this puppy. Maybe I will talk with my wife and see what she says. I start talking with my grown daughters about this. They say do it. Mom won't care. I talk with the wife and she is on board. Well I am going away to Bear camp for a week. If the pup is still available it is meant to be. We will see what happens.



While at camp, my wife goes and sees Terry. (Yes, Terry Long is to blame for all

of this. ) She meets this little dog that i have been talking about. She has been a dog groomer for years and has never heard of this breed. She is in love too. I get home from camp with a bunch of new puppy toys on the table and my wife saying let's go for a ride. We go and pick up my new friend. KC, you are mine now. I don't care about the white spot on your nose and I am not allergic to ya.



What do I do with you? You barely weigh 20 pounds and i am used to training things that weigh at least 1000 pounds. Come,sit, and stay. Good start. This is a bird. Oh. you like the bird. (My wife just happened to be raising quails for the eggs.) Perfect. She likes the birds. We are really close... and guess what...My dog, yes my dog is on the couch, she is now begging but she is really cute. She is a little stinky from the wet grass in the fields and she needs a tub. That's ok. I'll do it. She is in my lap when I am in my chair. Yup I belong to a dog now. Not just any dog. A Small Munsterlander.

I am lucky that my pup can go to work with me. My coworkers love her. My granddaughters love her. She loves them. My family loves her.. But she loves me more. (LOL) She is with me all the time. We are out and walking the trail around our farm. It is really good for me. My little buddy with me in the truck. Where I go she goes. It is great.



Thanksgiving Day 2019. A Day I Will Never Forget.

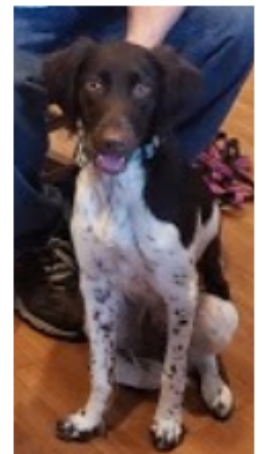
We decided to leave the dogs at home with all the food on the counter at our daughters home for the holiday. Ya, KCs bad habit, Counter Surfing. What if she gets a turkey bone? Let's not take a chance. Not worth it. She will stay in the dog room with the Mini Schnauzer. They have food, water, beds, heat and access to the bag yard that is fenced in. She has learned the doggy door. She will be fine for a couple of hours. We came home three hours later and my world crashed. My best friend had hung herself on the fencing. We had left her collar on. She was dead.

We called Terry to let them know. They came over and we sat in the kitchen torn apart by what had happened. It was a terrible, horrible day that nightmares are made of.

After some time my daughters and wife said I need to pick up the pieces and get a new pup. I was enjoying my pup so much. I could not picture one in her place. They explained it was not to replace her but to fill the hole in my heart. They were contacting breeders on my behalf. Breeders were so willing to help me get another pup. This community, the Munster Community is awesome.

It Was Meant To Be.

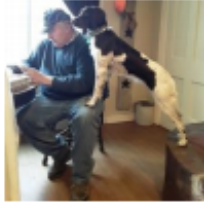
In the beginning of January, Terry calls. He had heard from another breeder (Charlie Taft, owner of South Coast Kennels) Charlie has been notified that a pup he sold about a year ago is looking for a new person. Little Abby was the smallest of her litter. Her dad has passed away and his family plan on keeping all of his dogs but feel Abby would be wasted if not hunting. They are not hunters and she is so young. It would be a shame to waste her potential. Charlie gave me the information so i can reach out to the family directly. In just a few days I will be in Boston picking up a beautiful little girl with so much personality. The family only requested the shipping fee for the beautiful girl. Abby is half sister to my KC. I can see it. They both have VC Seeker as their Dad. (Seeker belongs to Terry.) She is cute and tiny just as KC was. She needs me, I need her.



You can bet your but the fence in the dog yard got some modifications. That will not happen again. The dog yard is not open if we are not home and last but not least no collars are left on if we are not at home. If nothing else, I have learned from this horrendous experience. Rest in Peace My KC Girl.

Then COVID. Virginia is shut down and they have canceled the test. We have been given an extension. Well that can't hurt. We will make the best of our extra time. Due to COVID everything is getting canceled. It is hard to meet people and to give Abby the atmosphere of a test with dogs around, barking ect... We have land on the River. Lets host a Munsterlander get together. We have plenty of fields. People can stay safely away from one another. With help from Big Terry, Little Terry, Gus and The Small Munsterlander club of America, it was an awesome day. Tracking, blind search and general social skills were taken away by all. A potential owner even showed to see what he was getting into. He still got his pup, so the day was a success. We get to do a pre test put on by Merrimack Valley Chapter. It was raining cats and dogs that day. Merrimack put on an awesome pre test despite the rain.

Abby is my dog. KC sent her to me . She likes the wife, the daughter and the grandkids. (The daughters call her the favorite daughter. ) She loves to wrestle with the Schnauzer, much to the Schnauzer's dismay. It is me that she loves and she is putting a plug in the hole in my heart that KC left. She is my dog. She sits in my lap. She needs to touch at all times. She is looking out the window waiting for me to come home if she cannot go with me. I have a great friend. Did I mention how smart she is? Her previous owner had her doing the sit,come and stay. I have a very short time to have her on the birds and ready to

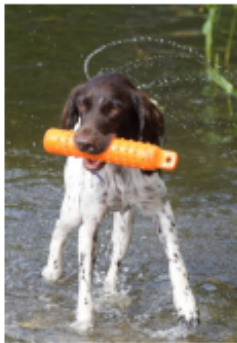


hunt if we are going to test her natural ability. If we are going to get this done, I have to learn this bird hunting thing. She likes the birds and I don't want to screw this up. Dave Trahan comes in to play. I go once a week and get training on how to train my dog. My dog and I work every day. It may just be a nice long walk in the woods to get rid of her energy. I call her back and she comes.

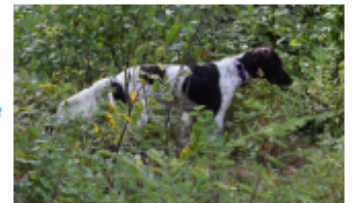


Every day, all summer long we are in training. Sometimes on birds, sometimes no birds. Daily If we are going to do this correctly. I kind of go overboard. My wife had a dozen quail. She lost a couple to our training and then in less than two nights an ermine killed all of her birds. I, being the kind husband, went and picked up 100 day old baby quail. Yes, a little extreme but we have birds. The closest test within the time frame we need is in Virginia. Road trip. Maine to Virginia. All planned. Reservations made. We are cutting it close to aging out.

Put 100% IN You Will Get 112 Back



South Coast Abby.. 112 with a prize 1 announced the NAVHDA judge. Man, was I surprised. I knew Abby had this... it was me I was worried about. I have never done this before. The judges were great and soon calmed my nerves. I was a first time handler and they knew it. They used the day to train me. While discussing the importance of wind direction, Abby immediately ran down the field down wind, she turned and started working back towards it. Good girl. The judges were impressed. Found our birds round 1 of 3 done.



Round 2 she heads for the woods... ugh she lost the bird. Nope. The judge on the wood line gives us a thumbs up. Here comes Abby with a big bird. Ya.. that my girl. Third and final round. I am pretty confident here, but that is where we could lose it. Stay focused. In the water bump the bumper and in the water retrieve the bumper. Check her body over, Done. My girl gets the best score she can possibly get. Wow. Have not felt like this in a long time. It feels good.

My wife and girls may have had something all these years. I too now like dogs in my house.

Well. I like one of them anyways.

Kevin and Jody








## 2021 - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### MERRIMACK VALLEY CHAPTER - NAVHDA

[www.mvnavhda.com](http://www.mvnavhda.com)

- \$20 Regular Member — participates in all chapter activities, receives chapter newsletter and has full voting privileges as defined in the chapter by-laws.
- \$5 Family Member - (spouse & children under 18 years of age) have all the rights and privileges as regular members. Children have no voting privileges. NOTE: One family member must be a regular member.
- \$10 Junior Member — available to individuals under 18 years of age, have all the rights & privileges of regular members; however, junior members have no voting privileges.
- \$5 Voluntary donation to NH Wildlife Federation  [www.nhwhf.org/](http://www.nhwhf.org/)  
 You may pay by credit card on our website (\$1 fee) but still must provide a check to Membership Director [mvnavhda.membership@gmail.com](mailto:mvnavhda.membership@gmail.com)

~ Chapter membership is for calendar year **1/1/21 - 12/31/21** ~

Please Check One:       New Member       Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ NAVHDA International Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*You must be NAVHDA International member to join/renew your membership in this Chapter**  
 ~ International Membership forms available at [www.navhda.org](http://www.navhda.org) ~  
 ~ Dues are NOT tax deductible for income tax purposes in the USA ~

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Member email: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Notifications and the chapter newsletter are sent via email.*

Breed of Dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Merrimack Valley Chapter of NAVHDA** and mail to:

Beth Mello  
 MVNAVHDA Membership  
 59 Bald Hill Rd.  
 Raymond, NH 03077

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Three crates and two drawers. Two of the crates have never been used. System is in perfect working order. \$2800. Exactly what I paid.

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**Many of the proposed legislations will directly affect our sport. We member there are powerful groups out their who are totally against us. It is important get in touch with your legislator on any bill that can take our rights away.**

**NH Wildlife Federation  
2021 Session**

**Hearings scheduled the week of January 25, 2021**

HB 246, *establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults.*  
(Public Hearing)

Bill: HB 82

Title: *relative to amending a conservation easement between the state and a landowner.*

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Berch

Committee: House Judiciary

Status: Schedule pending

Comments: Seeks to allow the amendment of a conservation easement between a government body and a landowner to correct an injustice or to advance the public good. It specifically mentions allowing the exchanging of another parcel in return for easing current use restrictions.

Bill: HB 118

Title: *relative to the fish and game commission.*

Sponsor: Rep. Cathryn Harvey

Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources

Status: Public Hearing: 02/01/2021 11:15 am To join the webinar:  
<https://www.zoom.us/j/94410519799>

Comments: Adds educational qualifications for nominees to the Fish and Game Commission. Also reduces license requirements from 5 of the last 10 years to 2 of the last 5 years.

Bill: HB 192

Title: *relative to pistols permitted for the taking of deer.*

Sponsor: Rep. John MacDonald

Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources

Status: Public Hearing: 02/01/2021 09:30 am To join the webinar:  
<https://www.zoom.us/j/94410519799>

Comments: Adds 45 ACP (Automatic Colt Pistol), .460 Rowland, .45 Super, .50 AE (Action Express), .357 SIG Sauer, .327 Federal Magnum, and .400 Corbon to the list of pistol calibers permitted for the taking of deer.

Bill: [HB 241](#)  
Title: *relative to trout.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Lino Avellani  
Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources  
Status: Public Hearing: 02/01/2021 11:00 am To join the webinar:  
[https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/02/Pages/0201211100.aspx](#)  
Comments: Defines wild brook trout as trout that are naturally occurring or indigenous to the waterbodies in which they live.

Bill: [HB 246](#)  
Title: *relative to pet vendors.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Howard Pearl  
Committee: House Environment and Agriculture  
Status: Schedule pending  
Comments: Would increase the number of animals transfers a person can due before needing to register as a pet vendor.

Bill: [HB 247](#)  
Title: *establishing a committee to study rail trail best management practices.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Suzanne Smith  
Committee: House Resources, Recreation and Development  
Status: Schedule pending  
Comments: Would establish a committee to study and develop best management practices for repurposing former rail beds into rail trails, best management practices for maintaining rail trails to reduce or limit exposure to possible contamination to users and report their findings by November 1, 2022.

Bill: [HB 251](#)  
Title: *relative to penalties for dog theft and tampering with a dog's radio collar.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Brian Sullivan  
Committee: House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
Status: Schedule pending  
Comments: Would make tampering with or removing a radio dog collar a class B felony.

Bill: [HB 252](#)  
Title: *relative to the taking of game by certain lever-action firearms.*  
Sponsor: Rep. James Spillane  
Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources  
Status: Public Hearing: 02/01/2021 10:00 am To join the webinar:  
[https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/02/Pages/0201211000.aspx](#)  
Comments: Would allow the use of lever-action carbine chambered in .357, .44 Magnum, or .45 Colt in any area where hunting is restricted to handgun or pistol

Bill: [HB 253](#)  
Title: *relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Peter Leishman  
Committee: House Transportation  
Status: Schedule pending  
Comments: Would direct the Commissioner of Safety to adopt rules regarding the safe operation of recreational vehicles on state roads and highways.

Bill: [HB 245](#)  
Title: *establishing a committee to study the effects of recreational vehicles and other vehicles used in recreational activities on class 5 and 6 roads.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Renzullo  
Committee: House Resources, Recreation and Development  
Status: Schedule pending

Comments: Would establish a committee to study the effects of recreational vehicles on class 5 and class 6 roads, their effect on the environment, quality of life for area residents and their economic impact to communities. The prime sponsor filed the bill because he felt the HB 1182 study committee was not properly addressing the subject.

Bill: [HB 467](#)

Title: *relative to current use tax rate eligibility.*

Sponsor: Rep. Ellen Read

Committee: House Municipal and County Government

Status: Schedule pending

Comments: Seeks to disqualify any farm land or forest land used to harbor non-native, non-domesticated animal species from eligibility for a current use assessment.

Bill: [HB 156](#)

Title: *permitting the use of live-action game cameras.*

Sponsor: Rep. Terry Roy

Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources

Status: Public Hearing: 02/01/2021 10:30 am To join the webinar:

[https://www.governor.vt.gov/webinars](#)

Comments: Would permit the use of a live-action game camera to take or attempt to take a game animal or fur bearing animal.

Bill: [HB 528](#)

Title: *relative to cruelty to a wild animal, fish, or wild bird.*

Sponsor: Rep. Ellen Read

Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources

Status: Public Hearing: 02/01/2021 09:00 To join the webinar:

[https://www.governor.vt.gov/webinars](#)

Comments: Identical bill passed in 2020 but died on the table in the Senate due to COVID-19. Creates enhanced penalties for anyone who purposely beats, cruelly whips, tortures, or mutilates any wild animal, fish or wild bird.

Bill: [HB 534](#)

Title: *relative to municipal control of certain frozen water bodies.*

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Beth Walz

Committee: House Resources, Recreation and Development

Status: Schedule pending

Comments: Would give municipalities the authority to regulate public activities and time of use on frozen public waters of 100 acres or less. Filed by two representatives from Bow.

## 2021 Legislation Pending Publication

Bill: [SBX 271](#)

Title: *relative to the manner of posting on land and the criminal penalty for such posting.*

Sponsor: Sen. John Reagan

Bill: [SBX 203](#)

Title: *relative to the manner of posting on land.*

Sponsor: Sen. John Reagan

Bill: [LSR 928](#)  
Title: *relative to certificate of boating safety.*  
Sponsor: Sen. Regina Birdsell

Bill: [LSR 923](#)  
Title: *establishing a surcharge on certain saltwater licenses and establishing a fund for derelict fishing gear and coastal cleanup*  
Sponsor: Sen. David Watters

Bill: [LSR 924](#)  
Title: *relative to environmental and outdoor education and establishing the New Hampshire youth environmental education and conservation council.*  
Sponsor: Sen. David Watters

Bill: [LSR 927](#)  
Title: *relative to tidal waters.*  
Sponsor: Sen. David Watters

Bill: [LSR 930](#)  
Title: *establishing the New Hampshire housing and conservation planning program.*  
Sponsor: Sen. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka

## 2021 Legislation Relating to Firearms

Bill: [SACR 8](#)  
Title: *relating to firearms. providing that the legislature make no law restricting the right to own, carry, or use firearms or firearm accessories.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Terry Roy  
Committee: House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
Status: Schedule pending  
Comments: Would require a 2/3rd vote in both the Senate and the House. Passage unlikely.

Bill: [HR 195](#)  
Title: *adding display of a firearm as an exception to reckless conduct.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Michael Yakubovich  
Committee: House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
Status: Schedule pending  
Comments: Seeks to clarify that displaying a firearm does not constitute reckless conduct.

Bill: [HR 246](#)  
Title: *establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults.*  
Sponsor: Rep. Robert Renny Cushing  
Committee: House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs  
Status: Public Hearing: 01/26/2021 01:45 pm To join the webinar:  
<https://www.zoom.us/j/94652122897>  
Comments: Seeks to establish protocols to protect vulnerable adults from financial exploitation. Similar bill vetoed in 2020 over 2nd amendment due process concerns.

NH S 129 Author: Bradley (R)  
Title: Impacts on the Habitats of Endangered Species  
Introduced: 01/06/2021  
Disposition: Pending  
Location: SENATE  
Summary: Requires all state departments and agencies to take actions designed to minimize environmental impacts to endangered or threatened species habitats; authorizes the executive director of fish and game to accept payment for the unavoidable loss of such habitat.

STATUS:  
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NH H 158 Author: ~~Grassie~~ (D)  
Title: Definition of Prime Wetland  
~~Prefiled~~: 01/04/2021  
Introduced: 01/06/2021  
Disposition: Pending  
Location: House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee  
Summary: Further defines prime wetland for local protection in fill and dredge permits.

STATUS:  
01/27/2021 Public Hearing: 02/10/2021.  
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NH H 186 Author: ~~Ebel~~ (D)  
Title: Inactive Committees  
~~Prefiled~~: 01/04/2021  
Introduced: 01/06/2021  
Disposition: Pending  
Location: House Legislative Administration Committee  
Summary: Repeals certain inactive committees and revises the membership and duties of others.

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