



2023 SEASON WRAP UP



1ST PRAIRIE VISTA PHEASANT FESTIVAL

The inaugural Prairie Vista Pheasant Festival took place on September 30th 2023. Twelve teams had an amazing time enjoying their team members and working with their dogs. It was a tremendous success and followed by a banquet in Patricia, Alberta. A BIG thank you to Coulee Game Birds, the Patricia Hotel and Sue, Tammy & Ron C for bringing this event together!



FOCUSING ON WATER TRAINING PAID OFF!

In training this year, we concentrated on UPT/UT water work with weekend clinics for Duck Search & Marked Retrieve. This proved to be very successful - we had 22 dogs run in our test at those levels. Many showed skill in the water proving that dedication and hard work pays off!



SHOOTING CLINIC

We had a fantastic day in June when Crayton hosted our a Prairie Vista organized shooting clinic. He is a wealth of knowledge and the event had members from all three Alberta NAVHDA clubs attend. Thank you Crayton & the Camrose Shooting Sports Association for making this event possible.

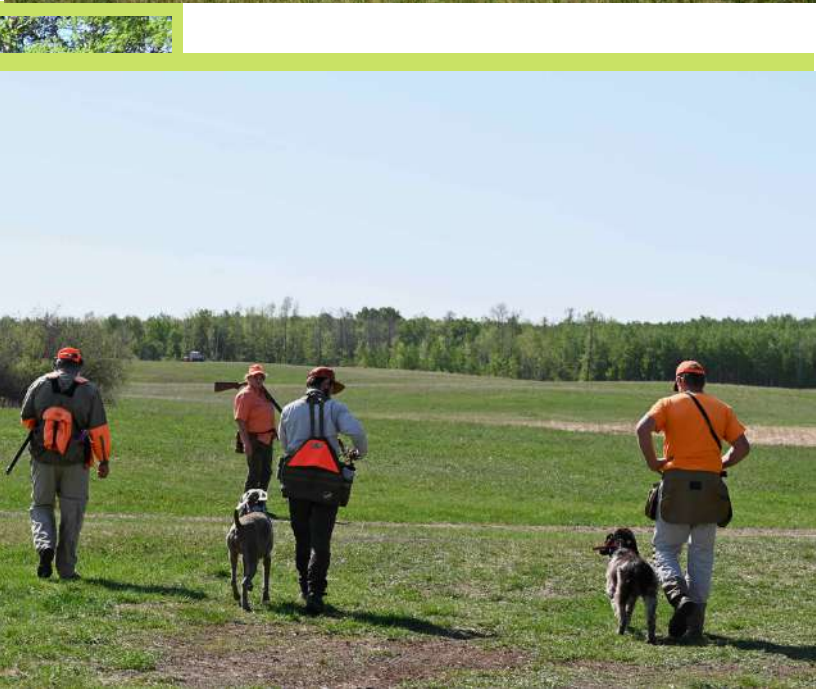
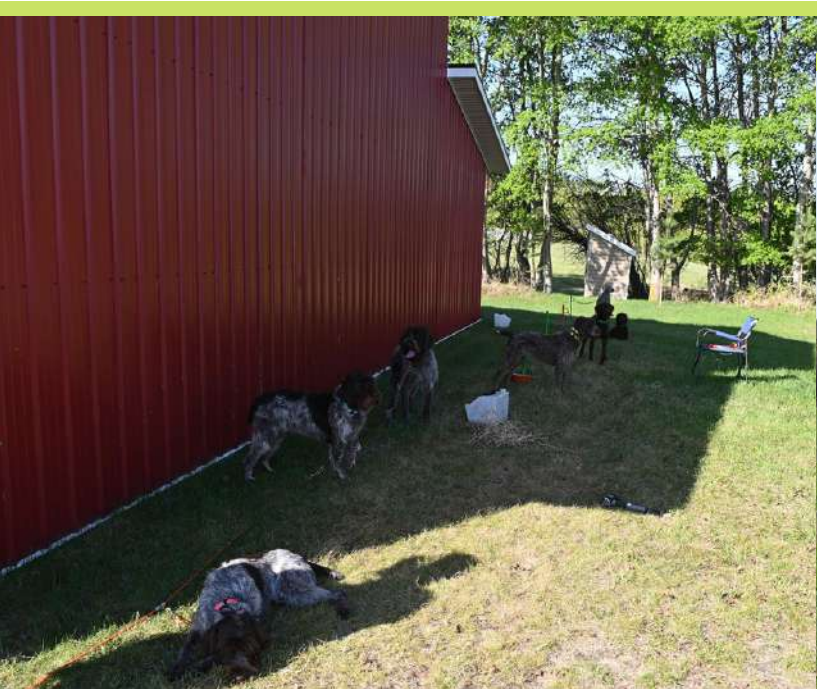
INTRODUCING STEADY EDDIE!

We also conducted a heeling/steadiness clinic (limited to 10 participants). These were weekly sessions every Thursday evening for about 8 weeks. With consistency, over these weeks we saw incredible improvement from handlers and their dog. The testimonials from those participants were extremely positive. We would hope to run the session again in the spring.



BRACEWORK AT FEATHERQUEST

We enjoyed weekend training in the Spring at FeatherQuest. Thank you to Dale and Sandra for the use of their beautiful property. Dogs and handlers enjoyed training in the bigger field. And the extra space of the big field gave the older dogs the opportunity to work on their bracework and honouring.



2023: RUNNING THE FIRST PV NAVHDA DOUBLE TEST

In 2023 season we had so many members wanting to test their dogs (especially at the higher levels) that we decided to organize a double test for the first time ever. We ran 5 tests in 3 days. This was no small feat and took a village to pull it off - which we did with flying colors). Attached to this message are the test results for our 2023 Double Test. A huge thank you to all our judges, volunteers and our sponsors for making this possible.



OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Apologies if I missed anyone - not by intention.

Jenna - Test Secretary and Fundraising

Susan - Test Coordinator

Helen, Tim, Ron B, Mary, Leanna, Andrea, Tammy, Colin, Karen, Lacey, Robyn, Ron C, Garrett, Wayne, Cal, Shannon, Udo, Jody, Edie, Mike, Steven, Kenneth, Richard, Victoria, Ed/Michelle, Tamara, Jamie, Chris, Cale, Emy, Geoff, Larry, Kathy, John F, Pavel, Patricia Basko (Judge's wife), Carol Trahan (Judge's wife)



CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

The Silent Auction for the club was a huge success. With the proceeds of the silent auction we were able to offset the losses incurred running the double test. The cost of birds, transportation, hotels and food going up impacted our budget for sure. Due to this 2024 testing prices will be reviewed at the AGM.

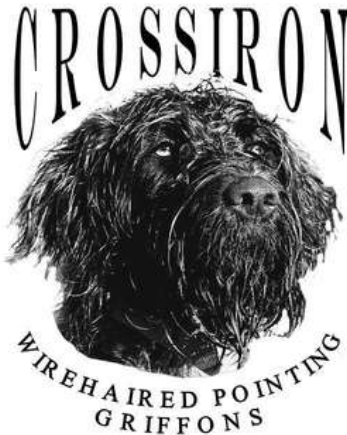


SAVE THE DATE

Feb 3, 2024 (1:00-4:00PM)

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