



## NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

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Members,

Now that hunting season is in full swing, I hope everyone is making the most of all of the off-season training they put in with their dog.

#### October Event:

The club held another training day held at Honey Springs. We had a good turnout with many dogs and handlers. Thanks to all who submitted photos for the newsletter, website, and Facebook.

#### November Event:

The chapter is hosting a pheasant hunt at Woodland's Hunt Club in El Centro on November 12th. As of this writing, there are over 20 members and their dogs signed up.

#### December Event:

Thanks so much to Ericka Dennis for volunteering to host the Christmas party this year. Ericka will be supplying plates, napkins, silverware, and soft drinks.

Kids are welcome but please leave the dogs at home. Here is Ericka's phone number in case it's needed (760) 415-1529.

NAVHDA Christmas Party

When: December 3rd 2:00 to 6:00

Where: 1636 Haydn Drive Cardiff CA 92007

What to Bring: Potluck dish to share and BYOB

**Please RSVP via email to [info.sandiegonavhda@gmail.com](mailto:info.sandiegonavhda@gmail.com)**

Directions: Take I-5 to the Birmingham exit and go west towards the ocean.

When Birmingham ends at San Elijo Rd, turn right.

Turn right on Liszt Ave and left on Haydn Dr.

Thanks and see you in the field,

Mark Matteson



# Schedule of Events



## November 2017

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Pheasant  
Hunt @  
Woodland  
Hunt Club

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Happy  
Thanks-  
Giving!

26 27 28 29 30

### San Diego NAVHDA Schedule

- Sun Nov 12 – Pheasant Hunt – Woodland's Hunt Club
- Dec Christmas Party  
Dec 3 2-8

### Upcoming Test Dates

- Nov 3-5, Chino Hills, CA, Southern California, NA/UPT/UT

### Chapter Assets

Boat, Signs, T-Shirts, Hats, Heeling Stakes, 2 Shotguns, First Aid Kits, Zinger Winger, Bird Launchers, Tables, Chain Gang, Training Table, Trailer, Whelping Box

### Looking for Your Favorite Photos

Hi Members!

I want to put together an annual album of "The Dogs of San Diego NAVHDA". Please e-mail me one (or many) of your favorite photos of your dog, along with your dog's name! I will compile a yearbook-style newsletter with the 2017 group of dogs for a joyous end to the year.

Thanks for your time!

Rachel Chrysostomides (newsletter editor, dog-fan)

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$14,317.95

Income:

Expenses:

End Balance (Oct 17): \$10,990.17



# Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Training Day @ Honey Springs





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## Dogs and Grapes – Definitely Don't Go Together

I am sure you, like Bob and I, had heard grapes were bad for dogs – what we didn't know is they are potentially fatal. We thought grapes were like chocolate or macadamia nuts – both of which our dogs have eaten without much of a reaction. But grapes are toxic and can cause kidney failure within 1-3 days of ingestion.

We found all this out recently when our GSPs Kobe and Heidi ate about a dozen grapes we had left in a bowl on the dining table while we were out for the evening. We found grape stems and an empty bowl when we got home and did not know which dog (or both) was the culprit.

We followed the protocol found on the Internet and immediately gave both dogs hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting. They threw up their partially digested dinner along with multiple grapes – but since we didn't know how many were in the bowl we had no way of knowing if they had thrown up all they had eaten. On the recommendation of the emergency vet hospital, we took both dogs to the hospital where we were told, much to our dismay, there is no way to quantify the risk to a specific dog eating a specific number of grapes – so each incident is treated as if kidney failure was a definite possibility.

From <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/toxicology/food-hazards/raisins-and-grapes>: It is not known why many dogs can ingest grapes or raisins with impunity while others develop failure after ingestion, the exact mechanism of toxicity is unknown.

The vet recommended a treatment that almost guarantees a good outcome - keeping the dogs in the hospital on IV fluids for 72 hours and run a kidney panel blood test every 24 hours to determine if the kidneys are doing OK. The alternate, outpatient treatment is to give fluids subcutaneously (under the skin) and run a kidney blood panel every 24 hours for 3 days. We compromised and left both dogs at the hospital overnight on IV fluids and for the initial blood test, after which we took them to our vet for daily subcutaneous fluids and blood tests.

Both Heidi and Kobe are fine now, and they probably would have been fine if we had done nothing except induce vomiting, but given the paucity of information available on grape toxicity we felt we had to treat them. I hope our experience will help in your resolve to keep grapes away from your dogs and to have hydrogen peroxide on hand in case they do get into something toxic.

Jackie Smith

## Versatile Breed: Slovak Rough-Haired Pointer

One of the newest kids on the block is a grey wire-haired gundog from Slovakia. It is the culmination of an effort, begun in the early 1950s, to combine three well-regarded and established breeds in order to come up with something greater than the sum of its parts.

Since its very beginning, breeders have sought to combine the qualities of the Weimaraner, the German Wirehaired Pointer and the Cesky Fousek in one breed. After nearly 60 years, they have succeeded in producing excellent all-around hunting dogs and a national pointing dog breed for Slovakia. Performance aspects are also undergoing some modifications as some breeders work toward faster, wider-ranging dogs while trying to maintain the SRHP's excellent reputation as a tracking and retrieving breed.



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**Training/Testing Days****Rules and Regulations**

- Dogs are to be under control at all times (leash rule is in effect)
- Everyone in the field must wear blaze orange hat, t-shirt or vest and have completed a hunter safety class or have a hunting license
- Children are welcome at our Training Days. They may enter the training field when accompanied by an adult, and wearing blaze orange above the waist. Otherwise, they are welcome to remain in the parking area with a supervising adult.
- No alcohol on premises
- Shotguns must be break action only.

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