

NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION



WHO: Dog Owners, Handlers, and Breeders

WHAT: Red River Valley NAVHDA Chapter's **HANDLER CLINIC !**

WHEN: July 25 - 26, 2009 * 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Brewer Lake Campground, Erie, ND

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW: \$75.00 Registration Fee

Clinic is limited to 20 participants. Call Matt Olson (701) 451-0179 or (701) 871-0179.

WHAT IS A HANDLER CLINIC?

The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association created the Handler Clinic to educate dog owners and handlers alike about the NAVHDA testing system. Clinics are conducted by Senior Judges. The first few hours of each day are devoted to informal classroom instruction. Then, participants will view and judge at least one dog in the Natural Ability, Utility Prep, and Utility tests. After the tests, there is a discussion regarding performance and scoring, including such topics as strengths and/or weaknesses of both the training and the handling of the dog, and how such things may have affected the dog's inherent skills.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- First time owners/handlers that want to learn how dogs work, gain insight into what dogs do and why, and discover the capabilities of hunting dogs.
- Novice handlers that want to find out how to train, prepare and excel in the NAVHDA testing system.
- Experienced handlers that want a deeper, more technical knowledge of the judging mechanics. Breeders, aspiring NAVHDA judges, etc. There's something for everyone!

HOW DOES A YOUNG PERSON APPLY FOR A 'KRISTIN RIESER SCHOLARSHIP' TO ATTEND THE HANDLER CLINIC?

Young people up to 18 years of age interested in being considered for the scholarship should submit a short essay on the candidate's involvement with their dog, dog clubs, and reason for wanting to attend the handler clinic. Essays must be mailed to NAVHDA Central Office, PO Box 520, Arlington Heights, IL 60006, Email: navoffice@navhda.org.