

# SHENANGO NAVHDA 2021

## Comprehensive 2-Day Dog Training Clinic

Cowansville Training Grounds

June 26-27, 2021

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### Registration Package Includes:

- ✓ Registration Form
- ✓ 2-Day Clinic Agenda
- ✓ Training Grounds Policy
- ✓ NAVHDA International Release Form (for non-Shenango Members)

Registration Form, Payment and NAVHDA International Release form (if applicable) must be received no later than

**JUNE 18, 2021**

Questions, please call: Bryan LaBuda 412-480-1932

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**Registration is Limited to 20 Participants**

- Registration with one dog - **\$200.00**       Registration **without** a dog - **\$150.00**

**\*\* PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 18, 2021 \*\***

**\*\*Checks Made Payable to:** Shenango Chapter of NAVHDA

There is a **"NO REFUND"** Policy

- I acknowledge and understand that there is a **"No Refund"** Policy for this event.  
 I acknowledge and understand the attached Shenango Chapter Training Grounds Policy.

### Participant Information **(REQUIRED)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NAVHDA Int'l. # *(if applicable)*: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information **(REQUIRED)**

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

### Dog Information

Field Dog Experience:     Beginner       Intermediate       Advanced

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

- Natural Ability (NA)       Utility Test (UT)       Invitational **(if applicable)**

### Personal Goals for this Clinic:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature *(Electronic Signature is acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date & Check Number

**\*\*Participants who are Non-Shenango Chapter Members are required to complete the attached Release Form and mail it, along with a check and Registration Form to: *Bryan LaBuda, 497 Geyser Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205***





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## 2021 COMPREHENSIVE 2-DAY DOG TRAINING CLINIC AGENDA

Instructor – Curtis Fry

June 26-27, 2021

- I. INTRODUCTION AND AGENDA
- II. K9 BASICS
  - a. Dog Psychology
    - i. Pack Mentality
    - ii. Positive Reinforcement
    - iii. Corrective Action
  - b. Dominance Training
    - i. Leader of the Pack
    - ii. Alpha / Beta
  - c. Puppy Basics
    - i. Environmental Enrichment
    - ii. Cooperation vs. Obedience
    - iii. Intro to Birds
      - 1. To Chase or Not to Chase
      - 2. You Can't Catch Me
    - iv. Intro to Gunfire
    - v. Laying the Groundwork
  - d. Teach / Train / Test Methodology
    - i. Math Equivalent
    - ii. How Do Dogs Learn
    - iii. Training Rules
    - iv. Training Balance
    - v. Train Hard / Test Easy
  - e. Conditioning
    - i. Rooding
    - ii. Importance of Conditioning
    - iii. Techniques – Speed
  - f. E-Collar Overview
    - i. Types of Collars (which one should I buy?)
    - ii. Types of Stimulation
    - iii. Three Step Action Plan

### III. FIELD EXERCISES

- a. Teaching Steadiness
  - i. Whoa Command
  - ii. Whoa Table
  - iii. Stop to Flush
  - iv. Connecting the Nose
  - v. Step-by-Step
- b. Enhancing the Pointing Instinct (Puppies)
- c. Tracking / Retrieve by Drag
  - i. Slip Lead
  - ii. The Fry Saw Rope Method
  - iii. When / How to Teach to Puppies (Puppies)
- d. Backing / Honoring
  - i. When Should You Start
  - ii. Back-Off Jack
  - iii. Tips and Techniques
    - 1. Retrieve Off Of Honor
- e. Retrieving
  - i. Forced Fetch (Conditioned Retrieve)
  - ii. Tips and Methods
  - iii. Over and Back
- f. Heeling – On / Off Lead

### IV. WATER EXERCISES

- a. Building Water Desire (Puppies)
- b. Developing a Full-Proof Duck Search (My Record Speaks for Itself)
  - i. Monkey-See Monkey-Do / Competition
  - ii. How Many Ducks Should You Use (How Many Can You Afford?)
  - iii. Tracking on the Water
  - iv. Tips and Techniques
- c. Water Retrieve / Remaining by Blind Sequence
  - i. Chaos
  - ii. Order is Disorderly
- d. Blind Retrieve
  - i. Land then Water
  - ii. Short then Long
  - iii. The Magic White Bucket
  - iv. Handling Drills
  - v. Force to Back Pile
- e. Double Mark Retrieve
  - i. Terminology
  - ii. Step-By-Step
  - iii. Land then Water
  - iv. Second of the Series



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### TRAINING GROUNDS POLICY

Effective February 1, 2021

1. Only Regular Active Shenango Chapter members and their guests are permitted to use the grounds.
2. While guests are always welcome, and any Shenango Chapter member in good standing is permitted to bring guests to the training grounds, the following rules apply:
  - a) Guests will be permitted to use the training grounds to train their dog(s) a total of two (2) times per calendar year. After two times, it is mandated they join Shenango Chapter.
  - b) Guests not training a dog (i.e., planting birds for the member) are not limited to any number of visits.
  - c) Any NAVHDA member visiting from another chapter and in good standing with their home chapter is permitted to use the grounds on a non-limited basis as long as a Shenango Chapter member in good standing accompanies them. However, they are encouraged to join the Shenango Chapter where they will have unrestricted use. A session fee of \$25 / day will be assessed.
  - d) While on the grounds, all shooting will be limited to regular active members in good standing of the Shenango Chapter. Under no circumstances may a guest, visitor, or non-member shoot at any Shenango Chapter event. If you are not eligible to shoot, you must find an eligible shooter. Please contact the Training Director for assistance.
  - e) **All shooting must be conducted using factory ammunition. The use of handloads or re-manufactured ammunition is strictly prohibited.**
  - f) Shenango Chapter members are responsible for their guests' behavior and for any damages resulting from their guests' use of the grounds.
3. A Regular Active member must accompany Junior members at all times.
4. Membership cards must be carried and presented when asked. Any person not possessing a valid card will be asked to leave.
5. Hunting is not permitted on Chapter grounds. Wild birds may be pursued for the purpose of dog training only; pursuant to any Federal, State and Local Laws.
6. All dead birds, trash and debris must be removed from the grounds at the end of the day. Disciplinary action may be leveled on the member for violation.
7. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on the training grounds while there is training or testing being conducted, except in the camping area, this is regardless of whether you are a participant, a handler, a helper or an observer.
8. Anyone consuming alcohol is finished with all participation in training and/or testing for the day. No Exceptions. **There will be no alcohol consumption during Mock or Chapter tests until the scores are read.**
9. Any member or guest in a visibly intoxicated condition will be removed from the grounds immediately.
10. All participants and spectators in the field must wear, at a minimum, a *Hunter Orange* hat while in the field. Additional *Hunter Orange* in the form of a vest or a jacket is highly recommended.
11. Non-Toxic ammunition must be used for waterfowl (i.e., Steel Shot, Bismuth, etc.).

12. All Native Game Birds (Pheasants, Quail, Mallards, etc.) released for dog training, pursuant to any Federal, State, and Local Laws, must be handled with the PGC Bands supplied to the Chapter.
13. Releasing and shooting birds is permitted in the designated area: marked by the signs "*Special Retriever Training Area*" only.
14. Camping is permitted in designated area only.
15. ATV's are not permitted on Chapter grounds except during scheduled Chapter events.
16. No motorized vehicles may be driven on Chapter grounds, except on test days and work days. Campground excluded.
17. The Chapter is not responsible for any property or equipment left on the grounds.
18. Any member or guest damaging any property of the Chapter or its grounds, intentionally or unintentionally, must replace, or repair, or pay to repair the damage.
19. It is the obligation of every member of the Chapter to report any violation of these rules to a member of the Executive Council.
20. Please reference Bylaws Article II, Section 2: Disputes and Expulsion.

**RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT  
NOTICE: PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING!**

This Release and Express Assumption of Risk Agreement (this "Agreement") made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by and between NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION, a California not for profit corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "NAVHDA"); and \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as "Participant"); and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "Participant's parent or guardian," if Participant is a minor).

WHEREAS, Participant desires to participate in the following indicated test, training days or Special events sanctioned by NAVHDA and to be held from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Test"):

_____ Invitational	_____ Utility	_____ Utility Preparatory
_____ Natural Ability	_____ Training Days	_____ Special Events

WHEREAS, NAVHDA and/or the NAVHDA chapter holding the Test, Training Days Special Events (the "Chapter") will utilize facilities belonging to various individuals or legal entities to conduct the Test (which individuals and/or legal entities are collectively referred to herein as the "Landowner").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for the use of Landowner's facilities, and participation in the Test, Participant agrees as follows:

1. Participant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of NAVHDA and the Chapter and to abide by all instructions provided by or on behalf of NAVHDA, the Chapter and the Landowner.
2. Participant agrees that he/she is responsible for his/her own safety, and understands that participation in the Test may expose Participant and Participant's dog(s) to above normal risks.
3. Participant agrees to provide his/her own insurance coverage for injury or damage to himself/herself, Participant's own dog(s) and personal property.
4. Participant and Participant's parent/guardian acknowledge and understand the inherent risks associated with the Test and generally working around hunting dogs, and participating in NAVHDA and the Chapter's activities and the Test which risks include, but are not limited to, bodily injury as a result of being in close proximity to dogs, firearms and birds. Participant and Participant's parent/guardian further acknowledge and understand that personal injury, harm or death may occur to the Participant and/or his or her dog(s) as a result of certain canine behaviors, including, but not limited to, biting; jumping upon, knocking over, pulling on leashes, stepping on; unpredictable reactions to drugs or medications; transmittable diseases, sounds; sudden emergencies; sudden movements; unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals, including other dogs; hazards of and on the land including, but not limited to holes and fences of any and all kinds, use of motor vehicles and other motorized devices and machinery; bird and dummy launchers and other equipment; being in close proximity to and/or entering into ponds, creeks and other bodies of water; collisions with other dogs, livestock, trees, shrubberies, natural and man-made obstacles or objects. Participant and Participant's parent/guardian further acknowledge and understand that personal injury, harm or death may occur as a result of the inability of another person to maintain control over a dog or unsafe use of a firearm or motorized vehicle.
5. PARTICIPANT AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN UNDERSTAND, AGREE, AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN AND ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN NAVHDA AND/OR THE CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES, THE TEST AND ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY LANDOWNER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RISKS OF DEATH, BODILY INJURY, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE TO PARTICIPANT AND HIS/HER DOG(S), WHICH MAY RESULT FROM ANY HAZARD, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE, AND INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE AND/OR DELIBERATE ACT OF ANY OTHER PERSON WHETHER OR NOT A MEMBER OF NAVHDA OR A PARTICIPANT IN NAVHDA AND/OR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND/OR THE TEST AND WHETHER OR NOT ON THE PROPERTIES UTILIZED BY NAVHDA AND/OR THE CHAPTER FOR THE ACTIVITIES AND/OR THE TEST. IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANT AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN UNDERSTAND, AGREE AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISK ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENT INCREASE OF ANY INHERENT RISK REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH 5.
6. PARTICIPANT AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREE THAT HE/SHE/THEY SHALL AND HEREBY DO HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE NAVHDA, THE CHAPTER, THE LANDOWNER AND ALL PROPERTY OWNERS UPON WHOSE PROPERTY NAVHDA AND/OR THE CHAPTER MAY CONDUCT THEIR ACTIVITIES AND THE TEST, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS; NAVHDA SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY WHATSOEVER EXCEPT IF THE DAMAGES OR INJURIES COMPLAINED OF ARE CAUSED BY THE DIRECT, WILFUL, WANTON AND GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF NAVHDA, THE CHAPTER AND/OR THE LANDOWNER. PARTICIPANT AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN FURTHER AGREE THAT PARTICIPANT WILL NOT INSTITUTE ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST NAVHDA, THE CHAPTER, THE LANDOWNER, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; NAVHDA'S SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES,

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS AND VOLUNTEERS ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, INJURIES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES ARISING AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN NAVHDA AND/OR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, THE TEST AND USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON PROPERTIES UTILIZED BY NAVHDA AND/OR THE CHAPTER IN THE COURSE OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND THE TEST, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THOSE CAUSES OF ACTION BASED ON DEATH, BODILY INJURY, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INCLUDING ANY CLAIM BASED ON THE NEGLIGENT INCREASE OF ANY INHERENT RISK REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH 6, EXCEPT IF THE DAMAGES OR INJURIES COMPLAINED OF ARE CAUSED BY THE DIRECT, WILFUL, WANTON AND GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF NAVHDA, THE CHAPTER AND/OR THE LANDOWNER. PARTICIPANT AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND NAVHDA, THE CHAPTER AND THE LANDOWNER AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, COSTS OR EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, WHICH IN ANY WAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF THE PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN NAVHDA AND/OR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, THE TEST AND USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON PROPERTIES UTILIZED BY NAVHDA AND/OR THE CHAPTER AND BY PARTICIPANT INCLUDING ANY CLAIM BASED ON THE NEGLIGENT INCREASE OF ANY INHERENT RISK REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH 6.

7. Participant waives the protection of any statute in any jurisdiction (including California Civil Code Section 1542), the purpose, substance and/or effect of which is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person executing the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of execution of the release.
8. This Agreement is made and shall be deemed to have been entered into in the State of Illinois, and shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of Illinois. Should any clause contained herein be constructed as conflicting with such law, then that clause is null and void but the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or terminated except in a writing signed by the Participant, the Participant's parent or guardian, if applicable and on behalf of NAVHDA.
9. Each of the Participant and, if applicable, the parent or guardian of the Participant hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of any Illinois State court or Federal court of the United States of America sitting in Cook County, Illinois and any appellate court thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such Illinois State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court. Nothing in this paragraph 9 shall affect the right of NAVHDA to bring any action or proceeding against Participate and, if applicable, the parent or guardian of Participant in the courts of any other jurisdiction where such action or proceeding may be heard. The Participant and, if applicable, the parent or guardian of the Participant hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive, to the fullest extent they may legally and effectively do so, any objection which they may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement in any Illinois State or Federal court and the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court and any immunity from jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process with respect to themselves or their property.
10. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

**I/WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTAND THE SAME, AND AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY ALL THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF PARTICIPANT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)