Welcome to the training edition of the Whoa Post. With summer official here, I have focused my time on heat conditioning and water work with our dogs. I'm still waiting on the heat, but with longer days I have the opportunity to walk longer distances with the dogs to get them in condition. It also works for their owners so I look at it as a perk and my companions never argue with me!

Recently, Pete and I have been working with Thorn on water retrieves and duck search. It works best with two people. One of us heats up the dogs, the other plants birds on the far shore. Both have challenges. The runner has to keep a close eye on the dogs so that they don’t eat something distasteful. The area where we have been training is also a fishing spot where the locals dispose of their caught bullheads on shore. Disgusting to you and I, a delectable prize to a dog. If you are unlucky they will find a pile of bullheads and role in them.

Pete has the task of using the rubber kayak to plant birds on the far shore. He paddles across and if he’s lucky, plants all the birds without getting wet. The true test is helping him out of the kayak when he returns. So far so good.

We train water work with two dogs so there is some competition and backup. All dogs that make good retrieves get rewards. Our dogs respond very well to food treats so that is their reward along with lots of exuberant praise. Treats sometimes get misplaced as we are packing up. They end up in the kayak, pockets and my purse. It’s ok if you get to them right away, but if left for a few days they can be especially ripe. Check your pockets and any place they may be placed. Finding a small Ziploc bag a few days later can have nasty consequences.

Aside from training ideas, one of the most common topics of conversation among dog people is what dog food is fed. Everyone has an opinion because we all feed something to our dog. Ken Bruwelheide has spent some time on this topic with great results shared in this edition. Enjoy!

Sherry Niesar, Editor
**Ask Butch**

**Butch**...I am getting a new pup this summer and am very excited about the dog coming to our house. I am a bit worried about the transition to our house as the young pup has been very spoiled. Any suggestions to make the transition smooth?  

Max...Thanks for your question and hopefully hidden somewhere is some food for thought. You don't say how old of a pup you are getting. This would make quite a different answer as an older pup might be a little more set in its ways. But from a trainer's view, all of my training dogs are spoiled to some degree and in my experience it takes me just a couple of days. As people are all different, some more different, allow the pup to fit into your family, not worrying too much about the previous. The first couple of days there might be some confusion but all dogs will adapt as long as you are fair and not too different. Another point I'd like to make is I NEVER ask the new dog to do anything. The casual observer might hear a question but with me it's always a polite request.

Good luck with your new pup. I'm sure you'll be successful and also ask as many questions to the previous owner and then adjust the pup to your liking...**Butch**

**Butch**...I picked up a rescue dog last winter. He's making great progress in our training, but every once in a while he just shuts down, closes his eyes and disappears. I didn’t think I was pushing him too hard, in the training, but maybe I am? What are your thoughts?...**Michael**

Michael...There has never been a trainer, amateur or pro, where this hasn't happened. It would be nice to know why the dog stopped but the chance you might be over training is viable. I like to train with pictures. Make sure the dog is a willing and happy dog to learn and sees what we're trying to teach him. If we jump too many steps to go back giving a command it likes to do. Dogs get bored as people and or it didn't get the picture. Change your routine up to advance further, or stop for a couple of days and go fishing. Just don't quit until he'll finish on a positive note. Good luck...**Butch**

From Sally (Helena du Hyalite) dictated to Janis Bruwelheide

**Butch**...Janis tells me that I will be attending Hyalite bird dog boot camp at your place this summer. I'm a bit apprehensive and don't know what to expect. My EB housemates are not helpful and Daisy just growls, “You’ll see, kid” in rather a menacing tone. Can you tell me what supplies I should bring and describe the activities? Will I be working with birds? I LOVE working with birds! See you soon. **Sally**

Dear Janis, I mean Sally...I will do my best to describe what your month will be like. We are a full service training facility. We will have a four star chef on duty 24-7 with your every wants and needs. Here is your itinerary for the first day at the luxurious Hyalite Kennels.
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- 6:00am-Breakfast - Egg Tortilla with Cumin Sour Cream… hmmm.
- 7:00am-Nails please let us no what color.
- 7:15am-Massage- You have a choice: Hellga or Maurice.
- 8:00am-A dip in the pool or sauna - again your choice.
- 9:00am-A piped in weather report, don't want to get your coat wet. We'll have indoor festivities on those days.
- 11:00am-Knowing your neck size, you will be fitted with a diamond studded necklace to be worn with your evening gown.
- Noon-Lunch...A Cucumber Gazpacho for starters. Tagliatelle with Garlicky Tomato Sauce will temp your taste buds. Keeping it light we'll finish with a Ricotta-Orange Pound Cake with Prosecco Strawberries.
- 1:30pm-Now we lay you down to sleep.
- 4:00pm-Now comes bird time. Again, your choice: Chicken Turkey, grouse or partridge. At Hyalite Kennels we have it all.
- 6:00pm-Dinner...The Chef's best choice is Seared Sous Vide-Style Tri-Tip with a desert of Roasted Peach Cobbler with French Vanilla Ice Cream and Balsamic Syrup.
- 9:00pm-Foot massage and on special occasions, Rin-Tin-Tin classics.
- 10:00pm-Lights Out Got to have your beauty rest.

Now that I have your attention, you've been here before. Leave your spoiled, rotten attitude at home. Remember to forget your owners phone number as that's the first privilege to be taken away. Dinner will be served and you'll love it or better as it won't change till you get back home. If you are extremely lucky the short fat trainer will feel sorry for those sad eyes you bring to the table and he'll pet you. If this does not happen feel lucky, as a pet or a forceful pat both start with a "p".

On the other hand, If Janis would have shared at least one of those whiskeys with the trainer maybe life would be easier at the famed but not too soon to be forgotten "HYALITE KENNELS"...Butch

Put Butch’s many years of experience to work for you. Don’t be shy and if you want your name left off we can make the questions anonymous. Send you questions to: Butch Nelson, PO Box 858, Denton, MT 59430 or hyaliteknls@yahoo.com

Once you have a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished.

Dean Koonz
What I learned about Dog Food This Winter
by Ken Bruwelheide

We all have reasons for selecting and feeding the dog food we do to our Epagneul Bretons. There are many reasons that seemed good at the time and have proven to be sound over time. These reasons can be the recommendation of a dog person we respect and who seemingly has great performing dogs. Sometimes it is the dog food that we have fed for many years and for some it is a cost issue. Whatever the reason for selecting a particular brand of food many folks are influenced by advertisement on television or sporting magazines or by a dog food producer that supports dog related sporting activities.

For several years we had been feeding one of the most advertised and popular national brands. Plus, during hunting season we fed the higher protein version due to increased field activity. As a dog owner and hunter I observed my two dogs doing well on this food and they seemed to be healthy.

During early fall of 2013, my two dogs experienced some subtle but noticeable physical changes. My dogs coats became dry and dull. Cassie appeared to have an almost bleached appearance to the light colored fur on her face and she was losing pigment color on her nose. Daisy had some strange small “cauliflower” growths appear around her eyes. When the third dog, Sally, joined us in October at 14 months of age and she needed to fill out a bit and that was not happening.

Since there was no veterinary reason for these things to be happening and it was not an age issue we looked to nutrition for answers. We are fortunate in Bozeman to have an excellent feed store/animal nutrition center. The proprietor of this business has an animal nutrition background and many years of practical experience. This is a business to be sure and can sell many varieties of dog food from A to Z. The secret as Janis and I found out is to select the correct dog food formulation to meet specific animal nutritional needs based on an analysis of the dog’s physical makeup and activity level.

In November of 2013, we made an appointment to visit this nutrition specialist and she was most generous with her time and expertise. She also likes to support dog clubs like ours and had purchased a corporate membership to our Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club.

An early question in our discussion with the nutritionist was, “What dog food we had been feeding?” My answer was national brand A with the higher protein version fed during hunting season. She asked us if we knew that brand A had changed its recipe along with its packaging recently and of course we answered no. We grabbed a bag of brand A food from the shelf and proceeded to examine the ingredients list. Also, we found out that day that dog food manufacturers do not have to inform the consumer public that a content formulation change has been made.

Given that this individual has vast experience in animal nutrition and has a wide variety of dog foods from which to choose we asked for her advice as to what to feed. She took a look at all three dogs with their various symptoms, which by the way we had not described to her, and suggested that we

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select a grain free food for all three. The quick analysis of this food (we will call brand B) is 26% crude protein (minimum), 16% crude fat (minimum), and 3.5 crude fiber (max).

I was curious about how a dog food can be grain free because my previous brand A had plenty of corn, gluten meal, and brewers rice. We analyzed brand B and the answer turned out to be vegetables, some fruits, and various oils combined with three different meats. The discussion about the benefits of this food seemed sound and we bought a bag as well as grain free treats sold in bulk.

Janis and I began feeding brand B in mid-November 2013. We wanted to let some time pass and see if there were any results. In about a month Sally noticeably started filling out. Within about three months Cassie’s pigment and “bleached” look started to change. As of mid-June 2014, Daisy’s eye growths were gone, Sally has gained weight and muscle, and Cassie’s nose looks fine as does her coloring. All three dogs have significantly improved coats and skin, their white fur is whiter and the orange is much more intense. They are a bit leaner and have more energy. My layman’s observation is that if they look healthier on the outside they must be better on the inside.

At their annual checkup in May all the dogs received high marks and our doctor said that the food was excellent. Brand B costs a bit more but they eat a little less of it. We are also using grain free treats along with fruit and vegetables which are safe for dogs. They all love banana slices, carrots and anything left over on the “safe lists” that Janis included in the May issue of the Whoa Post.

To prepare for writing this article I did an analysis of the contents of eight dog foods that are available to all of us and which are quite popular. I will not mention brand names but the foods can all be found in a specialty feed store and many are available at Wal-Mart. I made a chart for my personal comparison that compared the following: protein, fat, fiber, specific ingredients (first five), and price. The price column was interesting across the eight brands ranging from 44 cents/lb to $2.38/lb. Like many things in life we get what we pay for. Remember that all commercial dog food is governed by the governmental regulating organization AAFCO, the Association of American Feed Control Officials. However, the AAFCO does not require the manufacturers to inform the public of a change in recipe.

The following articles are guidelines provided to help readers analyze and evaluate dog foods.

- How to Pick a Dry Dog Food in Five Steps 101 - page 10 of the Whoa Post
- Reading Feeding Guidelines on Bags of Pet Food - page 11 of the Whoa Post

They are provided for this newsletter by Libby Burr at Bridger Feeds and Animal Nutrition Center in Bozeman, Montana. Thanks Libby, for helping us to learn and understand how to feed our animals better and select nutritional foods to maximize their health.
Book Review: Retriever Training by Pete Wax

Easy reading, conversational, 135 pages of text (you can hear her English accent through the pages). Very enjoyable 6 hour read with opinions and techniques from some of the most famous English breeders and trainers. It is obvious from the description of both the training techniques and type of hunting (or lack of hunting as driven raised birds on plantations is not my idea of hunting) why English Labradors are often a better choice for the average Joe or Jane than our high octane variety. The “Neither a dog that needs amperage nor one that can take amperage should be reproduced” is a very different philosophy than the USA philosophy of “if they can’t take the amperage get one that can”.

The book is less specific (though there are specifics) than philosophical. One of the most important messages in the book is to be careful to not introduce error into your training program starting at a very young age. Also to overlook what you cannot control. Like a good parent one needs to be able to ignore, forgive and forget what one cannot control. It is another and very effective way of looking at consistency. If we never introduce error and never give a command (or even feel the need to suggest one) that we cannot instantly enforce the dog never learns to do it wrong. Also if we can forgive and forget all behaviors but the ones we want, the dog will do a fair amount of the training themselves, for as anyone who has lived with a dog recognizes; the dog knows all our thoughts, fears and loves.

She also makes reference about the difference in “Tests” as opposed to “Trials” for breed selection. While her opinion is biased it is not baseless. Basically, test leads to a good selection but does not identify the best. The best can only be identified through head to head competition.

My conclusion is “Retriever Training” is not a “must read” it is a “recommended read”. The cost is reasonable in both time (about 6 hours cover to cover) and money (can be check out at the local library or purchased on-line used for $10). Lastly if I can get a few gold nuggets from any book I keep it and I found many gold nuggets in this book and put in on the top shelf.
Teaching The Blind Water Retrieve by Peter Wax

The pups and I are driving along a secondary road on opening day of duck season enjoying the scenery on our way to some good grouse grounds. I am feeling pretty good with five brown ducks in back from the morning shoot and still plenty of time to pick up a grouse or two before supper. We top a small rise and at the bottom of the hill the road splits a wetland. Between the two halves of water there is a gentleman on the left edge of the road with a young retriever and a duck belly up about 50 yards out. The gentleman is obviously trying to convince the pup to swim out to the duck but is having limited success. He would throw a rock and the pup would swim out to the splash, circle around a while and then come back. I watch as the hunter’s frustration grows and pup’s cooperation wanes. When all hell looks about to erupt I drive down and interrupt the process. By the time I get there the belly up dabbler has floated into the cattails on the fair side and with it the last hope of the hunter and his young apprentice.

I get out of the car smiling, and we exchange the standard hunter pleasantries; “lots of ducks”, “good hatch”, “not many mallards this year”, “lots of pintails”. I mention the duck, and he says “it’s a lost cause” followed with a nasty look at his happy pup. I mention that I have a pup that might be able to get it if he wishes. He consents and I let out the black and white. I spend a little time lining him up on the spot the duck disappeared at and when he is looking right at it send him with a hearty “fetch”. The swim is not long, maybe 70 yards, which he travels quickly and straight. He disappears into the cattails without pause and nearly as quickly emerges with the duck. The gentleman asks: “What kind of dog is that?” and I answer: “Not sure, I got him at the shelter but he sure is a good duck dog”.

Teaching a dog to do water blinds is not difficult. It requires only the prerequisites that it will retrieve a thrown dummy into the water and has enough mental and emotional maturity. The measure of maturity I am looking for is a pup that has been exposed to both bloodied birds and gunfire and loves both. A pup that understands and loves that shot birds are the ultimate game is ready for this.

From a trainer’s perspective, you need to understand your goal. Your goal is to teach pup the concept of the “Far Shore”. Basically, you train pup to go to the visual far bank for that is where the ultimate game is. Once pup learns that the birds are on the far shore, pup will watch the far shore looking for the bird.
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When your pup’s eyes are where you have hidden the bird “send” and if you have trained correctly pup goes and does not stop until a bird is found or the far shore is encountered. Once this is learned expanding to include an independent duck search is easily added.

To introduce the far shore, you need a body of water with a short fetch across, deep enough that pup must swim to get across without a way around (like a drainage ditch or slow creek), a bucket of rocks, a half dozen retrieving dummies, a good mood and a pup. You start by throwing the dummy into the middle of the water (an easy visual retrieve) after pup is confident with this start throwing it to the water at the base of the far shore. When pup is confident with the water retrieve against the far shore you are ready to introduce the “Far Shore”.

Before you throw the first retrieving dummy on the opposite bank, you salt the opposite shore with three or four extra dummies. The last thing you want is pup to fail finding a dummy the first time across or even have to get worked up looking for it. Also you need to keep at least one preferably two dummies back to throw just in case.

Once the “Far Shore” is salted, set up pup and throw a dummy onto the far bank. If pup does not go because he cannot see the dummy “do not give a second command” instead throw a rock to make a splash almost all the way across. This is where the bucket of rocks comes in as you keep throwing until you get pup out there. If pup stops before climbing the “Far Shore” get his attention and throw the dummy you have in reserve to land just on the bank where he can see it land. Note that going up the “Far Shore” is actually a large mental step for pup. Some make it a struggle and other take to it effortlessly. Be prepared for the first and be grateful for the later.

Once pup gets the hang of going across and up on the bank to make the retrieve stop throwing a dummy in the water for a while. After three days of retrieving off the far bank without error you are ready for a blind send.

Again begin by salting the far side, make sure you have plenty of rocks, and a couple retrieving dummies in reserve. Begin at the exact location you have been using. Line pup up, fake throwing a retrieving dummy and when pup looks across send him without giving him a chance to think about it. It is important pup does not spend any time thinking about it - get him out there.

Be ready with a rock if pup hangs up but never give the fetch command twice. You might have to lead him across with a series of rocks so make sure you have replenished your bucket. Keep your mood positive and when pup finally makes it whoop it up so pup knows a great thing was just accomplished and when pup gets back praise him like a world cup champion. Repeat until pup happily goes across quickly and confidently always receiving healthy praise.

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Now move to a different location. It does not need to be any further across just a new location, set pup up on the bank and throw to the other side. If pup goes happily, salt the far bank and send pup blind. If he does not go, repeat with the rocks but never a second command. Once pup is good at this location find a third and repeat. Once pup is successful at three easy locations you will need birds. Dead or live birds it does not matter but as the difficulty increases so does the reward.

Go back to your first location and salt the far side with dead birds and send pup across. Once pup gets dead birds the desire level should increase substantially. If you do not see a noticeable increase in pup’s interest when finding dead birds use live birds that have been tape or immobilized in some fashion as all hunting pups love live birds.

At this stage in your training always use birds and slowly increase the distance of the Far Shore. The increases in distance needs to be incrementally small and the Far Shore needs to be salted heavily enough that pup always succeeds. Once you start get to 75 yards across enlist the aid of another person the dog knows that can call pup across the first few time. Often the lack of crossing to the Far Shore is not a lack of understanding but of anxiety at the distance. To put it into the pup’s perspective, get on your hands and knees and look across 100 yards of water and the distance easily doubles. However do not let this concern you too much as a confident pup will cross 200 yards of water with ease.

As in all training we are not looking at the number repetitions before progressing or the age of the pup but a milestone. We are at our best as trainers when we are adaptive. Some pups will travel the path I just outlined in weeks while others might take two years. Like us, pups are individuals and develop in fits and starts and often the issue is not the pup – all of us have had a teacher that we found difficult to learn from. If you are having trouble with this, stop train something else, like long visual water retrieves, healing, searching, steadiness or whatever is coming easily. Above all things enjoy your training time with your pup as a positive attitude makes life worth living. Also your pup is only a pup once, so make your relationship a joyful journey. My wish is that all your puppies be champions.
**How to Pick a Dry Dog Food in 5 Steps**  
*by Libby Burr, Bridger Feeds Animal Nutrition Center*

Select a bag of food, any written in English will do. Turn it over and find the panel of ingredients—sometimes it’s on the side panel.

1. **Read down that list until you come to the very first form of fat. STOP there.** The fat may be any of an array of sources depending on the bag of food you’ve selected to scrutinize, for example avocado oil, flax oil, chicken fat, or beef tallow. So long as that fat source is from a **declared species,** you have succeeded in finding a pet food that is worth further investigating. If, however, that fat is random i.e. “animal fat”, don’t bother wasting any more precious energy and select a different brand. A side note: animal fat is a by-product, thus making oils a more attractive “first choice fat” in a pet’s kibble.

2. **Providing your fat source passed the first step: stop right there and pay attention to all the ingredients above it.** This short list is what makes up **85% or more of your pet’s food.** Anything below it, although often immensely healthful or immensely harmful, is merely a small ration of the entire picture. Now, with our focus on these first few ingredients, usually anywhere from 3 to 5, we will begin to evaluate what’s in the bulk of the bag.

3. The first one or two ingredients should be a meat or meat meal. (Please note here that meat meals are a higher concentration of meat than actual “meat” because they have the moisture already eliminated from them). (Please make a note to this note that meat meal has been processed by this one step already and you’ll want your meat meal from a reputable source that has not overcooked it or used preservatives see my article on Meat VS Meal). This is your pet’s primary protein source and should be an identifiable species like bison, chicken, salmon. If the ingredient panel reads something as sketchy as “meat & bone meal”, run away. Very far away.

4. **The next ingredient should be a starch adequate for binding that’s not offensive to a canine.** Carnivores don’t actually require a starch to survive so this ingredients’ real purpose is to bind all the good stuff in to a kibble. There are some big fat NO’s in this category to avoid: corn, wheat and to a lesser degree brewer’s rice. Some fairly healthy binders are tapioca, quinoa, oats, potato, sweet potato, & peas. The right binder for you will depend on your pet’s dietary needs like fiber, tolerance to glutens, or glycemic index.

Next, if you’re not already back to the “fat” -will usually be another starch or carbohydrate to add fiber, calories and sometimes even protein to a ration, good choices for this group are millet, amaranth, garbanzo beans, and brown rice. A bad choice is SOY, that’s a big “no-no” as it tampers with hormones and does nothing for your pet accept increase the value of protein written on the bag. You might see some “splitting” of an ingredient, like wheat and then wheat middling: this is also not a good sign.

5. Okay, by now you’re back at the “fat” part of list that you started your investigation with. **Good job!** If it’s met your criteria you can begin picking apart the rest of the list, or call it good and make purchase.

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Some things to think about are:

- Do I recognize this ingredient? Cause if you don’t why should a living body?
- Pet food companies only have to tell you if they added any preservatives, not if they bought ingredients already preserved.
- The list of ingredients is ordered in most to least before cooking: i.e.: when the ingredients are still plump with moisture.
- Feeding guidelines are just guidelines; you are the final caregiver of your beloved pet.
- Hydration and enzymes are the source of energy...google it

So add warm water and digestive enzymes to every meal. (You don’t eat your noodles, rice or pasta dry & crackly, why do you feed your pet that way?)

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**Reading Feeding Guidelines**

In their attempt to help consumers compare apples to apples, AAFCO determined that by assigning food ingredient specific pre-determined nutrient values the consumer would be better able to compare feeding rates because then all “recipes” could be mathematically crunched to have nutritional profiles based on the same values.

For example: 1 oz of chicken will be deemed to have “x” amount of calories, “y” amount of protein and “Z” amount of fat regardless of who farmed it, cleaned it, processed it, cooked it or for how long and how hot AAFCO did this standardizing of nutrients for every ingredient, with the hopes that now no matter the brand, an apple would always equal an apple and formulas (recipes) would be equitable. HELLO!?! My grandma’s tomatoes are better than tomatoes grown from GMO plants grown under lights, right? My point is there are differences in quality and differences in bio-availability of nutrients of ingredients based on an array of reasons. This AAFCO regulation, although based in the logic of trying to be fair, really screwed with how the end user can accurately apply the feeding guides to their bags of pet foods.

As always I stress that you, the pet owner is the final care provider for your beloved pet and never hesitate to listen to your inner voice, your gut, and assess the wellbeing of your pet daily and make changes in their feeding regimen as YOU see fit. Don’t let a bag of pet food take you common sense away.
Field Trial Notice:

Big Sky Epagneul Breton
Gun Dog Club
2nd Annual Wild Bird Trial

Date: Labor Day Weekend August 30-31, 2014
Location: Hyalite Kennels, Denton, MT
Game: Ring Necked Pheasant, Sharp Tailed Grouse
& Hungarian or Grey Partridge

Field Trial
August 30
Event Type- “Wild”
Open Braces, Open Solo, Gun Solo &
TAN
Start 8:00 a.m.
Meet at the Headquarters at 8:00 a.m.
August 31
Event Type- "Wild
Open Braces, Open Solo, Gun Solo
Start 8:00 a.m.

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Call Karen Paugh or Butch Nelson 406-567-4200 for Lodging & Meal information

Sponsored in part by:
Recipe: Layered Cream Cheese Strawberry Pie  
by Janis Bruwelheide

I found this recipe years ago on a Jello pudding box. It is fast, no-bake, and DELICIOUS! Enjoy! It’s a Bruwelheide family favorite and we have been known to fight over the last piece! We prefer it made with strawberries or raspberries or a combo.

First Steps:
1 pkg. (8 oz) cream cheese softened (NOT lite cream cheese-too watery)
2 TB sugar or substitute (Splenda etc.)
2 TB milk (skim or 2% is fine)
1 purchased graham cracker crumb crust (graham cracker crust does not become as soggy as others do)

Filling:
1 C sliced strawberries (fresh, I use about 1 ½ cups)
1 C thawed Cool Whip (I prefer the creamer version of Cool Whip which is more like a faux whipped cream flavor)
1 pkg. INSTANT (4-serving size) Jello lemon pudding (or Banana or Vanilla-if you’re using other berries)
1 C. milk (low fat or 2% fine)

Beat softened cream cheese with sugar and 2 TB milk in bowl until smooth. Spread evenly in bottom of pie crust. Arrange sliced berries on top of cream cheese mixture in the crust. Prepare instant pudding mix with 1 cup milk as directed. Then fold in 1 cup of Cool Whip. Spoon into shell on top of the berries and chill ‘til set (@ 3 hrs.) Garnish with topping or sliced berries or nothing! Serves 6-8

Tips: I sometimes use blueberries, raspberries or a mixture. You can also use well drained canned peaches but omit sugar and 2 TB milk and substitute the peach syrup for the 2 TB milk. I think banana would be good but you might want to mix with lemon juice and reduce liquid accordingly.

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share? Send it to sniesar@msn.com for publication in a future Whoa Post.

Don’t accept your dogs admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.  
Ann Landers
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2. GUN F’Nat du mas d’Pataula ("Pride")
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2. TR2 CH TopperLyn D’Artagnan
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Website
Up Coming Events

August 30-31, 2014 (Labor Day Weekend) 2nd Annual Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club Wild Bird Trial, Denton, MT near Hyalite Kennels. (Open Braces, Open Solo, Gun Solo & TAN) Field Trial Secretary: Sherry Niesar, 701-527-3714 or sniesar@msn.com www.montanbreton.com

2015 CEB-US Field Trial & Conclave at Petersburg, IL
Feb. 14 (Sat) & Feb. 15 (Sun) of 2015 - Liberated
Feb. 16 (Mon) & Feb. 17 (Tue) of 2015 - Wild
Feb. 18 (Wed) of 2015 - Confirmation and Specialty Show

The Whoa Post Marketplace

Litter Announcement: We would like to announce our 1st litter of Epagneul Breton puppies 4 males and 1 female. Born 6-13-14 white and orange, akc/ ukc, both parents hips rated good.

Sire: Little Boss York de la Savane Rouge his Grandsire Nat Du Boisson de Chiosel 3 time world champion and international beauty champion

Dam: Smith's Honey York de la Ciel
Honey's sire: Topperlyn Gallant Bodacious (Leo)> Beau De Hospitalier
Honey's dam: Smith's Deva De Pondside> Deva's dam: Cytise Des Pigenettes
Deva's sire: Vernon De L'escarbot

Honey and Boss both recieved their TAN at the Big Sky Trials last September!
These dogs have hunted birds in Montana,Kansas,Maine,Texas, West Virginia for Bobwhite Quail, Chukar, Ruff, Blue, Sage, and Sharptail Grouse as well as Hungarian Partridge and Pheasants.
Any questions or to reserve a pup contact Richard York Owner, Handler at 1-979-864-9995 or 1richyork@sbcglobal.net

The marketplace is available to all members of the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club. Ads are free. You can buy. Sell or trade outdoor equipment, dogs, cats, or anything else that may interest the readers. To place an ad, contact Sherry Niesar at sniesar@msn.com

Join Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club Facebook page. If you have a Facebook page, request to join, its that easy. You can post your pictures, hunting stories or just events that you share with your Epagneul Breton.

https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/115972485114132/
Dues are due!

Yes, it is that time of the year when it is time to pay club dues. If you enjoy the newsletter and its contents, participate in various field events or just enjoy your EBs please take time to complete the Membership Form on the next page and return it to the club treasurer, Fred Overby. Thank you for your continued support of the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club.

Ken Bruwelheide

Renew Your Membership

Membership to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is due at the beginning of each January. Each of the club’s members are an important component to the club, adding to the newsletter with articles and photographs and at the club’s annual field trial. If you are not a member, then consider becoming a member. Aside from becoming a part of a group of talented, friendly and likeminded dog owners, members:

- Receive the Whoa Post
- Are eligible to place ads in the Marketplace at no charge
- List Breeder and Stud Dog information (newsletter and web site) at no charge
- Have access to dog training professionals and mentors
- Receive advance notice of special events
- Have opportunity to participate in UKC sanctioned field trials
- Join a fellowship of like minded individuals

Membership is open to all individuals who have or are interested in an Epagneul Breton. Membership fee is $20 - individuals or $30 - family per year. Please take a few moments to complete the Membership Form below and return to Treasurer, Fred Overby.

Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Club Membership Form

Name_____________________________________________ 2nd Family Member ______________________________

Address_____________________________________________________________________________________________
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Telephone __________________________________________ Email ___________________________________________

Membership Category” $20 Individual Membership _____    $30 Family Membership _____

Make Check out to: Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Club

Return form & dues to: Fred Overby c/o Overby Law Office, 101 E. Main Street, Suite C, Bozeman, MT 59715
Send General Correspondence to: Kenneth Bruwelheide,1406 Robin Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
Back Talk

Dear Field Trial Enthusiasts and Breeders. How many of you have a female that you are working thought UKC towards the title of Champion but are hampered by heat cycles? If this is you, consider this…. In most trial and test venues, NAVHDA, American Field, and AKC, bitches in season are allowed to run and are run last in the running order so as not to tamper with the field for additional dogs. Having run my male with bitches in season in other venues, I have not found this to be a problem for my male. It also gives the owners of females the opportunity to compete, especially if you are in a region of the country with limited UKC Field Trials. Currently, the UKC Field Trials rules state bitches in season are not permitted to participate. If you are in favor of having UKC Field Trial rules changed to allow bitches in season to run in UKC sanctioned field trials, please contact Todd Kellam, Vice President of UKC Events at tkellam@ukcdogs.com.

Back Talk is a venue for our member readers to respond to articles in previous editions and to weigh in on events and issues important to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club. Examples may include Dog Care and Training, Gun Safety, Hunting, Trials, Special Events, and Equipment.

This is your opportunity to voice an opinion or share some advice on a recent topic. So, if your would like to talk back, submit your thoughts for the new Back Talk editors at sniesar@msn.com.