

# The Whoa Post

February 2025

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## February Issue

The woodchuck predicted 6 more weeks of winter and boy am I feeling it in North Dakota. This morning, my car thermometer read -30 degrees. Hard to do anything fun outside at 30 below. The dogs go out in the back yard to do their business and are standing on three legs by the time they are done. It's the kind of cold that cannot be imagined unless you have experienced it. Fortunately, we can see the end. By the end of the week, temperatures are forecasted to be above 0 and maybe as high as 30 degrees. It will be like a heat wave. I expect to see students in shorts next week after the three weeks of below zero.

With spring on the way, we are planning our dog training spring and summer. Trying to figure out where to procure training birds, testing dates and venues, camping adventures and more. Our old dogs are great mentors for the field and water for a new puppy. Each dog brings a special skill to the training field. But a confident dog builds confidence in a young pup.

But we've got some things to look forward to before the snow melts. Pete is retiring at the end of the month. He'll have time to work on all the projects that have piled up over the years. But mostly, he will enjoy doing what he wants, when he wants, at least after he figures out how to relax.

After you look through this issue of the Whoa Post, you'll see the deadline for the 2025 Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club Photo Contest is quickly approaching. If you have not done so already. Please enter. We have several categories and one for all breeds too! Prizes are excellent, cash, dog food and a club hat, always something you can use! Good luck to the entrants.

Memberships are due at the beginning of each calendar year. If you have already paid your 2025 membership, thank you! Membership dues help keep the club running, paying insurance, photo contest prizes and bigger events like the Rocky Mountain Cup. If you do join or renew, there are perks! Free advertising on the website and in the Whoa Post, plus the opportunity to join a community of like minded folks.

Whatever you are looking forward to, I hope it's great!

Sherry Niesar  
Whoa Post Editor



## Conditioning “Come” Using an E-Collar by Peter Wax

The following is a description, on how to condition a Pup to “come” using the e-collar. The method described teaches pup how to turn “off” the e-collar by coming and touching the master’s hand. The advantage of this method is it can be used for most everything (i.e., sit, whoa, heal, go out, and kennel). The disadvantage is it takes time.

The method is not mine or even new. I learned it over 20 years ago from Roger Green when he was president of the Verein Deutsch-Drahthaar. Jim and Phyllis Dobbs published “Tri-Tronics’s Retriever Training” in 1993. It is recommended that you research this process by reading, watching videos, and attending seminars.

### GENERAL

**Texas Two-Step:** Conditioning is a two-step process (Teach Pup an action, and condition Pup to turn off the e-collar by completing the action).

**Age:** Pup first begins wearing the e-collar for runs and other fun activities when grown large enough. Always positive events. “Not when going to the veterinarian”. In just a few outings, Pup will associate the e-collar with fun and look forward to it.

**How to Wear:** The e-collar goes on snug. The prongs need to snugly contact the skin and not slide around. A loose collar prevents positive communication with Pup and can result in sore spots. Too tight can suffocate Pup or reduce blood flow leading to unconsciousness or seizures. Not all dog necks are created equal, nor do they stay the same size throughout life. Play with it and get it right.

**Age:** You can begin using the stimulation any time after Pup is big enough to wear the collar and intellectually mature enough to learn simple tasks. I have begun as early as 5 months on an independent bitch and waited until nearly a full year on a dog that did everything I asked. The most important age is when you are committed to investing the time to train Pup.

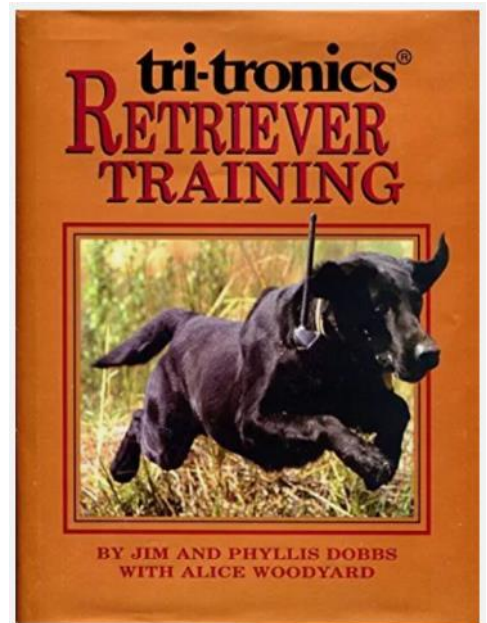
### STIMULATION

**Turning on The Power:** Your e-collar has incremental levels of stimulation and both a continuous and nick button. My training method uses just the continuous button.

Take the receiver (E-Collar) and press the prongs into your palm while pressing the lowest continuous setting on your transmitter (Handheld Device). You will **NOT** feel it. Keep increasing the level a click at a time until you do. Once you feel it, keep going up until you find it uncomfortable. Now look at how many more levels you have. It will be a lot. This shows you how serious a tool you have.

**Proper Power Setting for Pup:** The starting setting for Pup is one that Pup readily feels but is not painful. One way to identify the proper power level to put the activated e-collar on Pup, and the two of you go hangout in the backyard.

When Pup is not paying attention to you but is not overly distracted by



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something else, press the lowest power setting. Pup will most likely not notice. Incrementally move up the power levels and keep a sharp eye on Pup. **“Watch Pup!”** Pup will “tell” when the stimulation is felt. Could be a small tell. Like a turn of the head or a more obvious tell like sitting down and scratching at the e-collar. Watch your Pup. You know your Pup. Never get to where Pup yelps or squeals. *Note that tone is not electrical stimulation. This training requires electrical stimulation.*

**What is Come:** Come is completed when Pup touches the master’s hand. Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades. Pup must touch hand.

**House Without Stimulation:** Train “come” in the house. Say “come” and when Pup touches your hand and pauses momentarily give a reward. An atta-boy and a pet, or atta-boy and a treat. Treats will be dropped quickly, but initially it will fast track this training.

**Backyard Without Stimulation:** When, on command, Pup comes consistently in the house three days in a row, move the activity to the back yard. No distractions. If the neighbor’s dog is out wait for when it is not. Make it easy. Happy. Lots of rewards. Treats. Once Pup comes reliably from anywhere in the backyard 3 days in a row (9 - 11 recalls each day) you are ready to begin with stimulation.

**Getting Started:** Use a properly snug e-collar, proper timing and a power setting that is felt but not painful.

**Introductory Timing:** To introduce “come” or any new command the timing begins with a thumb press to the power button a fraction of a second before the command: (1) Press power button and hold, (2) Say “come” while still firmly holding the power button down, and (3) The instant Pup touches your hand “stop stimulating” and praise (*no treats*). Keep it close (point blank) to start with, as you want the first couple to work flawlessly.

Once you press the power button **“never stop stimulating until Pup has completed the task”**. For “come” the task is not complete until the nose touches the hand (You have already trained this so nothing new to Pup). It is both a physical and psychological thing. The Pup will eventually drive into you to turn off the stimulation – a wonderful reward.

Prepare yourself. Use a family member to practice: **Stimulate (hold continuously)**, say: **“come” (keep stimulating without a pause or break)**, the instant Pup touches your hand (**Stop Stimulating**) and praise.

**Day 1 the Yard:** Pup is in the yard with e-collar on and you are prepared with transmitter set to the proper power. The Pup is 10 -12 feet away and not distracted with anything. Press power button, say “come”, kneel and hold out your hand. When Pup touches your hand release power and praise (no treats). Walk around the back yard and when Pup is not paying attention do it again. Do this three times the first day then throw some happy bumpers or just love up Pup and now you can give a treat if you choose.





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**Day 2 in Yard:** Same as Day 1, and if the first three “comes” are perfect do a fourth.

**Following Days in Yard:** Same each day for a week but add or subtract the repetitions in an increasing random pattern. After a few days Pup will become sticky (not want to leave your side). This is a normal response. The beginning of the conditioned response. Ignore it. Wait Pup out. Pup is young and will find something to investigate.

**Day 11-14 in Yard:** After you have progressed to 7-9 repetitions a day, up to 30-40 feet in distance, and the last three days have been perfect, switch the timing of the stimulation.

**Switching the Timing:** After you and Pup have progressed to nine 10-40 feet perfect “comes”, 3-days in a row, switch the stimulation timing from being a bit early to a bit late. If Pup is perfect, each day add a “wee bit” more pause between command and stimulation. Pup will begin speeding up to try and beat the stimulation. Eventually Pup will be charging into you hoping to beat the buzzer. Want to speed it up a little more? At close range, let Pup beat the buzzer once, maybe twice, but never in a row.

**Advance Training:** Once Pup is racing to you, begin adding distractions and move the game to the field. Easy to overcome distractions at first. Easy distractions are like a small ball laying near the “come” path and difficult distractions are like another dog or in a new location from the backyard.

With each new challenge (distraction or location) you may need to go back to the original timing then progress to delaying the stimulation. You will eventually need to increase the power level to overcome some of these distractions, but once Pup comes racing to beat the buzzer with another dog or in a wild bird field, you have a dog that will recall reliably even without the e-collar.

**Other Training:** This process works the same for “sit” (Stimuli stops when the butt hits the floor), “whoa” (Stimulation stops when Pup stops), “heal” (Stimuli stops when the Pups shoulder leans on your knee), pretty much anything can be trained this way. Get Dobb’s book or a newer one. Watch videos, attend a seminar – these will save time in the end.

### EXTRA

Keep Quiet (English, Spanish, French, German are all Monkey Jabber to Pup).

Training two or three times a day for just minutes keeps you and Pup sharp.

Speak softly as Pup can hear a ghost whisper at a quarter mile.



## Eyeworm (*Oxyspirura petrowi*)

from: <https://fwp.mt.gov/>

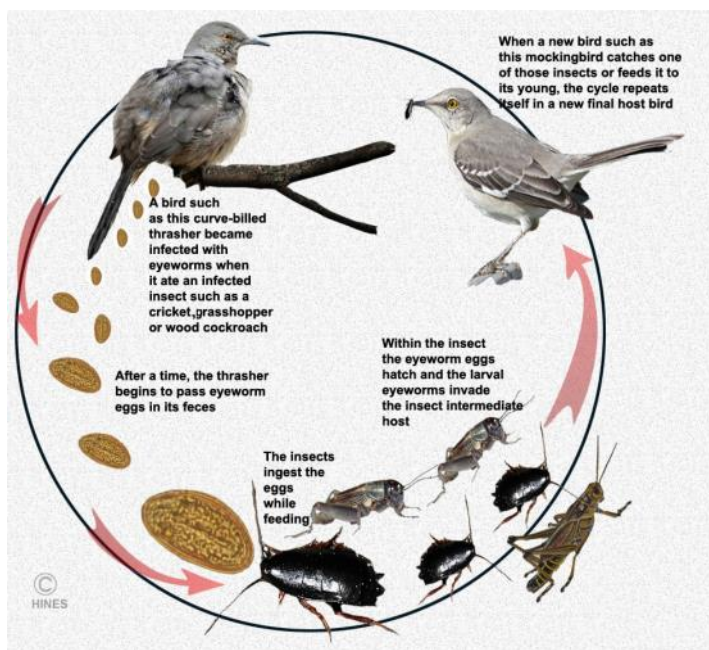
Upland game bird hunters recently detected what is believed to be eyeworm (*Oxyspirura petrowi*) in harvested game birds in Montana. While this is the first known documentation of the parasite in the state, it is likely that it has been present for quite some time. Montana bird populations have not historically been surveyed for this parasite.

What is eyeworm? Eyeworm is a common term to refer to the bloodfeeding nematode parasite called *Oxyspirura petrowi*. The term eyeworm is used because the adult worms are typically found on the surface of the eye, under the nictitating membrane, or behind the eyeball as well as in in tear ducts and other glands of the eye. They feed on blood in the soft tissues surrounding the eye.



What wildlife species are affected by *Oxyspirura petrowi*? This parasite has been found in over 28 avian species in North America, including gallinaceous birds such as grouse, pheasant, lesser prairie chicken, quail and wild turkey, as well as passerines like northern cardinal, northern mockingbird and curve-billed thrasher.

How do birds become infected with this parasite? Birds become infected by ingesting an infected arthropod intermediate host (ex. grasshopper, cricket, cockroach, etc.)



What is the life cycle of the parasite? It is believed that a gravid female worm deposits embryonated eggs in the eyes of the host bird, and those eggs are washed down tear ducts to the mouth. The bird swallows the eggs, and they are later excreted in the feces where they can be ingested by an intermediate host. If a susceptible bird ingests the infected arthropod intermediate host, infective larvae are released in the bird's gut. They migrate along the esophagus the pharynx and the mouth to the tear duct and the eyes. Once there, they complete development to adult worms and start producing eggs, beginning the cycle again.

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How does eyeworm impact affected birds? The worms can cause damage to tissues behind the eyeball and in the tear ducts, resulting in bleeding and swelling. Heavy parasite loads can cause severe bleeding and swelling behind the eye, putting pressure on the optic nerve, and likely impairing the bird's vision. Birds with impaired vision may have decreased ability to fly, forage, escape predators, and reproduce successfully.

Where does *Oxyspirura petrowi* occur in wild birds? Geographic distribution of the parasite is relatively widespread but not well documented. A 2017 study documented presence of the parasite in bobwhite quail in Alabama, Oklahoma, Virginia and Texas, with both Oklahoma and Texas having areas of high prevalence. Historically, the parasite has been documented in several U.S. states, including Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, Louisiana and Florida. This list is likely an underrepresentation of the true geographic distribution of the parasite because surveys have not been conducted in many states.

Does this parasite affect safety of meat for human consumption? No. This parasite is not transmissible to humans through consumption of meat from affected birds. Does this parasite pose a risk to my dog? No. This parasite does not pose a risk to dogs. However, feeding raw scraps from game birds or other wildlife is not recommended since some parasites can be transmitted to dogs through consumption of raw meat scraps.

If you see eyeworm in my harvested birds, should report to your state game agency? Since this parasite has only recently been detected in Montana and North Dakota, FWP and G&F is interested in learning more about its distribution. If you detect eyeworm in your harvested bird and would like to report it, contact the FWP or NDGF to report the location of harvest, affected bird species and number of affected birds.



## *Let's Get Social*

The Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, ask to join and let the conversations begin. Share your ideas and pictures. Posts must be relevant to the club and may include but not limited to dogs, gear, hunting locations, and nutrition. The web address for the club page is:

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115972485114132/>**





## *Puppies by Peter Wax*

Night. Freezing barefooted in the backyard with “the puppy”. Cold air. Wet grass. Late night. Early morning. Stars bright. Stars close. Orion’s belt, Sirius, Canis major, Canis minor and Mars. Cold sharp steel toenails bring me back to reality. Puppy. From the yard to the house, pup springs from door to me. Puppies are happiness and frustrations. Sweet and sour.

Death squealing. Heart thumbing screaming. Around the corner and right back by me goes puppy. Old male looking at me. What? Boundaries. Old male boundaries. Puppy comes back limping and sad. Inspect puppy. Not dead. Hardly damp. Why did we bring a puppy into our peaceful home.

My best boots gutted. The soft leather gloves vanished. Toilet paper everywhere. Long pieces, short pieces, microscopic pieces. Pieces. The old oak rocker. The one that rocked the babies has one long and one short runner now. It rocks in circles. The couch has a tattered cushion and one that doesn’t match. Another pee puddle. Nothing is safe. Someone please, please, please, tell me why we got another puppy.

Third weekend of the bird season. Puppy and the old dame running. The old gal points. Puppy backs. A miracle. The grouse lifts. No shot as Puppy is in the way. Watching the birds fly off the old gal looks at me. What? I give her the same look back.

The wonder. The wonder of what illness, what insanity, what weakness of conscientiousness was I suffering from when I decided to get another puppy.

Day after day. Week after week. Run puppy. Clean up after puppy. Look at destroyed clothing, chewed furniture, and run the champions only half time. In twice the time it takes to shoot a limit we get half a limit, or maybe none. Birds are busted. Chased. Lost. Whose idea was it to get a puppy?

Walking back after a fruitless hunt. Puppy is coursing back and forth. She looks back at me smiling that, “look at me” smile. Stupid funny little bitch. I try to be sullen. I cannot. With all her flaws she is a happy little thing.

What. Puppy is on point. She is holding. The covey flushes left. I am to her right. Another rise escaping without a shot. But Puppy is still standing. A late holder emerges and rolls right.

At the shot all misery is forgotten. This is no ordinary puppy. No sir. This is a great puppy. A genetically superior bragging puppy. A bird finding, bird pointing, bird grabbing run like the wind puppy.

Yes Sir, there is nothing like a new puppy to keep one young. Why I knew getting a puppy was a great idea. I knew it all along. Wipes the soul clean, a puppy does. Why, this here pup smell like a bright future. A future filled with wonderful memories. Great hunts. Great times. Great journeys. A Field Champion for sure.





## **Recipe: Meatball Slider Bombs** *from: allrecipes.com*

### **Ingredients**

- 2 (13.8 ounce) cans refrigerated pizza dough
- 24 frozen party-size meatballs, thawed slightly, you can also make your own from elk, moose, venison or wild bird
- 2/3 cup marinara sauce, plus more for serving
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese



### **Directions**

- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Lightly grease a mini muffin tin with cooking spray.
- Roll one can of dough out on a lightly floured surface into a rectangle slightly larger than the muffin tin and place the dough on top of the muffin tin. Lightly press dough into each muffin cup. (Alternatively, place a second mini muffin pan on top of dough to easily press dough into each cup.)
- Place a meatball into each muffin cup and top evenly with sauce and mozzarella cheese.
- Roll remaining dough into a similar rectangle and place it on top. Press dough to seal each section, then use a knife to cut dough around each cup, forming 24 individual meatball sliders.
- For each filled muffin cup, bring top corner of dough to meet bottom corner on the opposite side; repeat with the other side. Twist dough together lightly on top; pinch to seal. Repeat with all sections.
- Place oil in a small bowl and season with optional seasonings if desired. Brush oil over each meatball slider and sprinkle evenly with grated Parmesan cheese.
- Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown and toasted, 22 to 24 minutes. Serve with the sauce of your choice for dipping.



Share your photos with the readers of the Whoa Post.

Email them to [thewhoapost@gmail.com](mailto:thewhoapost@gmail.com)



## Photo Gallery



An old man (Pierre Willems) who goes hunting with his dog (Mélisse du Hameau de Sorny)

Photo by E. Kelley



Jasper with Andy in the Townsend Valley, November 2024

Photo by Catherine Courtenaye



Dottie enjoying the Arizona sun.

Photo by Janis Bruwelheide

Do you have a photos to share? Please send them to the editor at [thewhoapost@gmail.com](mailto:thewhoapost@gmail.com)



## The Whoa Post Marketplace

### Puppies!

Whelp Date: January 23, 2025. 1 Male and 1 Female available. Sire: Tr. Just Perfect du Auburn Bretons UT Prize II & NA Prize I, Dam: Suna De Beaute Dakota Point Kennel

Sure to be great dogs in the field and home. Contact Chris Knopik at 701-880-1105. Visit Dakota Point Kennel on Facebook.



## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The membership to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is due at the beginning of each calendar year. If you have paid your membership, Thank you! If not, its time to renew. It's an important component the Big Sky

Epagneul Breton Club. Your dues go to things like the photo contest, insurance, the Rocky Mountain Cup and other programming costs.

If you receive the Whoa Post, and are not a member, you can support the club by joining, though it is not required. How many other organizations do you belong to and receive a publication 10 months a year?

Joining or renewing is easy. The membership form can be found on the last page of the Whoa Post or on the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club web site. You don't have to have a dog or a specific type of dog, just a love for the dog. Complete the form, select the membership level and return it to our treasurer, Jim Hoschouer. Don't forget to include your check.

Thank you for your support throughout the years. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!



## About Seth Owens, Photo Contest Judge

Seth Owens is a dedicated conservationist. When he isn't chasing birds with his pup, Tanka, he's pursuing species across the prairies and grasslands of the Great Plains with his camera. Wildlife photography may be the main subject for his camera, but he never shies away from a bird on the hunt, and he enjoys watching dogs bust brush, dive for waterfowl, or lock up on a point. Seth's work can be found on Facebook/Instagram at @stuff.seth.sees or on his website StuffSethSees.com.



## Photo Tips! From: <https://digital-photography-school.com/9-pet-photography-tips/>

**Use natural light** - Work with natural light – either by shooting outside or in a well-lit room.

**Choose the right camera mode** - If you're a beginner or used to always working on Auto. Try

**Keep the eyes sharp** - Sharp eyes are *always* important in portrait photography – and pet photography is no different! They say that the eyes are the window to the soul, and in my experience, a pet's eyes can be very expressive. These days, some cameras offer eye AF for animals. With eye AF activated, your camera will identify your pet's eyes – and nail focus consistently!

**Use a fast shutter speed** - Certain pets are extraordinarily quick – and even the pets that are on the slow side can still move fast.

**Go to your pet** - Instead of forcing your pet to come to you, make sure you go to *them*. Let them choose the location, whether it's in their favorite bed, on their favorite carpet spot, or outside by their favorite toy. Get down on your pet's level. Sit on the floor or lie on your belly and remember to shoot from *your pet's* eye level or below.

**Surprise your pet** - Let your pet play quietly. As they play, consider potential compositions and dial in your settings. Then, once you have your camera set up and ready, give a quick whistle. The sound will surprise your pet. With luck, you'll have a few seconds to capture them in a nice, alert posture, so make the most of it.

**Time your session carefully** - If you want to capture some formal-looking pet photography, then "schedule" your photoshoot when your animal is somewhat sleepy. You might shoot after your pet has woken up from a nap. Or you might shoot late in the day when your pet is tired and lacks energy. That way, it will be easier to capture a sharp shot. You won't be stuck waiting for your subject to stop moving, and you'll have a far more pleasant time.

**Be patient**- Pet photography requires a lot of patience. It might take a few seconds, a few minutes, or even an hour, but thanks to the power of patience, you'll be able to capture beautiful pet images.



The Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club  
wants to see your best shots

# Photo Contest



## Contest Rules

- Open only to **amateur** photographers.
- Open to **members and non-members** of the BSEBGDC.
- Only 1 entry per category per person.
- **Entry Deadline: March 1, 2025.** Winners will be announced in the April *Whoa Post*.
- The photo must be in its original state and cannot be altered in any way, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing, or distorting subjects within the frame. Only low resolution submissions will be accepted. The winners will then be notified to submit a hi res version.
- Photos must have been taken within the last year.
- Entries must be submitted via email at [thewhoapost@gmail.com](mailto:thewhoapost@gmail.com)
- Entries will be judged by the photo contest judge, Seth Owens, professional wildlife photographer, Pheasants Forever. All decisions are final. The photo contest committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to stated contest rules.
- By entering the contest, entrants agree that photos submitted can be used by the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club and *The Whoa Post*.
- The winner will be contacted via the email address provided on their entry.

## To Enter

Submit original photos to [thewhoapost@gmail.com](mailto:thewhoapost@gmail.com), subject line: **Photo Contest**. Please include category, photographers name, email, Title of photo. Please name photos with `john_smith_Category` and save as a JPG or PNG format. An example of a photo file name is: `John_Smith_puppy.jpg`

**Contest Deadline: March 1, 2025**

## Contest Theme

*Showing what hunting dogs  
do best.*

## Awards & Prizes

**Best in Show** - \$100 & club Hat

**Judges Choice per category** –  
\$50, Dog Food Coupon for free bag  
& Club Hat

**Honorable mention** – Club Hat

## Categories Open to Epagneul Bretons

- Hunting (anything related to hunting birds)
- Puppy (under 12 months)
- Old Dogs
- General Interest

## Categories Open to Other Hunting breeds

- All other breeds of dogs (can be puppy, hunting, old dogs, or general interest)

## Questions

Email [thewhoapost@gmail.com](mailto:thewhoapost@gmail.com)  
[www.montanabreton.com](http://www.montanabreton.com)

The Big Sky Epagneul  
Breton Gun Dog Club  
UKC is a pointing dog  
club.



## UKC Events

### April 5 & 6, 2025

Delavan, IL

EB Club of Illinois

Wild, Liberated, TAN, WRT

Event Secretary: Suzanne LaFary | [surledelavankennel@gmail.com](mailto:surledelavankennel@gmail.com)

### April 2-5, 2025

Iowa

CEB US 2025 National Conclave

April 3: Wild Open Braces, Wild Gun Braces

April 4: TAN

April 5: Wild Open Solo, Wild Gun Solo, Wild Gun Solo with TAN EQ

<https://www.ceb-us.com/nationals/2025>

Contact: [Secretary@ceb-us.com](mailto:Secretary@ceb-us.com)

### April 5-6, 2025

EB Club of Illinois

Delavan, IL

Wild, Liberated, TAN, WRT

Contact: Suzanne LaFary, [surledelavankennel@gmail.com](mailto:surledelavankennel@gmail.com)

### May 9-10, 2025

Tracy, MN

United Vizsla Club

Liberated, TAN/WRT

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## AKC & NSTRA Events Calendar

### March 29th -30th

Williston Open / Amateur

64 Dog Open/ Amateur

Double/Double

Contact: Chad Norpel (701) 570-8433

[cnorpel@hotmail.com](mailto:cnorpel@hotmail.com) or

Kyle Helmstadter, 715-218-0099

### April 26th - 27th

Steele, ND Open / Amateur

64 Dog Open/Amateur

Double/Double

Contact: Adam Paine

307-262-1576 or Chad Norpel

(701) 570-8433, [cnorpel@hotmail.com](mailto:cnorpel@hotmail.com)

### April 27, 2025

North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club

Menoken, ND

FT Spaniel

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### May 2, 2025

Montana Brittany Club

Acton, MT

FT Pointing Breed

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### May 3, 2025

Missouri Headwaters English Springer Spaniel Club

Three Forks, MT

FT Spaniel

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### May 3rd -4th

Fargo (John Wick)

Red River Trial

Fargo, ND

64 Dog Open/Combined

Double/Double

Contact: John Wickenheiser (701) 715-0180

[jpwick4@yahoo.com](mailto:jpwick4@yahoo.com)

### May 9-11, 2025

Mission Valley Retriever Club

Ronan, MT

FT Retriever

Contact: Christina Anderson

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### May 10th -11th

Ellendale, ND

64 Dog Open/Combined

Double/Double

Ellendale, ND

Contact: Jason Norton, 701-710-5030

May 17-18, 2025

North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club

Menoken, ND

FT Spaniel

Contact: Jamie Mowder (701) 400-5754

### May 21 – 23, 2025

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Wisconsin

Sheyenne National Grasslands

Hankinson, ND

FT Pointing Breed

Contact: Elizabeth A Barrett-Dixon

(612) 865-7556, [bkwdsgwp@svtel.net](mailto:bkwdsgwp@svtel.net)

### May 24-26, 2025

Minnesota Brittany Club

Sheyenne National Grasslands

Hankinson, ND

FT Pointing Breed

Contact: Jake Droel (651) 472-2069, [jdroel40@gmail.com](mailto:jdroel40@gmail.com)

<http://www.minnesotabrittanyclub.org>





## A black and white photograph of a dog, likely a Weimaraner, standing in a field of tall, dry grass. The dog has a speckled coat and is looking towards the right.



## Breeders

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Are you interested in listing your kennel or stud dog on the Breeders or Stud Dog page of the Whoa Post?  
All listings part of a paid membership only. For more information,

## *Renew Your Membership*

Membership to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is due at the beginning of each calendar year in January. Each member is an important component to the club, adding to the newsletter with articles and photographs and at the clubs annual field trial. If you are not a member, then consider joining. 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

Dottie says,  
"Hey Boss,  
it's time to  
pay our  
membership  
dues!"



*Complete your membership form today and help support the UKC trial system.*

### **Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Family Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category** \$20 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Business \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check out to: **Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club**

Return form & dues to: Jim Hoschouoer 3575 Pasha Lane, Bozeman, Montana 59718