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Happy Holidays 2008



Hot off the press!

First Edition - Hickory Hollow Newsletter

By Laura

We'd like to use this letter as a way to keep you in the loop about all the fun things that have happened at HHLS this year and other stuff we'd like to share.

In addition to our discussion forum -- found on our website -- we figured this media would be a good way to keep in touch with our Hickory Hollow family.

In this **SPECIAL Holiday Edition** we've provided doggy treat recipes for goodies you can make at home to stuff in a Christmas stocking for your Llewelin (they'll love you for it!), lots of fun photos, and many interesting articles -- some authored by the Llew Crew themselves about our hunting trips and other hunting places we highly recommend.

Now, we invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy reading the HHLS Press.

Going Green

With the world increasingly more conscious about the environment, this newsletter will primarily be distributed via e-mail.



* The frequency of distribution for this newsletter will depend upon newsworthy HHLS events. Scheduled semi-annually.

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HHLS Family Forum

A new gathering place

By Laura

In the "Hot off the Press" article above, I mentioned the discussion forum on our website called "Straight to the Point". Created in March 2008, our forum is a place for puppy owners to meet each other, share funny stories about our Lews as well as chat about a variety of other topics related to them. Of course we will also use this as a place to share HHLS news and upcoming events.

We strive to make this a family friendly place, so in order to keep bad bots from fraudulently joining and posting objectionable material, new users will be required to enter a unique registration code during member registration.

Registration Code

HHLS^0508

Anyone can easily become a forum member and can participate in the threads by responding to a post or creating a new thread.

Finding the forum:

From the WELCOME page on our website, click on the "Forum" text button in the horizontal row of text links near the top of the page.

Registration:

Once on the forum page, click on the "Register" link in the top right section of the page. You will need the registration code provided.

Profile:

Don't forget to fill in your member profile, especially your location. Don't worry, your info is safe, nobody but registered users can see it.

The more folks that join and participate, the more fun it will be for the entire group. We hope to see you there!



Litter "D", January 18th, 2008



Litter "E", August 6th, 2008
My sneaky daughter HOPE finally weaseled her way into the nursery so that she could meet her half-siblings.



This is me at 7 weeks old! I kicked the cat out of her bed. At least I am higher on the totem pole than she is!



This is me being really sneaky trying to get into the puppy nursery to catch a glimpse of my half-sibs of Litter E.

Future Litters

Bristol / Splash – Spring 2009

Duchess / Hank – Fall 2009

H.O.P.E / Tuck – Spring 2010

Puppies & More Puppies!

HHLS Welcomes Litters "D" and "E"

By Duchess

I was so blessed this year to have had the opportunity to raise 14 beautiful, happy and healthy puppies.

Six Hank Jr. pups were born on January 18th and the next eight Splash pups were born on August 6th. Hank's pups all had "D" names and Splash pups had "E" names. I think that is so special!

Mom says I am a really good momma; she hugs me and tells me that all the time.

When they were first born I didn't like to leave them at all, but Mother Nature called and I had to go outside sometimes, but then I'd hurry right back in to be with them. I don't like to leave them alone. They are so precious and I would protect them with my life.

When they were three weeks old I wanted to get back with the pack, so I let Quincy pup sit so I could go socialize. I trust

Quin 'cause he's so patient and gentle with my babies.

Mom took my pups out to the Puppy Cottage at four weeks so that I could start to wear them. Their sharp little teeth and claws hurt my tummy, so I was ready to let Mom take over the "mommy" duties.

When it was time for them to leave at 7 weeks, Mom and Dad always let me meet the new family and see that they were going to have a great home. I'm so glad I got the chance to say "Good-bye".

Hank's Legacy of HOPE

The Newest Little Llew in the Crew

By H.O.P.E.

I was the **one** exception... Momma didn't have to say "Good-bye" to me, 'cuz I got to stay at this "Hickory" place and take my rightful throne at the bottom of the Llew Crew totem pole!! YIP YIP!

I couldn't understand why all my sibs were leaving with nice folks and why I didn't have a new family come and take me to a new home, but then it

hit me like a big wet snowball that I already had a family and that I was already HOME!

I s'pose I should introduce myself. I used to be Dixie from "Litter D" but now my name is H.O.P.E. and my granddad is a famous hunting stud on TV. The show's name was "Hunting with Hank" and 'cuz of that show and 'cuz of my granddaddy "Hank", my official name is "Hickory's Hunting with HOPE". H.O.P.E. also stands for "Hank's Offspring Produces Excellence", not sure what that means, but it sounds like I have some big

paws to fill. I just HOPE I can figure out how to produce that "excellence" stuff! ...maybe when my littermate sister Daisy and I go to Gun Dog Training Camp down in Tennessee next summer I'll figure it out, you think? My sissy Brissy tells me it is so-o-o much fun and that I will just love our trainer, Dr. Phil. She just raved about camp and how much fun she had standing on the "whoa" barrel, doing the pointing and backing drills and finding those quail in the field. I HOPE she's right!

Apple Crunch Pupcakes

Ingredients:

- 2 ¾ cups water
- ¼ cup applesauce, unsweetened
- ¼ tsp vanilla
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup dried apple chips (or fresh sliced apple)
- 1 T. baking powder
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 4 T. honey



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat muffin tin with non-stick spray.

Mix all wet ingredients thoroughly. Combine dry ingredients in separate bowl. Slowly add wet to dry mix, scraping well to make sure no dry mixture is left. Pour into muffin tins.

Bake for 1 hr 15 mins or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Store in a sealed container.

Makes around 12 to 14 pupcakes.

Rating:
9 wags



Bird Numbers Down? Have a little Faeth.



S.E. Iowa's Premiere Upland Hunting Destination

By In Your Backyard Iowa (www.backyardiowa.com)

The Iowa DNR reports that this year's pheasant numbers will be down by one third from last year's bird count. Last year's cold, icy winter and this year's wet cold spring are to blame as the upland bird population depends on moderate weather to survive and flourish. Lower numbers mean you will have to cover a lot more ground if you plan on bagging your daily limit.

On the other hand there are alternatives available for bird hunters to hunt over fields that are full of birds guaranteeing you the opportunity to watch dogs work and experience the Iowa tradition of bird hunting. One such facility is Faeth's Fowl Play (www.faethsfowlplay.com) a hunting preserve located in southeast Iowa's Fort Madison.

Rob and Randy Faeth are co-owners, offering hunters the opportunity to hunt pheasant, quail and chukar on their 715 acres of rolling plains, timber and marshes. Established in 2002, Fowl Play offers hunters the chance to go on guided trips with their experienced hunting dogs [some of them are Llewellins related to Bristol] in either half or full-day packages. They even cater to disabled hunters and offer reduced rates allowing them field transportation, guide service and a dog to hunt over.

Like Father, Like Daughter

By Bristol

Mom and Dad have taken me to Fowl Play several times 'cause they have a corporate membership there and Mom created their website. When Dad puts on his blaze orange, I know we're going huntin' and I can hardly stand it! I talk to him and move my whole body from side to side when I wag my tail. (That's how I got my nickname "Wiggles").

Fowl Play is so much fun because I usually get to go hunting alongside my daddy, Tuck and I know that as soon as we get in the field I am gonna smell those birdies. Dad really encourages me to find them by saying "Hunt 'em up Brissy" and he gets so pumped when I point them out for him. Dad is a good shot and I love bringing those birdies back to him. My daddy Tuck is really cool and we tag-team really well, if I point first he backs me and I back him if he points first. Those birdies don't stand a chance when we hunt together! The first time I hunted with daddy at Fowl Play, I imitated him by getting down at "quail level" while on point, even though I'd never seen him do it. The funny thing is, he imitated me by bringing the bird all the way back to his Dad's hand, even though he doesn't usually do it. I guess it really is as they say, "Like Father, Like Daughter"!



Group Hunt 2008

Granite Springs

By Bob

In early October, we got together for the 2nd year at Granite Springs Lodge in Alexandria, South Dakota. While we had 6 returning hunters from the 2007 trip, we also had 3 new folks along for 2008, including 2 who were on the very first pheasant hunt of their life.

Billy Conrad from Ohio, and my wife, Laura were both able to take the first rooster of their hunting careers.

Billy was able to down 5 birds on his first day, but the true highlight for me was standing next to my wife as she pulled up on a rooster flying up and over her, and watching as she dumped him with a perfectly placed shot. I was so giddy I think I wore a smile on my face the rest of the entire trip.

Our trip was sponsored by Gander Mountain and they were even more generous this year than last. We had many nice give-aways to present to the group at dinner each night, including the sweatshirts we are all wearing in the group photo,

as well as Gander Gift Cards, lanyards and welcome packet items.

One evening at dinner, Granite Springs presented my wife with a commemorative sterling silver flying pheasant pin for downing her first ever rooster. Billy was overlooked that night, but will end up getting one too.

We had an excellent trip and downed 85 roosters and 10 chukar partridge, not to mention the best dog work around.

Now the next question is, where do we go in 2009? Help us out by sending us your suggestions. Who knows, if we end up using your suggestion, you might win a special prize!

The Great Outdoors



Bob and Laura with John Campbell of KCRG-TV9 News.

Hunting Behind Llewellins

By Bob

On opening day of pheasant season here in Iowa, our Llewellin Setters; Bristol, Duchess and Bob Bartz's Tuck, became local television stars.

For over a year, I had been working with John Campbell, sports reporter for our local station KCRG-TV9, who does special outdoor segments for the news. He agreed to come

out and join us on opening day and to showcase our Llewellins. John was so neat and was truly interested in learning as much as he could about the breed.

When the show aired, I was so proud of my girls and of the work John put into the segment; it was truly a nice piece. We've had many positive comments from folks in the community who saw the segment and told us that they enjoyed watching it.

Gun Dog Magazine

Our Dogs in the Press

By Laura

One day during our Group Pheasant Hunting trip to South Dakota in October, we were joined by Jerry Thoms, a writer for *Gun Dog Magazine*, who was interested in doing an article on our Llewellins. He loves the breed, wrote an article on them in a past issue – Sept 2006 – and won't pass up an opportunity to see them work in the field so he followed us through the corn for a day.

Jerry seemed impressed by both Duchess and Bristol's enthusiastic hunting style.

He was also intrigued by our Garmin Astro GPS system. He indicated that the GPS unit could add a unique spin to his story and wanted to see how it performed in the field.

In spending the day with us, Jerry was able to see both the good and the bad about the Garmin Astro. It will be neat to read his article in an upcoming issue.



Bob and Laura with Jerry Thoms, writer for Gun Dog, and Bristol wearing her Garmin Astro GPS harness.

Fido's Favorite Treats

Ingredients:

- 1 cup uncooked oatmeal
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 1 tsp bouillon granules
- 1 ½ cups hot water
- ¼ cup powdered milk
- ¼ cup cornmeal
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 cups whole wheat flour



In a large bowl, pour hot water over oatmeal, margarine and bouillon granules; let stand 5 minutes. Stir in powdered milk, cornmeal, and egg. Add flour, ½ cup at a time, mixing well after each addition.



Knead 3 to 4 minutes, add more flour if necessary to make a very stiff dough.

Roll dough to ½ inch thickness. Cut into bone shaped pieces by hand or with cookie cutter. Place on a greased baking sheet.



Bake in the oven for 50 mins. Allow to cool and dry out until hard.

Makes approximately 1 ¾ pounds of treats.

Store in fridge or freezer. Rating: 8 wags

The Garmin Astro 220

Keeping Track of Dogs

By Laura

The Garmin Astro is a small handheld GPS dog tracking device that lets you search for birds, rather than your dogs. The unit receives updates every 5 seconds and pinpoints the dog's position, showing exactly where they are, even when you can't see or hear them.

The high-sensitivity receiver can track up to 10 dogs simultaneously up to a five miles radius, so this works great for our two, soon to be three, Llewelin hunters.

The dogs wear the DC20 transmitter in a neoprene harness which is secured around the dog's chest with Velcro and is also looped

through the dog's collar and secured with Velcro.

The Garmin Astro has a lot of neat features including a compass, showing the current direction and distance of your dog, as well as where they've been. This feature came in handy for us when retrieving a lost DC20 when Duchess once slipped out of her harness during a hunt. It shows if your dog is running or on point, and will sound an alarm when your dog points.

It also includes a covey counter and number of birds flushed from a certain spot. It allows you to save important waypoints, such as marking the location of the truck! This has already come in handy for Bob when he was hunting grouse in Wyoming and they lost the truck in the fog. :o)~

Overall, we've been very impressed with this GPS unit. It gives us a great sense of security when hunting in heavy cover and takes the worry out of losing a dog.

Pros:

- *Compass showing direction and distance of your dog.
- * Shows status of dogs: running, on point or treeing quarry.
- * Shows a map of all dogs' paths and distance traveled.
- *Can track up to 10 dogs for a five mile radius. Each dog's data is color coded so you can easily identify them.

Cons:

- *Neoprene harness causes chafing under the dog's arms
- *Neoprene harness rotates off to the side and doesn't keep the antenna straight up.
- *Rubber Antenna is not very durable and will rip easily. Make sure to have a few extra replacements on hand.



"The Garmin Astro can track up to 10 dogs at a time, up to 5 miles away. Each dog's data is color coded so they can be easily identified."

Diamond Deluxe Trailer

Traveling in Style

By Bob

After two trips to South Dakota, one trip to Wyoming and multiple trips to various other hunting destinations, we finally broke down and purchased a dog trailer.

While surfing the internet on a lazy day in mid-November, I came across an eBay auction for a 6-dog trailer at an unbelievable price, however it was located in North Carolina, over 1000 miles away!!

After a few quick instant messages to my wife and a listing on USHIP hoping for someone who would be

willing to bring it to the mid-west, it ended up being a done-deal!

Within 2 hours I had a bid to deliver the trailer to the Lake of the Ozarks area for a very reasonable rate, not to mention it was the exact place where I was going to be over the Thanksgiving Holiday visiting family. How's that for something that is "meant to be"?

My dad went with me to pick it up the day after Thanksgiving and we both agreed that it looked better in person that it did in the photos.

It's got tons of storage with one large bin taking up the

whole top of the trailer and another large storage section in the front. It's also got a water tank and cooler rack on the front, a fan ventilation system that keeps the dog kennels cool on the warmer days and it's got plastic door inserts that help keep the dog's body heat in on the colder days.

I pulled it back to Iowa and was amazed at how well it towed with my little Dodge Avenger Sport Coupe.

Now I don't have to borrow my wife's truck to take the dogs hunting and I'm sure she'll appreciate keeping her truck free of nose prints on the windows, dog drool and lots of hair everywhere!





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Don't Give Pets as Gifts!

While considering the perfect gift to bestow upon friends or family this year, please do not buy them a new puppy or kitten!

Pet ownership is a huge responsibility for the entire lifetime of the pet, so anybody who will be taking on that responsibility should be willing and fully prepared.

The decision to add a new pup or kitten to the family should be well thought out, not a surprise!

Please consider the animal's well-being before making any impulse decisions that will impact the rest of their lives!

SPREAD THE WORD!



Setter in the Sage

Llewelin Tales from a Sage Grouse hunt

By Bob Bartz

The two Bobs, myself and Bob Whitlock, made their maiden voyage out west to hunt Sage Grouse (chicken) in beautiful southwest Wyoming. We took my 6 year old setter Tuck with us. The hunting was almost too good and the dog work was worth the trip on its own.

If you have not hunted sage chicken with your setter you are missing out on an early season hunt that will inspire the child adventurer in any hunter. Wide open spaces where the smell of sage is overwhelming and the dog has room to work undisturbed and without obstacle. Birds can be

anywhere and a good dog is a great asset. We hunted with Dan, a close friend of mine who lives in the area. Dan told me that I should not bring a dog, that they are not much use out in the sage and he had never known a dog that would retrieve a sage chicken. In fact his grandfather had spent several thousand dollars trying to accomplish the feat of a sage grouse retrieve. I was concerned since Tuck's weakest trait is his retrieving, he will do it but he doesn't like it, but I just can't go bird hunting without a dog.

Tuck slammed on point during our first walk and moments later the first chicken was in the air. A report from my Benelli brought the bird down with Tuck just a short distance behind; without hesitation

he proudly picked up the bird and trotted back to my location as bold as I have ever seen him. The hunt could have ended there and I could not have been happier, but the hunt continued with a limit of birds, Bob W. downing two with one shot, and dog work that was flawless.

This was Bob's first trip out west and all I can say is Bob left me with a new appreciation for all things wild. He reminded me why I love and miss the west, having spent the first 40 years of my life out west I had started taking the small things for granted, thanks for reminding me Bob; and yes I can still smell the sage.

*Taken from the HHLs "Straight to the Point" forum
Category: Birds, Birds, Birds
Post: Setter in the Sage
Date: October 1st, 2008



Happy Hollydogs!



Bob and Laura with the Hickory Hollow Llew Crew – 12/07/08 (from L to R: Splash, Bristol, Duchess and H.O.P.E.)

Imagine trying to get FOUR dogs, one of them still a pup, to sit still and pose for a family portrait. Any guesses as to how long it took to get a collection of about 30 photos?

About 30 minutes!

Yep, that's right. We shot our Llew Crew and got the perfect pic in relatively no time at all. Obedience training pays off! (But waving a pheasant wing and jingling a hunting whistle didn't hurt!)



“People Foods” that can KILL dogs!

During the **Holidays** when there seems to be an extra abundance of food around the house, please be aware that some could be harmful to your dog. Check it out!

Alcoholic beverages – can cause intoxication, coma and death at a rapid rate.

Avocados – contain a toxin called persin which can damage the heart and lungs. **This fruit is extremely toxic to dogs!**

Bones – bones from chicken or pork can be very sharp causing internal lacerations or blockage of the intestines.

Candy or Gum – containing **Xylitol** (a dietary sweetener) can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, seizures, loss of coordination, and death.

Cat foods – generally are too high in protein and fats.

Chocolate, coffee, tea and other caffeinated items – caffeine can be toxic affecting the heart and central nervous system.

Fat trimmings – in large amounts, it can cause pancreatitis.

Grapes & Raisins – contain an unknown toxin which can damage the kidneys causing death. **As little as a single serving of raisins can kill!**

Liver – in large amounts, it can cause Vitamin A toxicity affecting muscles & bones.

Milk & other dairy products – some dogs do not have sufficient amounts of certain enzymes required to digest the lactose in dairy products.

Mushrooms – contain toxins which may affect multiple body systems causing shock and may result in death.

Nuts – **Walnuts & Macadamia nuts are especially toxic.** They can cause vomiting, paralysis and kidney failure eventually leading to death.

Onions – contain sulfoxides which can damage red blood cells and cause anemia; **effects are also cumulative over time.**

Signs of Poisoning:

Muscle tremors or seizures, vomiting & diarrhea; drooling; redness of skin, ears and eyes; swelling and bleeding.

If you suspect your dog has come into contact with a toxic substance, contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Cool Cubes



1 can broth (chicken or beef)
½ can water

Mix broth flavor of your choice with water, pour into ice cube trays, freeze and serve frozen. Your dog will be one chillin' dude!
Rating: 7 wags

Muttzoh Balls



1 cup dry kibble
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 tsp oil, polyunsaturated
1/3 cup cold water
Sprinkle of garlic powder
½ cup chicken soup OR
2 chicken bouillon cubes

Grind dry dog food smooth in a food processor. Lightly beat egg and add oil. Mix all wet ingredients together except soup. Add to dry mix. Form into ½" balls.

In a large pan, bring 1 qt water and chicken soup or bouillon to a boil. Drop balls into boiling water and cook for 3 minutes. Remove, drain and cool.

Keep Refrigerated.
Rating: 10 wags!

Peanut Butter Bites

1½ cups water
½ cup oil
2 eggs
3 T. peanut butter
2 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
½ cup cornmeal
½ cup oatmeal



Blend wet ingredients. Whisk the dry ingredients together and blend into wet mixture to form a ball of dough.

Roll into ½" balls, place on a greased cookie sheet and flatten slightly with fork.

Bake 25 minutes at 400 degrees. Turn off oven and allow cookies to cool in the oven until crisp. Store in a sealed container.
Rating: 8 wags

Doggy Beef Twists

Ingredients:

3 ½ cups flour
1 cup cornmeal
1 package unflavored gelatin
¼ cup milk
1 egg
¼ cup oil
1 oz jar strained beef baby food
1 beef bouillon cube
¾ cup boiling water

Dissolve bouillon cube in water. Sift dry ingredients in a large bowl.

Add milk, egg, oil, beef and beefy water, stirring well until mixed into a nice dough.

Roll dough out on floured surface to ¼" thickness.

Cut into ¼" wide strips about 3" long. Twist each strip 3 times when placing on cookie sheet.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 400 degrees.

Store in the refrigerator.
Rating: 9 wags



Fowl Weather Treats

Ingredients:

2 large jars of baby food – chicken flavored
4 cups cooked ground turkey
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 cup cheddar cheese cracker crumbs
1 tsp poultry seasoning
½ tsp garlic powder
½ tsp salt (optional)
crushed cracker crumbs

Mix all ingredients and roll into balls sized to suit your breed of dog. Roll balls in the cracker crumbs until coated.

Place treat balls onto a wax paper lined baking sheet and place in the freezer until solid. Transfer to freezer bags for long term storage.

When it's treat time, take out as many as needed for the snack and place on an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake in a pre-heated 350 degree oven for 10 minutes or until the cheese melts. Microwaving is also an option
Rating: 9 wags

Our Dogs Get Straight to the Point!

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Dear Puppy Parents,

As we head into our fifth year of business, we reflect upon the great times we've had so far and are very thankful to have been blessed with meeting so many wonderful folks who love Llewellins as much as we do.

You have enriched our lives through your friendship and

have given us a stronger sense of purpose for the continuation of this breed.

We thoroughly enjoy all of your cards and letters and especially the photos. Hearing from you brightens our day.

We thank you for thinking of us and letting us have small

glimpses into the lives of your Llews, but most of all, thank you for providing loving and caring homes for our pups.

May God bless you this Christmas and throughout the New Year!



About Hickory Hollow

We specialize in breeding 100% pure Llewelin Setters.

They are bred specifically to hunt and point birds, are loaded with natural instincts, and embody the

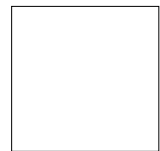
ideal blend of strength, stamina, grace and style that is classic of the breed.

Our dogs are DNA tested to prove bloodline purity, health tested and certified

by OFA and CERF and are FDSB registered. We stand behind our health guarantee.

We are a licensed breeder, by the State of Iowa.

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