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 April 9-10 Gun Show Fairgrounds Montpelier
 April 9-10 Gun Show Fairgrounds Zanesville
 April 16-17 Gun Show Fairgrounds Medina
 April 16-17 Gun Show Fairgrounds Dayton
 April 23-24 Three Rivers BDC NSTRA Trial Buckeye Pheasants Hunting Preserve New Lebanon
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 May 19-20 Magic Valley Kennel Club Show Fairgrounds Marietta
 May 21-22 Gun Show Fairgrounds Lancaster
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 April 8 Greater Pittsburgh Area RGS Chapter Banquet Doubletree Hilton Mars
 April 9 Greater Allegheny PF Banquet Alpine Hunting & Fishing Club Bridgeville
 April 9-10 Gun Show Convention Center Monroeville
 April 9-10 Gun Show Fairgrounds Washington

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 April 9-10 Gun Show Easton
 April 9 Carlisle PA Cumberland Valley RGS Chapter Banquet Elks Lodge Camp Hill
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 April 7 Lakeshore Manitowoc DU Dinner City Limits Banquet Hall
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 April 9 Buffalo County DU Banquet Cochrane VFW
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 April 12 Columbus DU Dinner Country Club
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Forms of Resistance to a Trainer

By Risë VanFleet Ph.D CDBC

Sometimes resistance manifests itself in very obvious ways such as when a client skips classes or cancels appointments regularly. Clients might become openly defensive, hostile, or passive-aggressive, especially if they expect quick-fixes and then become disappointed or angry when they do not occur. More often, resistance is subtler. Some clients appear quite helpless and passive (passively non-compliant), expecting the trainer to provide inordinate amounts of time and attention to them without putting forth much effort themselves. It is also common for clients to attend sessions but fail to do any follow-up training or work with their dogs at home. Sometimes clients seem to be in denial, refusing to see serious problems in their dogs that could erupt in dangerous ways. Once you have identified a particular client behavior as resistant, it is vital to understand the underlying reasons or causes. Clients might resist the suggestions of dog trainers for several reasons including:

First, they might be skeptical of the value of dog training itself or of a specific dog training method (“pushing cookies,” for example). This can have its roots in cultural practices where independence and the “old ways” of doing things are valued. For example, one client told his trainer, “I’m just here because of her [referring to his wife]. Where I come from, you just walk the dog around the boundaries of your property and give a good yank if he goes on the other side. He’ll learn soon enough to stay in his yard. It’s how my father did it, and how I’ve always done it. Don’t see what’s wrong with that.” In a case like this, participating in obedience classes or consulting a behaviorist implies that the person was not capable of doing it himself, and there sometimes can be shame attached to that. Giving treats to obtain a behavior from a dog has cultural undertones—it’s molycoddling or bribing a dog who should automatically respect you. Even taking a dog to a veterinarian for check-ups or vaccinations might be considered an oddity for some people whose families have “always” kept their dogs outdoors and strictly for specific purposes, not viewing them as companions or pets. These can be long-held beliefs representing family traditions, and they do not change overnight. In essence, the clients simply do not view dogs the same way that trainers do, or they fail to see the value of training.

Second, some clients might feel uncomfortable with trainers or behaviorists who have more education than they do, or who seem to know so much more about dogs than they do. Although clients are not likely to say this, they still might feel it. Clients with limited educational experiences might be suspicious of those with college degrees. Clients who live in disadvantaged conditions might think that trainers cannot relate to the economic pressures they feel. If clients perceive differences in educational or economic status, they might resist trainer suggestions that don’t seem to “fit” with their living circumstances.

Third, resistance can occur when clients perceive that their problems are much worse than the suggested methods are designed to correct. One trainer, after explaining how she would proceed with an aggression case, heard her client say, “I don’t think you get it. This dog isn’t aggressive. He’s vicious!”

Fourth, some people resist authority of any kind, often linked with past bad experiences with authority figures. If the trainer comes across too strongly as an expert, telling the individual that she must do something, it can result in an immediate push-back by the client. This often has an oppositional quality to it—if you order me to do something, I will do the opposite.

Fifth, resistance often has roots in faulty information. Some clients enter the training or consulting relationship armed with ideas about dogs gleaned from television programs, online articles, or lessons learned at the knee of Uncle Jack who always had hunting dogs and knew how to work them.

When trainers suggest methods that seem to fly in the face of what the celebrity or Uncle Jack has said, they can be treading on delicate ground with the potential of creating cognitive dissonance, a concept that will be covered later in the book. Resistance in these cases sometimes takes the form of strengthening the individual’s belief in the misinformation in an effort to protect prior beliefs.

Sixth, clients sometimes have deep personal needs that result in resistance to training. One woman adopted a cute Bichon Frise mix from her local shelter. Although she did not know the precise history, she believed her dog had been abused because of his fearful reactions to new people. Intending to protect her dog from further harm, she carried him everywhere, accommodated his every desire, and immediately rushed to his aid at the slightest sign of distress. In essence, she was smothering the dog with her love and devotion. When her trainer first suggested that the dog could learn some new skills to help build his confidence, the woman resisted, “But he’s so afraid. I don’t think he can learn these things. I don’t want to put any pressure on him.” What

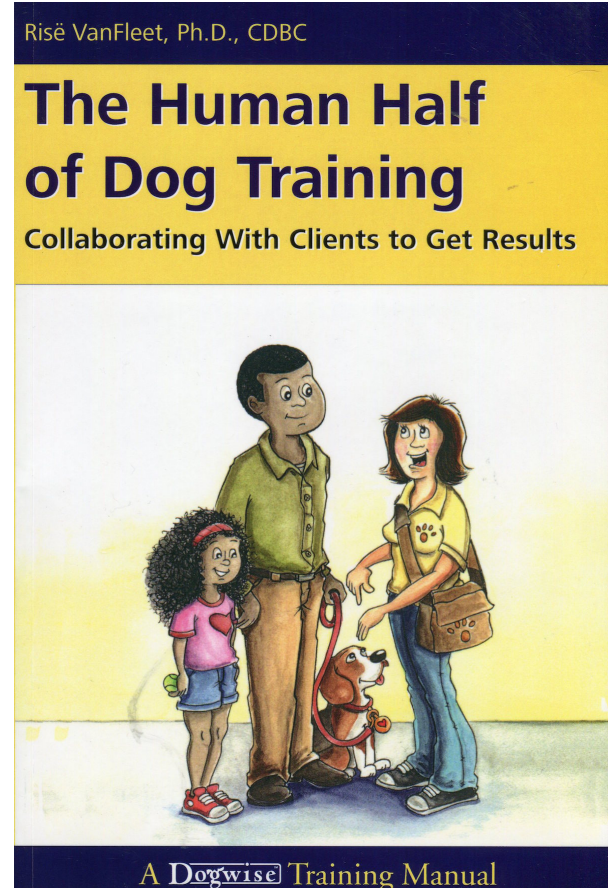
the trainer was suggesting was well within the dog’s safety zone, and the client’s protests were out of proportion to the suggestions. Eventually, the woman revealed that her husband had died just before she acquired the dog and that her only son had moved across the country. She had been immensely lonely and had poured her love and attention into the dog, needing to believe that the dog needed her just as much as she needed the dog.

dog without further demands on them. This expectation can be enhanced by the “quick fix” culture that exists in many places today.

Eighth, clients may not be “ready” to make changes. The concept of “readiness” refers to the process people go through before they take action. You might know that you need to get a new car. You put off the decision for several reasons—there is a lot to think about in terms of make and model, you need to save enough money, you need more time to go visit several dealers and take test drives, you need to look through the papers for used cars, you want to go online and read the consumer ratings of various cars—you don’t do anything because you’re not ready. Then something shifts in your life and you are motivated to take all the steps needed to acquire the new car. That shift might be from something vague and undefined—you wake up one morning motivated to purchase a car, or it might be something outside your control that alters your motivation current car breaks down and will cost a fortune to repair. This same process occurs for clients as they think about attending classes or contacting a behaviorist to help with a problem. Readiness is also a very individual thing. You or I might immediately seek help if one of our dogs bit someone. Other

people might think the first bite was an anomaly and don’t feel ready to seek help until two or three bites convince them that there is a pattern forming. You might scratch your head about such things, but readiness (motivation that compels action) is a uniquely personal process dependent on many factors, not all of which are fully understood.

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Seventh, clients might resist when they realize the commitment of time and money needed to train or correct problem behaviors in their dogs. Their expectations may not line up with the reality of what it will take to change their situation. Upon learning that the problem is more challenging than they realized, they might recoil. Others may resist any approach that requires their own participation, as most canine interventions do. For some, they have exhausted their own resources in trying numerous things to handle the situation themselves, and they simply do not have the energy to do anything further. They might have expected that the trainer could simply “fix” the

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Dogs Health

Types Of Cancer

By Lola Ball

The purpose of this chapter is not to provide a detailed analysis of all the types cancer a dog might possibly contract. There are many great books on the market that cover this material, written by veterinarians and others with extensive medical training. I have included several in the Resources section for those who want to do more research. Instead, the purpose of this chapter is to describe the most common kinds of cancer that are prevalent in dogs, ones you may encounter if your dog does indeed have cancer.

Generally speaking, the worst types of cancers are hemangiosarcomas or osteosarcomas, as these types have a tendency to be more aggressive or are discovered at more advanced stages. Therefore, treatment options may be limited depending on the location and quantity of the tumors. If the cancer is present in more than one area of the body, it is likely that the cancer has metastasized. This means that the cancer is aggressively and actively growing. It is more difficult to treat cancer successfully if it has progressed to this stage. One of the more successfully treatable forms of cancer is lymphoma, as it typically responds to traditional treatment methods more readily than some of the other types. That said, there are exceptions to every rule.

With my second canine cancer experience, by the time I knew anything was wrong, my dog had metastatic lesions on his liver and spleen, which is not a typical representation of the mast cell tumor cancer, he had. Remember that regardless of what we know about various types of cancer and how they manifest, there are exceptions to every rule.

Common types of canine cancer

Hemangiosarcoma. This is a cancer that occurs in areas where there are many blood vessels, for example, organs like the spleen and pancreas, or in the abdominal region. It often metastasizes to the liver.

Osteosarcomas. This is a cancer of the bone. It tends to appear on the long bones of the legs or the flat bones of the ribs, particularly in middle-aged dogs. It is more common in males than females and in larger breeds.

Testicular cancer. Cancer of the testes and, as such, affects only male dogs. Dogs that are neutered do not contract this type of cancer.

Mammary cancer. Cancer that affects the mammary glands in female dogs. Bitches who are spayed are less likely to develop this type of cancer. Just as with humans, it is possible for a male dog to have this type of cancer, but this happens infrequently. About half of mammary tumors are malignant. They may spread, especially to the lungs.

Melanoma. Skin and/or mouth cancer.

Mast cell tumor or "mastocytoma." This is a type of cancer most commonly found on the skin, but can also occur in the respiratory system (such as the lungs or the nose) or in the digestive tract (such as the stomach or intestines). It is the most common form of skin tumor in dogs, but

can manifest itself in a variety of ways. I recommend that any skin tumors or growths be removed from your dog be tested for cancer. If cancer cells are present, but not entirely removed, the cancer can grow and spread to other parts of the body unchecked. The most challenging aspect of the mast cells is that they have the potential to release large amounts of chemicals naturally found in the body such as histamine, heparin, proteolytic enzymes, etc. without any warning. This can cause what is known as a degranulation event. During a degranulation event, the dog's body is overwhelmed with this influx of chemicals, which can result in vomiting, internal bleeding, nausea, decreased appetite and even death. If your dog has this type of cancer, you must monitor him very carefully and bring him to an emergency clinic immediately if he becomes very lethargic or collapses.

My second canine cancer experience was with mast cell tumor cancer, and I was surprised that my veterinarian prescribed such over-the-counter drugs as Pepcid AC, an acid reducer, and Sudafed, an antihistamine. This made sense once I learned that these were prescribed to combat the effects of the degranulation events (see mast cell tumor section above) that my dog was experiencing. It also explained his intense nausea, which was treated with a prescription for Cerenia, an anti-nausea drug made especially for dogs. This made it possible for him to eat his daily meals. I also learned that prednisone, a steroid that is commonly used as part of most chemotherapy treatments, is also often prescribed for dogs with mast cell tumors. This is because prednisone will actually help to shrink the size of the tumors and provide some relief of the common symptoms I described, as well as increase energy and appetite. Be warned that prednisone also has side effects of increased thirst and urination, which can lead to incontinence. In addition, about 5% of dogs do not respond well to prednisone and experience worsened health. This was the case with my dog, who could hardly move after his first dose of prednisone. I stopped using it immediately. Whenever administering any new medication to your dog, keep a sharp watch for the first 24 hours so that you can monitor any adverse reactions and take appropriate action. That said, you should continue to monitor your dog's behavior and response to medication over time as well. Keeping a daily journal and documenting what your dog eats and drinks, as well as how he behaves, will help you to identify trends over time.

Lymphosarcoma (lymphoma). Lymph node cancer can occur wherever there are lymph nodes in the body. It is the most common type of cancer in dogs and also the most treatable, particularly if found early on. Remission is possible, often after chemotherapy treatment, but each subsequent remission is shorter. The average survival rate is only four to

six weeks with no treatment, and six to eleven months with chemotherapy. One of the interviews in Chapter 10 of this book contains a pet owner's experience with canine lymphoma, where the dog has been in remission for over two years.

Cancer location, grading and staging

As in humans, cancer can occur almost anywhere in a dog's body. Tumors can be located in many parts of the body including the brain, bladder, lungs, abdomen, spleen, stomach, pancreas, kidney, skin, lymph nodes, bone and blood. If your dog is diagnosed with a cancer, it is critical that you understand the type of cancer and learn what you can about its characteristics.

Tumors can be both graded and staged to indicate how severe the condition is. Grading defines how aggressive a malignant tumor is. (If the cancer has metastasized, or begun to spread to other parts of the body beyond the initial site of the tumor, then the grade is irrelevant.) Staging, typically expressed on a scale of one to four, indicates how much it has spread throughout the body. The higher the number, the more likely the tumor is more advanced or aggressive, or that it

rather than later? Cancer is definitely a case where the old adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," rings true. Chapter 7 contains a list of simple, no-nonsense ways in which you can make a best effort in preventing your dog from ever having cancer in the first place.

That said, what you need to be cognizant of are things that are out of the ordinary or non-characteristic for your dog. If your dog has always had a healthy appetite, and then suddenly loses interest in food, that is a warning sign. Or, if your dog has always been eager to take a walk, but lately would rather take a nap, this is another potential sign that something is awry. There are also physical differences that you should monitor, such as differences in the appearance of urine and stools. Has the color of urine changed to orange or red? Does blood appear in stools or are stools consistently malformed and runny, i.e., diarrhea, for significant periods of time? Is there an area of the body that is enlarged or not healing properly? Does your dog have a growth that seems to be increasing in size rapidly? While this is not a guarantee that a growth is cancerous, any fast growth should be investigated.

With my first dog who had cancer, the initial indication that anything was wrong was the red tinge I saw in his urine. By that time, however, the cancer had already metastasized. In the case of my second dog with cancer, the first unusual symptom he exhibited was vomiting after every meal. Since I did not know what was causing this until the ultrasound results were available, my veterinarian suspected that he was nauseous and he was given anti-nausea medicine (Cerenia). With that medication he was able to eat normally again, at least for a short while. After a few days, he stopped wanting to eat altogether. As you read through the personal stories in Chapter 10, you'll see that the initial symptoms ranged as follows:

- Wounds that would not heal and associated lameness.
- Persistent coughing
- Unusual growths or unexplained skin conditions
- Sudden appearance of seizures
- Sudden blindness
- Appearance of blood in urine
- Vomiting and lack of appetite
- Pain during normal everyday activities, like jumping or running
- Sensitivity during physical examination, i.e., rectal thermometer

In summary

Ensure you understand the following key points, as these will be most helpful to you in understanding your dog's diagnosis: Cancer type • Stage and grade of cancer • Location of cancer • Metastasis determination • General prognosis.

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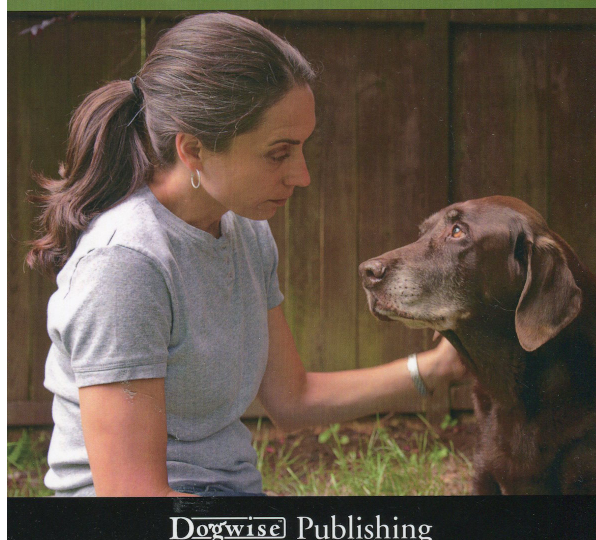
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has metastasized. In the case of benign tumors, your veterinarian may or may not advise surgery or other action, such as supplements or Chinese herbs. Some benign tumors may have a propensity to become malignant so, as with all decisions, you must weigh your situation individually.

Recognizing the signs

Cancer in general, whether in humans or dogs, is best caught in the early stages when it is more easily treatable and before it is allowed to spread to other organs. You may be able to save your dog's life in a situation that otherwise would have been terminal by knowing what to look for and keeping tabs on your dog's condition. It is a good idea to perform regular hands-on checks for growths or any abnormalities over your dog's body, including ears, eyes, nose, mouth, legs and tail. I regularly feel every inch of my dogs' bodies, so that I can easily recognize a new lump, skin tag or changes in existing lumps. To be honest, it is a good practice to perform this check on your own body as well; why not monitor your dog at the same time, so that you can catch changes or abnormalities sooner,

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Regular Goose Seasons Close Feb. 14, Conservation Order Opens

The last of the regular waterfowl seasons close in February when Canada, white-fronted and light goose seasons end Feb. 14. However, under the Spring Conservation Order, light geese are still in season Feb. 15 through April 30, 2016. Light geese include snow and Ross' geese.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service established the Conservation Order 16 years ago in an effort to use hunting to reduce the populations of light geese. The breeding population of mid-continent snow and Ross' geese is estimated to exceed 5 million birds, an increase of more than 300 percent since the 1970s. A population this high is seriously degrading and even destroying the fragile arctic tundra habitat where the birds traditionally nest, impacting not only light geese but a variety of shorebird species that also nest on the tundra.

Biologists believe the population has grown for several reasons, including changes in farming practices on the Great Plains that provide abundant food for the birds during both fall and spring migrations. Also, light geese are relatively long-lived as far as migratory birds go, 8-20 years, and they travel in very large flocks, making them difficult to hunt.

MINNESOTA

Public forum March 10 on non-toxic shot only on farmland WMAs

People interested in learning more about a possible requirement that only non-toxic shot be used on wildlife management areas in Minnesota's farmland zone can attend a public forum from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources headquarters cafeteria, 500 Lafayette Road, in St. Paul.

"This is the first time the public has had a chance to express their opinions in person about the proposal," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations program manager. "There often is no substitute for a face-to-face conversation about topics like this that generate strong interest."

During the meeting, attendees will see a brief DNR presentation explaining the possible non-toxic shot rule and reasons why the DNR may choose to enact it. Attendees will have the opportunity to make public comments at the forum as well as leave written comments.

The DNR received initial responses – both for and against – on the possible rule earlier this winter. Based on the strong interest about the proposal during this initial public comment phase, the DNR decided to further explore public views by hosting an in-person forum. Comments at the public forum will be considered when a decision on whether to move forward is made later this coming spring.

Information about non-toxic shot and the rule under consideration are available on the DNR website on the non-toxic shot page.

MISSOURI

MDC and Nature Conservancy offer prairie chicken viewing

Ancient prairie chicken mating rituals at sunrise on grassy "booming grounds" are rare, as this grassland



species is endangered in Missouri. But thanks to preservation and restoration efforts, this spring the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and The Nature Conservancy will offer a chance for people to view prairie chickens on the booming grounds at Dunn Ranch. Limited spots will be available for viewing from a blind, Thursdays through Sundays, March 31-April 24.

The Conservancy's Dunn Ranch Prairie and MDC's Pawnee Prairie Natural Area are center points in public-private partnerships to aid grassland birds, agriculture and natural life in the Grand River Grasslands. Both areas are west of Eagleville in Harrison County in northwest Missouri. The grassland partnerships extend across public and private land in both Iowa and Missouri.

A viewing blind on a lek, or booming ground, at Dunn Ranch will provide a prairie chicken viewing opportunity for the public. The birds mingle on the lek at dawn and the males do a courtship dance for the hens. Eight viewing spots are available per morning. Advance registration is required. The viewing is free.

To register for prairie chicken viewing, contact MDC's Northwest Regional Office in St. Joseph, 816-271-3100. Registration will open on March 1. Guests will be sent a registration packet with maps, times, notes about photography and instructions on what to bring.

NEBRASKA

Commission Reviews Draft of Pheasant Management Plan

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission reviewed a draft of a comprehensive pheasant management plan at its meeting Feb. 25 at Pheasant Bonanza Hunt Club and Kennel north of Tekamah. The Commission approved the concept of the proposed plan and will refine it.

The objective of the draft Nebraska Mega Plan is to produce the best pheasant hunting experiences for the most people over the next five years.

The plan's goals are to increase pheasant abundance, increase the pool

of potential pheasant hunters and access to land holding pheasants, manage hunters' expectations, and improve the funding and policy environment related to pheasant management.

Eight multi-county areas were selected within the state to focus efforts for habitat management and hunter access. Those areas are within the northern Panhandle, southern Panhandle, central Platte River,

northeast, southeast, south central, southwest, and central parts of Nebraska, and the plan details desired improvements on both public and private lands in each area. Beyond the significant contributions needed from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's conservation programs, full implementation of the habitat and hunter access improvements identified for all areas would require an additional \$5.9 million annually for the next five years.

NORTH DAKOTA

Spring Light Goose Migration Updates

North Dakota spring light goose hunters can track general locations of geese as birds make their way through the state.

Hunters are able to call 701-328-3697 to hear recorded information 24 hours a day. Migration reports are also posted on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov. Updates will be provided as migration events occur, until the season ends or geese have left the state.

North Dakota's spring light goose season opened Feb. 20 and continues through May 15.

Residents must have a valid current season 2015-16 (valid through March 31) or 2016-17 (required April 1) combination license; or a small game, and general game and habitat license. The 2016-17 license is available for purchase beginning March 15.

Nonresidents need a 2016 spring light goose season license. The cost is \$50 and the license is good statewide. Nonresidents who hunt the spring season remain eligible to buy a fall season license. The spring season does not count against the 14-day fall waterfowl hunting season regulation.

Midwinter Waterfowl Survey

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's annual midwinter waterfowl survey in early January indicated a record 222,890 Canada geese in the state.

Andy Dinges, migratory game bird biologist, said an estimated 109,820 Canada geese were observed on the Missouri River, and another 25,370 were scattered on Nelson Lake in Oliver County. Lake Sakakawea, which is typically iced-over in early January but had substantial open

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water during this year's survey, had 87,395 geese on the lake itself. Dinges said after summarizing the numbers, an additional 15,440 mallards were tallied statewide.

"Little snow accumulation occurred up to the survey date and the availability of food should have been good," Dinges said. "Overall, wintering conditions were excellent."

The first large waves of migrating waterfowl, according to Dinges, occurred during the first two weeks in November. Cold conditions during the third week of November pushed many waterfowl through the state.

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION APPLAUDS BILL TO INCREASE LICENSE FEES

Senate bill proposes \$10 increase in cost of resident hunting or furtaker license.

Legislation that would authorize Pennsylvania's first hunting-license fee increase in more than 17 years – critical funding for the state's wildlife and the future of hunting and trapping – was introduced Friday in the state Senate.

Senate Bill 1148 of 2015, which is sponsored by Sen. Chuck McIlhinney, R-Bucks County; and cosponsored by Sen. Jim Brewster, D-Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, Sen. Richard Alloway II, R-Adams, Cumberland, Franklin and York counties; and Sen. Mario Scavello, R-Monroe and Northampton counties, would increase the fee for a resident general hunting or furtaker license by \$10, from \$19 to \$29.

Resident and nonresident junior and senior license fees would not be increased under the proposal.

But fees for a number of other resident and nonresident licenses, including bear, antlerless deer and archery licenses, also would be increased if the bill becomes law.

HUNTERS REMINDED TO REPORT HARVESTED BANDED PHEASANTS

About 5,500 stocked ringnecks wore "jewelry" during the past hunting season to assess harvest rates.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is finalizing a study to assess harvest rates of ring-necked pheasants raised on game farms, then released to provide hunting opportunities in Pennsylvania.

Game Commission wildlife biometrician Josh Johnson said about 5,500 pheasants were banded before release on public lands last fall.

It's crucial for the success of this study that hunters report leg band information from harvested birds, or even from those found dead from other causes, by March 31, 2016, by calling the toll-free number on the band.

Johnson said he's pleased with the reporting response so far, as more than 2,000 bands have been reported.

"We thank all the dedicated hunters who have taken the time to report their pheasant bands. Reporting bands provides important information that will be used to assess future stocking strategies, and it shows support for the pheasant stocking program," he said.

A similar study on pheasant harvest rates was conducted in the fall of 1998. That study found about 50 percent of pheasants stocked by the Game Commission were harvested.

Since then, however, many changes to pheasant-stocking strategies have been implemented. These changes aim for higher harvest rates, but harvest rates have not been evaluated since the changes took place.

Results from this current study will shed further light to redefine the pheasant-stocking program.

A report summarizing the analyzed data from the leg bands should be available this fall.

PROPOSED 2016-17 HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

RUFFED GROUSE: Oct. 15–Nov. 26, Dec. 12-24 and Dec. 26-Jan. 21 (2 daily, 6 possession).

PHEASANT: Special season for eligible junior hunters, with or without required license – Oct. 8-15 (2 daily, 6 in possession). Male pheasants only in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B. Male and female pheasants may be taken in all other WMUs. There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in any Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas in any WMU.

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BOBWHITE QUAIL: Oct. 22-Nov. 26 (4 daily, 12 possession). (Closed in 5A, open in all other WMUs.

SOUTH DAKOTA

GFP Finalizes the 2016 Duck and goose Seasons

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission finalized two waterfowl hunting seasons. Both the duck and goose seasons were finalized with no proposed changes from 2015.

2016 Duck Season

High Plains Zone: October 8, 2016 - January 12, 2017

Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle Zone: September 24 - December 6, 2016

Low Plains South Zone: October 8 - December 20, 2016

The duck limit may be comprised of no more than: five mallards (which may include no more than two hens), three wood ducks, three scaup, two redheads, two pintails, and two canvasbacks. Two bonus blue-winged teal may be taken in the first 16 days of each season. Fifteen coots and five mergansers (which may include no more than two hooded mergansers). The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for ducks.

2016 Goose Season

Light Geese

Statewide: September 24 - December 18, 2016 , Daily Limit: 50, Possession Limit: Unlimited

White-Fronted Geese

Statewide: September 24 - December 18, 2016, Daily Limit: 2 , Possession Limit: Three times the daily limit.

Canada Geese (and Brant) - see map below for unit information.

Unit 1: October 1 - December 18, 2016, Daily Limit: 8, Possession Limit: Three times the daily limit.

Unit 2: October 31, 2016 February 12, 2017, Daily Limit: 4, Possession Limit: Three times the daily limit.

Unit 3: January 14-22, 2017, Daily Limit: 4, Possession Limit: Three times the daily limit.

- See more at: <http://gfp.sd.gov/news/news/march/4.aspx#sthash.d11OR59X.dpuf>

GFP proposes early goose hunting season and August management take

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission proposed the 2016 early goose hunting season with two changes from 2015; changing the start date of the season from Sept. 1 to the first Saturday in September and to modify the boundaries of Units 1 and 2 by adding portions of Yankton, Clay and Union counties near the Missouri River to Unit 2. To view current and proposed unit boundaries, visit <http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/default.aspx>.

Only areas in Unit 1 are open to the early fall Canada goose season, which would run from Sept. 3-30 in 2016 and Sept. 3-30 in 2017. This season has a proposed daily limit of 15 and a possession limit of 45.

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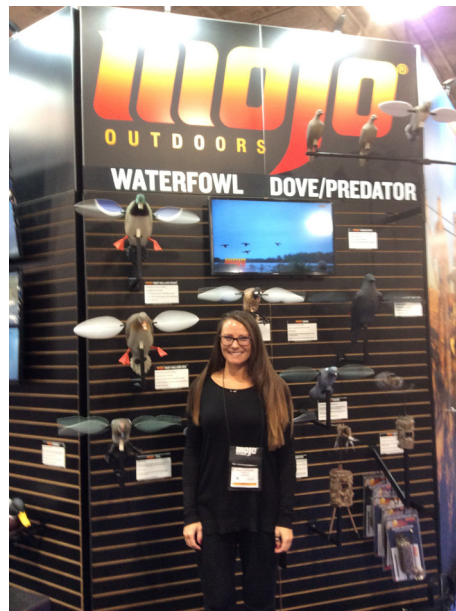
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How Bad Are Guns? As Bad as Tobacco, According to the Violence Policy Center By Larry Keane

The Violence Policy Center led by its founder, Josh Sugarmann, would be more correctly called the "Anti-Gun Advocacy Center." Sugarmann was, in fact, the communications director for the accurately named National Coalition to Ban Handguns. But that's way too straightforward sounding these days.

So, in contrast, "Violence Policy Center" sounds a whole lot better, non-controversial even. All reasonable people abhor violence of any kind. But this organization does not study actual causes of violence or the various types of violent crime. That's because its leader see guns as a cause not an instrumentality in criminality, and has a demonstrated record of misrepresenting data, cherry picking facts and distorting information in furtherance of his one real goal - gun control by any and all means.

Sugarmann is lead author of his organization's latest propaganda exercise called "Start Them Young," covered recently by the New York Times and which is an assault on the firearms industry, to be sure. But it is equally an attack on Americans who see nothing wrong with introducing their children to supervised recreational

target shooting. In Sugarmann's view to do so is to entice a new generation into an unhealthy and inherently dangerous activity.

But it's worse than that, of course, the firearms industry is following in the time-honored tradition of another great American boogeyman, the tobacco industry, and seeking to addict youngsters to a life-time of psychopathological shooting and deadly firearms purchases. You see, we have to replace our aging and dying customer base at any cost.

We have to remember that it was Josh Sugarmann who bragged about inventing the "assault weapon" moniker as a way to confuse the public into thinking that semi-automatic sporting rifles were much the same as machine guns so it would be easier to ban them.

This report is a polemic and is so biased that it will appeal mostly to a hard-left anti-gun political audience. However, since our organization has been called out, along with the NRA (of course), our manufacturer companies and even the Junior Shooters website and magazine, we are going to respond without arguing every mistaken assumption and purposeful misrepresentation.

Sugarmann writes that our industry makes certain firearms to appeal to children to take up the shooting. It's quite the opposite. Since children cannot buy their own guns, it is parents and other responsible relatives who seek firearms appropriately sized for their young charges as they introduce them to a lifetime of

safe recreational target shooting. They have created the market and it has been going on for decades. That a greater variety of models and colors (heaven forbid) are available is an indictment of progress in consumer choice across all products categories.

The statistics are on our side. Firearms sales are at record highs, even as the use of guns in violent crimes has been on a two-decade long downward trend (FBI) and accidents with firearms are the lowest since record-keeping began (National Safety Council). So introduction of more firearms, let alone those actually designed to be more easily handled by youngsters under adult supervision, certainly has not increased the danger for youth safely learning to safely and responsibly use firearms.

As for that aging and dying demographic, women, parents of youth, and an increasing ethnically diverse customer base are purchasing firearms and keeping ranges busy. In fact, competitive shooting is the fastest growing high school sport in the United States

Here's the worst part of Sugarmann's polemic. Youth shooting sports are among the safest of activities. But to him, the skills learned are a gateway to crime and suicide. Is there evidence for that? No, of course there's not. It would be a stunning leap in illogic for most human beings to make, but it's not too much for a master propagandist to pen.

The answer (surely you saw this coming) is for a tobacco- industry level of scrutiny, marketing restrictions and regulation. Yes, he hates guns that much and wants to take that page right from that regulatory playbook.

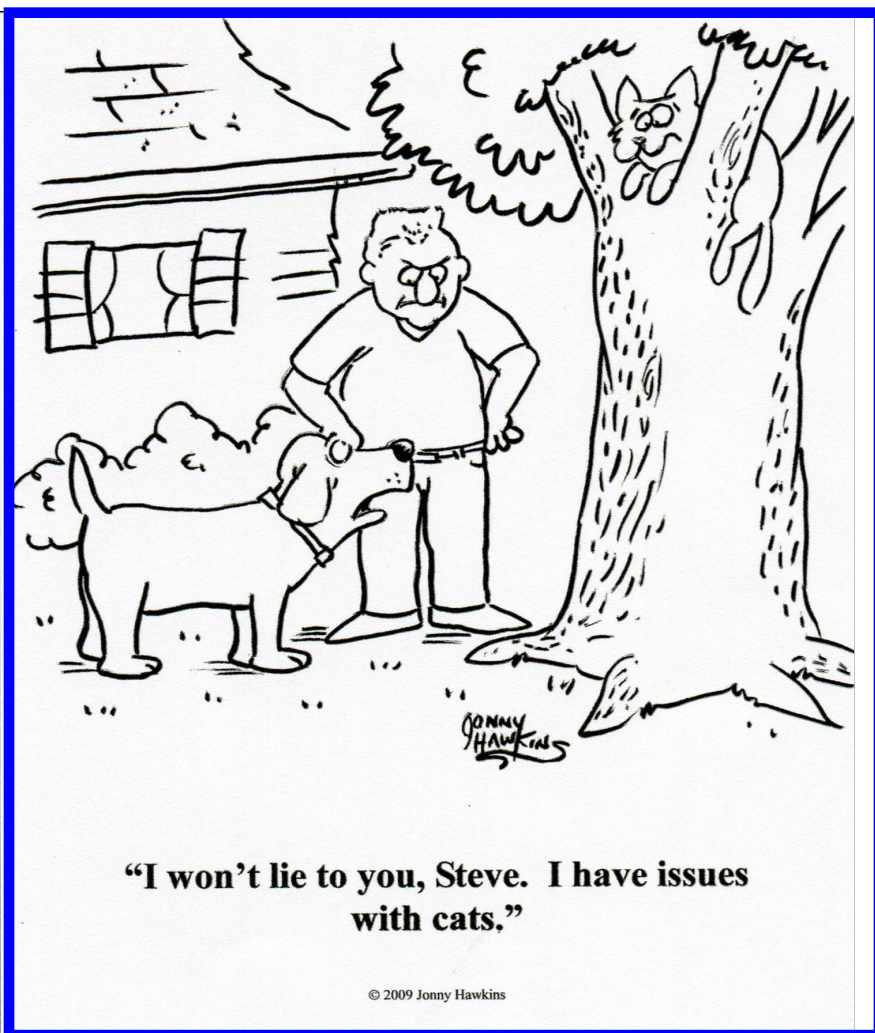
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