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AKC               American Kennel Club www.akc.org
GWPA              German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America www.gwpcac.com
GWPCNC            German Wirehaired Pointer Club of N. California www.gwpcnc.9f.com
NAVHDA            N. American Versatile Hunting Dog Association www.navhda.org
OFA               Orthopedic Foundation For Animals www.offa.org
VHDF              Versatile Hunting Dog Federation www.vhdf.org

German Wirehair Alliance - www.wirehairalliance.com
(promoting and safeguarding the breed)
Membership

Welcome New Members:

Cliff & Joan Thomas
Happy “Belated” Birthday Mildred.... April 17th
(thank you Janet Levy for the birthday picture)
Submitted by Sharon Jahn

Many of our new club members have not had the opportunity of meeting Mildred Revell. I, along with other early members, consider her the “matriarch” of our club, so am including a little history about Mildred’s involvement in the early years of the GWP. Mildred was recognized at the 2006 GWP Nationals Awards Banquet with an Award of Appreciation. The following information is reprinted from the winter 2006 Wire News: “...Her first Wirehair in 1969, an anniversary gift from her husband, convinced Mildred that the GWP was the breed for her. Prior to the acquisition of the first Wirehair, CH Weidenhugel Anniversary, Mildred bred German Shorthairs under the Weidenbach prefix, but quickly found she preferred the Wirehairs – and so the Weidenhugel prefix was created to distinguish the GWPs from the Shorthairs. Wirehairs were a rarity when Anniversary began her show career, and seeing two or three in the ring was the norm for the day. In spite of this, Anniversary received her title rather quickly, received an OFA clearance, and Mildred was ready to breed. She chose as a stud Betty Stroh’s CH Hilltop Honey’s Beau Brummel, a Connecticut dog. Therefore, CH Weidenhugel Anniversary became Mildred’s foundation bitch, producing out of that first litter two more Weidenhugel Champions: CH Weidenhugel Artemis V Beau, and CH Weidenhugel Aramis V Beau. The goals for that first litter hold true for Mildred’s breeding program today: structural soundness, temperament, and coat. Ever analytical, in the 1980’s Mildred imported an 8-week-old puppy from Holland, Nico V D Bemmeraue. Nico’s legacy appeared in improved teeth and jaw structure, temperament, and that wonderful Weidenhugel Wirehair coat. Mildred’s quest to improve the breed, her boundless curiosity, and amazing energy fuel her enthusiasm for life in general, and in Wirehairs in particular!”

Notes from Sharon Jahn:
I met Mildred in 1984, when I first transitioned from GSPs to GWPs. I got my second GWP, Maddie (Weidenhugel Eclipse v Lampo) from Mildred. And now, I have Jetta (Weidenhugel Jetta v Treff), from her last litter. Mildred now has just one dog left at the kennel. Yankee serves as her guard dog and reminder of her dedication to the breed. She stopped attending shows a few years ago, but still has an “eye” for the breed. Mildred has an incredible outlook on life and imparts those wonderful tidbits of humor into her musings. In years past, our club Specialty was held in conjunction with shows in April, so we would celebrate Mildred’s birthday at the shows (everyone loves a party, so no excuses needed). Silke’s comments below best describe the “matriarch” of our club – Mildred Revell.... Thank you Mildred for being such a great friend and mentor.

Notes from Silke Alberts:
I have known Mildred since 1968, when I got my first GSP. I joined the Shorthair Club then and soon was involved in the running of it. Mildred was the driving force then and always had the most wonderful keen and absolutely clear eye for the conformation of the dog as well as the "complete" function of the Club. She knew what the goal was and always helped every person to understand that, if they wanted to learn. With the Wires, when she got her first dog Anniversary, she really got in the breed. She contacted Betty Stroh, a driving...
force in the GWPs then, and bred Annie to Beau Brummel. That started her involvement in our beloved breed. Over the years, she has mentored anybody that wanted to know anything about the Wires. Not only did she help us with the dogs, she also gave us a better understanding of life and all its ups and downs, so we could cope better. Her clear vision of subjects made her a wonderful friend to consult and talk to. Side note: We hope to get a ride for Mildred so she can attend our June 2013 Specialty, since she still loves to see the future GWPs. If she does attend the Specialty, please introduce yourself to her. Mildred loves to meet new people and see new dogs.
Gunner finished his Junior Hunter Title at the Sutter Butters Hunt Test in April.

Special congrats to Debbie a novice handler that has embraced the sport. We hope to see more of Debbie and Gunner in the field.
Four Oaks Farm's Bang Zoom Straight To The Moon JH (Alice)

Alice finished her Junior Hunter Title at the Sutter Buttes Hunt Test with handler Francis Marsh
Mac in owned, trained and loved by Jeff and Wendy Long-Brandt

Mac won the Amateur Derby at the GWPCNC Field Trial. There was a field of 18 dogs, so he has all of his Derby Points out of the way. He also passed his Water Test the same day.

After winning the Derby, Jeff asked where do we go from here!
Mac in only 15 months old, so he is going to take some time to play and hunt and then start training for Master Hunter Mac is out of CH. Weidenhugel Hope V Joey, so for two reasons he has a very special place in our hearts. His mother lives with us and I was part of his whelping team.

*We want to express our thanks: To Cindy, thank you for your encouragement to get out and do things with our dog other than hunt and love him; To Fran and Diane, thank you for mentoring us through tests, trials and dog shows. We are constantly asking your advice and picking your brains. Without all of you, we wouldn't have been able to have so much fun and success. (We hear now the real work begins so prepare yourselves for more questions.)*

Wendy & Jeff

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**Mac**

Note only is Mac a excellent hunting dog & field dog, he is also a terrific landscaper. (see photo above)
CH. Surefire's Thorny Little Secret JH (Briar)

If you remember, Briar was in a video advertisement for Blue Buffalot dog food. Well, now they are using her picture in printed advertising.

Briar, owned and loved by Joan and Andy Payton

L to R: L.D., Shine, Brew & Junior
Happy 13th Birthday Brew!
New Champion

CH. HH Lookout Field Marshal
(Handled by Kathi Boyd)
owned by Cynthia Heiller DVM & Kathi Boyd

First Major

Weidenhugel Morgan V Gus
(Handled by Kathi Boyd)
owned by Cynthia Heiller DVM & Kathi Boyd)
In memoriam:
CH/IntCh/NatCh Weidenhugel Vixen v Einer, MH, CGC

"Lexi"

She had a good run and swim today, before finding some pheasants – what a good girl and a good way to end the day. She can now join her mother, Brie, and hunt to her heart’s content.

Farewell my hunting buddy. You will be missed by your son, Treff, your granddaughter, Jetta, and me.

—Sharon Bloom Jahn
Tips for hunting turkey’s from blinds
BY BILL MAYS
Wing & Clay Editor

Hunting turkeys from blinds have been very rewarding for me and many of my hunting friends. As I have gotten up in age, it got very uncomfortable sitting without moving for hours on end waiting for Mr. Long beard to show up. I also have my grandchildren hunting at young ages and I don’t have to worry about them staying perfectly still in the blind.

The first tip is if you are using a blind that has black insides, wear black clothing and black your face. When you are in all black, you can open the blind opening wider and the turkeys will not pick-up the movement inside the blind. I use the Double Bull Blind by Primos when I take the grand kids for the extra room inside the blind. I also use the Double Bull Blind when I am archery hunting for the extra room as well. When I am shooting turkeys with a shotgun and have to travel a long ways to set up, I use a smaller blind.

When blind hunting, I have scouted in advance and know which direction the turkeys will be traveling. I always place the decoys facing the blind so the face the decoys. When a turkey hangs up chery range, most of the time it’s be- In a natural situation the gobbler gobbles see the hen or Jake decoy facing him he turn to face the decoy within gun or ar-the blind where the turkey wants to be ok. It is not necessary to put the blind up pasture, do not set the blind up the day
gobbler will have to pass in front of the blind to and doesn’t want to come within gun or ar-cause the decoys are facing the incoming bird, and the hen will come to him. When he can’t will walk in to make eye contact and make the chery range 10-15 yards from the blind. Place and in the middle of a pasture with no cover is in advance. If there are cattle grazing in the or night before, the cattle will destroy the blind.

Blind hunting for turkeys is very relaxing and exciting, just don’t move around a lot when the birds are coming in, only whisper when talking in the blind, and keep it down to a dull roar. Good Hunting!
Trained-Dog Buyers Should Know What They're Getting Into
By Pierre Urrutia

Have you ever thought about buying a "started" or "finished" bird dog? If this is something you're considering, you need to know beforehand precisely what it is you want, and also what you're getting from the seller.

A ‘STARTED’ DOG-should be one that's had exposure to both game birds and gunfire.

I've dealt with people who expected more from a started dog than what they got. One of the issues is that "started" has such a broad spectrum of definitions, depending on the individual seller. It can mean anything from a dog that's just been introduced to birds and has had a little bit of field-obedience work to one that's had considerably more training and has also been introduced to gunfire. The age range of the dog could be anywhere from about 8 months to 2 years.

For me, a started dog has been shot over and has retrieved some birds, but just doesn't have any real hunting experience. The age range is usually 10 to 15 months.

Make sure you have an opportunity to look at the dog and see what it does, and be real clear with the seller as to exactly what you're expecting from it. If you're buying it sight unseen – having seen only photographs or perhaps a video of the dog in action – make sure there's some type of recourse if it turns out to be not what you wanted or if it's not an animal that'll fit comfortably into your household. Perhaps you'll be offered a trial period and the seller will take the dog back if you're not satisfied.

If I sell a finished dog, it'll have been exposed to a significant number of wild birds. You're probably looking at a dog that's a minimum of 3 years old and has at least a couple of seasons of actual hunting experience. A 10-or 12-month-old dog might have had a lot of training, but how much real-world hunting experience could it actually have? A finished dog should be able to competently handle wild birds as well as pen-raised birds at a preserve or club.

It's a good idea to find out why the owner is selling the dog. There are good deals to be had – a trainer may have to unload one or more just because he or she has too many. Don't be too skeptical just because the price seems low – that may not have anything to do with the quality of the dog and you could end up getting a great bargain.

Pierre Urrutia is a full-time trainer who specializes in training pointing dogs for hunting, hunt tests and field trials. He can be reached by calling (530) 680-0312. To visit his website, go to www.diamonpgundogs.com.
Please check back frequently for GWP's in need of re-homing. You may also wish to check [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and the National site, [www.gwpcan.com](http://www.gwpcan.com) for available (and appreciative) GWP's

**GWPCNC Rescue** places Wirehairs who find themselves in need of a new forever home. Prior to being released for adoption, these GWP's will have been examined by a Veterinarian, had any necessary medical treatment, spayed or neutered, and, if over 6 months old, tested for Heartworm. All vaccinations will have been updated and all Rescues, puppies included, are micro-chipped prior to adoption.

Each will be assessed to determine the best possible opportunities for a successful placement.

Many of our dogs have had basic obedience training and have been family members. Their age ranges from puppy to senior. They come with all manner of life experiences and levels of training, from lonely isolated back yard dogs to finished show champions and personal hunting companions, and everything in between.

**Dr. Cindy Heiller, DVM**, is the GWPCNC Rescue Chairman. She may be reached via email: gwpdoc@sbcglobal.net or by phone at **The Haven Kennel**: (707) 528-2627.
GWP's in need of re-homing may also be viewed at:

www.gwpenc.9f.com (German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Northern CA Club)

www.thehavenkennel.8m.com (Dr. Heiller's Kennel in Santa Rosa, CA)

www.gwpca.com (National GWP Organization; the GWP Parent Club)

www.petfinder.com (A national animal rescue group)

PILOTS and PAWS

PILOTS and PAWS is an organization with a mission of mercy--to save animals in shelters from death row. Pilots donate their time, planes, and fuel to transport animals from overcrowded shelters to rescue. PILOTS and PAWS works entirely on volunteerism and donations via its website: http://pilotsnpaws.org/ More rescue tales, videos, maps, and news articles may be viewed on the site.
The Haven provides quality care and comfortable living quarters for all residents. Please feel free to call and setup an appointment to inspect our facilities, before deciding to board with us.

The Haven is also the headquarters for the Northern California German Wire-haired Pointer Rescue Program
Jonnee taking a break from her kids (March 11th)

WELPED 2/21/2013 3 GIRLS & 3 BOYS

Breeders: Robert & Debra Lewis  707-447-1172
DC Jonnee Blue JH (Jonnee)
Chic #79684
DC Dual Shot’s Behind Bars (Sarge)
Chic #72893

These are 4 of Jonnee’s 6 puppies. You can see why she needed a rest!!!
**Whelped March 11, 2013**
Breeder: Cynthia Heiller, DVM  707-528-2725

5 girls  1 boy
CH. Weidenhugel Becca V Blitz JH (Becca)
DC Wildwings Shamless  (Gus)

**Whelped March 16, 2013**
Breeder: Cynthia Heiller, DVM  707-528-2725

3 boys  & 1 girl
CH. Weidenhugel Ava V Jessie
DC Nyranskov’s H. Hector CGC (Sep)

**Whelped April 18, 2013**
Breeder: Silke Alberts  707-644-8068

4 girls & 3 boys all healthy and doing fine. Fie is doing great
CH. Solvraevens (Fie)
VC Griff's Viking Chewbacca "Snup"
Pippa from the "P" litter
7 weeks
The 2013 Golden State Spring Sieger will be held at **Contra Costa County Fairgrounds** in Antioch, CA. This show will be outdoors. We will be setting up on Friday afternoon so if you plan on setting up early, please wait until we begin our setup first. The Show Roster will be updated periodically as entries come in and the Show Schedule will be available within a few days of the show closing. You can enter our show online or via fax or mail.

**Show Information:**

- **Dates**: June 15 & 16, 2013
- **Location**: [Contra Costa County Fairgrounds](http://www.conPOSITin.coCTastorte.com/)
  - Address: 1201 W 10th St, Antioch, CA 94509
  - Building/Location Name: Front Park
  - Facility Type: Outdoor, Grass and Trees
- **Closing Date**: June 7, 2013 at 6pm Pacific
  - Regular entry fees are $31/show
  - Late Entries: Late entries will be taken until June 13, 2013 at 6pm Pacific.
    - Late fees are $12/show
- **Judging Panel will include**: 
  - TBA A - CAN
  - TBA B - Int & USA
  - TBA C - USA
  - TBA D - USA
- **Show Committee**:
  - Superintendent - Jeff Bridegum
  - Superintendent's Assistant - TBA
  - Chief Rig Steward - TBA
- **Local Pet-Friendly Hotels (by distance)**:
  - Days Inn & Suites Antioch (0.4mi)
  - Hampton Inn & Suites Pittsburg (2.6mi)
- **Other Info**:
  - Photographer - TBA
  - Overnight RV Parking:
    - Book RV parking through [Contra Costa County Fairgrounds](http://www.conPOSITin.coCTastorte.com/)

Updated: 05/15/2013
**General Information:**

*Show Notes:

We have four shows each weekend, two shows per day. Each show will be under a different judge. If a dog does well (gets the top score each show), an adult dog can earn an International Title in three shows. Puppies can earn a National Puppy Title in three shows; a fourth show would give that puppy an International Puppy Title (four puppy shows = both Nat and Int puppy titles).

**Judging Schedule Notes:**

- Dogs may be asked to be judged before their times scheduled but CANNOT be required to do so.
- Group times CAN be called early.
- Best in Show times CAN be called early.
- Best in Show ring numbers will be announced at the show.
- All Ring times and numbers are subject to change.
- Junior Handler exhibition will be on Sunday during lunch. Check at the front desk on Sunday for more details. Day of show entries for juniors are welcome.
I dialed '0' to check this out, and the operator confirmed that this was correct, so please pass it on.. (I also checked out snopes.com and truthorfiction.com This is true, and also applies to cell phones!)

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician (could also be Telus) who was conducting a test on the telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up. Luckily, I was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number. I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons. DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE...

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW.

After checking with Verizon they also said it was true, so do not dial 90# for anyone !!!!! PLEASE HIT THAT FORWARD BUTTON AND PASS THIS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!!
Preparing for an Emergency Evacuation

We want to share our evacuation kit so you can prepare for each of your furry friends.

1. Make sure each pet has an updated **ID Tag & Registered Microchip**.
2. Prepare a basic pet care kit - Two week supply of food & water, medications, medical records, carrier, and leash. Keep it near the front door for easy access.
3. Know which friends, relatives, hotels, boarding facilities will accept your pets in an emergency.
4. Keep current photos of your pets in your phone or wallet.

As the weather is getting warmer, it's important to know the signs of a Heat Stroke:

- Heavy panting and being unable to calm down, even when lying down.
- Your pet's gums may be brick red, they may have a fast pulse rate, or they may not be able to get up.
- If you think your pet has a heat stroke, take their temperature rectally. If the temperature is above 105 degrees Fahrenheit, you should cool your animal down by moving to a cool place in the shade or in an air-conditioned room.
- If your pet is unsteady on its feet and you have moved it to a cooler location, you can start cooling it by placing cool water on the feet. Rubbing alcohol on the skin of your pet's stomach (with a fan blowing on the pet) can also aid in cooling.
- While these steps are in progress, have someone call your veterinarian so that they can determine if you should bring your pet in for treatment.
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CoolK9 is a dog crate cooling system that installs in just a few minutes to a vehicle’s air conditioning vent and directs conditioned cool or warm air back to your crate, wire kennel, carrier, barrier or police K9 enclosure. CoolK9 keeps dogs comfortable, safe and at top performance!

According to a study done by a police K-9 unit, CoolK9 keeps the rear area of a police car at least 10 to 12 degrees cooler! CoolK9 is your complete dog crate cooling system. CoolK9 is a dog crate cooling system that installs in just a few minutes to a vehicle’s air conditioning vent and directs conditioned cool or warm air back to your crate, wire kennel, carrier, barrier or police K9 enclosure. CoolK9 keeps dogs comfortable, safe and at top performance!

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Dogs and Chocolate: Get the Facts
Most of us have heard that chocolate can make dogs sick. But how serious is the risk?

By Salynn Boyles
WebMD Pet Health Feature
Reviewed by Amy Flowers, DVM

If your canine companion is more family member than pet, you may be in the habit of sharing the foods your family loves with him. Although some people foods are fine in moderation, this is definitely not the case with chocolate. Chocolate can sicken and even kill dogs, and it is one of the most common causes of canine poisoning, veterinarians tell WebMD. Veterinarian Michelle DeHaven says the worst case of chocolate poisoning she ever saw happened when some owners fed their eight-pound poodle a pound of chocolate on his birthday. “We had to treat the dog with fluids and anti-seizure medication for five days,” says DeHaven, who practices in Smyrna, Ga. “Every time we stopped the meds he would start seizuring again. You wouldn’t feed a kid a pound of chocolate, but they fed it to a small dog.”

No amount of chocolate is OK for your dog to consume. Dark chocolate and baker’s chocolate are riskiest; milk and white chocolate pose a much less serious risk.

What Makes Chocolate Poisonous to Dogs?
Chocolate is made from cocoa, and cocoa beans contain caffeine and a related chemical compound called theobromine, which is the real danger. The problem is that dogs metabolize theobromine much more slowly than humans, Denver veterinarian Kevin Fitzgerald, PhD, tells WebMD. “The buzz we get from eating chocolate may last 20 to 40 minutes, but for dogs it lasts many hours,” he says. “After 17 hours, half of the theobromine a dog has ingested is still in the system.” Theobromine is also toxic to cats, but there are very few reported cases of theobromine poisoning in felines because they rarely eat chocolate. Dogs, on the other hand, will eat just about anything.

Even small amounts of chocolate can cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs. Truly toxic amounts can induce hyperactivity, tremors, high blood pressure, a rapid heart rate, seizures, respiratory failure, and cardiac arrest.

Dogs and Chocolate: How Much is Too Much?
The more theobromine a cocoa product contains, the more poisonous it is to your dog. Unsweetened baker's chocolate contains about 390 milligrams of theobromine per ounce -- about 10 times more than milk chocolate and more than twice as much as semi-sweet chocolate. White chocolate contains very little theobromine. According to the Merck Veterinary Manual, one ounce of milk chocolate per pound of body weight is potentially lethal.

But the real danger lies with dark chocolate. Merck warns that deaths have been reported with theobromine doses as low as 115 milligrams per kilogram (2.2 pounds) of body weight.

So 20 ounces of milk chocolate, 10 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate, and just 2.25 ounces of baking chocolate could potentially kill a 22-pound dog, Fitzgerald says. Serious toxic reactions can occur with ingestion of about 100 to 150 milligrams of theobromine per kilogram of body weight.

That means:
- A 9-pound dog could be expected to show symptoms of chocolate toxicity after eating 1 ounce of baking chocolate, 3 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate, or 9 ounces of milk chocolate.
- A 27-pound dog might have such symptoms after eating 3 ounces of baking chocolate, 9 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate, and 27 ounces of milk chocolate.
- A 63-pound dog might exhibit symptoms after eating 7 ounces of baking chocolate, 21 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate, or 63 ounces of milk chocolate.
“In 27 years of practice, I’ve seen two dogs die from eating chocolate,” says Fitzgerald, who appears regularly on Animal Planet’s hit show *Emergency Vets*. “Both were under 20 pounds, both were elderly and both ate baking chocolate in very large amounts.” Although most people would not eat a 4-ounce bar of bitter-tasting baking chocolate, this is not true of dogs, he says. “Dogs experience the world through tasting it, and they are gorgers,” he says. “Baking chocolate tastes good to them.”

**Your Dog Ate Chocolate: Now What?**

DeHaven, who owns Cumberland Animal Clinic in Smyrna, says she typically gets two to three calls a month from owners whose dogs have eaten chocolate. When an owner calls, she asks how much and what kind of chocolate the dog has eaten and the dog’s weight. “If a 60-pound golden retriever eats a bag of Hershey’s kisses, there isn’t too much to worry about,” she says. “The dog will probably have a stomachache, but not much else.”

After eating a potentially toxic dose of chocolate, dogs typically develop diarrhea and start vomiting. If the dog isn't vomiting on its own, the vet may advise inducing vomiting immediately to keep as much theobromine as possible from entering the system.

One method is giving the dog a one-to-one solution of hydrogen peroxide and water. But DeHaven says that treatment is now discouraged because it can cause esophageal ulcers. She recommends syrup of ipecac, which induces vomiting. When a dog shows signs of hyperactive ulcers, the faster you get it to the vet the better. But there is no specific antidote for chocolate poisoning.

Usually, after vomiting is induced, activated charcoal is given to help prevent the absorption of the remaining toxins. Fluids are typically given along with intravenous drugs to limit seizures and protect the heart.

Symptoms of theobromine poisoning generally occur within four to 24 hours after chocolate is consumed.

**Cocoa Shell Mulch: A Little-Known Danger**

Most people don’t realize it, but those increasingly popular cocoa shell mulches used for landscaping can also pose a serious risk to dogs in the same way that chocolate does. Terry and Dawn Hall found out the hard way several years ago when their beloved 105-pound chocolate lab ‘Moose’ died after eating just eight ounces of cocoa shell mulch used to landscape their Minneapolis yard.

The death prompted the couple to contact Minnesota state senator Scott Dibble, who sponsored a bill to require cocoa mulch sellers to warn customers of the potential danger to dogs. His bill was approved by the Legislature, but vetoed by the governor. “It is my understanding that theobromine can be removed from cocoa mulch pretty easily, and that some manufacturers do this and others do not,” Dibble tells WebMD. “But right now there is no way for the consumer to know if the mulch they are buying has been treated.”
Lyme Disease Threat Extremely High in 2013

by Christopher Carpenter DVM, MBA -
Executive Director of the Companion Animal Parasite Council

The threat of Lyme disease will be especially high this year, according to the Companion Animal Parasite Council’s (CAPC) annual forecast. The forecasts are developed in partnership with Clemson University statisticians also responsible for developing the model for severe weather forecasting. Specifically, CAPC points to the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions, the upper Midwest and isolated areas of the Pacific Northwest as being areas for increased monitoring and awareness.

In addition to the forecast, CAPC provides parasite prevalence maps available by clicking here. As a veterinarian, you can use the CAPC Prevalence Maps to monitor the activity level for the disease in any U.S. state and county. To make it even easier to stay abreast of the most up-to-date information, CAPC also offers Automatic Email Updates that can be customized down to the state and even county.

The maps work well as an educational tool for your clients who want to know more about why they should protect their dogs against parasites year-round. The localized forecasting is also valuable for clients who travel with their dogs and want to protect them from potential infestations in new areas.

Because ticks can be carriers of many diseases, including Lyme disease, it is essential that veterinarians remind their clients of the importance of regular visits and parasite prevention. To prevent any type of infection or infestation, CAPC recommends year-round parasite control medication for dogs and cats, which often requires a monthly application. In addition, CAPC’s guidelines recommend regular examinations — at least annually — by a veterinarian. CAPC Guidelines for Lyme Disease can be found here.

CAPC bases its parasite forecasts on several factors, including temperature, precipitation, humidity, elevation, forest cover, population density, reported Lyme disease cases and deer strikes with cars. The forecast is also the collective expert opinion of respected parasitologists who engage in ongoing research and data interpretation to better understand and monitor disease transmission and changing life cycles.
"When all else fails, just chill"
Today I swung my front door wide open and placed my Stevens 320 right in the doorway. I set 6 shells right next to it. Noticing it had no legs of its own, I even placed it in my wheelchair to help it get around. I then left it alone and went about my business.

While I was gone, the mailman delivered my mail, the neighbor boy across the street mowed the yard, a girl walked her dog down the street, and quite a few cars stopped at the stop sign right in front of our house. After about an hour, I checked on the gun. It was still sitting there in the wheelchair, right where I had left it. It hadn't rolled itself outside. It certainly hadn't killed anyone, even with the numerous opportunities it had been presented to do so. In fact, it hadn't even loaded itself.

Well you can imagine my surprise, with all the media hype about how dangerous guns are and how they kill people. Either the media is wrong, and it's the misuse of guns by PEOPLE that kills people, or I'm in possession of the laziest gun in the world.

Alright, well I'm off to check on my spoons. I hear they're making people fat.
We have a Ducks Unlimited Remington 1100 12-gauge shotgun that I would like to sell. We bought it over 20 years ago at a DU Dinner. It is brand new - never out of the box.

If you are interested, please contact us at 916-774-0770 or fdmarsh@comcast.net.

Thank you,

Diane and Francis Marsh