

EDITOR'S NOTES

If variety is the spice of life, then those who can count themselves in the "all breed" section of Hunting Dog must be too "hot" to handle.

No one is complaining though; we've enjoyed it thoroughly. In fact we consider ourselves lucky to be in a position where we can learn from the other fellow and pass on these tips through the magazine and our own personal contacts.

On the other side of the ledger though, it's embarrassing, to say the least, to come from a Beagle trial, to a nite hunt and ask how many braces are being run.

Vocabulary for covering such a diverse area as the sporting dog field can become a problem.

I've been a journalist a few years and I always said it was variety that called me to this field - well, variety is what I've got!

By the way we've got no copyright on variety; if you haven't already, may we humbly recommend leaning over the backyard fence, make a date, and try the other fellow's brand of hunting. I won't say it will convert you, but you'll have a whale of an interesting time.

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In retaliation for my knocking the "field" personnel, Earl Fink has insisted that I, as an editor, must give equal time to the writers.

I went along with that, but since editors write the headlines, I'll take the authority here and now to name this column. Watch next month for Earl's regular column - Fink's Fables And Facts.

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OUR COVER

What could be a more traditional picture than a young man hunting cottontails with his Beagle. In this case Steve Maslowski was returning with his dog, Homer of Maycliff from a day afield in Kentucky when his father, Karl Maslowski took this picture. Steve is about to enter his senior year at Anderson High School in Cincinnati.

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ASK HERM

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column offers readers an opportunity to ask researchable factual questions about the dog world. Questions should be directed to our associate editor, Herm David, Box 18157, Cleveland, Ohio 44118.

by Herm David

I am very much interested in Irish Setters. My present Red Dog is now 17 years old and still hunting. However, I am not sure how many more seasons — if any — he will be able to hunt. I'm hoping to find another like him — small with a white blaze down his neck and across his chest. Unfortunately, I do not have his breeding as he was either a stray or an abandoned dog when I gave him shelter 16½ years ago.



Clem Novak's grey and toothless Irish Setter, still hunting at 17 years of age.

Can you tell me anything about the strains of the famous Irish Setters, Joe, Jr., and Smada Byrd? Are any of these bloodlines still available? Also, what are the qualities of the Moanruad Ambassador present day stock? Clem Novak, King's Park, N.Y.

You've asked your questions of the only man who has known all three men: the late Allen Campbell who cared for and hunted over Ch. Joe, Jr., the late John Horace Lytle who trained, handled, proclaimed the wonders of, and loved Smada Byrd — and the very lively Irish gentleman who bred Moanruad Ambassador — John Nash of Oola, Co. Limerick.

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GUN TALK

Valuable Firearms Need A Travel Case

by David O. Moreton

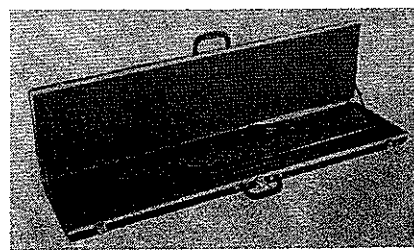
The average member of America's hunting fraternity, be he duck, coon, rabbit, varmint, bird or big game hunter, is part of a peculiar breed. This group, I am told, spends millions of dollars annually on equipment and new guns. Yet we are notorious for neglecting this investment.

We spend on an average between \$150 and \$200 everytime we invest in a new shotgun or rifle. If you feel the same way about guns as I do, then you like the way a fine weapon looks, and feels, the finish of the stock and the craftsmanship that goes into a nicely finished sporting firearm.

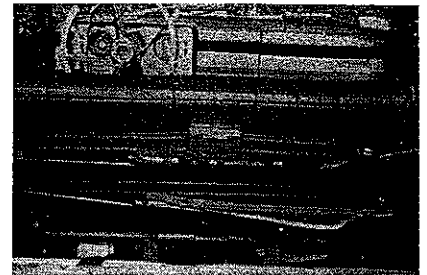
Yet when it comes to taking care of this beauty in transit to or from the areas where we pursue our sport, we are abusive. We literally toss the rifle or shotgun on the rear seat, lay it on an old rug or burlap bag or even prop it up between our buddy's knees so both guns bang and rub together. This is not good gun care.

Nothing can damage a sporting firearm, cause it to show wear more rapidly than dust and grit. Driving down a dirt road or bumping across a field in a jeep kicks up a giant cloud of dust, some of which is certain to settle all over the vehicle interior and its contents. Wiping this dust layer off leaves a minute series of scratches on blued metal surfaces and stock finishes.

The havoc created by a wet and exuberant retriever or hound that jumps into the car soaked and muddy (poorly trained, but he's part of the family) to shake water and mud in all directions, on seats, guns and occupants.



Penguin Associates make a case 12" x 49" x 3½" deep. It holds two rifles with scopes or other combinations.



Gun Tote Rack hold four sporting arms and straps conveniently over a car's seat.

After a few seasons of neglect like this, we find ourselves with a pretty disreputable looking firearm, bluing worn off the metal is now susceptible to rust; the stock with its battle scars and scratches no longer has that sheen and is now prone to absorbing moisture.

How to restore this sad sight to its former splendor is not the question here (a later column will deal with stock refinishing) but rather how to prevent this unnecessary abuse that has led to a sad situation.

First let us quickly consider means of protecting the finish of the gun both metal and wood. For the metal surfaces a light coating of McKean's Gun All which is sold in a separate aerosol can or part of a gun cleaning kit, 89¢ for the can, \$2.95 for the kit, which contains cellulose patches wiping silicone cloth and an all bore cleaning cable. Or Anderol, a synthetic lubricant also available in aerosol spray cans recommended by several gun companies. I use both oils and find them superior to many others.

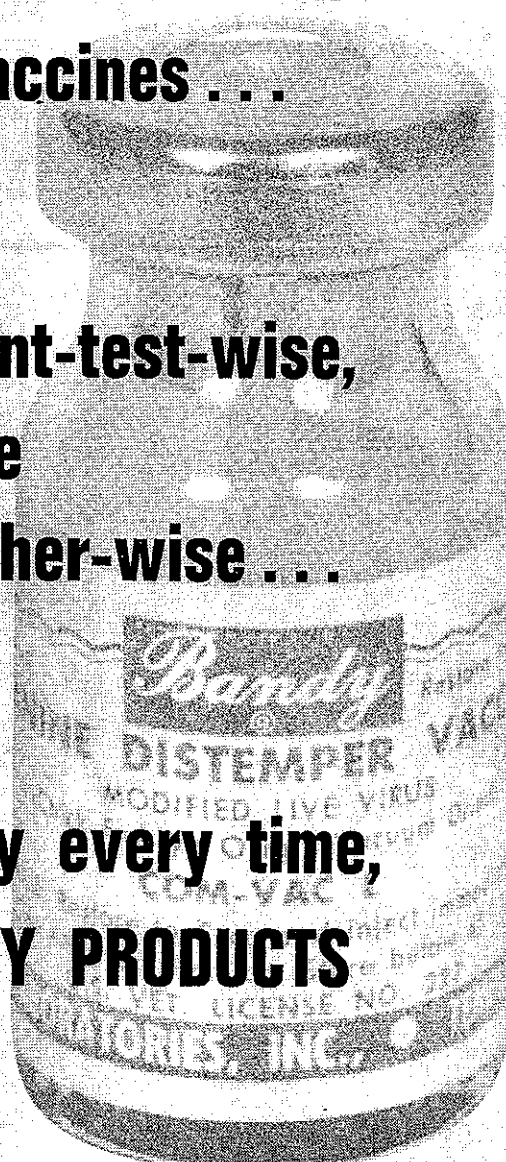
For the wood I have been using Perma Film Silicone Gun Wax distributed by Bob Brownell and manufactured by Casey Chemical products of Minneapolis 10, Minn. A small bottle retails for one dollar and lasts a long, long time.

Having cared for the gun before venturing out into the field we now tackle that problem. A variety of excellent gun cases are available. My personal preference in cases is that one selected by the Advanced Marksmanship Training Unit — a Boyt canvas case with a synthetic pile lining. I have used one of these cases for

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In the summer of 1958 I made a special trip to the hamlet of Spring Hill, Tenn., to visit with Allen Campbell, then about 88 years old. Mr. Allen was the son of M. C. Campbell, the nephew of George Washington Campbell. He hunted over Double Nat. Ch. Joe, Jr. many times — told me how he, as a boy, was delegated to go down to the railroad station to pick Joe up when he returned from defeating Ch. Gladstone in their famous match race in 1879. Joe was widely reported to have finished the two-day contest badly lamed. Mr. Campbell said that when the baggage car door opened Joe lit out running “to the top of a hill where he knew a covey of quail used — and I had to climb the hill and pull him off his point before we could go home for supper.” Joe was killed by a train at that same station on July 24, 1886.

Unfortunately, English “blue-bloods,” no purer than Joe, were sold to American sportsmen who were, and still are in a large measure, purchasers of snob appeal in their dogs. The old Campbell strain has largely died out.

Horace Lytle and his Smada Byrd hit their glory trail during the '20's. Byrd came from a strain developed by Otto Pohl, a Nebraska druggist who died in the World War I flu epidemic. A goodly portion of his stock went to Dr. L. C. Adams. (Smada is Adams spelled backwards.) It was from this stock that Dr. Adams bred Byrd. She and Horace, the old-timers have told me, were such a complete team that it was impossible to know how much of their success was due to Byrd's talent, and how much of it was Horace's skill as a trainer and handler. They were a complete team, the way a man and his bird dog ought to be.

Through Byrd's son, Smada Byrd's King, her bloodlines were widely distributed — and many of the Irish in America today can trace back to her — but she died about 30 years ago; she's so many generations back in today's pedigrees that her influence has been diluted beyond identifying.

Moanruad Ambassador, if I recall correctly, was sold to a Canadian breeder. John Nash, owner of the Moanruad prefix, cannot be held accountable for the produce of Ambassador unless the dog was bred to one of his own strain or to a bitch nominated by Mr. Nash. The dogs I have seen which came from this Canadian kennel seemed to me to

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have an overly-strong inclination to hunt head-low. One I saw recently seemed to have another problem which I, personally, doubt he got from any Moanruad ancestors he may have had.

I have hunted with John Nash in Ireland behind his Moanruad Irish Setters. The ones I saw in action were first class bird dogs, small, fast and more to American tastes than most of the pointing breed dogs to be found in England and Europe today. I hope to own one someday.

For information on replacing your wonderful — and hardly believable — old guy, watch the advertising columns of *Hunting Dog*, and write to the secretary of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, Inc., Mrs. Thomas Moffat, 4381 Forest Dr., Pontiac, Mich. 48054.

Where can I find field trial or very good shooting dogs of the Irish Setter breed? Teny Koski, South Bend, Ind.

Please see the answer to Clem Novak, above.

I am planning to purchase an English Springer Spaniel pup some time this summer. So far I have written to several kennels but the replies received lead me to believe that the pups offered are primarily show stock. Since I want a field dog, I wonder if you could recommend a reputable kennel or two — preferably in the Midwest — where I could buy a good field-bred pup. O. R. O., Iowa City, Iowa.

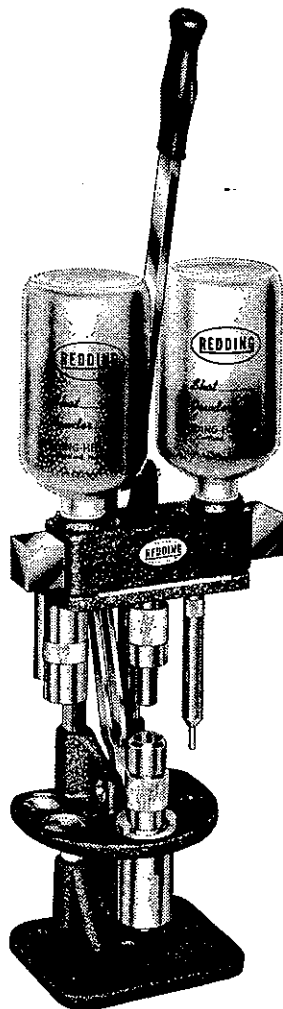
You are wise to approach this situation with caution. In any of the hunting breeds which are recognized by the American Kennel Club there are both field and bench strains. As I wrote recently in a bench magazine, I've had it up to here with bench breeders who pass off their culls as "pet and hunting stock." Few of these people hunt. They wouldn't know a good one from a bad one. They'll tell you their dogs could win trials if only they had a bit of training and conditioning. When I am buying a pup I want to see the parents in action. At a minimum I demand a public record of respectable wins in field trial competition. I think it is Edward Soph who used to advertise: "Conversation never proved the worth of a bird dog."

I have done some checking on your behalf and I find that good, field-strain English Springer Spaniels are

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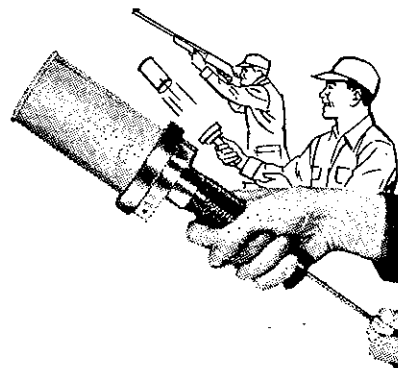
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in very short supply and command fairly high prices. However, field competition is so severe that top breeders usually have to cull their litters early—and often for such minor things as not always hunting mute.

Hunting Dog, for obvious reasons, does not recommend either breeders or litters. Because the breeders of good Springer pups haven't yet discovered what a good advertising medium *Hunting Dog* is, it won't be any help to you to refer you to our advertising columns—so I am sending you the name and address of one of the most knowledgeable and respected men in Springer breeding, training and field trailing. He has no pups of his own to sell and plans no litter for the near future. But he will answer any of your questions and he will, if you ask him, watch for the right pup for you.

After reading the first three issues of *Hunting Dog* I think it is already in the first rank of American sporting magazines. Thus far, however, you haven't said much about English Springers. I hope you will be able to include an article on Springers in an early issue.

Will you please recommend one or more books that cover the field training of Springers. I am not interested in field trial competition, but simply in hunting. L. D. Tonnesen, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

I am a great admirer of spaniels and their intense bird-finding desire. I have scheduled an article covering the Springer Amateur Championship for this fall. In the meantime we shall intensify our efforts to cover all worthwhile activities where hunting dogs are concerned.

Just as surely as I restrict the book list to Springer training only, someone will write asking me to complete it. Therefore, here is a rather comprehensive list of books covering all spaniels, their trials and their training. Also, check bird dog and retriever training books as much of the procedure is the same.

Alden, Frank Wentworth. *The English Springer Spaniel*. Pub. by the author, Westfield, N.J., 1932. 8 vo, 67 pp., paper covers. Weak on field training, but otherwise excellent.

Bruette, Dr. William Arthur. *The Cocker Spaniel, Breeding, Breaking and Handling*. Stackpole & Sons, N.Y., 1937. (Also other editions.) 8 vo, 216 pp.

Carlton, H. W. *Spaniels: Their Break-*

ing for Sport and Field Trials. The Field and Queen, London, 1915. 16 mo., vii plus 108 pp. plus ads.

Ferguson, Henry Lee. *The English Springer Spaniel in America*. The Derwydale Press, N.Y., 1932. (Edition of 850 copies.) 8 vo, xvi plus 107 pp. plus 14 pp. of plates.

George, Evan. *Spaniel Training Primer for Amateurs*. Rosemont Press, San Francisco, 1941. (Edition of 500 copies.) 12 mo., 64 pp.

Glass, Eugene. *The Cocker Spaniel*. The Dog Fancier, Battle Creek, Mich., nd (circa 1923). 12 mo., 86 pp. plus ads.

Lloyd, Freeman. *All Spaniels*. Pub. by author, N.Y., 2nd ed., 8th printing, nd (circa 1935). Tall 8 vo, iv plus 72 pp.

Lloyd, H. S. *The Popular Cocker Spaniel*. Popular Dogs, London, 1933

(3rd ed.). 12 mo, xiii plus 180 pp., inc. ads.

Mercer, F. H. F. *The Spaniel and Its Training*. Forest & Stream Pub. Co., N.Y., 1890. 12 mo, 143 pp.

Moffit, Ella B. *The Cocker Spaniel, Companion, Shooting Dog and Show Dog*. Orange Judd Pub. Co., N.Y., 1950. (Also other editions.) 8 vo, 352 pp. plus 73 pp. of plates. Includes training chapter by F. J. Squires.

Pfaffenberger, Clarence J. *Training Your Spaniel*. Howell Book House, N.Y., 1963 (2nd ed.). 8 vo, xvi plus 207 pp. plus 20 pp. of plates. An early Springer enthusiast, trainer and club official has brought up to date and enlarged an excellent work first published in 1947.

Phillips, C. A. and Cane, R. Claude. *The Sporting Spaniel*. Our Dogs, Manchester, 1906. 8 vo, viii plus 146 pp.

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Chase Of The Marauder

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The fleetest canine in a pack most often is the "catch" dog. Its job is to "tip" the prey—knock it off balance. In a long chase the catcher and the coyote sometimes will far outdistance throat and kill members of the pack. For many of the faster greyhounds a situation such as this presents a problem of what to do with a mad coyote until tougher partners reach the scene. It is not uncommon in such a case for the speedster to stand back, let the coyote race away and then "tip" him again. The sequence is repeated until assistance arrives.

After witnessing such a hunt it is no wonder that Spoon and other sportsmen speak of Zipper and Amos with noticeable traces of awe and pride. Both father and son are combination catch and throat dogs, and with assistance from one other good partner (they do not hunt in the same pack) have been known to bring down and kill coyotes. Ideally, of course, a pack consists of three good dogs, each trained for a specific duty.

Training a pup properly, from the beginning, is of the utmost importance to the hunter. It has to become accustomed to jumping from a wagon the instant the door slaps down. It must realize early the formidability of the coyote, and learn to maintain confidence and courage in confronting the adversary.

The most favorable means of training is to send a pup out with grown, experienced dogs. Even then a youngster will sometimes decide that it wants no part of a hunt. The hazards of running afoul in training

are such that good coyote dogs are reasonably hard to find. Those of Zipper's and Amos' caliber are rarities.

Most coyote hunters are wheat farmers and stockmen. Their interest in the hunt is two-fold, for the sport of it and to help keep the coyote population thinned to a controllable level. When the coyote is in large number, the available food supply, in the wild state, becomes scarce and the coyote is forced to survive by preying on domesticated livestock. Sheep in particular are a favorite of the coyote, and he has been blamed at times for mass killing within a flock.

Amos is in a pack owned and kept by a Rice county sheep raiser, A.J. Kimple. Although Kimple no longer hunts, his dogs are always available to a friend who does. "I figure that it's a lot cheaper to feed the dogs than the coyotes," Kimple declared. He remembers several years ago when more than 50 of his new lambs were killed during one night.

While such wanton destructiveness puts the curse on him, and leads at least in part to his being hunted regularly, the coyote is highly respected by the sportsman and his dogs. The challenge the prairie wolf offers is something that neither man nor his beasts can resist.

When the first touches of winter arrive this fall, sportsmen and their dogs will again be eager to rise to the occasion. As spare time permits, mostly over weekends, they will take to the roads and fields to launch yet another chase of the marauder.

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plus 29 pp. of plates plus fold-out cocker pedigree. Nothing on training, good on breed histories.

Riddle, Maxwell. *The Springer Spaniel for Show and Field*. Judy Pub. Co., Chicago (Box 5270, Zip 60680), 4th ed., 1957. 8 vo, 112 pp. on Springers. Highly recommended.

Waters, Bernard "Kingrail." *Fetch and Carry, A Treatise on Retrieving*. Pub. by author, N. Y., 1894. 12 mo, 124 pp. plus ads, errata slip.

Here are some additional titles which, while more generalized, could be equally helpful:

Babcock, L. Col. G. H. *The Early Life and Training of a Gundog*. Watmoughs, London, 1931. 8 vo, paper covers, vii plus 111 pp. plus 5 plates plus kennel ads.

Barton, Frank Townend, MRCVS *Sporting Dogs: Their Points and Management*. R. A. Everett & Co., London, 1905. 12 mo, xx plus 450 pp.

Brown, William F. *How to Train Hunting Dogs*. A. S. Barnes & Co., N.Y., 1942. 8 vo, 228 pp.

Clark, Atwood. *Gun Dogs and Their Training*. Phillip Allan, London, 1935. 12 mo, 253 pp. and 8 plates.

Connett, Eugene V., editor and compiler. *American Sporting Dogs*. D. Van Nostrand Co., N. Y., 1948. xvi plus 549 pp. plus 64 plates. Chapters include: Springer Field Trials by Robert McLean, Training and Handling Spaniels by Francis J. Squires, The English Springer Spaniel by Henry L. Ferguson, The English Cocker Spaniel by Gladys F. Harriman and The American Water Spaniel by John Scofield.

"H. H." (probably Holland Hibbert). *The Scientific Education of Dogs for the Gun*. Sampson, Low, Marston, Seale & Rivington, London, nd (circa 1890). 8 vo, 217 pp.

Moffit, Ella B. *Elias Vail Trains Hunting Dogs*. Orange Judd, N.Y., 1937. 8 vo, 219 pp.

Sanderson, C. Mackay. *The Practical Breaking and Training of Gundogs*. Our Dogs, Manchester, nd (circa 1938 for 2nd ed.).

I had a pair of Setters a few years ago. One was very eager to retrieve and the other was backward. When the eager one rushed in to retrieve the downed bird before being released to do so, I scolded her. The scoldings bothered the backward dog more than they did the eager one. Fortunately, I discovered the mistake I was making before I ruined a good dog. The next season I hunted her alone and she became a fine retriever.

I now have a pair of Pointer pups that are natural retrievers. Should I use something solid in working with them? Would the sponge rubber ball

Are You Among The:

SPORTSMEN'S WIDOWS

by Irene Landefeld

There are many women, alas, wives and sweethearts that aren't the rugged outdoors type, and can't understand how hubby or the sweetheart can leave a comfortable home and them to go traipsing all over the woods or fields with a dog and gun and really enjoy it.

Now there is a book that has been written by Jean Vernes, and published by Stackpole, which could be purchased for yourself or as a gift for some lady that would like to know more about the outdoors that these men like and love so very much. It will explain how to live happily with an outdoors husband or sweetheart.

There is an old saying, "If you can't fight 'em—join 'em"—and I am sure if the ladies will do this it won't be long until they will find that they are enjoying it as much as the men, and will be looking forward to the next event, and I will wager that if the men can't go, then the ladies will be trying to figure out how they can go themselves.

Now don't blame it on the dog when the two of them go off hunting or to a trial—or even just to a meeting—nobody ever said that ladies were not invited.

I admit that we didn't have a very

I've been using tempt them to chew retrieved objects and birds? Richard Caldwell, Melber, Ky.

I think it has been proven that the tendency toward a "hard mouth" is inherited—just as the instinct (or its absence) to retrieve is inherited. However, a "hard mouth" can also be no more than a bad habit.

My first suggestion is that you never let any dog have a sponge rubber ball—or any other toy or object that he can chew up and swallow. No dog should be allowed to chew on anything he cannot easily digest if he swallows it.

For land retrieving, tie clean burlap, tightly rolled, securely with heavy cord or rope. For land or water retrieving get a boat fender from a marine supply store. The fender is made of cork chips sewn into heavy canvas. It will float in the water.

A Busy Schedule

More than 5,600 dog shows, obedience trials, and field trials were held last year under A.K.C. rules.

good spring. Rain and snow hung around even into May. But we can still *feel* springtime by noticing that leaves are coming out and making their appearance together with the various buds that are peeping through.

We know that it is show-time-trial-time so get out for a long walk in the countryside which will take the kinks out of ourselves as well as the dogs, and before you know it you will be enjoying it as much as I do. Getting out in the wide open spaces with your favorite dog by your side and seeing the beauty of all of the outdoors is unquestionably enriching. Needless to say the dog will certainly enjoy running and romping after the long winter and having been curtailed in his explorations afield.

There is an unsung hero in field and shows that we should know about: the dog trainer.

Dog trainers are found all over the country—bragging in sporting goods stores, pool halls, taverns, conservation meetings, field trials and at the local dog clubs. Dog owners love them, other pro handlers envy them, judges tolerate them, and Heaven protects them.

A dog trainer is truth with "dog-gie" on his boots, beauty with a whistle in his mouth, wisdom with the "red book" as his guide, and the hope that just maybe the next set of judges will have read it.

Nobody else could be so late for the drawing or so early for the cock-tail hour. Nobody else gets so much fun out of chasing dogs, arguing with judges and watching the amateur mishandle dogs. Nobody else suffers so silently when his dog breaks or when he steps into a covey after his prospect for the Nationals went bird-less.

Nobody else can cram into one pickup, 20 dogs, two stakeout chains, 200 lbs. of dog food, six dog leads, a blank pistol, two boxes of blanks, a shelter suit, rubber boots, dog food pans, suitcase (filled to overflowing), camera, two saddles, a bale of hay, dress suit, good luck field trial hat, plus—pull a horse trailer loaded with two horses.

As long as there are dogs there'll be dog trainers. And though you get sore at him during field trial season you know you'll always like him. Yes, you can throw him out of your field trial, but you just can't lock him out of your heart.