



## Unleashed



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### Letter from the President

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For anyone that does not know me by now and I am sure there are a few I am Jay Hutto the not so newly elected President of TDHA. I am 47 years old, with five children ages 23 down to 14 with a newly expected grandson on the way due Jan. 11 2011 on my birthday. So as I take on more duties outside with TDHA; my at home duties also increase. I have hog hunted for 37 years with dogs, raised and trained hog dogs for 25 years. I love the sport of dog hunting of all types and there is nothing more beautiful to for me to watch that a hunting dog of any kind. This is why for me it is so important we Protect and Promote the sport of dog hunting in Texas regardless of what type of game is persuaded.

Now on to more important things; I would like to start out by thanking Douglas Mason for his years of service to Texas Dog Hunters both as an Association and as individuals. Mr. Mason has been a great help for me these first months in office as Executive Advisor and I know he will continue to be there for the Association and all dog hunters in Texas. To our new Officers and Board of Directors, thank you for stepping up and taking on a new duty that it would seem at times no one wants. It is clearly a very thankless job that has no immediate reward and at times we can all see the old saying of "you can't please all the people all the time" is so very true.

Thinking back on these first few months in office some things accomplished by TDHA come to mind. The Hunters Classic was a huge success. We met with lots of vendors and partners that will work with us on the Hunt for the Hungry and other future events. During that event we partnered with Texas Wildlife Assoc. and I encourage every TDHA member to check their website and join their organization [www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org). We also at the Hunters Classic made contact with two Christian Youth Hunt organizations that we will very soon start doing hunts with; one is Cross Trail Outfitters and the other is Inter City Youth in San Antonio. If you would like to be involved in any way with these programs

#### Special points of interest:

- The American Kennel Club dropped the Plott Hound link from the AKC website*
- Get Ready! The animal rights groups are ramping up with their agendas against animal welfare and hunting.*

contact me. TDHA did two radio call-in shows; one with ESPN live radio which I think went well and another with Texas Fish and Game radio which I feel was another huge success for TDHA. TDHA will be doing another show with Texas Fish and Game very soon. There was a \$500 reward posted for information leading to the conviction of the slaying of the Cryer family dogs in Hemphill. TDHA made the move to switch web hosting companies which to some may not seem like a big deal but to many this is a huge move due to some of the problems we have had in the past. The Hunt for the Hungry will be relocated to better serve both the hunters that compete in the contest and centralize the contest closer to the drop off point for the meat to be donated. There have been other items of business but these are some of the most important that come to mind.

Where would I like to see TDHA go in the next 9 months is a question that has been asked a couple of times. After three months of feeling like at times it has been a battle of wills



**German Shorthair Pointers on a south Texas Upland Bird Hunt**

## Letter from the President Continued

I would first say “just forward” but then I look back at the list of things I just typed that has been done and the other things I know about that I did not list and I know that in the first 3 months in office this new group of Officers and Board of Directors with the help of the Membership has moved TDHA forward and will continue to do so. There have been some bumps along the road and there will continue to be but those will get smoother the more that road is traveled. The more it is

packed and made solid the more unified as a whole TDHA becomes the better everything will work.

In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog  
-Edward Hoagland

## HSUS Fighting to Ban Bear Baying in the United States

The following story was written by Amanda Click of the Digital in Charleston, S.C.

“The Humane Society of the United States is pressuring state officials to outlaw the practice of bear baying—a practice that has been banned in every other state other than South Carolina.”

“Before I continue, here’s a little background on bear baying. Hunters in south Carolina have been using captive bears to train dogs

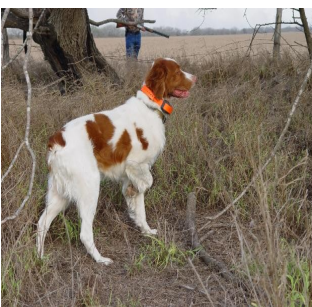
to flush our and corner wild bears for nearly as long as they’ve been hunting.”

“The captive bears are usually declawed and defanged before being chained to a stake as hunting dogs bark and snap at it, trying to force the bear to stand on its hind legs so hunters can shoot it more easily. Bear baying isn’t just a training exercise. Hunting dog enthusiasts stage competitions, including large events in Spartanburg and York coun-

ties that draw people from throughout the country.”

“The Humane Society of the United States gathered footage of bear baying in South Carolina earlier this year calling it cruel, inhumane, barbaric, and unthinkable. The group is prepared to fight to outlaw the practice in the state for good.”

*The Humane Society of the United States and the Texas Humane Legislative Network (THLN) have already started their lobbying efforts for the*



**Zach on Point**

*passage of frivolous legislation during the upcoming 2011 Texas legislative session.*

*It’s common knowledge that TDHA believes in the use of live animals; particularly feral hogs, upland game birds, and waterfowl for the purpose of training our dogs.*

*Furthermore, the American Kennel Club has issued a statement that aligns with the HSUS and has dropped the*

*internet link to the Plott Hound Breed Club.*

*It’s paramount that we be prepared to combat THLN and HSUS in the upcoming Texas legislature. The best source of information relevant to legislation that affects us can be accessed through the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance in San Antonio.*

*If we allow these two organizations to spawn smaller organizations and chapters around*

*our great State, the next think we will be facing is them lobbying to have feral hogs classified as non-game animals and upland birds and waterfowl as endangered.*

*Get prepared to do battle, and contact your local city and county officials and your Texas Senators and Representatives.*

## Creekside Christian Fellowship Hunting & Fishing Show

At Creekside Christian Fellowship, they put on a Hunting and Fishing Show each Spring. They have had a show every spring since 2006, making the 2010 show the 6th event. It started out with hunting and fishing vendors and a few competitions like casting contests. In 2008 they added a youth scholarship fishing tournament and have continued it every year since Creekside Christian Fellowship gave away a total of \$4500 in scholarships split between the top three contestants for

college. This year in May at the show they stepped it up due to proceeds from a gun raffle that started last year. In the raffle they give away one gun per week for 52 weeks.

The 2010 show was by far the biggest event to date. It was the first year for them to have a two day event. It was also the first time to have **Dock Dogs, Duck Commander**, and a **Sporting Clays Shoot**. Also, a large children's play area with lots of fun activities. Their efforts

really paid off as attendance was over 1000 people for the two days, and resulted in several families deciding to call Creekside their new church home.

This was a family oriented event and it was so much fun had by all. Watching the Dock Dogs go jump was a really cool event that I loved watching. The Duck Commander, Phil Robertson was a HUGE hit and I enjoyed listening to his testimonial. Every child there was in



**TDHA Booth  
Creekside Christian  
Fellowship  
Hunting & Fishing Show  
May 1-2, 2010  
Needville, Texas**

bliss playing. This is something that everybody should attend next year. I will be back again for this, that's for sure.

This was a success for TDHA with sells of T-shirts, signing up 7 new members and one family membership, including Creekside Fellowship event coordinator, Mark Steffek. Of the members whom

joined came a group of diverse bird hunters, and dog owners whom support our "TDHA Cause".

Thank you all who joined and to Pastor Greg Garcia and his staff. Everybody was very hospitable.

This was sent in by Leslie Pawlik, Thanks a bunch Leslie. And thanks "group of diverse bird hunters." It's scriptural

that God loves a quail hunter. It says so in Exodus 16:13;

"That evening vast numbers of quail flew in and covered the camp."

**"A righteous man  
cares for his  
animal's health"**

**Proverbs 12:10**

## Dogs and Snakes

After my story about Colt and losing him to a rattle snake, I was asked to write about things that can be done to protect against snakes and snake bite. After I lost Colt, I kind of went on a mission to find out as much as I could about what can be done before and after a dog gets bit.

All of my dogs are vaccinated with the Western Diamond Back Rattlesnake vaccine. This vaccine is still fairly new and somewhat controversial. The dogs are given the first shot and a booster at 4 weeks. The if your dogs are in an area where they can be exposed to rattlers the year around, they need a booster every 6

months. There has been more news from Red Rock ( the company that makes the vaccine ) that dogs under 25 lbs and over 100 lbs need a series of boosters every 4 weeks for a total of 3 shots and then every 6 months. I live in snake country and my dogs could come across one right here in the yard, so I keep



**Snake Avoidance  
Training**

keep them up to date.

Some vets argue that the vaccine does not work, but my vet has told me he has had a few cases come in that were vaccinated and those dogs had much less severe complications than dogs that were bitten and had not received a vaccination. That in itself was good enough for me.

A word of warning about this vaccine, it does not pro-

tect against copper heads, water moccasins, timber rattlers or any other venomous snake. It was designed for protection against Western Diamond Back rattlesnakes only. Red Rock says the vaccine does offer some protection from Eastern Diamond Back rattlers, but makes no guarantees

The next thing that can be done is “snake breaking” or “snake proofing” Basically this is the same as “trash

breaking” but usually done under more controlled conditions. Snake breaking clinics are held all over the state, usually toward the end of Summer, just before bird seasons start to open. A live diamond back that has been milked, defanged and usually had its lips sown or stapled together is placed in an area and the dog is lead in with an e-collar on. When the dog notices the snake, it is zapped at maximum setting to convince it that



that snakes are bad news. This is done 3-4 times until the dog will run away from the snake. There are some clinics where the dog is lead in on 2 long cords between two people and some where the dog is on one cord and the dog is left up to it's own devices until it discovers the snake. The latter seems to be less traumatic on the dog, with as good if not better results. There are safety kits

that you can confer with your veterinarian about. Most vets will prepare a couple of injections that can be administered in the field, but consult with your vet before taking treatment upon yourself.

The last thing, but not the least is to have a vet located where you are hunting that takes after hours and weekend calls. It seems that these

days most vets do not; they refer you to an emergency clinic and I can tell you from personal experience, twice, that those folks can be less than comforting to say the least.

I now know of at least three vets within 100 miles of the Chaparral (where Colt was bitten) that have vets on standby and carry the anti venom.

**“I get paid to do what most people do for fun”**

**Dave Walker  
Hall of Fame Field Trial  
Handler, Trainer, and  
Breeder of Brittany's**

And just a few more thoughts about dogs and snakes. Every year dogs that have been snake proofed still get bit. This usually happens when the dog “runs over” the snake without knowing the snake is there.

In summary, your dog or dogs can be protected by vaccination and snake proofing. Neither is 100%, but I

believe in stacking the odds in my dog's favor.

*This article was written by Bobby Buff.*

*Additionally, the vaccine that Bobby is referring to in this article is formulated by Red Rock Biologics. They are currently developing more vaccines that are geographical in nature in that they can be ad-*

*ministered to dogs in different parts of the United States to build up immunity against snakes in that specific area of the country. Consult with your veterinarian to see if they are available in your area.*



**Anticipation**

## *Happenings*

October 23, 2001

**TDHA Bi-Yearly Meeting**

**Beason's Park**

**Columbus, Texas**

**Alternate Site**

**(if required due to inclement weather)**

**Wild Boar USA/Ugly Dog Ranch**

**This is a covered dish lunch.**

**Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.**

**Meeting will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.**

**Board meeting to follow the Bi-Yearly Meeting**

**Bird Hunt Participants**

**Meet at Top Flight**

**At**

**8:00 a.m.**

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We would like to express our thanks to everyone that submitted articles for review and possible publication. We encourage you to continue submission of articles for future newsletters. There will be more detailed instructions posted on the forum site regarding the size of the articles that can be accepted.

Again...many thanks!

**Striving to protect our legal and God  
given right to hunt with dogs in the Great  
State of Texas**

**We are on the  
Web at  
<http://tdha.org>**



**Hog Dogs  
Make Great Companions  
Too.**

### Animal Rights and Wrongs

*Mahatma Gandhi said... "I have known many maneat-ers to be far more non-violent than vegetarians."*

The American Humane Association is opposed to the hunting of any living creature for fun, a trophy or simple sport...American Humane considers sport hunting a violation of the inherent integrity of animals and disruptive to the balance of the environment through human manipulation, and calls for positive action to prevent such cruelties.

Friends of Animals, Inc. states their position as... "the premeditated killing of wildlife, particularly when hunting is condoned under false pretenses, under the guise of wildlife management, overpopulation control, or protection of crops and public safety. Misinformation is the tool of special interests and perhaps nowhere else is it in use as effectively as in the promotion of hunting.

All across America, hunters donate thousands of pounds of food to the needy, spend countless hours doing

Wildlife Conservation, and are the primary source of wildlife programs in the United States through license fees and special taxes on equipment. There would not be wildlife to watch if hunters had not been so good at supporting wildlife conservation programs. The soul of the hunter deserves to be better understood and appreciated. The ethical hunter is a person of the heart.

*Author: James Swan  
from his book entitled  
"In Defense of Hunting"*