



THE RAPP SHEET



October, 2020

Our cubbing season is well underway. This is the time when the huntsman brings out new hound entries to introduce them to actual foxhunting. Hounds, like people, have various personalities. There are the boisterous, outgoing hounds on one end and the quiet, shy hounds on the other end, and everything in between. All the added ingredients of many horses, riders, and strange countryside can sometimes be an intimidating experience for the new entry.

The hounds have particular color collars depicting their sex and whether they are a new entry. Dog hounds have a blue collar, bitch hounds have a green collar and new entry will have an orange collar. Please keep your eyes out for the new entry and allow them plenty of room.

We are in the midst of procuring the color collars as this goes to press. As with a lot of things right now, the supply is limited and we are getting in collars as they become available. The collar colors may not all be correct at this time, but will be in the future.



You should have received an email introducing our virtual puppy auction. This is one of our major fund raising projects to help feed the hounds all year.

Each puppy will have a picture and pedigree posted. There will be an opportunity for you to bid on each puppy. Remember syndicates, as well as sole ownership, are possible. Get your friends together and have the bragging rights to that puppy.

There will also be a tracking collar donation opportunity for your puppy /hound or for any puppy /hound even if don't buy a puppy/hound. It is very important for the safety of the hounds to have tracking collars. This enables the huntsman to determine if a particular hound is heading for a road or other dangerous situations. It also helps to locate a hound or hounds that might have wandered away from the rest of the pack and are struggling to find their way home again.

Tracking collars cost approximately \$300 per collar and our goal it to have around 15 or 20 new collars.

That is a lofty goal, but with your help we can get close to having the collars we need. Even if you cannot donate a full collar, please consider giving a partial donation. Any amount will help to achieve our goal.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Jeff Woodall (Huntsman) and Marcie Corbin

Janet Boots

Chris Dillon

Mandy Embory

Nicole Gossage

Kathleen Lyons

Janet Quaintenance

Wendy Sullivan

Debbie Baker

Chappell Family (Barbara, Jessica, Beverly,
Loretta, and Randy)

Suzy Gehris

Sally Hamlin

Kathleen O'Keefe MFH

Juli Robards

Catherine Thomas

This list was as of September 30, 2020 . Please welcome these new and returning members.

Remember our website www.rappahannockhunt.com has a listing of upcoming events.

Rappahannock jump crews have been hard at work as evidenced by these pictures of new fences at Jim Massie's Meadow Grove and at Larry Levy's The Hill.

We have a lot of territory which requires jump and gate replacement as well as grooming of trails.

A hearty THANK YOU to those who help make this happen.



The Kennel Club

Puppy Auction



This year due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we will be conducting our Puppy Auction in a new way. The auction will be virtual. Melanie Mervis is preparing a website presentation of the pedigree and pictures of the puppies. Within the next few weeks, you will receive an email or just check the website for all of the details.

The Puppy Auction has been a very successful fundraiser in the past to help feed the hounds throughout the year. This year we need a little extra help for tracking collars. These are very important especially for our new entries out hunting. Coyotes

tend to lead the hounds far and fast. Please consider bidding on a puppy and then adding a few dollars more to help purchase a tracking collar for your puppy.

Retired Hound LUGNUT

Some of you may remember one of our hunting hounds LUGNUT. He is enjoying his retirement with Laura Hitchcock.

He still comes out to the kennels to check things out and to walk out with the pack, but then he gets to go home to some well deserved luxury (as you can see in the picture).

Laura reports that when she plays the recording of horn blowing "Gone to Ground", he gives voice just like in his hunting days.



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