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### RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

Opening day is only hours away. September 18 is the big day for year number 25. We are so excited we can't even see straight. New signs are going up and the club looks great. We can't wait for you to see your club!!

**A few housekeeping issues to remind you of before we start:**

**\*\*The office number is the only number to call to book hunts...719-635-3257 . Please don't call the clubhouse, just leave a message on the office number it is after hours and we will call you back.**

**\*\*Nothing larger than #6 shot at RMR. 6's, 7.5's, or 8's. Tell your guest this policy, too.**

**\*\*Orange hats in the field, even for non-hunters.**

**\*\*NO SMOKING IN THE FIELD!!! We don't need a fire to ruin YOUR year.**

**\*\*Pick up your empties. The grounds get trashed and we need to pick them up when we see them. Tell your guests to do the same as well.**

**\*\*Use the trash cans at each area for the trash you pick up in the field. Please don't use them to clean out your car from all of your other trash. If you need to do that, take it to the clubhouse and use those trash cans.**

**\*\*Safety is critical. If there is a questionable shot, don't take it. Nothing is worth a bird or a dog. Once you pull the trigger, you can't call the shot back.**

Do you know where the names for the areas originated? Morgan's is south of the clubhouse along the west side and is named for life member Dr. Thomas Morgan. Thomas and I have been friends for over 20 years and before he and his wife moved to Mississippi, he was a regular hunter with passels of dogs. He started out with Labradors, but moved to pointers in the last few years. He owns the most winning English Setter in history... Hannabell, and has several other dogs that are actually giving her a run for her money. Robin and Thomas have been huge supporters of RMR and we were so sad to have them move, but thanks to them believing in RMR many years ago and joining as a life member when we were doing a fund drive to build the new clubhouse, we have celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday! He and his wife bought the old Dunn's plantation in MS and work/train/raise dogs on the estate. We miss them, but really enjoy hunting in 'his' area.

I cannot stress enough to keep your dogs hydrated. It is supposed to stay nice (warm/hot) for the next few weeks and your dogs need water. Bring water for you too....we don't need an animal with heat stroke or a hunter, for that matter. **Take it slow....let the dogs work. With the heavy cover it will be more difficult for them to get scent. You might need to work cover more than once. The birds are there, but you will have to work for them!**

Starting Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking reservations by phone only. My wife and I are taking the first group of RMR hunters to British Columbia for our annual Moose hunt. Manager Bill Lieb will be taking the second group on Oct 1. Call Janna at 719-635-3257 to make reservations and I will let you know when I am back and can take reservations via email again.

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## **INTERMEDIATE GUN CLASS A HUGE SUCCESS**

Our intermediate gun class was a giant success last weekend. Our students learned how to present their handgun from a holster, ammunition management, tactical and emergency reloading procedures, addressing multiple threats and much more...all with stationary and moving targets! We will be holding these classes throughout the winter and if this is something that you want to learn, watch the emails and sign up for a class.

## **5 GOLDEN RULES TO SHAPING YOUR DOG'S BEHAVIOR**

Thanks to members Dr's Skip Brod and Todd Rezac from Deer Creek Animal Hospital for some valuable information on training our four legged friends!

What's natural for pets – chewing, pouncing, or digging, for example – are sometimes the things that drive pet owners mad. There's no need for despair. Here are five ways you can improve your pet's manners by using a little pet psychology.

### **Start Early**

Young animals are most receptive to learning new behaviors. But bear in mind – whoever said you can't teach an old dog (or cat) new tricks was wrong – you absolutely can!

### **Have Fun**

Never try to teach your pet while you're feeling harried or stressed. Animals are very attuned to human stress levels, and can sense impatience. Strive to be encouraging, upbeat, and patient.

### **Keep it Short**

Most animals do not have a very long attention span. Training drills with your cat shouldn't last more than about 5 minutes at a time; with a dog, 10 minutes is about the limit.

### **Find the Motivation**

Pets are much more willing to learn when they anticipate a reward as a payoff. Praise based rewards are best, but food or toy based rewards work too. Just mind the calories if you're doling out snacks for good behavior.

### **Communicate Clearly**

Pets pay attention to both voice and gesture. Be sure to use the same hand and voice commands every time, and try to keep the commands for different tasks from being too similar.

## **TWO FOR THE ROAD**

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today..'

The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me.'

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, 'I would like to buy you a drink, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming up,' says the bartender.

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy you one, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming right up,' the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says, 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'

The old woman replies, 'Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'

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There I was is sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my old lady in bed with the gardener, and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve. Then you, you jack-ass, show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"

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