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Yorba Linda, CA

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ATTENTION MEMBERS

Don't forget to renew your memberships with the SCJRTC and the JRTCA. They are due soon for the 2009 season. Also, Breeders, don't forget to sign a your Breeders Code of Ethics for 2009. Breeders: Sign the BCOE and send a copy to the JRTCA Club Office and a copy to the SCJRTC Secretary, Sharon Greene.

Nutria Hunting in Oregon

By Sam Hummel

After the Rainier Hunt Trial in Washington, I drove down to Oregon to engage in some nutria hunting with terriers. I arrived at a Christian's house around 11 am. We loaded Red, his lurcher, Timmy, his patterdale and my JRT Remi into his truck and headed out to the field. We were to meet some Christian's friends at a local gas station and they were to help with some digging. After meeting up with them, we went to the first farm that Christian has permission on.

Just a few things before I continue. Nutria are considered a non-native, invasive and destructive varmint in the State of Oregon and if a nutria is captured it is to be dispatched by what ever means and is a felony by state law to release a nutria once captured or to transport a live nutria for relocation. So, with that said, all nutria in the below story were dispatched humanely.

Christian's friends could not stay for to long, so we were hoping for a quick dig. We began by walking in a dry creek bed with Remi and Timmy on the ground. About 100 yards from the truck, Remi found a 5 hole set at the bottom of the creeks bank. This part of the creek had some standing water and Remi had to swim to get to the set. He entered the first hole and disappeared. A short time later he appeared from another hole. Turned around and re-entered. He did this several times until he exited every hole in the set without locating anyone home. I removed Remi and Christian entered Timmy. Timmy entered the same hole that Remi started with. As Timmy entered and a little, 2-5 pound nutria jumped out of the first hole that Remi exited and disappeared into the water. After a quick check it was determined that no one else was home so we moved on and Christian's friends decided that they had enough and left. We walked them back to the truck and put Red back in the truck. Christian and me then headed back out with Timmy and Remi. We were headed for a slew on the far west end of this property were Christian knew nutria were abundant. Remi and Timmy were running in the creek bed for the brush was too thick for any human to walk through. Soon, we realized that the terriers were missing when I heard the distinct baying of my 12.75-inch terrier. We backtracked and found that Remi was in the ground and baying. I located Remi at about 3-4 feet from the entrance and 2.5 feet down. We then began to dig. As we were digging, I

could tell Remi had gotten a hold of what ever was in the ground by his growling. Christian jumped down into the creek bed and looked into the entrance of the set. Now we could hear the humming sound that nutria make and Christian said that one of the terriers was drawing a 12-pound nutria out. He could not tell which of the terriers it was because we soon learned that both Timmy and Remi had been working this nutria from different ends. I continued to dig and finally broke through right on top of Timmy, who was now in the same spot I located Remi and attached to the nutria's neck. I jumped down to the creek bed and tailed Remi out of the set. As I was doing this, Timmy exited from another hole to left of where I was tailing Remi. By this time, the nutria had expired and was removed from the set. The set was filled in and we moved on. Both terriers had suffered some bites from the nutria, but after cleaning Remi up, I realized that his injuries were not to bad and recalled that he had suffered worse at the hands of an angry groundhog in Maine.

After, we met with Stephanie, Steve, Tammy and Josh who came down from Washington to hunt. We put Remi and Timmy away to rest and took out my young JRT Kimber and one of Christian's patterdale bitches. We also had Josh and Tammy's JRT's on the ground as well. We checked the other creek beds on the farm but did not have any luck. Christian wanted to check a creek bed that ran against the railroad tracks on the west end of the property that was hidden by wild blackberry bushes. While walking the tracks, Christian's bitch and Tammy and Josh's male were running under the blackberry bush when they encountered a nutria. A fight between the nutria and terriers could be heard as we chopped our way through the bush to the terriers. As we got to them, the terriers had already dispatched the nutria. This was the end of our first day of hunting nutria and so far I was having a blast.

Day 2 began with Christian picking me up at the campground I stayed at near his house. After that we went and met back up with Steve, Stephanie, Tammy and Josh at their hotel. Christian had his lurcher Red and 2 bitch patterdales, I had my JRT's Lincoln and Kimber, Tammy and Josh had their 2 JRT's. We also met up with another of Christian's friends who had a Jagd terrier and a lurcher named Kenya, and then we were off to do some digging.

First farm produced no results so we headed south. After arriving at the second farm, the lurchers were on a scent near the blackberry bushes. Christian's patterdale and Kenya flew into the bush and quickly dispatched a 16-pound nutria. We then let Lincoln and Kimber rag the nutria for they have never seen nutria and this was their first time in the field. After that we started checking a creek bed to the left of the trucks. Soon, the patterdale bitch was in a set high on the bank and baying. We located her about 2 feet from the entrance and about 2 feet down. Because she was so close to the entrance, Stephanie and Christian began to trench to the terrier. Once they got to her and removed her, it was schooling time for the young terriers. All the terriers got a chance to see a live juvenile nutria and all worked well. The nutria was then dispatched. Since Tammy, Josh, Stephanie and Steve had a 5-hour drive back to Washington, we said our good byes. It then lunch time.

After lunch, Christian's friend with the Jagd and lurcher returned to the same farm with us. We then began to walk the creek to the right of the trucks. The Jagd terrier and the lurchers entered the creek bed in a flash. Soon the Jagd was up on the bank and pushed a nutria back into the creek where it was met by two very good lurchers who quickly dispatched the nutria.

We then moved on down the creek when the Jagd disappeared again into the creek and into a set. Because that Jagd was not wearing a locator collar, the patterdale was entered and a locate was made. I dug down the four feet to the tube and found that the patterdale had dispatched the nutria. The terriers were removed and the dig hole was filled in.

On this second day of hunting, none of the dogs received any injuries and we had accounted for 4 nutria. I really wish nutria were on the list for approved quarry to receive a NHC. They are plentiful, they are formidable, and in my opinion they are no more dangerous than hunting groundhog, raccoon, badger or fox. If you have not tried nutria hunting, you are missing out.

Happy Hunting

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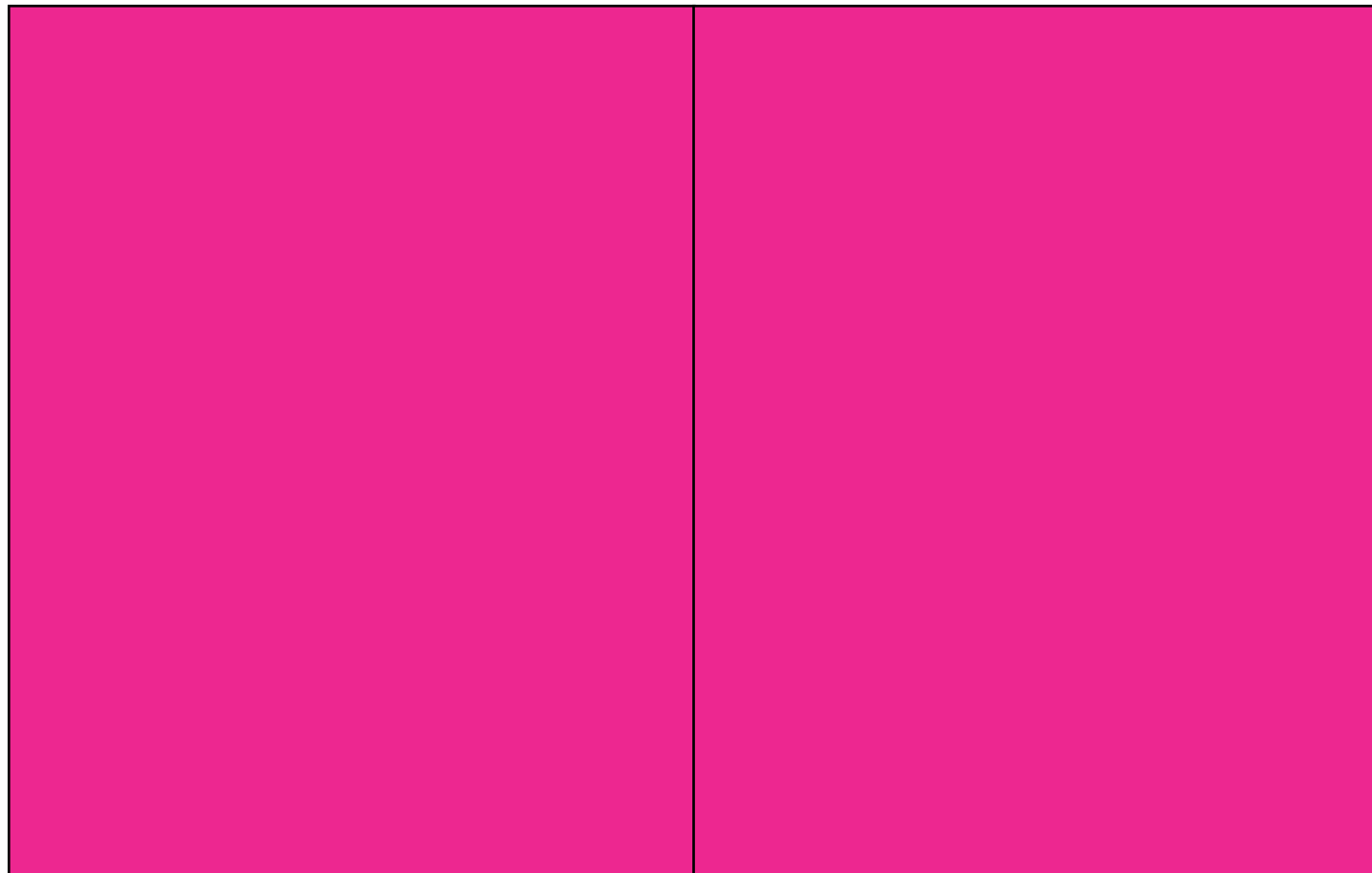
Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday

Pot Luck Lunch

Bring your favorite dish!

All terriers are welcome

Affiliate News



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It's a great place with great information on how to give a dog a forever home. There are many out there that would make great pets if given the chance. Visit the website at

www.russellrescue.com

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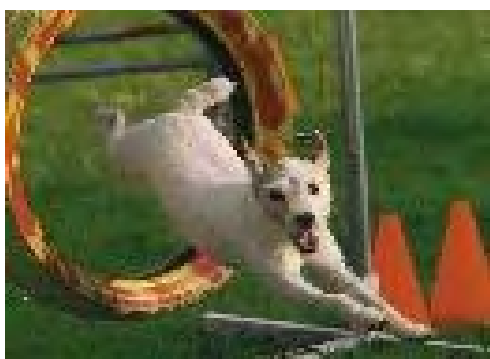
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