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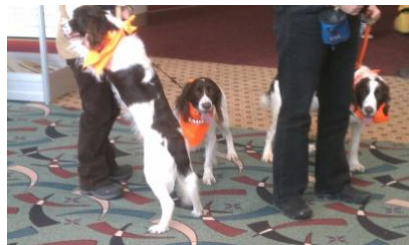
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## Pheasant Fest:

We thoroughly enjoyed our time in Wisconsin at the Pheasant Fest convention. Although we didn't see as much of Milwaukee as we had planned, we talked with many hunting enthusiasts from Wisconsin and other Midwestern states. Hopefully many of these folks will make the trek to South Dakota as our style of hunting is rather different than what appears to be available in Wisconsin.



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BIRD DOG PARADE

There were many other interesting booths as well. Some of our favorites were the spinning target thrower, the food plot planter, the whiskey truck, and the new Beretta models.



RUDY THE ROOSTER



FOOD PLOT PLANTER



WHISKEY TRUCK

If you haven't attended one of these conventions before, another very useful feature is the informational seminars on everything from

dog training to pheasant habitat to predator control. The bird dog parade is also fun to see, and there were some very cute puppies available for sale.

Rather surprisingly, the Wisconsin Center was also hosting the Anime convention at the same time as Pheasant Fest. If you're not familiar with this genre, it involved thousands of young adults dressed in costumes from Japanese comics and animation, basically the polar opposite of the standard Pheasant Fest attire of camo and hunter orange. Very interesting!



BERETTA FIREARMS

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Last month, we provided an overview of retrievers and their special talent for upland hunting. Continuing our hunting dog theme, this month we have assembled some information about pointers, another popular choice for many of our hunters.

### **Pointers:**

The pointer is a powerful hunting dog. Pointers range from about 50 to 60 pounds and stand about two feet in height. They were developed in England around 1650 by crossing the Italian Pointer, Foxhound, Bloodhound, Greyhound, Newfoundland, Setter and Bulldog. The name derived from the way the dog stands motionless when he spots his game as if he is pointing right at it. Excellent at catching a scent and pointing the hunter in the right direction, the dogs are very quick and can cover lots of ground in a short amount of time. They are used to flush out birds but are not water dogs.



Pointers are extremely high energy and very enthusiastic hunters, but require abundant daily exercise. Hunting instincts develop early, and puppies will start to display pointing behavior as young as eight weeks old. Pointers are generally good with other pets and are not usually dog-aggressive. As pets, they are intelligent, devoted, loyal, clean, patient, friendly and affectionate.



They love children and are a true friend to the family. Although pointers will bark at suspicious noises, they are not watchdogs.



Some of the most common pointers are the English Setter, the English Pointer, the Hungarian Vizsla, the German (Shorthaired, Wirehaired and Longhaired) Pointer, and the Brittany. All of these embody the good nature and phenomenal hunting skills characteristic of pointers.

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### **Prairie Puzzle:**

The answer to last month's question about the country of origin of poodles was Germany. Congratulations to our winners: Mr. Dudley from California, Mr. Evans from Indiana, Mr. Love from Ohio, and Mr. Harrison from Arizona.

March question: ***Which popular Kennel Club features a lemon and white pointer named Sensation on its emblem?***

- a) American      b) Canadian      c) Westminster      d) Irish

Please submit your answer by March 25, 2013 to be included in the prize drawing for a free Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hunting hat. Responses will be accepted via mail, phone, or email. Good luck!