



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS



ENJOYING SUNSHINE AND SUMMERTIME



It has been a scorching August at the Lodge – even our normally outdoor-only dogs have been enjoying the air conditioning inside. But that hasn't deterred our prairie dog hunters.

The most popular season for hunting these varmints is beginning to come to a close. As August winds down, we are excited to kick off bird season strong with dove hunting and duck hunting groups joining us in September. It has been a great summer, but our favorite season is just around the corner!

AUGUST'S LODGE UPDATES

This August, we have enjoyed hosting our many prairie dog hunters. We have a few more groups joining us in September, when we will begin hosting bird hunters as well. Additionally, we have brought on a few new staff members, including brand-new guide Brett Jones, whose profile you can read to the left. Over the next few months, we will be highlighting other members of our Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort family. We are stronger together, and it truly takes a village to make our Lodge a relaxing, rural oasis. With friendly faces in the field as well as the kitchen, we are ready to start our busiest season!

We have been keeping tabs on the pheasant population too, and it looks especially robust. The roosters are beginning to get color, a sure sign that it's almost time to hunt!

In other news, our farm-to-table garden is thriving, supplying our chefs with plenty of delicious produce. When you visit us next, you will get the chance to enjoy juicy steaks served with hand-picked corn and potatoes.



MEET OUR TEAM

BRETT JONES, GUIDE

Home State: Georgia

Favorite Hunt: Waterfowl

Age: 24 years

Brett is one of our newest guides who will be joining us this fall at the Lodge. He has been hunting since he was a little boy – and while he has experienced many different types of hunting, duck hunting is his favorite. In fact, he has killed every duck species in North America, save two: the King Eider and Common Eider, which are found only in Alaska.

You can find Brett out in the field with his five-year-old yellow lab, Sadie. Brett has hunted in about 20 different U.S. states, and he is excited to join us in South Dakota.

6 TIPS TO GET READY FOR BIRD HUNTING

It's that time of year... bird hunting season is right around the corner, and we are thrilled to welcome our dove hunters, duck hunters, and pheasant hunters to the Lodge. Here are a few tips to ensure you are ready to enjoy your hunt this fall.

#1: PUT SAFETY FIRST

Before you head out the Lodge, make sure that everybody in your group is well-versed in gun handling and safety practices. As we always say, whether you shoot three birds or no birds, it is a good day if you are safe. At the Lodge, safety is always top of mind.

#2: CLEAN AND MAINTAIN YOUR FIREARMS

It is crucial to clean and maintain your firearms in order to ensure proper performance when hunting season arrives. A clean gun is a safer gun as well as a more accurate one.

#3: PRACTICE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

If possible, spend some time at the range before you take your hunting trip to practice your shooting and reacquaint yourself with your weapon. There is always a learning curve when you're enjoying hunting after taking some time off, so maximize your time in the field by practicing in advance. Don't have time to hit the range? No worries – at Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort, all of our packages include unlimited clay pigeons to help you warm up.



#4: PREPARE YOUR GEAR IN ADVANCE

Make sure to locate your gear before your trip – whether it's camo, orange hats and vests, or even your favorite hunting socks. And if you choose to purchase new boots for the season, make sure they are broken in before you're walking in the field.

#5: ENSURE YOUR LICENSES ARE UP TO DATE

Everyone in your party will need an up-to-date license. If you need help obtaining one, reach out to our friendly team at the Lodge.

#6: EXERCISE YOUR HUNTING DOGS

If you plan to bring a hunting companion, make sure that you are exercising them daily before you arrive so they are in shape for hunting. Canine guests can enjoy outdoor kennel spaces as well as walkout rooms if they prefer to sleep by your side.

PRAIRIE PUZZLE

August Question: About how many pheasants were harvested in South Dakota last season?

- a) 1 million b) 750,000
c) 500,000 d) 150,000



Submit your answer by September 10, 2023, for a chance to win! Answers will be accepted via email, phone, or mail. Correct answers will be entered into the prize drawing to receive a FREE Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hat.