



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS



SHOW SEASON IS HERE VIEW OUR SCHEDULE

Show season is right around the corner! We are excited to share the events we will be attending in January, February, and March. We also plan to add more shows to this list later in the season!

Deer and Game Expo

January 16-18, 2026
Lincoln, Nebraska

Great American Outdoor Show (GAOS)

February 7-15, 2026
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Safari Club International

February 18-21, 2026
Nashville, Tennessee

Dixie Deer Classic

February 27 - March 1
Raleigh, North Carolina



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Seasons greetings from all of us at the Lodge! We hope you had a very merry Christmas and enjoy a lovely New Year this coming week. We are lucky to enjoy spending the holiday season with friends and family in the Kimball area and beyond.

Although we got some snow this December, it has since melted. So, instead of a white Christmas, we had some temperate weather that was ideal for walking in the fields! Don't forget, you can still schedule a late season pheasant hunt and take advantage of the mild climate and prime bird population this year!

IT'S PUPPY TIME: MEET YOUR NEXT HUNTING DOG

Early in the new year is the perfect time to bring home a puppy that you hope to train for hunting season in the fall! Lucky for you, we know someone who can help. You might have hunted with guide Jeff Hurt at the Lodge, and his red and white labs both had litters this December that will be ready to go to their new homes on Feb 1.

Red labs Ruby and Rip have 10 adorable fox red puppies. White labs Harley and Jack have five plump puppies, and this is Harley's first litter. All of the puppies are AKC certified. If you have hunted here at the Lodge, you might have seen Harley and Jack, who are both amazing hunters. Two of our guides, Alex and Brett, also have red lab puppies from Ruby's previous litters, and these dogs are trainable, instinctive, and loving.

If you want to bring home one of these surefire great hunting dogs, call Jeff at **605-770-4308**.



LATE SEASON PHEASANT HUNTING: SCORE YOUR ROOSTER LIMIT

Did you know that a nonresident pheasant license in South Dakota allows you to hunt for **two separate five-day periods**? That means that even if you already hunted with us this fall, you can come back and hunt again! Make the most of your license and book a late season hunt with us this January.

Winter weather can intimidate some prospective hunters, scaring them out of a December or January pheasant hunt. While we have gotten a few inches of snow this year, the forecast is looking pretty temperate. All of the snow has melted, and it is once again in the 50s (we wonder how Santa will get here with no snow for his sleigh)! While there might be some cold days, it seems like we have a clear winter ahead with stellar conditions for a late season hunt. Now, let's take a look at some late season pheasant hunting tips.

ENJOY HUNTING THE TREE LINES AND THICK COVER

This is the part of the year when our tree lines really pay off. As the weather grows colder and frost marks the ground, the pheasants look for dense cover

like what the tree lines and thickly planted food plots can offer. Of course, we situate our tree lines strategically so that food is never too far out of the way. That way, we can be sure we will flush out plenty of even the most stubborn birds.

EMBRACE THE ABILITIES OF OUR HIGHLY-TRAINED HUNTING DOGS (AND YOURS, TOO)

When wintertime hits, pheasants might be more reluctant to take to the skies. Remember, we only shoot pointing upward, so it is crucial that we scare the birds up. The best candidate for prompting the birds to fly? Highly-trained hunting dogs! Here at the Lodge, we have five of our own dogs. Plus, your canine companions are always welcome to join in on the fun.



MAKE YOUR SHOTS COUNT WITH QUALITY AMMO

Come winter, pheasants pack on a bit of extra padding (who isn't enjoying some extra tasty treats around the holidays)! That makes it even more important to use high-quality shells to cut through the fat and kill birds even when you are tackling long distance shots. High-velocity, hard-hitting loads are a game changer. Shells make a great stocking stuffer!

DON'T SHY AWAY FROM HUNTING IN THE SNOW

While it may be chilly, hunting in the snow can yield great results! Snow reduces the places the pheasants have to roost, so that you can narrow down potential hunting sites. You might just have your best hunt yet!

PRAIRIE PUZZLE

December Question: In the winter of 1968 into 1969, Sioux Falls recorded its greatest seasonal snowfall. How much did it snow?

- a) 12 feet, 9.6 inches
- b) 6 feet, 1.5 inches
- c) 7 feet, 10.7 inches
- d) 20 feet, 3.4 inches

Submit your answer by January 10, 2026, 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 piece of Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort merchandise.

