



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS



JOIN US AT THE MISSOURI RIVER OUTDOOR EXPO

Join us for our final show of 2026, the Missouri River Outdoor Expo! This will be our first time at this show, which is *free* to attend and takes place at Nebraska's **Ponca State Park** from **September 19-20**. The weekend is set to be a festival celebrating all things related to adventure and the outdoors. In addition to vendors like us, enjoy lots of family-friendly activities like kayaking, a BBQ challenge, and a duck calling competition. Plus, we will have puppies for sale! If you are in the area, come say hello – we will be outdoors under our shady 20x20 tent. We hope to see you there in a few weeks!

[See the Show Schedule](#)


DOVE HUNTING SEASON KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 1ST



We are thrilled to kick off dove hunting season this upcoming week, and we will be welcoming this year's first group of dove hunters in just a few days. While dove hunting season in South Dakota runs from **September 1 – November 9**, we always find the best dove hunting happens earlier in the season. Of course, weather can change that. If the first real freeze comes later in the year, the doves may hang around for longer.

Remember, it is not too late to schedule your pheasant hunting dates this year! We still have some openings to enjoy hunting wild roosters on the wide-open prairie. We'd love to see you there!

THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, NOW AT THE LODGE

What's new at the Lodge? Well, we have some exciting updates to our indoor lounge spaces that we know many of our hunters will be very enthused about. First and foremost, smart TVs are here! For those who want to watch Thursday Night Football, this is a big deal. We will no longer need to hook up a laptop or deal with pesky wires to get your favorite sport on the big screens! The NFL preseason is underway, and Thursday Night Football will officially resume on Prime on September 17. Plus, we have a comfy new spot to watch from: We have added an amazing massage chair to our amenities! It has been a big hit!

We still have a few openings in September and early October for prairie dog hunting – make sure to book your dates ASAP to lock it in!



IT'S PUPPY SEASON: GET READY TO MEET YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

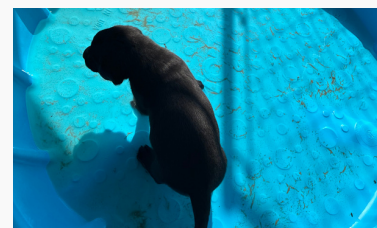
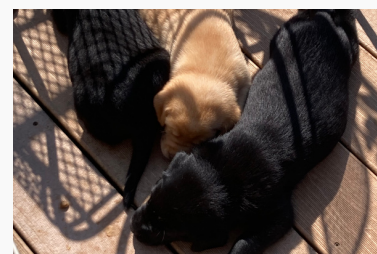
As you may recall from our previous newsletter, our red lab Ember welcomed a litter of adorable, healthy puppies in July. Ember has 11 puppies, six black and five red, with puppies of both genders in both colors. Now, as the puppies approach their six week birthday, they are almost ready to head to their new homes! They have been enjoying spending time out on the deck, where they can soak up the sun and play in their baby pool. They love to snuggle together in a pile of cuteness, and they are also eating puppy food now. Overall, they are doing an amazing job thriving! Now, they just need to find their forever homes – if you are looking for a talented hunting dog with amazing genes or an incredible family dog who is sure to become a treasured member of your household, look no further. You will not find a better companion than an AKC-certified labrador retriever. So, are you ready to meet your new best friend?



Mom Ember taps into her maternal instincts

If you are interested in taking home one of Ember's puppies, they will be ready to head home on **September 15**. We are selling females for \$1,200 and males for \$1,000. If you are traveling from far away, we are happy to meet you somewhere in the middle to pick up your puppy. Reach out to Alex at (605) 630-4046 or Toni at (508) 930-3094 to reserve one. We will also be bringing any remaining unsold puppies to the **Missouri River Outdoor Expo** on September 19 and 20 to find their new owners. If you are in the Ponca, Nebraska area, that may also be a good place to pick up your new pup. As the puppies are growing up, they are full of personality and fun. You are sure to fall in love with one of these wonderful dogs!

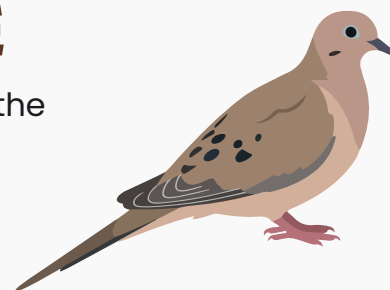
PUPPY GALLERY: ADORABLE SNAPSHOTS FROM EMBER'S LITTER



PRAIRIE PUZZLE

August Question: What type of bird is most closely related to the mourning doves that we hunt at the Lodge?

- a) Crow
- b) Pigeon
- c) Sandpiper
- d) Mockingbird



Submit your answer by September 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.