



Hunting Etiquette

A common sense hunt can be supplemented by a few rules. To begin with, no more than two gunners should walk up to one or more pointing dogs. If a gunner isn't excited he should be doing something else, but he needn't take complete leave of his senses. Many pointing dogs aren't steady to flush and are likely to chase low-flying birds. Give lots of room over a dog's head before you shoot. The dog may jump pretty high and anyone who has patterned shotguns knows there are deformed pellets that go a long way out of the pattern. Killing birds isn't all that important. Also, remember that a running dog's flapping ears often look a lot like a low-flying bird above the weeds. How many times have you done a double take on such a sight? And be sure you know where the other fellow is as you walk in. If you don't get the birds up when you expect them to go, use special care. Good chance of their flushing between you while you're stomping around.

Beginning shooters sometimes become transfixed by the whole program and back the dog. They stand there with their mouths open while the birds (and possibly the dog) get fidgety. Sometimes they sneak up on where they think the birds are. Nerve-wracking for the dog. Sometimes they run into stationary birds (enough to make a porcelain pointer jumpy). I think most dogs like to see you coming. I used to have a bad habit of walking up directly behind the dog and found that with at least one it made him unsteady. When I finally had sense enough to come in slightly from the side, I found he held. Actually seeing or trying to see game on the ground is a mental block to marksmanship. The oft-prescribed drill is to focus your eyes well above the cover and out where you expect to first see the birds plainly as you bring up your gun.

Etiquette calls for shooters to walk in together on coveys, each taking birds on his side. They generally take turns on singles. But etiquette must be suspended with bird species unfamiliar with the rules. Suspend etiquette—not safety. Most good shots approach a point with their guns carried at a modification of port arms. For a right-hander this means the muzzle is held high and turned to the left with the gun well out in front. When two shooters walk in together the one on the right will probably hold his muzzle a little farther forward for safety and he may walk a little like a crab. Holding a barrel low or parallel to the ground keeps the muzzle pointed too nearly toward the dogs much of the time. There's plenty of time, it says here. There generally is. Novices put their guns nearly to their shoulders in hope of getting a jump on the targets. It's more bad than good because—it ties them up. Having the gun completely mounted like a trapshooter invites aching arms if the birds have moved or aren't there at all. It also encourages snap shooting and you can't see where you're stepping. Rigid points get the adrenaline flowing and it's very easy to shoot too fast, empty your gun and watch the targets flapping off like buzzards. Don't shoot the dog.

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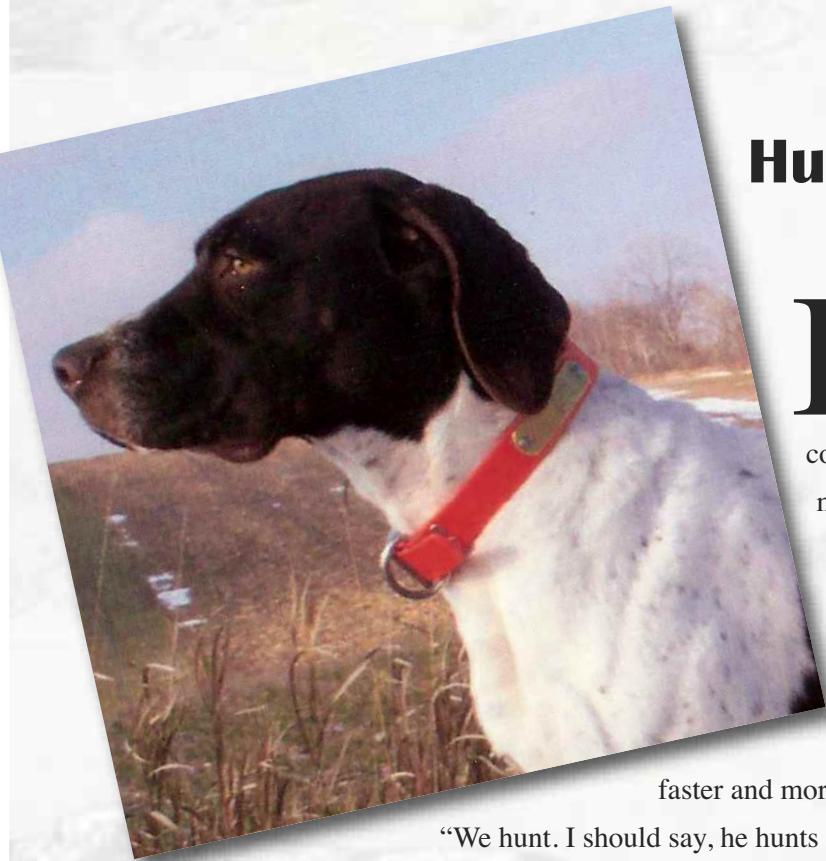
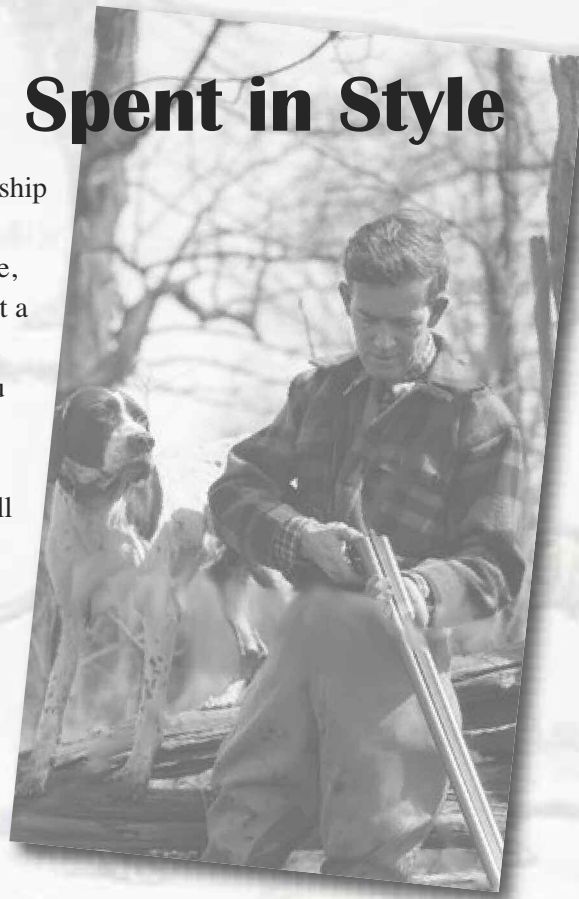
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Your Hunting Day will be Spent in Style

Your day will start with a meet and greet session with your championship dog, Big Red, and handler, Frank DeRaimo. All hunts will be scheduled by mutual consent, weekdays or weekends at an exclusive, Wild Wings lodge in Lomira. You and your five-man hunting party will shoot a free round of clays at Wild Wings in Campbellsport and then take the field at their Lomira lodge for your hunt. Handler, Frank DeRaimo, will then tell you how Big Red works and the best way to hunt behind him. Frank is there to insure you a fun filled, quality, safe hunt, so please follow his instructions. Your hunting party will get 30 birds, 15 Chukars and 15 Pheasants. There will be one tagged bird in your hunt that will be entered into an annual drawing for a major prize at Wild Wings. Lunch and a cash bar are available at the clubhouse. If you choose an afternoon hunt Wild Wings will throw in a FREE steak dinner and a FREE night's stay at their Lomira lodge. Each hunting team may compete in a 1 in 5 chance, optional drawing for a \$350 shotgun. Your registration fee will be \$250 without the raffle and \$325 if you opt for it. Additional birds may be purchased for your team at \$20 each.





Hunt with **Big Red**

It's been said that: "To a dog the whole world is a smell." If that's true, then Big Red has a nose that has traveled the globe. Frank DeRaimo, Big Red's current owner and companion, can vouch for that. "Big Red is a real champion. I met him and he me a year ago. Still at the top of his game, he sure wasn't about to retire. No sooner had he settled on me as his new owner than he made it apparent that he wasn't going to be content to rest on his laurels. He may have had his championship day in the sun, but these sunny days would find him in the field, pointing and flushing, better, faster and more beautifully than any other dog around." "So," says Frank, "We hunt. I should say, he hunts and I shoot. And Big Red wouldn't want it any other way."

If you want to experience a true symbiotic relationship between dog, game and gun, make sure you're part of Charity Hunt 2010. Big Red is waiting to put you to the test!

Date: Fall/Winter 2010* (Date to be mutually agreed upon)
Time: 8:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Wild Wings Game Farm, Campbellsport/Lomira, WI

Your \$250** includes:

-  Part of 5-man hunt team/30 birds (15 pheasants/15 chukars)
-  1 dog and handler per hunt team
-  You keep what you shoot
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- Extra birds available at \$20 each
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*October 1 through December 31, 2010.
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 Use of Clubhouse and bar.

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Thinking about another smoked ham for your clients this year? How about tickets to a basketball or football game? That's what you've always done and, perhaps, it's worked pretty well. But this year if you're looking for a way that will make your business or service really stand out from all the rest, why not consider giving your clients or customers a hunting experience that they will never forget. They'll be talking about it for years to come. Citizen Advocacy last did a Charity Hunt in 1995. And, do you know that we still run into friends and donors who attended that hunt, remember it and ask when the next one will be? There are few events that offer more in the way of excitement, competition, good food and good, old-fashioned comradery than a charity hunt and this year's Concerned Sportsman's Charity Hunt promises to exceed anything we've done in the past. Reserve your group of five today!

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