



NEWSLETTER

OUR GOAL: To Promote, Preserve, and Experience One of the Greatest Southern Traditions Known... Quail Hunting.

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Spring Field Trial

The Alabama Quail Hunters Spring field trial will be held on March 6th. We're pleased to announce the return to the Frost Farm Preserve. Please be sure to thank James and his family for hosting the field trial and their willingness to share their property! If you would like to register your dog please contact Bob Carr (205-424-1381) or Frank Harris (after business hours 205-595-0203). Please register by Thursday night (3/4) at the latest. Registration fees:

Puppy class up to 12 months old - \$35.00

Derby Class any dog up to 36 months old, \$40.00.

Gun Dog Class is open to any dog, \$45.00.

Senior Dog Class is only open to dogs over 8 years old, \$45.00.

Frost Farm Directions

Take I-65 South from Birmingham.

Take the Shelby County Airport Exit.

Turn Left onto Highway 12 and go to the dead end.

Turn Right onto Highway 22 and go about 100 yards to Highway 12.

Turn left onto Highway 12 and go to the dead end.

Turn Left onto Highway 16 and go over the hill to Highway 23.

Turn Right onto Highway 23 and go to the first paved road on your right.

Turn Right onto County Road 222 and go to the second house on your left.



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A Dog's Plea



Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick. Your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet, for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet. Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I can not tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life.

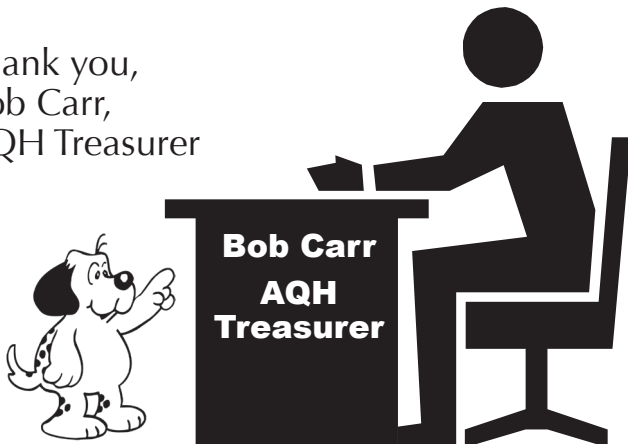
And when I am very old and I no longer enjoy good health, hearing and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. Please see to it that my life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing my fate was in your loving hands.

Submitted by Ed Cain-AQH

Treasurer's Desk

Look at your AQH Newsletter mailing label. If "12-10" does not follow your name, my records show that you have not yet paid your 2010 dues payable to all AQH members on January 1st. Please mail me your check made out to AL Quail Hunters, 1901 Morgan Road SE, Bessemer, AL 35022. Your annual \$15.00 dues are income tax deductible. If I have made an error (and I DO make errors), email me at coalcarr@bham.rr.com or call me during office hours at (205) 424-1381.

Thank you,
Bob Carr,
AQH Treasurer



Welcome To Our Newest Members

John Barnes
from Alabaster

Paul Beasley
from Hoover

Mike Davis
from Northport

James Pate
from Blountsville

Robert Spotswood
from Birmingham

Robert Youngblood
from Northport

HEY FOLKS

I assume that you heard the news concerning all the problems Quail Unlimited, (QU) is having in Edgefield, South Carolina. I guess we all have enough American Indian skills to have seen the disaster coming. However, I do not take a bit of enjoyment in it. QU had some fine people in their organization. Locally, the present officers were gentlemen. How do you blame someone for making an effort to help reverse the decline in quail numbers?


A couple years back QU agreed to sponsor the head of the NBCI, National Bobwhite Quail Initiative. Once he committed to the new job, leaving one with comfort and a sound salary, he was instructed by QU to either find donations for his salary or write and obtain grants for it. Is that fair? Similar stories are numerous. We have to put the demise of QU behind us, or we will lose our focus on restoring quail habitat.

Unfortunately today, we do not have a national organization supporting Mr. Bob White Quail. The American way to speak up for wild quail is

to organize a group of like-minded members. The leadership of the organization is responsible for educating and communicating with the members. It is critical, now more than ever, that an organization step forward to represent quail on the national scale. Covey Rise is reporting that the former QU chapters in Texas are forming a Texas quail coalition.

My experience is that Alabama Wildlife Federation, Covey Rise and ALFA are supportive of quail and quail habitat. Personally, I like Alabama Quail Hunters' organization. I would welcome any of you to join our organization. There is another new group coming on the scene in Alabama called Quail Forever, QF. They are patterned after the national organization, Pheasants Forever. The money raised locally remains to be spent locally. I have visited the QF Chapter in Centre, Chaired by Freddy Reynolds. It is my recommendation to you to get to know these guys.

Thank you for your time.
Frank, President



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Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Office Phone (____) _____

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Email Address _____

New Member

Renewal

2010 DUES – \$15.00

Check Payable to "Alabama Quail Hunters"

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