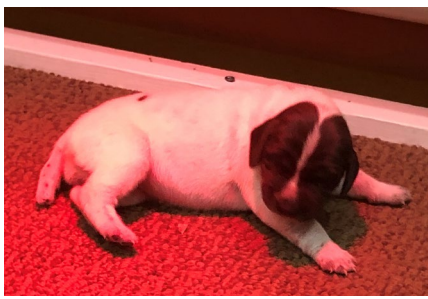


## President's Message

by Frank O'Leary



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The DKGNA Testing Season wrapped up with the North Carolina test, on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Now most of our members are enjoying the fall hunting season and reaping the rewards of the training they put into their dogs.

Bird hunting season in the Northwest is in full swing. The bird numbers in the Walla Walla valley appear to be good so we are enjoying the season. Last week I was invited to hunt with Doug Corey at one of the Hunt Oregon properties. Doug is a family member of the Cunningham Sheep Company and a friend of mine since 1974. We hunted down a creek that runs through the property and the number of wild birds we encountered was amazing. Since we left most of them where we found them I can't wait to be invited back again.

The DKGNA has had a great 2020 considering the restriction we faced from Covid-19. The Desert Mountain Region met the criteria to form a Region and became our first in October. The Southeast area is closing in on meeting the requirements to form their Region and we anticipate that will happen soon. Another group of DK enthusiasts has come forward in California and will be hosting both a Spring and Fall test there in 2021.

The DKGNA 2021 Testing Schedule is taking shape and will be reviewed by the Board of Directors in December. At this time it appears there will be test held in Utah, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, California and Washington. There are ongoing conversations with others interested in hosting tests in additional geographic areas which may also be considered. It is anticipated that the DKGNA 2021 Test Schedule will be submitted to the DKV and JGHV by mid-December.

DKGNA Annual Members will be receiving their 2021 Annual Membership Dues notice by mid-December. Notices will be sent through PayPal to each of the current Annual Members. With the payment of their 2021 dues members will receive a DKGNA Club Pin and decal.

We hope everyone has a great hunting season and enjoys their dogs.

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