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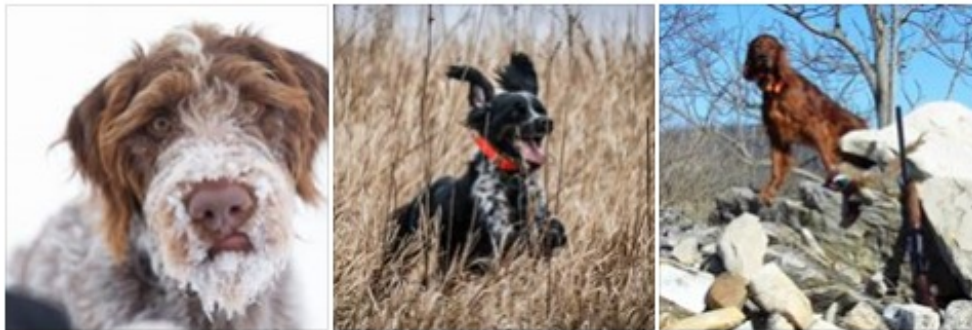
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NATIONAL NEWS

Read the latest news from RGS and AWS.

RGS & AWS Member Dog Photo Contest Winners



We are pleased to announce the winners of our RGS and AWS Member Dog Photo Contest. The winners, selected by the highest number of "Likes" on our Facebook page, are shown above (left to right): first place - Ben S., Michigan and his photo of Aspen, a German wire-haired pointer; second place - Illinois member Doug B.'s photo of Jolie Sur le Delavan an Epagneul Breton (French Brittany); and third place - Dave H.'s photo of Cassie his Irish Setter.

Thank you to all of our entrants and prize sponsors Mud River and Purina and look for that once in a lifetime shot as we plan to run our second annual contest next year.

See the post and then click each image on the Facebook page to see larger versions of each photo to really see the soulful eyes, exuberance and regal bearing of these dogs.



Regional Biologist Newsletters Available

Your regional biologists' newsletters have been released over the last month or so. If you haven't read it or one for an area you plan to hunt they are posted online.

Mid-Atlantic Southern Appalachian - Topics included in Linda Ordiway's update are: information on the Wildlife Managers Conference; as well as

updates on two forestry habitat machines, the RGS-filed Petition for Rulemaking, the 2016 State Drummer Fund Regional Update, and the 2016 PA Drummer Wildlife Leadership Academy. [Read...](#)

Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa - Scott Walter included these topics: Wisconsin (WI) ruffed grouse survey results; WI grouse cycle; RGS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service young forest habitat agreement; 2016 WI Drummer Fund projects; Project Upland Series; information on the Wildlife Managers Conference; the RGS-filed Petition for Rulemaking; and Research Corner. [Read...](#)

Minnesota - Topics included in this update by Meadow Kauffeld-Hansen and Ted Dick are: Minnesota (MN) ruffed grouse drumming survey results; Women's Intro to Wingshooting update; RGS/MN Deer Hunters Association joint \$3.6 million grant; Twin Cities Woodcock Habitat Project; MN Woodcock Banding Clinic; RGS efforts in Pine, Itasca and Cass Counties; Young Forest Initiative; Metro Area woodcock walks; New Hunter Mentor Program; southeastern MN Driftless Area Focus and more. [Read...](#)

Northeast and South - Topics included in Andy Weik's update are: RGS / AWS 2015 Annual Report; Wildlife Managers Conference; NH Forestry Workshop; Woodcock Migration Satellite Study update; RGS Youth Program activities; Northeast grouse and woodcock fall outlook; drought effects on woodcock and upcoming regional events. [Read...](#)

Previous biologist newsletters may be found under their regional heading on the [Ruff Country News](#) page.

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How:

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Sincerely,



Ron Burkert
Mgr., Public Education
Ruffed Grouse Society

P.S. Give back to the birds you love, volunteer now to help organize a fall **RGS event** in your area. All of the **field staff** could use your help in one way or another.

BLOG TOPICS

The Blog includes articles on a variety of subjects and is currently featuring an engaging series



titled *Why We Hunt: Member Stories of Lore & Tact*.

You can search posts by month, topic categories, authors, and keywords.

July - August topics include:

- "Women's Intro to Wingshooting"
- "RGS Responds to Anti-Forest Management Message"
- "Why We Hunt, with Member Perry Masotti"
- "Training in the Dog Days of Summer"
- "Why We Hunt, with Member Dave Veldman", and
- "Why We Hunt, with Member Landon Knittweis".

Don't forget to subscribe to be notified automatically of new posts via email: Open one of the individual topics by clicking on its title in the blog, scroll to the bottom, enter your name and email address, complete the equation, be sure the "Notify me of new posts by email." box is checked and then click Post Comment.

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