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Special Sire Issue



Mars Coat King



This issue I am going to cover a stripping comb. For those of you that don't know, a stripping comb is used to remove dead hair from your dog while leaving the healthy hair intact. Like most Pudelpointer owners, I have used currycombs, shedding blades, and my hands to strip the dead hair from my dogs over the years. While using your hands and fingers does a good job, it is time consuming and tiring. All of the other combs I have used left something to be desired.

A couple of years ago I started using a Mars Coat King stripping comb, and you won't believe how well it works until you have tried one for yourself. The first time I saw it used was on a dog that had not been stripped in a while and it was impressive. I wanted to see it used on a dog that had already been stripped to see how much more hair it got than using a curry comb and my hands. So I did my normal routine with my dog using the currycomb and then my fingers.

When I thought I had done a pretty thorough job, I picked up the Mars Coat King and went to town, not expecting to see it grab much hair. Wow – what a big surprise. I got more hair off the dog in two or three strokes of the new comb than I had in 10 minutes of using my hands and a currycomb. It really got to the undercoat better than anything I have ever seen. This is one of those rare occasions that I was totally blown away at how well a product works.

There is one more 'Wow factor' that I must warn you about and that is the price – it runs from \$30.00 to \$40.00. If I had not seen the comb in action myself, I would not have thought it was worth the money. You are just going to have to trust me on this, IT'S WORTH EVERY PENNY!

This is a quality comb made in Germany out of stainless steel and what appears to be an oak handle with brass rivets. It will last a lifetime and, if by chance you dull the blades or break them, you can buy replacement blades.

The comb comes in several different sizes; I have used two sizes, the medium 18-blade and the medium 12-blade. Of the two I like the 18-blade better, they work about the same, but because the 18 is wider, it does the job faster. The 12-blade is great for around the eyes and ears. I have found that these sizes work better on dogs with a longer coat; if your dog is a short coated dog you would most likely need to use a comb with a fine blade instead on the medium blade. After you use it, you will wonder why you have never heard of it before.

You can find the Mars Coat King at www.petedge.com or 1-800-738-3343 or www.hubint.com

2007 Testing Season and Handler Clinic Planning

Chapters and Test Secretaries, please apply for your tests now. Applications for tests may be submitted on-line through the Forms Express link at www.navhda.org.

Judges book their schedules quickly, so you need to contact them as soon as possible, as well.

Chapters please apply early for your handler Clinics. Clinic applications are to be sent to the Central Office.

Those wishing to test please plan ahead and seek information. The latest calendar will always be on the website.

Chapter Officers Take Note

All chapter officers must have current membership in NAVHDA International in order to serve at the chapter level.

Keep The Antifreeze Out of Reach

Antifreeze contains the chemical ethylene glycol and is a frequent source of pet poisoning. Many dogs are attracted to its sweet taste and lap it up when spilled on the ground or improperly stored, according to Bob West, field trainer and consultant for Nestlé Purina dog food. Make sure containers are secure and stored away from your dog's access. Keep your dog out of the area when you are draining antifreeze. Immediately clean the area and dispose of any used antifreeze.

There is more than one way to give Which of these options is right for you?

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- Give a matching gift – Many companies offer a matching gift program providing employees with an opportunity to double or even triple their gift to non-profit organizations like ours. Contact your company's human resource representative for further information.
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Some of these options may offer substantial tax advantages and support NAVHDA at the same time. Please discuss them with your tax advisor to find out more.

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