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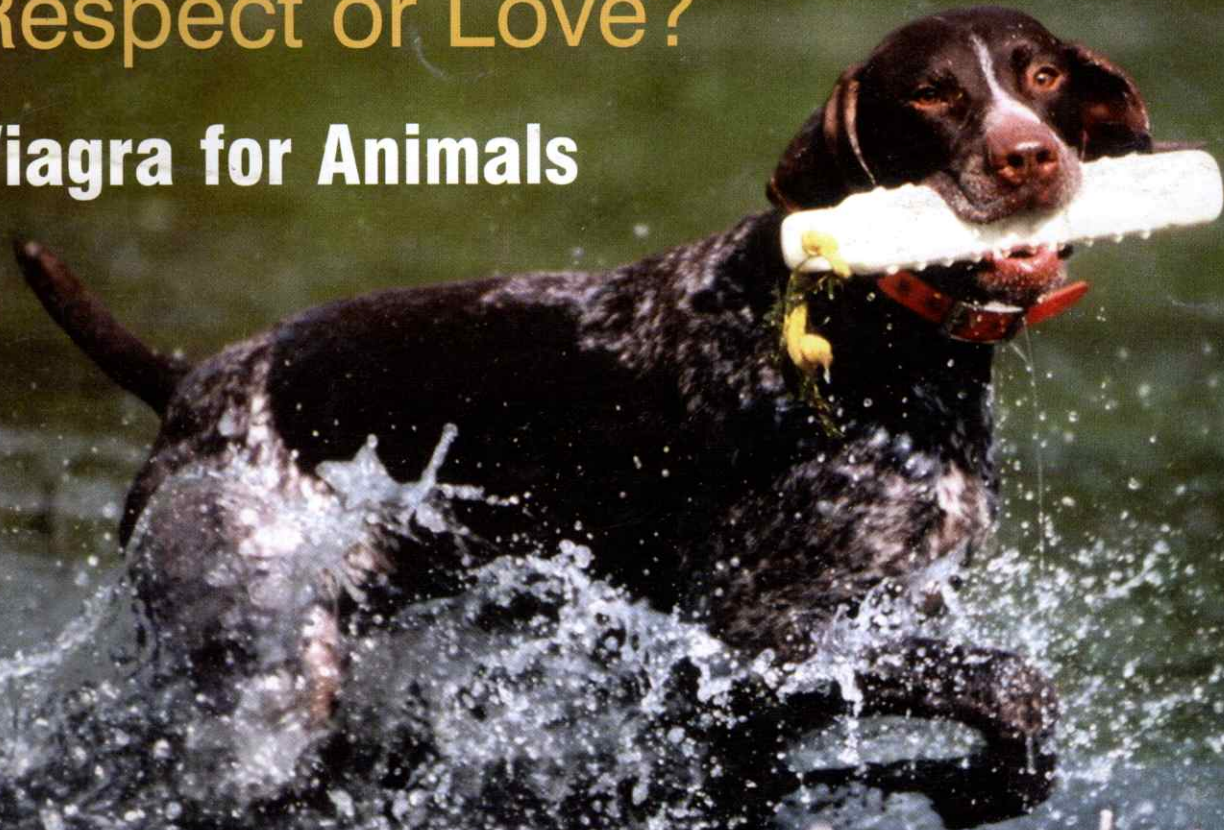
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*In My Brother's
Footsteps*

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Respect or Love?

Viagra for Animals



VG CH Shade Mtn's Reveille at Dawn MH
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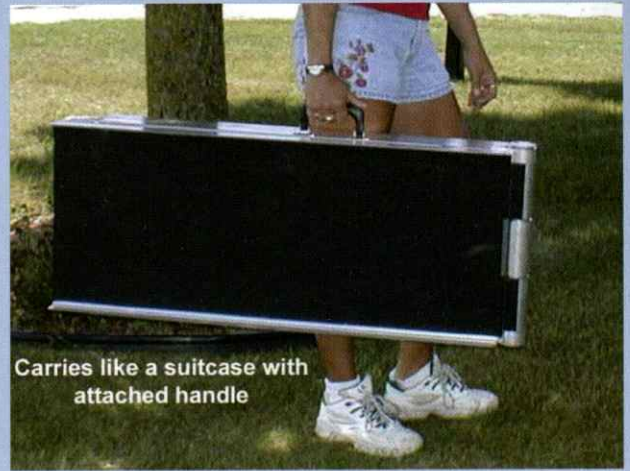
A Better-Built Dog Ramp

This product review is about a product that is new for me. While I normally would not cover a product that I have not used and abused for a long time, this item is so well built it did not take long to realize how good it was.

I recently added a six compartment dog box to my dog training truck. After adding the box and taking the dogs training, it soon became apparent that I needed a ramp of some sort, the box being too high for most of the dogs to make the jump. Every dog ramp that I have seen before was a home-made job, most made out of plywood and 2x4's. All of the ramps left something to be desired. They were long and awkward, most were heavy, and the wood never lasted very long without the sides starting to splinter.

Setting out to build a better mouse trap, I fired up the computer and started to do some research for the items I would need to build a better ramp. Well, somebody beat me to it. One of the first sites I found on the internet had exactly what I was looking for. The company specializes in ATV and motorcycle ramps, and recently started making dog ramps.

What I found was an X-tra Long Suitcase Dog Ramp. Made of aluminum, it weighs only 20 pounds. I bought the seven-foot model; it folds in half to 42.5 inches and has a handle in the middle (hence



Carries like a suitcase with attached handle

the name). The ramp is 15 inches wide and has a 250-pound capacity. At \$109.99 it is a steal. I have owned this ramp for a year and used it four to five days a week for six months and have yet to find a fault with it. This ramp eliminates all the problems with home-made ramps and should literally last a lifetime. If you run a lot of dogs or have one that has trouble getting into the truck because of old age, then I suggest you take a look at their web site. When I bought mine they had two models, they now have several more models and should have one to fit your needs. www.discountramps.com.



Caught in the Act



Having become a NAVHDA member with the acquisition of my first versatile hunting dog, I have become a strong believer in all that the organization provides. Of particular interest has been my education on the amazing attributes and the diversity of all of the breeds that are considered versatile.

My dog, Samantha (Killbuck's Erma) is a Pudelpointer. Like many other owners, Sam came into my life after a significant amount of research on the qualities of the various breeds and which of those qualities were important to me. While I wanted to be certain that my choice would be a great hunter with proven abilities, I needed a dog that would be a family pet and able to live within a city.

What a find Sam was. Now at four years old, she has far surpassed my expectations as a (natural) hunter. Those with whom I hunt are constantly impressed with her abilities to find, point and retrieve game. In addition, she has ingratiated herself as a family companion, lover of children and welcomed camp member. It would be hard for me to find fault with her.

However, there is one trait that has just blown me away. That is her overall intelligence. I'm not talking about innate hunting ability or sensory capability. I am talking about true intelligence. I know that every dog owner believes that their dog is the best, but the photo that I caught of Sam one evening when I came home summarizes what I am saying best...