

Females equal males as hunting dogs

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - Females can hold their own with males as hunting dogs and they have managed to do very well in national com-

petition, according to Fred T. Miller, president of the United Kennel Club (UKC). While more male dogs usually are entered in

competition because of the excellent stud fees they bring if they become winners, Miller says females are just as aggressive and have won their share of the many UKC-sponsored events over the years.

In fact, in the past four years that the UKC has chosen World Coonhound Champions, females were champions the first two years.

But, unless a dog owner can control his bitch's heat period, he may enter her in advance for an important competitive event only to be disappointed when his animal comes into heat at the wrong time and must drop out of competition.

Equally disappointed is the hunter who spends time training and preparing his dog only to have her go into heat when hunting season arrives.

In the past, spaying has been a logical answer to the problems of female hunting

dogs coming into heat. But many hunters don't like the permanence of spaying and have turned to Cheque, a canine birth control drug which keeps a bitch out of heat with a daily dosage of .0025 placed either on the dog's food or directly into her mouth.

The manufacturer, The Upjohn Company, did 10 years of testing on well over 2,000 dogs in both field situations and laboratories. No adverse effect on livability were found, nor did any life-endangering side effects appear, according to research Dr. James Sokolowski.

One hunter who participated in the field tests was Justin R. Kromminga of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He started his Brittany Spaniel, Babe, on Cheque in 1972, and continued administering the birth control drops through her reproductive years. Even at age 15 she was able

to hunt every day of the season.

Kromminga says he decided to start Babe on the birth control drug after six years of untimely heat periods and periodic episodes with false pregnancy.

Kromminga believes that an unsprayed dog is a better hunter. "The biggest factor affecting hunting ability must be related to natural instincts and I can't help but feel that removal of reproductive organs just might negatively affect these instincts," he says.

Some hunters find that their spayed dogs are less active and tend to gain too much weight. Spayed dogs require less food, so many owners often overfeed them.

Miller, whose 83-year-old United Kennel Club has dogs registered in all 50 states and 18 foreign nations, sees this new drug as an ideal solution to the problems faced by owners wanting to enter their bitches into competitive events, because the serious dog owner doesn't want an element of uncertainty to hang over his animal's performance.



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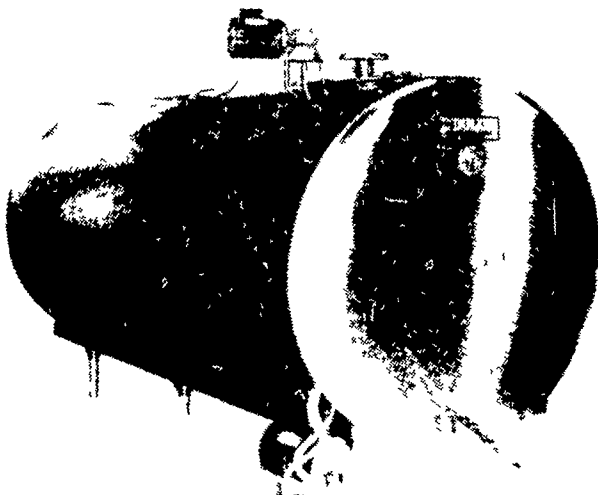
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