



Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Facility
Deep South Operations and Maintenance Committee

Dear Club Members:

I hope that all is going well as you make plans for the up-coming field trial season. I am writing to give you a report on the progress being made at our Forever Wild facility in Hale County, Alabama near Greensboro. Your Deep South committee met with Mr. Bill Mason, local Forever Wild manager and Mr. Chris Smith, State Lands Division manager of Forever Wild to discuss procedures for submitting field trial applications. We also discussed guidelines for pleasure running and training. We had a very productive meeting.

There is no doubt that mistakes will be made as we move forward and adjustments will have to be made. But let me assure you that Chris and Bill are committed to doing whatever it takes to make sure that these pens are a first class facility for holding field trials. They admit that they know very little about beagle field trials and will have to depend on our Deep South Committee for guidance and advice.

Our committee toured all four enclosures and determined that pens 2 and 4 have enough cover to hold rabbits and so the relocation of game has begun. Each pen will require 75-100 rabbits. We are in need of your help to get two pens stocked as quickly as possible. Relocating rabbits takes time and money. We have the time: we need the money to pay for the rabbits. If your club or any member would like to contribute, please send your check to: Larry Dillard, 2432 Vale Dr., B'ham, AL 35244-2276. Make it payable to Deep South Beagle Gundogs. Clubs and individuals are also encouraged to donate and deliver rabbits.

A lot of work is yet to be done and a lot of details have to be worked out, but when it is all said and done we will have four enclosures that will be second to none and a premiere facility for holding field trials.

I know that I cannot answer every question you might have in this letter but first let me go over some of the things that were discussed at our meeting. Please keep in mind that NOTHING is carved in stone and that we are open to any and all suggestions.

Field Trial Application Process:

Deep South Clubs will have first choice in this process

Each year a meeting will be held in July so that clubs can secure their trial dates

An application form will be provided for clubs to use

Clubs must provide a certificate of insurance that will protect Forever Wild from all liability

(Options are being reviewed)

Deep South member clubs will pay \$2 per entry to hold a field trial. Non-members will pay \$4 per entry (UKC, ARHA, UBGF, etc)

Clubs must furnish (for now) portalets-one for every multiple of 50 people. Forever Wild will make arrangements.

The White House rental for trials or training will be \$100 per night and will sleep 8: includes kitchen, dining and living rooms

Training and Pleasure Running:

Will not be allowed until August of 2012 and will be based on the condition of the running grounds at that time

We did not discuss training in great detail. We have all year to think about it but Forever Wild did suggest that a fee of \$21 for 1/2 day (5 hours) and \$35 for all day (10 hours) should be considered. Non-member clubs will pay double. You will be allowed to run up to seven dogs at a time and the handler must be present at all times. Please keep in mind that our mission is to keep each pen in top condition for holding field trials and so the number of training days may have to be adjusted as we go along.

Fees for training and field trials are necessary to keep the pens from being over used by non-members who would be there every day if it were free. Also funds are needed to help with the cost of maintenance of the grounds and game management.

Our top priority now is to get pens 2 and 4 stocked as quickly as possible. Next is to bring electricity and water to the pavilion. Chris Smith is currently working on that and hopes to have it available by early next year or sooner. Once all guidelines and procedures have been worked out Forever Wild will post a copy on their website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the following committee members. Thank you for your continued support and have a great trial season.

Your Friend in Beagling,
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Several of you have already contributed and we thank you!