

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes
December 26, 2020

******LURE COURSING PRACTICE TRIALS:** Former ODH joint master and longtime whip, Dr. Scott Dove has invited subscribers, neighbors and friends to watch or participate in the annual Foxcliffe sighthound lure coursing practice trials. This year's event – as always, free to spectate or participate – begins at noon on Saturday, Jan. 2. Dr. Dove sets up a mechanical lure in the Poe's Run river bottom hayfield (on North Poes Road just across the Jordan River bridge) and dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds take turns trying their game on the sighthound test. Sighthounds and non-sighthounds are welcome. Please have your dog safely leashed, up to date on inoculations and bring them some water and a dish. Bring your own warm beverages and a mask – unlike previous years, there won't be a tent with warm drinks and there will not be a party afterwards.

******A (REAL-LIFE) NEWS HOUND:** Read the tale of Danny the (born in ODH kennels) foxhound and his Christmas fox!

[The Fox and The Hound - interspecies relationship is complex, but it's real](#)

******ANNOUNCING THE OLD DOMINION SELF-SERVE FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM**

Some of our neighbors are currently food-insecure, and the Old Dominion Hounds membership and Old Dominion Conservation and Education Foundation want to help, critical since some are not eligible for federal assistance. ODH and ODCEF have set up a "self-serve food pantry" box in Orlean, with plans for a second one in Flint Hill soon. The weather-tight container will be supplied by contributions, with any extra food donated to the Rappahannock Food Bank weekly. The food pantry box is located behind the Orlean post office by the white shed. Please direct neighbors in need to find free food in the box, and please direct those more fortunate how to donate to it.

Food item contributions will be collected at each Saturday's ODH hunt meets, or you can place food directly in the box. If you find the pantry full, there's additional storage in the white shed. Signs will be posted on both.

Donation ideas: peanut butter, jelly, rice, grains, cereal, oatmeal, cooking oil, canned or jarred pasta sauce, canned meat and fish, canned veggies and fruit canned soup, boxed pasta and other side dishes, personal items (soap, shampoo, etc.)

Contact odfoodpantry@gmail.com for details or with ideas of how to help.



******HUNTING SCHEDULE: **Call the Hunt Monitor 540 364 7457****

- Sunday, Dec. 27 – ****FOLLOW** the schedule carefully – Boxing Day Redux** – 10 a.m. sharp – Move off from the parking at the ODH hunter trial field to the kennels. 10:20 a.m. Join the ODH hounds and staff to parade together to the Orlean Market. ~ 10:30 a.m. Stirrup cup at the Market, courtesy of owner Kia Kiernesi, awarding of the Christmas purse and awarding of colors. Move off for hunting after that.
- Tuesday, Dec. 29 – TBD
- Thursday, Dec. 31 – 10 a.m. Out Of The Way, Orlean
- Saturday, Jan. 2 – TBD

******GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT TO A FELLOW FOXHUNTER AT THE TURN OF THE NEW YEAR:** Longtime ODH subscriber Adrienne Burke Brooks is quarantined in her apartment at the Wellington assisted care facility in Manassas. She suffered a stroke earlier this year, and since Covid, she's hasn't been able to have visits from family or friends.

Friend and ODH subscriber Pat DeBearn reports that Adrienne is “A little slow in conversation but she’s totally fine. Pat says she **lives** for the phone in her apartment to ring. She’s so happy to talk about books, and horses, and foxhunting – all the passions of her life. Please, those who hunted with her or rode with her – or even if you didn’t, give her a call. Talk. Listen. Share. Tell her about your last hunting day or your last ride, or describe the views near her beloved home, The Findings, on Zulla Road just north of the schools. It will make a difference. Promise.” Subscribers are encouraged to reach out to Adrienne, and to encourage young riders to do the same. Consider helping them jot down a short transcript of their most recent ride, or pony club event, or their last hunt. **Call her at 703 468 2750.**

*****CAN’T GET ENOUGH HUNTING IN VIRGINIA? TRY IRELAND!** The Clare Hunt in the west of Ireland has teamed up with Atlantic Way Touring to offer hunt packages. A sample hunting holiday runs six days (typically, Wednesday-Monday) and includes B and B accommodation, hunt horse hires and capping fees. On non-hunting days, Clare Hunt hosts will take guests sightseeing along the Wild Atlantic Way. atlanticwaytouring

*****PHOTOS:** Eclipse Award winning photographer Douglas Lees has been following ODH the past few weeks. Most of his photos are used in magazines and books, but he’s willing to provide individual prints for sale. He does **not** have a website, so be prepared to carefully describe your horse and your position throughout the hunting day (he was at Les Moeller’s last Saturday and at the hunter trial field on Thanksgiving) to help him identify you. Contact him directly – douglaslees@comcast.net

*****ODH FIXTURE MAP:** (Credit Jennifer Farrin and Babs Timmerman) Meets are ‘pinned’ with parking notes:

Old Dominion Hounds fixtures

*Reminder from the masters and landowners: Please do not arrive to a fixture more than 50-55 minutes prior to the meet time. Parking at each meet is specific – if someone parks ‘the wrong way’ to start out, it makes it hard for all the trailers to fit. Zoom in on the map, but please wait for a “lead” if you don’t know exactly which gate to enter.

*****ODH MARKETPLACE:**

- Women’s large riding shirt, size Large, white with patterned cuffs and inside the collar. For sale, \$20, or will trade for a women's Extra Large hunt shirt with wrap collar.
linquest@gmail.com

*****PLEASE HELP OUT YOUR HonSec:** Please keep track how many times you’ve hunted so we can reconcile the new 5-pack and 10-pack bundles and Pony Club parent package.

*****PLEASE SEND** any news, or notes, photos, interesting items or upcoming events to be included in this ODH online newsletter.

Feel free to forward this to friends and family and anyone you think might be interested in ODH happenings.

Send current/updated email addresses if you’d like to be included on our direct newsletter list.