

## VINEYARD HOUNDS - HUNT MANAGEMENT

Slide 1 WELCOME TO THE FOXHUNTING SEMINAR “**VINEYARD HOUNDS - HUNT MANAGEMENT.**” Foxhunting is a non-competitive sport in which the foxhunter is a spectator and the hounds are the players. Unlike football or baseball where the spectators sit in the stands, foxhunters sit on a horse. Since the playing field covers a huge area, we spectators follow hounds on horse-back. This requires the spectator, both horse and rider, to be in reasonable shape. Many spectators view foxhunting differently - some ride to hunt, while others hunt to ride, and still others participate for the fellowship and camaraderie. Regardless the reason, all fox- hunters enjoy the chase. The excitement of hounds speaking produces an exhilaration among both hounds and riders as a great drama is unveiled as the country side comes to life.

### Slide 2 MENTORS AND PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Douglas R. Raine. Master of Foxhounds, was introduced to hunting with hounds by his grandfather, Leon Bounds, at the age of 6. Hounds were kenneled at their farm in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Mr. Raine was reintroduced to hunting in 1970 with the formation of The Hickory Creek Hunt. He served as Field Master, Whipper-in, and Pres-ident until 1976. In 1976, Mr. Raine joined Rex and Marjorie Denny, Masters of the newly formed Cloudline Hounds. After 8 great years of serving as First Whipper-in for Colonel Denny, Mr. Raine established the Vineyard Hounds.

Mr. Raine is married to LaVerne Raine and has two children, Meredith and James. LaVerne and Douglas reside at Fairlie Farm in Fairlie, Texas. Mr. Raine is founder of FGBT, a corrosion consulting firm, and operates a small vineyard and ranch.

Slide 3 SELECTING PROPERTY – FAIRLIE FARM Pictured is Fairlie Farm Commerce, Texas.

### Slide 4 STARTING A PACK OF FOXHOUNDS

The Vineyard Hounds were established in 1984.

My good friend, Charles Fletcher, MFH (Master of Foxhounds) Hickory Creek Hunt, bred his two best hounds, Sandon and Sunshine, for my first litter of Foxhound puppies - Soar, Summer, Surf, Sassy, and Stormy. Seasoned English Foxhounds, Lively and Wanton were provided by John Hines, MFH Belvoir Hunt, and Hemlock and Ripple were provided by Captain Ronnie Wallace, MFH Exmoor Hunt in England. The Plum Run Hunt in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, helped expand the pack with English Foxhounds, Dexter, Destiny, Falstaff, Daylight, and Folio, courtesy of Richard Reynolds, MFH and Suzy Reingold, MFH. The Arapahoe Hunt in Littleton, Colorado, drafted us Elmer, an English Foxhound and the Bridlespur Hunt in Defiance, Missouri, furnished cross-bred Foxhounds Viking, Warrior, Watchman, Walnut, Gothic, Saucy and Protest, courtesy of Ms. Jane Kenny, MFH.

Using a selective breeding program, the Vineyard Hound pack has totaled a high of sixty. Each Saturday and Monday during the season, twenty to thirty hounds would go out and search the countryside for Wiley Coyote.

Slide 5 STABLING HORSES AND KENNELING HOUNDS. PICTURE TAKEN OF BACK OF BARNES AND KENNELS.

Slide 6 DETERMINE KENNEL SIZE, DESIGN, DRAINAGE, COUNTY APPROVED SEPTIC SYSTEM, NUMBER OF KENNEL HOUSES AND RUNS – WE STARTED WITH 3 KENNEL HOUSES WHICH WERE DIVIDED INTO 7 SECTIONS WITH 7 RUNS and later added a whelping house with runs.

Slide 7 WHELPING HOUSE WITH 3 SECTIONS, 3 RUNS, AND EXERCISE PEN. PICTURED IS A LITTER OF ENGLISH FOXHOUND PUPPIES.

Slide 8 KENNELMAN'S AND STABLE DUTIES STAFF HORSES – PDF AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Slide 9 SECURING LANDOWNERS PERMISSION TO HUNT ON THEIR PROPERTY AND ESTABLISHING LANDOWNER ADVISORY BOARD. DEVELOPING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Using an Excel Spread sheet will help facilitate data on properties. We communicated with about 230 landowners and always informed them when we would be hunting on their property.

Slide 10 PREPARING THE HUNT COUNTRY – CUTTING TRAILS, BUILDING FENCES (WOODEN COOPS, POST AND RAIL over wire fences), AND INSTALLING GATES.

Slide 11 STAFF TRAINING FOR: MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS, HUNTSMAN, HONARY WHIPPER-IN, FIELD MASTER, HONARY HUNT SECRETARY. PDF available on duties of the above by contacting [douglas@fgbt.org](mailto:douglas@fgbt.org)

Slide 12 ORIENTATION FOR FIELD, HUNT EDIQUETTE – PDF available upon request.

Slide 13 HOUND AND HORSE CONDITIONING This builds relationships between huntsman and hounds and provides important classroom time.

Slide 14 OPENING HUNT – CALL FOR HOUNDS

Slide 15 HOUNDS ARE RELEASED FROM DRAWING PEN TO JOIN HUNTSMAN.

Slide 16 OPENING HUNT “THE BLESSING OF THE HOUNDS” Pastor Stan Allcorn delivers opening prayer: Blessed be the Lord God, the Creator of heaven and earth, who in His holy word did promise to preserve both man and beast. Preserve, we beseech you, the work of courage; protect them from all harm.

As horse and hounds are the friends of man, may they be treated with kindness; and as they have learned to obey the call of the huntsman, so may we learn to obey the call of our Master.

Protect those who ride with the strong arm of Your love, and give them grateful hearts for the privilege of enjoying the bounties of your world.

Bless. O Lord, rider, and horse, and preserve them from danger of life and limb. May Your children who ride, and the animals who carry them, come to the close of the day unhurt.

Bless those over whose land we hunt, and grant that no deed of ours may cause them honest hurt or trouble.

Bless these hounds to their loyal part of the hunt. May the spirit of true sportsmanship prevail in all that we do this day.

Hunters – All respond: AMEN

Pastor: Go in peace; return in safety; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always in Jesus Christ we pray.

Hunters – All respond: AMEN

Slide 17 OPENING HUNT- LEAVING FAIRLIE FARM TO HUNT

Slide 18 OPENING HUNT- ROADING TO CAST SITE

Slide 19 HUNT REPORT - The 1988-1989 hunt season was our greatest ever. Hounds provided good sport every time out. They worked hard all year regardless of the weather conditions - hot, windy, flooded. It didn't matter; they found the quarry. On the first day of cub hunting we hacked to the Houston Farm in a heavy fog, but by the time we arrived at the cast site the fog started to lift and hounds were cast under a rainbow. Our pot of gold proved to be a yellow coyote as hounds brought the countryside to life while in pursuit. Each hunt proved to be better than the one before. We were spoiled. Hounds went out 45 times and 7 hunts were cancelled due to weather. Highlights and special events of the 1988-89 season follows:

1. Our joint hunts with Hickory Creek and Artillery are always fun and exciting.  
On Dec. 10 we hunted with Hickory Creek at the Razor Property. Even in the rain, Charles Fletcher, Staff, and hounds provided good sport. The entire HCH welcomed us and Artillery Hunt with their great hospitality.
2. On January 7 we hosted HCH and, Artillery at Fairlie Farm. Rev. Stan Allcorn prayed God's blessings over us, and the Vineyard Hounds responded by chasing coyotes for five hours. Dr. LaVerne Raine provided a wonderful hunt breakfast.
3. On February 17-19 we travelled to Fort Still to hunt with the Artillery Hunt, HCH, Fort Leavenworth and Cloudline. Charles Fletcher hunted HCH hounds on Saturday and Douglas Raine hunted the Vineyard Hounds on Sunday.

Slide 20 THE END OF THE CHASE

Slide 21 SOUTHWEST HOUND SHOW

Slide 22 SOUTHWEST HOUND SHOW HEMLOCK GRAND CHAMPION, LAVERNE AND DOUGLAS WATCHING HOUND SHOW.

Slide 23 MIDWEST HOUND SHOW – Vineyard Ripple Reserve Champion, Vineyard CHRISTIAN FIRST PLACE Un-entered ENGLISH Dog Hound -SHOWN BY JAMES RAINE at Southwest Hound Show

Slide 24 FELLOWSHIP – HUNT BALL – PICTURED ARE DOUGLAS AND LAVERNE RAINE

Slide 25 FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE HUNT AT WEBB HILL COUNTRY CLUB - JOINT MEET WITH ARTILLERY AND HICKORY CREEK HUNTS

Slide 26 MEET THE FAMILY - DR. LAVERNE RAINE WITH PUPPIES FAIRFAX AND FOSTER, JAMES RAINE WITH POLO AND BLACK KITTY, DOUGLAS RAINE WARMING BY THE FIRE.

Slide 27 JAMES RAINE HUNTSMAN – PRINCESS ANNE HUNT CHARLES CITY, VA

Slide 27 THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE VINEYARD HOUND SEMINAR