

Vineyard Hounds
Fairlie Farm
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Masters of Foxhounds
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KENNELMAN'S DUTIES

General: Hounds are creatures of habit. A daily routine is necessary in order to maintain their tranquil nature and physical well being. These two attributes are essential to providing a disciplined pack for sport in the field.

No strange hound should ever be kenneled with our pack until it has had a check for worms, mange, etc. by the veterinarian.

No one except the Kennelman, Hunt Staff or Masters is allowed to enter the kennels without permission of the Master.

Daily:

- (A) Kennels should be hosed down by 10:30 a.m. and water buckets emptied and refilled.
- (B) Hounds should be visually inspected for cuts, abrasions, etc. during wash down. Check each house to be sure an injured hound is not hiding inside.
- (C) Benches should be checked to insure their stability on their supports.
- (D) Hounds are to be fed daily between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. This routine is important to maintain their tranquility and must be performed daily at the same time.
- (E) Water buckets are to be refilled at feeding time. Water should be checked and refilled about 3:00 p.m. in the summertime.
- (F) Puppy runs should be hosed down a second time, if necessary.

Periodically:

Annually---Vaccinations: Rabies - 2nd Sunday in June
Distemper, Hepatitis,
Leptospirosis - 2nd Sunday in June
Parvovirus (new annual vaccine)
Kennel Cough (Para influenza) - 2nd Sunday in June

Every 4 months-- worming - All hounds are to be given Nemex 2 by weight dosage.

Quarterly--

Inspection: A random sample of six hounds to be checked by Veterinarian for worms, mange, etc.

Biweekly--

a. All hounds to be dipped in Korlon solution at rate of approximately 1/2 gallon per 100 gallons of water.

Weekly--

The kennels are to be washed down with a strong Clorox solution each Wednesday while hounds are out for exercise. This kills parvovirus spores.

Daily--

Hounds are each given .cc. per 10 lbs. of body weight of Styrid Caracide. This is mixed with water first and then poured over feed. This solution will assure each hound enough medicine to effectively combat heartworms.

NOTE: This must not be given to any hound that has a positive heartworm count as it will kill him.

Feeding:

- (A) Hounds are to be fed daily between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. except on hunting days when they are fed immediately upon returning to the kennel.
- (B) Feed should be mixed to allow each hound approximately 1.0 lbs. of dry feed per day in the summer and up to 1.0 lbs. per day plus 2.0 lbs of meat in the winter depending upon activity and general condition.
- (C) In feeding, slow or picky eaters should be called out first followed by the gluttons. Each hound must be allowed to eat enough to get the dosage of Styrid Caracide.
- (D) Feed should be moist 7 days per week. Use of small biscuits when exercising or working with the pack helps to keep hounds teeth clean and free of tartar.
- (E) Lactating Bitches:
Free choice feed consisting of 1/2 puppy chow; 1/2 regular feed; and 1 can of dog meat.
- (F) Puppies:
 - (1) Free choice puppy chow and dog meat mixed into a slurry beginning at 2-1/2 to 3 weeks.
 - (2) Free choice moist puppy chow and dog meat as well as dry puppy chow 4 weeks - 12 weeks.
 - (3) 1/2 puppy chow and 1/2 regular feed from 12 weeks - 16 weeks.
 - (4) Regular feed free choice from 4 months - 7 months.
 - (5) 7 months old they are fed with the pack but called out first.

Discipline:

- (A) There is an old foxhunting adage that most foxes are accounted for because of even handed maintenance of pack discipline in the kennel. This is an absolute truth.
- (B) All hounds are named and should know their name through constant usage.
- (C) No rating of any hound should ever be done without using his/her name first. This holds just as true of praise for each hound.
- (D) Use the water-hose to break up fights or general misbehavior. It makes a lasting impression and saves the whip for the field.

Exercise:

Properly exercised and disciplined hounds live a happy gregarious life and will account for many foxes and coyotes.

- (A) In addition to hunting, hounds should be exercised 3 days per week at the minimum.
 - (1) Summertime: walk out on foot daily for 20 to 30 minutes.
 - (2) Hunting Season: Hunt Saturday and Monday. Mounted exercise for 1 hour on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.
- (B) Summer sessions from April 1 - June 2 are on foot and primarily to relax the pack.
- (C) Hunting season and from June 2 - July 1, exercise should be mounted and for at least 45 minutes at the walk; trot, and gallop in order to build stamina, wind and toughened feet.

Hunting:

The draft should be covered the night before with the Master and all collars checked for repair and a hound list prepared of the draft.