

Young Hunter – Emma Spurbeck – Making Her Mark by Executive Field Rep Wayne Bleazard

The Northeast Washington Gun Dog Club held their September 1st Retriever Hunt Test on the Burlington ranch. The ranch is owned by Mark and Allyson Burlington and the club was very grateful for Mark allowing them to hold the hunt test in such a beautiful place at this time of the year.

Driving to the ranch in the morning there was a nip in the air--fall was definitely on the way. Lots of deer, turkey, geese and ducks were seen on the drive to the event.

Eleven year old Emma Spurbeck was at the hunt test on Sunday morning getting ready to run her first junior hunt test with her dog Blaze. Mom says that she is a very good student and looks to be a very good handler. On the way up to the last holding blind Emma turned around and told her mom that she had butterflies. Those butterflies must have disappeared because she did a very good job of handling Blaze and passed her first junior test!



Emma and her butterflies!!!



Emma's training partners, Gail Willman and Greg Grenier, were there to cheer her on. Gail and Greg have litter mates to Emma's Blaze. The pups were whelped on November 11th, 2010 and the rest, as the old saying goes, is history.

In the next two weekends Emma passed two more junior tests and now only needs one more for Blaze's junior title. Congratulations Emma and Blaze!!