

# New Products

## BioShield Spray

BioShield™ is powered by NeuroRX™. NeuroRX™ was developed by pharmacists with Prescription Strength results... and is a proprietary formula of Portland Outdoors™. NeuroRX™ works by attacking a neurotransmitter found only in insects. Neurotransmitters control the heart rate and metabolism. Fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and bed bugs produce a neurotransmitter called octopamine. NeuroRX™ blocks the octopamine, causing a complete shutdown of the central nervous system... killing insects nearly instantaneously. Octopamine is found only in insects, humans and other mammals, birds and fish do not produce octopamine. NeuroRX™ is safe to use around children and pets but is deadly to insects when used as directed. 4oz



\$6.97

www.bioshield-rx.com

## BBQ Dragon Fan

The BBQ Dragon is a fire-starting tool that starts charcoal faster than a chimney without using lighter fluid, controls the heat of grills and smokers, revives smoldering fires, and heats ceramic cookers to pizza-cooking temps in just minutes. It works by blowing large amounts of low-velocity, cool air at fires, providing them with more oxygen so they burn hotter and faster. It's cordless, hands-free, and portable so you can use it tailgating and camping, or at the beach. It works for grills, smokers, fire pits, fireplaces, wood stoves, and more. It's a sturdy cordless fan with a spring loaded clamp that delivers a large volume of cool air at a low velocity to ignite coals fast without blowing ash all over. It clips right to your grill and easily recharges using Micro-USB in your home or car. It has variable speeds so you can deliver the perfect amount of air to any size fire.



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www.bbqdragon.com

## Sammy's Shiny Coat

Sammy's Shiny Coat is flax oil at its very best for your pets! Omega-3s are a good fat responsible for basic cellular health in all body tissues, including those of your furry friends. It becomes the building blocks for your pet's health and allows them to regulate nervous and cardiovascular functions.

Improvements you will notice include:

- A shinier coat
- Improved skin condition
- Decreased hairballs

Sammy's Shiny Coat is 100% virgin, cold-pressed flax oil and contains no fillers such as soybean oil which is not a substitute for the essential fats found in Omega-3 flax oil.

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## Huntress Waterfowl Pant

You will stay warm and dry in our 100% waterproof GWG Waterfowl Hunting Pants, featuring a Mossy Oak® Shadow Grass Blades pattern. These are the perfect field pant for your next hunt. Lightweight and wind resistant they are the perfect active pant for your hunt. The 17 inch seam sealed leg zipper will ensure easy on and off while in your boots. Other added comforts include a double snap front for extra support, elastic comfort fit waist with Velcro® adjustments and adjustable inseam from 32" - 36" to name a few.



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www.gwgclothing.com

## Great new products, please support them!

### RōM Pack

A 3-in-1 system, the RōM Pack is a backpack you can fully transform into either a wearable poncho with a hood or a blanket that's soft on one side and water resistant on the other. **Large Capacity:** With over 3,000 cubic inches of carrying capacity, there's no excuse for leaving stuff behind. **Comfort Shoulder Straps:** The wide, padded straps distribute the weight of your gear for even comfort. **Load Balance Straps:** Chest and waist straps wrap around you and fasten, helping to evenly distribute the pack's weight. **Web haul handle:** Grab your pack or hang it up using one solid handle. **Insulated Poncho:** Unzip, unfold then pull out the hood. **Snap the buttons along the side and there you have it:** instant protection from the elements. (Don't forget your inner pack, too.) **Foldout blanket:** One side is soft fleece. The other is durable, water resistant fabric. Smooth it out for a picnic or to watch the sunset in perfect comfort. **Arno Straps:** Strong and secure, these straps can hold items like umbrellas, hiking poles, rifles, tripods—whatever makes your adventure complete. **Hidden Zippered Pocket:** A hidden compartment for storing smaller (but no less important) items. **Removable Saddlebags:** Two completely detachable pouches that can stay together or be disconnected in one click. Great for snacks, toiletries and other on-the-go necessities. **Dual Side Mesh Pockets:** Hydration is essential. Always keep water, keys and smaller accessories close by for easy access. **Fastening Clips:** Keep shoulder straps securely in place by adjusting your pack so that it fits just right. **DWR Fabric:** Durable, water resistant fabric repels moisture, rain, and cuts down dry time. The DWR fabric keeps the outer fabric from being saturated, helping to maintain a warm, insulated poncho inside.



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# Training

## Marking Drills

by George Hickox

There are two fundamental requirements if a dog is to become a fine retriever: exceptional marking ability and an excellent nose. Although there is no substitute for genetics, both of these traits can be honed by experience. The more opportunity your flusher has to mark and retrieve fallen birds, the better it will be at performing these duties.

Most of us would prefer not having to wait until a dog has five or six hunting seasons under its collar before it excels at these jobs. Fortunately, appropriate training will accelerate the dog's development into an outstanding retriever. You started this process early. Your pup got considerable experience with birds during your sessions in the retrieving corridor and received even more while picking up lockwings, clipwings and shot flyers during patterning drills. Indeed, by this point in your dog's training, simply shooting numerous flyers for it will have improved its skills significantly. The dog should now be marking birds well and delivering them to you consistently.

Your dog's ability to mark to pinpoint the location of the fall can be improved with specifically designed marking drills. Initially, you should conduct these exercises in a low-cut field rather than an area of high cover where your pup can't readily find thrown birds and training dummies. Ideally, you should have two helpers to do the throwing, and there is an important reason for this. If you always throw the marks yourself, your pup will think it should always look for the bird or dummy to come from your side. In real hunting situations, of course, the bird will first appear well ahead of the gunner. Thus, the dog must learn to focus out in front and not fixate on the handler.

In addition, there is a limit to how far you can hand-throw a dummy or bird, and your dog will get in the habit of running that distance and no more. Such retrievers are well short of the falls it will encounter in the field. By varying the positions of your

helpers when they make their throws, you will help the dog learn to mark long falls as well as short ones.

To set up a marking drill, once again think of a baseball diamond and picture yourself standing on the pitcher's mound. Start by placing one helper in "left field" and another in "right field," both about 30 yards away. With your dog at your

side, have one of the helpers call the dog's name (or whistle to get its attention), then toss a dummy. The dummy should be thrown in a high arc to make sure the dog sees it clearly, and it should not land too close to the assistant. Send the dog for the retrieve. When the dog brings the dummy back and is repositioned at your side, have the other helper throw his dummy. Send the dog for that retrieve. As the dog runs out, backpedal toward "home plate," and receive the bumper there. By gradually increasing the distance between



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