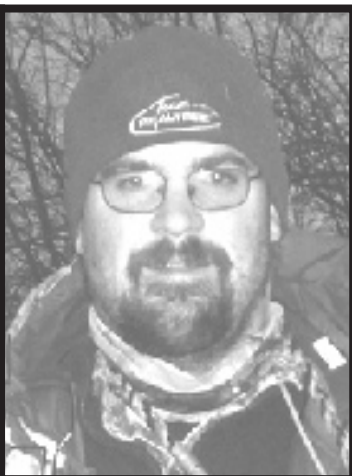


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**My Little Retriever**

I am writing about my little retriever and good hunting buddy!

Before I get started, I would like to say congrats to Drew Oakley and Stevie McMaine on tying the knot! (See picture on page 2) I want to thank them for asking me to officiate the wedding in camo and duck calls!

My little retriever has a call name of Jake! He is eager to retrieve doves, and he does it on two legs! He is housebroken and doesn't eat a whole lot, even though Mom and I try to make him. He does bite and scratches

his litter mates ever now and then! Overall, he is a good little boy! If you haven't figured it out yet, my little retriever is my 6-year-old son!

We had a dove field to shoot and Jake couldn't wait! We decided to shoot it Sunday afternoon. Jake was going to be my retriever for the hunt and he was eager!

Jake and I arrived first to the dove field and shot one as soon as we got in the field. He went like a rocket to pick up the dove! The others guys arrived to the field and the shooting began! A

lot more shooting than killing! My little retriever let me know, my shooting was not that great! He was upset he wasn't retrieving more doves!

I finally scratched out 7 or 8 and Jake went and picked up just about every one of them! He even found three that fell into some tall grass. I had given up on finding them, but Jake bird-dogged the grass until he found them. He was very intense about his job on this hunting trip!

He was also very territorial over the doves Dad shot! His Uncle Mike Tipton would try to steal the ones I shot, and Jake wouldn't let him. Jake counted them a few hundred times to make sure Uncle Mike hadn't got any!

We had a great hunt, did a lot of shooting, and killed around 40 doves! The shooting was fun, but watching my little retriever work was the best part! He is already looking forward to the next hunt.

Hey parents, bring the kids over to Jakes Day on Saturday at the fairgrounds! It's going to be a fun time for all those young hunters and future hunters! Check out the ad! Give Teddy Hunt a call if you have any questions - 723-5573.

There is a new hunting store in town!!!! Irvine Outdoors owned by Owen Barker. It is currently open in Owen's tobacco shop. Stop in and check it out!

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



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