

Q. My NAVHDA chapter is starting a new training method. It seems crazy to me right now, but I'll learn more on Sunday.

A. Wait and see what the "new" training method is all about. If it's a new way to train steadiness or retrieving, for example, you can use it because you haven't yet started that training. What you don't want to do is start with one training method and then switch mid-stream. Consistency is very important in training a dog. Also, if the method seems crazy to you, then it's probably not the method you should use. It's important for you to buy in 100% on a method so you follow through with it and believe in it. Otherwise it will never work well for you.