

TRAINING GUIDE BASTROP & LEE COUNTIES MASTER NATIONAL 2025



Welcome to The Central Texas Retriever Community

The Central Texas Retriever Community is located in Bastrop, Lee, Fayette, Brazos and Williamson Counties. This area is home to numerous Field Trial, Hunt Test, and SRS pro trainers and amateurs. The area has a rich history in retriever sports, hosting events such as The National Open, National Amateur, Master Amateur and Master National.

The Community, once again, has provided its properties for our use during the 2025 Master National.

Please respect the properties provided for Training and Testing. If you are fortunate to meet our hosts, please thank them for their generosity.

Welcome to Texas! We hope you enjoy your stay with us. Good luck to all entered in this event!

The Central Texas Retriever Posse

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION



Hospitals and Urgent Care Centers

Ascension Seton Bastrop
630 State Hwy 71 W
Bastrop, TX 78602
(737) 881-7400

Urgent Care Facilities
Davam Urgent Care
2454 E Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-2273

First Aid Urgent Care
1670 Hwy 71 E, Suite D
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 896-9060

Fast Med Urgent Care
717 State Hwy 71 #500,
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-2273

First Aid Urgent Care
2001 State Hwy 71, Suite D
La Grange, TX 78945
979 206-2288

Ambulance
B&M Ambulance Service
Giddings, TX
(979) 542-2777

Fire/Police Emergency Response
Lee County Sheriff
(979) 542-2800

Giddings Volunteer Fire Department
(512) 308-5900

Veterinarian

After Hours Emergency & Weekends
Texas A&M Small Animal Hospital
408 Raymond Stotzer Pkwy.
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 845-2351

Danny Welsh Veterinarian Hospital
806 E. La Fayette St
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-5517

Central Texas Veterinary Specialty &
Emergency Hospital
301 Chisholm Trail
Round Rock, TX 78602
(512) 900-2778

Emergency Animal Hospital - Northwest Austin
12034 Research Blvd., Suite 8
Austin, TX 78759
(512) 331-6121

Texas Star Animal Hospital
* Located Next to Fair Grounds
Dr. Michael Kalmbach
1005 CR 205, Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 540-3333

Boarding
Black Label Kennels
4520 FM 696
Lexington, TX 78947
(512) 273-2540

Good Eats in the Area

If you are looking for a place to eat in Giddings's and the near test grounds.

Lunch & Dinner

Santa Fe Steak House
581 W Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-540-3330

Reba's (Pizza, Sandwiches, Salads)
185 W Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-540-3330

El Cielo Mexican Restaurant
810 Austin St
Giddings, TX 78942
979-540-3430

Los Patrones Mexican Grill
2880 E Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-542-0127

Annie's on 290 (Cajun/Creole)
1340 E Austin St
Giddings, TX 78942
979-542-3088

Giddings Brewhaus
199 N. Bursleson St.
Giddings, TX 78942
979-315-2337

4G Cafe
155 W. Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-540-3389

Hoa Son (Chinese/Vietnamese)
1199 E. Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
979-212-0343
Closed on Saturday

Fercho's Mexican Dining
(Formerly El Charo T)
195 E. Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Farmhouse Kitchen
739 Old Potato Rd
Paige, TX 78659
512-399-0015

Roadhouse Paige
147 Old Hwy 20 E
Paige, TX 78659
512-253-3939

Food Trucks

El Patio Food Truck Park
1362 E. Austin St
Giddings, TX 78942
(Tacos, Ice Cream, Thai)

Suzy's Sauce - Food Truck
477 US 77
Giddings, TX 78942
979-383-2893

Breakfast & Lunch

Outlaws BBQ (close at 3 pm)
1380 N Main Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-540-0712

City Meat Market (close at 2pm)
101 W Austin St
Giddings, TX 78942
979-542-2740

Elvira's Cafe (6am - 2pm)
748 N Main Street (Hwy 77)
Giddings, TX 78942
979-542-1111

Cardenas (closes at 2)
922 S. Main Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-542-4410

Donuts & Breakfast (closes at 2)
379 E. Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-542-5100
Breakfast & Lunch - Kolaches

Taqueria Chihuahua (closes at 2)
1935 E. Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942
979-542-3927

Locations near Fuller 345

Walch Store Chevron
1968 Tx 21
Lincoln, TX 78948
512-253-6419
Great Burgers!

Near Marsh Dog & Steller Kennels

Bullpen Sports Bar and Grill
2156 Co. Rd 217
Giddings, TX 78942
979-366-2500

Murphy's Steakhouse
204 Thomas St
Winchester, TX 78945
979-242-3433

Locations near Cour's Retrievers

Basey's Smoke'n Oak (Wed-Sat)
4953 FM 180 Road
Ledbetter, TX 78946
979-571-9716

Burton Short Stop
12400 FM 390 W
Burton, TX 77835
979-347-2371

4G Country Store
204 Thigpen St
Carmine, TX 78932
979-278-3000

Locations near Boykin Spaniel Crossing

Snow's BBQ (Sat 8am only)
516 Main Street
Lexington, TX 78947
979-773-4640

Pop's Lickin & Smackin BBQ (Fri/Sat)
505 First Street
Lexington, TX 78947
512-595-2477

Herk's Store & Grill
8603 US 77
Lexington, TX 78947
979-773-2040

Granny's Restaurant
720 S. Rockdale St
Lexington, TX 78947
979-773-9463

In Bastrop don't miss Gracie Miller's,
Southside BBQ, Maxine's Cafe and many more.



Dr. David Allman

Hello everyone, I'm Dr. David Allman, founder of VROC the Veterinary Regional Orthopedic Center here in Austin. At VROC, we specialize in orthopedic and spinal care, offering advanced procedures like joint replacements, minimally invasive surgery, neurologic care, and state-of-the-art imaging to keep dogs moving and feeling their best.

It's a privilege to be here among such dedicated handlers and incredible retrievers. These dogs are true athletes, and our passion is helping them stay healthy, strong, and performing at their peak.

Today, I'm excited to offer complimentary orthopedic exams to help catch issues early and guide you in keeping your dogs at their best.

Thank you, I look forward to meeting you and your amazing athletes.



FREE ORTHOPEDIC CONSULTATIONS WITH DR. ALLMAN AT MASTER NATIONAL

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT DR. ALLMAN, A HIGHLY RESPECTED ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, WILL BE OFFERING FREE CONSULTATIONS DURING THE MASTER NATIONAL!

WHERE & WHEN:

- LOCATION: SHERIFF'S POSSE ARENA
- AVAILABILITY: DURING REGISTRATION AND AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE EVENT AS HE VISITS DIFFERENT FLIGHTS

DR. ALLMAN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONSULT ON ANY ORTHOPEDIC ISSUES YOUR DOG MAY BE EXPERIENCING. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET EXPERT INSIGHT AT NO COST.

IMPORTANT:

- CONSULTATIONS ARE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS
- PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE CONSULTATION FORM BEFORE YOUR VISIT (QR CODE BELOW)

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH ONE OF THE BEST IN THE FIELD ABOUT YOUR DOG'S ORTHOPEDIC HEALTH!

Meetings and Activities

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Lee County Fairgrounds, 2495 US-290, Giddings, TX 78942

MNRC Store & Vendor Village – Open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Handler Registration – Organized by Flight

8:00 am – 8:45 am Flights A & B Registration

8:45 am – 9:30 am Flights C & D Registration

9:30 am – 10:15 am Flights E & F Registration

10:15 am – 11:00 am Flights G & H Registration

11:00 am – 11:45 am Flight I Registration

Mandatory Handler Meeting 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Chief Marshal, Safety Chair & Grounds Instructions

Pairing of Judges

Judges' Instructions to Handlers

Annual Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:00pm

AKC Report

RHTAC Report

MNRCF Report

MNRC Annual Report

MNRC By-Law Amendment(s) Vote

MNRC Elections

Opening Ceremony

The Silos, 1031 County Road 223, Giddings, TX 78942

5:00 pm Social/Bars Open

5:30 pm Opening Ceremony

6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres

Starting Dog Selection will be done at Opening Ceremony

Friday, October 31, 2025

Flight locations to be posted via Text Msg and MNRC Social Media / Blog

Test Dogs will run at each flight as soon as practicable

7:00 am Bitch check at each individual flight

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Worker's Appreciation Dinner 6:30 pm

The Silos, 1031 County Road 223, Giddings, TX 78942

Saturday, November 8th or Sunday, November 9

Lee County Fairgrounds, 2495 US-290, Giddings, TX 78942

TBA Closing Ceremony and Awards per Flight

Day & Time to be posted via Text Msg and MNRC Social Media / Blog

TEST GROUNDS

**No Training on
these grounds
10/23/25 -
11/9/25**

**KC Beefmaster Bluff Creek Ranch
Roger & Kaye Fuller, DVM**

#2 (70) 1090 PR 3321, Lincoln Texas 78948

#3 (145) 2187 CR 109, Lincoln Texas 78948

#4 (345) 3910 FM 1624, Lincoln, Texas 78948

**The Homestead Ranch
Rose Witte**

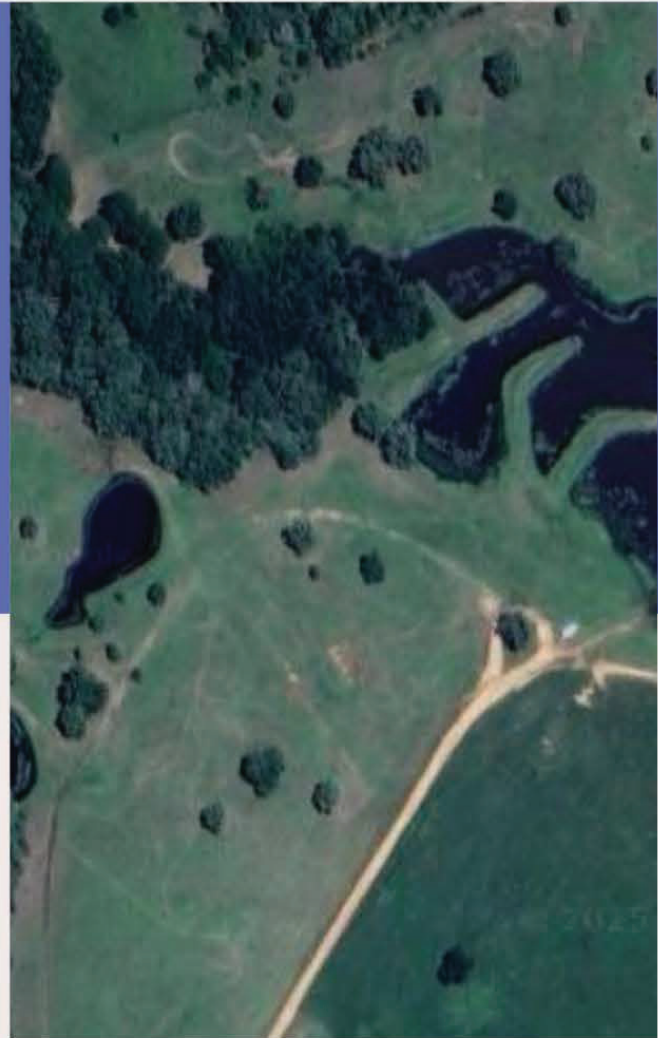
FM 141, Giddings, Texas 78942

1146 FM 5018, Giddings, Texas 78942

CR 117, Giddings, Texas 78942

**Boykin Spaniel Crossing
Richard & Cindy Skinner Siegelman, DVM**
1259 Walch Lane, Lexington TX 78947

**Marsh Dog Retrievers
Mark Strickland**
1294 Private Road 2141, Giddings, TX 78942



Cour's Retriever

Luke & Taylor Cour & Ernie D'Antoni

4540 County Road 127, Ledbetter TX 78946

Steller Retrievers

Jack & Marta Morris

2686 County Road 213, Giddings TX 78942

Penvant Ranch

Penny Youngblood & Clint Avant

2244 CR 103, Giddings TX 78942

TRAINING PROPERTIES



Texas Training Birds and Property Draws

The 2025 Training Ground draw will be held on **Friday, Oct. 24**, at 3:30 pm at the **Sheriff's Posse Arena** for training Saturday, Oct. 25, Sunday, Oct. 26 and Monday, Oct. 27. The 2nd Training Draw will be held on **Monday, Oct. 27** at 3:30 pm for training on Tuesday, Oct. 28 and Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Lee County Sheriff's Posse Arena

2591 West Hwy 290, Giddings, TX 78942

P.O. Box 132 Giddings, TX 78942

Bird Vendors:

Topflight Hunting Preserve - Pheasants

1164 County Rd 102, Columbus, TX 78934

(979) 732-1128

Contact Leon to pre-order Pheasants for pre-national training birds.

Black label Kennels - Ducks

4520 W FM 696

Lexington, Texas 78941

Contact Yolanda Buchman at (512) 563-8174 to pre-order ducks for pre-national training birds.

Location for training bird pick up to be determined.

TRAINING GROUND RULES

No Smoking outside of your vehicle. No Cooking. No Open Flames. We are under a burn ban. Failure to follow the law can result in is a Class C misdemeanor, with a fine of up to \$500

Please pick up all your trash and take it with you.

Stay on the roads, do not drive on the grass, especially if it is wet.

Do not park under trees.

Several locations are working kennels, please be mindful of clients coming and going. Please respect any staff working on grounds.

Do not shoot near or at any homes, buildings or roads.

Keep your distance from homes and kennels.

Questions, issues or to report any property damage please contact Yolanda Buchman 512-563-8174 or Dede Paterson 512-983-6140



01 Black Label Kennels (Deana Houston) 4520 W FM 696 Lexington, TX 78947

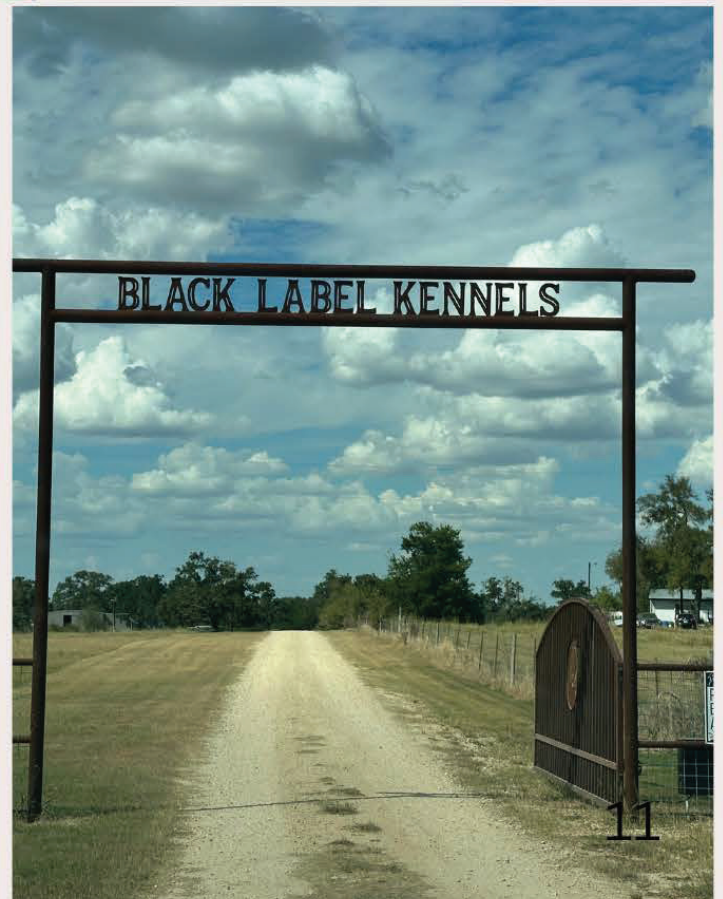
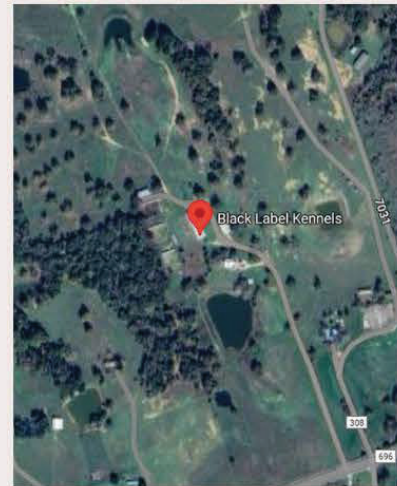
Live Flyers

Restroom available in the kennel office

This is a gun dog and kennel facility, training may be happening on property. Please be respectful of staff & working dogs.

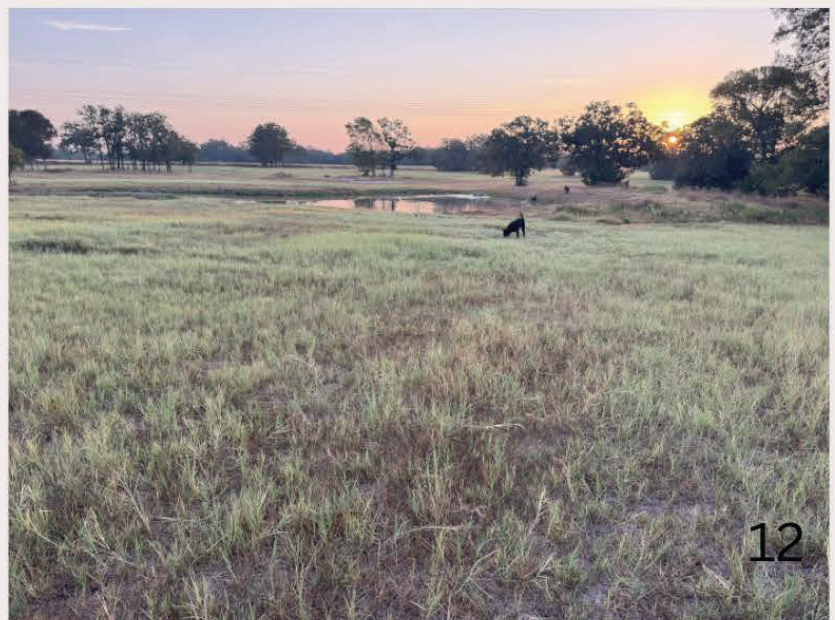
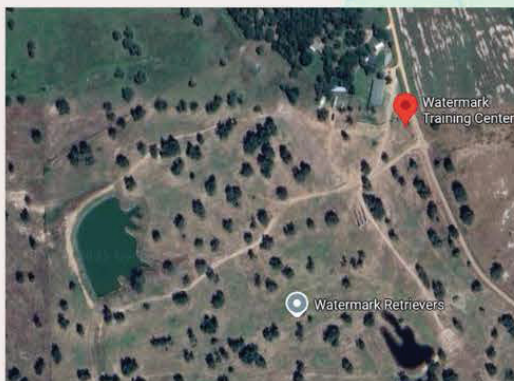
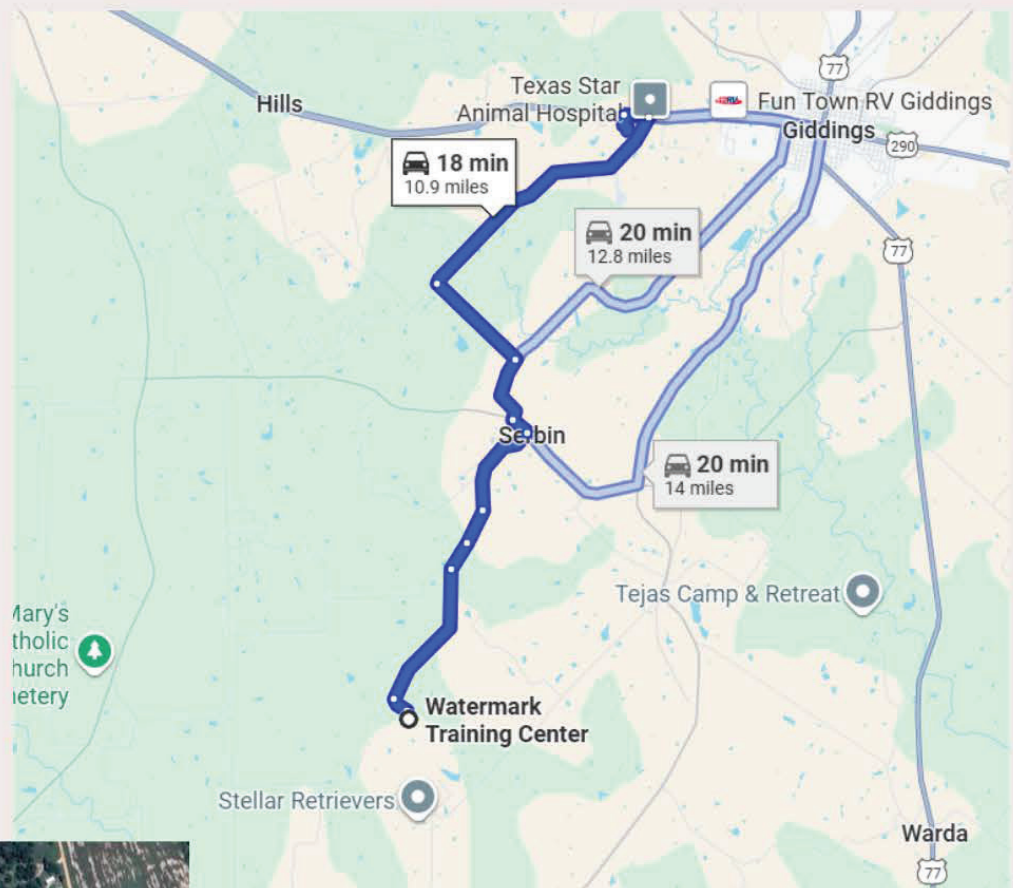
Before working on the pond near the house please alert a staff member so dogs can be moved..

Please stay on the road, ATV's ok in the field.



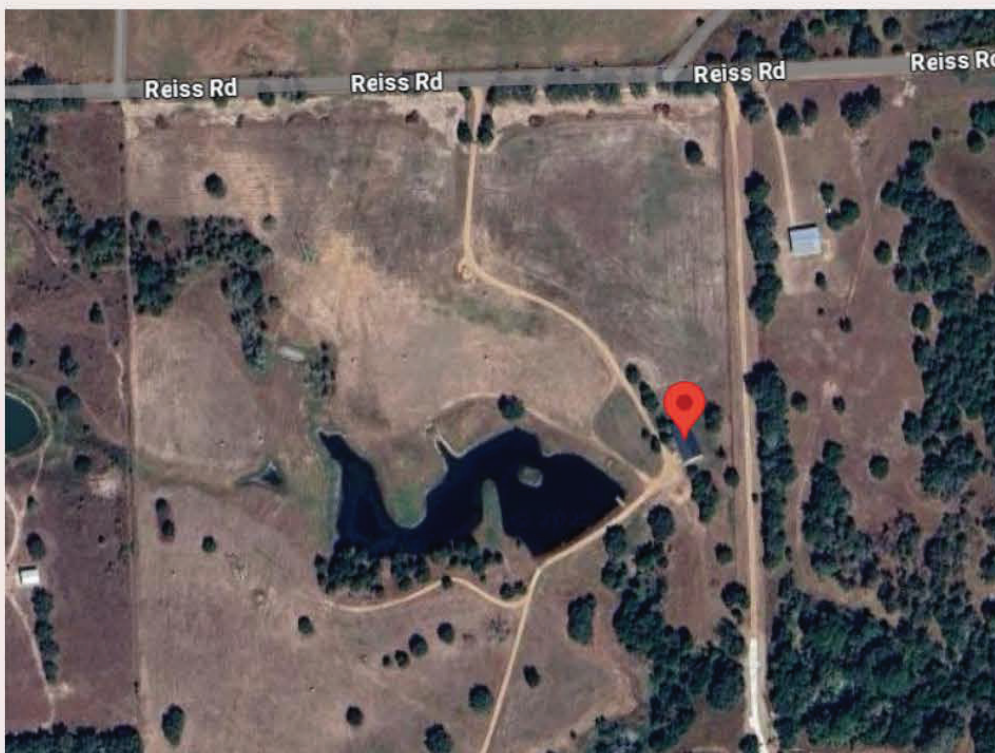
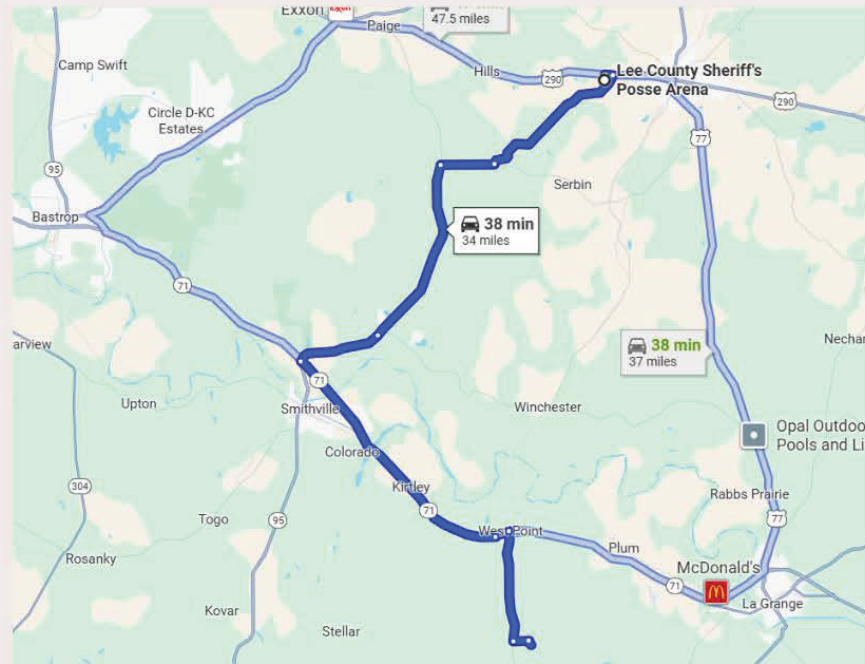
02 Watermark (Dr. Mary Tatum) 1138 Private Road 2103 Giddings, TX 78942

38 Acres, 2 Ponds
Land & Water
8 am Start
8 to 12 Trucks
Live Flyers/ATVs permitted



03 Jones Ranch (Lamar Jones) 730 Reiss Road, Muldoon, TX 78949

Do not park under the drip line of trees.
Please stay on designated roads.
No open flames or smoking anywhere on the property.
Keep all gates closed, or leave them as you found them.
Pack out all trash—leave no trace.





04 Sojourn Kennels (Linda Bailey)

1163 Piney Woods Road, Alleyton, TX 78935

Land & Water

No trucks in pasture when ground is wet.

Flyers should be shot on the back of the property.

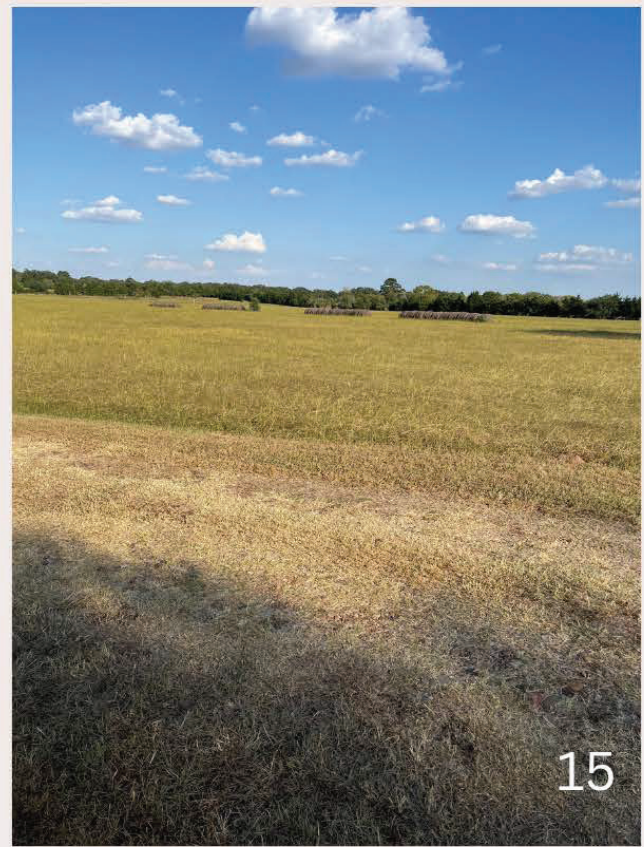
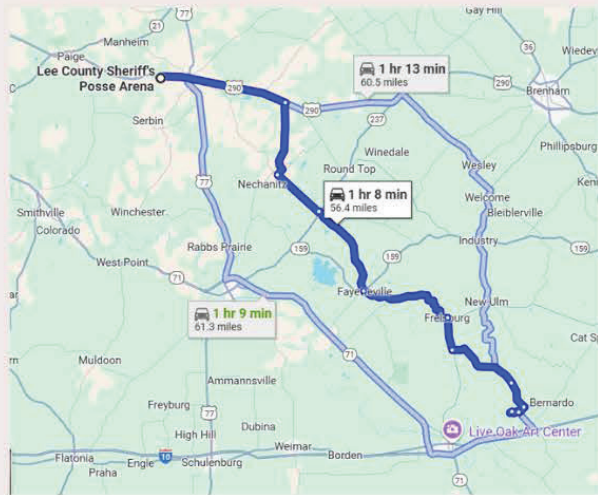
Stay on road when wet. Lower front pasture is a creek when wet and only accessible from one side.

Access the front property pond from the first gate. Access the upper front land & back of property from the main gate (second)

I-10 is under construction; road closures & changes happen daily.

Columbus is the nearest town about 3 miles away.

No Smoking or flame of any kind





Giddings & Bastrop Counties: A Community of Dog Lovers

In the heart of Central Texas, the towns of Giddings and Bastrop share more than just a strong sense of community and Texas pride, they also are known for their love of dogs. From neighborhood parks to local festivals, it is clear that four-legged friends are part of the family here.

Bastrop County residents frequently highlight their dedication to animal welfare through adoption drives, foster programs, and support for local shelters. Many businesses are pet-friendly, and it is not unusual to see dogs welcomed on patios at restaurants or strolling down Main Street alongside their owners. Community events often include dog-themed contests, adoption booths, and fundraisers that benefit local rescues.

In Giddings, that same devotion shines through. Local families treat their pets like household members, and the town has made steady efforts to provide open spaces and family-friendly environments where dogs can play safely. It is common to see dogs joining their humans at Friday night football games, holiday parades, and weekend gatherings, embodying the small-town charm that defines the area.

Together, Giddings and Bastrop reflect a culture that values connection, loyalty, and companionship - all qualities dogs exemplify so well. For residents here, loving dogs isn't just a pastime; it's part of their identity and their way of celebrating community life.

Best Regards,
T. J. Finn, M.Ed.
General Manager
Hotel: (512) 321-2898
Cell: (936) 657-8012

05 Just Ducky Labs (Vince & Amber Carr) 3763 N. US Hwy 77, Giddings TX 78942

Land & Water

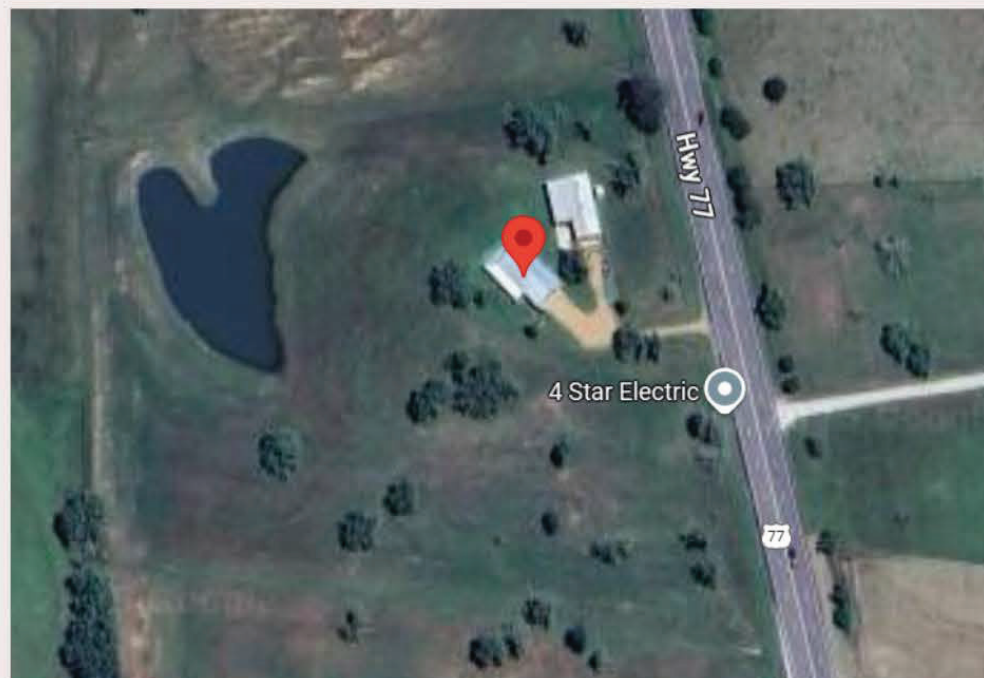
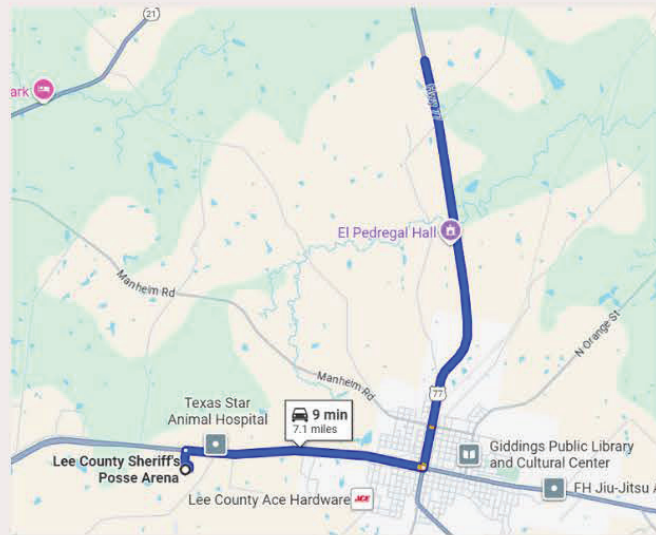
Live Flyers

Please stay away from the cut yard around house and shop.

Call before arrival, so dogs may be put up. (Vince 281-840-9574)

Keep the entrance gate closed.

Be cognizant of neighbors' houses when shooting flyers.



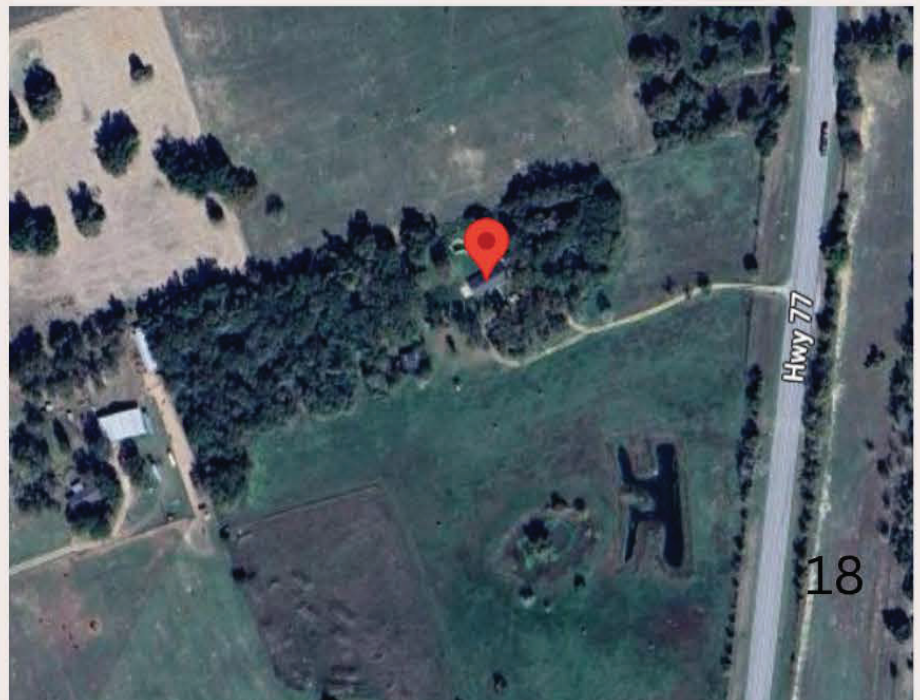
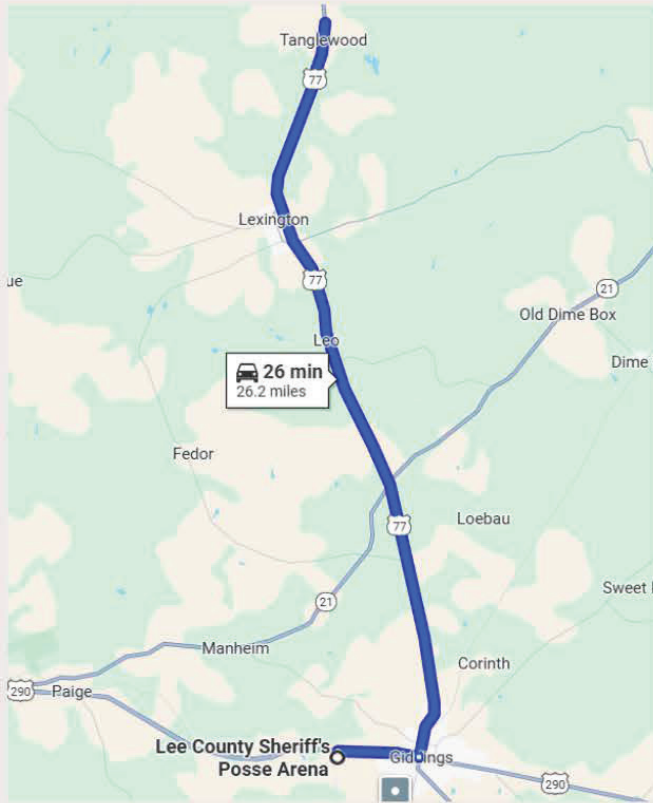
06 Deepwood Acres (Bob & Nancy Neipert) 11389 N Hwy 77, Lexington TX 78947

Land & Water

No Live Flyers

If it is wet please, do not go behind the dam on the large pond.

No smoking or open flames of any kind.



07 Kevin & Yolanda Buchman

1496 County Rd 200, Giddings, TX 78942

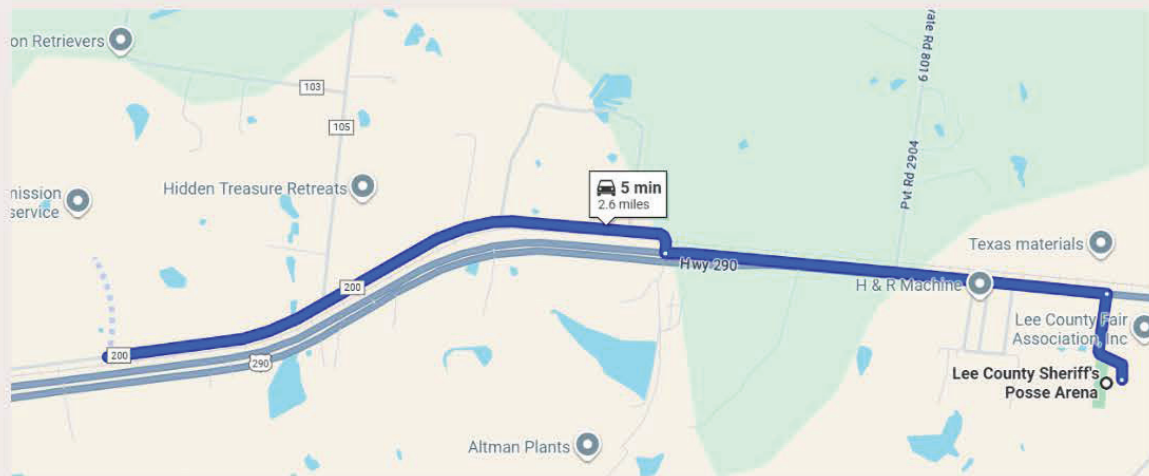
No open flames or smoking anywhere on the property.

Pack out in dumpster near the gate.

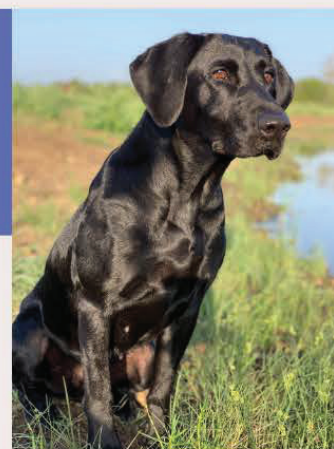
Get to the back of the property along the far fence line.

Trees and front of property are all available for use.

Feel free to call Kevin 512-563-8127 with any questions.



Special Thanks!

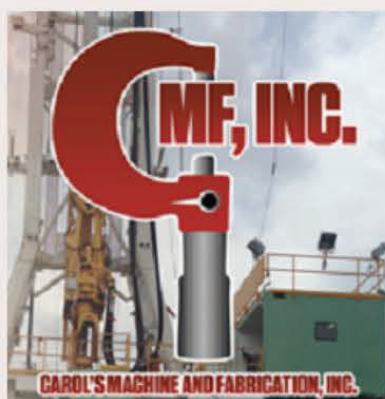


THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT WOULD NOT HAVE COME TO TEXAS IF IT WEREN'T FOR TJ FINN, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HAMPTON INN AND SUITES, ALONG WITH THE HEART OF TEXAS CHAMBER AND COUNTLESS OTHER SUPPORTIVE GROUPS.

WHEN THE HOST COMMITTEE FIRST CONSIDERED PLACING A BID FOR THE MASTER NATIONAL 2025, WE HAD NO IDEA WHERE TO BEGIN—THE TASK FELT OVERWHELMING. BUT EVERYTHING CHANGED WITH ONE PHONE CALL TO TJ ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HER HOTEL SERVING AS OUR HOST.

FROM THAT MOMENT FORWARD, TJ DIDN'T JUST HELP WITH ROOMS—SHE RALLIED THE ENTIRE CITY OF BASTROP AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO SUPPORT US. WHENEVER THE HOST COMMITTEE HIT A ROADBLOCK, TJ WAS OUR GO-TO. SHE ALWAYS HAD AN ANSWER, A RESOURCE, OR A CREATIVE SOLUTION.

TJ, WE SALUTE YOU! YOUR LEADERSHIP, GENEROSITY, AND TIRELESS SUPPORT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.



Our flight guardian dogs were donated by
Carol's Machine & Fabrication Inc.
In honor of JJ.
Owned by Carol Huddleston then by Kevin &
Yolanda Buchman and shared with Roddy Best.

Special Thanks to
Jeff Bundy
For Editing & Printing The Training
Guide

08 Circle K Ranch (Brett Krause) 1685 Country Road 480, Thrall TX 78578

Live Flyers

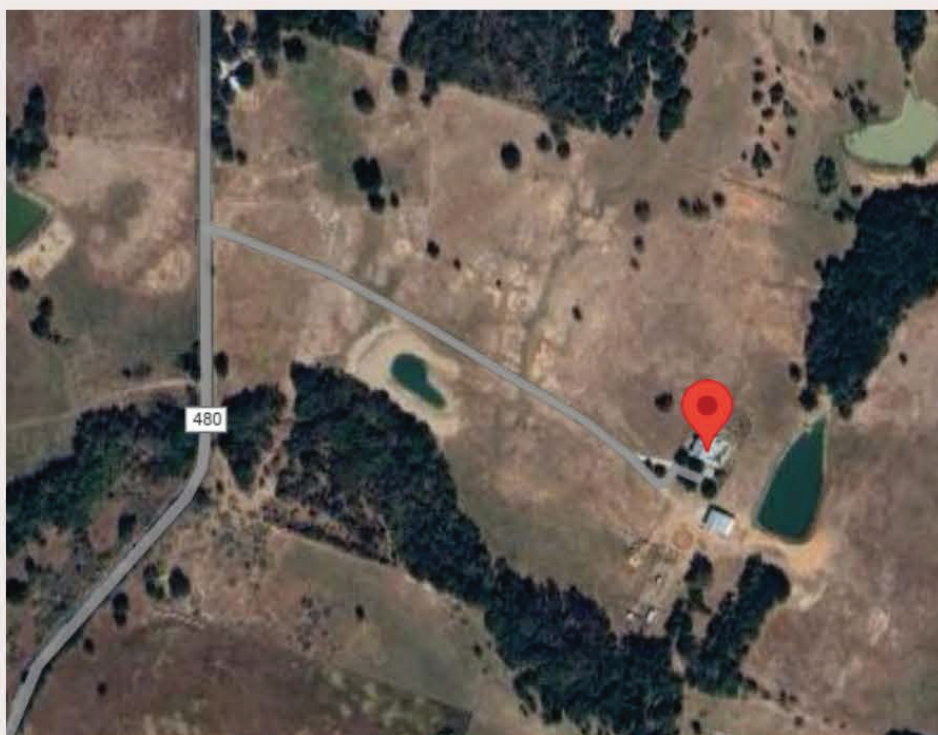
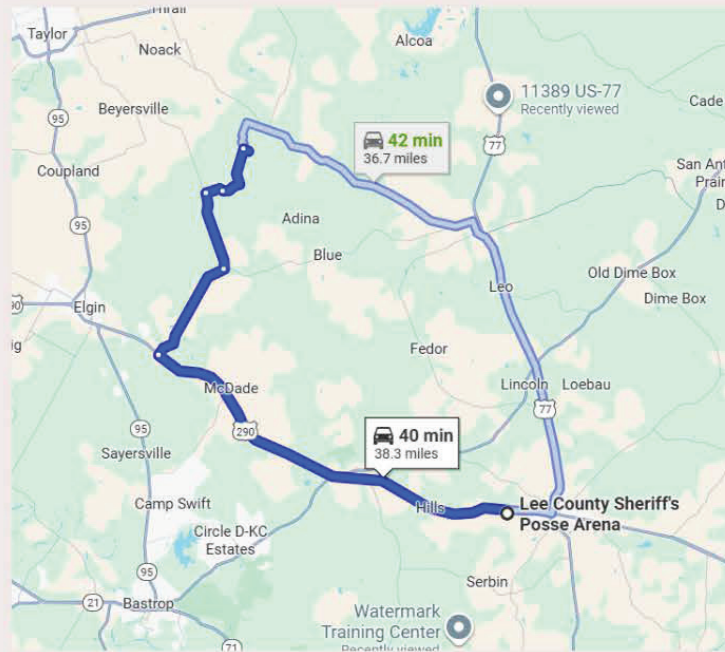
Training limited to south pasture. Will be marked with signs/directions

This is a working cattle ranch.

Keep all gates closed or as you find them.

Dispose of all trash.

NO SMOKING OR FLAME OF ANY KIND. ZERO TOLERANCE



09 Oak Creek Retrievers (Chris Krause)

19421 Williamson Road, Hearne TX 77859

Land & Water

Live Flyers

Restroom available in the kennel.

Please stay on roads, ATV/UTV's ok in the field

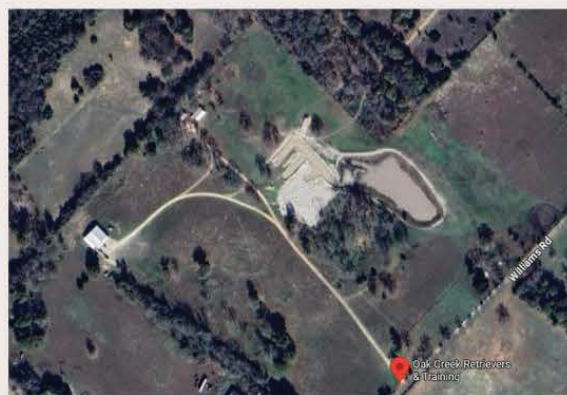
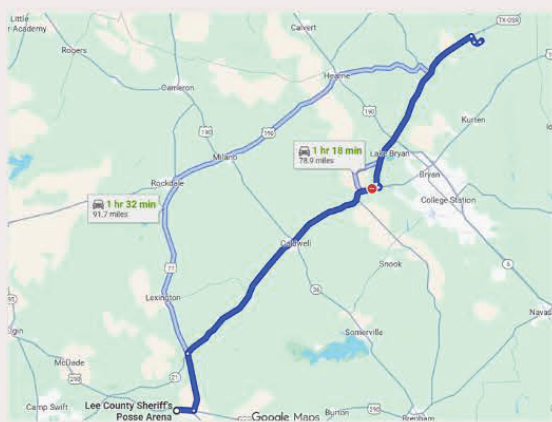
If it is wet or recently rained, stay on top of the hill.

This is a training facility; training may be happening on property. Please be respectful of staff.

Robertson Cty Vet for General or A&M for Emergency.

Edge General Store & Blue Moon BBQ for food in the area.

No Smoking or flame of any kind.



10 Hilltop Dog Camp (Katelyn Brouillette)

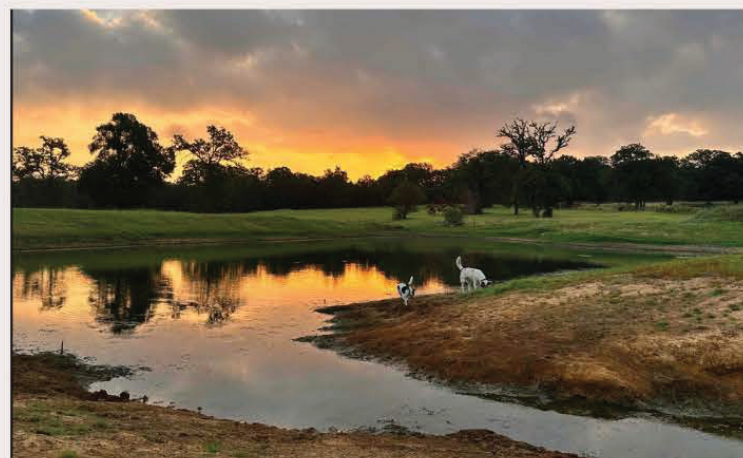
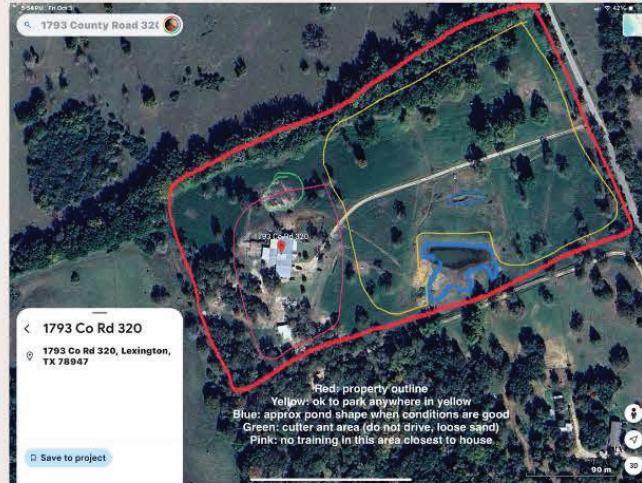
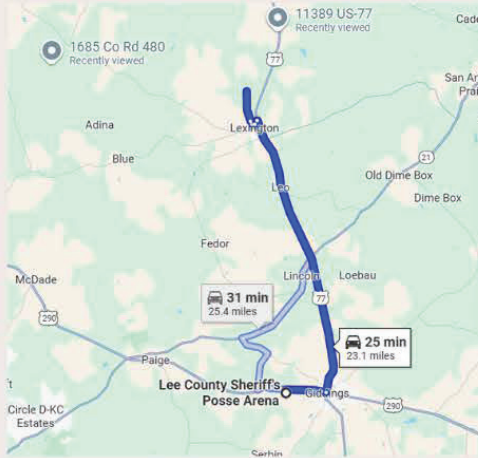
1793 CR 320, Lexington TX 78947

Land & Water

Live Flyers

Stay away from top of hill near the house unless you need assistance - no shooting in direction of house so as to try not to disturb boarding dogs if possible

See Training Ground Rules



GET TO THE LEASE WITH

Confidence

THIS HUNTING SEASON



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POLARIS

CavenderPolaris.com

4850 I-10, Columbus, TX | EXIT 698

979.484.7418

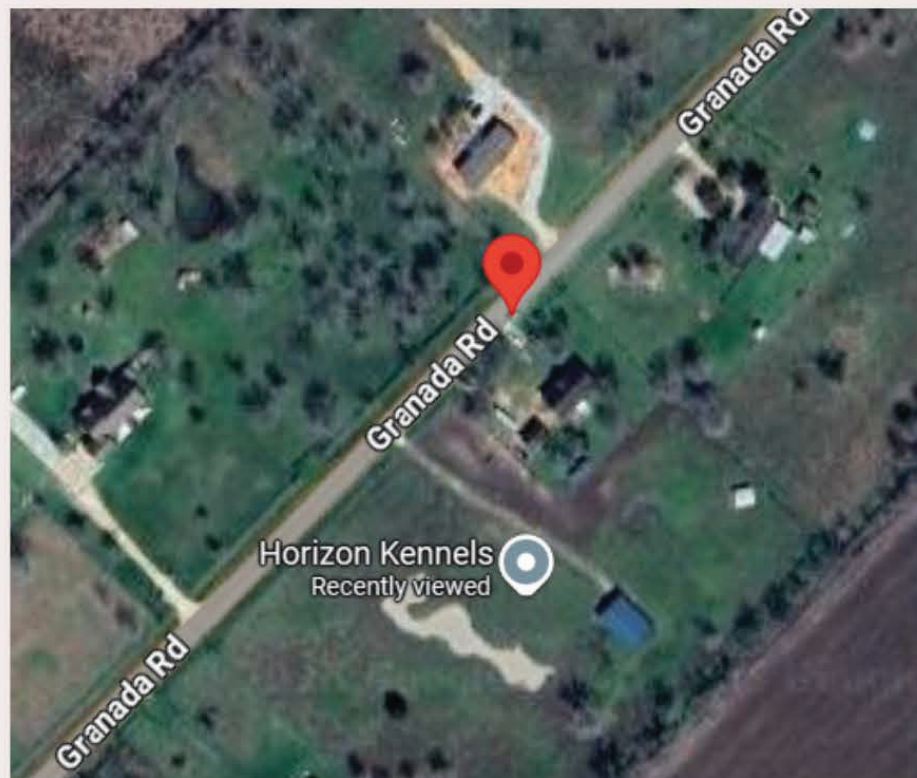
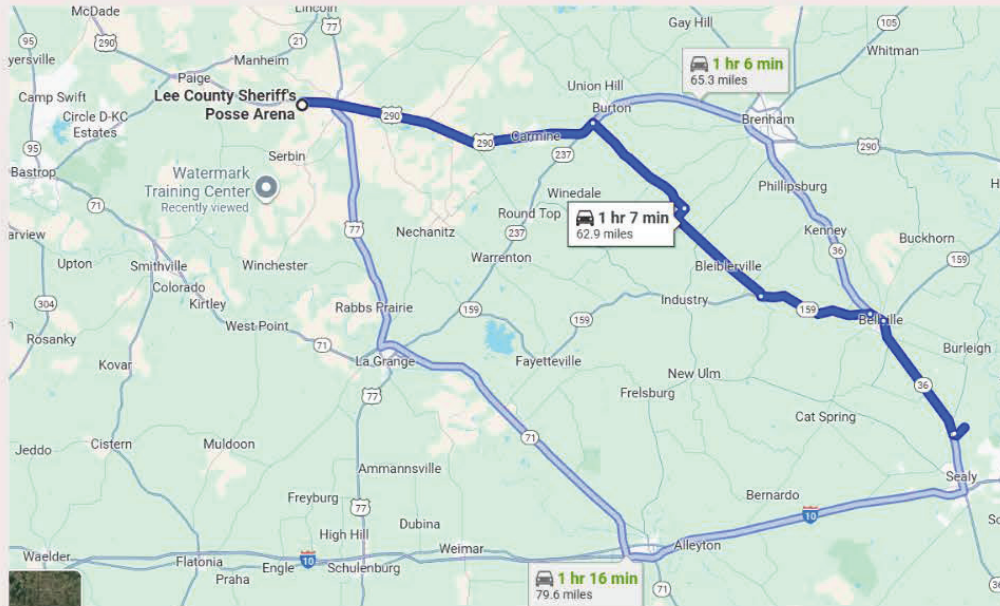
SHOP NOW



11 Horizon Kennels (Bryan Lee)

1498 Granada Road, Sealy Tx 77474

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 Do not park under the drip line of trees.
 Pack out all trash—leave no trace.



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by HILTON

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Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 321-2898

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- Indoor Pool
- Ballroom
- Meeting Space
- Fitness Center
- Jacuzzi Suites

Be Our Guest!

T.J. Finn
General Manager

Heather Lyons
Asst. General Manager

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City Meat Market
Dairy Queen
Dime Box Sixth Street Spirits
Giddings Downtown Restaurant
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Roadhouse Paige
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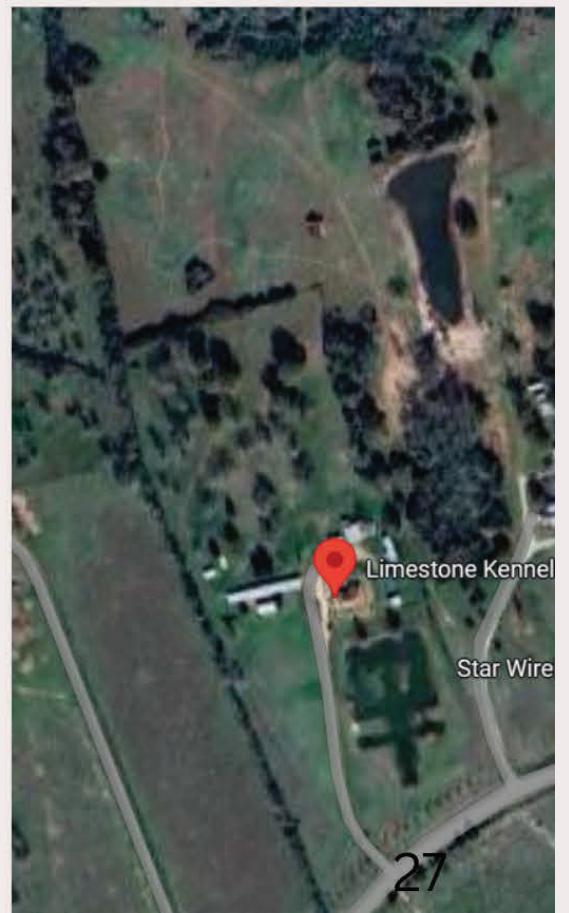
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13 Dr. Dave Brannon

181 Dusty Road, College Station TX 77845

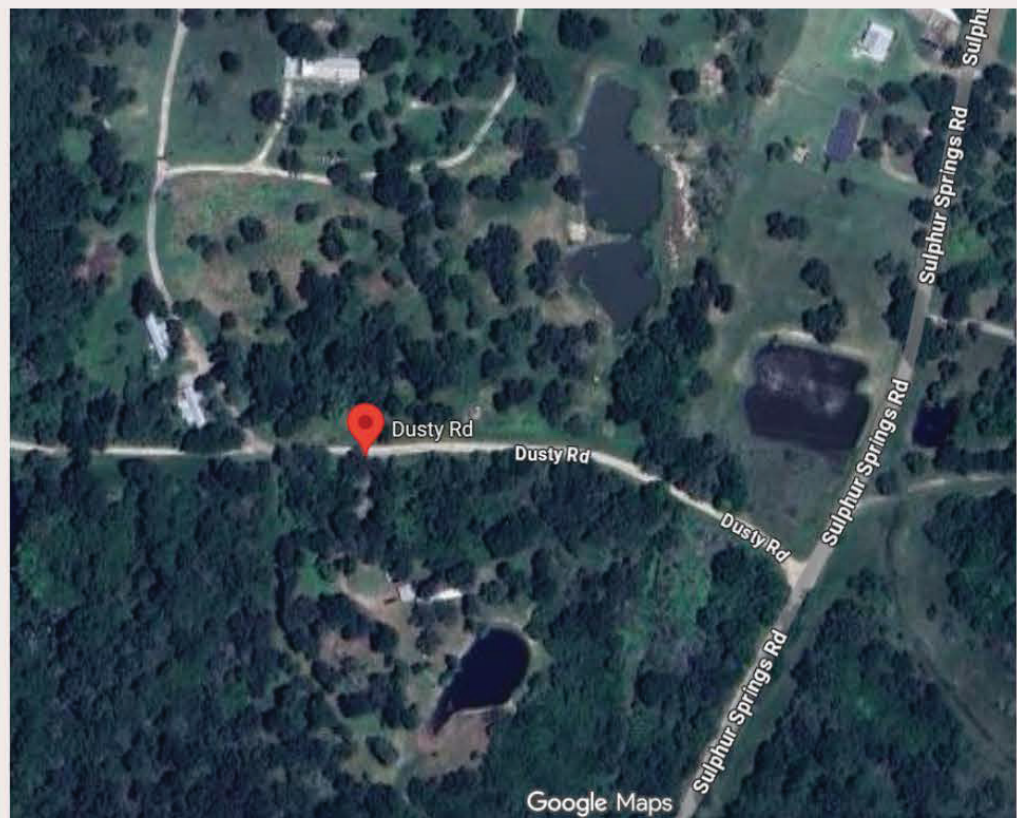
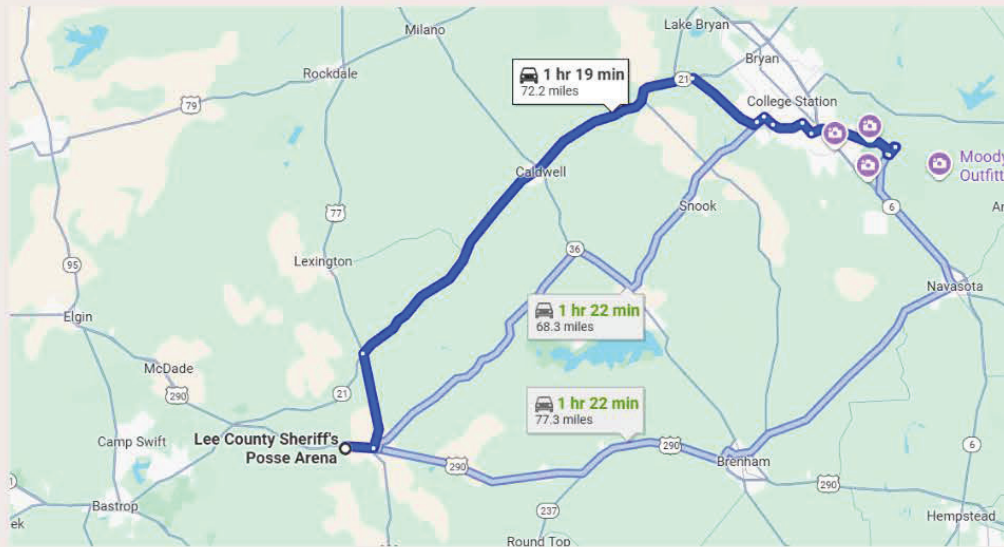
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14 Skibber Property (Dr. John & Julia Skibber) 2655 Randall Hill Road, Brenham, TX

108 Acres

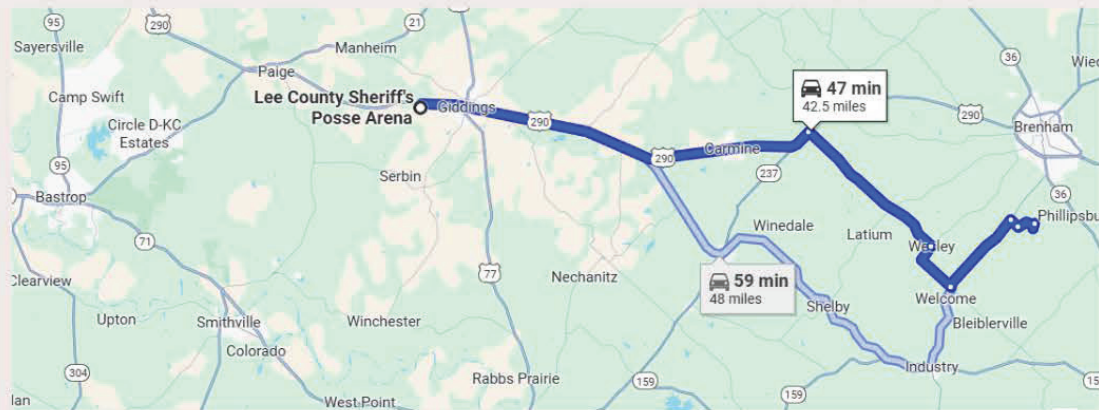
Land & Water

Live Flyers/ATVs permitted

Limit 8 Trucks, 8 Dogs

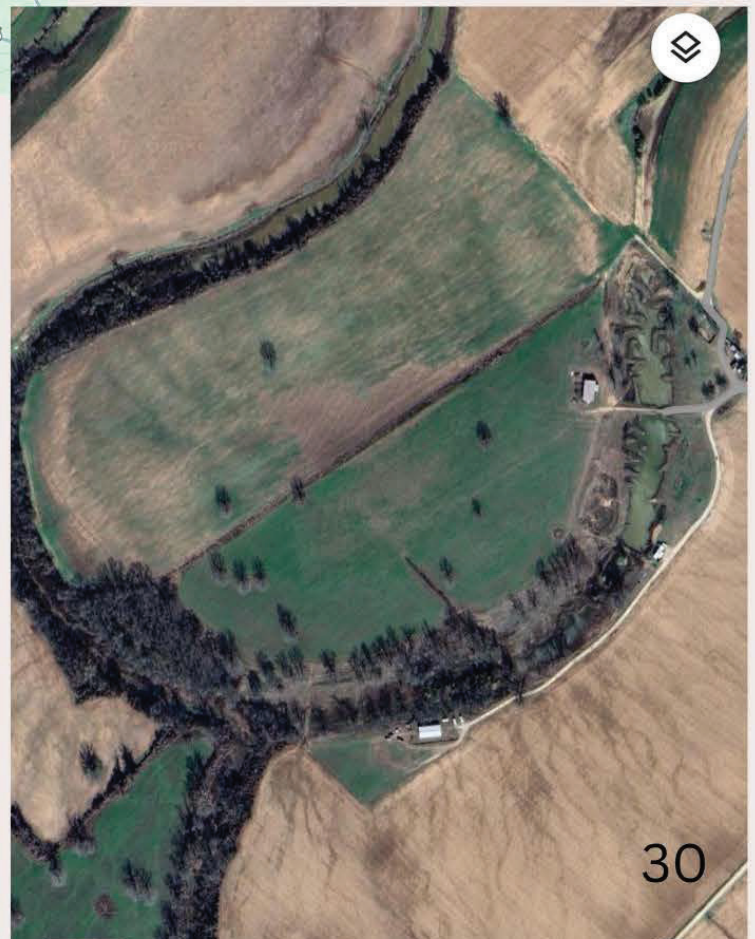
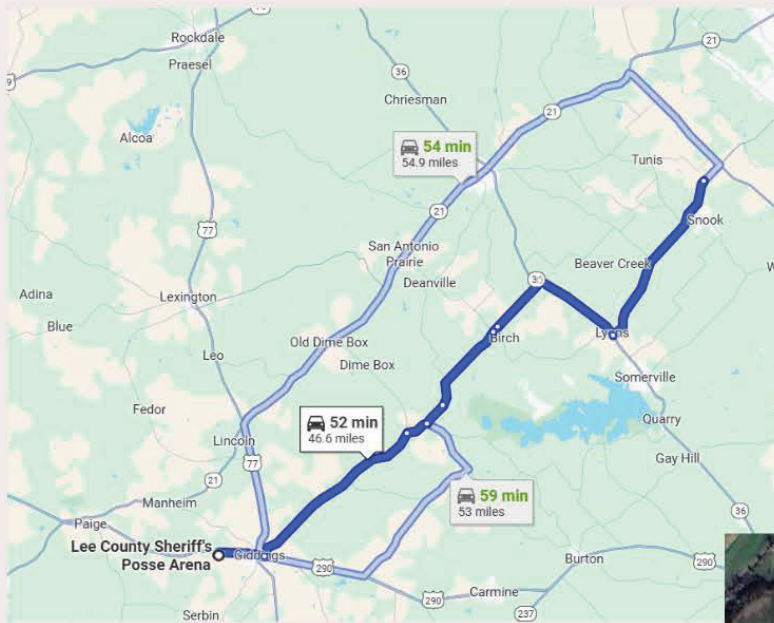
Start Time 8:30 am. Meet Owner at Gate.

Call Owner by 9:30 pm night before (Julia 281-687-9167)



15 Walnut Hill (Bill Leitner) 11555 FM 60, Snook, TX

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