

## **Education Information**

The Wildlife Heritage Center, dedicated in September 1996, is the education arm of the Bird Dog Foundation and the National Bird Dog Museum. The center's education program is geared to encourage young citizens to become more aware of the importance of wildlife, conservation and the environment, to teach them good sportsmanship, and to acquaint them with pastimes of hunting, shooting and field trialing. Here the history of some 40 breeds (spaniels, pointers and retrieving breeds) is being explored and preserved for future generations. Through education, emphasis can be placed on the need to preserve or use more wisely our nation's diminishing natural resources.

The wildlife Heritage Center is developing study guides and curricula materials especially suited for elementary, middle school and high school age young citizens. These programs are specifically focused on natural resources, wildlife preservation, habitat improvement, hunting and gun safety, field trialing, sportsmanship, and the various breeds of bird dogs used in our country today. The museum has a library which is available for researching many of these areas.

As an educational and conservation organization, the Foundation enjoys certain benefits. It functions under a tax-exempt charter, and has been granted a Federal Exemption Number, 62-1353274, under paragraph 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a Charitable, Literary, Educational and Conservation Organization.

The Foundation's work force consists of dedicated staff members and volunteers, who find their rewards in the successful completion of worthwhile state and national wildlife enhancement projects while highlighting the various bird dog breeds and their uses.

The financial assistance of all bird dog people, hunters, field trailers, breeders, plantation owners, corporations and other interested sportsmen has been essential in bringing this project to its present successful status.