

May 23, 1966

Mr. Gus Glaser
Gus Glaser Meats, Inc.
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Dear Mr. Glaser:

Thanks for your letter of May 20th. It seems to me I met you here in Burlington last year at which time you were making a purchase of some of our office furniture. I hope you were satisfied with the merchandise you received.

The Black Labrador dog shouldn't prevent the wood ducks from nesting in your area. Of course, it would be advisable to keep the dog penned up especially on days when young wood ducks are leaving the nest and trying to get to water.

I am enclosing an instruction sheet which may be helpful to you in reference to the building, mounting, and servicing of duck boxes.

I have never had direct personal experience with mounting boxes over water but this is very successfully done particularly along the East Coast but also here along the Mississippi. I have seen such projects and I believe the following information may be helpful to you. The boxes should be mounted on posts which should be located right out in open water but within a few yards of emergent swamp vegetation. The height above water, in fact, should be low enough so that boxes can be inspected by standing in a boat. In other words, the top of the box should not be more than 5 feet above water level. The posts should be as nearly as possible predator proof. By this I mean that the posts should join the box directly under the center rather than ~~rugging~~ up the back of the posts. Furthermore, if the posts could be covered or sheeted in smooth metal, it would prevent racoons and other predators from causing trouble.

I strongly suggest your trying half a dozen boxes mounted in this manner. I believe you will be pleased with the success, and if you do meet success you can go ahead and increase the number of boxes to accommodate the requirements. I would be interested to hear how your project works out.

Yours very truly,

Frederic Leopold

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