



Training Event Information

As a club, our objective is to help one another obtain the goals each individual sets for his/her dog and, in so doing, work for the benefit of everyone. Members that attend training days need to help one another with the process and stay from beginning to end whenever possible. Obviously there will be days when exceptions to this later point need to be made, but the primary point, is that people arriving very late or leaving very early are not pulling their weight in the training process. Everyone, whether a duck or upland hunter, a hunter or a hunt tester, a retriever or spaniel enthusiast, needs his or her dog skilled in the things we train for at every session. We need all attendees to help one another in whatever way they can.

If you have never been to a training event and are unsure of what to bring, here is a list of suggestions.

- One item of **Blaze Orange** (hat, shirt, or vest) is required
- Your dog(s)
- Food or snacks (lunch)
- Plenty of water for your dog and non-alcoholic beverage for yourself
- Retrieving bumpers, Dokkens, etc.
- Whistles, dog leads, crate, boots (waders or hip boots could be handy for water sessions), first aid kit for dog, wet ones for hand cleaning, sunscreen and hat, insect repellent, something to sit on, raingear.
- Your gun (Gunners are always needed and your help in this area is greatly appreciated.)

Training begins at either 8:00am or 9:00am sharp. We encourage socializing amongst our members and guests, so arriving 30 - 60 minutes ahead of time is certainly a good plan.

Generally speaking, we use chukar for training, but there are times where we may have pigeons, pheasant or ducks.

Training sessions boil down to three key areas of work - obedience, retrieving and upland. What areas are worked on will be determined by the dog's owner and the trainers assigned to help. Some of the more typical elements of each area are as follows:

Obedience

- Basic obedience refreshers as needed with emphasis on sit, stay, heel and come
- E-collar discussions and demonstrations as needed
- Discussion and sometimes demonstration of the use of place board and other tools to aid in the training process

Retrieving

We will begin with basic retrieving skills

- Demonstrations as needed
- Short, marked-retrieves with lengthening drills
- Multiple marked-retrieves – only for dogs that are steady at the line
- Introduction to lining drills and blind-retrieves for the more advanced dogs

Upland

- Basic quartering pattern work
 - Pups/inexperienced dogs – tape winged birds and shaking
 - Intermediate dogs - tape winged birds little to no shaking
 - Experienced dogs – tape winged birds and some fliers
- Steady to wing and shot
 - Inexperienced dogs – training demonstrations
 - Experienced dogs – training drill