

# Gamekeepers Retrievers



## WATER WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 1 - 2, 2018

WITH PRIVATE LESSONS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018

HELD AT THE RETRIEVER ACADEMY  
64035 E. 120 ROAD, MIAMI, OK 74354

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HOSTED BY:

### **KANSAS CITY GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**

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### **SEMINAR LIMITED TO 12 WORKING TEAMS**

AUDITOR SPOTS ARE UNLIMITED AND ENCOURAGED  
ALL ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AUGUST 1, 2018  
OR WHEN ENTRY LIMIT IS REACHED.

## WHAT TO EXPECT...

Water training is one of the toughest challenges faced by competitors in the field. It's not just the training challenges presented when you transition your dog from land drills and marks to water drills and marks, but also the challenges you face in finding "good" water on which to train. Gamekeepers will be using the fabulous technical ponds at The Retriever Academy for two days of intense water training.



This Water Workshop is designed for dogs and handlers working at the Transition to Advanced level. It will teach your dog different concepts in marking and blind work on the water. Mitch will work with each dog/handler team to help develop with dog's confidence and skills in the water. Water marking drills and marking concepts will be covered, along with water blinds, water handling drills, land/water concepts, water entry concepts, de-cheating, and more. Basic water work will NOT be covered except as needed to correct an identified hole in foundation work prohibiting progress with other skills.

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**PLEASE NOTE: DOGS MUST BE AT A SENIOR LEVEL OR ABOVE FOR A WORKING SPOT.**

Working Teams will be limited to running TWO (2) dogs throughout the seminar. Please note that only ONE (1) dog may be run per training segment. Auditors are welcome and encouraged.

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Mitch is available the day PRIOR to the workshop for one hour private lessons. Cost is \$50.00/hour, payable to Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd. Contact Jan Winner to schedule.

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## Topics of training will include but not be limited to...

Water Marking Drills  
Water Lining & Casting Drills  
Water Marking Concepts  
Water Blinds  
Water Entry Challenges  
Land/Water Concepts  
Setting up Water Training Concepts  
Identifying Water Elements/Factors  
Basics will only be covered as pertains to identified hole in foundation work.



### - Schedule -

**Friday, August 31, 2018** - Privates Lessons by Appointment

**Saturday, September 1, 2018** - 8:30 am to approximately 5:00 pm

**Sunday, September 2, 2018** - 8:30 am to approximately 3:30 pm

### - Format -

(subject to change as necessary during the workshop)

**SATURDAY:** Check in will begin at 8:30 am.

9:00 am: Introduction. Discussion of where Working Teams are in training and of their goals for the workshop. Working Teams will run a set up and/or drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each Working Teams' abilities.

Saturday will continue as Mitch works with each team based on their needs as submitted on the registration form and based on his finding in the morning session. Water basics will ONLY be covered as needed to remedy an identified hole in the foundation work of a working team. Day will end with Q&A.

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 am. Discussion of previous day's work. Move to the water where the work will focus on water marking, water marking drills, water entries and exits, factors that influence water work, etc. The workshop will continue on to water blinds, water handling drills, swim by, casting into the water, influence of water marks and blinds on each other, etc. The workshop will end with water set ups for all levels including land/water scenarios. Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of the workshop.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a tentative schedule.

Topics covered each day may be adjusted due to the needs of the working teams, the weather or other factors. Topics listed are representative and not meant to be all inclusive.

**ALL TEAMS WILL BE WORKED EACH DAY.**

## Location:

The Retriever Academy, 64035 E. 120 Rd., Miami, OK 74354

**From Springfield, MO:** Take I-44 west to exit 313 toward OK-10/Miami. Merge onto Industrial Pkwy. Turn right onto OK-10 S/E 100 Rd/3rd Ave SE and continue to follow OK-10 S/E 100 Rd. Turn right onto OK-137 S/S 610 Rd. Turn left onto E 120 Road. The Retriever Academy will be on the right.

**From Tulsa, OK:** Take I-44 east toward Joplin/Turnpike to exit 302 toward US 59/US 60/Afton/Fairland/Grove. Continue straight onto US 60 E. Turn left onto OK-137 N. Take first right onto S 625 Rd. Take first right onto E 140 Rd. E 140 Rd. will turn left and become S 630 Rd. Turn right onto E 120 Rd. The Retriever Academy will be on the right.



## Accommodations:

The Retriever Academy Lodge is a lovely facility that is centrally located on the training grounds. The rate is \$25 + tax/night. If you wish to stay in the lodge, please e-mail Jan Winner ([TRACKNHOUNDS@AOL.COM](mailto:TRACKNHOUNDS@AOL.COM)) to check availability and to make your reservations. Beds are limited, don't delay.

**Please note: Dogs are NOT allowed in the lodge and will need to be kept in your vehicles.**

## Hotels/Motels:

Microtel 2015 3rd Ave SE - 918-540-3333  
EconoLodge 900 3rd Ave SE - 918-542-6631  
Buffalo Run 1366 US 69 - 918-542-2900  
Hampton Inn 115 Deacon Turner Road - 918-541-5000

## Breakfast/Lunch:

KCGRC will provide breakfast items on Saturday/Sunday.

There is no food available on the grounds so we highly recommend you bring snacks, drinks and lunch items. There is a full kitchen available to keep food during the day.

A group dinner at RA will be arranged for Saturday night.

## Who should attend this seminar:

Anyone who:

- Wants a more confident water dog
- Wants to perfect their dogs marking ability in water
- Wishes to learn how to train and set up water blinds
- Desires to understand how water influences dogs
- Needs to train on water for advanced AKC/UKC tests
- Enjoys field training on a regular basis

**PLEASE NOTE: DOGS MUST BE WORKING AT A SENIOR LEVEL OR ABOVE FOR A WORKING SPOT**



## What to bring:

- This seminar will be outdoors. Prepare for all types of weather
  - Handlers must have BOTH a white coat or shirt AND a dark coat or shirt
  - A whistle and a back up whistle
  - Boots and/or waders
  - Bug Spray and Sunscreen
  - Paper, Pen and Highlighter
  - Chair
- Equipment you would normally use when running your dog on water.
  - E-collar (optional, but highly recommended)

**Everyone bring a fun attitude and a willingness to learn new things!!**

**NO VIDEO CAMERAS - Still photos are OK.**

## The Water Workshop

held at The Retriever Academy in Miami, Oklahoma  
Saturday and Sunday September 1 - 2, 2018

Please complete, sign and return this form and waiver along with your check made payable to:

The Kansas City Golden Retriever Club  
c/o Jan Winner 16701 Quinn Road, Smithville, MO 64089

**\$280.00 Working Team (Limit 12)**

Limited opportunities exist for a free auditing spot in exchange for working at the seminar.

**\$110.00 Auditor Fee (Unlimited)**

Contact Jan Winner for availability.

Entry Deadline is August 1, 2018 or when entry limit is reached.

All seminar fees must be submitted with the application.

No refunds for cancellations received after August 1, 2018.

<b>Your Name:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>E-Mail:</b>
*** Your Years of Experience ***	
<b>Hunt Tests (years):</b>	<b>(titles)</b>
<b>Club Tests (years):</b>	<b>(titles)</b>
Working Teams, please complete dog information:	
<b>Call Name of Dog:</b>	
<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Age (DOB):</b>
<b>Please describe your dog's blind related strengths and weaknesses and list any new skills you would like to learn (be specific please):</b> (AUDITORS: List any blind related topics you are particularly interested in seeing addressed at this workshop).	

## AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that in consideration of the acceptance of this application and the opportunity to attend the seminar and to learn valuable field training skills from experienced trainers, I (we) agree to hold **Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., The Kansas City Golden Retriever Club and The Retriever Academy, LLC.** their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents and/or Seminar Secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or things by the act of this dog while in or upon the seminar premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this seminar, however such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

Please read the premium information carefully and fill out your sign-up form completely and sign below:

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Date

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Participant