

Gamekeepers Retrievers



PROGRESSING YOUR DOG
SEPTEMBER 7 - 8, 2019

HELD AT
AUGUST A. BUSCH
MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AREA
2360 HWY D, ST. CHARLES, MO 63304



HOSTED BY:

DARDENNE RETRIEVER CLUB

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SEMINAR LIMITED TO 12 WORKING TEAMS

AUDITOR SPOTS ARE UNLIMITED AND ENCOURAGED
ALL ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AUGUST 10, 2019
OR WHEN ENTRY LIMIT IS REACHED.

PROGRESSING YOUR DOG is being presented to help handlers succeed in progressing their dog to the next training level. The focus of this workshop will be in analyzing each individual dog's performance, determining its weaknesses and developing a plan to move the dog forward in its training. Participants will work on problem solving skills, drills and set ups tailored to each dog's needs. Mitch will instruct each handler on how to identify their dog's areas of weakness and will coach them on developing a plan to address these areas.



Auditors will benefit greatly from this workshop as well due to the varied issues that will be discussed and the insight Mitch will provide as to each unique situation. Auditors and Handlers alike will observe and be involved in discussions as each dog presents different behaviors. This method will allow attendees to learn how to analyze in the moment and read the dog's behavior.

"This innovative seminar is guided by the needs of the individual dogs and handlers attending. We are providing a program that will focus on identifying problem areas in each teams training, analyzing the problem and then establishing a training plan to help the team

progress their dog to the next level. This outstanding venue offers us many land and water locations for quality dog training." - Mitch White

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

**BRING US YOUR PROBLEMS, WE WILL FIND A SOLUTION
AND HELP YOU PROGRESS YOUR DOG**

Working Dog/Handler 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.

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

Identifying weaknesses and prescribing exercises for them
Learn to pinpoint issues on the fly and adjust your approach to an exercise to help the dog progress
Reading a scenario to analyze how your individual dog is likely to react
Build a training plan for progress



- Schedule -

Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 8:30 am to approximately 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - 8:30 am to approximately 4:00 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 with working one on one with each team. Focus will be in determining weaknesses and designing training scenarios and/or drills that will help each team turn that weakness into a strength. Day will end with Q&A.

Sunday: 8:30 am Discussion of previous day's work. Then, each team will continue working with Mitch on targeted exercises designed pinpoint weaknesses and progress the dog in training. Extensive land and water work will be featured in the form of yardwork, drills, marks, blinds, test like scenarios, etc. Analysis of each dogs performance and how to troubleshoot the problems will be discussed as well as discussion on why a particular drill or set up is the prescribed solution. Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of the workshop.

PLEASE NOTE: This workshop is fluid and topics covered will be based on the needs of the dogs as they present training weaknesses.

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 LEVELS WILL BE WORKED EACH DAY.

Location:

The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area,
2360 Hwy D., St. Charles, MO 63304

Directions to site: From the intersection of Interstate 64 and Highway 94 proceed west to Highway D and turn right. Continue to the entrance of the area on right.

Accommodations:

Sleep Inn 1147 Technology Blvd. O'Fallon, MO 63368 (636) 329-1000 Pet Friendly	Holiday Inn Express & Suites 1175 Technology Dr O'Fallon, MO 63368 (636) 300-4844 Pet Friendly/Pet Fee
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Staybridge Suites
1155 Technology Dr.
O'Fallon, MO 63368
Phone:(636) 300-0999
Pet Friendly

Emergency Veterinarian Services:

Veterinary Specialty Services
7770 Winghaven Blvd, O'Fallon, MO 63368
Phone: (636) 392-2200
Emergency clinic open 24 hours/7 days a week (no appointment required).

Directions: Take I-64 west approximately 3 miles to Winghaven Blvd; turn right at the top of the ramp and follow that road approximately 3 miles. The clinic will be on the right across the street from the Country Club.

Meals:

Lunch will be on your own. No food will be available on the grounds however, there are several places within 5 miles of Busch Conservation Area located on Hwy K or Hwy 94, north of I-64. A large shopping & restaurant area is located 5 miles east off I-64 at the Boone's Crossing exit.

What to Bring:

All Attendees:

- Pad of paper, a pen, and a highlighter pen
- a clip board or something else to write on
- Clothing for any type of weather (Warm, Rain, Wind)
- Chair
- Questions

Working Teams should bring the following as well:

- Water for their dog
- Training Equipment
- Collar
- Tab Lead
- Regular lead (slip lead)
- E-collar (optional)
- Whistle



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

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

**Mitch White,
Head Field Trainer/Key Note Speaker:**

Mitch has been training retrievers for field work since 1988 when he got his first retriever, Hershey. His program has been developed to utilize an approach that works with all breeds of retrievers. One of the main ingredients of the program is fairness to the dog. Mitch believes in putting the work into teaching the dog to create a skill set to aid the dog in making decisions. Poor decisions are corrected and good decisions are praised. Since Mitch trains many different breeds, he often has to get "outside of the box" from popular retriever training methods. Mitch also gets a lot of dogs in for "rehab" work. These are dogs that have been in other programs and have developed issues that have prevented them from going further in training. Mitch has had tremendous success turning these dogs around so they become confident workers again.

Since 2004, Mitch's clients and students have earned countless field titles each year, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists and dogs with Field Trial placements.

Progressing Your Dog

held at August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, St. Charles MO
Saturday and Sunday, September 7 - 8, 2019

Please complete, sign and return this form and waiver along with your check made payable to:
The Dardenne Retriever Club
c/o Jeannie Greenlee 1595 Norwood Hills Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366

\$300.00 Working Team (Limit 12)

\$150.00 Auditor Fee (Unlimited)

Entry Deadline is August 10, 2019 or when entry limit is reached.

All seminar fees must be submitted with the application.

No refunds for cancellations received after August 10, 2019.

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

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. and Dardenne Retriever Club**, 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:

Date

Participant