

# Gamekeepers Retrievers



## PROGRESSING YOUR DOG

**AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

WITH PRIVATE LESSONS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019

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

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HOSTED BY:

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

JAN WINNER, EVENT SECRETARY

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

AUDITOR SPOTS ARE UNLIMITED AND ENCOURAGED

ALL ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AUGUST 1, 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 team's 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.

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Mitch is available the day PRIOR to the workshop for one hour private lessons. Cost is \$75.00/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...**

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 -**

**Friday, August 30, 2019** - Privates Lessons by Appointment

**Saturday, August 31, 2019** - 8:30 am to approximately 5:00 pm

**Sunday, September 1, 2019** - 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 them 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 to 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 dog's 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 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.

## 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 The Retriever Academy in Miami, Oklahoma  
Saturday and Sunday, August 31 - September 1, 2019

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, 2019 or when entry limit is reached.

All seminar fees must be submitted with the application.

No refunds for cancellations received after August 1, 2019.

<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>
<p><b>Please describe your dog's training strengths and weaknesses and list any new skills you would like to learn (be specific please):</b> (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., 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