

Gamekeepers Retrievers



Beginner to Advanced Retriever Workshop

October 5 - 6, 2019

Held at Rover's Content

**12100 Cherry Tree Crossing Road (off Route 301)
Cheltenham/Brandywine, Maryland**



Hosted by:

The Capital Region Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Chris LeBel, Event Chairman

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This will be a "hands-on" workshop limited to 12 working teams. You and your dog will receive instructional guidance directly from Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers.

Auditors are welcome and encouraged!!

Do you have a young dog or a new puppy you want to start in the field? Are you currently working a dog through the basics? Have you been at it for while, but need help diagnosing possible holes in your foundation? Would you like help improving your basic training skills? Have you passed a few Junior tests and want to make the jump to Senior? Are you looking for drills for your Senior dog to insure success and set you up to move on to Master? Or are you running Master and want to challenge yourself and learn new skills? If any of these apply to you, then this workshop is a must attend for you and your dog.



A solid foundation of basic retrieving skills is essential for the future success of you and your dog. Mitch will help you to develop a program for you and your dog to build a strong foundation for your dog. Then he will show you how to build on that foundation with the drills and skills needed to take you through Senior and Master.

Mitch White is an excellent speaker and Gamekeepers Retrievers Workshops are considered to be among the best of their kind. Mitch is one of those rare dog trainers who is just

as good with people as he is with dogs.

There will be 12 working spots offered for a handler and his/her dog. Each working dog will get to run through the training drills and set-ups to the limit of the ability of the dog and its handler. Mitch will provide a printed guide for reference.

Auditors are encouraged and will receive the printed guide.

Everyone is encouraged to ask questions!

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

Beginner to Advanced
Review of the Basics
Land & Water Marking Concepts
Land and Water Drills
Test Design for all levels
Advanced Training Theory
Mental Preparedness
Pro Tips for Handling Success



- Schedule and Format -

Saturday, October 5, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 6, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. to approx. 3:00 p.m.

DAY 1: Check in will begin at 8:30 am.

9:00 am: Introduction. Discussion of where working teams are in training and what their goals are for the workshop. Working teams will run a set up and/or drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each teams abilities. Drills, training set ups including land and water marks and blinds will be run with each team, broken down the level appropriate to the team. Day will end with Q&A.

Day 2: 8:30 assemble for discussion of previous day's work and intro of the concepts for the day.

Teams will continue to run drills, training and set ups with land and water marking concepts and land and water blinds. Mitch will work with teams on test design, advanced training theory, mental preparedness and how to dissect a test scenario to prepare a successful strategy for running and qualifying at a test.

Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of the workshop.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a tentative schedule.

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

The sponsoring club is

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LOCATION:

Rover's Content, 12100 Cherry Tree Crossing Road (off Route 301)
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Directions to the Site:

From the Washington Beltway: Take Route 5 South toward Waldorf, then take Route 301 North to Cherry Tree Crossing Road, which is located across the road from the Veteran's Cemetery (approximately 4 miles north of Waldorf). Turn right on Cherry Tree Crossing Road and follow the signs to the grounds.

**CRFCRC will provide coffee and
a light breakfast each morning and lunch each day.**

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Check directly with hotels regarding rates, dogs in room and deposits that may be required:

LaQuinta Inn - Crain Hwy (Rt 301), Waldorf (301) 645-0022 (800) 531-5900
Executive Suites - Crain Hwy (Rt. 301), Upper Marlboro (301) 627-3969
Holiday Inn Express - Waldorf, 20603 (301)932-9200
Bel Alton Motel - Bel Alton 20611 (301) 932-1774

Other area hotels that DO NOT accept dogs:

Comfort Inn - Crain Hwy (Rt. 301), Bowie (301) 932-4400
Hampton Inn - Crain Hwy (Rt. 301), Waldorf (301) 632-9600
Cadillac Motel - Waldorf (301) 372-6600
Budget Inn - Waldorf (301) 627-2969

Also check petswelcome.com for other pet friendly hotel suggestions.

VETERINARIAN:

Southern Maryland Emergency and Referral
3485 Rockefeller Court, Waldorf, MD
Phone: (301) 638-0988

What to Bring:

Participants and Auditors:

- Clothing and footwear appropriate for training your dog on land and water and appropriate to the weather forecast.
- Pad of paper, a pen, and a highlighter pen
- Chair and a clip board or something else to write on
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Plenty of water
- Questions

**NO video cameras, please. Still pictures are allowed.
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Working handlers should bring the following as well:

- Water for your dog
- Training Collar
- Tab Lead
- Regular lead (slip lead)
- Whistle
- E-collar (optional)
- Waders and/or chaps (optional)

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.

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

Chris LeBel, 309 Beaumont Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Only the first 12 dog/handler participant entries will be accepted.

\$300.00 / \$175.00* Participant Fee (Limit 12)

*FCRSA Members will pay the reduced participant fee of \$175.00 due to an FCRSA Educational Grant. Working spots are open to FCRSA members until August 1st. Remaining spots will be released to all others after that date.

\$100.00 / \$50.00** Auditor Fee (Unlimited)

**FCRSA Members will pay a reduced auditor fee of \$50.00 due to an FCRSA Educational Grant.

Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, we will notify you via email or phone that your entry has been accepted. **Check this box if you don't get a participant spot and wish to have an auditor spot (refund for difference in price).**

- Working Teams are limited to two (2) dogs per handler, however, only one (1) dog will be worked per concept/drill.
- No refunds for cancellations received after September 15, 2019 unless approved by the host club.
- Please fill out the information below. Feel free to use a separate page if you have additional information for Mitch.

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| Your Name: | |
| Phone: | E-Mail: |
| Call Name of Dog(s): | |
| Dog's Sex: | Dog's Age: |
| <p align="center">WORKING TEAM APPLICANTS:</p> <p>Please describe IN DETAIL the level your dog(s) is working at and what skills you would like to focus on during this workshop.</p> <p><small>(AUDITORS: List any topics you are particularly interested in seeing addressed at this workshop).</small></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., Capital Region Flat-coated Retriever Club, and Rover's Content**, their respective 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