

Join The Dynamic Duo!

Carol Cassity and Mitch White

Advanced Retriever Workshops



Two 3-Day Workshops
Hosted by Lise Pratt and Marcy Burke

Goose Ridge
7139 Wildon Grove Road
Gordonsville, VA 22942

Workshop #1 – July 2-4, 2020

Workshop #2 – July 5-7, 2020



Learn from two of the best seminar presenters in the hunt test game!

Gamekeepers Retrievers' Mitch White, a professional retriever trainer and AKC hunt test judge, and Carol Cassity, a highly successful amateur trainer and HRC hunt test judge, are teaming up to present their first-ever joint seminar. In each workshop Carol and Mitch will share their observations and suggestions about how to improve your retriever. By first assessing your teamwork with a setup, they will then use mostly drills and possibly setups to help you and your dog become a better team in the field.

About Mitch White - Mitch has been training retrievers for field work since 1988. A true student of the game, Mitch has developed a program that goes outside the box to enable all breeds of retrievers to succeed at the highest level. Knowing that every dog is an individual, and that fairness must be at the forefront of all training, Mitch creates a skillset in his dogs that allows them to make decisions; correcting poor decisions and praising good decisions. Mitch has rehabilitated many dogs that have been washed out by other trainers, teaching them to confidently go further in training. Since 2004, Mitch's clients and students have earned countless field titles, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists as well as dogs with field trial placements. The author of Basics and Transition Manuals, he is expecting his Advanced and Drills Manuals to be released in 2020. Mitch is also a highly sought-after AKC Master judge.

About Carol Cassity – Carol is the author of *Building A Retriever, Drills & More*. Her book is a compilation of drills and best practices for the hunting retriever, with particular attention being paid to selecting drills that are within the means of most amateur trainers. Carol has experience with a variety of hunting dog breeds and is familiar with the unique traits of each breed. She successfully competes at the highest levels in both HRC and AKC events and is an HRC judge at the Finished level, having judged the HRC Grand multiple times. Titles her dogs have achieved include HRC GRHRCH, UH and AKC MH. Many of her dogs, both Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and Golden Retrievers are AKC Master Hunters and members of the HRC 500-Point Club. Her Chessie "Peytah" became a member of the 1,000-Point Club in 2019! Also a highly sought-after seminar presenter among retriever enthusiasts, Carol has helped multiple breeds and handlers in the eighteen plus years she has been doing seminars. Some of the breeds she has worked with include: Labs, Chessies, Goldens, Poodles, Boykins, Tollers, Drahthaars, Flat-Coats, Curly-Coats and Setters.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

These workshops are designed for ADVANCED dogs. To make the most of these workshops, working dogs **must** be handling proficiently in the field. Auditors at any level are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Cost: Working Teams - \$550 - Each workshop will have up to 13 dog/handler teams. Handlers are encouraged to run one dog all weekend. If they choose to run a second dog, they will choose which dog to run when it is their turn to run.

Auditors - 3 Days - \$175.00

1 Day - \$65.00

Working Team Add-On - \$75.00 - *Teams with a working spot in one workshop may audit the other workshop at this discounted price.*

Venue: These workshops are primarily being held at Goose Ridge, 7139 Wildon Grove Road, Gordonsville, VA. Our almost 40-acre property features rolling terrain, a pond and well-lit barn for lectures in the event of inclement weather. On at least one day of each workshop we will be doing water work at Labrador Springs, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Gwaltney's beautiful property in Free Union, VA, which is about 40 minutes from Goose Ridge.

Directions: Gordonsville is equidistant between I-95 and I-81 about 16 miles north of I-64. GPS will get you directly to Goose Ridge (7139 Wildon Grove Road, Gordonsville, VA) Don't be surprised if the GPS puts you on Lover's Lane (yes, that is a road nearby) which is a well-maintained unpaved road. All other roads are paved.

Hospitality: This is a no-frills workshop. In order to keep the price as low as we can to work with both Carol and Mitch, we will only be providing water and porta potties. There is a Food Lion grocery store in Gordonsville, as well as a Hardees, Pizza Parlor and Chinese Takeout. The Inwood Restaurant in Gordonsville is open 7 days a week, opening at 6 am Monday through Saturday and 8 am on Sunday. It is okay for breakfast, enough said ...

There will be a dinner on Saturday July 4th that people attending either seminar and their guests are welcome to attend. There will be a charge per person, which will not exceed \$20. We will keep the charge as low as possible. Details to follow.

24-hour Emergency Veterinary Services: Greenbrier Emergency Animal Hospital - (434) 202-1616 - 370 Greenbrier Dr #2, Charlottesville, VA 22901 - 22 miles from Goose Ridge.

Local Veterinary Services – they all have limited hours:

- Gordonsville Veterinary Hospital - (540) 832-7703
102 E Gordon Ave, Gordonsville, VA 22942 – 5 miles from Goose Ridge
- Tucker Veterinary, Inc. - (540) 672-2950
13438 James Madison Hwy, Orange, VA 22960 – 12 miles from Goose Ridge
- Orange Veterinary Clinic - (540) 672-1600
13421 James Madison Hwy, Orange, VA 22960 – 12 miles from Goose Ridge
- Blue Ridge Animal Hospital - (540) 825-8353
11298 James Monroe Hwy, Culpeper, VA 22701 – 33 miles from Goose Ridge

Camping: • [Small Country Campground](#), 4400 Byrd Mill Rd, Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-2431

Pet Friendly AirBNBs - Here is a [Link to pet-friendly AirBNBs](#) in the area. These are often more reasonable than the hotels. in the area. If you are willing to share a house with someone, please check the box below:

Yes, I would be interested in sharing an AirBNB.

Hotels (Check with each hotel for any additional charges and restrictions.)

[Comfort Inn & Suites Orange – Montpelier](#)

334 Caroline Street
Orange, VA 22960
(540) 672-3121

[Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham](#)

885 Willis Lane
Culpeper, Virginia 22701
540-829-0330

[Best Western Culpeper Inn](#)

791 Madison Road
Culpeper, VA 22701
(540) 825-1253

[Hampton Inn & Suites](#)

18411 Gate Road
Culpeper, VA 22701
(540) 829-9000

WORKSHOP SCHEDULES

Workshop #1

Thursday – July 2, 2020 - 9 am to 5 pm – Please check in at 8:30 am.

Friday – July 3, 2020 - 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday – July 4, 2020 - 9 am to 3 pm

Workshop #2

Sunday – July 5, 2020 - 9 am to 5 pm – Please check in at 8:30 am.

Monday – July 6, 2020 - 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday – July 7, 2020 - 9 am to 3 pm

The first day of each workshop will begin with introductions and a discussion on what is needed to effectively train a dog to be a stylish, confident retriever at the advanced level. Working teams will then run their dogs in a setup and/or drill designed to show Mitch and Carol where the dog is in training. They will then work with working teams on land and water drills and possibly marking and blind concepts to challenge and advance each working team. Bumpers and birds will be available to Mitch and Carol for use at their discretion. At times during each training segment, handler/dog teams will be coached one on one by Mitch, Carol or both. Both working participants and auditors are encouraged to ask questions after any working team has finished their turn.

PLEASE NOTE: These workshops are fluid and topics covered will be based on the needs of the dogs and their handlers as they present their training weaknesses. Topics covered each day may be adjusted due to Carol's and Mitch's assessments of the needs of the working teams, the weather or other factors.

NO VIDEOTAPING IS ALLOWED - PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE TAKEN

DYNAMIC DUO ADVANCED RETRIEVER WORKSHOP

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Registration Form

Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____

Please check each box for the spot(s) you want to reserve
For a working spot, please circle first or second choice for each workshop.

Workshop #1 – July 2-4, 2020 – **Working Team** - \$550 **Add-on Auditor** for July 5-7, 2020 - \$75*
(This workshop is my first second choice.)

Workshop #2 – July 5-7, 2020 – **Working Team** - \$550 **Add-on Auditor** for July 2-4, 2020- \$75*
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Workshop #1 – July 2-4, 2020 – **Auditor** - \$175

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Daily Auditor - \$65/day 7/2 7/3 7/4 7/5 7/6 7/7
(Check which day(s) you plan to audit)

Total enclosed : _____

Check number: _____

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2020

- No refunds will be given for working spots unless your spot can be filled.
- The Waiver and Agreement is required to be signed by all participants and their guests.

Working Teams – Please fill out information below

Dog's Call Name: _____ Age: _____ AKC/HRC Field Titles: _____

Please briefly describe your dog's strengths and weaknesses, and your goals for this workshop.

Dynamic Duo Workshop Waiver and Agreement

I (we) acknowledge that in consideration of the acceptance of this workshop's registration form and the opportunity to attend the workshop and to learn valuable field training skills from Mitch White and Carol Cassity, I (we) agree to hold Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., Mitch White, Carol Cassity, the Pratt, Burke and Gwaltney families, and the owners or lessors of any premises used during the workshop 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 any dog while in or upon the workshop 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 my dog(s) by disappearance, theft, damage or injury caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence 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 therefrom, 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 workshop, 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.

I (we) also agree that I (we) give express permission to Gamekeepers Retrievers, Carol Cassity, Marcy Burke and/or Goose Ridge to use any photographs taken at the seminar for personal use, in social media or for advertisement at their discretion.

If you decline to let photographs of you or your dogs be used, please check this box and initial here: _____

Please read the premium information, Waiver and Agreement carefully, fill out your registration form completely, sign below and mail along with your check made out to Marcy Burke to: Marcy Burke, 7139 Wildon Grove Road, Gordonsville, VA 22942

If you have questions, contact:

Marcy Burke

Cell: (516) 978-9397

Email: marcyprattburke@gmail.com

Working Participant/Auditor

Dated: _____

Guest

Dated: _____