

Gamekeepers Retrievers



Advancing Your Retriever

with Mitch White

Monday/Tuesday, September 21 - 22 2020

Held at Goose Ridge

7139 Wildon Grove Road

Gordonsville, Virginia 22942



Hosted by

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This hands-on workshop is limited to 12 working participants.
Unlimited Auditors – Preference will be given to those also taking
the Designing Retriever Training Setups Workshop

Sign up early!

Entries close on September 5, 2020
or when the limit is reached.

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 a 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 ensure 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 welcome 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 -

Monday, September 21, 2019 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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 setup and/or drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each team's abilities. Drills, training setups 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.

Tuesday, September 22, 2019 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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 setups 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.

Goose Ridge

7139 Wildon Grove Road, Gordonsville, VA 22942

Directions: Gordonsville is halfway 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.

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
- Earlysville Animal Hospital - (434) 973-9699 ***recommended***
505 St. Francis Avenue • Earlysville, VA 22936 – 19 miles from Goose Ridge
- Blue Ridge Animal Hospital - (540) 825-8353 ***recommended***
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.



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](#)

791 Madison Road
Culpeper, VA 22701
(540) 829-9000

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
- Clip board or something else to write on
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Plenty of water

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)

FOOD - BEVERAGES

Please bring your lunch, snacks and beverages. Water will be available. There are no restaurants close to the seminar site.

NO video cameras, please. Still pictures are allowed.



Questions, contact Marcy Burke

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SIGN-UP FORM Advancing Your Retriever

Monday and Tuesday, September 21-22, 2020

At Goose Ridge in Gordonsville, Virginia

Please complete and sign this form and waiver with your check made payable to Marcy Burke and mail it to her at
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All seminar fees must be submitted with this application.

Working Participant - \$300 Auditors - \$125

Name:	
Street:	
City	
State	Zip
Preferred Phone:	
E-mail:	
Dog's Name	
Dog's Level	

For Office Only

Check Number

Advancing Your Retriever 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, I (we) agree to hold Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., Mitch White, the Pratt and Burke 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, Marcy Burke, Goose Ridge Images 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: _____

Participant Dated: _____

Guest Dated: _____