

# Gamekeepers Retrievers



## Designing Retriever Training Setups

September 19 - 20, 2020

Held at Goose Ridge

7139 Wildon Grove Road

Gordonsville, Virginia 22942



Hosted by  
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This workshop is limited to 20 participants.

***Sign up early!***

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

Mitch White is a licensed AKC judge and former UKC judge with many years of experience judging at all levels. Mitch has also judged countless National Specialty and Regional breed working title events. He makes his living as a professional dog trainer and handler.

This seminar is being presented to help handlers, trainers and judges understand the mechanics and elements involved in setting up a training scenario for retrievers. While drills will not be presented at this particular seminar, some drill-like setups will be used.

Different throwing patterns will be discussed and used as well as the placement of blinds. Elements that influence dogs' marking and placement of marks will be taught. Participants will learn how to design a setup for training and testing purposes and will then be involved in setting up scenarios.



*"This seminar is designed to provide an understanding of how to set up marks and blinds that will challenge and advance your retriever. It is an invaluable resource for anyone who wants to be involved in retriever training or judging. The focus of this workshop will be on how to set up scenarios within the rules of most retriever test formats"*

- Mitch White

### **Who Should Attend This seminar?**

Anyone who:

- ♦ Wants to learn how to design marks and blinds.
- ♦ Wishes to learn how factors affect marks and blinds.
- ♦ Desires to understand how elements influence a dog's work.
- ♦ Wants to judge tests.
- ♦ Needs to train for advanced AKC/UKC tests.
- ♦ Wants to learn techniques in training setups.
- ♦ Enjoys field dog training on a regular basis.

### **Should I Plan On Bringing My Dog?**

This workshop is about setup design for effective training and is geared toward educating the handler on using various design techniques. We will run a limited number of participant's dogs on each setup for demonstration purposes. All running dogs will be selected by Mitch based on the level set up and the training level of the dog. No dog will run all setups and efforts will be made to insure that each dog gets an equal amount of running time.

Please remember...

This workshop is not about training methods. If your dog is selected to run a setup and is not successful, time will not be spent addressing any training issues. The focus of this workshop will be on how the marks and blinds affect a dogs' performance. Discussion will focus on how to set up challenging marks and blinds that you can utilize in training.

### **You Don't Need To Own A Retriever To Attend**

Anyone is welcome to attend this workshop. The techniques discussed will cross over to any breed. However, the setups will be specific to AKC/UKC retriever hunt tests.



## 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



## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9/19/20 - 8:30 - 4:30	9/20/20 - 8:30 - 4:30
Designing a Setup For All Levels of Dogs Judging at Tests Concept Marks Elements of Marks Day One Setups	Individual Participant Marks Blind Setups More Setups The Finished Product

This seminar will help you understand how elements influence a dog during training and at tests. It will provide you with a better understanding of how to design a setup that will challenge your dog. Mitch believes if you bring home one great idea from a seminar, then it was well worth the money invested. He hopes you will bring home many ideas from this seminar!

### What to bring to the seminar:

- ◆ Seminar will be held outdoors, so be prepared for any weather (Warm, Rain, Snow...)
- ◆ Pad of paper, a pen, a highlighter pen
- ◆ Chair
- ◆ Lots of questions
- ◆ Equipment you would use to run your dogs on marks (i.e. whistle, lead, collar)
- ◆ NO VIDEO CAMERAS please – still pictures are allowed

### FOOD - BEVERAGES

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

*If you have questions, contact:*

*Marcy Burke*

*Cell: (516) 978-9397*

*Email: [marcyprattburke@gmail.com](mailto:marcyprattburke@gmail.com)*

## SIGN-UP FORM

### Designing Retriever Training Setups

Saturday and Sunday, September 19-20, 2020  
At Goose Ridge in Gordonsville, Virginia

Please complete and sign the sign-up form and liability waiver and mail them along with your check made payable to Marcy Burke at  
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All seminar fees must be submitted with this application.  
Seminar Fee For All Participants - \$250

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

### For Office Only

Check Number
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## Designing Retriever Training Setups Liability Waiver

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: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

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Guest