

Gamekeepers Retrievers



SKILLS AND DRILLS

A 2 DAY BASIC TO TRANSITION TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR RETRIEVER HANDLERS

JANUARY 8 – 9, 2021

Presented by Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd.

Hosted By: The Orlando Poodle Club

Held at: Lazy J Ranch, 8150 NE 150th Ave., Williston, FL 32696

Registration opens October 1, 2020.

Preference for working spots will be given to poodle handlers October 1 through October 7, then open to all handlers as of October 8. Working spots will be assigned based on postmark. Entries close Monday, December 28, 2020.

This is a hands-on workshop. Limited to 10 dog/handler working teams. Auditors are unlimited. 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.

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 to the transition level or beyond.

This workshop will start with a review of all the basic skills. Essential for new dogs and handlers, as well as a great review for those further along, this basic skills review will help you get started or help you identify areas of weakness in your dog's foundation training. Mitch will then focus heavily on drills. Drills are great for dogs of all levels. The drills presented in this workshop will cover basic and transition levels. The workshop will end by covering the transition level skills needed to succeed in at the senior level or beyond.



Mitch White, Gamekeepers Retrievers Head Field Trainer:

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.

Event Secretary: Charlotte Mitchell, 411 Walnut St., #11194, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Email: esquette548@gmail.com

Location: Lazy J Ranch, 8150 NE 150th Ave., Williston, FL 32696

Directions from the North: Take I-75 South to exit 382. Williston Rd./SR-121. Follow Williston Rd./SR-121 south, turn right on SR-335. Cross railroad tracks, turn right at next intersection and follow until you see the Lazy J Ranch on the right.

From the South: Take the FL turnpike to I-75 North. On I-75 in Ocala, take exit 354, US 27, south to Williston. Follow this for about 11 miles just past Levy County sign. Turn right onto SR-335. Follow SR-335 across SR-121. Just past the railroad tracks, turn right and follow signs to Lazy J Ranch.

Accommodations – Please check with each hotel for pet policy and please remember to represent our sport positively by picking up after your dog:

Red Roof Plus (16.5 miles), 3500 SW 42nd St, Gainesville, FL 32608 937-328-1598

Drury Inn and Suites (16.2 miles), 4000 SW 40th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608 352-372-5600

LaQuinta (4.3 miles), 908 NW 69th Terrace. Gainesville, FL 32608 352-204-4960

Quality Inn I-75 (1.9 miles), 3455 SW Williston Road, Gainesville, FL 32608 352-378-2405

Veterinarian:

Univ. of Florida Small Animal Hospital, 2089 SW 16th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32608 352-392-2235

Workshop Schedule

Friday – Jan. 8, 2021 Check in at 8:30 am. Workshop begins at 9:00 to 4:30 pm

Saturday – Jan. 9, 2021 Workshop begins 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

FRIDAY: Check in will begin at 8:30 am. Workshop will begin at 9:00 am. Introduction and overview of workshop. Day 1 will focus on basic skills and drills. From helping new dogs and handlers get started, to working with more experienced dogs to identify and repair any holes in foundation work. After the basics are covered Mitch will introduce drills designed to build teamwork and advance your dog's training. Day will end with a Q&A discussion.

SATURDAY: Workshop will begin at 8:30 am with a brief Q&A covering the previous day's work. Mitch will begin the day teaching drills from basic to transition level. He will then introduce more advanced skills needed to for success at the transition level or beyond. 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 and handlers and may be adjusted due to the weather or other factors. Topics listed are representative and not meant to be all inclusive. Lunch will NOT be provided, plan accordingly.

ALL LEVELS WILL BE WORKED EACH DAY.

NO VIDEO CAMERAS ALLOWED – STILL PHOTOS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Seminar materials contain proprietary information and are copywritten by Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd. They may not be shared with a third party without written consent.

NOTE REGARDING COVID-19: Social Distancing and other safety protocols will be observed to the best of our ability in accordance with the policies in affect at the time of the seminar. By your attendance at this event, you are accepting all risk for your own health and safety. Please do not attend if you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick. Thank you.

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\$300.00 Dog/Handler Working Team (limit 10)

\$125.00 Auditor (unlimited)

Entry Deadline for working spots is Dec. 28, 2020 or when entry limit is reached. Auditors are unlimited and will be accepted until Dec. 28, 2020. All workshop fees must be submitted with the application. No refunds for working team cancellations unless the opening can be filled. No refunds for auditor cancellations received after Dec. 28, 2020.

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Phone:
Dog's Name/Breed:	
Please briefly describe your testing experience and list your goals for this workshop.	

Please sign below and return this form along with payment and the completed registration form.

SKILLS AND DRILLS – 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, Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., I (we) agree to hold **Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd., The Orlando Poodle Club, and Joe and Dottie Wattleworth of the, Lazy J Ranch**, 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, injury or illness 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 or illness, 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, illness, 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, Ltd., and the Orlando Poodle Club** and/or their respective agents 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 return it with your paid entry.

Dated: _____

Working Participant/Auditor

Dated: _____

Guest