

Gamekeepers Retrievers



WATER WORKSHOP

A 2 DAY WATER TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR RETRIEVER HANDLERS

AUGUST 29 – 30, 2020

Presented by Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd.

Hosted By: Dardenne Retriever Club

Held at: August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area,
2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304

Water training is one of the toughest challenges faced by competitors in the field. It is not just the training challenges presented when you transition your dog from land drills and marks to water drills and marks, but also the challenges you face in finding “good” water on which to train. The Water Workshop is designed for dogs and handlers of all skill levels. You and your dog will learn different concepts in marking and blind work on the water. Mitch will work with each dog/handler team to help develop with dog’s confidence and skills in the water.

Introduction to water, water marking drills and water marks will be covered, along with water blinds, water handling drills, land and water combinations, water entry concepts, how to de-cheat and more. Many of the concepts taught in this workshop will be the same ones utilized by Hunt Test judges when they are setting up tests. Mitch will use his judging experience to design water test scenarios for dog/handler teams to dissect and run.



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: Jeannie Greenlee, 1595 Norwood Hills Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366
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This will be a hands-on workshop. Limited to 12 dog/handler teams.
Auditors are welcome and auditing spots are unlimited.

Location: August A. Busch Memorial Cons. Area, 2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304

Directions to site: From the intersection of Interstate 64 and Highway 94 proceed west to Highway D and turn right. Continue to the entrance of the area on right.

Accommodations: Check with the hotel regarding rates, dogs in the room and pet deposits that may be required.

Sleep Inn, 1147 Technology Blvd., O'Fallon, MO 63368 Phone: (636) 329-1000

Holiday Inn Express, 1175 Technology Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368 Phone: (636) 300-4844

Staybridge Suites. 1155 Technology Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63368 Phone:(636) 300-0999

Emergency Veterinarian Services:

Veterinary Specialty Services, 7770 Winghaven Blvd, O'Fallon, MO 63368 Phone: (636) 392-2200

Emergency clinic open 24 hours/7 days a week (no appointment required).

Directions to ER Clinic: Take I-64 west approximately 3 miles to Winghaven Blvd; turn right at the top of the ramp and follow that road approximately 3 miles. The clinic will be on the right across the street from the Country Club.

Meals:

Lunch will be on your own. No food will be available on the grounds however, there are several places within 5 miles of Busch Conservation Area located on Hwy K or Hwy 94, north of I-64. A large shopping & restaurant area is located 5 miles east off I-64 at the Boone's Crossing exit.

Workshop Schedule:

SATURDAY (8/29/2020): Check in at 8:30 am. 9:00 am Introduction. Discussion with working teams regarding training level and goals for the workshop. Working teams will run a water set up and/or water drills designed by Mitch to assess skill level. Intro to water drills, training set ups including water marks and blinds designed for all levels of water work. Day will end with Q&A.

SUNDAY (8/30/2020): 9:00 am Brief discussion/Q&A covering previous day. Focus will be on building skills from the previous sessions. Teams will run more advanced water drills, training set ups with higher level water marking concepts and water blinds. Some land/water combinations will also be introduced with discussion on how water influences these set ups. Mitch will work with teams on water training theory, mental preparedness and how to dissect a water 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 (approx. 4:00 pm).

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.

ALL LEVELS WILL BE WORKED EACH DAY.

NO VIDEO CAMERAS ALLOWED – STILL PHOTOS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Workshop 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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Mail your check, completed entry form and your signed waiver to:
Jeannie Greenlee, 1595 Norwood Hills Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366
Please make your check payable to: Dardenne Retriever Club.

☐ **\$300 Working Team** (Limit 12)

☐ **\$50 Auditor** (Unlimited)

Entry Deadline for working spots is August 10, 2020 or when entry limit is reached. Auditors are unlimited and will be accepted until August 24, 2020. All workshop fees must be submitted with the application. No refunds for cancellations received after August 10, 2020.

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

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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., Mitch White and the Dardenne Retriever Club**, 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 Dardenne Retriever 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.

Working Participant/Auditor

Dated: _____

Guest

Dated: _____