

# GUN DOG ACADEMY TRAINING

NORTH DAKOTA RETRIEVER CLUB

**STARTS SATURDAY, MAY 21ST**

All other classes will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:15PM- 7:45PM



**This 10-week course will help you teach your AKC registered retriever:**

- basic obedience
- retrieving skills
- introduction to birds
- introduction to gunfire
- introduction to water
- participate in a simulated duck hunt
- participate in a mentored pheasant hunt
- clean game birds
- enjoy a game bird dinner

**\*ENROLLMENT LIMITED TO 6 PARTICIPANTS**

**COURSE FEE \$95 PER RETRIEVER PLUS A \$100 REFUNDABLE "PERFORMANCE" DEPOSIT**

Deposit is refundable upon your retriever passing a basic AKC Junior Hunt Test

**CLASSES HELD AT THE NDRC TRAINING GROUNDS LOCATED AT:**

8335 Highway 10, Glyndon, MN 56547

**MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Visit online at [ndrc.org](http://ndrc.org) for a detailed course agenda



## 2022 Gun Dog Academy Training course

Train your AKC registered retriever to retrieve game birds and become a better hunting companion.

This multi-session course begins Saturday, May 21st, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM then continues on consecutive Tuesday evenings thru July 12th. The final class is a mentored Fall 2022 pheasant hunt on a Saturday, (date to be determined). This is a "Train-The-Trainer" course designed to help teach you and your retriever to become better upland and waterfowl hunters.

During the course, you'll learn how to teach your retriever single retrieves of game birds, basic obedience and introduction to birds, gunfire and water. You'll participate in a simulated duck hunt, mentored pheasant hunt, clean game birds and enjoy a "game" dinner with your classmates! By the end of the course, you should have a basic foundation of skills necessary to continue training your retriever to hunt and retrieve upland and waterfowl game birds and pass a basic AKC Junior Hunt Test.

### Course Agenda

**Enrollment** – Course fee is **\$95 plus a \$100 "Performance" deposit that's refundable upon your dog passing an AKC Junior Hunt Test.** Priority enrollment will be given to North Dakota Retriever Club members. Non-members are encouraged to inquire. Your retriever must be at least 8 months old by May 21, 2022. **Course enrollment is limited to only six participants.** For more information or to enroll, contact **Doug Martin at 612-991-6230** or email [dougmartinmn@gmail.com](mailto:dougmartinmn@gmail.com)

#### **Saturday, May 21, 2022 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Course Orientation (without dogs) - training grounds tour, retriever training equipment use and operation, the language of retriever training, developing the retrieving instinct, "The Adventure Walk" –building a bold, confident retriever attitude, self-paced retriever training DVDs and other resources. How to register for an AKC Junior Hunt Test. Food & beverages will be provided.

#### **Tuesday, May 24, 2022 6:15 PM – 7:45 PM**

Building retrieving desire on land using a 30' check cord and favorite retrieving item. Introduction to the "Sit", "Here" and "Hold" commands. Use the "Adventure Walk" to bond with your dog and develop a bold and confident retrieving attitude.

#### **Tuesday, May 31, 2022 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

Building Retrieving desire. Exposure to live birds and retrieving a dead pigeon. Review the "Hold" command.

#### **Tuesday, June 7, 2022 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

Building retrieving desire, intro to duck decoys on land, intro to water, retrieving a dead duck, single extended retrieves on land and water.

#### **Tuesday, June 14, 2022 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

Building retrieving desire, introduction to the "SIT and HERE" commands using a 6' leash and a whistle, Basic Obedience review and retrieving dead duck on land and water with decoys. Introduction to gunfire.

#### **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

Participants will form self-guided training groups of 2-6 dogs and will work together on individualized behaviors to enhance their dog's retrieving skills and obedience with distractions. Instructors will coach the groups as needed.

#### **Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

1<sup>st</sup> Simulated AKC Junior Hunt Test – single retrieves on land and water with decoys and gunfire. Intro to whistle for "SIT and HERE" commands.

#### **Tuesday, July 5, 2022 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> Simulated AKC Junior Hunt Test – single retrieves on land and water with decoys and gunfire. Reinforce whistle "SIT and HERE" commands.

#### **Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:30 – 8:30 PM**

Participants use their trained dogs to retrieve ducks in a simulated duck hunt. Participants handle and clean game for a duck & pheasant "Game" dinner.

#### **Saturday, October 22, 2022 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Mentored Pheasant hunt at American Heritage Hunting Club, Parkers Prairie, Minnesota – hunters use their own trained dogs to hunt and retrieve pheasants. Hunters handle, clean and package pheasant meat for storage.

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