

# GUN DOG ACADEMY TRAINING

NORTH DAKOTA RETRIEVER CLUB

**STARTS SATURDAY, MAY 31**

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



## 2025 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 31, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM then continues on consecutive Tuesday evenings thru July 22nd. The final class is a mentored Fall 2025 pheasant hunt on Saturday, October 18, 2025. 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 31st, 2025. **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 31, 2025 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, June 3, 2025 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, June 10, 2025 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

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

#### **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 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 24, 2025 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 1, 2025 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

Pheasant scent tracking using dead pheasants. Participants will enhance their dog's retrieving skills and obedience with distractions. Instructors will coach the groups as needed.

#### **Tuesday, July 8, 2025 6:15 – 7:45 PM**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 15, 2025 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 22, 2025 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 "Game" dinner.

#### **Saturday, October 18, 2025 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. A hunting license is not required.

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