

Introduction

Pet Gundog Training is a great way to provide your dog with a healthy outlet to harness their natural instincts and abilities.

It doesn't have to be limited purely to Gundog breeds (i.e. Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Vizslas, Pointers, Setters, Hounds, Poodles or Poodle crosses). It can be ideal for all breeds looking for a fun, energetic group class.

Each week we will work on 4 main areas:

- Control & Heelwork
- Recall
- Retrieves
- Impulse Control & Focus

We will also cover a variety of topics including:

- Equipment
- The importance of genetics & harnessing your dog's natural instincts
- Fundamental Obedience Skills
- Work with a whistle
- Control of Prey Drive
- Attention
- Go to Target
- Place boards and lots more...

Location

We run our Pet Gundog Classes at Mawdesley Pooch Park located at:
Cliffs Farm, Wood Lane which is just off Bluestone Lane, Mawdesley,
Chorley, Lancashire L40 2RL.

It is situated next to Rock & River Outdoor Pursuits

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You can park on the edge of the field or at the entrance.

The field does get muddy during winter months so please ensure you wear suitable footwear. There is water on site provided for the dogs to drink but also a hose to wash down muddy paws.

Equipment

Training Line – Ideally 5 or 10 metres in length. Please see this link for an example: <https://amzn.to/4dCGTrV>

Harness - I often recommend a front clip harness to be used with a double ended lead. Harnesses are particularly important for puppies and when using a long line. Please note that if your dog stops suddenly wearing a line attached to a collar, it can cause injury to the neck area.

Treats and/or favourite toy

Training Dummies – these are used for practising skills such as a 'retrieve.' They represent an animal such as a pheasant or rabbit. Traditional British dummies are made of fabric/canvas. American style dummies are made of hard plastic and have the benefit of being much easier to clean and last a lot longer. They can also be covered in fake fur to better represent prey.

We have some you can use but here is a link to some popular choices:

<https://amzn.to/4vmhkBA>

<https://amzn.to/43B1Kpw>

<https://amzn.to/3PVE0t0>

Equipment

Clicker – to mark good behaviours. Not a necessity unless you wish to train this way.

Whistle – lots of brands are available however the best are made by Acme. Strictly speaking they make whistles with different numbers, the higher the number, the higher the pitch.

Here is a link to an example: <https://amzn.to/4uzSnT3>

Training Pouch/treat container - see this example:
<https://amzn.to/4wXXLB0>

Place boards – these are raised platforms to provide a boundary for the dog to remain. We provide these for you.

Gun Dog Levels

We do work through Levels 1 to 5 so that you can track your dog's progress and you may continue the classes for as long as you wish. But more importantly, the classes are for the fun and enjoyment for both you and your dogs.

We very much look forward to meeting you soon.

Myles & Tina