

FEBRUARY



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

DROP-IN CLASSES

6-8 pm

\$20/dog & handler

Tools Needed:

High Value Treats & Leash

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03 PLACE AND PATIENCE BUILDING
Our focus will be teaching dogs the concept of place. We will utilize some patience building exercises to begin prepping for steady and honor at the blind. We will also discuss how to build a reward-based mindset in your dog to where they seek out the right answer by providing increasingly better work to yield maximum performance.

10 HEELS AND RECALLS
Our primary goal of the evening will be on developing a dog that heels due to their focus on the handler's body position. The progression will begin with developing "look" and then molding that into focused attention while on heel. We will also break down recalls to develop 100% consistency in distracting environments without the need for extra training aids.

17 E-COLLAR CONDITIONING
This session will be building off of the Place and Patience Building to begin overlaying e-collar stimulation. The goal of this session is for dogs to understand how to turn off pressure by completing a task.
***PREREQUISITE:** Place and Patience Building. Dogs should understand the concepts from the place session and demonstrate the appropriate mental maturity to begin the e-collar conditioning process. Please bring the e-collar that you plan to use with your dog for this session.

24 OBEDIENCE CONCEPT BUILDING
Our focus will be on developing obedience concepts: heeling through distractions, fast & slow speeds, sit & down stays and recalls at a distance.



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INTRODUCTION TO OBEDIENCE COURSES

Our goal is to take the obedience tasks we have developed to this point and begin layering tasks back to back. We hope to present obedience tasks in a fun, engaging way for both handler and dog.

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BIRD INTRODUCTIONS

Our goal is to introduce puppies to live chukar in a safe and engaging fashion. We will be looking for Puppies to exhibit boldness and positive engagement with the bird.

**Purchase of 2 chukar will be required (\$30 to Black Hollow Gamebirds)

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PUPPY POINTING

Our goal is to expose puppies to scent of game and help develop the pointing instinct with the use of launchers and pigeons. We will discuss developing cooperation in each puppy and recommendations on how to proceed in exposing each young dog to birds to develop their scenting instincts.

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NOSEWORK & TRACKING INTRODUCTION

Our focus will be on introducing dogs to nosework concepts, discuss progression to work on nosework at home. We will also introduce tracking concepts starting with dragged dead bird scenarios.

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PUPPY POINTING & TWO-TOY INTRODUCTION

Our goal is to continue building upon developing a cooperative point in puppies while beginning to incorporate methods to develop a reliable recall in the field after bird contacts. Our other focus for the evening will be introducing the concept of two-toy and how to engage puppies in returning with retrieves versus playing keep-away.

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OBEDIENCE CHECK-UP

Our focus will be multifaceted with stations focused on all aspects of obedience and cooperation that we have been working to this point: heel & focus work, place boards, e-collar tasks, recalls outside with high levels of distractions, obedience courses. We will also discuss the requirements of the AKC Canine Good Citizen and how to finish preparing for that test.

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PUPPY POINTING AND GUN INTRODUCTIONS

Our goal is to introduce puppies to gunfire in a safe and engaging fashion. We will utilize the foundation that we introduce puppies to in the pointing session as a platform to create the situation desired to start our gun introductions.

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WATER INTRODUCTION & RETRIEVING

Our goal is to work through water introductions for dogs that have not had the opportunity to begin that process. For dogs that are swimming proficiently, we will look at building desire and excitement for retrieving from water.

***NOTE:** This session may change depending on weather, water conditions and other factors. Information regarding location and formal plans will be updated as the date approaches. If the water is not conducive to begin this process, we will determine a different class topic.

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PUPPY POINTING AND GUN INTRODUCTIONS CONTINUED

Our goal is to continue progressing to fully introduction of the gun as we work through increasing intensity, decreasing distance and adding in successions of shots after a single bird contact.



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CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST NIGHT

Handlers that would like to have their dog evaluated for their AKC Canine Good Citizen Test will be able to complete all components of the test. Rally courses will also be set up for handlers and dogs that would like to work through more challenging exercises and continue to build their obedience foundation.

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ADVANCED NOSEWORK AND TRACKING

Our goal is to work on building on the nosework and tracking foundation that we have started to cultivate. Additional home exercises will be given to continue to provide new challenging situations in handlers training sessions.

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NATURAL ABILITY TEST PREP

Our focus for this evening will be providing handler tips to prepare for the Natural Ability test. We will set up multiple stations to work through multiple facets of the NA Test.

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LIVE DUCK INTRODUCTIONS

Our goal is to introduce dogs to live ducks in a safe and engaging fashion in preparation for live duck chases on water. **Purchase of 1 mallard will be required (\$20 to Black Hollow Gamebirds)

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PUPPY POINTING WITH CHUKAR

Our goal is to continue building upon developing a cooperative point in young dogs coupled with shooting live chukar to encourage retrieves in preparation of hunting season.

Dogs that aren't ready for chukar can work on pointing with pigeons.

**Purchase of 3 chukar will be required (\$45 to Black Hollow Gamebirds)

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E-COLLAR CONDITIONING

The goal of this session is for dogs to understand how to turn off pressure by completing a task for dogs that weren't ready for e-collar conditioning in February.

Dogs that have prior e-collar conditioning will work on exercises utilizing place boards with more distractions in preparation for duck hunting scenarios.

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WATER DUCK CHASES

Our goal is to introduce dogs to live ducks on the water to encourage drive to recover

. **Purchase of 1 mallard will be required (\$20 to Black Hollow Gamebirds) Location will be announced.

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RETRIEVER HUNTING SCENARIOS

Our goal is to continue building upon the excitement and drive we have been cultivating all spring for retrieving. We will utilize place boards on land to begin patience work as well as decoys, blinds and other waterfowl components in preparation for working young dogs at the water with retrieves.



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RETRIEVER HUNTING SCENARIOS ON WATER

Our goal is to continue building upon the excitement and drive we have been cultivating all summer for retrieving. We will utilize all the tools we have put in the dog at this point to work on hunting scenarios at the water. The focus of this session will be the expectations of a young dog in their first season of waterfowl hunting.

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AFTER AUGUST 11TH:

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SPRING AND SUMMER HUNTING BEHIND YOUR DOG!**