

Introduction

Bird hunting seems to be a popular hunting sport for hunting dogs and handlers. Hunting hunting dog training is a lengthy, time consuming process which at the end is very worth it! You have to be completely dedicated and willing to put in a great deal of time to get the desired effects.

There are three essential commands when teaching your hunting dog to hunt. The commands are "whoa", "come" and "heel". Handlers believe that "whoa" is the most important of all three and is crucial when hunting birds, your hunting dog needs to understand that when you say "whoa" you need to your hunting dog to stop completely in its tracks, no matter where it is or what it is doing, this command is not only helpful in hunting but can also save your hunting dog's life in other situations such as traffic!

Hunting hunting dog training is quite a specific training field and needs to be done by professional hunters. They have the best knowledge and information on how to optimise your hunting dog's hunting potential. Many people think hunters use their hunting dogs but they adore their hunting dogs very much and treasure them as they would children, in fact most of them are like little spoiled kids!

Hunters believe that if you can "whoa" your hunting dog you have the hardest part over and done with. You can make him stand still while you rush to him and congratulate him on a hard days work, that's what it's all about; making sure your hunting dog knows he's done good! Always take a lot of time praising him in a soft soothing voice, hunting dogs are born to make their masters happy and when he knows what makes (he will know because you praise him when he does what makes you happy) you happy he will constantly get better and better at the task you are asking him to do.

Apparently even the best champion only ever has his hunting dog command "whoa", "come" and "heel". His hunting dog does it to perfection though. A lot of breeds of hunting dog today are being interbred to produce a perfect hunting hunting dog. All hunting dogs have a great potential to become the greatest hunting hunting dog in the world, you just need to give him some hunting hunting dog training. Experts say that half an hour a day when the hunting dog is under one year old, and when the hunting dog is over the year mark one hour a day three days a week is all it takes to train your hunting dog in the ways of a hunter!

Hunting dog Agility Training

One of my favourite activities is hunting dog agility; it keeps you fit and makes you feel good picking up those trophies at the end of each competition.

Hunting dog agility training is somewhat harder than other training options, but I find it the most fun. Firstly if you haven't heard of hunting dog agility it is a sport for hunting dogs and owners. It is extremely popular in the UK and now there are reports of it happening in the USA and down under in Australia. It comprises of a main event, of which there are lots of different courses for your hunting dog to run. In the courses there is a set number of obstacles. 26 is the average. Your hunting dog has to complete the course without getting any faults in the quickest time to win. Sounds easy? Think again.

There are certain obstacles included in the course which need much training to master. There are two different types of courses, there are jumping and there are agility courses. Jumping courses are exactly what it says on the box, they are courses full of obstacles which your hunting dog is to jump over, things like jumps (two stands which face each other that hold a pole, the pole stand is around 4ft high) which your hunting dog has to clear without knocking the pole down, there are weaves (the weave is a straight line of poles. They can be 6,8,or 12 poles in length, your hunting dog must weave through this) which your hunting dog must not come out of before the end. In agility courses there are contact points on obstacles which your hunting dog must touch with their paws. This requires a lot of hunting dog agility training.

To run your hunting dog in a show you must be registered with the Scottish Kennel Club (SKC) (or the AKC, the American Kennel Club if you are from the USA) and be part of an agility club. The members of these clubs meet up once or twice a week and train together, they set up practice courses, or just do certain obstacles their hunting dog needs practicing on.

Hunting dog agility training is not allowed in a club before your hunting dog is one year old. Most agility enthusiasts have some equipment at home so they can start their hunting dog from as young as six weeks, of course the poles from the jumps lay on the ground, and they don't make their hunting dog do anything dangerous. There are companies such as Jax which make obstacles and also training obstacles.

A lot of hunting dog agility training must be done before you enter your first show. Your hunting dog must be able to run a full course.

Forgive me for making hunting dog agility sound like hard gruelling work, not the fun it really is. It is spectacular. The people, the atmosphere, the fun! The hunting dog agility training is just what you have to endure to get there!

Hunting dog Obedience Training

Getting frustrated that your hunting dog jumps up on people when you are visiting friends? Can't understand why your hunting dog runs away from you at the park while everyone else's happily comes back? The simple answer is have you tried hunting dog obedience training? It is simple, effective and very fun to do if you have the right attitude and patience.

The basics of hunting dog obedience training and teaching your hunting dog to sit, stay and come. These basic training commands will be extremely beneficial to you later on in your hunting dog's life. When you take your hunting dog out you don't want him to be running muck in the street, you want to show him off for the perfect hunting dog that he is! Hunting dog obedience training can be achieved in a matter of weeks with the right attention, dedication and patience.

There are a lot of obedience classes available. So if you can't teach your hunting dog by yourself there is plenty support at the class, there are also other hunting dogs there. Not only are you training your hunting dog you are socialising him to which of course is the next step after sit, stay and come. Hunting dogs are kind of like children to an extent, except with a lot of fur, they need to be taught right and wrong.

I always find that treats are a great method of hunting dog obedience training; you award them with a special treat when they have done something you have asked them to. If they don't respond they don't get a treat. There is no point shouting at your hunting dog as he will only become scared of you and you don't want that, you want to form a happy relationship with him. Hunting dog's are a man's best friend!

When teaching your hunting dog obedience try and teach him away from distractions like his toys, take him to an empty field or park where there aren't any people, only you and him. Tell him firmly but nicely that you want him to sit, then take your hand and place it on his back and gently guide his bottom down, when it is down say sit and tell him he's a good boy then award him with a treat. Repeating this over and over again will make him realise that when you say sit you mean for him to sit and he gets rewarded, soon enough he will know to sit when you tell him to and the treats are no longer necessary.

Getting him to stay is another matter, you'll probably need another person for that. Get him to sit (once he has learned how) and get a friend to hold him. Walk away from him telling him to stay, using your hand hold it up firmly (doing this will make him realise that when you hold your hand up in the future you want him to stay as well, not just when you tell him to) then give it a few seconds and let your friend release him, when he comes to you make him sit and tell him how clever he is! Don't forget to reward him. While using this technique you are also teaching your hunting dog how to come to you as well, so don't forget to say "home" to him, not just his name.

When hunting dogs are born they are like soft clay, they need to be moulded and shaped. You can teach your hunting dog from any age and the younger you start the easier it is. Like they say: you can't teach an old hunting dog new tricks!!!

Basic Hunting dog Training

"How does your hunting dog sit when you tell him to and mine doesn't?", "How can your hunting dog heel to you like that?", "Wow! He comes when you tell him to" - Sounds familiar? If it does, you need to invest some time into a little bit of basic hunting dog training. Starting to train your hunting dog from a young age is crucial as the first few months of his life is when you will have the greatest influence on him; this is where he is shaped into the hunting dog he is going to be when he is all grown up.

The most basic of hunting dog training is to get your hunting dog to sit and come. Teaching him those commands are essential for him to learn. These commands are used for various different reasons, if you are in competition, if your hunting dog jumps making him sit will immediately get him off and "come" is the all important one. If you take your hunting dog for a walk, you let him off the leash and you expect him to come back to you, not run around the park with you chasing after him shouting at him to "get here right this instance". That would be just downright embarrassing!

To teach your hunting dog how to come requires only the most basic of techniques but a lot of repetition. The simplest way to get him to come is have a toy in one hand and a treat in the other, when you are in the house simply walk away from him, hold out the toy and excitingly call him to you, when he comes over give him a treat, always use the command for come that you are going to

use in the future. Doing this several times a day is a great way to teach him, but remember to have lots of long breaks so he doesn't get bored and stop enjoying it, and don't forget the treats!

Getting him to sit could be a slight bit harder but again only requires basic hunting dog training. When you have mastered the come command call him to you, place your hand on the end of his back and say "sit" while gently pushing down on his backside, when he sits his bottom down give him a treat and a lot of praise. If you want him to sit longer just delay giving him the treat and the praise, get him to sit but take your time bending down to him and feeding him his titbit.

Basic hunting dog training is simple and very effective. It should also be fun for you and your hunting dog, it doesn't have to be hours and hours each day just may be 5 minutes or so. Don't forget to reward your hunting dog and yourself for all the "hard" work though!!

How Your Hunting dog's Diet Affects Outputs

If you are a computer guru, you may remember the term GIGO. This term stands for Garbage In. Garbage Out. So, what does this have to do with your hunting dog's diet? Well, your hunting dog may be no walking, wagging, and barking computer, but he or she works in the same way. What food goes into your pet will eventually come out in the end.

Your hunting dog's diet will affect the outputs considerably. Other factors play a role such as illness, nerves, and the weather. You can tell a lot about the health of your hound by the outputs produced.

As any responsible pet owner knows, cleaning up after your pet is not the most pleasant job, but it is a necessary one. Being choosy and selective about your hunting dog's diet will make cleaning up after your pet much easier.

When your hunting dog is eating a diet high in fillers, your pet will show it. The excrement will be large in size and often runny and hard to pick up. You may notice when you give your pet leftovers from the table, he or she is really happy, but you aren't exactly smiling on the next trip around the block. The outputs of a pet eating an unhealthy diet is just plain messy, stinky, and large.

Even treats such as rawhide bones can change your hunting dog's stool. Your hunting dog's diet consists of everything your pet eats from treats to mealtime. Monitor how treats affect your hunting dog's outputs to determine how healthy the snack really is for your pet.

If you choose to feed your hunting dog a balanced diet that is high in quality, you will notice a particular difference in the outputs. Cleanup may not be placed on the top of your things to-do list, but it will be much easier and more tolerable. When the hunting dog's diet is healthy and nutritious, you will have less mess in the yard or kennel.

Hunting dog handlers with service animals are educated about the importance of a healthy diet and outputs during training. It is important, for example, that a guide hunting dog not have an accident while working. The public would not be highly tolerant of trouble in a restaurant or grocery store. Take a tip from trainers and keep your hunting dog's diet healthy to avoid these messy situations.

Consult your veterinarian to decide what type of diet is best for your hunting dog. Look for a dry hunting dog food that lists meat as the first ingredient. This will help to reduce the amount of fillers your pet will consume.

Feeding your pet on a schedule is important. When looking at your hunting dog's diet, do not simply focus on what you are feeding your pet, but also focus on when you feed your hunting dog. If your hunting dog's diet includes consistent mealtimes, you will be better able to predict your hunting dog's potty schedule. This can play a major role in effective housebreaking technique.

Helping your pet eat right is the first step to maintaining a healthy diet for your hunting dog. Your hunting dog's diet, when perfected, will keep things running smoothly. Minimize outputs and mess with nutritious, scheduled feeding. Beware of treats in your hunting dog's diet. Knowing what goes into your pet will reduce the garbage coming out.