



# GUN DOG



# The QK Signature Gun Dog Training Programs are carefully formatted with The.Quiet.Kue methodology to fulfill your training goals for breeds including:

- Golden Retrievers
- Springer Spaniels
- Field Cocker Spaniels
- German Shorthair Pointers
- English Pointers
- Wirehaired Pointers
- Vizslas
- English Setters
- and all other gun dog breeds!



Most pups and dogs over 6 months have the maturity to move onto the next phase of their Gun Dog training. If your pup is brave, socialized, enjoys chasing things and has demonstrated prey drive, then most sporting breeds thrive in our Gun Dog Programs. However, not ALL dogs can or want to become a Gun Dog. Age, maturity, breeding, genetics, personality, health conditions, fitness level, and past negative experiences can certainly accelerate or be a great obstacle with any dog!

We typically know after the initial 2 to 3 weeks whether your dog lacks enough drive or interest to become a Gun Dog. That dog will still greatly benefit from the Foundation Program to learn leash and off leash skills. Sometimes the softer or more shy dogs just need more maturity or time. We will not push a dog harder than they are capable or willing. Our goal is a Happy, Stylish, Eager Gun Dog!

# GUN DOG FOUNDATION

## • Patience Line and Figure 8

Dogs learn all about how to be part of a stable pack attached to the line and interact with us all day. From learning to be still, patience, boundaries, structure, watching other dogs work, and calmly waiting their turn, everything starts with the principles of the Patience Line, teaching points of contact and getting the dog's minds ready for work! We then integrate the FIGURE 8 string to control their mouths to STOP all undesirable behavior... from barking, whining, fighting, digging, jumping and carrying on. This entire practice and structure gets their head in the game to be still, relax and prepare for training!



## • Point Of Contact

Here we continue the basics from the Gun Dog Puppy Head Start Program or start fresh if your dog is new to our program. The dog Patience Line teaches the initial neck pressure, and we start to 'fine tune' the points of contact to teach obedience and lead the dog through our unique and challenging obstacle course to build confidence, give direction, and get rid of resistance/refusal and other non-compliant behaviors. All of this is done in an obedience ring setting, never in the field! Dogs receive hundreds of repetitions to learn directional leash Point of Contact.



## • Electronic Collar

The transition is SEAMLESS! When the leash foundation and points of contact are done right, we simply overlay the e-collar pressure to take the place of the lead points of contact to follow our GO – STOP – COME commands. Before you know it your dog is off leash!

## • Off Leash Field Work

With the above skills taught and mastered, dogs are confident and happy to handle off leash in the field with light cues from the e-collar.

## • Fetch Training

Table work to learn the skills of fetch, hold, carry and retrieve to hand.

## • Field Hunting

Combining all of the skills from the pup is not only eager to hunt and has such a great foundation of GO - STOP – COME skills, pups learns to be still around birds and eagerly accepts the control. Lastly, pup is taught to be steady to bird and flush!



## SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR RETRIEVERS AND FLUSHERS:

- Whoa Post – Teaches points of contact on the rump so we can use the e-collar overlay to teach and enforce remote sits and be still.
- Flushing dogs are kept within gun range but

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR POINTING DOGS:

- Whoa Post – Teaches the pointing dog to learn and accept point of contact pressure on the flank so that we can easily nurture a beautiful stop and stand still in the field. We overlay the e-collar on the flank to use very light cues to Stop – Whoa - Be still.
- We demand that pointing dogs are steady to bird but are careful about the control enforced beyond that.



Pointers need to run through the field with lots of confidence and independence over greater distances. We do not just keep them within a 30-yard gun range like a flusher to bump and chase. The pointer needs to be held to higher standards of obedience so that we need more control around the birds. They must work with us as a team and when they find a bird, they must make the decision to cooperate and work as a team. We must hold them to a higher level of obedience and control in the height of excitement. It takes more time to gain their trust, cooperation, and control, especially at greater distances, even out of sight. We are careful to integrate their prey drive with obedience to maintain style, drive, and confidence.



# WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AFTER THESE PROGRAMS?

An exciting first season we hope!

With the QK Gun Dog Foundation training, your dog should handle consistently in the field to Go – Stop – Come. He “Understands The Game” and has a great Point Of Contact foundation built for future advanced training!

We encourage you to have fun, let the dog learn from the birds you are hunting, refine their scenting skills, and gain valuable field experience as they continue to grow, learn, and mature. Steadiness is the goal for intermediate and advanced training.

We are always training and working our gun dogs. Whether it is enforcing obedience, enforcing or refining steadiness, honoring, or teaching specific skills for field trials, hunt tests, NAVHDA tests or more, the journey never ends! From pre-season gun dog tune up training to fitness training to prepare for the season as well as private coaching, our skilled team of gun dog trainers are here for you as you enjoy this journey, learn, and grow!





Because what we share,  
inspires all we do.™