

Pointing Breeds Upland Foundation Training

Kennel= kennel Example... Crate, Pup tent or outdoor run

Sit= means sit! (No stay is needed)

Place = to go on top of something like a dog bed or platform.

Down= lay down.

“OK”, Here, Heel or three or more short quick blasts on the whistle will release the dog from Sit or whoa.

Whoa= when giving the dog the whoa command around the yard, tap the head of dog to release from Whoa saying “Okay”

Sit= sit means sit. No stay needed.

Here= Come to you. If the dog ranges too far when hunting upland game, give the here command, when he/she has come in far enough then just give the “hunt em up” to keep hunting.

Heel= Come and sit at left side or opposite to whatever your strong arm is and whatever side it is trained to heel at. Dog should be shoulder to shoulder facing the same direction. Walking heel same thing. Tap side of leg to get dog going. Just say “heel” and start walking. If dog is turned out at heel and you tap your leg or float your hand at head level and give the here command to draw dog towards your hand, the dog should turn in towards your leg. If dog is in front of you, use the Heel command for dog to heel back out to your side.

Whoa= means to stand and stay. Say this mixed in with good boy or girl when dog goes on point. This means don't move. You can put hand flat out at dog when it goes on point to help it know it should not break point. If dog ever sits or lay downs, lift dog up with foot or hand under belly to standing position and tell the dog Whoa and mix in good boy or good girl for positive reinforcement. Tap head with okay to release dog when you whoa in yard.

Down = lay down. Put your hand under the dogs chin and tell the dog “down” and dog should follow hand to the ground. If dog does not lay down, push shoulders to the side making the dog lay down. Use flat hand at dog and say “down” for dog to lay down and stay.

Easy...easy...means to slow down if dog is getting too close to bird in the upland field. This should slow dog down until it points the birds. Say this if you think dog is getting close to bird to help it slow up and not bump bird. If wanting to stop dog, just tell it whoa.

When dog is doing what you want say, “good girl” or “good boy” mixed in with the command to let them know they are doing a good job.

When dog makes a retrieve it should return and bring bird to hand. If dog drops bird command “fetch” for dog to pick back up bird. If needed use electricity to reinforce force fetch on a dead bird.

Drop= command to release bird in hand when you take it from dogs mouth.

Whistle Commands= two blasts means, switch direction when hunting and three blasts or a rolling whistle is a trill and means here.

Hand Signals= Hold hand out palm facing dog for sit, whoa or down. Tap leg front of leg for here and float hand to side for heel.

Fetch or Fetch it up= command to retrieve something or pick something up off the ground.

Use “fetch” for dog to pick bird or object up off ground, “hold” for dog not to drop bird or bumper.

If dog drops bumper, apply electricity and command fetch until dog grabs object and then immediately turn off electricity and then use “here” command for dog to come in and deliver to hand.

Remember pressure on, pressure off with the e collar. If dog does not obey command, hold low - level continuous e- collar pressure down until dog does command and then “pressure off”.

As dog gets more comfortable with you and commands, you can use just a “nick” or correction with e collar as a reminder to listen and do command.

I use “leave it” if dog is trying to take bird out of your hand that you have just shot or if you put a bird on the ground by you and you don’t want the dog to mess around with it. Then command “here” to pull dog away from object.

Off= dog to not jump up on you. Give dog good nick with electricity followed by command if dogs jumps on someone.

“Hunt em up”= means to find and point the birds that are out in the field.

When hunting we want dog to pick up bird after it is shot, and then come straight in sit and deliver to hand.

Use stimulation level with e collar between level 2 low to 4 for a continuous stimulation if using garmin pro 550. Other e collars Adjust as needed.

Don’t force dog to pick up live bird with e collar. Kill it first before you force.

Dogs e Collar is like its uniform for work, put it on when you are going to work it or go hunting.

The dog is e collar conditioned so you can give dog stimulation until the dogs obeys the command. Once dog does command immediately release stimulation. Also you can start using command – nick to remind dog that is needs to do the command.

Remember to be consistent whenever dogs are out hunting or just around the house. Be strict, but follow up with praise when dog does a good job. Be consistent with the commands, words and reinforcement. Remember to be the pack leader.

Avoid shooting willfully flushed birds.

If you have any questions or get confused about anything give me a call or send me an email.
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