



## LET'S GET READY TO RETRIEVE 2022 WORKSHOP

**Let's Get Ready to Retrieve** is a 3 ½ day retriever training workshop, open to all levels, designed to help you and your retriever to get ready for the 2022 field season. Sound foundation/basics and line mechanics create good field habits.

**When:** Friday May 20\* – Monday May 23 (May long weekend)

\*Mandatory attendance required on Friday

**Where:** Bow River Retrievers training grounds, Irricana AB

### **The Plan:**

- Revisit basics and fundamentals
- Drills to reconnect you and your dog (and provide conditioning too)
- Training set ups – all dogs will run but in a way that fits their training
- Handling tips

### **Format:**

Day 1: Discussion & Demonstration (no working dogs)

- 1:00 to 5:00 pm
- Appetizers & social to follow in Barn Room

Day 2: Morning Drills & Afternoon Set Ups

- 8:30 to 4:30 or so pm

Day 3: Morning Drills & Afternoon Set Ups

- 8:30 to 4:30 or so pm
- Dinner & social to follow in Barn Room

Day 4: Morning Drills & Afternoon Set Up

- 8:30 to 2:00 pm

In the mornings, there will be coffee, hot chocolate, tea, bottled water and snacks in the Barn Room.

**Each Day:** bring a lawn chair, sunscreen, rain gear, waterproof boots, clothing for spending the day outdoors, lunch and drinks.

**Cost:** Working Spot (limit 10): \$575 per team  
Requirement: dogs must have completed force fetch\*\* training

Observers (unlimited): \$225 per person

**To attend:**

Contact Laura Danforth at [laura@bowriverretrievers.com](mailto:laura@bowriverretrievers.com) or call/text 403-510-1275 by **May 8, 2022**

For Working Spots, handlers will be asked to complete a Handler Information checklist.

- If more than 10 Handler Information checklists are received, Dan will select 10 Working dogs that will create the best learning experience for all attending. Selection, if required, to be completed on **May 10, 2022**.
- An individual may handle more than one dog if Working Spots are available.

**Payment Info:** Make cheques payable to Dan Danforth and send to Box 601 Irricana AB T0M 1B0 or e-Transfer to [laura@bowriverretrievers.com](mailto:laura@bowriverretrievers.com). Please make payment by **May 13, 2022**.

**Camping:**

Founders Park Campground, Irricana AB 403-371-7376

Beiseker Campground, Beiseker AB 403-947-3774

Frank Fooks Memorial Park and Campground, Acme AB. Call Wendy at 403-312-2388

**Accommodations:** Days Inn Calgary North Balzac 292243 Wagon Wheel Blvd. Balzac AB. 403-516-3297 or Toll Free 1-877-516-3297. Many hotels and motels in Airdrie and Strathmore.

**\*\*Force Fetch Definition:**

Also referred to as Force Retrieve or Conditioned Retrieve.

“Force fetching is the procedure whereby the dog is trained to pick up an object on command. Force fetching is usually started at six to eight months of age after the permanent teeth are in. The most immediate benefit from force fetching is that you can require the dog to deliver properly to hand. A more significant reason exists for force fetching your dog, however. Force fetch teaches your dog to **retrieve under pressure and to learn to control or master the pressure**. This makes force fetch the foundation for most modern training programs that require a dog to run blinds and handle.” Mike Lardy

**Release and Indemnification of Bow River Retrievers:** By attending this event, each participant agrees to assume all risks and hazards incidental to participation in the event and agrees to release, save harmless and indemnify the owner(s) of the property upon which the event is held, together with their agents, employees and representatives from all claims, actions, costs, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to the person, dog, or property of the participant howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with the participant's use or entry upon the property. It is understood that this agreement is binding upon the participant and all of his heirs, executors and assigns.

*“We do not rise to the occasion. We sink to our level of preparation.”*