



## Dan Danforth Retriever Training Workshop

The Alberta Clipper Hunting Retriever Association is pleased to be hosting Dan Danforth, from Bow River Retrievers, for a four day retriever training workshop **July 9-12, 2020**.

### Dan Danforth

Born and raised in Calgary, now living near Irricana, Dan is a true Alberta outdoorsman. His love for the sport of retrievers has taken him across Canada and the US, training, competing, judging and enjoying the outdoors with fellow retriever enthusiasts. Dan has earned MH, QFTR and FTCH titles on multiple dogs and is a 4X National Retriever Championship Finalist, deemed one of the top handlers in Canada. Over the years, Dan has shared in the success of the many others he has mentored, helping them to reach their goals. Dan's knowledge of how to train retrievers and how to teach people provides a special approach which brings out the best in the dogs and their handlers, creating a team. Having competed at a high level of the retriever game, Dan never forgets where his retriever journey began; being pulled out of a boat by his first retriever at his first hunt test.



*Photograph by Donald Munro*

**When:** Thursday July 9 - Sunday July 12, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am each day

**Location:** ACHRA Training Grounds (see [www.achra.net](http://www.achra.net) for map)

**Cost:** \$400 (working position) limit of 12 working positions / \$200 (observer) - cost is for all four days

**Registration:** Completed registration forms and cheques can be mailed to:

David McFadyen  
11713 - 71A Avenue  
Edmonton, AB  
T6G 2W5

Alternatively, registration forms can be emailed to [mcfadyend@shaw.ca](mailto:mcfadyend@shaw.ca)

**Payment:** By cheque payable to ACHRA and sent with registration form by mail, or electronic money transfer to [bod@achra.net](mailto:bod@achra.net)

**Bring:** Lawn chair, notebook and pen/pencil, sunscreen, bug repellent, rain gear, waterproof boots, appropriate clothing for spending the day outdoors, snacks, lunch, drinks

**Questions:** Contact David at: [mcfadyend@shaw.ca](mailto:mcfadyend@shaw.ca)

**Topics:**

- Collar conditioning and force fetch fundamentals
- Types of corrections
- Fundamentals of marking
- Advanced marking
- Importance of the holding blind and line manners
- Training versus testing, the difference
- How to design and run training tests
- Teaching casting
  - Difference between casting and running blinds
  - Literal casting versus momentum casting

**Please complete either the accompanying fillable Word document, or fillable PDF document and return with payment on or before Thursday July 2, 2020.**

**For observer positions, you do not need to complete the experiential table of dog skills, just the top part of the form with name.**