



Dan Danforth Retriever Training Workshop

The Alberta Clipper Hunting Retriever Association is pleased to be hosting Dan Danforth, from Bow River Retrievers, for 2 retriever training workshops on May 21 & 22 and May 23 & 24, 2021.

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

Workshop 1: JUNIOR TO SENIOR

When: Friday May 21 and Saturday May 22, 2021

Time: 9:00 am each day

Location: ACHRA Training Grounds (see www.achra.net for map)

Cost: \$200 (working spot) limit of 10 working positions / \$100 (observer position) - cost is for the **FULL** 2 day workshop (single day options not available).

Topics:

- Importance of holding blind and line manners
- Types of corrections
- How and when to use an e-collar
- The power of "SIT" and how to master it
- Teaching Casting
 - Difference between casting and running blinds
 - Literal casting versus momentum casting
- Fundamentals of marking

Workshop 2: SENIOR TO MASTER/QUAL

When: Sunday May 23 and Monday May 24, 2021

Time: 9:00 am each day

Location: ACHRA Training Grounds (see www.achra.net for map)

Cost: \$200 (working position) limit of 10 working positions / \$100 (observer position) - cost is for the **FULL** 2 day workshop (single day options not available).

Topics:

- Handling and blinds
- Marking concepts
- The power of "SIT" and how to master it
- Uses of indirect pressure
- Building teamwork
- Reading and developing your retriever's attitude

Please complete either the accompanying Word, fillable Word document, or fillable PDF document and return with payment on or before Friday May 14, 2021. Places will only be held when accompanied by payment. Cancellations for working spots made after Friday May 14 will be considered on an individual basis, but typically only refunded if your spot can be filled by another handler.

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

Registration and Payment: Completed registration forms and cheques (made out to ACHRA) can be mailed to:

David McFadyen
11713 - 71A Avenue
Edmonton, AB
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Alternatively, registration forms can be emailed to achra_secretary@shaw.ca with electronic money transfer made to **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: achra_secretary@shaw.ca