



What The Books

Do Not Tell You

Tim Springer

Retriever/Handler Training Seminar

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Doug Dodge Ranch - Tupelo, OKLAHOMA

March 21(4PM-7PM), 22(9AM-3PM) and 23(9AM-3PM), 2011

Seminar is limited to 15 handlers- one dog per handler.

\$100 registration plus \$ for live flyers.

Lodging and food on your own.

Have you ever read or heard the saying, “Read your dog?” This advice is most often given by experienced trainers and handlers, who have had the opportunity to train hundreds of dogs over many years. I believe most people do not know how to read a dog, and most of those experienced to do so cannot explain the process, they just are “natural” at doing so.

This seminar will largely focus on reading your dog. I have no ambitions to sell the steps I use to train a dog. By this I mean how I go about force fetching, doing the T, etc. Certainly we will cover those topics and much more, but the focus will be on keeping the dog’s mental state correct while you teach, and how to be a good teacher and leader to your dog. In fact, we will work on keeping you and your dog’s mental state correct ALL the time!

The information presented will make you a better dog person. Whether it is an 8-week-old pup or an 8-year-old veteran, my philosophy of interaction with the dog is the same. Dogs are experts at reading body language, and we need to be better at reading theirs. They do not lie to us; we simply are not listening to what they are saying. So if you are working on your first dog, or your 20th, the value in this seminar is the same because reading your dog comes into play at all levels of training. Over the three days you will begin to start seeing things you have missed in the past. You will think about your dog’s and other people’s dog’s behavior in a different way. You will start noticing what these dogs are telling us. Whether it be watching someone teach basic obedience or running a complicated water blind, you will find value. I look forward to learning with you,

Tim



This seminar will cover the following topics.

- Being a dog and how dogs think
- A dog's mental state
- Pressure
- Training
- Handling

Note: The first day is classroom. This is important and is mandatory to increase the effectiveness of the fieldwork during the next two days. Everyone runs his or her dog. We identify goals to work on, come up with a plan and work the plan to improve handler and dog communications and skills.

Registration Form

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Name _____ email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Dog's name _____ Dog's level of training _____

Liability Waiver: I understand that Tim Springer, Doug Dodge, neighboring land owners and anyone else involved in the training seminar are not responsible for any damages and or injuries sustained to humans, animals or property while on the training grounds at the Dough Dodge Ranch or on other training areas used during the seminar. I understand that this is an outdoor activity involving traversing difficult terrain, shooting live rounds, and other potentially hazards activities. I agree to hold harmless landowners and others involved in the seminar from any and all claims of personal loss, damages and/or injury.

Signed _____

Send form and \$100 registration check made out to Dynamic Retrievers to:
Lauren Haynes – PO Box 575 – Rockport, TX 78381

Directions — Google map for Tupelo, OK Doug's place is 2 miles north of Tupelo on Highway 48. Signs will be posted at the entrance. Doug says it is OK to train on the grounds in the evenings and for a few days after the seminar to practice what we learn. There are also hunt tests in the area the weekend before and after the seminar.

Lodging and meals –Best option is Ada, OK – only 20 miles from Doug's. Microtel is cheap and allows dogs.

Direct questions to Doug Dodge – 712-260-4643 or Dick Ofstedal – 320-241-0559