

Wildrose Training Newsletter
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New Training Resources from Wildrose

We receive many inquiries for training resource recommendations. There are many books and training videos on the market –so many philosophies, so many different training methods. I always recommend selecting the training philosophy which best suits your style and one which will most likely produce the type dog you want in the future. Then, stick with it. Jumping around among various training resources often confuses the trainer. You can only imagine what it will do for their poor dog.

The books I have recommended are all in alignment with the Wildrose way... the British way of training retrievers. I simply apply these time-tested principles to the way we hunt upland and waterfowl birds. The materials are also highly applicable to successfully passing hunt test events.

Wildrose Trading Company, www.wildrosetradingcompany.com, recently made several valuable additions to our British training library. Books I am sure you will find interesting and user-friendly in your efforts to train a natural gundog. Let me give you a quick review of the selections.

First, the old standby:

Retriever Training, A Back to the Basics Approach by Robert Milner

The book which launched Drake's career with Ducks Unlimited and together they begin the current wave of enthusiasm among wingshooters in the US for British dogs and British training styles. Robert is the founder of Wildrose and a valuable resource to our kennel. You will find his gentle methods most appealing in this easy-to-read-and-apply text. This book is a must read.

British Training for the American Hunter by Vic Barlow, Wildrose United Kingdom

This book accurately describes the Wildrose training methodology and it will help you train an excellent upland/waterfowl retriever who will be a natural gamefinder and a "gentleman's hunting companion"—the Wildrose benchmark.

There are no complex theories or extensive drills requiring facilities you don't have. And you won't even need an e-collar. It is a down-to-earth guide for the hunting enthusiast trying to develop an excellent companion in the field. There is no other book like it on the market.... It is the Wildrose way!

Retriever Training by Susan Scales

This is the book I found most valuable when I began restructuring my training methodology toward a more natural, gentle way of training gundogs... the British way. I was to be introduced to Ms. Scales on one of my training trips to England but unfortunately she was too ill to go the field and died shortly after my visit.

This book contains training advice from among the top trainers in England in addition to her advice which was gained by thirty years experience with retrievers. A great book for starting pups and understanding British training philosophies.

Gundogs, Training and Field Trials by P. R. A. Moxon

The 17th edition of this book says it all. This has been the most successful British training book ever written. First published in 1952, it has been regularly updated over the years and read by virtually every British/Scottish/Irish trainer out there. There are classic English pictures, explanations of training retrievers, spaniels, pointers, and shooting with gundogs in the U. K. Plus, this is the book that explains the basic element of British field trials. The British Kennel Club trialing regulations are included. These rules govern our annual Wildrose All-Age Open British Championship. The rules of our trial and the standards by which the US Retriever team will compete under at the International Retriever Tests in Ireland this May are clearly stated on page 135 (16th edition). All breeds are covered. No gundog library may be considered complete without this classic.

Training Retrievers with Nigel Mann by Nigel Mann

Mr. Mann got into gundogs 31 years ago out of interest stimulated by the writings of P. R. A. Moxon and because he wanted a well-behaved shooting companion. Isn't that what we all want? This book by the famed Nigel Mann shows you how. His most famous dog, FTCh Lafayette Tolly is the sire of our own Jet and Penny. He has successfully qualified for the British Retriever Championship in 1969, 1971, 1995, and 1997 winning awards in each trial. Mr. Mann judged the championship in 1999—quite a set of credentials.

This book is about training your dog to “find game under control and to develop a dog that is a true companion when out shooting,” according to Mr. Mann. If this is to be your objective, this is your book.

First Aid for Sporting Dogs by Charles Devinne

Know how to handle your dog's puncture wound in the field, apply a tourniquet to stop blood loss, render k-9 CPR, or deal with snakes bites? This step-by-step book from Orvis, written by a veterinarian, is great in emergencies. It's a must for the field bag. A quick guide to field first aid for your gundog. It is easy to use, straight to the point and will prove invaluable should that unpredictable emergency occur.

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