

## Red Cedar Retrievers: Finished Gundog Program Overview

Our training programs are structured in a way that works with the canine learning process. We work very hard to constantly read a dog's mental state throughout the training program by watching his or her body language to determine how they are responding to their environment and to our training. We believe a dog is like a book, all you have to do is read it to get your instructions.

### Finished Gundog Training:

Our Finished Gundog training program is 12-16 weeks long depending on the dog. This is the fastest we feel dogs can successfully learn the advanced aspects of being an exceptional gundog. Our program can be geared towards hunting, running HRC/AKC tests or a mixture of the two to cater to our customers preferences. We will accept dogs starting at 12 months of age and up.

Any dog accepted into this program must have gone through our Companion Gundog program or a similar program. If the dog has not gone through a formal program then the dog must perform on a level that is equal to one who has gone through a formal program.

- **Advanced Marking:** This aspect will work on more advanced retrieving situations. This will include multiple and memory marks along with proper lining on multiple marks and retrieval of specific marks. Marks will be given across landscapes including on land, in water, in cover and across multiple obstacles.
- **Remote Sit / Whistle Commands:** This aspect will give you the ability to control your dog in any situation at any time. Remote Sit is in essence, your ability to call "time out" whenever your dog needs to stop whatever they are doing and take directions. Once training is complete your dog will understand the standard whistle commands for sit, and recall.
- **Casting:** This aspect will teach your dog hand signals so you can remote sit your dog and cast them left, right, further back or in closer to where the bumper or downed bird is located.
- **Blinds:** This aspect will allow you to send your dog for a bumper or downed bird that the dog has not marked. Remote sit and casting will be used to get your dog to the area where they will be able to find the bumper or downed bird for them to retrieve back to hand.

### Owner Involvement:

We invite owners to join us once a month for a training session. This will not only give you an update on how your dog is doing with our program but also give you a sense of familiarity with the training process along with the knowledge of how to properly handle your dog. This will help with the transition of the dog back to you, the owner. You are welcome to join more often than once a month if there are no scheduling conflicts. However, if you can not join us once a month we do require you to attend 2 sessions during the last week of the program.

Our training will give the dog and the owner the tools to be a successful team in the field, however, in order for the dog to become the best that he or she can become it is up to the owner to maintain a level of performance at home and during the actual hunts. The first season in a hunting dog's career is crucial in developing manners and setting behaviors. The set of tools we will develop will give you the ability to handle your dog so that he/she is a mannerly dog that is a pleasure to be with in the field and at home.