

## Summer Training Program for Personal Hunting and Field Trial Dogs

Joe McCarl of Hard Driving Kennels specializes in the development and training of English Setters, Pointers, German Shorthair Pointers, Brittanies and other breeds of pointing dogs for both field trialing and upland bird hunting. In the early spring and fall, he competes on the Grouse and Woodcock trial circuit. Throughout the year, he trains field trial dogs and personal gun dogs on his grounds in western Pennsylvania near the town of Guy's Mills.

Joe has been training upland bird dogs since 1980. His success is attributed to hard work, experience, patience, and a great rapport with the dogs supported by a thorough understanding of what makes a finished bird dog. He became a professional trainer and handler in 2004 and began training dogs for and competing in FDSB field trials in 1986. Since then, he has been successful on the Grouse Dog circuit, his dogs winning major championships: the Minnesota Grouse Dog Championship (2006), Ontario Grouse Dog Championship (2005 and 2009) Pennsylvania Grouse Dog Championship (2004). In 2006 he won the Grand National Grouse and Woodcock Invitational with his exceptional pointer female, 7 x Grouse Champion, Hard Driving Bev. With this win, Bev and Joe became the only dog and handler team to have won all three National Championships on ruffed grouse — including the National Amateur Grouse Championship (2002) and Grand National Grouse Championship twice (2003 and again in 2006). If hunting the king of game birds is your ultimate quest, Joe knows what it takes to get your dog there!

Hard Driving Kennels takes only a limited number of dogs so each receives the individual attention and time needed to produce the desired results. Joe is experienced at every level of training from starting the steadying process of youngsters to conditioning and sharpening the skills of veteran dogs who will be trialed or hunted. His dogs come through the breaking process maintaining their style and confidence, essential for winning field trials and making every gun dog owner proud.

He is also available to work with owners on a one-on-one basis to be sure the dog continues to make progress when it goes home. Consistency is the key to every dog's training success.

Hard Driving Kennels maintain clean, sanitary kennel facilities. Kennel runs are power-washed twice daily. Dogs are fed Purina Pro Plan Performance and kept at their proper weight. Only healthy dogs can fully benefit from their training. Joe has good relations with local veterinarians should your dog require care.

*If you would like to send your dog to the Canadian prairies later this summer for training on sharptail grouse and Hungarian partridge, please contact Joe for information.*

*To schedule your dogs' summer training, please contact:*

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## Summer Training Program for Personal Hunting and Field Trial Dogs SCHEDULE

### May through July

Young dogs receive yard training to develop the necessary foundation that all later training is dependant on. Then comes handling response, whoa breaking and collar conditioning. Dogs are worked on pigeons to begin the steadying process. When the dog shows it's readiness to be broke, Joe will patiently begin that process on liberated quail.

For novice trainers, one-on-one sessions are available to be sure the dog's progress continues when it goes back home. It is essential that the owner maintain consistency in handling the dog.

### August on Wild Birds

The August training schedule this year includes two weeks in northern New Hampshire to work dogs on grouse and woodcock. For those that are ready, Joe will begin breaking them. If it is their first exposure to wild birds, young dogs benefit from this exposure and a season of hunting grouse and woodcock may be recommended before they are fully broke. Every dog is different. Breaking them prematurely on wild birds can hamper their ability to learn to get birds accurately located and can cause dogs to have numerous unproductive points.

*Each individual dog is worked with the objective of bringing it to it's full potential whether as your personal hunting dog or future field trial champion!*

### September...More Birds & Conditioning

September training continues work on liberated birds, grouse and woodcock, handling response — all specific to your dogs' needs. For those getting ready for the October hunting season or field trials, Joe will pay special attention to their conditioning to be sure they are fit, strong and ready to hunt and win!

## F E E S

\$500 - (training/boarding) per month (May through July)

\$750 - August wild bird training in northern New Hampshire

\$50 /per session - One-On-One Training

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