

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 steadying 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. Patience and 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 Enhance Professional Athlete feed and kept at their proper weight. Only healthy dogs can fully benefit from their training.

To schedule your dogs' summer/early fall training, contact:

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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: Wild Birds in New Hampshire

The August training schedule this year includes a week in northern New Hampshire to work dogs on grouse and woodcock. For those dogs that are ready, Joe will begin steadying them on wild birds. If it is their first exposure to wild birds, young dogs benefit from this exposure with less pressure 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.

September: Wild Birds in ND & WI

Joe will be heading to his camp in North Dakota for 4 weeks in the early fall, followed by one week in Wisconsin. Dogs will be worked exclusively on wild birds — sharptail grouse, pheasants and huns on the prairie, ruffed grouse and woodcock in WI. 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!

Each 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!

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

\$650 - August includes 1 week wild bird training in northern New Hampshire

\$750 - September: Wild bird training - 4 weeks North Dakota, 1 week Wisconsin

\$65 /per session - One-On-One Handler Training

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