



“LADIES TAKING THE LEAD”

WOMEN'S HANDLING SEMINAR

October 7-9, 2011

College Station, Texas

We would like to invite all current or potential women dog handlers to a special “Ladies Taking the Lead” women’s handler seminar. This seminar is to help promote and train women interested in handling their dogs in HRC hunt test situations, or to improve on their existing skills. The “Ladies Taking the Lead” seminar will offer one-on-one and group training for all levels of handlers with the goal of helping participants build confidence towards running hunt tests at upper levels. Additionally and most importantly, it will teach gun safety and handling.

Quite often dogs fail at hunt tests due to handler error, not the dog’s error therefore, it is important to note that this is a handler’s seminar, not a dog training seminar. Successful dog handling depends on a team effort between the handler and dog. Our goal is to help women handlers become comfortable handling a dog in training and in an HRC hunt test situation. Handlers will learn to deal with elements that affect a dog’s behavior on the line and in the field – such as noise, creeping, breaking, wind, terrain change, water, and suction. Sometimes women must face different challenges than men when handling their dogs in hunt tests. This seminar will help teach the participants to manage concerns to allow positive results and experiences with their dogs. By removing distractions (men) from the equation, we hope to provide the participants with a fun, “let your hair down” positive learning environment where it’s really ok to be a girl.

The instructors for this seminar include Glenda Mitchell and Janet Kimbrough. Glenda Mitchell is from Brownwood, Texas, and owns Kanati Kennels. She has been training retrievers professionally for eleven years. She has titled one Grand Hunting Retriever Champion, and numerous dogs at started, seasoned, finished, and upland levels. Glenda has organized and assisted with three Women’s’ Seminars in previous years. She is currently Chairman of the Youth Program for HRC and is the Running Rules Representative for HRC Region 12. She has also served as the HRC Public Relations Representative for six years. She is a charter member of Lonesome Dove HRC, and serves as Secretary of the club. Glenda is an AA licensed judge at all levels. And she loves to hunt ducks!

Janet Kimbrough is from Santa Fe, TX. She got her first retriever in 1992 and has owned, trained and handled three of her retrievers to their HRCH titles; all together they have earned more than 3,000+ points. Janet has put several UH and HR titles on several of her dogs as well. Janet is currently the HRC Field Representative for HRC Region 11 and an AA licensed judge in all categories. She is a lifetime member of Colorado River Retriever Club where she has held the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The seminar will start at noon on Friday October 7, 2011 and run through noon on Sunday October 9, 2011 in College Station, Texas. The cost is \$75.00, please note this does not include lodging, breakfasts or Saturday night dinner. Participants may bring their own dog or dogs will be provided for use during the seminar. If you bring your dog it must be up to date on vaccinations. Participants must be women 18 years or older, total number of participants will be limited to 30 women.

Site, lodging, and payment information are provided in the Additional Information section.



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Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____ Home # _____ Cell # _____

HRC/Other Dog Club Affiliation _____

What training experience do you have? _____

Do you train with a group? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how often? _____

Do you use an e-collar? Yes _____ No _____ Have you handled a shotgun? Yes _____ No _____

Have you handled dogs in hunt tests? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is the highest level or title of dog you typically handle? _____

Are you a game bird hunter? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what species of game birds? _____

Will you be bringing a dog to work with, or do you need one provided? _____

Is your dog steady to wing and shot? Yes _____ No _____

Does your dog handle, sit on whistle, take hand signals? Yes _____ No _____

Comment _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Please provide emergency contact information:

Name _____

Relationship _____ Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Notices:

By participating in this Women's Handler Seminar you are agreeing to the following:

By participating at this women's handlers seminar you are agreeing not to hold the Landowner (Dr. Dave Brannon), HRC, Ms. Glenda Mitchell, Ms. Janet Kimbrough, or Ms. Sharon Freis responsible for loss of property, damage or injury incurred during this event. HRC, Ms. Glenda Mitchell, Ms. Janet Kimbrough, or Ms. Sharon Freis and the Landowner, Dr. Dave Brannon, are NOT responsible for loss, accident or theft and further assume no responsibility for any damage or injury sustained by the handlers or to any of their dogs or property.

Further, by my participation, I acknowledge and insure that the Handler understands that she agrees that by participating in said seminar she assumes all risk of harm or accident to either Handler or the dog, and that the Handler understands she will have the opportunity to view each setup, that she has the option of withdrawing the dog or herself from running the setup if the Handler in her sole discretion deems the setup unsuitable or unsafe. By participating in this event you certify that dogs running under your control all have current immunizations and are not carrying any communicable diseases such as kennel cough.

(Signature of Handler/Owner) _____



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Seminar Site:

Dr. Dave Brannon's Ranch

18191 Dusty Road
College Station, Texas 77845
Start time: Noon 10-7-2011, end Noon 10-9-2011.

Directions:

From the north--through Bryan College Station on Hwy 6 to Hwy 40 exit (William Fitch Rd.) at the water tower and turn left (east). Go under the underpass and continue to Rock Prairie Rd. at the stop sign. Turn right (south) and go 3.9 miles and turn left on Sulfur Springs Rd. and bear left when it turns. Go 1.1 mile to Dusty Rd. (big group of mailboxes) and turn left. Continue over 3 cattle guards and bear right when the road forks. House is another half mile down that road.

From the south--past Navasota 10 miles to Hwy 159 (Peach Creek Rd.) exit and turn right on Peach Creek Rd. Go 3 miles and after passing over Lick Creek bridge turn right on Sulfur Springs Rd. and follow above directions.

If coming from Huntsville on Hwy 30 Turn left (west) on Hwy 40 (Wm. Fitch Rd.) just past the 3rd Navasota River bridge. Continue several miles to stop sign at Rock Prairie Rd. and turn left (south) and follow above directions.

Food:

A dinner social will be provided on Friday night. Lunches on Saturday and Sunday will also be provided on site. Bottled water will be provided during the seminar. Participants will be responsible for breakfasts and Saturday dinner.

Items to Bring:

Items to bring should include coolers, drinks, snacks, dog water, hats, sunglasses, insect repellent, sunscreen, rain gear, comfortable boots, rubber boots (or shoes that can get wet or muddy) may also be needed, and a chair.

If you have a 12 gauge pump shotgun that has been fitted for you, please bring it. We will have several types of 12 gauge pump shotguns for everyone to use and get familiar with. If you have them, please bring whistles and duck calls, and for personal dogs, leads (preferably slip), heeling stick, e collars, and tie outs.

Lodging:

There are several lodging choices available in College Station and Navasota, the property is about the same distance from both cities. Please remember when making reservations, that although there is not a home A&M football game that weekend, hotels can still be hard to reserve in this area; in addition, college town hotels



often have a stricter cancellation policy. Below are a list of hotels, with a wide array of rates, that advertised they were pet friendly on the Expedia site, please verify they are pet friendly and if they require a pet fee when making reservations.

Lodging Continued:

LaQuinta Inn, 607 Texas Av., College Station, 979-696-7777
Manor House Inn; 2504 South Texas Ave. College Station, 979-764-9540
Howard Johnson Express, 3702 Hwy. 6, S, College Station, 979-693-6810, \$20.00/pet/night
Knights Inn, 104 Texas Av., College Station, 979-260-9150
Hawthorne Suites, 1010 University Dr., E., College Station, 979-695-9500
Comfort Inn and Suites, 9345 Hwy. 6, Navasota, 936-825-9464
Super 8, 9460 Hwy. 6, Loop S, Navasota, 936-825-7775, pet fee.

Payment/Contact:

Please send payment and signed information sheets by September 30, 2011 to:

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