

Living With Your Bird Dog: From the House to the Field

Practical skills for people living with high-energy bird dogs who want a more manageable dog in everyday life and in the field

If you live with a high-energy bird dog, you already know the everyday stuff matters. How your dog behaves on leash, whether they can stand still when asked, whether they wait until released, and whether they respond when you call, those same things show up again when birds are involved.

We'll spend the morning working on practical skills you can use at home and in training.



WHAT WE'LL WORK ON

- Teaching dogs to stand still when asked
- Helping dogs learn not to move until they are told
- Getting a dog to respond when you call
- Making dogs easier to handle on leash
- Helping dogs make fewer impulsive choices when they get excited
- Seeing how the same skills can carry over to bird work with launchers

WORKING DOGS / AUDITING

Limited to 10 working dogs.

Working dogs will join the group skills portion and must be safely contained in a crate or vehicle when not being worked.

A current rabies certificate must be emailed at registration.

Auditors may attend with or without a dog.

Auditor dogs will not be worked and must remain in vehicles during the seminar.

Launcher portion uses selected demo dogs only.

INSTRUCTOR

Gretchen Stephenson is a professional dog trainer who works with pointing breeds on practical home and field skills, including steadiness foundations, retrieving, tracking, and everyday control.

WHEN / WHERE / COST

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club

3280 Jackson Springs Rd

Jackson Springs, NC

Free to attend

Donations to the Sandhills Quail Habitat Foundation are appreciated.

BRING

- Camp chair
- Water for you and your dog
- Leash and collar
- Plenty of small training treats
- Notebook and pen
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Blaze orange clothing
- Lunch if you'd like to stay after

DOG NOTE

Dogs must be able to be safely handled and may not show aggression toward people or dogs.

QUESTIONS

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REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/jKpvXRtfKMHj36j1A>