



Started Gun Dog Contract

Your dog will be approximately nine months of age when ready for pickup. Some dogs may progress faster or slower. There will be no additional charge for boarding or training if your dog requires longer than nine months accomplishing the program. The nine month expectation is based on the whelp date. Immediately upon completion of the program the dog **MUST** be picked up at our location unless both parties agree to another delivery plan in advance. There may be additional fees for boarding your dog after nine months. At pickup we will be providing you with a Roy Gonia whistle preferred for Labradors, which we use exclusively, a custom Three Cedars whistle lanyard, and a Three Cedars custom four foot slip lead.

The dog will live in our home and be trained alongside our dogs. We will make all necessary veterinary visits **TO OUR VET** during your dog's stay with us. Routine inoculations and parasite controls are included in your contract. Your dog must follow the same inoculation and health program as our dogs while staying in our home. Should a health emergency arise with your puppy we will pay the Veterinarian at time of service. You are required to reimburse us for the cost of any emergency services before pickup. Our Veterinarian is Constance Donovan-Matson D.V.M. of Ligonier, PA. Her email address is donovanc@vt.edu. At least monthly you will be emailed reports and photos on your puppy's progress and copies of all Veterinarian bills and reports.

We encourage owners to participate in these first months of training as much as possible. Ultimately, we want this to be **YOUR** dog and respond to your correctly given commands. We only ask that you schedule your visits beforehand. For pickup we strongly suggest that the owner schedule at least one full day with us to review commands and turn over control to you.

Your dog's AKC registration will be transferred to you upon completion of the program and payment in full. We will need you to supply the dog's **FULL** AKC registered name as well as his/her call name on contract signing. We request that you use our kennel name in the registered name, (*either Three Cedars or 3 Cedars*). We suggest that the call name be one syllable and not be similar sounding to any of the commands listed below. For example "Abercrombie" and "Mike" are not good call names.

The expectations for a Started Gun Dog are as follows:

- Housebroken
- Crate trained (both wire and plastic crates)
- Familiar with vehicle travel
- Socialized to adults, children and other dogs
- Heel on lead or off lead
- Exposed to gunfire (not gun shy)
- Successfully completed a conditioned retrieve program and retrieve to hand
- Exposed to actual bird retrieves (Pheasants, Chukars, Ducks, and Pigeons)
- Successfully complete single marks on land and water up to 75 yards



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Expectations for a Started Gun Dog continued:

- Successfully trail a crippled bird at least 50 yards
- Quarter a field seeking live birds
- Will have participated in several upland bird preserve hunts
- Some experience with holding blinds
- Some experience with platforms, tables, and stumps
- Exposed to dense cover and forest settings
- Some experience with big water
- Exposed to boats and canoes

Commands recognized:

- SIT (Verbal and beginning use of Whistle Sit)
- NO
- HERE (Verbal and Whistle)
- HEEL
- MARK
- DEAD BIRD – FIND (used with cripples)
- HOLD
- FETCH
- OUT (release bird/bumper)
- COME AROUND (Primarily Whistle some Verbal)
- UP (jump up)
- BOX (kennel-up)

The details above are meant to provide a general overview of the expectations for a STARTED HUNTING DOG. When your pup can do these things he/she will already be ahead of 90% of the dogs you will see in the field.

We hope that you, the client, will provide additional input on the type of bird hunting you prefer and what you want your dog to be able to do. We will do our best to accommodate these requests in our training.

Due at contract signing	\$2000.00
Due when dog reaches 6 months of age	\$2000.00
Final Payment due on or before pickup	<u>\$2000.00***</u>
TOTAL COST , includes initial cost of puppy and boarding for up to 9 months	\$6000.00

***Any outstanding Veterinarian or hunt test costs (see optional training below) must be included when making the final payment.



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Optional training/experience available for a Started gun dog at additional cost is:

1. Collar conditioning. No additional fee but owner must provide E-collar and controller before pup reaches 6 months of age. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**
2. NAHRA hunt tests, possibly SR (Started Retriever) title earned. Owner will reimburse Three Cedars Retrievers for entry fees plus \$50 per test handler's fee. Pass or Fail. *We would prefer to have the owner join us at the tests and handle your dog. We will help you!*

If your dog completes the training schedule and is proficient in all of the listed skills you may choose to pick him/her up early. This does NOT reduce the TOTAL COST.

In the event the client fails to make any of the scheduled payments or fails to reimburse Three Cedars Retrievers for Veterinarian or hunt test expenses this contract is NULL and VOID. In that event the dog's ownership will revert fully to Three Cedars Retrievers and NO REFUNDS will be due.

All of the provisions of our regular puppy guarantee apply to this contract too (see following pages). If the unspeakable happens and your dog is severely injured or dies while in our care we offer two options. We will provide a new puppy from the next available breeding and train it to the same level as you had paid on the lost dog or if you choose to not get a replacement dog we will refund 50% of the funds you had paid prior to the loss of the dog.

Client/Purchaser Name (please print)

Co-Owner Name (please print)

Client/Purchaser Signature

Date

Co-owner Signature

Date

Client Preferred email for monthly reports and photos

Accepted by Three Cedars Retrievers

Date