



OVRC References for Retriever Dog Training

These are presented in no particular order of preference or recommendation. OVRC does not endorse any one method, individual or trainer. We are providing this information as a starting place for you to find information and resources that might work for you and your dog(s). We all learn in different ways and therefore different people, methods, techniques and presentation may work better for you than others. Many of the trainers have a training flowchart that should be followed. Each trainer's program may have different drills, or do things in a different order. It is recommended to stay with one program and complete each step before advancing. This list is in no way an exhaustive list of the various training information available. These are just some that OVRC members are familiar with and have found helpful at various stages of their own training. Best of luck with your training!

Online memberships/websites

Pat Burns : <https://www.eliteretrievers.com/>

There is free information as well as a paid membership. You may need to sign up to receive the free information and then will be on their mailing list. The Purina Masterclasses have a variety of information that may be helpful to you and your dog and are free to view. There are paid subscriptions for "Bombproof Basics" (teaching the basic foundation for retriever training) as well as "Retriever Revolution" which is an ongoing membership discussing all aspects of field retriever training.

Kevin Cheff: <https://www.theretrievercoach.com/>

There is an ongoing online membership for field training as well as occasional free webinars and training information. There are free blogs you can access to give you a flavor of the training and concepts.

Pat Nolan: <https://www.patnolan.com/>

A variety of online courses as well as some free material. Courses include: From the pup up (a fun course for puppies to get them introduced to learning and the game at a young age with no pressure); e-collar conditioning; and teaching the retrieve. All fundamental stuff of any retriever game.

Freddy King: [Freddy King Training | The Retriever Trainer](#)

A variety of online courses, mostly geared toward hunt tests. The videos are of a dog progressing through the program.

Bill Hillman: [Bill Hillmann | Retriever Training](#)

Online courses and DVDs. Many people follow his “Training a Retriever Puppy”.

For purchase Videos/CDs/Streaming

YBS Media <https://www.ybsmedia.com/>

Various professional and amateur video/CDs available as well as online streaming options

Mike Lardy, Danny Farmer and Mike Lardy, Dave Rorem, Rex Carr, Dennis Voigt, Jackie Mertens

Rick Stawski Fowl Dawgs CDs Volumes 1-4

<https://finelineretrievers.com/shop>

Print Media (i.e. books, magazines)

The Retriever News (Magazine available in print or digitally)

<https://www.theretrievernews.com/>

Online retriever articles – Dennis Voight

<https://www.retrieveronline.com/home> this originally was a print training subscription but is now available online.

Building A Retriever: Drills for developing a competition retriever, hunting companion and advancing teamwork. by [Carol F. Cassity](#) (Author)

TRI-TRONICS RETRIEVER TRAINING

by [Jim and Phyllis Dobbs & A. Woodyard Dobbs](#) (Author)

Various Retriever Competition Events websites:

<https://www.huntsecretary.com/>

<https://www.entryexpress.net/>

<https://www.akc.org/> (lots of dog stuff, not always easy to find what you are looking for though)

<https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search> (to find AKC events of all sorts)

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For information on Ohio Valley Retriever Club, Inc.

Website: <https://ohiovalleyretrieverclub.com/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=ohio%20valley%20retriever%20club>

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