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## ASK THE PRO

### Topic of Article – Subject

By a Member of the PRTA – YOU!

## Questions:

1. 5 tips on getting through the double T ?
2. How do you get your dog to concentrate on the long bird?
3. What do you do for head swinging?
4. How do you determine what collar setting is correct for each dog?
5. How do you correct flaring during force to the pile work?
6. What is an organized chaos drill and how does it work? How does it help?
7. What is an ABC Drill and how does it work?
8. Do you teach dogs "Leave it" for poison birds? If so, how do you teach it?
9. Do you do an "in line" drill? If so, how do you run it?
10. How do you teach dogs short retired guns?
11. How do you teach short indented birds?
12. How do you teach long retired guns?
13. How do you teach multiple bird retrieves?
14. Are there any drills for working on cover cheating? If so, what?
15. When do you start to teach handling? In the old days, some pros didn't even begin handling until after the Derby. Your thoughts?
16. I know you use the "emergency blind" technique. Could you please explain where and when you use this valuable tool?

17. Force fetch seems like such an odd principle for dogs that naturally retrieve things. Why use this technique?

18. What's the purpose of a happy bumper? I see some people use them in every drill; others hardly at all. Do happy bumpers have a place in professional training programs? What about them may be negative?

19. What is your favorite marking drill? Can you diagram and explain several marking drills you would use with dogs between the ages of X and Y?

20. Reading the dogs "tells" at the trial and in training?

Does he see the guns?

Did he see the birds?

Does she indicate a mark?

Will they lean into the water?

Are they going to be compliant in the blind?

21. How to develop communication with your field trial dog?

Read the tells and do something about it?

Develop your responses over time?

Was she distracted or disinterested?

Being encouraging or stern?

Supportive reactions to his actions?

22. What does training tell us about trialing?

Marking?

Basic obedience?

Linin?

Focus?

Memory?

23. How should we bear down and increase focus/pressure?

For blinds?

For marks that are long?

For technical tests?

For short birds?

24. Lining drills in training and applications in trials

Pressure vs Call backs?

Games and teaching?

Interrupted tests in training?

25. Please share some common drill techniques that you use everyday.

26. Alignment issues

Open stance

Closed stance

Hovering/crowding

Loose

Forward

Up on them for detail lining

27. How to deal with freezing?

28. How to deal with creeping?

29. How to deal with noise?

30. How to deal with basic obedience issues at trials?

31. How to "read" a test or training set-up?

Traps?

Judges thoughts on setting test?

Developing a strategy to be successful?

32. How to read a blind?

33. What causes "popping?" Both marks and/or blinds?

What drills to use to work on it?

Is it ever cured?

34. The "push/pull?"

Does two sided heeling confuse the issue?

What drills are used to reinforce the concept?

35. Why are some dogs like "Jekyll and Hyde?"

Jekyll on training day; Hyde on trial day?

36. When to use the "stick" and when to use the collar?

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