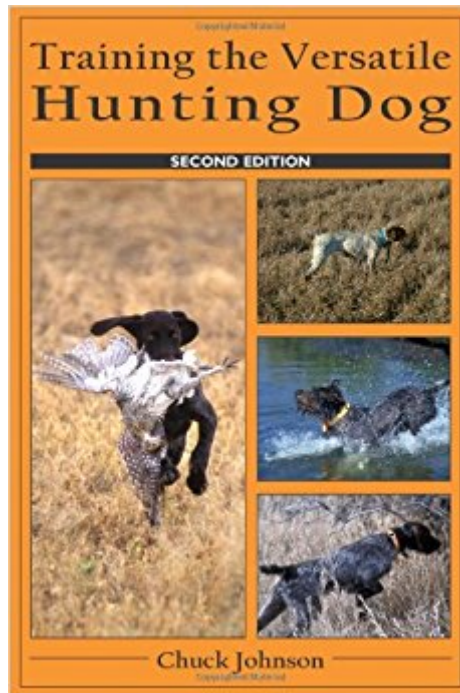


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# Training The Versatile Hunting Dog



## Synopsis

Training the Versatile Hunting Dog By Chuck Johnson Training the Versatile Hunting Dog shows you how to develop a great hunting dog with Chuck's new approach. This approach emphasizes letting your young dog first develop his natural abilities: use of nose, desire, cooperation, search, pointing, and tracking. Then, after his first season, Chuck shows you how to put the controls on your dog with chapters on the trained retrieve and whoa training. The versatile breeds also love water, and there are detailed chapters showing you how to train your dog to be an outstanding water retriever. Chuck also covers how to pick a pup, the importance of early socialization, introducing your pup to gunfire and to birds. This is a revolutionary book written for the popular versatile hunting breeds: German shorthair, wirehair, Griffon, Vizsla, and Weimaraner among others. Each instructive chapter has a detailed explanation of the training techniques, along with numerous illustrative photos. There are also detailed plans for building a quail call-back pen, a pigeon pen, and a dog kennel along with a list of dog training suppliers and various hunting dog organizations. Chuck and Blanche Johnson have been hunting, breeding, and training their own German wirehaired pointers for over 30 years. Chuck has been writing the Versatile Hunting Dog column for Pointing Dog Journal for over 15 years. He is also the author of the Wingshooter's Guides to Montana, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Chuck and Blanche are the owners and publishers of Wilderness Adventures Press, publishers of hunting and fishing guidebooks. Blanche is a professional photographer. The Johnsons spend a number of days each fall hunting wild birds with their wirehairs. ReviewGray's Sporting Journal: Chris Camuto This book strikes me as especially wise and useful in its detailed treatment-nearly week by week-of handling, living with, socializing and eventually training puppies and your hunting dogs. Chuck Johnson digs into the subtle details of what everyone knows but which is so easy to screw up - those first 24 weeks - and, if you haven't messed up by then, that first year of training and early hunting. Although Johnson is fond of and most familiar with wirehairs, this book ought to be useful for anyone training any potentially versatile breed. Most quality hunting breeds can be taught a serviceable repertoire of hunting, pointing, and/or retrieving tasks. The Versatile Hunting Dog offers a remarkable amount of detail while maintaining a running sense of what training a hunting dog is all about. 6 x 9, B&W photos Availability: New and Updated edition available February 1st.

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## Customer Reviews

This book has prepared me in immeasurable ways for having a well trained hunting companion. I would not hesitate to recommend it to any prospective trainer of one of the versatile hunting breeds. Chuck's years of first hand experience with his dogs in the field, is reflected by the practical manner of his training techniques. His methods allow the dog's own natural abilities to develop with our guidance, not our interference. After reading *Training the Versatile Hunting Dog*, I tracked down the author's phone number and gave him a call one evening seeking his advice. He was kind enough to answer all of my questions that I had concerning selecting a specific breed of dog. We spoke for about a half an hour on the subject of versatile dogs. His enthusiasm and knowledge of these dogs is impressive.

This Book is definitely worth the read, but it shouldn't be the only book you read. This isn't an end all be all training book. I did learn a ton from this book and found it very helpful. There is a lot to be learned from this book. I don't know how to explain this but I didn't really like his techniques, they were good but not really feasible for the Average Joe

This book has some good information but it is very poorly organized and the author repeats himself and even the same story's a few time. There are spelling errors and other issues. If this book was at the library and you could read it for free it's worth the read but not any money

A good read for someone looking to train a versatile hunting dog, and some principles that apply to training any dog. Most of the lessons are presented as case studies with the author's own dogs, and

theories and techniques are cemented almost as if you were a dog - through repetition! Some technical points in here, though I would say most of it is encouragement of the right attitude to help your dog be it's best.

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His advice seems to be this: First, get a hunting dog...Obviously, this is the key to training a \*versatile\* hunting dog, and I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised. But what I'd been looking for was more emphasis on versatility and less on the merits of various breeds and how easy one can adapt their specializations to a wider variety of situations. If you've got a dog from one of the famous hunting breeds, an animal that comes out of the womb with the instincts to retrieve or flush, then this is the book for you. If your dog is smart but not quite sure why they'd go get a duck that's fallen into the middle of a pond, then you need to find another dog, according to Mr. Johnson, or find another book.

I was disappointed at the lack of training methods provided in this book. The information on versatile breeds is useful but the title led me to believe the book would give more training help than it does.

Excellent book for broadening your training perspective! It starts a little slow, and emphasizes emphasizing while emphasizing no strict dog training in the first year... you'll get the message! Makes up for it in the back end though, great discussion, and a ton of resources in the back of the book. Especially loved the discussion/intro to keeping quails and doves. Would recommend to anybody!

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