



## Helena Valley Gun Dog Club, Inc. Group Training Etiquette

1. Be on time
2. Pick up after yourselves. Remove garbage and debris and leave the training site in a neat and clean condition
3. Dress for the weather
4. Bring all the equipment you own. Odds are we have forgotten one piece of critical equipment, and we'll need yours. If you have a 2-way radio, bring it.
5. Bring your own bucket and lawn chair
6. If you have ducks, bring them.
7. Have a goal.
8. Do your homework. Work on recalls at home and other basics alone. Save group training time for things you can't do by yourself.
9. Stay positive. Every dog has an off day. So does every human.
10. Don't bring 35 dogs and expect us to be happy about it. Work 1 - 3 dogs only. This does not apply if it is the landowner.
11. Be realistic and honest about the level of your dog. Just because your training group is doing a triple that doesn't mean you can't do singles.
12. Don't be afraid to ask for help.
13. We'll adapt to what you need, use that - don't try to have your dog step up to a level they are not ready for.

14. Suggestions accepted.
15. Be thankful for this opportunity, and express it to the guys sitting out in the gun station.
16. Have a plan for what you would like to accomplish on that training day.
17. Ask questions but don't argue. The lead trainer is offering advice that he/she feels will work and if you constantly challenge the advice chances are they'll just stop offering it. Nobody will deliberately give advice that will mess your dog up.
18. Ensure your dog is under control so it does not interfere with other dogs running.  
**Dogs should be on a leash when they are not running.**
19. Don't abuse your dog but correct your dog when he/she needs it
20. **Never whistle sit your dog when someone else is running.**
21. If you are next, get your dog ready
22. Don't hog the line time. Work a couple of things and then move on.
23. Give directions to your bird boys before you run. Use landmarks if possible and have them point out angle of the throw before they throw.
24. Be prepared to throw again and again for your partners. They should be prepared to do the same for you
25. Don't get mad about poor throws. Everyone makes them and nobody does it on purpose
26. Take your turn in the gun station
27. Offer to chip in for poppers, birds, primers, etc., if you are unable to provide your own.