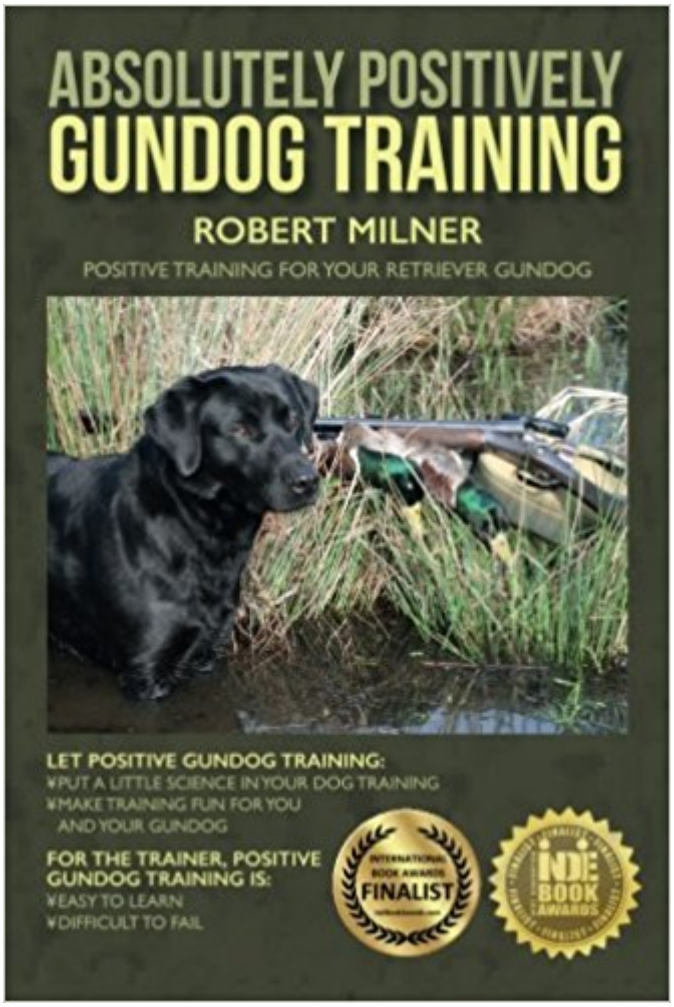
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Synopsis

With Absolutely Positively Gundog Training, Milner has taken the latest scientific research into how dogs learn and combined it with his own vast experience and commonsense training methods. The result is an approach that is as effective as it is easy. For the hunter who wants a calm, steady, and obedient retriever, there's no better training method. This book provides everything needed for you to turn out a sporting dog that excels at life. Whether you want your dog to be a gundog, a water dog, a shed dog, an upland dog, a deer tracker or a fishing companion, this book charts the course Every other page exclaims, Ã¢â ¬Å“That makes perfect senseÃ¢â ¬Â•. Milner debunks a number of groundless myths and counter-productive training practices that proliferate in todayÃ¢â ¬â„¢s sporting dog culture. A big divide exists today in the gundog sector in America. The opposing views are tradition-based compulsion training versus the science-based positive training model derived from B.F. SkinnerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s operant conditioning theory. Robert MilnerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s new book bridges that gap. Milner brings to the table vast experience in both training methods. He has trained over two thousand gundogs with traditional compulsion and has trained several hundred gundogs with a positive training model. He pronounces the positive model a definitive winner. His new book covers all the bases for a beginning gundog trainer. Milner covers the dogÃ¢â ¬â„¢s history and domestication as it relates to training. He shows you how the dog perceives the world, how the dog communicates, and how he learns. Big surprises await some readers. Milner cites many examples of recent dog research that upend traditional training theories. This book gives the reader a simple roadmap to success in producing a gundog that is extremely well-mannered, a persistent hunter and very responsive on whistle stops and hand signals. The simplicity of the training model will be a pleasant surprise to many new trainers. Most importantly, MilnerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s training model is fun for the trainer and the dog.

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In 1996 Robert Milner sold Wildrose Kennels, a retriever training kennel which he had owned and operated since 1972. That same year he retired from the USAF Reserve after 26 years of service as a disaster response officer. Those two paths would cross again in 2002. Shortly after the tragedy of 9/11 Milner got a call from the Memphis Fire Department requesting his assistance with their FEMA disaster search dog program. He took the job and went to work rebuilding their disaster search dog program. Slow progress of the transformation led him to reexamine the traditional dog training model of compulsion. He adopted B.F. SkinnerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s positive training model and was able to speed up the training program by 300%. Subsequently he adapted that training model to gundog training and discovered positive training to be much faster, easier to learn and decidedly more fun for both dog and trainer. Milner has trained over 2,000 dogs with compulsion and since 2002 has trained hundreds of gundogs with a positive training protocol. He owns and operates Duckhill Kennels at Somerville, TN, breeding and training Labrador Retrievers for gundogs and also for disaster search and for explosive detection. His website is www.duckhillkennels.com

This book has quickly become my go to book. If you are a hunter looking for a guidebook for producing an excellent hunting companion, this is your book. Notice that I didn’t qualify it with something like, "if you don’t want to use coercive techniques." It is my experience that using positive methods produces an excellent hunting companion much quicker than force methods and will be much more reliable. Don’t believe the hype that force fetching will teach a dog that retrieving is a command, not an option. As someone who has used both, I can say that I get way fewer refusals using positive methods than force methods.One of the really nice things about this book is that it is written specifically for the hunter not the field trialist. Many of the methods developed with lots of marking and teaching the dog to avoid using it nose to find the retrieve are for AKC hunt tests where one is likely to have 300 yard retrieves with lots of distractions and such. Having hunted for years, I have never had a dog that needed that kind of precision nor have I ever wanted a dog that didn’t want to search. Mr. Miler has a well written and thoughtful training plan for your next hunting dog. It is simply the best training plan for a hunting dog available to date.

Great book which also lead me to the duck hill kennel website and his daughters FB group girls with gun dogs. The methods Mr Milner uses are excellent. I went further to find he trained the owner of the wild rose way, and picked those dvds up as well. I love the positive training methods and so do my sensitive golden retrievers. We keep our loving bond, and they have fun! Here is a pic of my boy happily practicing a "hold" while he was relaxing upside down on the couch. He's totally relaxed and happy and that makes me happy!

Robert Milner has done an amazing job with his new book. Absolutely Positively Gundog Training is a well written gundog training manual that helps the novice dog owner. I was able to follow his tried and true methods very easily and have seen wonderful results in my retriever. The best part about his new book is how easy it is to take Robert's training methods and apply them in your own training plan. He also is able to offer advice on how to handle situation we face when things go wrong. He teaches ways to train that help avoid those troublesome things gundogs do. And to top it all off he uses methods that even the beginner can learn. These positive methods reduce the need for force based training that many novice trainers have trouble accomplishing correctly. I was very pleased with Robert Milner's new book and would recommend it to anyone looking for a gentler way to gundog training that has proven results.

This book is awesome. It simplifies the communication process and gives you an alternative to compulsion training which was fairly counter intuitive to me. In my instance my 10 month old lab was really struggling with whistle stops which lead to frustration on my part and reluctance on his part. After backing up and regrouping per the instructions of this book I have him whistle stopping in under two weeks. I've read every book and this one ties up training into a very usable format for novice trainers like myself.

What an amazing book! The field trial people will turn up their noses, but anyone doing hunt tests, or who just wants a great gun dog, will LOVE it. I've been training dogs for AKC obedience and hunt tests for decades, and I wish I'd had this book years ago.

A credit to the profession. Mr. Milner has stayed abreast of current research and techniques. A worthwhile read for those who wish to achieve a stable result.

I received my copy of the new training book last week and I can say with all sincerity that it is easily

the most concise, coherent presentation of Robert’s retriever training protocol that I could have ever imagined. I heartily recommend it to ALL interested in training a hunting retriever/companion dog. The book will save you untold amounts of time perusing these forums for the basics; then when YOU do manage to screw something up, you can always come back here and bounce it around on the forums.Or better yet, go to the source...like I am about to have to do : "Milner Answers Training Questions".The book is HIGHLY recommended !Thank you Robert, you have now written my three favorite retriever training books ! It was getting sticky applying OC and PR only to your first book, but dang did I love that book ! I trained well over 100 dogs with that gem. If I had had this model 28 years ago, the number could have been significantly higher ! Operant conditioning, combined with positive reinforcement is , by far, the easiest (for dog and trainer) method of introducing new concepts to these wonderful creatures to which I have ever been exposed.Shadrach

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