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## **Trevor Rigby Hunting Training Seminar**

### **PRINCIPLES OF HPR WORK FOR NEW / NOVICE HANDLERS**

#### **CLIENT GROUP:**

- 1 Owners thinking of commencing working their HPR.
- 2 Owners already working their HPR but now require additional input to improve.
- 3 People generally interested in this group of gundogs but have yet to select their breed.

#### **PROGRAMME:**

- 1 Background to HPRs -  
Their original use, shooting for the pot.
- 2 Introduction -  
Prevention is better than cure  
Definition of training
- 3 Schools of thought on HPR Training -
  - a) The Age Concept
  - b) The Conditioning Concept
- 4 Early foundation Work:  
8 - 16 weeks
- 5 Commencing Training in the Field 1st Principle -  
The role of the handler is to recondition the reflex to chase into a reflex TO SIT.

6 Wind direction and basic patterns of work -  
Why do we start training by working into wind?  
How to begin 3 element coordination plan  
Reinforce good practice  
What the handler needs to do

7 Learning and Assessment -  
Definition of learning  
How learning proceeds  
Application of Assessment to training

8 Commands -  
Their use and practice

9 Problem solving-

10 Plenary session -  
Questions and answers

## **About Trevor:**

Trevor cut his teeth in the gundog world with Labradors but was soon drawn to the world of HPRs. Starting out with GSPs, he soon added GWPs and HVs to his kennel, successfully training, working and trialling his dogs over many years and qualifying his GSP bitch Isara Kurzhaar Zaroastre for the KC HPR Championships for five consecutive years culminating in 4th place in 1991.

Trevor is an HPR 'A' panel judge and established the DORNTANZA affix with his wife Barbara. Outside the gundog world, Trevor was a Special Educational Needs school teacher. His passion for HPRs and his skills as a teacher, position him perfectly to open up the exciting craft of hunting HPRs during this seminar.