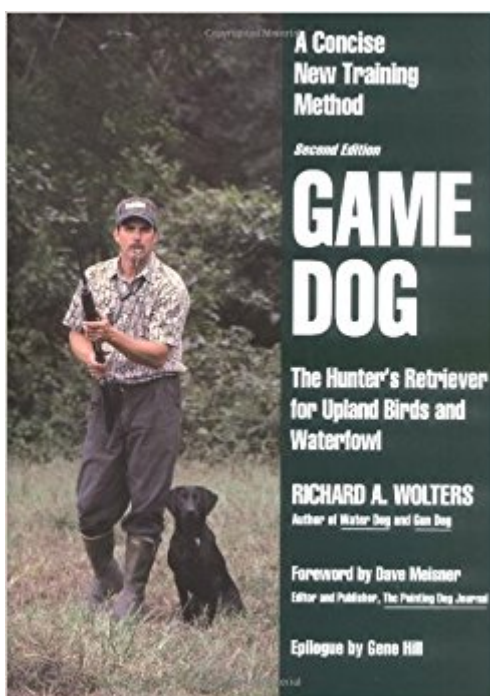


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# Game Dog: The Hunter's Retriever For Upland Birds And Waterfowl - A Concise New Training Method



## Synopsis

The most efficient system to train retrievers for hunting upland birds and waterfowl from the author of *Water Dog*. This time-proven guide by legendary trainer Richard A. Wolters offers a step-by-step method for completely training your dog, resulting in a skilled hunting retriever by the time your pet is one year old. In *Game Dog*, you will discover:

- How to choose a pup
- what to look for, where to find the best
- The five critical periods of a dog's mental development
- Which retrievers are easier to train
- males or females
- How to get two dogs to work together
- Why feeding time is more than food
- How to teach your dog to track, quarter, and swim after game
- How to get your dog to betray his instincts and obey your commands
- Which tasks your dog must master to qualify as a hunter
- And much more...

Fully illustrated, *Game Dog* is an invaluable book for every hunter training a retriever and every pet owner who wants a better trained dog. "Wolters has produced a solid book that will be of great help to anyone training his retriever to work. He is an acknowledged master in the field and an excellent instructor." *Dog Fancy*

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Praise for Richard A. Wolters: "The most popular method ever. Because it works and it's easy!" *Field & Stream* on *Family Dog* "Gun Dog" is one of the most valuable, probably THE most valuable, training tools the average amateur could

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RICHARD A. WOLTERS was a leader in applying the scientific discoveries of animal behaviorists to dog training. His books on training *Game Dog*, *Water Dog*, *Gun Dog*, *Family Dog*, and *Home Dog* are recognized as classics in their fields. His historical book, *The Labrador Retriever: The History...The People*, was chosen as Best Dog Book of the Year by the Dog Writers Association of America. In 1984 the DWAA honored Mr. Wolters as both Writer of the Year for *Game Dog* and Columnist of the Year for his popular column "Gun Dog" in *Gun Dog* magazine. Well-known for his lectures and seminars on retriever training, Mr. Wolters also was a president of the Westchester, New York, Retriever Club, as well as a vice president and director of the North American Hunting Retriever Association, which he was influential in founding. A veritable Renaissance man, Mr. Wolters worked as an atomic scientist, fine-arts teacher, photographer, and as picture editor at *Sports Illustrated*. His sporting interests included hunting, angling, bobsledding, ballooning, and soaring in sailplanes, in which he held the highest rating.

This is a great book. Firstly, I love the author. Secondly, I don't plan on hunting with my dog. I got this because I have found that a retriever is happiest if he or she is put to use. So, even if you don't actually hunt teaching your dog to hunt is a great way to make a good dog, and have a good solid relationship with your dog. Richard Wolters writes simple concise easy to read and follow instructions for training your retriever. \*\*Disclaimer, this book was written in the 60's. Some of his methods are outdated, ie. a little rough. You can just ignore that part. Everything else holds true.

This was a birthday gift for my son. He says it is very helpful as he is in the process of training a pup.

This is a great book! Richard A. Wolters wrote this book in 1983 and many would probably agree that it was written well before its time. There is an old saying with dog trainers "the proof is in the product"

and before its time or not alot of what he said has been proven true. Bottem line is that this book delivers, it is an easy step by step for everything from picking your puppy to the first hunt and beyond that. The end result is a great dog that lives, interacts and is part of the family that you can take in the field and not worry about being let down by. I am recomending this book for everyone from the first time lab owner who is tired of his friends dog getting his birds to the hunter who is on his 10th bird dog, everyone will learn somthing! As a dog trainer I am reading the book for my 2nd time and picking up new things that I missed the first go around. 5 stars!!!DONT THINK BUY IT NOW!

Bought this for my son. He has a new retriever pup and can use this book to train her.

good book

Some really good advice in here. Read lots of books and decide on your style before starting. This is a classic and for good reason. If you want a great dog, plan ahead and be intentional. Don't pick one up and buy some books once you have an issue.

Great book for the amature dog trainer and the seasoned. Before getting a retriever, get this book. It has helped me on the selection, raising, and training of my Lab. This book had great tips to follow that I never thought of, as well as training techniques that are unique.

I had to read this for my high school class. It was a good book and would recommend it to anyone. We had a semester on dog training for Ag. We trained dogs for hunting, man hunts and service dogs. This book was to help us understand the dog and how to train it.

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