

Retriever on Table



- Loose leash
- Dumbbell correct size for retriever
- We are ready to start

Opening the mouth



- “Fetch”
- Pinch lips gently to open retrievers mouth
- Insert Dumbbell
- Do NOT hit teeth on dumbbell

Another View



“Hold”



- Gently hold the jaws shut if your retriever is trying to spit the dumbbell out.
- “Hold, Good Dog, Hold”
- Release hold on jaws as soon as retriever stops resisting

Another First Hold



- Here we view another way to keep dumbbell in mouth.
- Cradle head upward if necessary
- Note the loose leash again

Hand Under Jaw



- Now that the retriever has stopped resisting having the dumbbell in its mouth, help the retriever by supporting their lower jaw to hold the dumbbell.
- “Hold, Good Dog, Hold”

Another View of Hand Under Jaw



- Here is another example of a dog learning the hold

The Hold Completed



- Your retriever now holds it dumbbell in its mouth

The Hold Completed 2



- My hands are ready to keep the dumbbell in the mouth prior to the release, but the dog holds its own dumbbell

The Drop



- The word to release the dumbbell is “drop”. “Give” is more of a request.
- Then allow the dog to spit the dumbbell
- Or gently take it out of their mouth
- If the retriever has locked its jaw on the dumbbell it might be necessary to gently open their mouth to remove the dumbbell

WHAT A GOOD DOG!

