

On The Ground Second Step



- Reach out and drop the dumbbell several feet from the retriever.
- Gently restrain the retriever to keep in the sitting position

Now Send the Retriever

- Send the retriever after the dumbbell is on the ground



Retriever Starts Toward Dumbbell



- Hold on to the leash.
- Not tight, but do not let it drag the ground
- Keep control
- If you dropped the dumbbell too far you might have to take a step toward the dumbbell

Retriever Starts to Return



- The retriever has now picked up its dumbbell and is starting to return.
- “Here”, “Heel”, and a gentle “Good Dog”
- Do not get too excited or the retriever might drop its dumbbell

Returning

- Another shot of the retriever returning



Into Heel Position



- As the retriever goes into the heel position you might remind them to “hold” and “heel” at first

Into Heel Position



- Retriever is now back into heel position

Release of Dumbbell



- While we try for success. If for some reason your retriever drops the dumbbell prior to you requesting the retriever to “drop” command them to “fetch” and enforce if necessary.

Lots of Praise



- Remember to give the retriever lots of praise. Even if they are not perfect.