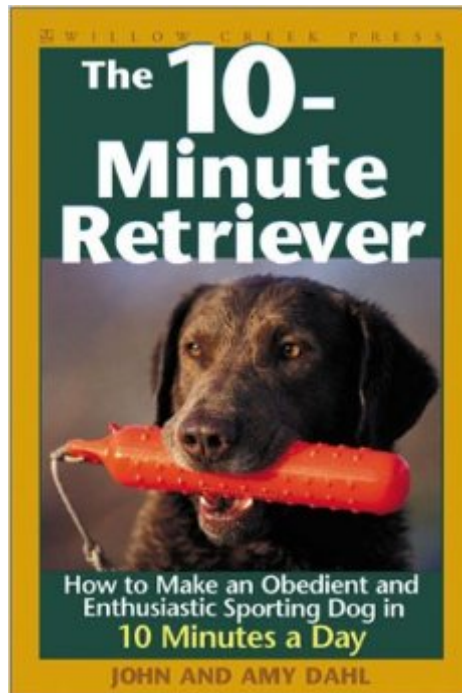


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# The 10-Minute Retriever: How To Make An Obedient And Enthusiastic Gun Dog In 10 Minutes A Day



## Synopsis

Daily ten-minute training sessions best suit a retriever's attention span and lead to rapid learning. The text has the information most needed by the owner of a pet retriever: how to make it reliably obedient and well-mannered. It also has the information amateur trainers are clamoring for: how to force fetch, set up tests in the field, and how to use an electric collar humanely and effectively. Primary importance is placed on developing and enhancing the desire to retrieve. The Dahl's method provides a solid foundation to the dog and owner continuing to advance retrieve training. Concepts and methods are illustrated with true dog stories.

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## Customer Reviews

This book offers the clearest, most detailed description of not only the HOW of basic training of retrievers, but the WHY behind the techniques and the progression. Many dog training books offer "cookbook" instructions for training a dog, but dogs are living beings, not souffle's, and often times do not follow the manual! An underlying knowledge of WHY the trainer is performing each training step is key to understanding why each step needs to be done correctly, not rushed, and not completed until the dog understands what is being asked. This book offers several different techniques and methods for working a dog through each step, and for dealing with things dogs will do when they don't "follow" the book. I highly recommend this book to anyone starting out training their first retriever. It's clarity and conciseness are what every person needs when starting out training dogs to retrieve. I have given this book to several friends as gifts, and recommend it personally to many.

This book is one of the better ones I've read (and I've read just about all of them).... There are a lot of good books on training retrievers. I'd rate this one in the top 5. Yes, it does suggest using some force at times, but it also discusses the fact that every dog is different and different dogs require different amounts of force (not unlike children!). It doesn't advocate beating a dog or anything like that. It would be wonderful if we could completely train a dog never using any force at all, but that's ridiculous.....just like never spanking a child regardless of the circumstances. Sometimes a degree of force is needed. I'll leave it at that. The primary focus of this book is that training sessions need not be (and should not be) long and tedious. As the title suggests, anyone can train a dog to a high level in daily 10 minute sessions. The book makes for nice reading as there is a nice mix of actual training methods along with several good anecdotes. The book is presented in a logical, chronological order. If you follow this book from beginning to end and do as it instructs you to do, you'll have a very well trained retriever when you are done.

How B. Blazer's review was determined to be Spotlight material baffles me. His review makes it patently obvious that he knows precisely nothing about training dogs, has never spent time with professional trainers and has never run a dog in a field trial or hunt test. Force fetch is an essential part of training retrievers. It is the foundation upon which advanced training is based and all competitive retrievers undergo force fetch training. Yes, you create stress in the dog through the ear pinch or toe hitch because competing and hunting yield stressful situations for the dog as he works through terrain, challenging wind conditions, cold and dozens of other factors that come into play during a retrieve. A dog not trained to handle that stress will exhibit major performance issues when the going gets tough, from popping, ignoring handling or, worse, a total no-go. To address B. Blazer's little numbered list: 1.) At no point do the authors of Ten Minute Retriever call for the use of a whip. The tool is called a heeling stick. It is never suggested that the heeling stick be used to abuse the dog. It is merely a way to extend your reach to deliver taps and swats for immediate correction of issues like breaking. 2.) At no point do the authors suggest "tying the dog's mouth shut around a dummy". For a dog who chronically spits the dummy during hold training, the authors suggest that a lead may be looped about the dog's muzzle while you reinforce the hold command verbally. 3.) I just explained ear pinch, which is one of the most common practices in retriever training, only slightly less common than... 4.) ... the electronic collar. B. Blazer seems to take exception with the verb "burn" but then goes on to claim that he is not against the "proper" use of the e-collar. The ONLY purpose of the electronic collar is to deliver an electric shock or burn unless

Tri-Tronics has a new Rainbows and Unicorn Ponies model I am unaware of. B. Blazer's conclusion that the training methods outlined in this book serve only to break a dog's spirit is one of the most pathetically laughable statements I have ever seen in a review. This book's methods are straightforward, basic retriever training of the type one can find from top trainers like Danny Farmer or Mike Lardy. There is a logical progression from puppy yard drills and basic obedience through refinement of line manners, multiple marks and basic handling. The information in here will yield a solid field dog or provide a foundation for Derby work in field trials. Like any training program, steady progression, intense repetition and, most importantly, PATIENCE are what is required. If it were impossible, as B. Blazer foolishly suggests, to both instill desire and passion for retrieving in a dog while also applying direct and indirect pressure during training, every competitive retriever in the world would be an empty husk of a dog - an assertion so baseless and without merit as to be laughable.

A must own for all aspiring retriever trainers. The Dahls have finally written a book that the average retriever owner can use to produce exactly what the title proclaims, an obedient and enthusiastic sporting dog. All in 10 minutes or less a day. The "10 Minute Retriever" will guide you through a well laid out, easy to follow, systematic approach of effectively and humanely communicating with your companion. The Dahls advocate training methods that are proven reliable while backing them with successful anecdotal stories experienced from well over a combined 30 years of professional training. Carefully following their techniques will positively uplift your new friend's attitude, confidence, and performance. If you're desiring to spend many quality and pleasurable years to come with a true "retrieving machine", then this book will be of immense assistance to you. The "10 Minute Retriever" will surely go down in the annals of retriever training as a timeless classic.

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