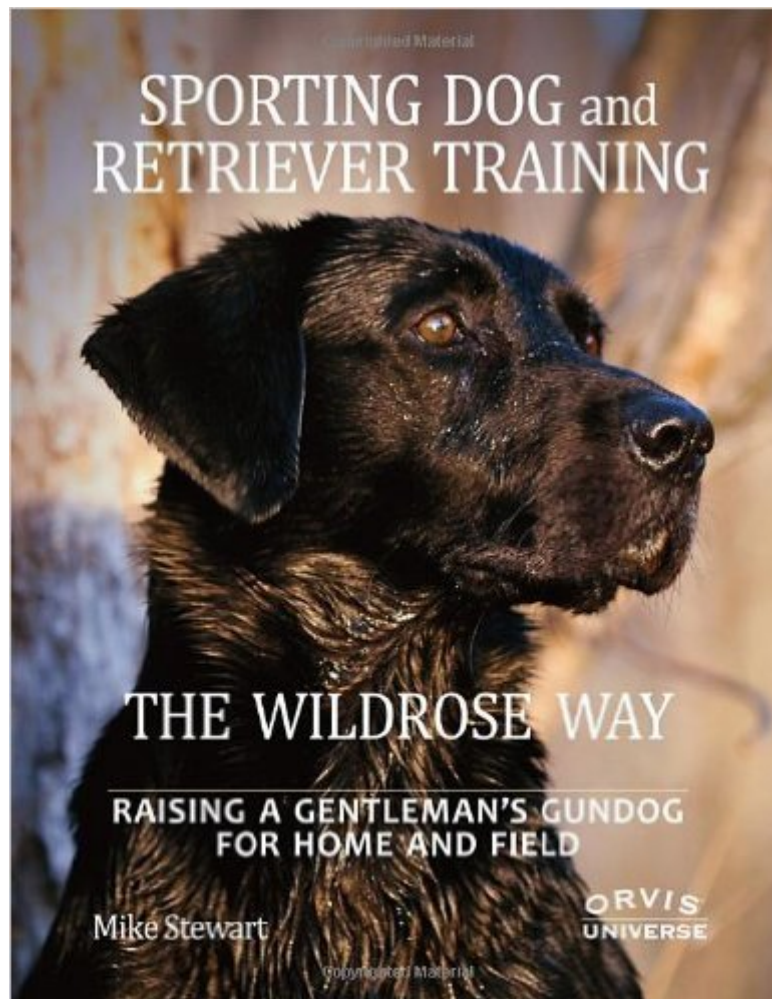


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# Sporting Dog And Retriever Training: The Wildrose Way: Raising A Gentleman's Gundog For Home And Field



## Synopsis

A comprehensive guide to transforming your dog into a valuable wing-shooting companion in the field and at home. Created by Mike Stewart of Wildrose Kennels, the Wildrose Way is a unique, low-force, positive training method that is field-proven for upland and waterfowl gundogs. The training prepares dogs for versatility "any game, any terrain, any destination" and makes them desirable companions for any situation. Now, for the first time, Stewart's methods are compiled in one indispensable reference book, fully illustrated with photographs and diagrams. Containing chapters on establishing essential behaviors, the core skills of the hunting retriever, and waterdog finishing work, as well as sidebars on such topics as breed selection and effective canine leadership, this step-by-step book is designed specifically for wing-shooters who want to transform their pup into a gentleman's gundog.

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## Customer Reviews

Before I launch into my review, let me get my perspective (and bias) out of the way: I am a Positive Reinforcement trainer. I use zero "correction" training. These are the primary reasons I bought this book because I THOUGHT this was a Positive Reinforcement training book for gun dogs. On to the review: 1. This is NOT a Positive Reinforcement training program. The "Look Inside" preview and Top Comments would lead you to believe it is (this is why I bought this book). But it isn't. 2. This is a traditional "Correction-based" training program. The preview stops at page 42, but coincidentally, the book starts to shift from Positive Reinforcement training to Correction-based training at around

page 40. (See comments section for specific page examples.)<sup>3</sup>. Surprisingly, not only is this book "Correction-based" training, but its methods are shockingly harsh, especially considering the book is marketing itself as "Positive." (See comments section for specific page examples.)<sup>4</sup>. The actual training portion of the book (WHAT to do WHEN) is poor: it is difficult to figure out what "Step 1" is and what "Step 2" while reading since the steps are not labeled and the "instructions" are mixed heavily with details that don't relate to the training.<sup>5</sup> The diagrams are NOT helpful. The same diagram (a dog and a person near a fence) appears 3 different times within 100 pages, and I still am not sure what the diagram is trying to describe. This is partly because nothing is labeled so you don't know where to start or end from.<sup>6</sup> This is purely conjecture on my part, but I am now extremely skeptical about the high reviews on this book.

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