



Marking Chart by Danny Farmer & Judy Aycock

D. Introducing Retired Guns

Once the dog has had enough marks to know something about how to hunt and an idea of marking you can start retiring the gun by just having the gun step behind a tree, hay bale, holding blind etc. Have the gun retire very close to where he was standing to throw the bird so that he can easily step out and help the dog if needed. The gun should retire as soon as he throws the bird. Do this on both long and short marks. When starting to introduce retired guns (this will be on singles) send the dog before the gun steps out of sight. As the dog becomes comfortable with no visible gunner you can start holding the dog for a couple of seconds before sending him. If you start retiring guns early in the dog's training I think you will find they are not bothered by them. If you have problems remember to simplify and always keep the dog's attitude positive.

E. Cheating Singles

1. Simple Cheating Marks
2. Simple Water Marks
3. Advanced Cheating Marks
4. Advanced Water Marks

F. Beginning Triples

G. Interrupted Set-Ups

H. Advance to more complex Marking concepts (Land & Water) Including Wind & Terrain.

“Do I want to challenge the dog or have success? That will determine my setups.”

Danny Farmer