



CALIFORNIA RETRIEVER TRAINING ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE:

CRTA was formed to:

- Provide suitable grounds in California on which field trials, hunt tests and training of retriever dogs may be held. The current grounds in operation are:
 - Goose Lake Grounds in Kern County near Lost Hills, and
 - Denverton Grounds in Solano County near Suisun City.
- Oversee the care and maintenance of these grounds, and provide arrangements for the fair and orderly use of the grounds by CRTA Members.

CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

General Requirements for Individual Membership:

- Member in good standing of a retriever club or association that has joined the CRTA as a Member club.
- Good sportsman
- Good character
- No recent occasion of any of the following:
 - Abuse of a dog
 - Abuse of grounds
- Not under suspension or disbarment by AKC, UKC, HRC, NAHRA, or a professional trainers' association.

Regular Membership:

- Individuals (not Professionals as defined by AKC) who want to use the CRTA grounds for exercising and/or training their retrievers.
- Meets "General Requirements for Individual Membership" as outlined above.
- Regular Membership 2010 dues: \$350.
- Spouse of Regular Member 2010 dues: \$175 (Spouse Regular Members have same Membership privileges as their Member spouse and are covered by their Member spouse's pre-paid camping fee, below).
- Individual Members desiring to prepay annually for camping in lieu of paying a nightly fee may do so in one advance payment, provided that it is made at the time the Regular Membership 2010 dues are paid. Fee for pre-paid 2010 camping: \$150.

Professional Membership:

- Professional dog trainers (as defined by AKC) who want to use the CRTA grounds for exercising and/or professional training of retrievers.
- Meets “General Requirements for Individual Membership” as outlined previously.
- Professional Membership 2010 dues: \$800.
- Spouse of Professional Member 2010 dues: \$400 (Spouse Professional Members have same Membership privileges as their Member spouse and are covered by their Member spouse’s pre-paid camping fee, below).
- Professional Members desiring to prepay annually for camping in lieu of paying a nightly fee may do so in one advance payment, provided that it is made at the time the Professional Membership 2010 dues are paid. Fee for pre-paid 2010 camping: \$150.

Retriever Club Members:

- AKC Sanctioned, Licensed, or Member Retriever Clubs that want their members to be eligible to join CRTA as Regular or Professional Members, or that want to hold field trials, hunt tests or picnic trials on the CRTA grounds.
- National Retriever Club, National Amateur Retriever Club, Master National Retriever Club, and the various National Parent Retriever Breed Clubs and Professional Trainers Associations that hold AKC licensed field trials.
- NAHRA Member Clubs that want their members to be eligible to join CRTA as Regular or Professional Members, or that want to hold field tests or other club events on the CRTA grounds
- HRC Member Clubs that want their members to be eligible to join CRTA as Regular or Professional Members, or that want to hold hunt tests or other club events on the CRTA grounds.
- Currently accredited by and in good standing with AKC, HRC, or NAHRA.
- A limit may be set on the number of events held in a given year if the demand gets too great for any given property.
- Club Membership 2010 dues: \$100
- Fee for AKC licensed field trial, hunt test, or picnic trial: 2010 fee: \$300 per day or \$5 per entry (including scratches), whichever is less. Additionally, any specific event costs such as garbage, additional water or any other costs incurred as a direct result of the event are to be reimbursed to CRTA by the sponsoring club.
- Annual storage of a Member club’s training equipment trailer is permitted on CRTA grounds on a space-available basis with a separate signed agreement. Such storage shall be at the club’s sole risk and in the location directed by the area caretaker. CRTA may require relocation or removal of the trailer if circumstances require. 2010 fee: \$300 per year.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS:

- Annual Memberships. All annual memberships are based on the calendar year, starting January 1st and ending December 31st.
- Pro-rated Partial-year Memberships for New Members. Fees for new Members joining part way through a calendar year are prorated as follows:
 - If joining on or after January 1st but before July 1st, 100% of full fee.
 - If joining on or after July 1st but before October 1st, 50% of full fee.

- If joining on or after October 1st but before January 1st of the following year, 25% of full fee plus 100% of full fee for following year, and membership will include the following year.
- In future years, if it becomes necessary to limit the number of memberships, priority will be given to previous year Members.
- To join the CRTA as a Regular or Professional Member, a completed Membership Application form and signed hold harmless agreement must be submitted to the Association Secretary. Membership forms are available on the CRTA website. www.cртаonline.com

If you do not have access to a computer, the Association Secretary can mail a package to you.

Association Secretary:

Alice Woodyard
 California Retriever Training Association
 P.O. Box 19174
 Sacramento, CA 95819
 Phone: (916) 254-0352
 Email: secretary@crtaonline.com

- Retriever Clubs applying for membership should include the following information in a separate letter attached to their membership form:
 - Names of Officers and Directors
 - Current membership list, complete with names, addresses, and telephone numbers. CRTA treats club membership lists as confidential.
- Each fall, a notice will be sent to all current Members indicating that annual membership dues for the upcoming year are payable. Fees are due and payable on January 1st. If membership fees are not paid by February 15th membership lapses and membership benefits terminate. In addition, if a member does not renew by February 15th, daily guest fees will be owed for each day such person used the CRTA grounds after January 1st.
- Prior to entering the grounds the first time and thereafter each time the Member renews his CRTA membership, every individual Member must sign and deliver to CRTA the CRTA "hold harmless" agreement protecting the property owners and CRTA and their respective officers, directors and employees from property damage and public liability. (Forms will be available and delivery can be made at the entrance to the grounds.) In lieu of requiring execution of a new "hold harmless" agreement with annual membership renewals, CRTA may have Members confirm at the time of renewal that the "hold harmless" agreement currently on file with CRTA remains in full force and effect.
- Members, including Member Clubs, will be responsible for any liability and/or damage resulting from their use or their guests' use of the grounds.
- Two vehicle identification stickers will be sent to each Member. Each sticker must be visibly displayed, one on the front left bumper of the Member's vehicle, and the other on the right rear bumper. This will allow CRTA to monitor and manage vehicles on the property. CRTA Members who use more than one vehicle for training should contact the Association Secretary for additional identification stickers.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:

- Members must adhere to all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.
- Members are expected to conduct themselves in a proper, responsible, and sportsman-like manner while on CRTA grounds.
- Members are expected to follow all the "Rules Governing Use of CRTA Grounds."
- Professional Members are prohibited from using the CRTA name, initials or emblem in any advertisements.

- Violation of above expectations of conduct and/or the “Rules Governing the Use of CRTA Grounds” will be the basis for suspension or expulsion of the Member from CRTA and prohibition from using the grounds.
 - Suspension or expulsion may be recommended by any Officer or Director of CRTA and acted on by the Board of Directors of CRTA.
 - In unusual circumstances, the President of CRTA can summarily suspend or expel a Member.
- If a Member resigns, is suspended, or expelled, there will be no refund of his dues for his current membership.

RULES GOVERNING USE OF CRTA GROUNDS:

- Only CRTA Members are permitted to exercise or train dogs on CRTA grounds, with the following exceptions:
 - Persons attending a CRTA-approved field trial, hunt test, or picnic trial who have signed and delivered the “hold harmless” agreement protecting the property owners and CRTA and their respective officers, directors and employees from property damage and public liability. (Forms will be available and delivery can be made at the entrance to the grounds.)
 - Children (under 18 years of age) of Regular Members or Professional Members may exercise and/or train retrievers without being a Member when accompanied at all times by a CRTA Member and training in the area assigned for use by the Member.
 - The CRTA Member accompanying the minor is fully responsible for that child’s conduct and safety, and will be additionally responsible for any liability and/or damage resulting from the minor’s use of the grounds.
 - Minor children must wear safety glasses and ear protection when shooting and/or throwing.
 - Professional Assistants to Professional Members who are training and handling dogs with a Professional Member need not be a CRTA Member if the Assistant is handling dogs with the professional’s training group in the assigned training area. Professional Assistants must be accompanied by their host Member at all times. Professional Assistants must sign and deliver to CRTA a “hold harmless” agreement prior to entering the grounds, protecting the property owners and CRTA and their respective officers, directors and employees from property damage and public liability. (Forms will be available and delivery can be made at the entrance to the grounds.) All Professional Members will be additionally responsible for any liability and/or damage resulting from their Professional Assistants’ use of the grounds. A spouse of a Professional Member may be a Professional Assistant under this section and does not need to purchase a Spouse Membership unless training without the Professional Member present.
 - Participating Guests as defined below.
- “Non-Participating Guests” are defined as individuals not handling dogs. Such guests do not need to be a Member of CRTA. However, they are required to have a Retriever Club host in the event of a field trial, hunt test or picnic trial. Individuals who regularly handle dogs in hunt tests, field trials, or picnic trials, and who own or co-own dogs that are being worked on the CRTA grounds, do not fall under the intent of this section, except when (1) they are attending a CRTA-approved field trial, hunt test or picnic trial, or (2) their host is a Professional Member. Such individuals fall under the intent of the following section, covering Participating Guests, even though such individuals may not be handling a dog on the day of their visit. Prior to entering the grounds for the first time, all Non-participating Guests must sign and deliver to CRTA the CRTA form of a “hold harmless” agreement protecting the property owners and CRTA and their respective officers, directors and employees from property damage and public liability. In addition, a new “hold harmless” agreement must be signed by all Non-participating Guests at the start of each calendar year. (Forms will be available and delivery can be made at the entrance to the grounds.) Non-Participating Guests must remain with the host Member in his assigned training area and be accompanied by the Guest’s host Member at all times. All hosts will be additionally responsible for any liability and/or damage resulting from their guests’ use of the grounds.

- Participating Guests. Participating Guests are Amateur handlers who want to handle dogs on the grounds when accompanying and training with a Regular or Professional Member. Prior to entering the grounds for the first time, all Participating Guests must sign and deliver to CRTA the CRTA form of a “hold harmless” agreement protecting the property owners and CRTA and their respective officers, directors and employees from property damage and public liability. In addition, a new “hold harmless” agreement must be signed by all Participating Guests at the start of each calendar year. (Forms will be available and delivery can be made at the entrance to the grounds.) All hosts will be additionally responsible for any liability and/or damage resulting from their guests’ use of the grounds. The host Regular or Professional Member will be responsible for the daily Participating Guest fee of \$35/day per Participating Guest, payable on each day of training. No Participating Guest fee is charged for children (under 18 years of age) of Members. Regular or Professional Members have no limits on the number of Participating Guests they may host per day; however the Participating Guests must train with the host Member in his assigned training area and must be accompanied by the host Member at all times. Both the Goose Lake and Denverton Grounds provide self-addressed envelopes and drop boxes on site to be used for payment of guest fees. Fees should be mailed to the CRTA office or placed in the drop box each day.
- Part or all of the grounds may be closed by the management of CRTA on a limited number of occasions for maintenance or other special occasions.
- Grounds are available for use one-half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- Except at CRTA approved events or as provided by these Rules for signing up at the entry kiosk on the day of use, all Members must make and have confirmed a reservation for exercising and/or training on CRTA grounds.
- Reservations should be made via the CRTA website, telephone, letter, e-mail or fax.
 - CRTA website Reservations: Members can reserve training areas on CRTA grounds via the Members Only section at www.cртаonline.com. Website reservations can be made until 4 pm of the day before the day of the reservation. Website reservations will be confirmed immediately by the online reservation system.
 - Phone, Fax, Letter, and Email Reservations: This method should only be used by those without web access. Members without web access can reserve training areas on CRTA grounds by contacting the CRTA on-site representative (listed below) not later than 4 pm of the day before the day of the reservation. There may be a delay in confirming a non website reservation. Therefore, all website reservations made prior to the time of actual confirmation of a non website reservation will have priority.
 - Goose Lake Grounds: A representative lives on site and manages the property and reservations. Email: gooselake@crтаonline.com, phone (661) 797-2523, fax (661) 797-2524
 - Denverton Grounds: A representative lives nearby and manages the property and reservations. Email: denverton@crтаonline.com, phone (707) 374-5517; Cell (707) 287-2398, fax (707) 374-1476
- Drop-In Use by Members. The on-site representative will post a daily sign-up form at each entry kiosk, showing which training areas have confirmed reservations for that day and which are not reserved. Members may sign up for non-reserved training areas on this daily sign-up form. The daily sign-up form will cover only the current day; reservations applying to future days must be made through the CRTA reservation system.
- Members who finish training early should cross their name off of the daily sign-up form to indicate that the training area is again available.
- Reservations will be for specific training areas on the grounds and for half-day periods.
- Groups of Members making up a “training group” may not combine reservations so as to reserve the same area for the full day. However, Members making up a training group may combine a reservation and a drop-in sign-up for an area that is still available on the day of use.
- Use of the “Pond Areas.” The “Pond Areas” are Denverton T1, T2 and T9. The “Pond Areas” at Goose Lake are CCF-West T1, T3, T5, T9, T10, Tumblin Lake and Houchin Lake (except when the ponds and canals in that area are dry). Only one half-day reservation of any of the Pond Areas may be made each day by

Members making up a training group. However, Members making up a training group may combine a reservation and a drop-in sign-up for a Pond Area that is still available on the day of use.

- Rolling Maximum Reservation Limit. A Member may hold a total of three half-day reservations at any one time. It is not a violation of the Rolling Maximum Reservation Limit if Members making up a training group combine their reservations, provided the other limitations on combining reservations stated in these Rules are followed.
- If a Member makes a reservation for a training group and for whatever reason that Member leaves the assigned area, the remaining Member or Members may continue to use that reservation.
- There is no limit to the number of Members in a training group.
- Training groups will not be allowed to break up into multiple groups in the same training area. It is intended that only one dog will be running in a designated training area at any given time.
- The Board of Directors of CRTA may establish other limits on how many Members or training groups can train on the CRTA grounds at any one time and how many half-day reservations can be concurrently held by a Member or by a training group.
- The CRTA representative receiving requests for reservations may additionally limit the number of half-day reservations and/or determine the location of grounds to be used by a Member to provide equal and fair use of the grounds by all Members.
- Members holding a reservation must cancel it promptly if they decide not to use it; failure to cancel may be grounds for refusing to grant future reservations or other restrictions of the Member's privileges.
- CRTA Member Retriever Clubs may use the CRTA grounds for AKC licensed field trials, hunt tests and picnic trials, NAHRA licensed field tests, HRC licensed hunt tests, and other club-sponsored events.
 - Retriever Clubs must make reservations well in advance for use of CRTA grounds for events.
 - CRTA-approved trials, hunt tests and picnic trials will have priority over training in reserving the grounds.
 - Retriever Clubs will be responsible for supplying portable toilets and trash receptacles for use during CRTA-approved events and any other specific costs associated with the event including all setup and cleanup.
 - Retriever Clubs will be responsible for handling the reservations and fee collection for non-Member's on-site camping allowed in connection with the Club's event. Fees of \$15 per night per non-Member's trailer will be paid to CRTA by the club. The club will identify a club contact person for camping reservations in the Club's event premium list.
 - Retriever Clubs using the grounds for CRTA-approved events will be required to furnish CRTA with a signed "hold harmless" agreement and with a Certificate of Insurance for not less than one million dollars of coverage for public liability and property damage, naming the property owners and CRTA and their respective Officers, Directors and employees as additional insureds.
 - Upon approval of a date the Retriever Club must submit a plan in writing for approval by the CRTA site representative for:
 - Vendor for portable toilets and trash receptacles, including placement and location.
 - Arrangement for disposal of dead birds.
 - A plan to ensure all participants and gallery sign the "Hold Harmless Agreement" prior to entering grounds.
 - Any other matters required by the CRTA for that event.
- For exercising or training, each Member and guest must sign in at the entry kiosk prior to entering grounds each day. Upon completion of use each day, each Member and guest must sign out at the entry kiosk. For trials and tests, all contestants, gallery, and workers must sign in on their first day of attendance. In addition, all contestants, gallery, and workers must sign and deliver a "hold harmless" agreement.

- Special care must be observed to immediately close any closed gates and relock any locked gates after passing through. In the case of an approved trial or test, a gate attendant may be used.
- Special care must be observed to keep cars and trucks on established roads and parking areas. In wet weather, cars and trucks must remain on all-weather roads and parking areas.

ATV Usage:

- Goose Lake Grounds: ATV's are permitted on Goose Lake grounds for training, trial, and hunt test purposes. CRTA expects ATV users to operate ATV's safely and be respectful of the habitat.
- Denverton Grounds: ATV's are permitted on Denverton grounds for training, trial and hunt test-purposes. CRTA expects ATV users to operate ATV's safely and be respectful of the habitat.
- Special care must be observed concerning smoking and the use of matches. No smoking is allowed on CRTA grounds during the dry season, except inside motor vehicles.
- All garbage, debris, shell casings, and dead birds, must be picked up and properly disposed of off the grounds.
- Overnight dry camping will be permitted at designated areas as follows: Camping is permitted by CRTA Members, Participating and Non-participating Guests of CRTA Members while the host Member is also camping, and participants in CRTA-approved field trials, picnic trials and hunt tests. Reservations are required. This fee is paid per trailer, and is \$10.00 per night for a CRTA Member and \$15 per night for all other campers. The fee is paid to CRTA and is due and payable at the end of each stay. CRTA Members who have made the \$150 advance payment for camping, paid at the time they paid their membership fee, do not owe any nightly camping fees. The CRTA Member Club hosting the field trial, picnic trial or hunt test will handle the reservations and collection of fees for camping taking place in connection with the club's event, and remit the camping fees to the CRTA office. The CRTA on-site representatives will handle reservations for camping at other times, and those fees will be mailed by the camping Member or Guest to the CRTA office at the end of each stay, or left in the on-site drop box upon departure from the camping area. CRTA Members are responsible for their Guests' camping fees.
- All Member Clubs which hold events on CRTA property are required to provide prior notification with all required pertinent information to the appropriate California Department of Fish and Game Region, Pursuant to Regulation #677 "Dog Training and Field Trials" at least three (3) business days prior to the event. The present California DF&G regulations require that persons shooting domestically reared game bird species (pheasants, partridge, chukar, and ducks) have a valid California hunting license. Also a current upland stamp is required if shooting pheasants, partridge, or chukar. A waterfowl stamp is not presently required for shooting domestically reared ducks. The above requirements will be enforced on all CRTA properties. CRTA requires copies of all submittals in order to ensure consistency with CRTA operation and to make them available to others. The sponsoring Club is responsible for compliance with all regulations of the California Department of Fish and Game.
- Lead shot shall not be used on any CRTA property.
- No hunting for wild birds or animals is permitted by CRTA Members on the grounds.
- No alcohol consumption or use of drugs on the grounds.
- No motorized equipment is to be driven on the observation mounds.
- The maximum speed allowed on any designated CRTA grounds shall be no greater than 15 MPH.
- If the Board of Directors of CRTA deems it desirable, they may change or add to the "Rules Governing Use of CRTA Grounds" or the "Conduct of Members."

GOVERNANCE OF CRTA:

- Officers

President:	Charles P. Tyson
Chairman Emeritus	Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr.
Senior Vice President:	William M. Daley
Vice Presidents:	Julie Cole, Bill Kolstad, Alice Woodyard
Treasurer:	Dave Terry
Secretary:	Alice Woodyard

- Board of Directors

Gary Ahlgren	William M. Daley	David Terry
Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr.	Laura Judd	Charles P. Tyson
Glenda Brown	Bill Kolstad	Alice Woodyard
Julie Cole	Florence Sloane	

- Election Process for Officers & Directors:

- Directors are elected by the Board of Directors for staggered 3-year terms.
- The President is elected by the Board of Directors annually.
- Officers are appointed by the President and serve until a successor is appointed.

OTHER:

- Association Secretary: Alice Woodyard
California Retriever Training Association
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Sacramento, CA 95819

Phone: (916) 254-0352

Email: secretary@crtainline.com

- Web site: www.crtainline.com

- Contact information for training grounds:

- Goose Lake Grounds

Maps & Details:	www.crtainline.com/goose_lake.htm
Physical Address:	15077 Main Drain Road, Wasco, CA 93280
On-site Caretaker:	Brian Clasby
E-mail:	gooselake@crtainline.com
Telephone:	661-797-2523
Fax:	661-797-2524
Mailing Address:	CRTA Caretaker, P.O. Box 641, Lost Hills, CA 93249

- Denverton Grounds

Maps & Details:	www.crtainline.com/denverton.htm
Physical Address:	3836 Denverton Rd., Suisun City, CA 94585
On-site Caretaker:	Larry Clark
E-mail:	denverton@crtainline.com
Telephone:	707-374-5517
Fax:	707-374-1476
Cell:	707-287-2398
Mailing Address:	CRTA Caretaker, 3836 Denverton Rd., Suisun City, CA 94585-9786