

June Training Ideas for Gundog Breeds



Calm dogs perform best. Consistency builds reliability.

Longer days, warmer weather and more time outdoors make June the perfect month to build focus, strengthen foundations and prepare for the season ahead.

It's not about more exercise, it's about better training.

June Focus Areas



1. Steadiness Training
Build impulse control and calm waiting around real-life distractions. Short, successful repetitions create lasting habits.



4. Memory Retrieves & Hunting Drills
Use memories, scent and directional work to develop natural abilities and focus.



2. Recall Around Distractions
Proof recall in busier environments using long lines when needed, rewards for quick responses, and plenty of encouragement.



5. Lead Walking & Neutrality
Practise calm lead walking and settling around people, dogs and busy environments. Neutrality is a valuable skill.



3. Water Confidence & Swimming
Introduce structured water work to build confidence, fitness and retrieve skills in a controlled way.



6. Keep Sessions Short
Several focused 5–10 minute sessions are often more effective than one long, tiring session.

Top Tip

Focus on quality, not quantity.

End each session before your dog loses focus.

Always finish on a positive.

Why Summer Training Matters

- ✓ More distractions mean more chances to build reliability
- ✓ Great conditions for water confidence and fitness
- ✓ Foundation work now pays off during the season
- ✓ Calmer training builds better, more willing dogs



June Training Ideas at a Glance



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Helping gundog breeds build calmness, focus and real-world reliability through balanced training and structured enrichment.

