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***Training to Save Your Dog’s life***

***Do you hike, hunt or live in snake country with your dog? Give your dog a fighting chance! Let us educate your dog to the danger of rattlesnakes! All breeds and sizes!***

Sign your dog up now for the

CGDA pointing dog club’s

*Snake Avoidance Course*

*June 3rd 2023*

Held at: Hess Road, Parker CO

just West of Heirloom Parkway

**GPS Coordinate**: <https://goo.gl/maps/a9Hy1NKaxYzvKtXN7>

Training starts at 8:00 am until 4:00 pm Saturday, June 3 2023 ONLY

Sponsored by:

The Colorado Gun Dog Association

We have been training dogs to avoid snakes for over 20 years Our partner, Robert Hemmenway is a professional Snake Avoidance trainer from Texas –

We train ALL BREEDS and SIZES of dogs.

**Cost is $75.00 per dog**

**Additional information and payment options are available at:** [**www.coloradogundog.org**](http://www.coloradogundog.org)

**Snake Avoidance Tab (bottom of page)**

***Contact us at:*** email - **snakeavoidance@coloradogundog.org**

**Fred 303-450-2547**

**Paul 303-807-0207**

**We welcome pointing dog enthusiasts to check out our club!**

**If you know of any other dog lovers who may be interested please help us spread the word and post or forward**

Colorado Gun Dog Association

We are a Pointing Dog Club

**Snake Avoidance Course**

 You may be wondering what exactly a Snake Avoidance Course is and what will happen to your dog.  Professional snake handler Robert Hemmenway from Texas has 'desnaked' thousands of dogs over many years and will conduct the clinic, sponsored by the Colorado Gun Dog Association, a pointing dog club.

 This course is designed for your dog to associate snakes with a very unpleasant experience and only takes about five minutes on the field. The course uses electronic stimulation dog collars for training the dogs in a way that they blame the snake for their discomfort.  The electronic collar has been proven as a very safe and effective method for this training.

 Rattlesnakes have the capabilities of rotating fangs very quickly after accidents to their fangs so Robert uses a clipping method to keep the old fang partially in place and milking the venom in the process.  The possibility of venom extracting from that portion of the fang is very low and the mouth is humanely taped for further safety.  Robert has never had a reported accidental venom extraction.

  There will be multiple rattlesnakes on the course.  One snake has its rattles taped to simulate a dormant snake or a Cottonmouth. The dog is brought in the vicinity of the snake using long check cords. The best response is to get the dog to use its natural senses and SEE the snake and SMELL the snake! When the trainer sees that this has occurred, a negative response will be given from the e-collar. Some dogs will need further stimulation, but most will learn quickly that any curiosity will result in a negative response.

  The other snake will usually be a more aggressive rattlesnake, complete with the buzzing of rattles. The purpose is to have the dog use its natural senses to HEAR the snake, SEE the snake and SMELL the snake. If your dog responds by avoiding the vicinity no negative response will be given but if your dog shows any curiosity, stimulation will be applied.

  A wide berth around the snake is the final lesson showing that your dog recognizes WHERE THE SNAKE IS, WHAT THE SNAKE SOUNDS LIKE & WHAT THE SNAKE SMELLS LIKE as an unpleasant experience to be avoided.

  This method of training is highly effective but not guaranteed so we recommend annual training until you are satisfied with your dog's responses. We have heard many success stories from owners of Snake Avoidance Course graduates that have avoided snake encounters that may have saved their lives or huge vet bills. Many dogs have a natural attraction and curiosity towards snakes. Give your dog a chance against one of nature’s dangerous surprises! “DESNAKE”!!!

**Credit card payment is available on our website: coloradogundog.org** or

***Please send the following information and payment to:***

***CGDA c/o Paul Boni, 6762 Bugle Court, Boulder CO 80301***

***Make checks payable to: C.G.D.A.***

**NAME**

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Number of dogs \_\_\_\_ x $75.00 per dog = $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

I hereby absolve and hold harmless the Colorado Gun Dog Association, it’s officers and members or Robert Hemmenway and anyone acting on their behalf, from any liability, damages or claims resulting from the Snake Avoidance Course held on June 3rd 2023 or any postponement date.  I certify that I have read the above explanation and understand what will take place during the Snake Avoidance Course.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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