



## 'HK's BLOG'

The blog of Mullenscote Dog Training Centre and  
Lains Shooting School

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Ohhhh boy this shooting season is going to be such a good one! Judging by the number of people coming to the Shooting School and Dog Training Centre to get their eye in or tune up the dog, the place has been just buzzing, I thought there was a recession on? It's just brilliant to see so many people involved with the Countryside and the Shooting and Dogs that are an Integral part of the scene. I'm writing this as the half term holidays draw to close, it's been amazing to see so many young people in for shooting lessons over the period, stating the obvious it's essential that young people get involved with our country sports and judging by the numbers that we've been coaching it would seem the future is bright.

A massive thank you to everyone that supported or helped out on our Charity Fund Raising Shoot for Quarley Church, it was a huge success and its really great that we can give something back to a community that is extremely supportive of our wonderful sport. To those of you that gave up your day to help run a Shooting Stand, I owe you one, thank you.

### **Pet Spec Prize Winner**

In conjunction with our sponsors Pet Spec and The Sporting Shooter magazine a competition was run with the prize being a day's dog training here at Mullenscote.

The winner Derek Smith came along with his lovely wife Nina and ESS dog Reuben.

What a lovely couple they were, we had a lot of fun and did lots of dog training. Reuben is a really nice young dog and is already well on the way to being well trained. We spent half an hour putting Reuben and Derek through their paces after which we worked on developing Reubens confidence on Blind Retrieves.



### **More Training for your Dog?**

In order to keep your dog at its peak during the shooting season a structured programme of ongoing training is necessary to maximise the pleasure to both you and your four legged "best friend".

The foundation, bronze, silver and gold packages are designed to meet these needs with the next courses starting on Sunday 2 December..... so give us a call and click on the link below for more details.

## Does your dog need a Personal Trainer?



Please call the office if you would like us to tailor a package to meet your specific requirements. 01264 889467

Visit our website at <http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/courses.html> for full details

## Wildlife

Operating a Shooting School requires that we have relatively large areas of land left un-farmed which becomes 'wild grassland,' this relatively natural environment creates a haven for rabbits, mice and voles which in turn and is perhaps one of the least expected spin-offs of the Shooting School is the amazing Wildlife that lives on the site. Before, during and after opening hours Deer, Badger, Foxes, Stoats, Tawny and Barn Owls, Buzzards, Kites, Kestrels, Sparrow Hawks, Pheasant, English and French Partridge and a whole array of small bird life can be seen.

Just as the Shooting School serves to 'feed' all of the human team that work here the habitat supports a mini eco system that quite literally feeds off each other.



In conjunction with the Hawk Conservancy we have an Owl Box which is one of many that is monitored and maintained by the Hawk Conservancy, for the last three years we have had a clutch of Tawny Owls raised and fledged from our box. Very, very rewarding!

## FT Dates and Sunday Opening

Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> October saw us hold the second of our UKAHFT air rifle competitions. Ladies World Champion Steph Kirkwood along with the team of Mike Norman and Stephen designed and laid out a course that tested the very best of competitors. The strong winds, superbly designed distances, heights, angles and target positioning meant that everyone needed to be at their best to deliver a good score. - Top shots with a score of 57 x 60 were Richard Bainton using a Walther Rifle and Leupold Scope and Peter Higgins using a Walther Rifle and Lightstream Scope and 3rd place was Stuart James using an Air Arms MPR and MTC Viper Scope.

With the layout now set up we will be open on some Sundays for Air Rifle practice giving you access to practice on the 30 target UKAHFT course, an opportunity not to be missed. See the attached Fixture List.



# UKAHFT

**NOW OPEN FOR HFT**

And Normal Range  
PRACTICE SHOOTS ON

**SUNDAY'S**

10AM -2PM



Open Dates:-

November  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

December  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

January  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

## It's that time of year again!



Christmas is, at the time of writing this blog, only **43** sleeps away.

If you are stuck for that Christmas gift idea try one of these below

- £10, £20 and £25 gift vouchers are available from the Shooting School Reception.
- Or how about a Shooting Lesson Voucher? Beginners, Improvers or just a warm up!
- Maybe a Christmas voucher to learn how to train that Naughty Dog, Private Lessons or Enrol on one of our Dog Training Courses!
- To purchase a voucher just give us a call on 01264 889467.

Please call in and take a look.

# KEEP TRAINING



## Howard

### FOR SALE

Janfran General George of Mullenscote (Razz)

Peg, Picking Up all-round shooting Companion. 3 years old Black Labrador Male Dog, Calm, gentle, powerful, excellent working /Field Trial lines, can sit on the peg, has been 'On Tour' with Mullenscote from a puppy, does all you'd expect from a well trained Shooting Dog, has won Scurries. Hip/Eye certificates, has been used at stud. A really nice all-round easy dog would be ok for a novice /new handler. Comes with Full Mullenscote Support, handover package. This one's too good to miss.

Please contact Howard or Shaun on 01264 889467.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

#### DECEMBER

Saturday 22<sup>ND</sup> Open 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Sunday 23<sup>RD</sup> Closed

Monday 24<sup>TH</sup> Open 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Tuesday 25<sup>TH</sup> Closed

Wednesday 26<sup>TH</sup> Closed

Thursday 27<sup>TH</sup> Open 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Friday 28<sup>TH</sup> Open 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Saturday 29<sup>TH</sup> Open 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Sunday 30<sup>TH</sup> Closed

Monday 31<sup>ST</sup> Open 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

#### JANUARY

Tuesday 1<sup>ST</sup> January Closed

Wednesday 2<sup>ND</sup> Open 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Thursday 3<sup>RD</sup> Open 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Friday 4<sup>TH</sup> Open 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Saturday 5<sup>TH</sup> Open 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

## Quote of the Month

A new Gun Dog Training client takes a seat in the Mullenscote classroom and states, "my husband thinks Fido is going to be a brilliant Gundog, every morning he goes into the wood behind our house and chases hundreds of pheasants, he loves it." Howard shuffles, nervously in his seat, "unfortunately Madam that's not all good."



## Mullenscote Links and Information

**Club Membership** – free access to rabbit and bird pens, 10% discount on dog food and much much more for just £48 for the year. Call for details on 01264 889467

**Course Dates** - <http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/courses.html>

**Shows and Events** - [http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows\\_and\\_events.html](http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows_and_events.html)

## Training DVDs, Hunter Wellies and more



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