

PLAY BALL!

How to play retrieving games safely with your dog



KEEP THINGS STATIONARY

Throw the toy and wait to release your dog until the object will be stationary when your dog reaches it.

GO UNDERCOVER

Throw the object into cover, such as tall grass or weeds, so that your dog has to search for it.



NO AIR BUD

Never have your dog catch a toy in the air, unless you are training for disc dog AND have trained your dog to properly land on its front end after catching.

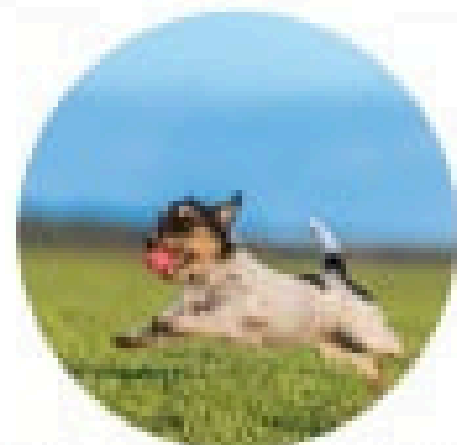
GET 'EM FIT FIRST

For many dogs, retrieving is an extreme sport! Protect your dog from injury with a fitness program so that she's physically prepared to play safely.



PICK THE RIGHT TOY

Use properly sized toys that aren't slippery or edible. Sticks, rocks, too-small toys, or balls with a single hole in them are all dangerous.



STOP AT THE SPOON

Stop playing when the tip of your dog's tongue becomes wider at the tip or curls. Your dog is entering the Injury Zone and is likely causing damage to himself.

