



Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow

Hunting Awareness & Conservation Education

Hunting with Dogs

Goal: To convey the roles and values of hunting with well-trained dogs. To convey that a number of breeds exist for various hunting pursuits.

Objectives: After this block of instruction the participant will be able to:

1. Recognize that there are over 88 breeds of hunting dogs.
2. Understand that hunting dogs greatly enhance finding and recovering game while also heightening the experience for the hunter.
3. Describe how hunting dogs are full-fledge hunting partners for a small portion of the year and pets the remainder of the time.
4. Explain that a dog's innate hunting instinct must be honed and refined to match the hunter's hunting style, expectations, and temperament.
5. Recognize that dog owners are a passionate niche of the hunting constituency.

Why This Is Important to a Natural Resource Professional

The use of dogs for hunting can improve hunting success and can serve to retrieve birds that may not otherwise be found. However, the use of dogs can sometimes be a controversial subject, particularly for trailing-type dogs used in hunting large carnivores. In addition, providing dog training opportunities on public land also may be a controversial issue.

Additional Resources

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