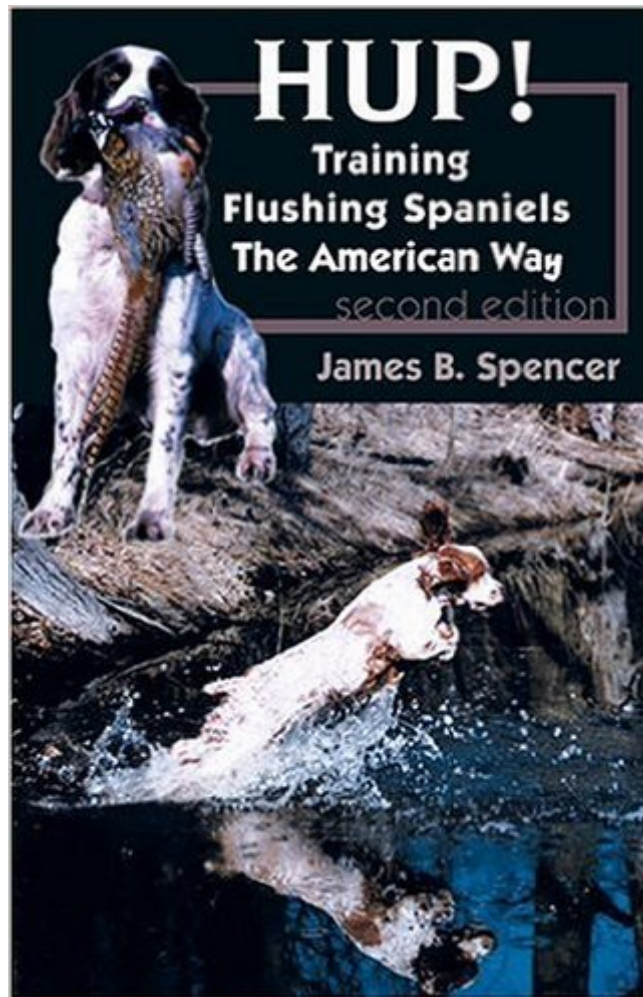


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Hup!: Training Flushing Spaniels The American Way



Synopsis

Americans who love working spaniels will welcome this comprehensive guide to the selecting, training and enjoying of these delightful breeds! Highly informative, clearly written, and lavishly illustrated, this edition includes information about recent developments in the spaniel world, such as the rebirth of field-bred American Cockers, the resurgence of field trials for English and American Cocker Spaniels, and the current status of the American Water Spaniel Club's classification dilemma. You'll learn about:

- * Acquiring your flushing spaniel
- * Training your spaniel
- * Enjoying your spaniel
- * Eight flushing spaniel breeds from a hunter's point of view
- * How to locate your ideal spaniel
- * How to start your pup and adult

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Customer Reviews

This book helped me tremendously to understand the basics and understand the entire process of training a flushing spaniel. The author speaks clearly and explains all steps extremely well and his instructions are so very "understandable". The author also writes with a genuine love of the dogs that comes through in all his chapters, and there's a great beginning where he goes over each spaniel breed and talks to real breeders about the attributes of each breed with regard to working ability, temperament etc. I highly recommend this wonderful book to anyone who loves working with their spaniel and will be training them to do field trials, or hunt test, or working dog certificates (as I am).

Jim Spencer covers all areas of spaniel training in a logical and understandable way. His methods

and techniques make sense and can be accomplished by novice and experienced trainers. Whether one looks for a good hunting companion spaniel or a potential field trial champion, this book presents all aspects of training a spaniel to become an excellent gun dog. In addition to specific spaniel training methods, Jim covers general retrieving and spaniel breed history which make the book a must for any spaniel fancier's collection.

I began training English Cocker Spaniels in the field some 14 yrs ago. A friend turned me onto this book and it has become my bible for training flushing spaniels. It is very common sense and even if you have never trained a spaniel before it is easy to follow. It also has a wonderful section on each breed which is of great help to those wanting to choose a spaniel hunting companion. Jim Spencer has made it easy for anyone to train a hunting companion in the field. Thanks Jim.

Now in an updated second edition, HUP! Training Flushing Spaniels The American Way is a practical, user friendly, and very highly recommended instructional guide written by James B. Spencer, an award-winning dog and outdoor writer with over 500 magazine articles to his credit. From an examination of different types of flushing Spaniel breeds; to training a Spaniel from puppyhood in various retrieval and hunting techniques; to working certificate tests, and much, much more, HUP! Training Flushing Spaniels The American Way is marked by especially straightforward instructions and advice, based on years of professional experience.

I used James's first edition as my main source of knowledge to train my first two Boykins in 1994--at that time I knew of no one who was hunting Boykins in the uplands. They were all just dove and duck dogs. 4 Boykins later, I still use Hup as my knowledge base for total training. Hup covers your basics, the retriever work and the upland work. If you hunt your spaniel In Dove fields in the fall, then the Duck blind and chase pheasant, grouse, Huns, etc in the winter, this is your book and single best training manual. Over the years, during off season, I've run my spaniels in UKC-HRC retriever tests set up basically for Labs, plus AKC upland hunt tests for flushing dogs. Hup will get you started with all that activity also. If you can find the hard cover 1st addition, get that, otherwise the paperback 2nd will do fine--since it is basically the same. Here is two year old Hunters Rest Artemis running 5 for 5 titled AKC Senior Hunter and Hup trained.

This is a must have book for all spaniel, or hope to be spaniel owners. It is exceptionally easy to follow and even fun to read. Anyone with some time, patience and this book can train a very good

dog. The first part will help anyone who is undecided on which spaniel would be best for them.

If you have decided to take on the training of a Spaniel, this is the book to have. Spaniels have suffered the popularity of the Labrador and Golden Retriever. This makes finding relevant and up to date materials hard to come by. I personally have a library full of dog training books and videos. If you intend to train a Spaniel in the proper, traditional way, spend your money on this book! This book is clear and concise with plenty of photographs and illustrations. Of all the books I have, this is the one I come back to reference again and again.

Spencer knows how flushing spaniels work. He is on target on how and when these dogs respond to various levels of training. All dogs vary in their training, but he can get you out of trouble and back on track with your training. A must for anyone training their first flushing spaniel and great for trouble shooting your dog.

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