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There are already good books on training Retrievers. They generally give rules and methods which are sound, but as a trainer becomes more experienced he or she realises that all Retrievers cannot be trained by a fixed set of rules. Every dog is different and often there are new problems which need analysing if they are to be corrected.

I first met Helene Leimer in Switzerland in 1987, and realised from the beginning that she was a dedicated trainer of her own dogs and always keen and willing to help others, especially with young dogs. Helene has often invited myself and my wife Angela to assist with her Gundog Trainings and Seminars which she organises very professionally. On my many trips to Europe I am often reminded about a very special training weekend that Helene organised at Steinberg in 1991. It was attended by many enthusiasts who are now competing at the highest level all over Europe. Because of her ability as a competitor and trainer Helene has also progressed as a Working Test and Field Trial Judge, and the many times I have judged with her in different parts of Europe I have never had any doubt of her ability or dedication. She has reached a high standard with her own dogs which include winning the Swiss Championship in October 1997. However, her success has never stopped her from learning from others and she is always willing to try a different method and readjust her thinking. So anyone attending her training classes or reading her book can be sure of having the advantage of a wealth of experience that she has gained over many years.

In conclusion we all realise that no book can be a complete answer to a Retriever Trainer's prayer, but I am sure that the reader of this book will certainly find it very interesting and helpful. I know this will also make Helene very happy and feel that all the effort was worthwhile.

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