

The Hunting Style of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (Toller) was developed in Canada for use as a gun dog for hunting under Canadian hunting conditions. The breed is used as a versatile hunting dog for both water fowl and upland birds. These dogs excel as a hunting dog as well as provide an excellent family dog that can easily come from the field to the home.

The Toller because of its size, can cover ground efficiently and at a moderate pace, allowing it to maintain its endurance throughout a day's hunt. The Toller possesses an excellent nose, strong drive, and great intelligence. A Toller is a thinking dog that will use its nose and vision to **corner** and flush game. With proper training the Toller should maintain reasonable quartering patterns that **are** within gun range.

When finding its bird, a Toller may charge in with the flush or pause, hesitating as it attempts to locate the bird using sight or scent. Both styles are acceptable but a good flush of the bird should be expected. The Toller should be a good marker of downed birds from a flush and locate and retrieve to handler showing no reluctance. **A soft mouth is essential.**

As a dog that was used for duck hunting as well as upland, the Toller should readily take to water showing strong swimming and marking abilities.