

NONRESIDENT Bird Dog Training Survey (2024)

There were N=108 Nonresident Bird Dog Training License Holders in the ALS System at the time of implementing the survey. Ninety-nine of those individuals had email addresses information.

An online survey was sent to all 99 nonresidents who had an email address. Eighty-seven nonresidents opened the emailed survey invitation to complete the online survey. Eleven invites were unopened. One email address bounced. In total, there were 55 respondents to the survey resulting in a 56 percent survey response rate.

- Forty-two percent (N=23) reported they trained dogs this past year in Montana using live wild game birds NOT raised in captivity.
- Nine percent of nonresidents who trained dogs reported they trained dogs **COMMERCIALY** this past year in Montana using live wild game birds NOT raised in captivity.
 - Two nonresidents trained dogs in Region 6 commercially:
 - Average of 8 dogs (range: 6 low – 10 high), trained an average of 10 days. Fifty percent mostly on publicly owned lands and 50 percent equally on both private/public lands. Fifty percent mostly before the upland game bird season and 50 percent equally both before and after the upland game birds season. One hundred percent trained on gray partridge and 100 percent sharp-tailed grouse. Fifty percent used horses.
 - One nonresident trained dogs in Region 7 commercially:
 - Six dogs, trained 14 days equally on both privately/publicly owned lands, mostly before the upland game bird season, trained on gray partridge and sharp-tailed grouse. Horses used.
- Ninety-five percent of nonresidents who trained dogs reported they trained dogs **NON-COMMERCIALY** this past year in Montana using live wild game birds NOT raised in captivity.
 - One nonresidents trained dogs in Region 2 non-commercially:
 - One dog, trained 30 days mostly on publicly owned lands, equally both before and after the upland game bird season, trained on mountain grouse. No horses used.
 - Three nonresidents trained dogs in Region 3 non-commercially:
 - Average of 1.7 dogs (range: low 1 – 2 high), trained an average of 7 days. Sixty-seven percent mostly on publicly owned lands and 33 percent equally on both privately/publicly owned lands. Sixty-seven percent mostly before the upland game bird season and 33 percent equally both before and after the upland game bird season. Thirty-three percent trained on gray partridge, 33 percent sharp-tailed grouse, 33 percent sage grouse, and 33 percent mountain grouse. Zero percent used horses.
 - Three nonresidents trained dogs in Region 4 non-commercially:
 - Average of 5 dogs (range: low 1 – 10 high), trained an average of 12 days. One hundred percent equally on both privately/publicly owned lands. One hundred percent mostly before the upland game bird season. One hundred percent trained on gray partridge, 67 percent sharp-tailed grouse, 67 percent pheasants, and 33 percent sage grouse. Zero percent used horses.
 - Two nonresidents trained dogs in Region 5 non-commercially:
 - Average of 2 dogs (range: low 2 – 2 high), trained an average of 9 days. Fifty percent mostly on publicly owned lands and 50 percent equally on both privately/publicly owned lands. Fifty percent mostly before the upland game bird season and 50 percent equally both before and after the upland game bird season. Fifty percent trained on gray partridge, 50 percent sharp-tailed grouse, 50 percent mountain grouse. Fifty percent used horses.

- Thirteen nonresidents trained dogs in Region 6 non-commercially:
 - Average of 3.6 dogs (range: low 2 – 9 high), trained an average of 7 days. Seventy-seven percent mostly on publicly owned lands, 8 percent mostly on privately owned lands, and 15 percent equally on both privately/publicly owned lands. Eighty-five percent mostly before the upland game bird season and 15 percent equally both before and after the upland game bird season. Forty-six percent trained on gray partridge, 100 percent sharp-tailed grouse, and 15 percent pheasants. Zero percent used horses.
- Two nonresidents trained dogs in Region 7 non-commercially:
 - Average of 3.5 dogs (range: low 3 – 4 high), trained an average of 4 days. Fifty percent mostly on publicly owned lands and 50 percent equally on both privately/publicly owned lands. Fifty percent mostly before the upland game bird season and 50 percent equally both before and after the upland game bird season. One hundred percent trained on gray partridge, 100 percent sharp-tailed grouse, and 100 percent pheasants. Zero percent used horses.