

# THE **FINDERS** AND THE **FETCHERS**

*The joys of hunting (and living) with pointing and retrieving dogs.*

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Like ice cream, bird dogs come in a variety of flavors.

Of the roughly 30 “sporting” breeds, some specialize in pointing at birds—coming to a complete stop upon smelling a live grouse, pheasant, or other upland species and aiming its snout toward the scent source, often with one paw slightly raised. Others are masters at retrieving birds—usually swimming after a downed duck or goose, or finding a dropped pheasant or grouse in the field, and returning the bird to the hunter. >>



Labrador retriever  
JEFF MOORE





