



FIREARMS USAGE

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Preserving Working Retrievers since 1935

The Manitoba Gun dog Association owns and maintains 12 gauge shotguns, '22' blank pistols, primer blank pistols, and two types of shotgun simulators a Blaster that uses propane and a ThunderT100 that uses MAPP gas. In accordance with Canadian firearm regulations, the shotguns are stored in a locked metal gun locker.

The objective of this policy is to protect the MGDA from being put in a position of financial or legal liability and to ensure that the MGDA's guns are safely used by qualified individuals; and that no violation of the Canadian firearms regulations takes place.

The following rules pertain to every one using the MGDA's facilities:

- Every one using firearms must have a valid Firearm Acquisition Certificate or Firearm Possession Certificate if required by law,
- Live ammunition is not to be used during training and running Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Working Certificate Tests or Informals.
- Rifles are prohibited,
- No one who has consumed alcohol or drugs is to operate a firearm regardless of the ammunition used eg. live ammunition, poppers, '22' blanks, primers, propane or Mapp gas.

Gun safety is of paramount importance and judges may remove anyone who does not practice gun safety. In accordance with the Canadian Firearms Program handlers, judges, gunners and others who handle firearms must adhere to the following Vital Four **ACTS** of Firearm Safety (Canadian Firearms Program):

Assume every firearm is loaded

Control the muzzle direction at all times

Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guards

See that the firearm is unloaded and

PROVE it safe:

Point the firearm in the safest available direction

Remove all ammunition

Observe the chamber

Verify the feeding path

Examine before each time you pick up a firearm.

SHOTGUNS

KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE OPERATION

- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction: a safe direction is one in which an accidental discharge will not cause injury to yourself or others. Be especially careful when you're loading or unloading. No one will be injured by an accidental discharge if you keep your shotgun pointed in a safe direction.
- **Assume every firearm is loaded.**
- Be sure of your target which should be the sky with the barrel not pointed in the direction of people, dogs, buildings or equipment.
- **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
- Wear eye and ear protection at all times.
- Shotguns should be unloaded when not actually in use.
- Don't rely on your gun's safety.
- Use proper ammunition.
- If your shotgun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care.
- Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.

THUNDER T100

KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE OPERATION

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction: a safe direction is one in which an accidental discharge will not cause injury to yourself or others. Be especially careful when you're loading or unloading. No one will be injured by an accidental discharge if you keep your simulator pointed in a safe direction.
2. Thunder T100 should be unloaded (gas removed) when not in use: Load gas into the T100 only when preparing for use.
3. Before passing the T100 to someone else ensure the safety is on (yellow button rotated away from red mark alignment).
4. Don't rely on your safety: Treat every T100 as if it can fire at any time. Never touch the igniter button until you are ready to fire.
5. Use proper fuel: Never use any fuel in your T100 except for factory new MAPP gas. Never use refillable containers of any type. Properly dispose of empty cylinders based on local ordinances.
6. Wear eye and ear protection at all times.
7. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
8. Never launch any objects from the T100 other than approved thunder equipment bumpers.

Warning! never put anything on the end of your T100 other than approved thunder equipment bumpers. never plug the end of your T100 for any reason. failure to comply could cause property damage, serious injury, or death.

STARTUP AND LAUNCH SEQUENCE

The sequence to fire your launcher is a two step process. Depressing the button slightly until resistance is encountered (approximately flush with the outer cylinder) readies the system to fire by expelling air & fuel into the chamber. Complete the firing sequence by fully depressing the button (slightly below the outer cylinder) which causes the system to fire. The timing in between the two steps needs no longer than 2-3 seconds under average operating conditions.

Do not worry about "wasting gas" or "perfectly timing" the shot sequence. The sound heard during charging is almost all air, not gas. It will not hurt the simulator to be charged for a slightly longer period or partially primed prior to firing.

- Before installing fuel, inspect the end of your T100 to ensure the end is clean, free of debris and not plugged in any manner.
- Install MAPP gas: (yellow cylinder) into the threads at the rear of the T100.

OLD STYLE BANGER

KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE OPERATION

- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction: A safe direction is one in which an accidental discharge will not cause injury to yourself or others. Be especially careful when you're loading or unloading. No one will be injured by an accidental discharge if you keep your Banger pointed in a safe direction.
- The BANGER should be unloaded (gas removed) when not in use: Load gas into the simulator only when preparing for use.
- USE PROPER FUEL: Never use any fuel in your Banger except for factory new propane gas. Never use refillable containers of any type. Properly dispose of empty cylinders based on local ordinances.
- Wear eye and ear protection at all times.
- Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.

Do not worry about "wasting gas" or "perfectly timing" the shot sequence. The sound heard during charging is almost all air, not gas. It will not hurt the BANGER to be charged for a slightly longer period or partially primed prior to firing.

1. Before installing fuel, inspect the end of your Banger to ensure the end is clean, free of debris and not plugged in any manner.
2. Install Propane gas (Blue or Black cylinder) into the threads at the rear of the Banger.

BLANK PISTOLS

KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE OPERATION

- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction: A safe direction is one in which an accidental discharge will not cause injury to yourself or others. Be especially careful when you're loading or unloading. No one will be injured by an accidental discharge if you keep your Pistol pointed in a safe direction.
- Wear ear protection at all times.
- Use proper ammunition.
- When firing hold Pistol away from your body.