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## TODD'S FIELD NOTES

From the Grouse Woods



### RIGGINS

- Hunted with us — not for us.
- Stayed connected while still making his own decisions.
- Used the cover well and kept looking for the next opportunity.
- Didn't need much handling. Let him hunt.
- The woods and the birds did most of the teaching today.

### WHAT I NOTICED

The more we stayed out of his way,  
the better he settled into his work.

Wild birds don't let you set up the lesson.  
The dog has to read the cover, use the wind  
and adjust when things don't go his way.

Sometimes you have to trust what you've  
already put into the dog.

### TODD'S NOTE

You can prepare a dog in training.  
The grouse woods show you what  
he understands.

