

## How To Use Your Bagit!

This all started at a training session. A trainer was working with a young dog and the birds wouldn't stay put. The frustrated trainer finally tossed down his pheasant—bag and all. And he was pleasantly surprised when his young pup pointed it.

From this, the concept of Bagit!s was born.

So why not just use your own bird bag or a burlap sack? Because Bagit!s have some additional features that you'll find especially helpful in a variety of situations, including their compact, rollable shape for easy carrying. Its rounded edges make it easy to disguise, its ventilated mesh construction allows the bird's scent to pass through easily, and the bird can be released silently.

### Training with Bagit!s

A typical session will start with loading your Game Steward's Bag with pigeons. Stow a couple of Bagit!s in the outer pocket. Or load your Bagit!s right inside the pigeon house; the convenient handle straps make it easy to carry several at a time.

Next, plant the Bagit!s in designated cover, or simply loft the bird in the Bagit! toward a likely piece of cover.

Lofting is also an easy way to plant from an ATV or horseback, but be sure your horse will tolerate it first! With lofting, there are no tracks leading up to the bird and it is wind-washed as it gently flies toward the cover. Since there's no

chance for the bird to escape, you can wait for a scent cloud to build before starting out with your dog.

Now bring your dog around from downwind so he can pick up the scent (the Bagit! is orange so you can spot it, but dogs can't see this bright color, so they have to scent it with their noses). Once point is established, just open up the Bagit! by stepping on one tab, and pulling on the other. Now you can either nudge the bird out with your foot, or simply step back and wait. Your dog will have to wait with you—a good test of his staunchness.



*Lofting the Bagit!*

Want more of a test? Try picking up the Bagit! and flinging it toward your dog. If your pride-and-joy will stand for that, you know you're ready to go afield.

If you have a dog who tends to ground scent, or drop his head on scent, pick a day with a good breeze, and hang the Bagit! from a low branch or fencepost. Bring the

dog in from downwind. His head will come high as he approaches the bird. This technique is also



good in heavy cover so that the breeze can catch the scent and move it around for the dog to encounter. The dogs seem not to see the bird in the Bagit! even though they can scent it.

### Bagit! Covey Training

Do you have a dog that's steady on single birds, but comes unglued on a covey? Load up several Bagit!s with three pigeons or a few small quail in each and plant them in cover. Now when your dog goes on point, you release covey number one. Chances are, he hasn't handled it well. So on to the next covey. This one, hopefully, goes better but likely isn't perfect. But you're set up to try again and again until your "student" happily gets it right. You've ended on a happy note, your dog receives your praise, and he goes away remembering a positive experience. And so do you.

### Hunting with Bagit!s

Let's imagine you want to take your young dog on an extended hunt. Knowing that wild birds may or may not show up on a regular

basis, and knowing your young pup can lose interest, you want to make sure he finds a bird every so often. You can turn him loose and plant your birds as you walk along.

Take a few birds in a Gamekeeper's Bird Bag with a few Bagit!s tucked into the front pocket. Now load a bird into a Bagit! and toss it into a likely place as you walk along, working in a wide circle.

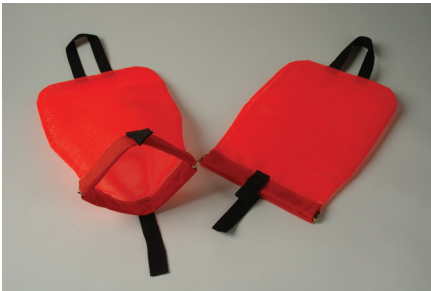
Finding the bird at just the right time will keep him happily hunting until you run across the real thing.

### **Bagit!s Anytime**

The uses for Bagit!s are limited only by your imagination. Any time you need to control a training situation, Bagit!s are here to help. Starting a really young pup on birds? Let the opening snap shut after you release the bird. The soft

popping sound won't startle the dog, but will get him accustomed to hearing a noise every time a bird takes flight. Use Bagit!s as back-ups for other training situations when a correction is needed on the spot. Like any other training tool, when used correctly, Bagit!s help you keep control. And that's the name of the game.

**A Note About Storing Your Bagit! or Game Steward's Bird Bag:** The Bagit! and the Original Game Steward's Bird Bag are made of synthetic materials and may have a "plastic" smell to them when new. To get the best results, store them both in open air, or better yet, on a hook inside your birdhouse or coop. Don't seal them up when not in use. The synthetics keep your bag soft and strong, but they never stop releasing their particular smell. So open air storage is the best way to keep you game bags natural.



### **Bagit!**

For situational bird planting. Hang them from tall grasses or brush or toss them into cover. "Flush" the bird by flinging the Bagit! into the air. Or open the snap and allow the bird to wander out. Use several to create covies that can be used again and again. Made of the same durable construction as our Original Game Steward's Bird Bag. Made in the USA.

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