

Field sports

Battersea have rehomed a number of Labradors, Spaniels, Weimaraners and Pointers to country homes where they work as gundogs and as part of falconry displays.



Howard and Clay at a demonstration

Clay and Howard Kirby (Lains Shooting School)

"A couple of weeks after meeting the Battersea Working Dogs Coordinator at a Game Fair in 2005 I received a phone call saying she had a lovely black Labrador puppy that might make a perfect gundog. That very same week we went to Battersea, met Clay, and whisked him back to Hampshire. Clay has proved to be a superstar and was part of the 2006 demonstration team that went to many of the South's major countryside shows. We now have three Battersea dogs, making up half of our demonstration team, who have bought us nothing but pleasure and fun, and in return we have given them a structured, safe and rewarding working life. There is something really rewarding about rehoming and successfully training a dog not only to work, but also to be a nice friendly citizen."