



THE GUNDOG CLUB

GRADE ONE SPANIEL (aka 'Hunting Retriever')

Obedience

- The handler must walk the dog on a loose lead from the line to the 15yard sit marker. (10 points)
- The handler will sit the dog at the 15yard marker with one cue, remove the lead, and return to the line without the dog. One 'stay' reminder is allowed before returning to the line, or from the line if preferred. No further cues can be given. (10 points for the sit)
- The dog must remain sitting for 30 secs. (10 points)
- The handler will recall the dog from the line by voice or whistle and replace the lead. (10 points)

TOTAL POINTS FOR OBEDIENCE - 40

Retrieving

- Retrieve 1: A single marked retrieve in clear view at 15 yards.
- Retrieve 2: A single marked retrieve in clear view at 20 yards.

Maximum points for each return - 10

Maximum points for each delivery - 10

TOTAL POINTS FOR BOTH RETRIEVES: 40

Scoring

Pass: 70% (56 points)

Merit: 80% (64 points)

Distinction: 90% (72 points)

Borderline dogs who fail may be permitted a second attempt at the assessor's discretion.

NOTES:

Heelwork:

- The dog may remain on lead during heelwork. The lead should be loose at all times.
- The dog's shoulders should not be in front of the handler's leg and the dog's nose should not fall behind the handler's leg.

Sit & stay:

- The dog should react promptly to a single sit cue.
- A 'sit' or 'stay' cue as the handler leaves the dog is acceptable.
- The handler may face, but should not communicate with the dog for the duration of the stay.
- Points will be lost if the dog stands up or creeps.

Recall:

- The dog will not be penalised for a little bounciness on arrival and sitting or a neat front or finish is not required.

Retrieves:

- The second retrieve is thrown on completion of the first retrieve and on a signal from the handler that he or she is ready.
- The handler may restrain the dog whilst each dummy is thrown - no steadiness is required.
- The handler must remain behind the line during the retrieve.
- Dummies must be brought to within 1 metre of the handler. Failure to do so is an eliminating fault.
- The dog should be focussed on the marked retrieve and show a speedy outrun and return.
- Perfect delivery is not required, but the dog must demonstrate a willingness to return to the handler and attempt to deliver the dummy. Clumsy delivery or even dropping the dummy will not disqualify the dog at this grade.
- Failure to return to the handler will result in disqualification.
- Excessive noise or cues by the handler are undesirable and will lose marks.
- The test will take place in an area with short grass, so the dummies are clearly visible to the dog at all times.

Other:

- Whining by the dog or noisy handling - up to 5 points deducted.
- Barking - up to 10 points deducted.
- Aggressive behaviour - is an eliminating fault.