



THE GUNDOG CLUB

GRADE TWO HPR

Obedience

- The handler must walk the dog off lead from the line to the 30yard sit marker. (10 points)
- The handler will sit the dog at the 30yard marker with one cue, remove the lead, and return to the line without the dog. No further cues can be given. The dog must remain sitting for 1 min. The handler will then return to the dog and release them. (10 points)
- The handler will then sit the dog at the marker again, walk the 30 yards away and - without undue delay - recall the dog by whistle. (10 points)
- The handler will walk to the 30-yard marker with the dog at heel. As the pair pass a 15-yard stop marker, the handler must blow the stop whistle and carry on walking without pause. The dog must drop promptly into the sitting position when the whistle is blown and remain there as the handler walks on to, and around, the 30-yard marker and returns to the dog. The handler then heels the dog back to the line. (10 points)

TOTAL POINTS FOR OBEDIENCE - 40

Retrieving

- Retrieve 1: Memory retrieve. The handler carries a dummy and walks the dog at heel (off lead) from the starting post to a 20-yard marker. The handler drops the dummy at the 20-yard marker and returns to the starting post. Without undue delay, the assessor will instruct the handler when to send the dog for the retrieve. (12 points)
- Retrieve 2: Split retrieve, either right or left - as determined by the assessor. A dummy is thrown either side of the dog, who is facing the handler. The dummies are at 20yards, each side of the dog. The dog must remain steady whilst the dummies are thrown and must fetch the dummy requested by the assessor on a hand signal from the handler. The handler is situated three to five yards from the dog. The dog is positioned with his back to a fence, hedge or similar barrier. (12 points)
- Retrieve 3: Marked retrieve in clear view at 30 yards. (12 points)

TOTAL POINTS FOR RETRIEVES - 36

Hunting

- The dog will be required to hunt a light piece of cover in an organised fashion, ranging freely to either side of the handler, as the handler moves forwards into the wind.

- **KEENNESS/ENTHUSIASM:** The dog should demonstrate an enthusiastic and keen approach to hunting the cover. (6 points)
- **CONFIDENCE:** The dog should demonstrate confidence in entering light cover and ranging out from the side of the handler. (6 points)
- **ORGANISED APPROACH:** The dog should show an organised approach to ground coverage, ranging to either side of the handler as the handler moves forwards into the wind. A formal pattern is not required. (6 points)
- **HANDLER CONTROL:** The handler to demonstrate control of the dog, encouraging the dog to turn by voice. (6 points)

TOTAL POINTS FOR HUNTING - 24

Scoring

Pass: 70% (70 points)

Merit: 80% (80 points)

Distinction: 90% (90 points)

Minimum of 50% required in each section.

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

NOTES:

Heelwork:

- The dog must be off lead for the duration of the test. No collars/harnesses are permitted. The use of a lead during the test is not permitted.
- The dog should be in a reasonable heel position at all times, close to and alongside the handler. Perfect, tight heeling is not essential, but 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.
- Excessive use of cues to maintain this position will be penalised.

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.

Stop:

- The moving dog at heel must come quickly to a halt and sit when the stop whistle is blown and whilst the handler continues walking.

Recall:

- The dog will return quickly and without hesitation to the handler when called.
- The recall must be by whistle and not voice.

Retrieves:

- The dog must remain steady at the handler's side whilst each dummy is thrown.
- The handler must not move around during the retrieve.
- Delivery to hand is essential.

- Speed and style are desirable.
- Excessive noise or cues by the handler are undesirable and will lose marks.

Hunting:

- The dog should demonstrate a willingness to enter light cover and to hunt. Quartering patterns are not required at this stage. The dog should range to either side of the handler as the handler moves forward into the wind.

Faults:

- Whining by the dog or noisy handling - up to 5 points deducted.

Eliminating faults:

- Aggressive behaviour
- Physical punishment of the dog
- Excessive noise from the dog