



THE GUNDOG CLUB

GRADE THREE SPANIEL (HUNTING RETRIEVER)

Obedience

HEEL: The handler must walk the dog off lead from the line to the 20yard sit marker. (3 points)

SIT-STAY: The handler will sit the dog at the 20yard 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 2mins. (10 points)

HEEL (with distraction): The handler will return to the dog and heel the dog 20yards back to the start line. As the dog and handler approach the assessor, a distraction dummy will be thrown to the side of the dog. The dog must remain at heel. (7 points)

TOTAL POINTS FOR OBEDIENCE - 20

Field Skills

For the first time, hunting and retrieving are combined into a Field Skills section.

CONTROLLED HUNTING: The dog will hunt closely through moderate cover, in front of the handler - whilst the handler walks forwards for approx 50yards. The handler must demonstrate close control over the dog, with appropriate use of the turn whistle. (20 points)

RECALL: The dog will be tested on the recall whistle once, during the hunting, on the direction of the Assessor. (5 points)

STOP WHISTLE: The dog will be tested on the stop whistle twice during hunting. (10 points)

STEADINESS TO FALL: Each stop will be followed by a shot and a thrown dummy, once the dog has stopped. Steadiness to fall is required. (15 points)

SEEN RETRIEVES: TWO marked retrieves to take place during hunting. After the stop whistle, and once steadiness to fall has been demonstrated, the assessor will instruct the handler to go to the dog. The dog will then be sent from the handler's side, for each retrieve. Delivery to hand is essential. (20 points)

OBSTACLE RETRIEVE: ONE marked retrieve across a minor obstacle, such as a small stream or ditch. Swimming is not required. The final retrieve should be carried out after the end of the hunting test. (10 points per retrieve)

TOTAL POINTS FOR FIELD SKILLS - 80