

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR GUNDOG WORKING TEST

Gundog – Includes all registered gundogs (both main and limited register).

To attain a qualifying score in a Gundog Working Test, a pass of at least 50% in each exercise and an overall score of not less than 75%, will entitle a dog to receive a Gundog Working Test Qualifying Certificate. NO official titles are awarded.

All dogs must do all tests with leads and collars removed.

The work of dogs in a Gundog Working Test should relate to work in Retrieving Trials, and so where there is any doubt as to what the dog should do in any part of the test, then the Rules for the conduct of Retrieving Trials should be used as a guide. If a dog is required to stay it may remain in the sit, stand or drop position, the essence of the test being the ability to remain steady. The handler may control the dog by voice, whistle and hand signals, either singularly or combined. All movements will be on order from the Judge.

The ground for a Gundog Working Test should preferably be a grassed area of sufficient size to allow for retrieves of 50 metres or more, water may be used.

Game shall be either pigeons or dummy. Pigeons shall be provided by the Club conducting the event. Dummies shall be provided by the Handler and must be approved by the Judge prior to judging. The test is to be conducted on game or dummies but not both. Dummies should be made of a soft material, e.g. canvas, and be of a subdued colour.

Descriptions of exercises may be found in Rules for the Conduct of Gundog Working Tests for Gundogs.

Penalties or deductions with definitions form part of these rules.

NOVICE CLASS

ELIGIBILITY For Gundogs that have not previously qualified three times in a Novice Gundog Working Test.

EXERCISE 1 Dog to walk to heel for approximately 20 metres.

Procedure Dog is brought to the first peg on a lead. The collar and lead is removed and the dog is then in competition. On the command of “forward” from the Judge, the handler, with or without commanding the dog to heel, walks forward to the second peg at a normal and steady pace with the dog at heel. The handler should stop at the second peg and the dog should automatically stop at heel. The Judge will then declare “exercise finished”.

Assessment The essentials of the test are that the dog:
a. is under control;
b. walks in a position where it is close to the handler, aware and responsive to any movement of the handler;
c. takes the pace of the handler.

Points Awarded 10 points.

EXERCISE 2 The dog is to be put in a sit, stand or drop position. When instructed by the Judge, the handler is to walk away for a distance of approximately 20 metres, turn around and face the dog. Then, on further order from the judge, the handler is to call the dog to hand.

Procedure The exercise commences with the judge giving the instruction "leave your dog". The handler gives the dog a command to stay and walks to the indicated peg, turns to face the dog, and waits for the judge's instruction, "call your dog". The handler calls the dog and the dog should go promptly to the handler and remain steady until the Judge declares "exercise finished".

Assessment The essentials of the test are that the dog:
a. remains steady when the handler walks away;
b. goes to the handler promptly when called.

Points Awarded 20 points.

EXERCISE 3 This exercise will comprise of a single mark retrieve of between 50-70 metres. The retrieve may include land and water.

Procedure On instruction from the Judge, the handler, with dog at heel, will proceed to the control point. The handler will then sit or stay the dog while the game is cast from the thrower. Once the game has landed the handler will then command the dog to retrieve the cast game. The game will be retrieved by the dog and delivered to hand cleanly. The Judge will then declare "exercise finished".

Assessment This exercise will be tested as for a single mark retrieve in Retrieving Trials, except that the handler will only be judged from the control point. On mark retrieves the dog must be able to see the game in the air and as it falls. A dog on a mark retrieve should not need direction from the handler. The dog must not be held or forcibly restrained by the handler.

Points Awarded 35 points.

EXERCISE 4 This exercise will comprise of a single mark retrieve of between 50-70 metres in an area different to the fall of game in Exercise 3. The retrieve may include land and water.

Procedure On instruction from the Judge, the handler, with dog at heel, will proceed to a control point (as indicated by the Judge). The handler will then sit or stay the dog while the game is cast from the thrower. The handler will then command the dog to retrieve the cast game once it is on the ground. The game will be retrieved by the dog and delivered to hand cleanly. The Judge will then declare “exercise finished”.

Assessment This exercise, although in a similar area, will be treated as for a single mark retrieve in Retrieving Trials, except that the handler will only be judged from the control point. On mark retrieves the dog must be able to see the game in the air and as it falls. A dog on a mark retrieve should not need direction from the handler. The dog must not be held or forcibly restrained by the handler.

Points Awarded 35 points.

OPEN CLASS

ELIGIBILITY An Open Class is for all registered gundogs that have qualified three times in a Novice Gundog Working Test.

EXERCISE 1 Dog to walk to heel for approximately 20 metres.

Procedure As for Exercise 1 in Novice.

Assessment As for Exercise 1 in Novice.

Points Awarded 10 points.

EXERCISE 2 Dog is put in sit, stand or drop position and is required to remain in that position for one minute during which time the handler is to walk between 35-40 metres away from the dog. The handler will then turn and face the dog. Handler will call the dog to hand. All movements will be on orders from the Judge.

Procedure As for Exercise 2 in Novice, except that the Judge will time one minute from when the handler leaves the dog to when handler is given the instruction “call your dog”.

Assessment As for Exercise 2 in Novice.

Points Awarded 20 points.

EXERCISE 3

This exercise may consist of either a Double Mark Retrieve, a Double Rise Retrieve, or Two Bird with a maximum distance of 100 metres. The actual retrieve being declared by the Judge prior to the commencement of the exercise will be the same for each competitor. It may include land and water. A walk up retrieve may be included.

Procedure

The handler shall proceed to the control point and on command from the Judge, start the exercise. The handler shall then sit or stay his dog. Once the game has been cast from the thrower, the handler will instruct the dog to retrieve the game as the Judge stipulates. After the game has been retrieved the handler will send the dog for the second retrieve. All game shall be delivered to hand cleanly. The Judge will then declare "exercise finished".

Assessment

The exercise shall be assessed the same as for Retrieving Trials. On mark retrieves the dog must be able to see the cast of the game in the air and as it falls. A dog on a mark retrieve should not need direction from the handler. The dog must not be held or forcibly restrained by the handler.

Points Awarded

35 points.

EXERCISE 4

This exercise shall consist of a Single Blind Retrieve with a minimum distance of 40 metres. This retrieve should be done in a completely different area from Exercise 3.

Procedure

The handler shall proceed to the control point and on command from the Judge, start the exercise. The handler shall then sit or stay his dog. When instructed by the Judge, the handler shall send his dog for the blind retrieve. The game shall be retrieved and delivered to hand cleanly. The Judge will then declare "exercise finished".

Assessment

The retrieve will be tested and assessed the same as a Blind Retrieve in Retrieving Trials. The dog may be handled by either voice, whistle or hand signals, and directed to the game.

Points Awarded

35 points

NOVICE

Gundog Working Test

FOR GUNDOGS THAT HAVE NOT
PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED 3 TIMES IN
NOVICE GUNDOG WORKING TESTS.

JUDGE: _____

COMPETITOR'S NUMBER												
EXERCISE 1: HEEL 10 points												
Dog to walk at heel for approximately 20 metres.												
EXERCISE 2: RECALL 20 points												
Dog put in stand, drop or sit position. Handler to walk away approximately 20 metres, about turn & face dog, then when instructed by Judge, call dog to hand.												
EXERCISE 3: SINGLE MARK RETRIEVE 35 points												
This exercise will comprise of a single mark retrieve of between 50 – 70 metres. The retrieve may include land & water.												
EXERCISE 4: SINGLE MARK RETRIEVE 35 points												
This exercise will comprise of a single mark retrieve of between 50 – 70 metres, in a different area to the fall of game in Exercise 3. The retrieve may include land & water.												
Total												
Less deductions for 'misbehaviour'												
TOTAL SCORE (Max Points: 100)												

DOGS TO BE ON LEAD COMING TO AND LEAVING STARTING POINT.
HANDLER CONTROL MAY BE BY WHISTLE, VOICE OR HAND SIGNALS.
DOGS MUST DO ALL EXERCISES WITH LEADS AND COLLAR REMOVED.

TO ATTAIN A QUALIFYING SCORE, A DOG MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST 50% IN EACH EXERCISE AND AN OVERALL SCORE OF NOT LESS THAN 75%.
ALL QUALIFYING DOGS WILL RECEIVE A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____

JUDGES SIGNATURE: _____

OPEN

Gundog Working Test

FOR GUNDOGS THAT HAVE
QUALIFIED 3 TIMES IN
NOVICE GUNDOG WORKING TESTS.

JUDGE: _____

COMPETITOR'S NUMBER												
EXERCISE 1: HEEL 10 points Dog to walk at heel for approximately 20 metres.												
EXERCISE 2: RECALL WITH ONE MINUTE STAY 20 points Dog put in stand, drop or sit position, and is required to remain in that position for 1 minute. Handler to walk away approximately 35-40 metres, about turn & face dog, then when instructed by Judge, call dog to hand.												
EXERCISE 3: DOUBLE MARK, DOUBLE RISE OR TWO BIRD RETRIEVE 35 points Maximum distance of 100 metres. Walk-up retrieve may be included. The retrieve may include land & water.												
EXERCISE 4: SINGLE BLIND RETRIEVE 35 points Dog to be sent out for a single blind retrieve. Distance to be a minimum of 40 metres. Retrieve to be in a completely different area to Exercise 3.												
Total												
Less deductions for 'misbehaviour'												
TOTAL SCORE (Max Points: 100)												

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