

# **WEST BERKSHIRE GUNDOG CLUB**

## **TIERED TRAINING PROGRAMME LEVEL 1**

### **Level 1 – Control requirements**

**HEEL:** The handler is required to walk his dog on a loose lead from the start line to the 15 meter sit marker.

**SIT:** The handler is required to sit the dog at the 15 meter marker with one command, remove the lead, and to return to the start line without the dog.

**STAY:** The dog must remain seated for 30 seconds. The handler is allowed to give the dog one 'stay' reminder either before returning to the start line, or from the start line if he wishes to do so.

**RETURN:** The handler will return to the dog, replace the lead and heel the dog to the start line without undue delay and fuss.

**WHISTLE WORK:** Whilst the dog is walking to heel on lead, the handler will demonstrate the dog's ability to sit on the whistle. *(Separate exercise from the above)*

### **Level 1 – Retrieving requirements**

**RETRIEVE NO 1** A single marked retrieve on land and in clear view at 15 meters, thrown by the handler. *(HPR & Retriever distance = 20 meters)*

**RETRIEVE NO 2** A single marked retrieve on land and in clear view at 20 meters, to be thrown by a helper. *(HPR and Retriever distance = 25 meters)*

*Memory Retrieve ; The dog is walked to heel on the lead in a straight line from the start to the 15m marker ,( 20m for HPRs and Retrievers ) a dummy is dropped and the dog and handler walk back to the start line ,the dog is then sent for the retrieve .*

*Delivery to hand is not essential at this stage.*

### **Level 1 – Hunting requirements (HPR and Spaniel)**

The dog will be required to demonstrate a desire for hunting away from the handler in some light cover. The handler will demonstrate use of the turn whistle, with the dog responding accordingly, whilst hunting in a quartering pattern.

**Retrievers** will be walked to heel to an area of light cover and instructed to hunt for a blind retrieve. The dog to demonstrate the ability to hunt an area of fall.