

# **WEST BERKSHIRE GUNDOG CLUB**

## **TIERED TRAINING PROGRAMME LEVEL 3**

### **Level 3 – Control & retrieving requirements – off lead - delivery to hand is essential – use of stop, recall and turn whistle is required – starting pistol will be used**

**STEADINESS:** The handler is required to sit the dog at the start line and remain within 6 feet of the dog. The dog has to remain seated for a period of 2 minutes whilst there are distractions within view of the dog. I.e. shots fired and dummies thrown at a distance from the dog (*Points will be lost for repeated commands or loud uncontrollable behaviour of the dog*)

**MEMORY/GO BACK:** The handler heels the dog off lead to a 40m marker, sits the dog, throws a dummy into light cover, collects dogs and returns to 20m marker. The dog is instructed to sit while the handler returns to the start. The judge will instruct the handler to recall the dog and then stop the dog at the 10m marker. The dog is instructed by the handler to "go back" and fetch the retrieve. Delivery to hand is essential. (*This demonstrates the dog's response to the handler's commands and the control the handler has over the dog*)

**SEEN WITH DISTRACTIONS:** The handler and dog are at the start marker and a dummy is thrown over the dog's head to land behind the dog. Two further dummies are thrown either side of the dog at a distance of 20ft, as distractions. The dog is instructed by the handler to "go back" for the first dummy, ignoring the two distractions either side, the handler then picks up the two distractions.

**BLIND RETRIEVE :** The handler and the dog are at the start marker. A dummy is placed 40ft away unseen by the dog but a shot is fired the dog is sent on command to retrieve the dummy, the dog and handler will be marked on their ability to work together, eg dog's response to the stop whistle and directional commands at a distance, when the dummy is located a quick and direct retrieve to hand is required.

**WATER RETRIEVE:** The handler sits the dog, off lead, at the river bank as a dummy is thrown 20ft into the water. The dog should remain steady to the dummy being thrown. On instruction from the judge, the handler is instructed to send the dog for the retrieve. The dog should enter the water freely, swim out for the retrieve, returning to the handler and delivering to hand.

### **Level 3 – Hunting requirements – use of stop, recall and turn whistle is required**

**HUNTING (HPR & Spaniel):** The dog is expected to hunt with purpose and determination through medium cover and at a good pace. Whilst the dog is hunting, a dummy will be thrown and the handler must sit the dog on a whistle. The handler then instructs the dog to make the retrieve and deliver to hand.

**HUNT UP (Retriever):** The handler and dog are asked to walk through medium cover, off lead at heel. Whilst the dog is walking to heel, a dummy will be dropped unseen to the dog. At approximately 40mtrs from the dummy, a shot is fired. The dog must sit to shot and then when directed by the handler, make the blind retrieve. Delivery to hand is essential.