

WEST BERKSHIRE GUNDOG CLUB

TIERED TRAINING PROGRAMME LEVEL 4

All Retrieves are on Wing covered Dummy's and Rabbit Skin Dummy's and all retrieves are to hand.

Level 4 - Steadiness

Dogs will be tested within a group as follows:-

All Dogs will be off the lead and sitting beside their handler with a space between each. They will be lined up as though ready for picking up.

A dummy will be thrown for each dog at a distance of 40yds with a shot fired. On an individual basis, dogs will be expected to retrieve one dummy to hand whilst all other dogs must remain seated and steady by the handlers.

Level 4 – Retrieving requirements – delivery to hand is essential

SEEN WITH DISTRACTION - The dog to be sitting off lead next to the handler, a shot is fired and a dummy thrown 40yds away (seen Retrieve), the dog is sent for the retrieve. When the dog is coming back with the retrieve another dummy is thrown as distraction, the dog must ignore the distraction and continue back to the handler with the original retrieve.

SPLIT RETRIEVE - A dummy is placed (unseen by the dog) at 40yds, a shot is fired and a second dummy is thrown in the opposite direction at 40yds. The dog is expected to retrieve the unseen dummy first and ignore the seen retrieve. Once the blind has been delivered to hand, the dog will be sent for the seen retrieve.

BLIND RETRIEVE ACROSS WATER – A dummy is placed (unseen by the dog) on the opposite side of the stream on the bank. The dog is then sent across the water for the retrieve. A direct entry to the water and a clean retrieve without deviation is required. Delivery to hand is expected.

Level 4 – Hunting requirements (HPR and Spaniels)

The dog is expected to cover the ground using a good pattern and turn when requested by the handler. A shot will be fired while the dog is hunting, the dog must sit to shot and a dummy will be thrown the dog will need to be steady to shot and fall. The dog will then be sent for the retrieve. Delivery to hand is expected. The dog will be asked to work on and then asked to sit on the stop whistle at a good distance. The dogs will then be recalled directly to the handler.

Retrievers

A dummy is placed on the ground (unseen by the dog) and the dog is walked to heel for a distance of 40yds. A shot will be fired the dog must sit to the sound of the shot and be steady to the fall of the thrown dummy. The dog is required to retrieve the seen first and then the dog must hunt up the un seed retrieve (as though sweeping up after a drive) Delivery to hand is expected.