

NEFRA Autumn Test 2020

Due to the government restrictions on gatherings we will be hosting the autumn working test online this year. Our judges are ready to receive your video entries. There are no entry fees for NEFRA members (non-members may pay £3 by PayPal)

Class classifications are for flatcoated retrievers only as follows:

- Puppy (for dogs of more than six months of age but not exceeding 18 months on 4th October 2020)
- Novice Dog / Novice Handler (neither dog nor handler to have won an award at a Field Trial or Working Test with the exception of Puppy/Special Puppy or an award, other than 1st, in ND/NH)
- Novice (for dogs not having won 1st to 3rd in an Open Working Test, 1st in a Novice or Intermediate Working Test or any award in a Field Trial including Certificate of Merit)

You may enter as many dogs in as many classes as you wish. You do not need to be a NEFRA member and your dog does not need be registered to the UK Kennel Club

Use a standard 1lb canvas dummy (overseas entrants may use a standard bumper)

Use an open area without obstacles or fencing/walls where possible (unless specified)

No physical restraint to be used and no harsh handling or corrections to be used

No treats or tit-bits to be used

The dog does not need to sit to present a retrieved dummy but the dummy does need to be presented to hand without dropping

Puppy Test 1. Novice Dog/ Novice Handler Test 1

Mark out a 10 metres x 10 metres square on an open plain grass area with a post at each corner
Handler to carry dummy

Handler and dog start at point A, dog off lead, dog at heel, facing to point B

Walk a steady pace together from A to B

Halt at B, turn 90° to face point C

Leave dog at B

Handler walk alone to point C

Handler turn to face dog and after count of 3 seconds call dog to front of handler and present (sit position)

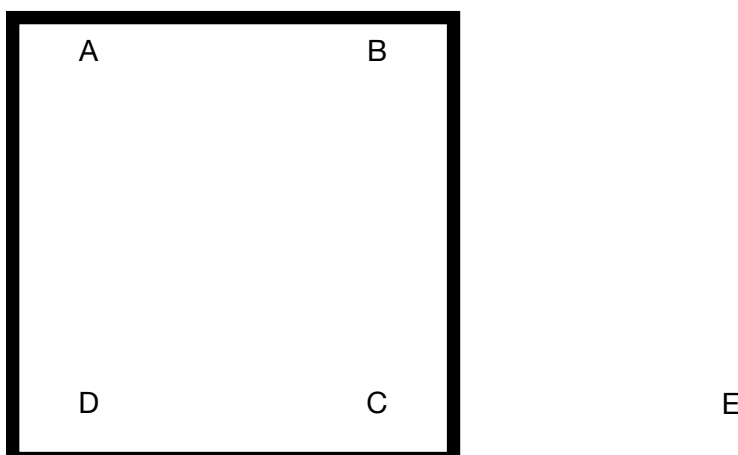
Handler and dog turn to face E, when dog settled throw dummy to point E (approx 5m)

Handler and dog turn to face D, walk at heel from C to D

Handler and dog turn to face E, after a count of 3 seconds send dog to retrieve dummy

Handler to take dummy from dog

Exercise over



Puppy Test 2. Novice Dog/ Novice Handler Test 2

Mark out two points 20 metres apart. Dummy thrower required with two dummies

Handler and dog start at point A, dog off lead , dog at heel, facing to point B

Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land at point B

After a count of 3 seconds send dog to retrieve dummy

Whilst dog is on return, thrower silently throws second dummy to land at point B

Handler to take dummy from dog

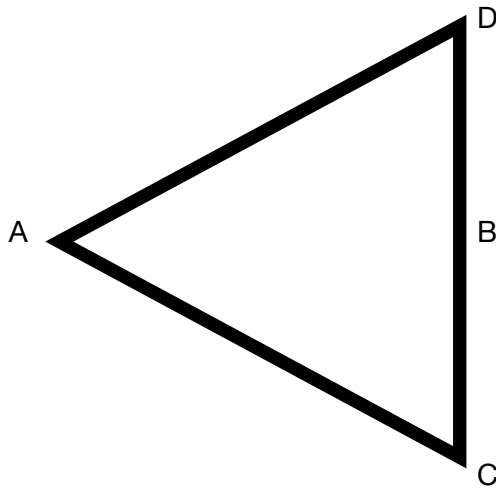
In handler's own time send dummy to retrieve second dummy

Handler to take dummy from dog

Exercise over

Puppy Test 3. Novice Dog/ Novice Handler Test 3

Mark out three points in a triangle 30 metres apart. Dummy thrower required at point B with two dummies



Handler and dog start at point A, dog off lead , dog at heel, facing to point C

Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land at point C

Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land at point D

Handler leaves dog and walks from point A to point C to pick the first thrown dummy and return to point A

In handler's own time send dog to retrieve second dummy thrown (from point D)

Handler to take dummy from dog

Exercise over

Puppy Test 4. Novice Dog/ Novice Handler Test 4

Requires a body of water with a gentle, safe entry slope, with sufficient depth to demonstrate the ability to swim at least 5 metres. A dummy thrower with one dummy. The dog must not appear to be wet at the start of the test

Handler and dog to stand 5 metres from the bank

Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land into appropriate point in water

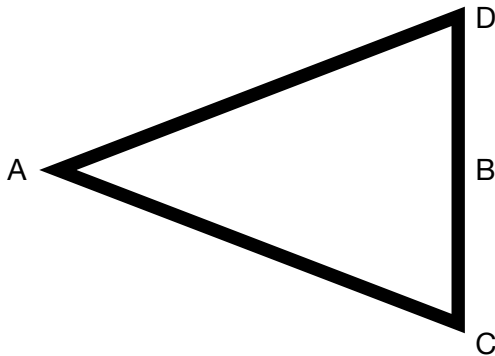
After a count of 3 seconds handler sends dog to retrieve dummy

Handler to take dummy from dog

Exercise over

Novice Test 1

Mark out three points in a triangle. Dummy thrower required at point B (50 metres away from handler) with two dummies

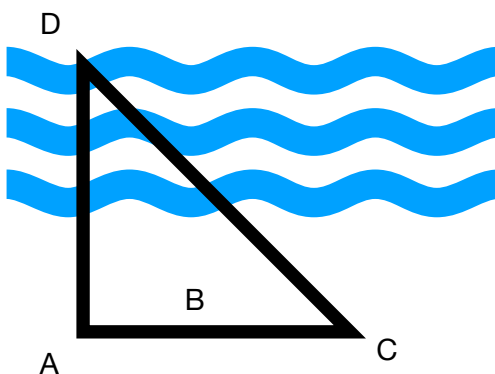


Handler and dog start at point A, dog off lead, dog at heel, facing to point C
Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land at point C
Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land at point D
After a count of 3 seconds handler sends dog to retrieve first thrown dummy from point C and return to point A
In handler's own time send dog to retrieve second dummy thrown (from point D)
Handler to take dummy from dog
Exercise over

Novice Test 2

Requires a body of water with a gentle, safe entry slope, with sufficient depth to demonstrate the ability to swim at least 15 metres. A dummy thrower with two dummies. The dog must not appear to be wet at the start of the test

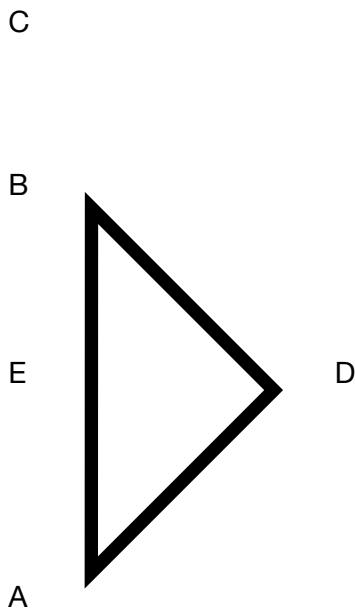
Handler and dog to stand at point A 15 metres from the bank, dummy thrower to stand at point B 10 metres from dog and handler



Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land on the land at point C about 15 metres from the dog and handler ON LAND about 10 metres from shore
Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy into appropriate point IN WATER (point D)
After a count of 3 seconds handler sends dog to retrieve dummy from the land
Handler to take dummy from dog
In handler's own time send dog to retrieve second dummy thrown from the water
Handler to take dummy from dog
Exercise over

Novice Test 3

On an open grass area mark a triangle with points 30 metres apart. Handler to carry two dummies



Handler and dog to start at point A facing point B
Handler walks with dog at heel to point B
Handler to throw first dummy to point C
Handler to turn with dog at point B and leave dog at point B
Handler to walk to point E (without dog)
Handler to throw a second dummy to point D
Handler to walk from point E to point A
Handler to turn to face dog
Handler to call dog from point B and using a stop whistle halt the dog at point E
Handler to send dog to retrieve second dummy thrown from point D
Handler to take dummy from dog
Handler to send dog to retrieve first dummy thrown from point C
Handler to take dummy from dog
Exercise over

Novice Test 4

An open grass area with an obstacle such as a fence or wall to safely demonstrate the dog's ability to jump

Handler to stand with dog 15 metres from the obstacle.
Dummy thrower can call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land a further 15 metres on the far side of the obstacle.
After a count of 3 seconds handler sends dog to retrieve dummy from the land
Whilst dog is on return, thrower silently throws second dummy to land in the same position on the far side of the obstacle
Handler to take dummy from dog
In handler's own time send dummy to retrieve second dummy
Handler to take dummy from dog
Exercise over

Submission instructions

Please video each exercise separately - do not mute the microphone

Please ensure that each video is identified so the judges can easily identify which dog is being handled, who the handler is, which classification they are in and which test number they are doing
Each video should be submitted by wetransfer to the Working Secretary

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Last entries to be sent before 12 o'clock midnight (BST) on Sunday 4th October 2020

PayPal entries are £3 each (for non-members only) - to be submitted to [NEFRA's PayPal Link](#)