

# NEFRA Spring Test 2021

Due to the government restrictions on gatherings we will be hosting the spring 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 8th May 2021)
- 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, tit-bits or toys 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

## 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](mailto:wetransfer) to the Working Secretary ([caroline\\_hewison@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caroline_hewison@yahoo.co.uk))

Last entries to be sent before 12 o'clock midnight (BST) on Monday 3rd May 2021

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

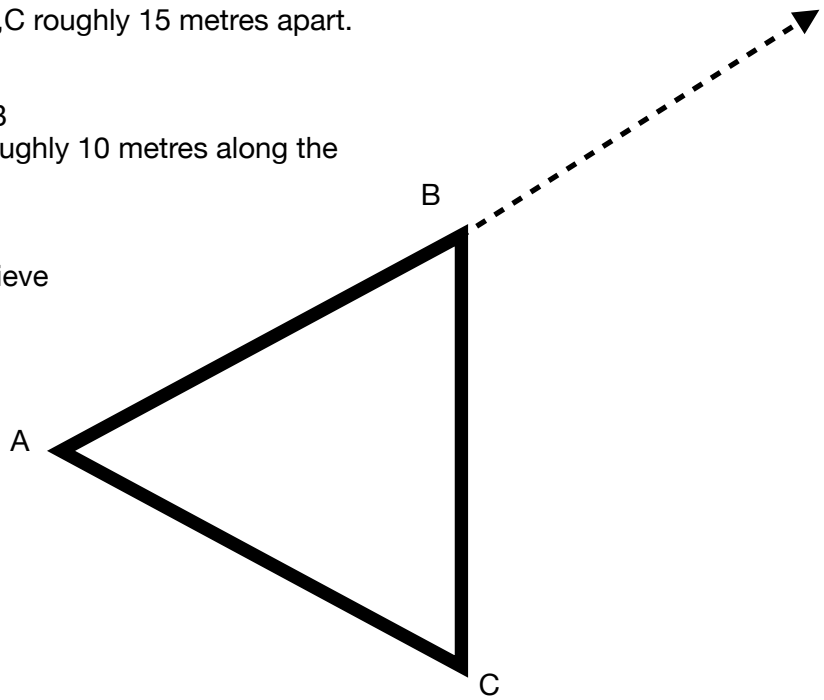


## Puppy Test 2. Novice Dog/ Novice Handler Test 2

Mark a triangle - three points A,B,C roughly 15 metres apart.  
Handler to carry dummy

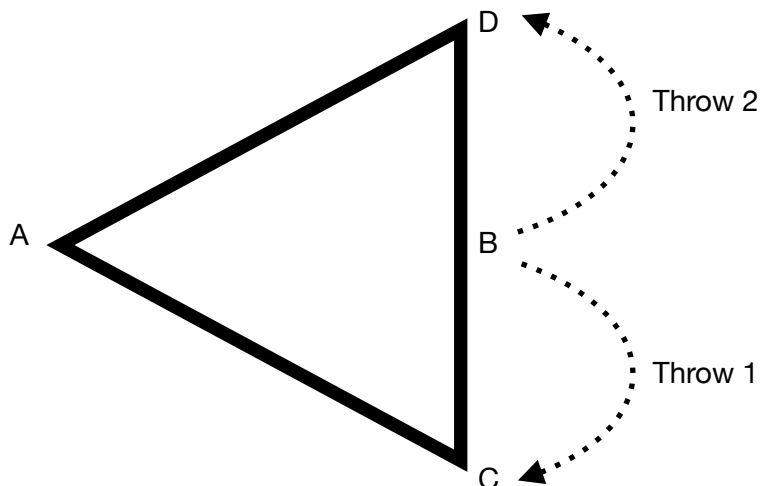
Handler and dog walk from A to B  
Handler throws dummy from B roughly 10 metres along the  
same line (away from the dog)  
Handler and dog walk to C  
Handler and dog walk to A.  
Handler sends dog to thrown retrieve  
Handler to take dummy from dog

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 thrower  
Dummy thrower may call “Mark” to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land at point C  
Dummy thrower may call “Mark” to attract attention of dog before throwing dummy to land at point D

After a pause of three seconds handler sends dog to retrieve second dummy thrown (from point D)  
Handler to take dummy from dog

In handler’s own time handler sends dog to retrieve first dummy thrown (from point C)  
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 may 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 two points. Dummy thrower required (50 metres away from handler) with two dummies

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

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

After a count of 3 seconds handler sends dog to dummy from point B and return to point A



Whilst dog on the return dummy thrower to silently throw dummy to land at point B ensuring dog cannot see or hear thrown dummy

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

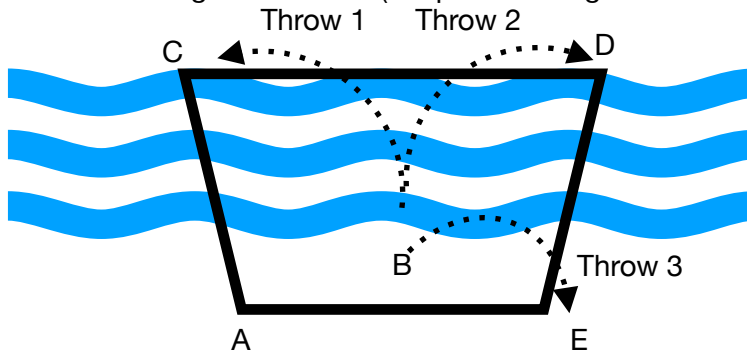
Handler to take dummy from dog

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 10 metres. A dummy thrower with three dummies. The dog must not appear to be wet at the start of the test

Handler and dog to stand at point A 5 metres from the bank, dummy thrower to stand at point B about 10 metres from dog and handler (adapt according to available space)



Dummy thrower may call “Mark” to attract attention of dog before throwing the first dummy to land at point C in water about 10 metres from shore

Dummy thrower may call “Mark” to attract attention of dog before throwing the second dummy to land at point D in water about 10 metres from shore (adapt position according to available space)

Dummy thrower may call “Mark” to attract attention of dog before throwing the third dummy to land on land at point E approx 20 metres from handler (adapt position according to available space)

After a count of 3 seconds handler sends dog to retrieve dummy from the point C

Handler to take dummy from dog

In handler's own time send dog to retrieve third dummy thrown from point E

Handler to take dummy from dog

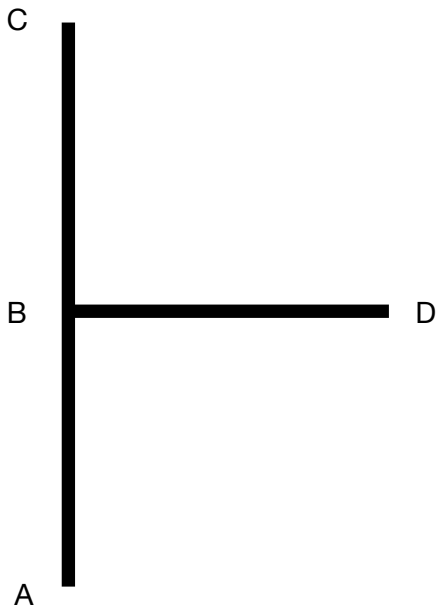
In handler's own time send dog to retrieve second dummy thrown from point D

Handler to take dummy from dog

Exercise over

## Novice Test 3

On an open grass area mark a shape as below, with points A to B 20 metres apart. B to C 20 metres apart. B to D 20 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 walk out and place first dummy at point C (where dog can see it)  
Handler to return to dog at point B and leave dog at point B  
Handler to walk to point D (without dog)  
Handler to leave a second dummy to point D

Handler to walk to point A  
Handler to turn to face dog

Handler to send dog "Back" to retrieve first dummy from point C  
Handler to take dummy from dog  
Handler to send dog to retrieve second dummy thrown from point D  
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.

Dummy thrower has two dummies

Handler to stand with dog at point A 15 metres from the obstacle.

Dummy thrower to stand at point B about 5 metres to either side of the intended clearance point of the jump.

Thrower may call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing first dummy to land at point C just to the handler's side of the jump

After a pause of three seconds thrower may call "Mark" to attract attention of dog before throwing second dummy to land at point D about 15 metres to the other side of the jump

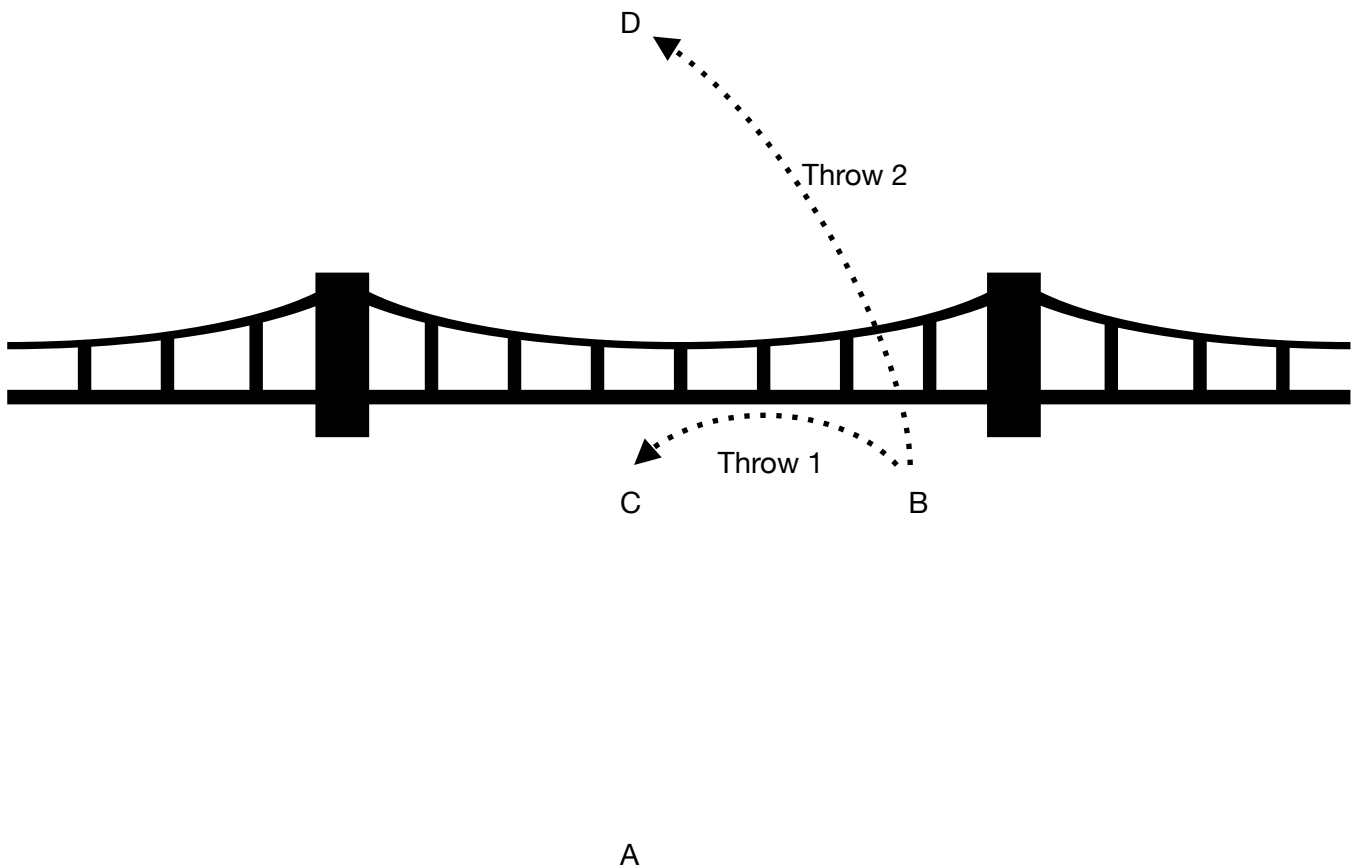
After a count of 3 seconds handler sends dog to retrieve dummy from point C

Handler to take dummy from dog

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

Handler to take dummy from dog

Exercise over



# Dummy throwing competition

No dog is required for this competition.

Mark an area 'A' 5m diameter - with the centre point marked

A video of the throws must be submitted so the camera must be near area A

Mark a point 'B' 25 metres away

Dummy thrower to stand at point 'B' armed with 5 standard dummies  
Throw dummies to area

Next count how many dummies land in the target area

Then measure how far away each dummy lands from the centre point.

Submit all five measurements and the number on target when you send your video.

Have fun!