

Activity: Field Test; Field Trial (12 Dog AV Retriever Open); Field Trial (16 Dog AV Retriever Novice)

Description of Activity: A Field Test or Trial is a meeting for the purpose of holding competition to assess the work of Gundogs in the Field.

RETRIEVERS: There are 3 or 4 judges to assess the dogs work. The dogs are required to walk steadily to heel, be steady to shot and retrieve dummies, dead or wounded game gently to hand from land or water.

Hazard	Person At Risk	Is Risk Adequately Controlled?	Further Action Necessary?	Who is Responsible For the Action?	Level of Risk (Low, Medium, High)
Gun Safety (including transport of guns and shoot personnel)	- Person carrying the gun - Person carrying the flag - Beaters - Pickers up - Stops - Visitors - Trespassers/Antis - Members of the Public Pay particular attention to: - People with Special Needs - Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc - Junior Members - Visitors	- Briefing by Chief Steward (Protocol 2) - Gun Safety protocol (Protocol 5) - Experienced Guns (Protocol 5) - Competitors & Spectators Supervision (Protocol 2 & 5) - Adequate Insurance Provision for members and Public Liability - Safety Glasses and Ear defenders are available for personnel assisting in the Trial	Competitors, junior members, visitors, trespassers, Antis and members of the public to provide their own PPE	Competitors, junior members, visitors, trespassers, Antis and members of the public	M
Slipping/Tripping Hazards and	Person carrying the gun	Competitors briefed on physical requirements			L

Fatigue	• Person carrying the flag • Beaters • Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public Pay particular attention to: • People with Special Needs • Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc • Junior Members • Visitors	(Protocol 4) • Suitable clothing/footwear worn (Protocol 4) • First Aid (Protocol 8)			
Getting Lost	• Person carrying the gun • Person carrying the flag • Beaters • Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public • Dogs Pay particular attention to:	• Briefing by Chief Steward (Protocol 2) • Supervision (Protocol 2) • Discipline (Protocol 2)			L

	• People with Special Needs • Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc • Junior Members • Visitors				
Extreme Weather Conditions (Heavy rains, mist, fog, snow, wind)	• Person carrying the gun • Person carrying the flag • Beaters • Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public • Dogs Pay particular attention to: • People with Special Needs • Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc • Junior Members	• Checking Weather forecast prior to Test/Trial (Protocol 7) • Pre-Trial inspection of Ground (Protocol 3) • Pre-Trial briefing (Protocol 2) • Emergency Procedure (Protocol 7)			L
Bites to humans/dogs (Adders, ticks,	• Person carrying the gun	• Emergency Procedure (Protocol 7) • First Aid (Protocol 7)	• Competitors, junior members, visitors,	• Competitors, junior members, visitors,	M

dogs)	• Person carrying the flag • Beaters • Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public • Dogs Pay particular attention to: • People with Special Needs • Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc • Junior Members	• Pre-Trial briefing (Protocol 2) • Appropriate footwear/clothing (Protocol 4) • Discipline (Protocol 2)	trespassers, Antis and members of the public to provide their own PPE	trespassers, Antis and members of the public	
Fall of shot quarry	• Person carrying the gun • Person carrying the flag • Beaters • Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public Pay particular attention to: • People with Special	• Pre-Trial Briefing (Protocol 2) • Discipline (Protocol 2) • First Aid (Protocol 7) • Emergency Procedure (Protocol 8)			L

	- Needs - Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc - Junior Members - Visitors				
Alcohol	- Person carrying the gun - Person carrying the flag - Beaters - Pickers up - Stops - Visitors - Trespassers/Antis - Members of the Public Pay particular attention to: - People with Special Needs - Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc - Junior Members - Visitors	- Pre-Trial Briefing (Protocol 2) - Discipline (Protocol 2)			L
Direction of shooting	- Person carrying the gun - Person carrying the flag - Beaters	- Pre-Trial Briefing (Protocol 2) - Discipline (Protocol 2) - First Aid (Protocol 7) - Emergency Procedure	Competitors, junior members, visitors, trespassers, Antis and	Competitors, junior members, visitors, trespassers, Antis and	

	• Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public • Dogs Pay particular attention to: • People with Special Needs • Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc • Junior Members • Visitors	(Protocol 8) • Provide adequate insurance and public liability insurance	members of the public to provide their own PPE	members of the public	
Public Access/Right of way/Right to Roam	• Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public • Dogs Pay particular attention to: • People with Special Needs	• Pre-Trial Briefing (Protocol 2)			L
Local Hazards (Barbed wire fences, power lines, bridges, property)	• Person carrying the gun • Person carrying the flag • Beaters • Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis	• Pre-Trial Briefing (Protocol 2) • Discipline (Protocol 2) • First Aid (Protocol 7) • Emergency Procedure (Protocol 8) • Provide adequate insurance and public liability insurance	• Competitors, junior members, visitors, trespassers, Antis and members of the public to provide their own PPE	• Competitors, junior members, visitors, trespassers, Antis and members of the public	M

	• Members of the Public • Dogs Pay particular attention to: • People with Special Needs • Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc • Junior Members • Visitors				
Dogs on pegs	• Person carrying the gun • Beaters • Pickers up • Stops • Visitors • Trespassers/Antis • Members of the Public • Dogs Pay particular attention to: • People with Special Needs • Inexperienced Guns, Beaters, etc • Junior Members • Visitors	• Pre-Trial Briefing (Protocol 2) • Discipline (Protocol 2) • Competitors briefed on physical requirements (Protocol 4) • Suitable clothing/footwear worn (Protocol 4) • First Aid (Protocol 8)			L

Overall Risk for Activity – **Low / Medium**

Signed: ...*PE Farmer*.....

Date:...22 March 2026.....

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