



Hunt Test Definitions

Air

To "air the dog" is to let them go potty

Area of the fall

Arbitrary area near where the bird has landed

Blind

1) *Blind retrieve*

A bird the dog retrieves that it did not see fall. A test of trainability (control, response).

2) *Holding Blind*

A barrier (fabric) placed so the dog cannot view a test

Break

Deliberate movement with intent to retrieve without being ordered to do so

Controlled

Leaves to retrieve before being sent but is quickly brought under control (verbal or whistle)

Call Backs

The Marshal announces the number of the dogs to be further evaluated in the next series

Catalog

List of all dogs entered in each test level in the order in which dogs were drawn with all identifying information including (at least, but not limited to full name of dog, registration number, breed, DOB, and name of owner and handler, if different from owner). The "official" catalog shall state the name of the club, date, location and judges along with the hunt test committee.

Creeping

Leaving the handler on a tentative yet excited basis short of breaking

Delivery to hand

Delivery of the bird in each level must be made to the handler directly, upon return from the retrieve; in any test it should be given up willingly. A dog shall not drop the bird before delivering it, freeze, or be unwilling to give it up. It shall not jump after the bird once the handler has taken it.

Diversion Bird

A diversion bird is not a mark but constitutes a trainability situation.

Diversion Shot

A shot in which no bird is thrown.

Force Fetch

A dog shall not drop its game on the ground. Upon returning to the line a dog shall deliver the bird promptly & tenderly to its handler.

Freezing

Reluctance or refusal to release or give up a bird on delivery for unreasonable period of time or until compelled to do so by severe methods.

Gallery

Spectators (clothing colors)

Hard Mouth

Badly damaging a bird, or making it unfit for human consumption, which in the opinion of the judges was caused solely by the dog without justification.

Hidden Gun

Marks that are thrown from a hidden position.

Honor

In Senior and Master level tests only. Dogs shall be required to honor a working dog at least once.

Leg

Qualifying score (need 4 in Juniors for title)

Line

The point that a dog will commence its retrieve or the designated area for an honoring dog.

Mark (Marked Retrieve)

Dogs natural marking ability (Memory). A dog which marks the fall of a bird, uses the wind, follows a string cripple, and takes direction from its handlers is of GREAT value.

Marshal

Person in charge! The Marshal shall call the dogs to line, and announce to the judges the number of the dog whose abilities are to be evaluated; call back dogs to be evaluated in the next series and announce the location of the next series. The Marshal is responsible for enforcement of regulations.

No Bird

"Unusual Circumstances" If unusual and unplanned circumstances occur during the course of a marking test. Each judge has the ability to call a no bird when in their opinion, a hazard or an element of danger exists, or the test conditions are altered to the point that the test becomes something else. The test need not be the same for every dog; however it is highly desirable that they run similar tests.

On Lead

Dogs may be brought to the line on leash with flat buckle collar in the junior level. English slip leads, prong, choke and pinch type collars are prohibited. Leashes, including short tabs, shall be removed before dogs are run.

Popping

Voluntary stopping (without command) and looking back to the handler for direction

Premium

Test: name of club, location and date, names and addresses of officers, time judging will commence, entry fees, Tests offered, names and addresses of Judges together with their specific assignments, name, telephone number of Hunt test secretary, date and time of closing and drawing of entries, and the official AKC entry form. Also shall specify type or types of birds to be used. The names and addresses of hunt test chairman and names of the hunt test committee members.

Recast

Do starts towards a marked fall but stops within a short distance (usually 15 ft). Dog is sent to retrieve again. This is most often attributed to confusion as to whether it was sent to retrieve the first time

Refusal

Failure to stop and look at handler when signaled (sit refusal, whistle refusal, cast refusal)

Retired Gun

When guns are visible, the Judges may request the Guns to disappear from sight after the bird is down.

Running Order

The order the dogs will be run.

Series

One or more hunting situations, ending with callbacks and an invitation by the judges to continue or receive final scores

Stake

The levels of Tests offered. Junior (JH)/Senior (SH)/Master (MH)

Standard

Each dog is evaluated against a standard on its abilities.

Switch

Giving up after establishing a hunt in the area of the fall for one bird and then going to the area of another fall and establishing a hunt; or dropping the bird being retrieved and going for another.

Test Dog

Is not entered in the test; can reasonably be expected to complete the test, but is not overqualified; accomplishes the test.

Title

Dog must be registered with AKC and must have 4 qualifying scores (legs) in Junior, 4 in Senior (5 without JH title), 5 in Master (6 without SH title).

Under Judgment

Dogs shall be considered under judgment from the time they are called to come to the line until they have left the line and are in back of all the judges.

Walk up

The first bird is thrown as the handler is walking up to the line a whistle or verbal command may be given to steady the dog.