



GROUSE POINTING TEST

Sunday 22nd March, 2020

9 am for 9.30 am start

To be held at the Roxby Estate, Yorkshire on Sunday 22nd March
By kind invitation of Roy Bebbington

Judges – TBA

Entries Close Sunday 15th March 2020 (emails accepted)

Entry Form

Class entered Junior/Adult (*delete as applicable*)

Registered Name of Dog

Breed DOB Sex Dog / Bitch

Owner Handler Breeder.....

Sire Dam

Address

Mobile E-mail.....

Entry Fees

N&SHPRFT Club members **£30** per dog Non-members **£35** per dog

Cheques: Please make cheques payable to *Norfolk & Suffolk HPR FT Club*.

BACs: payment will be accepted using reference *GPT and your surname* to Account No. 00838047 sort code 20-85-93.

If paying by BACS please provide **your** Account No. and Sort Code for ease in the event of a refund

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No entries will be accepted without full payment.

Please send completed entry forms and payment to:

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Norfolk & Suffolk HPR Field Trial Club

Pointing Tests on Grouse *(deviations from the below Guidelines)*

The following deviations from the below Guidelines should apply to Pointing Tests on grouse moors. Dogs should be run on open moorland and into the wind wherever possible, but the available ground and route of the day will determine this. Dogs should cover a beat of at least 100 metres although on some occasions, when birds are at lower densities, much wider beats may be appropriate. Dogs should work with pace, drive and determination. Credit should be given to dogs which point grouse (all species), snipe and golden plover. They should not, however, be penalised for failing to point snipe or golden plover.

Spring Pointing Guidelines

The emphasis of these tests is to be on the natural working ability of the dog on open ground assessing ground treatment, hunting and pointing with an element of steadiness. Spring Pointing Tests are an evaluation of potential in a pointing dog. Dogs to be run and graded as individuals, not in competition with other dogs.

Categories

The Tests are judged in two categories:

JUNIOR – For dogs over 6 months of age and under two years of age on the 1st January in the year of the pointing test, to be judged on partridge and pheasant, ground game to be judged for steadiness only.

ADULT – For dogs over two years of age on 1st of January in the year of the pointing test to be judged on partridge only, with all other game to be judged for steadiness only.

Basic Requirements

Each dog shall be run singly into wind, to quarter a beat on open ground.

Each dog shall be run for a minimum of 10 minutes before being considered for a grading. Each dog will be allowed 1 minute to settle unless out of control.

Dogs are required to hunt, point, hold game and flush on command.

Judging emphasis to be on the natural ability of the dog in the following order of priority:

Ground Treatment: Game Finding: Pointing: Steadiness.

Each dog graded to be given a verbal critique by the Judges and an Assessment Certificate at the end of the day.

Assessments

The ideal pattern is when the dog is searching for game and is completely in tune with the handler. The dog should hunt with drive, purpose and with good pace, ranging wide always turning into the wind and covering its ground with style. All game birds on its beat should be pointed and all other game honoured.

Credits

Good ground treatment/regular pattern – Turning into the wind – Natural ability to hunt without intervention – Game finding - *Good pace - *Correct head carriage (*when considering these aspects the judges must take into account the individual style of the different breeds.) – Steadiness to flush – Quiet handling.

Faults

Stickiness on point – Persistent False pointing – Persistent pointing of 'larks' – Persistently casting back on the wind – Unsteadiness – Catching healthy game.

Elimination Faults

Out of Control	Failure to Hunt or Point	Not covering sufficient ground
Chasing Game	Deliberately Flushing Game without pointing	
Missing game birds on the beat	Whining or barking	

Assessment of EXCELLENT

The dog must work to the ideal pattern and exhibit all credits.

Assessment of VERY GOOD

The dog must be close to the ideal pattern without any persistent faults.

Assessment of GOOD

The work must be of a good standard showing natural aptitude but without high quality.

Judging Notes:

- Dog to quarter with its nose on the wind with correct head carriage, enabling it to make contact with game scent.
- Quartering and turning on each flank into wind.
- Spending little or no time on ground or residual scent, giving only an indication of its presence.
- Positive indication of game, ideally holding until handler is in close contact and working forward with determination to final point. With correct head carriage the dog should directly flush, not losing contact and not foot scenting the game.
- Positive flush of game with dog steady. Game not to be chased in flight but exuberance quickly brought under control may be allowed for junior dogs.
- A grading can be considered if birds flush off the dog's point on their own accord when the handler is not in close contact.
- Dogs which complete the card in their first run and are graded will not be required to run again. Only dogs of sufficient standard, which have not obtained a grading in their first run, are to be considered for a second run. Judges should not be tempted to run a dog a second time to try and upgrade it if they have been able to give it a grading on its first run.