



# THE WYE VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB

ID No 2045

## GUNDOG WORKING TESTS FOR A/V RETRIEVERS

### NOVICE, NOVICE DOG/NOVICE HANDLER, VETERAN & YOUNG HANDLER

Held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Rules and Regulations 'J' & the rules of WVRC

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

**Wootton Devereux, Norton Canon, Herefordshire HR4 8QN**

By kind permission of Mr Patrick Wrixon

**JUDGES:** Nigel Probert [B3675] Elizabeth ("Sid") Davis [NP4007]  
George Davies [NP] & TBC

**Novice 9.30am prompt – 1pm (approx.)**

**Novice Dog/Novice Handler, Young Handler & Veteran - 2pm onwards**

Directions will be sent with the draw. Club signs will be out.

**Entries: £15 Members, £25 Non-members, Young Handler FOC**

**Online entries via FTMS preferred. Paper entries to the Working Test Secretary**

**Closing Date of Entries: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Draw (if required): Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

(The Draw will be automatically performed by FTMS at 11am. Novice limited to 30 dogs, NDNH/Veteran/Young Handler limited to 30 dogs in combination.)

**Payment must accompany all entries**

**If we have to make a draw and you are not successful, your money will be refunded or cheque shredded.**

Stamped Addressed Envelope or email address for result of the draw

**Conditions of Entry & Definitions of Classes: See overleaf - please ensure you read them**

**No dog may be entered in more than one test**

**Working Test Secretary: Mrs Anna Crampton**

Oakdale, Preston Wynne, Hereford HR1 3PE, Mobile 07976 842245

(no calls after 9pm please except on the night before the test!)

**Trophy for highest placed non-Labrador in Novice**

(must achieve a minimum score of 50%)

**Raffle - prizes appreciated – proceeds to charity**

**Our grateful thanks go to our sponsor, Roger Skinner Ltd**

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## Conditions of Entry for Working Tests

All working tests will be conducted in accordance with the Royal Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulations (section J) together with these Conditions and the Rules of the Wye Valley Retriever Club. All participants should be fully conversant with the Royal Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulations.

1. Dogs entered at Royal Kennel Club Licensed Working Tests must be registered at The Royal Kennel Club in accordance with Royal Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. Wye Valley Retriever Club ("the Society" / "the Club") reserves the right to refuse any entry.
3. Substitution of dogs will not be permitted.
4. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Royal Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
5. If entries exceed the number of permitted runners for a class, the right to compete in that class of the working test shall be decided by ballot. Preference in the ballot will be per the Royal Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulations (section J).
6. No dog may be entered in more than one class in a day. Handlers may enter more than one dog in each class and may enter more than one class.
7. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary.
8. Judges at a working test are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
9. Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.
10. Welfare of Dogs: An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at Royal Kennel Club licensed events should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any working test licensed by the Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the working test.
11. Dogs in cars on hot days: Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
12. **If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must not attend the event and should self-isolate in line with government advice.**  
**[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/)**
13. The Royal Kennel Club's Codes of Conduct specify the sort of behaviour expected of those who take part in competitive gundog work. Participants should never publicly impugn decisions of the Judge or Judges. Neither should they criticise the host, ground or guns.
14. All persons attending the working test must consider themselves under the control of the Judges and Chief Steward of the Club. They must be dressed appropriately and conduct themselves according to shooting field practices and traditions.
15. Any existing member whose subscription has not been paid in full by 31<sup>st</sup> March in the current season will be treated as a non-member in the draw (ie currently 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025).
16. The order of running is the order of the draw. All dogs and handlers must be present at the commencement of the working test, as announced by the Chief Steward. Those who are not present will forfeit their run.
17. Any withdrawals need to be confirmed with the Working Test Secretary via telephone or text only (emails are unreliable) as soon as it is evident that the run cannot be accepted, and must be in line with Royal Kennel Club rules.
18. An applicant, having accepted a run and subsequently withdrawing, may forfeit their entry fee unless certain conditions are met – see KC Field Trial Regulation J6f.
19. If a member enters more than one dog in a class at a working test, the dog entered in Box 1 of the Registered Name of Dog section on the working test entry form will be balloted in the first draw after which a second

draw will take place which will include any second dogs and then non-members; the results of this ballot will be added to the end of the first.

20. Only the handler whose name appears on the official entry form may handle the dog on the day.
21. Handlers running two dogs must bring a deputy handler to hold their second dog when they are in line. Handlers must not ask other competitors or club officials to hold their second dog.
22. The date of the draw will be as published in the Working Test Schedule. Any fully paid-up Club member is welcome to attend the draw by contacting the Working Test Secretary by telephone a minimum of 24 hours in advance.
23. Any dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease must not be brought to the working test ground (as required by entry declaration). Wye Valley Retriever Club recommends that competing dogs are fully vaccinated.
24. Bitches in season must not be brought to the working test ground.
25. A cheque for the entry fee must accompany the entry form where a paper entry is submitted. A stamped addressed envelope or email address is required for the results of the draw. Cheques for those not successful in the draw will be shredded.
26. All trophies are held until the 1<sup>st</sup> March following the working test and it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the safe return to the Working Test Secretary, at the recipient's cost. The recipient is responsible for any engraving required and must return the trophy in the condition it was received, together with the box it was supplied in. Trophies must not be taken out of the UK.
27. Once the working test is deemed to have commenced (as announced by the Chief Steward) all mobile phones must remain switched off until the end of the test.
28. Failure to return arm bands will incur a fine of £20.00.
29. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.

Please be respectful to our host and show good sportsmanship by staying to the presentation at the end of the working test, regardless of what has happened to you, to congratulate the winner and those in the awards and to thank those who have given their time to allow the test to take place.

### **DEFINITIONS PER J(G)2b**

<b>PUPPY</b>	Open to all dogs less than 18 months on the day of the working test.
<b>NOVICE</b>	For dogs which have not gained an award or certificate of merit at a Field Trial, been placed 1st, 2nd or 3 <sup>rd</sup> in an Open gundog working test or 1st in a Novice gundog working test held in accordance with Royal Kennel Club rules and Field Trial Regulations.
<b>OPEN</b>	Open to all dogs although preference may be given to dogs which have gained an award or certificate of merit at a Field Trial or been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Gundog Working Test or won a Novice Gundog Working Test.

### **UNCLASSIFIED TESTS - DEFINITIONS PER WVRC**

<b>SPECIAL PUPPY</b>	Open to all dogs up to the age of 24 months on the day of the working test.
<b>YOUNG HANDLER</b>	Open to dogs of any standard which do not have to be owned by the handler. Handlers must be 17 or under on the day of the working test and must be accompanied at all times by a parent or other adult nominated by a parent. Young handlers or one of their parents must be members of Wye Valley Retriever Club. Specific awards will be given. Entry is free but please specify handler's name and the dog's pet name on the entry form. Young handlers entering other classes will be bound by normal working test conditions.
<b>NOVICE DOG / NOVICE HANDLER</b>	Neither dog nor handler to have won an award including a certificate of merit at a Field Trial, 1st 2nd or 3rd or Reserve in an Open or ALL aged working test or 1st in ANY working test. Please also consider the spirit of this class....
<b>VETERAN</b>	Open to all dogs aged <b>eight</b> years or over on the day before the test is run.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

**WRITING MUST BE IN INK AND CLEAR BLOCK LETTERS. USE ONE LINE ONLY FOR EACH DOG. CHECK ALL DETAILS BEFORE POSTING.**

This form must be used by one person only (or partnership). The name of the dog and all the details as recorded with The Royal Kennel Club must be given on this entry form. If an error is made the dog may be disqualified by the Committee of the Royal Kennel Club.

ENTRIES FOR FIELD TRIALS & WORKING TESTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM GUNDOGS REGISTERED AT THE ROYAL KENNEL CLUB IN THE GUNDOG GROUP (vide Reg. J1a, J6a and B20) and if a registered dog has changed ownership the TRANSFER must be applied for before the closing of entries.

On no account will entries be accepted without fees. Please note it is a condition of entry that in the event of a cheque being returned for any reason by the competitor's bank, or the cheque of his/her agent, a charge will be made.

### ENTRY FEES

..... @ £15 members (£25 non-members) Total £.....

Please make cheques payable to 'WVRC'. Y/Handler class FOC.

Card Payments – contact Working Test Secretary.

Entries Close: 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

**SEPARATE CHEQUE FOR EACH DOG PLEASE**

	CLASS	REGISTERED NAME OF DOG	KC REG. NO., STUD BOOK NO., OR ATC NO.	FULL DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	SIRE (BLOCK LETTERS)	DAM (BLOCK LETTERS)
1							
			BREED	BREEDER			
2							
			BREED	BREEDER			

### QUALIFICATION – SEE SCHEDULE

	DATE	AWARD	STAKE	PROMOTING SOCIETY
1				
2				

### DECLARATION

I/We agree to submit to and be bound by the Royal Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Regulations in their present form or as they may be amended from time to time in relation to all canine matters with which the Royal Kennel Club is concerned and **that this entry is made upon the basis that all current single or joint registered owners of this dog(s) have authorised/consented to this entry.**

I/We also undertake to abide by the Regulations of this Trial and not to bring to the Trial any dog which has contracted or been knowingly exposed to any infectious disease during the 21 days prior to the day of the Trial, **or which is suffering from a visible condition which adversely affects its health or welfare.** I also declare that I am fully conversant with the Field Trial Regulations and have studied the guide to Conduct at Field Trials. I/We further declare that I/we believe to the best of my knowledge that the dog(s) are not liable to disqualification under Royal Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations.

USUAL SIGNATURE OF OWNER(S) .....DATE.....

**NOTE: Dogs entered in breach of Royal Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations are liable to disqualification whether or not the owner was aware of the breach.** © Royal Kennel Club. WVRC Form Version 2025

NAME OF OWNER(S): .....

ADDRESS: .....

TEL: ..... E-MAIL : .....

NAME OF HANDLER: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TEL: ..... E-MAIL : .....

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ENTRIES AND FEES, WHICH MUST BE PREPAID, TO BE SENT TO:

Mrs Anna Crampton, Oakdale, Preston Wynne, Hereford HR1 3PE, Mobile 07976 842245