



'HAVE-A-GO' FIELD OBEDIENCE FOR LURCHERS AND SIGHTHOUNDS.

TEST 2 (NOVICE)

A more challenging 'fun' test for all Lurcher owners. This competition is designed to encourage you to start training your dog to be capable of completing a simple obedience event. If you and your dog have a go and enjoy the test, there is potential to progress to more advanced tests and trials. This is not a test to trick you or show you up, just a test of manners and control that you will need when out in the field.

1.HEEL WORK.

Handler to walk dog to heel off lead towards a marker, walk round the marker and return to start. Put dog in a 'sit'. Dog must be attentive, under control and loosely with handler. The least number of commands and soft tone will command the highest points.

2. RECALL.

Handler to walk dog to heel, off the lead, towards a marker. At marker, leave dog in a 'sit' and return to start. When commanded, call the dog in and put in a 'sit'. Handler to then leave dog again, continue walking for 6 paces and recall dog to heel while still walking. Once dog has re-joined handler, dog to be put in 'sit'. A prompt return will command the highest points.

3. DOWN STAY.

Handler to leave dog in down position, walk to nearby cover and place dummy under edge of cover, then return to dog who should remain down and steady.

4. RETRIEVE.

Handler must send dog in to cover to find and retrieve the dummy placed there earlier. Dog must hold the dummy until asked to release.

5. OVER OR UNDER OBSTACLE.

Handler to approach obstacle, stop and wait, then command dog to either jump OR go under. Once on the other side, the dog must remain in a position of control until handler has walked round the obstacle to re-join the dog. Then the handler must send the dog back either over or under the obstacle. The dog must remain steady until re-joined by handler.

Exercises 1, 2 and 3 are worth 10 points each. 4 and 5 are worth 20 points each. TOTAL= 70 points.

RULES;

- NO FOOD OR TOYS CAN BE USED DURING EXERCISES 1 TO 5 BUT DOGS CAN BE REWARDED AT THE END OF EACH TEST AT THE START POINT.
- ANY HARSH CORRECTION OR MAN-HANDLING OF DOGS IN THE RING WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
- EACH DOG AND HANDLER CAN ENTER TWICE, HIGHEST SCORE WILL BE COUNTED.
- HANDLERS CAN USE THEIR OWN RETRIEVE ARTICLE OR ONE PROVIDED.
- ANY DOG THAT HAS WON TEST 2 THREE TIMES WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ENTER THIS TEST AGAIN.