

Criteria for Badges Guidelines for Evaluators

Hunting Retriever Badge

This badge shows that the handler has taught his or her dog to perform hunt test skills, using natural instincts to mark and retrieve.

Dog Requirements: Dog is steady to gunshot (blanks). Dog will retrieve a winged or feathered dummy (simulating a real bird as much as possible) from moderate cover, and also do a blind retrieve. Dog will remain on line until told to fetch. Dog will come to a field whistle.

Owner Requirements: Handler can control dog and give the commands necessary for the dog to successfully look for, mark, find and retrieve the “bird.”

Equipment Needed: Retrieving Dummies, Dead Game, or bumpers with attached wings from real birds (who have died of natural causes or been humanely killed for other purposes); Blank pistol and Blanks; an area with light cover, and a more open area; floating retriever dummies

Allowable:

Any breed of dog can try this sport, as no birds are harmed in the process of earning this badge

Not Allowable:

Choke chains
Shock collars
Whips