



CP Elite Gundog Levels

Adult Preliminary Level

For dogs over 12 months of age.

The dog and handler will be considered under test from the moment that they arrive at the venue until the end of the test.

Stay 10 marks

30 seconds on lead with handler stood next to the dog. The handler may give one cue as the exercise starts and any additional cues will be penalised.

Note: cues can either be verbal, visual or whistle, but the handler will be penalised for using more than one type, so a verbal and visual cue will result in the handler being penalised for additional cues

Heelwork on lead 10 marks

The dog and handler should complete a 5m figure of 8 (2 cones or markers placed 5m apart). The lead should be slack at all times and there should be no 'bumping' of the dog on the turns. The dog must start off in the sit position and when the figure of 8 has been completed, the handler and dog should halt with the dog in the sit at the heel position.

There is no penalty for extra cues but use of the lead will be severely penalised. Dogs can be worked on either the left or right hand side of the handler but must not swap sides during the test.

Note: Excessive use of the lead, overly harsh corrections or harsh tone of voice will result in the test being stopped and no marks being awarded for this exercise.

Recall 10 marks

The dog is to be left in the sit position. On the steward's instruction, the lead will be removed and the handler walks forwards for 5m, turns and immediately calls the dog. The dog should return quickly and directly to the handler and sit in front in the present position, without the handler having to cue the sit. The lead must be placed on the dog once it has recalled. Marks will be deducted for extra cues and deviation from a direct path, slow recalls, stopping to sniff as well as for extra recall cues.

The handler may use extra cues for the 'stay' part of this test with no penalty. Cues may be verbal, visual or whistle, but not all.

Note: An overly harsh tone of voice will result in the test being stopped and no marks being awarded for this exercise.

Retrieve 10 Marks

The handler will throw a standard green canvas dummy (1lb) to the 5m marker. The dummy should be in plain sight. The dog should then on one cue, be sent to retrieve the dummy. It should pick up the dummy cleanly (no pouncing on it) and return promptly to the handler with no mouthing, and deliver to hand. There is no requirement for the dog to sit to present the dummy. The lead should then be placed on the dog once again.

The dog may be restrained by collar or lead whilst the retrieve article is thrown but the lead must be removed before the dog is sent for the article. Extra cue, mouthing, pouncing on the dummy, dropping the dummy or a slow return will result in marks being deducted.

Basic Sit to Whistle 10 marks

This is the start of the stop to whistle exercise and is in three parts. The dog will be expected to sit to whistle at the heel position, directly in front of the handler (the present position) and at distance of 1m from the handler. The dog is to be on lead for the duration of this test and the handler is static. A simultaneous whistle and hand signal can be used. Marks will be deducted for slow sits, additional cues or using the lead to get the dog to sit. No verbal cues are allowed for the 'stop' but the handler may use their voice to get the dog in the desired position relative to them before give the 'stop' cue.

Gradings Max 50 marks.

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| Not Ready | 0-20 marks | |
| Pass | 21-30 marks | (min of 2 marks in each section) |
| Good | 31-35 marks | |
| Very Good | 36-40 marks | |
| Excellent | 41-50 marks | |