



## CP Elite Gundog Levels

### Spaniel Beginner

*Dogs must have passed either the puppy or adult basic obedience test before attempting this level.*

*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 off 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 off lead 10 marks**

The dog and handler should complete an 8m figure of 8 (2 cones or markers placed 8m apart). The dog will be off lead 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. The dog should maintain a consistent position and be attentive to the handler at all times with minimal sniffing.

There is no penalty for extra cues but excessive use of cues will be 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 at the first marker. On the steward's instruction, the lead will be removed and the handler walks forwards to the marker, 8m away, turns and waits for 5 seconds before calling the dog. Only one recall cue is permitted. 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, failing to wait for 5 seconds, 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 (seen) 20 Marks**

A steward will throw a standard green canvas dummy (1lb) to the 10m 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. The dog can sit or stand 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 dummy. Extra cues, mouthing, pouncing on the dummy, dropping the dummy, not delivering cleanly to hand or a slow return will result in marks being deducted.

**Retrieve (blind) 20 Marks**

A steward will throw a standard green canvas dummy (1lb) to the 8m marker. The dummy should be positioned so that it lands in light cover. 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. The dog can sit or stand 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 dummy. Extra cue, mouthing, pouncing on the dummy, dropping the dummy, not delivering cleanly to hand or a slow return will result in marks being deducted.

**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 off lead for the duration of this test and the handler will be walking the dog at heel for Stop 1 and milling about with the dog in a relaxed mode for the other 2 stops. The handler can stop moving as they give the stop cue. 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 80 marks.**

Not Ready	0-40 marks	
Pass	41-50 marks	(min of 2 marks in each section)
Good	51-60 marks	
Very Good	61-70 marks	
Excellent	71-80 marks	