



Chesapeake Bay
Retriever Club

CBRC Autumn Working Test Weekend 2024

Sat 21 Sept - Sun 22 Sept 2024

Dairy House Farm, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 2BQ

By kind permission of Mr Mark & Mrs Fleur Bament

Sat 21 Sept – TRAINING DAY

Trainers: Sue Watkins and Jill Thorpe

Training starts at 10.00 am

The cost is £50 per dog

Please complete the booking form on the next page to secure your place on the training.

Sun 22 Sept – WORKING TEST

Judges: Nigel Partiss and Mandy Smith

Meet 9.30 for 10.00 am start

Entry is £10 per dog per class

Please read the instructions below and download the separate entry form from the website.

VENUE for training and working test

Dairy House Farm, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 2BQ

The venue is close to J23 of the M5. Head north from Chilton Trinity, along Straight Drove. After the road bends to the left, Dairy House Farm is on the right-hand side.

What3Words location is `///apprehend.snooty.caked`

(If you have never used W3W before, the three-word code above describes a 3m² location. If you download the W3W app, this three-word code will take you to the entrance of Dairy House Farm)

If you have any queries, please contact

WT Secretary Dave Rigby

Email rigbydn@virginmedia.com

Telephone 07734 396193

Overnight camping

Our hosts for the weekend are our Chesapeake friends Mark and Fleur Bament, who have very kindly agreed to people camping at the venue. Camping is free. There is use of a toilet and water is available. No electricity. Please remember that this is someone's home as well as a working farm. Please keep dogs on leads and gates shut, and clean up after your dogs.

While camping is free of charge, please note on the booking form below if you wish to camp, so we know numbers.

WORKING TEST ENTRY SCHEDULE – *please read before entering*

- Closing date for entries: **11 September 2024**. The closing date for entries will be final. Any entries received after the closing date will NOT be accepted.
 - Please only enter each dog in one class.
 - If your dog is owned in partnership, ALL owners need to be members of the CBRC.
 - All dogs need to be registered with the Kennel Club (or have an ATC number).
 - WT entries £10.00 per class for each dog.
 - You can pay the entry by cheque or bank transfer. Please make cheques payable to *Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club*. If you are paying by bank transfer, please include 'YourSurname+AWT24' in your payment reference.
 - Send your postal entries to Sue Worrall, Ivy Cottage, 287 Manchester Road, Millhouse Green, Penistone, S Yorks S36 9NP or email chesapeakeblue@btinternet.com
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There are four classes at this working test:

PUPPY: For dogs of 6 months but not exceeding 18 months on the day of the test.

NOVICE DOG/NOVICE HANDLER: For dogs of any age. ND/NH comprises similar tests to those in Puppy. It is aimed at those who are completely new to working tests, and would like to have a go. Neither dog nor handler can have gained *any* gundog working test place or field trial award, or have won a Novice Dog/Novice Handler.

BEGINNER: For dogs not having won two or more CBRC Beginner tests, or won any Novice gundog working test, or an award in any CBRC Unclassified Open test, any Open working test, or any Field Trial award.

UNCLASSIFIED OPEN: Open to all.

BEST VETERAN: There is no separate Veteran class. The Best Veteran trophy is awarded to the the highest scoring dog aged 8 years old or older, from either the ND/NH, Beginner or Unclassified Open classes.

Dogs who run 'Not for Competition' cannot compete in any classes.

Please only enter one class.

- Spectators are welcome at this event. Please let the organisers know beforehand if you wish to come and watch. We will need dummy throwers and stewards – roles that always provide the best views of the dogs – so if you are willing to help out with this, please let us know.
- There will be a **RAFFLE** so any raffle prizes will be gratefully received.
- No bitches in season will be allowed on the ground.
- Keep dogs on a lead at all times, except under the judges' instruction or in the designated exercise area. Please respect the landowner. Keep all gates closed and clean up after your dogs.

All is set for a fun weekend, training and testing our dogs together, so we hope you can join us

Meet the judges and trainers

Nigel Partiss

I have been interested in all country pursuits and gundog training from being a very young person and have always been active on shoots. About 20 years ago I really got into the gundog world, and I was lucky enough that extremely good trainers took me under their wings, including Ian Openshaw from Rytex kennels. In the last 20 years with the help of Ian, I've created an outstanding breeding programme. I have been lucky enough to have most probably made up 8 champion dogs, won the Cocker Championships in 2014, won the Irish Championships in 2022, and have come third in the British Championships three times. I really enjoy all the gundog, side, and the gamekeeping side, and look forward to spending the day with you.

Jill Thorpe

I live in Hampshire with my husband and to say we are a bit obsessed about dogs is probably a bit of an understatement as we have now managed to collect 5! Three of whom are currently trained to work on our local shoot, and the other two are both in training for the shooting field and maybe one will make the grade to trial.

My passion for the sport and gundog training started when I was invited to help out beating on a local shoot. After a couple of years, I caught the gundog training bug and was asked to take on the role of 'picking up'. I have been doing this since 2007 and love nothing more than watching my dogs do the job they were bred for. I've worked mostly on commercial driven shoots but also have experience of smaller family-run days.

Having bred a litter of dogs some time ago I found myself in the situation that so many of my clients find themselves in with a dog who wanted to go off into the sunset and do her own thing. At this point I thought I ought to find a trainer to help me understand how to turn this around. Once I got a better understanding of how to train my dog I got quite addicted and with my third dog decided to get involved in teaching other dog owners. I have been a professional gundog trainer since 2013 and loved every minute of the journey I have been on. I know my learning about training people and dogs will continue for ever more; as they say the more you learn the more you realise there is to learn.

I use science-based positive dog training methods to build trust and confidence in the dog. Being a positive trainer doesn't mean that I don't have rules and boundaries as I feel these are important for a harmonious household. I am a qualified gundog training instructor with the Gundog Trainers Academy and a Fully Accredited Instructor with the Gundog Club able to assess all grades 1-5. Specialising in teaching retrievers, but equally happy with spaniels and HPRs.

I am very active on the working test circuit, helping out and competing with my young male Labrador Ezra with whom I hope to trial next season. Earlier dogs I have put through the Kennel Club Working Gundog Certificate, and dabbled a bit in the past with Scentwork and Competition Obedience.

Sue Watkins

I live on the beautiful Somerset Levels with my family and dogs, Labradors, Working Cocker Spaniels and Flat Coated Retriever. My earliest memory is of being a toddler and being surrounded by a litter of Labrador puppies, bred by my parents. My passion for dogs was ignited and has remained with me ever since. I have had dogs of my own for many years, both rescued and bought as puppies of assorted breeds, and challenges. For five years I worked for a Greyhound rescue charity, as a regional rehoming officer. We dealt with all types of sight hounds and within our area we rehomed about 150 dogs a year - all with differing histories and needs.

Nineteen years ago, I decided to have a change of tact and stopped working in rescue and decided to run my own business. I still dealt with dogs and their owners, but I supplied them with food designed to meet their differing nutritional needs. I hold a Certificate in Companion Animal Nutrition (QCF Level 3) awarded by COAPE. I still trained and worked my own dogs, 'picking up' on several shoots over the years and competing in Working Tests, but felt it was time to follow a long-held dream to become a dog trainer.

I completed several Sarah Whitehead courses and was a Clever Dog Licensed Method Trainer with Sarah's Clever Dog Company for two years. I continued to study and became a member of the Professional Association of Canine Trainers and the Gundog Trainers Academy. I am also a member of the Pet Professional Guild as well as an authorised graded course trainer and assessor for The Gundog Club.

I love training with gundogs particularly retrievers and spaniels, but I am more than happy to work with any breed of dog! My approach is to make learning fun for both the dog and the owner. My training is not prescriptive but has an emphasis on your dog learning to learn and giving you the tools to help him/her do that. I aim to make your journey with your dog as enjoyable and as stress free as possible. I want you to be able to work or compete with your dog knowing that you have the skills in place to do as needed. I love to watch dogs and their owners progressing in their relationship, developing a bond, building their confidence and learning using positive, science-based methods. I may be a positive, reward based trainer but that doesn't mean I'm permissive! I regularly update my knowledge and experience by attending seminars and workshops. I am fully insured, and DBS cleared. All training adheres to the APDT code of practice

TRAINING DAY / CAMPING BOOKING FORM (please return by 11 Sept 2024)

Name: Tel/mobile no.

Dog's name: Email

- I would like to book place(s) on the training day on Saturday 21 Sept @ £50 per dog
- I would like to book a camping space

Total amount enclosed/transferred:

Date of bank transfer: Reference used:

Training payments and working test entries can be by cheque or bank transfer.

If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to *Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club*. Send your completed booking/entry forms and cheque to Sue Worrall, Ivy Cottage, 287 Manchester Road, Millhouse Green, Penistone, S Yorks S36 9NP.

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Bank details: Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club. Sort code: 51-81-08. A/c no. 23333170

There is a separate form to enter the Spring Working Test. Please download it from the website.