

**Saint Hubert Practical Hunting Dog Field Trial**  
***By Invitation of Lost Highway Kennels***

Date: Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Location: Blue Horizon Quail Preserve  
4189 Nixon Farm Rd, Franklinville, NC 27248

Head Judges:

Pointing Class, Grayson Guyer of Midway, NC

Flushing Class, John Huddleston of Advance, NC

Trial Secretary: Emily Shirey, [shorthairsandshotguns@gmail.com](mailto:shorthairsandshotguns@gmail.com)

Trial Chairman: Grayson Guyer

Trial will be limited to two batteries of 12 dogs.

Each handler will be limited to one dog per class.

Designated game: Chukar Partridge

Entry fee: \$75

Please enter online or RSVP to [shorthairsandshotguns@gmail.com](mailto:shorthairsandshotguns@gmail.com)

Enter online at following link.... [Entry Form](#)

Pay by Venmo or PayPal (please annotate "St Hubert Trial" with payment)

Venmo: @Charles-Guyer

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304 McGee Rd

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Rules and eligibility attached below

# **Saint Hubert's Field Trial for Practical Hunting Dogs**

## **Eligibility:**

All licensed hunters with dogs used to take upland game (regardless of breed or registration status) are eligible to participate.

Participants must have a valid hunting license issued by the state of the venue and have signed a liability waiver.

Participants must have and wear blaze orange garments and abide by all other applicable laws pertaining to the hunting of upland birds on the specified property.

## **Gen Rules:**

All unattended dogs must be safely crated.

Dogs may be staked out in owners' presence.

All dogs not crated, staked, or under judgement must be on lead.

All firearms will remain unloaded until in use on the trial field.

No electronic collar (tracking or otherwise) shall be worn by dogs under judgement

Bells may be allowed at judge's discretion

The head judge of each respective battery is the final authority on all matters pertaining to his/her course and may dismiss any participant for a safety, honor, or sportsmanship violation.

## **Field Trial Procedure**

### *Presentation:*

Participant will present before the judge of their battery with dog on leash, firearm in safe condition (broken action or bolt to the rear, chamber empty, and weapon on safe) and 6 cartridges to take afield. The judge will assess the general health and fitness of the dog, the functionality/condition of the firearm, the cartridges (to ensure that they are appropriate for the listed game) and ensure that the handler has water for his or her dog.

### *The Hunt:*

On the judge's signal the handler will release his/her dog into the field and assume a normal day afield. Dog and handler will remain under judgement for twenty minutes unless picked up for safety or honor violation.

### **Categories of Judgement:**

#### *-Security and technical knowledge (20 pts total)*

- Firearms handling safety (7pts)
- Analysis and approach to course (4pts)
- Shooting safety upon contact with game (9pts)

#### *-Sportsmanship (15 pts total)*

- Presentation (valid license, clean weapon, healthy dog) (5pts)
- Hunter's demeanor (quietly approaches the course without overhandling) (5pts)
- Judge's discretion (5pts)

#### *-Shooting (5 pts total)*

- First piece of game bagged with first cartridge (team awarded 2pts)
- First piece of game bagged with second cartridge (team awarded .5pts)
- Second piece of game bagged with first cartridge (team awarded 2pts)
- Second piece of game bagged with second cartridge (team awarded .5pts)

#### *-Assessment of Dog (25 pts total)*

##### *-Common to both pointers and flushers*

- Obedience (5pts)
- Contact with handler (6pts)

##### *-Pointer specific*

- Pointing (3pts)
- Not chasing game (2pts)
- Steady to shot (2pts)
- General manners on game (allowing hunter to position at leisure) (5pts)
- Retrieve (2pts)

##### *-Flusher specific*

- Quest (3pts)
- Stop to flush (3pts)
- Marking fallen game (3pts)
- Retrieve (5pts)

*-Natural Qualities of the Dog* (25pts total)

- Hunting instinct (5pts)
- Style inherent to breed (5pts)
- Nose (5pts)
- Nerve (confidence in the face of game/shot) (5pts)
- Passion for hunting (5pts)

*-Questions* (10 pts total)

At the end of the run the judge will pose the handler four basic questions. The questions will be yes/no and worth 2.5 points apiece. Two questions will be based in general hunting knowledge (safety/regulations). Two of the questions will be dog related.

***Penalties:***

-Loss or abandonment of killed or injured game on the course will be a penalty of 10 points per occurrence

-Hunters refusal to shoot a well-handled, well-presented piece of game will be a penalty of 1.5 points per occurrence.

***Awards:***

A champion and reserve champion will be named for each class. (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Teams achieving a minimum score of 60pts will be awarded the title of **Practical Hunting Dog**

