

Field trials newsletter

Spring 2021



Get to know the Field Trials Committee

Following on from the success of our summer and winter newsletters, we have continued with this segment and would like to thank Meryl Asbury and our two new members of the Field Trials Committee for kindly providing us with their answers to the below questions for an insight into who they are! Alan Hopkins-Young has recently been elected to join the Field Trials Committee as one of the Spaniel Representatives from the Field Trials Liaison Council, and we also have Fiona Kirk who too has been elected to join the Field Trials Committee as one of the Pointer & Setter Representatives, their first meeting took place in February 2021.

Alan Hopkins-Young



Alan Hopkins-Young ©

1. How did you start to be involved in field trials?

The seed was sown for me when I was introduced to David Chudley and the late Keith Chudley. They kindly let me use the rabbit pen with my rough shooting Cocker. Once I had seen some of their trialling dogs and after some amusing conversations, I found an interest in competing with dogs had been ignited. After many more visits and attending many trials they let me purchase one of their Cocker pups. I have never really looked back after that.

2. What's your greatest success in field trials to date?

I would have to say that all the awards that have been gained by my dogs are all huge successes from CoM to Open wins, as we all know the huge amount of work and time that goes into a trialling dog that can gain any award.

3. What's the best advice you've ever been given?

Trust your dog.

4. What's the most memorable dog that you haven't owned?

FTCh Timsgarry Alpine.

5. Away from dogs, what do you like to do to relax?

I like to fish but spending time with my family is important to me especially days with them on some of our magnificent coast.

6. What advice would you give someone starting in field trials?

Learn, and help as much as you can before you compete. That will give you firm foundations in the future, most of all enjoy yourself, take in your surroundings and remember just how privileged we are to have access to some wonderful grounds to run our dogs on and the generosity of the hosts.

7. Why did you get the breed of dog you have?

The Cockers just have such huge characters and even after a testing training session they still seem to be able to make you smile. I am sure that like most, once you have owned one there will always be one in the kennel.

A round-up from the editor

Welcome to 2021 and the spring edition of the field trials newsletter!

We think it is fair to say that 2020 did not go how we all intended, we all entered into a new year with a lot of optimism and excitement at the prospects of how the year may unfold before it unfortunately came crashing down with Covid-19 and the unfortunate events that took place. Many field trial events had to be cancelled and rescheduled by Societies and Secretaries, and whilst it was an unsettling and testing year for many, we hope that having to turn life down a notch has given you some time to do other things in your life that you may not have previously had the time to do. Going into 2021, although we may still be facing some

of the same situations as previously, there is light at the end of the tunnel with the introduction of the new Covid-19 vaccine! We hope that this year will take a positive turn in the right direction and that soon we can return to the things we love the most.

In this spring edition, we have a fantastically written Ode by Anne Greeves on her time as a Field Trial Secretary, we also carry on our feature 'Get to know the Field Trials Committee' where we will introduce to you two new members of the Field Trials Committee. We have returning features, as well as other important information to keep you up to date.

The field trials department

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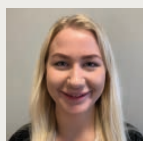
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Mark Beazley – The Kennel Club’s new Chief Executive



Mark Beazley joined The Kennel Club in October 2020 taking over the role as Chief Executive from Rosemary Smart who stepped down in April after 18 years in the role.

Mark joined The Kennel Club having brought a wealth of experience from the charitable animal welfare sector. His role before joining The Kennel Club was at Cats Protection, the UK's largest cat welfare charity, where he held the role of Director of Operations. Previous to this, he worked at Dogs Trust Ireland as Executive Director and prior to this, he was Chief Executive with the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ISPCA).

Mark has also chaired a number of high-profile working groups including the Companion Animal Working Group at Eurogroup for Animals and the International Greyhound Forum. He was also heavily involved in the establishment of the EU Cat and Dog Alliance.

On his new role at The Kennel Club, Mark Beazley commented:

“I am absolutely delighted to be joining The Kennel Club as its next Chief Executive. The Club carries out hugely valuable work from world class events such as Crufts through to its positive contributions to improving breeding. I'm also particularly passionate about its work dedicated to protecting and promoting the health and welfare of all dogs through lobbying and education and its focus on the next generation of dog owners.”

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Fiona Kirk



1. How did you start to be involved in field trials?

I was very lucky to be born into the world of Pointers & Setters, shooting and Field Trials.

2. What's your greatest success in field trials to date?

The achievement I am most proud of was from quite a while ago – when I was 17 and had just passed my driving test. My parents lent me their car and my mum lent me one of her English Setters (Sharnberry Donald) and I drove from North Yorkshire up to the far North of Scotland. I stayed with the wonderful Eppie Buist, ran the dog in the Open Stake at Suisgiil under Sir Marcus Kimball and Des McGarry. We won and that made him up into a FTCh. I was so proud of the dog and very proud that my parents had entrusted me not only with the dog but also with their car!

3. What's the best advice you've ever been given?

Running in your first trial is very daunting, but the best advice I was given was; don't get disheartened if things don't go to plan, as whatever happens it will have happened to someone before.

4. What's the most memorable dog that you haven't owned?

It is very hard to pick out a most memorable dog as I have been lucky enough to see some really great dogs over the years and even luckier that I am still seeing some great dogs, both at trials and out shooting now. The ones I am seeing today will, I am sure, become memorable dogs in years to come. However, a couple that stick in my mind from when I was younger are George Burgess' Gordon Setter Dog, FTCh Index Dipper of Crafnant, winner of the Pointer & Setter Champion

Stake in 1974 and Captain Parlour's English Setter Dog, FTCh Sharnberry Glenharoo, winner of the Pointer & Setter Champion Stake in 1975. Both dogs were full of class. They were strong, powerful, eye catching dogs who won on grouse, partridges and pheasants.

5. Away from dogs, what do you like to do to relax?

When I am not busy with the Pointer & Setters, I spend a lot of my time in the season out beating and picking up with my Labrador. I enjoy anything to do with the countryside and away from dogs, I am chief magpie and crow catcher on our farm where we are trying to encourage wild grey partridges. They are fantastic little birds and it is encouraging that over the last few years they seem to be doing much better.

6. What advice would you give someone starting in field trials?

The best advice I could give is watch experienced handlers and their dogs working as much as you can and ask questions all the time. For Pointers & Setters I think it is especially important that you watch all five breeds in the sub-group as much as possible, not just the breed of your choice. You will find that people are only too pleased to help. Everyone was a beginner once and you never stop learning. I also think that for all breeds of Gundogs, it is important that you understand the shooting aspect of dog work. Judges at a field trial are after all looking for; "the dog which, on the day, pleases them most by the quality of its work from the shooting point of view".

7. Why did you get the breed of dog you have?

I ended up with English Setters because I grew up with them and I love them.

Meryl Asbury



Meryl Asbury ©

1. How did you start to be involved in field trials?

I had a Pointer and attended Pointer Club training weekends, back in 1985, as I wanted to know what a Pointer did. I watched a brace of Pointers quartering the moor, one came on point and the other backed the point. I thought it was the most exciting thing I had ever seen and I was hooked. The organiser encouraged us to enter field trials and during my first year my ambition was to last more than 10 seconds.

2. What's your greatest success in field trials to date?

Winning Open Stakes with three different breeds. Irish Setters, Pointers and an English Setter. I was Honorary Field Trial Secretary for the Pointer Club for ten years and am currently President of the Club. It is a tremendous honour to represent the breed I am so passionate about.

3. What's the best advice you've ever been given?

To never give up. Also, to remember each dog is different. Training enables you to see into the soul of the dog but it also allows them to see into yours. Learn how to really communicate with your dog.

4. What's the most memorable dog that you haven't owned?

FTCh Gerensary Minerva. A Pointer with class in abundance in terms of style and game finding. She could really make the hairs stand up on the back of your neck. A real privilege to judge her.

5. Away from dogs, what do you like to do to relax?

I like to spend time with my family. I also love a good TV drama series.

6. What advice would you give someone starting in field trials?

Most people in field trials are welcoming to newcomers so don't be afraid to ask questions and learn.

7. Why did you get the breed of dog you have?

I love the grace, speed and agility of all pointing breeds. I also love their dedication to game finding and their willingness to please, especially on a shooting day. I have Pointers, English Setters and an Irish Setter.

The field trial secretary's lot – before an event

A brilliant Ode written by Anne Greeves on her time as a Field Trial Secretary in the preparation leading up to a field trial, which all Secretaries out there may also be able to relate to.

Field Trial Secs are so very hard to find
To many Committees it has become quite a bind
Worth their weight in gold to every Gundog Club
To all concerned they truly are the hub

Ruled by The Kennel Club they have to get it right
Following all those Regs – staying up all night?
The J Regs must be studied in that master Red Book
Keeping a copy to hand for that check and last look

A multi-faceted role all the year round
Many talents are needed, at home and on the ground
Nine to Five, Monday to Friday, it certainly is not
Weekend, evening, early morning calls all have their slot

Taking notes at meetings may be one of the tasks
Producing accurate minutes, as the Chairman asks
This is where it all begins, around the meeting table
Allotting the many jobs to those that are most able

Keeping up to date and working as a team
Essential for your Club – the ultimate dream
Trials, Tests and Training Days all in one year
My word, how to fit it in, with difficulty I fear

Finding good grounds fairly close at hand is not an easy job
Avoiding other Club's toes, keeping clear of the mob
Liaising with Hosts and Keepers is a primary key role
With patience, tact and understanding, goodwill to cajole
Not to mention with a possible Sponsor – a definite goal!

Juggling all the dates, fitting in with the shoot
Working out the cost of game, Beaters and Picker-up to boot!
Access to the ground with parking taken into account
It's time to apply for the Licence, another hurdle to mount!

Judges and Trainers contacted as Committees decree
Settling terms of reference and expenses to agree
It may be a phone call if time is running short
Much better the letter with details of utmost import

Running their dogs and others, up and down the land
Splitting their time and other duties – a motley band!
Booking accommodation yet another job to do
Not just for the Judges but perhaps everyone else too

Line up the Stewards, that crucial help for every day
When Club Members can offer to help in many a way
Judges' Stewards, Game Carriers, Flag Wavers and such
You cannot do without them, all key players very much

Schedules and Entry Forms to paid-up members sent out
Checking first for accuracy the Regs not to flout
The entries rush in within a very few days
With the usual many late ones – from those with
beguiling ways?

Sorting out the draw running strictly to the Rules
Making sure none of it is open to that awful ridicule
Lists sent out to entrants and then it all starts
Pulling out for many an odd reason, "putting on their parts"

Checking with Host and Keeper is paramount throughout
Making sure they are happy with everything about
Including all the physical stuff needed on the day
Such as where to put the signs? They will need to have
their say

Transport, Lunch stop, Radios and what about the Loos?
A photographer and the presentations – any special views?
The weather forecast is gloomy which could change the meet
But as long as you are communicating all will be sweet.

Preparing the Running Card is a very detailed task
Making sure it is accurate with content so vast
Naming the Host, Sponsors, Judges, Trainers, Runners
and Reserves,
Keepers, Stewards, Pickers Up, Game Carriers and Committee
A true historical record to preserve

Loading up your vehicle before the vital day
How to get it all in? You look around in dismay
Judges books & badges, pens & pencils, rule books & snacks,
High viz jackets, radios, flags and that spare anorak

Trophy boxes, certificates, gifts and presentation table
Perhaps a gazebo and spare folding chair for those less able
Wellies and shooting stick, game bags and lunch bags as
needed
A First Aid kit is always useful, an emergency to be heeded

What has been forgotten? Ah. that essential Incident Book
"Silvo" for the rather grey trophy, to rub and improve the look
Mallet and hammer, screw drivers and rope all have a role
That all important sign may need fixing to another pole

All set for action to journey to a hotel or ground not far away
But that is another story – to tell on another day.

Anne Greeves

Working Gundog Certificate

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs who have achieved the Working Gundog Certificate on dummies. Please note, handlers and their dogs who have participated in Working Gundog Certificate days since our office closure in March 2020 and were awaiting their certificates, will soon receive these in the post.

WINTERWELL OH SO SHARP,
German Shorthaired Pointer, Mr A McCulloch

SEOLFRE TANQUERAY,
Spaniel (Clumber), Ms C Ridlington

CAMBERTS CHINA TEA,
Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K Davis

MIADSC PRECIOUS PEARL,
Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla, Miss K Bryan

HOLSAN ALSEONE,
Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla, Mrs S Swann

LARLILA FRUE
Italian Spinone, Mrs D Dixon

FELDHUND HOT SHOT
Weimaraner, Dr M Pusey

Applications for permission to hold field trials

Societies wishing to register their views on the following applications should do so electronically, stating reasons for supporting or objecting to the applications. Please note that all letters should be sent by email to gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk and not sent in the post.

The applications will be considered at the next available Field Trials Committee meeting and therefore responses must be with The Kennel Club by 5 May 2021.

London Working Spaniel Society
Open AV Spaniel (Except Spaniel [Cocker]) Stake

Fermanagh Gundog Club
Open Cocker Spaniel Stake

Importance of letters of support for applications for permission to hold field trials

As a reminder to all societies that when submitting an application for permission to hold field trials, it is extremely important to gather as many letters of support as possible from other societies and judges to present to the Field Trials Committee alongside the application. These letters of support play a vital part in the outcome of the decision made and any application that does not have letters of support may face rejection or their application being deferred until the letters are obtained.

Payments for championship levies

This is a notice to confirm that all societies who processed an online bank transfer for the 2020-21 Championship Levy, will have their payments transferred onto the 2021-22 championship. A full list of those societies can be found here.

If you would like to check how much your society paid to us or you believe funds were paid into our bank account but do not appear in the list below, please contact us by email to gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk for confirmation.

Please note that we will have more information and a guide on how you can set up a Direct Debit payment online for all future championship levies in our summer newsletter!

Spaniel Championships

COCKER ONLY

London Working Spaniel Society

AV SPANIEL ONLY

Arfon Working Gundog Club
English Springer Spaniel Club
English Springer Spaniel Club of N. Ireland
English Springer Spaniel Club of Scotland
Fermanagh Gundog Club
Forth & Clyde Working Gundog Association
Leconfield Working Spaniel Club
Shropshire Gundog Society
Suffolk Gundog Club
Worcestershire Gundog Society

COCKER & AV SPANIEL

Chiltern Gundog Club
Cornwall Field Trial Society
Coventry & District Gundog Society
Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club
East Midland Gundog Club
Eastern Counties Spaniel Society
Essex Field Trial Society
Glamorganshire Field Trial Society
Hampshire Gundog Society
Kent Working Spaniel Club
Lincolnshire Gundog Society
Lothian & Borders Gundog Association
Mid Sussex Working Spaniel Club
Midland Counties Field Trial Society
Scottish Field Trials Association
South West Scotland Gundog Association
Strathmore Working Gundog Club
Tay Valley Gundog Association
Utility Gundog Society
Welsh Kennel Club
Western Counties and South Wales Spaniel Club
Yorkshire Sporting Spaniel Club

HPR Championships

Dukeries [Notts] Gundog Club
Scottish Field Trials Association

Dates of upcoming championships

2021 POINTER AND SETTER CHAMPION STAKE

Host Club: International Gundog League
(Pointer & Setter Society)

Venue: Bollihope Moor, Frosterley, by kind permission of Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum

Date: 28 & 29 July 2021

Judges: Mr C Organ, Mr D O'Neill and Mr A W Young

2021 HUNT, POINT & RETRIEVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host Club: The Kennel Club

Venue: Westerdale & Rosedale Estate

Date: To be confirmed

Judges: Mr R Gould & Mr M Canham.
Reserve Judge - Ms S Burton

Entry Fee: £50 per dog payable to the Kennel Club Ltd.

2022 ANY VARIETY SPANIEL (EXCEPT SPANIEL [COCKER]) CHAMPIONSHIP

Host Club: The Kennel Club

Venue: Snilesworth Estate, Northallerton

Date: To be confirmed

Judges: Mr J Cook (1954), Mr A Cunningham (2660),
Mrs W Openshaw (2564), Mr R Claydon (2749)
Reserve - Mr S Waddell (2388)

Entry Fee: £75 per dog payable to the Kennel Club Ltd.

2022 COCKER SPANIEL CHAMPIONSHIP

Host Club: The Kennel Club

Venue: Windsor Great Park, by gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen

Date: 3 & 4 January 2022

Judges: Mr G Veasey, Mr S Bates (2802),
Mr C Colclough (1951), Mr M Light (2729)
Reserve - Mr A Cunningham (2660)

Entry Fee: £50 per dog payable to the Kennel Club Ltd.

Policy document – nomination of judges for the Spaniel Championships

A recent review of the policy document took place by the Field Trials Committee in relation to the nomination of judges for the Spaniel Championships.

It had been noted, that due to the timing in which societies are required to submit their nominations, two years before the Championship to which they related, an A Panel judge with only 3 years' experience at the time of nomination would not meet the requirement of 5 years at the time of judging the Championship as stated in the Policy Document. As such, the Committee agreed that the Policy Document would be amended to read as follows:

Judge to have been on the A Panel for a minimum of 4 years at the time of nomination (over 5 years at time of judging)

Amendments to Field Trial J Regulations

The Board reviewed the welfare of dogs regulations and directed that the use of pinch and prong collars should be standardised across all disciplines, which note the use of pinch collars, electric shock collars, or prong collars are not permitted at any relevant show or event licensed by The Kennel Club. As such, the Board approved the following amendment to Regulation J2 with effect from 2 February 2021:

Regulation J2.

TO:

Welfare of dogs. A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club rules and regulations. **The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any field trial licensed by The Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 2 February 2021)

Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme Seminar

In our spring 2020 newsletter we announced that J Regulation J6.c.(6) had been amended effectively immediately to read as the below:

Regulation J6.c.(6):

Before a judge can be added to a Panel he must have attended a Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme seminar on Kennel Club J Regulations for the appropriate sub-group and have passed the examination. With effect from 1 January 2022 to be included remain on a judging Panel, all judges must attend have attended a Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme seminar on Kennel Club J Regulations for the appropriate sub-group and must pass have passed the examination, unless the judge has "Grandfather rights" (see note).

(Note: Judges deemed to have "Grandfather rights" and who are therefore exempt from Regulation J6.c.(6) are: judges who were appointed to the 'A' Panel prior to 1 January 2010,

and/or were involved in the pilot scheme for the judges training programme and/or those who are, or have been a Kennel Club Approved Presenter).

(Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through)

However, due to the lack of seminars taking place, the Field Trials Committee recommended that the original date of the 1 January 2022 to remain on the judging panel will now be suspended for 13 months, and therefore become effective on 2 February 2023 that all judges must have attended a Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme seminar on Kennel Club J Regulations for the appropriate subgroup and must have passed the examination in order to stay on the panel.

Kennel Club Field Trial Panel Judges List

The following judges have been added to the official panels of Field Trial Judges:

RETRIEVERS "A"

Mr Keith Barnes (3419)
Mr John McNeice (2847)
Mr John Williamson (3535)

RETRIEVERS "B"

Mr James Murphy (3819)
Mr Andrew Mutimer (3733)
Mr Ian Palmer (3734)
Mrs Jo Rollinson (3838)

SPANIELS "A"

Mr Simon Blackman (3409)
Mr Adrian Doris (3588)
Ms Victoria Williams (3552)

SPANIELS "B"

Mr Matthew Armstrong (3813)
Mr Ryan Kay (3804)
Mr Jonathan South (3839)

HPR "A"

Mr Bill Muircroft (3610)

HPR "B"

Mr Bradley Dymond (3806)

We regret to report the death of the following judges and send our condolences to the families of Mr R Keers (77) ('A' Panel Retrievers), Mr C Wilkinson (2188) ('A' Panel HPR), Mr R Chapple (2531) ('A' Panel Spaniels) and Mrs H Smith (2723) ('A' Panel P&S).

It is with great sadness we report the death of Mr J M Taylor (2013) ('A' Panel Spaniel), who also stood as Vice Chairman for the Field Trials Committee and Chairman for the Field Trials Liaison Council.

Obituaries

We also regret to report the death of Mr P Wainwright who was the former secretary of the International Gundog League.

Approved applications for permission to hold field trials

HUNT, POINT & RETRIEVE GUNDOG ASSOCIATION

Open HPR Stake

DUCHY WORKING GUNDOG CLUB

Open Spaniel (Cocker) Stake

GRAMPIAN GUNDOG CLUB

Novice AV Spaniel Stake

NORTH ANTRIM GUNDOG CLUB

Novice AV Retriever Stake

Suspension of field trial regulations due to Covid-19

To facilitate Covid-19 safe trials, the following field trial regulations were temporarily suspended/amended originally until 2 February 2021. At its last meeting, the Field Trials Committee recommended the regulation suspension/amendments should be extended to 2 February 2022.

Regulation J7.f

Societies are advised that when a competitor is not able to attend a trial due to them or a member of their household having Covid-19 symptoms or having tested positive for Covid-19 or if they reside in an area subject to a government lock down restriction, they will not be liable for the entry fee, even if they withdraw less than seven days before the trial.

Regulation J(A)3.b

Judges are responsible for providing their own copy of the current field trial regulations, not the chief steward.

Regulation J(A)3.k

The Game Certificate will not be signed and it will be assumed that the conditions of the stake were such as to enable the dogs to be satisfactorily tested. If this is not the case, The Kennel Club field trial department must be notified within seven days.

Should you require any further information on the resumption of licenced events and field trials, please follow this link to our website for the latest guidance. <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/resumption-of-licensed-events/>

Field trial judges to go on Find a Judge

One of the exciting new features of the new Kennel Club website will be that all field trial panel judges can now be located on our Find a Judge service! We believe this to be an important tool in giving judges a wider profile and for secretaries to make contact regarding future appointments.

As this service was previously unavailable in the new format, and to ensure all your data is up to date, we are asking all judges to confirm their details (email address, address and telephone number) are correct and you are happy to have your details on display. Please be assured that you can opt out of your details appearing on the Find a Judge service.

We trust that you have already received an email to this effect, and we ask that if you are happy to be on our Find a Judge service you follow the link provided and confirm your details. This will ensure that you are available to find and hope it will be a great tool in the future for secretaries and clubs. Please note that our Find a Judge service will only show panel judges for field trials.

Field Trials Liaison Council meeting

The date for the next meeting of The Kennel Club Field Trials Liaison Council has been changed and will now be held on Wednesday 18 August 2021. The location of this meeting will be confirmed nearer to the date. As the 2020 Field Trials Liaison Council meeting could not take place due to Covid-19, all items due for discussion at that meeting have been carried forward to 2021. New items will also be accepted for inclusion on the agenda, and all new proposals for inclusion on the agenda should reach the Field Trials Liaison Council Secretary by email no later than Thursday 20 May 2021.

Each eligible society or an individual may submit items for the agenda, through a council representative. Proposals must be concise and, if an amendment or an additional regulation is proposed, the regulation number must be given.

As a reminder, all items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent by email to gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk.

A full list of Field Trials Liaison Council representatives can be found at <https://bit.ly/2Fblyha>

Update on The Kennel Club Gundog Working Test 2021

We have received the following update from Kate Broers, Kennel Club Field Trial Secretary who states:

The Kennel Club's ever popular Gundog Working Test was due to be held at the exciting new venue of Capesthorpe Hall at Siddington in East Cheshire. This highly successful event is one of the highlights of the Kennel Club's Summer gundog event schedule and it is enjoyed by competitors, judges and officials alike.

We have recently conducted a thorough review of all the various elements of the event, and unfortunately due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation the decision has been made to cancel the Gundog Working Test for 2021.

Whilst this is a disappointing outcome, it was agreed that this is the safest and most sensible course of action at this time.

I would like to personally thank all the Gundog Working Test Working Party for the significant amount of work that they have already contributed to this event, and of course our sponsors Skinner's Field & Trial for their ongoing support.

We remain hopeful that the trialling season will be unaffected, and I look forward to releasing the details for all Kennel Club trials in the near future.



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As a Centre of Excellence for Working Dogs, the Estate also welcomes the full range of working dog activities including:

- Field Trials including Pointer and Setter Spring Stakes
- Gundog Working Tests
- Gundog Training Days
- Live Game Training Days
- Pointing Tests
- Working Trials
- Bloodhound Trials
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