

The Tests

BRONZE – To demonstrate the dog's natural ability in the water, both in swimming and retrieving and to demonstrate the dogs level of self confidence in unfamiliar circumstances.

- 1 Demonstrate confident entry into water
- 2 Demonstrate confident basic swimming
- 3 Jump in and out of boat on land
- 4 Jump freely in and out of boat at water's edge
- 5 Demonstrate steadiness in the boat when underway on the water, accompanied by owner.
- 6 Demonstrate controlled entries into water from the land.
- 7 Basic retrieve of floating object, from a distance of 10 meters, to the water's edge (not thrown by handler)

SILVER To demonstrate the dogs confidence with strangers and ability to respond to handlers direction and undertake tasks without endangering itself or any person.

- 1 Retrieve an article 15 metres from shore to handler at water's edge.
- 2 To demonstrate steadiness in the boat when underway, with person other than handler.
- 3 Jump from boat into deep water. Swim to handler on the Shore
- 4 Swim to HANDLER in the boat, 10 meters from shoreline and be lifted into the boat in a controlled manner.
- 5 The Handler to send dog from shore, to tow in a boat or surfboard and a stranger.
- 6 The Handler to instruct dog to jump from boat and tow to shore two people in the boat.
- 7 Dog to jump from boat and retrieve an article to handler in the boat.
- 8 To Submerge nose in water in attempt to retrieve an article just below the surface.
- 9 Submerge head fully underwater to search and retrieve an article.

GOLD - To demonstrate the dog's ability to search in water- to retrieve a boat or an article and return them to the handler on the shore, without endangering itself or any person.

- 1 Jump from boat and tow back to handler on the shore, from a distance of 25 metres (1 person in boat)
- 2 Take a rope to a person standing chest deep in water.
- 3 Jump from a boat and tow the handler to shore, from a distance of 20 metres (two people in boat)
- 4 Dives to retrieve underwater article i.e. rope or paddle...
- 5 Attempts to dive to retrieve submerged article whilst swimming.
- 6 Swim out to person and tow to shore; option a) with or b) without surfboard
- 7 Take lifebuoy to swimmer and tow to shore
- 8 Take a rope out to boat or surfboard at 20 metres and tow to shore
- 9 Jump out of one boat and take rope to a stranger in another boat 15 metres away and return to 'rescue' boat.
- 10 Search for hidden rope at 25 metres and tow attached to shore.
- 11 Directional retrieve of two articles from 15 meters (not gundog dummies)