



NAHRA FIELD TEST PROGRAM

Founded in 1983, the North American Hunting Retriever Association is the first organization dedicated to preserving the skills of hunting retrievers

NAHRA Field Tests

NAHRA Field Tests are realistic, simulated hunting scenarios with distances and conditions that hunters would encounter in the field, both on land and in water.

In 2014 NAHRA launched a new Upland Retriever program in addition to the Hunting Retriever program.





Eligibility

NAHRA Field Tests are open to

- Golden Retrievers
- Labrador Retrievers
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers
- Curly Coated Retrievers
- Poodles
- Flat Coated Retrievers
- Chesapeake Bay Retrievers
- Irish Water Spaniels
- Boykin Spaniels
- American Water Spaniels
- English Springer Spaniels
- Barbet

The NAHRA Upland Program is open to all purebred hunting retriever and sporting dog breeds

Levels of Testing

NAHRA Field Test Program

Started (SR)

Hunter (HR)

Intermediate (WR)

Senior (MHR)

Grand Master (GMHR)

Grand Master Champion(GMHRC)

NAHRA Upland Program

Working (WUR)

Senior (SUR)



Started

Five single marking tests

- Two on land
- Two on water
- One land or water at judge's discretion

Tests are designed to evaluate if a dog has the basic tools to one day become a quality hunting companion and conservation tool.

A started dog must be steady at the line and the handler may use a leash, slip lead or line around the dog's neck to assist in achieving steadiness.

Delivery to hand is not required; however, delivery to within a reasonable radius of the point of origin is required.

Maximum land distance 75 yards

Maximum water distance 50 yards





Hunter

Three tests

- Double marked land retrieve
- Double marked water retrieve
- Trailing Test

The Hunter category was designed to bridge the gap between Started and Intermediate.

The Hunter dog possesses the training and skill to remain quiet and under control in most hunting situations, complete a basic double retrieve and trail and recover a crippled bird.

Dogs may be brought to the line on-lead but must be off-lead when the handler signals he/she is ready. Hunter dogs must be steady.

Dogs must deliver the bird to hand.

Maximum distance on land 75 yards

Maximum distance on water 50 yards

Minimum degree of separation for double marks is not less than 45 degrees.



Trailing Test

The trailing test evaluates a dog's ability to locate and retrieve a crippled bird; an important conservation tool.

Intermediate

Six tests

- Upland hunting test
- Double marked retrieve on land
- Blind retrieve on land
- Double marked retrieve on water
- Blind retrieve on water
- Trailing test

Intermediate dogs exhibit a solid obedience foundation and ability to work as a team with the handler.

Dog must be steady at the line

Delivery must be to hand

Maximum distance land marks 100 yards

Maximum distance land blind 75 yards

Maximum distance water marks 75 yards

Maximum distance water blind 50 yards

Handler may be required to handle an empty shotgun





Upland Test

The Upland test evaluates a dog's ability to work as a team with the handler, quartering a field and locating game within gun range. At the Intermediate level there is no flush. At the Senior level, there is a flush and the dog is expected to be steady to shot.



Senior

Six tests

- Triple marked land retrieve
- Land blind
- Triple marked water retrieve
- Water blind
- Upland test
- Trailing test

Senior dogs may be required to honor another working dog, must be steady at the line and deliver to hand. Senior dogs must be steady to shot during the Upland test.

Maximum distance for land and water marks 100 yards.

Maximum distance for land and water blinds 100 yards.

Top Tier Titles and Honors

Grand Master Hunting Retriever

- Awarded to Senior dogs who earn 300 points at Senior Field Tests

Grand Master Hunting Retriever Champion

- Awarded to Senior dogs who earn 1000 points at Senior Field Tests

Yearly Regional Field Test

- Dogs who complete a title within a regionally determined year are invited to run in their respective region's annual Regional Field Test.

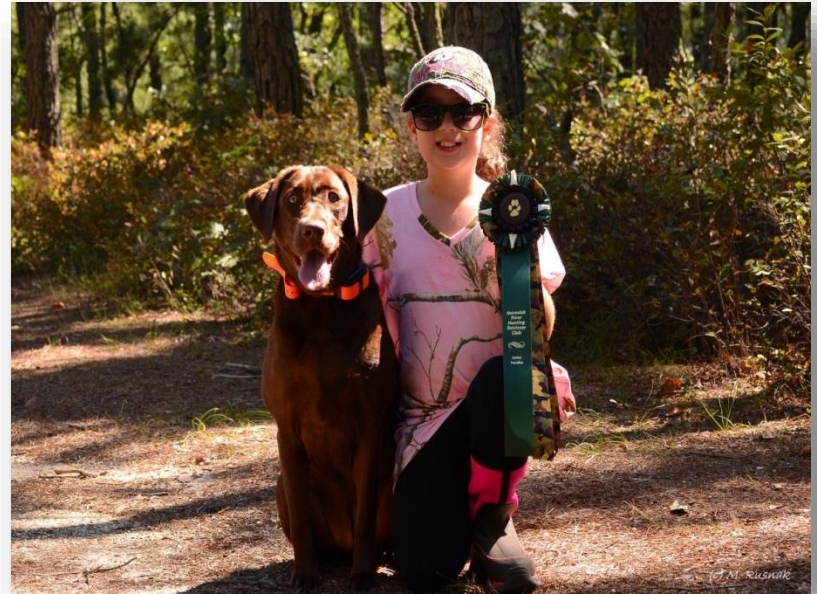
NAHRA Invitational

- All dogs who have earned their Master Hunting Retriever title are invited to run in the prestigious National Invitational Field Test



The NAHRA Difference

- Handlers may use moderate verbal or whistle commands to steady the dog at all levels.
- Started dogs are not required to deliver to hand but must deliver to within a specified radius.
- Duck blinds, layout blinds, numerous decoys, boats, calls and other hunting implements are utilized in tests.
- Easy online entry through huntsecretary.com.
- NAHRA tests are family events. Junior handlers are the future of our sport and are encouraged to run their family pet. Most clubs allow an adult to stand behind the line and quietly coach and encourage the junior handler.
- NAHRA judges are experienced hunters and design tests that truly simulate real life hunting situations.





Navesink River HRC

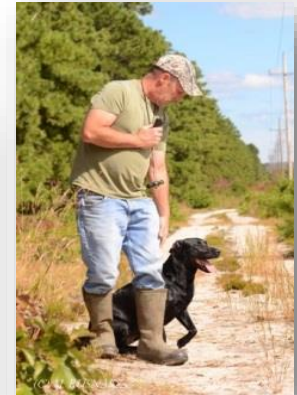
What We Do

Our mission:

To educate handlers, owners, and the general public and to encourage and promote quality in the breeding and field testing of pure-bred hunting retrievers and to do as much as possible to bring their natural abilities to perfection.

How We Do It

- Training Sessions
 - Held twice monthly from March – October
- Seminars & Clinics
- Spring & Fall NAHRA Sanctioned field tests
- Winter NAHRA Sanctioned Upland test
- Annual NRHRC Club Gun Dog Test
- 2015 NAHRA East Region Field Test host
- NJ Wild Expo





Our Members And Their Dogs

The dogs loved, owned and trained by our club members include Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Curly Coated Retrievers, Flat Coat Retrievers, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers , Chesapeake Bay Retrievers , Poodles and Munsterlanders.

Our members

- Test and title in all venues at all levels.
- Participate in a wide variety of dog sports, including obedience, agility , tracking and conformation.
- Willingly share their knowledge and work with each other to bring out the best in our dogs.

Find Out More

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