

Latest news from JGHV "The Director of Testing"

Dear friends of the hunting dog. In a few weeks the training of the hunting dogs in the water and on the live duck will begin. For this purpose, the requirements of the Test Regulations - Water of the JGHV must be observed. Those who do not adhere to this will only harm themselves and the entire hunting dog movement. Dogs that cannot be trained or tested according to these requirements should never be used for breeding.

Since the testing of the dogs at the water is one of the most important requirements of our hunting dogs, I would like to present the Test Regulations of the JGHV to all of you once again in short form and ask you all to comply with them during training and testing. If, in individual cases, violations should occur, these will be followed up with all "severity" on the part of the Association and sanctions will be imposed.

Short form Test Regulations - Water of the JGHV:

§ 1 Water work: General part

- The ethical and sportmanlike hunting of waterfowl according to § 1 Abs. 2 Bundesjagdgesetz (Federal Hunting Law) and the supplementary regulations in the Landesjagdgesetze (State Hunting Laws) requires the use of trained hunting dogs.
- In order to achieve the purpose of the water work on the one hand, and on the other hand to conduct the test in a manner that complies with animal welfare requirements, the following principles must be observed when using live ducks:

Generally binding regulations

- The following principles of the General Part A. are binding for all member clubs that conduct tests behind the live duck while observing the applicable regulations in the individual German states.
- They **must** also be strictly observed during the clubs' water training days.
- A dog may be trained on no more than **three ducks** in total. (with the following addition by a decision of the Studbook Commission).
- Dogs that have passed a test in the subject "Independent search with duck in dense cover" (with a minimum score of sufficient) may not be trained/tested in this subject again, **even when participating in an qualifying test/screening** for international selective breeding tests of the JGHV member clubs. The training on the live duck is completed with the first passed piece of work (Müller duck) at a test in the subject "Independent search with duck in dense cover".
- **Reason: (1) Generally binding regulations (b)** They must also be strictly observed during the clubs' water training days, ensuring that a dog may not be trained on more than three ducks in total. This is also valid for each qualifying test, if the dog has already been tested in the subject "**Independent search**

with duck in dense cover" prior to the qualifying test and has passed this with (at least sufficient).

Bodies of water:

- Water for testing and / or training **must** meet the requirements of the Test Regulations- Water.

Responsible persons:

- The Responsible Person at the water **must** be an Association Judge (Association Judge) of the JGHV.

Ducks:

- **Only fully grown mallards** may be used for the water work.
- The flight ability may only be restricted for a short time **using the method of Prof. Müller** (paper band over individual flight feathers of one wing).
- Ducks **must** have been familiarized with water and cover during their rearing and keeping.
- Proper rearing **must** be confirmed by the breeding establishment.
- The testing time on a duck must not exceed 15 minutes.
- Any duck brought alive by the dog **must** be killed immediately in an ethical and humane manner.
- Dead ducks **must** be kept separately from live ones.

Nesting seasons

- Water work with live ducks may only take place outside of the nesting season.
- Training and/or testing with a duck **may not** be conducted until the dog has demonstrated gun stability and the ability to safely find and retrieve a dead duck from cover. (Duck book if applicable)

Dogs

- Only dogs whose handlers are in possession of a valid hunting license will be admitted.
- Dogs that fail in any of the subjects listed under item 6 or have previously shown gun sensitivity and/or game shyness during this test (including field work) may not be tested further in the water work.

- **A tested dog with hunting experience (successfully tested in the subject Independent search with duck in dense cover)** must be available for each test and may be used for a retrieve if necessary.
- In principle, only **one duck** may be used for each dog.
- The use of an additional duck is **only permitted** if the dog could not be tested on the duck first released (e.g. in case of a premature flush).
- Dogs that have once passed a test of the subject "Independent search with duck in dense cover" (minimum "sufficient") **may not be tested a second time in this subject.**
- This does not apply to a further test in the context of a breed selection or international test (e.g. Hegewald; IKP u. a....).
- Only **in case of a failure** is a single re-test permitted.
- If several tests have been passed before, the best predicate in the subject "Independent search with duck in dense cover" is carried over for the subsequent tests.
- Each test in the subject "Independent search with duck in dense cover" **must** be entered in the pedigree with the predicate (and possibly the points) in addition to the overall result of the respective test.

B. Special Part

Part B is governed by the individual test regulations of the JGHV or its member clubs. These must also be strictly observed.

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