

## UTILITY GUNDOG SOCIETY (EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH)

### RETRIEVER WORKING TEST SCHEDULE 2026

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The Committee would like to thank all the landowners/hosts/keepers, judges, helpers, and sponsors for their continued support in giving up their time to make our events a success.

**Please read the Conditions of Entry and the Kennel Club Rules for Working Tests before entering a test.**

**Entry Fee:** £15 per dog for UGS (EC) members, and £15 per dog plus £5 day membership for non-members. Send entry forms with separate cheques for each test, plus SAE or email address to Peter Fulcher, 45 Nightingale Road, Ipswich, IP3 0LN.

Meet 9.00 am for 9.30 start.

#### **OPEN QUALIFYING TEST, 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026, STUTTON HALL, STUTTON, IP9 2TF, BY KIND PERMISSION OF HENRY AND SARAH STRUTT**

Closing Date for Entries: 7.3.2026

Judges: Andy Mutimer, Arthur Cook

The top four dogs in the awards will be eligible to be asked to represent the EC Branch in the Finals to be held by KES Branch on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at Isenhurst, Heathfield

#### **SPECIAL PUPPY, NOVICE, VETERAN TEST, 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026, STUTTON HALL, STUTTON, IP9 2TF, BY KIND PERMISSION OF HENRY AND SARAH STRUTT**

Closing Date for Entries: 4.4.2026

Judges: Richard Beckerleg, Sharon Coby

#### **NOVICE SUGAR BEET TEST, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026, HITCHAM, BY KIND PERMISSION OF LOOSE HALL FARMS LTD**

Closing Date for Entries: 18.7.2026

Judges: Keith Bedford, Jackie Smith

#### **OPEN SUGAR BEET, 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026: STOKE BY NAYLAND, BY KIND PERMISSION OF MRS E HOLDEN**

Closing Date for Entries: 25.7.2026

Judges: Rodger Ketley, Paul Wheeler

**PLEASE NOTE THAT, AS THIS IS AN OPEN TEST, THE RETRIEVES WILL VARY, AND DOGS WILL NOT NECESSARILY HAVE SIMILAR RETRIEVES.**

**Please copy the entry form as necessary.** Raffle prizes are always welcome and would be gratefully received.

The Branch is represented at various team events throughout the summer. The Team Captain, Liz Ingram, selects members to run their dogs on the basis of their performance and any member is eligible to be asked.

#### **Qualification for entry:**

**A Puppy** must not be more than 18 months old on the day of the test.

**A Special Puppy** must not be more than 2 years old on the day of the test.

**A Novice** is defined as a dog that has not gained an award or a CoM at a Field Trial, or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> at an Open Working Test or 1<sup>st</sup> in a Novice Test.

**A Veteran** dog must exceed 8 years old on the day of the test.

Please indicate on the entry form which category your dog is entered in. a dog may only run in one category.

**An Open Test** is open to all retrievers, but preference may be given to dogs which have gained an award or CoM at a field trial, or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> at an open test or won a novice or all aged working test.

### **Conditions of Entry**

Test will be run under KC and UGS Rules and Regulations. UGS tests re open to all, but fully paid up members of the branch and then other branches will get preference in the draws.

A separate cheque must be sent for each test.

To receive a copy of the draw and directions to the test, a SAE or email address must be included with the entry form for each test.

A handler may not run more than two dogs in any test.

All dogs must be kept on leads at all times, except when under judge's orders,

No entry fees will be refunded less than seven days before the test unless a veterinary certificate or written confirmation that a bitch has come into season has been supplied.

Dogs must be exercised in designated areas, and owners are required to clear up behind their dogs and take the bags home.

The committee retain the right to cancel a test or alter details throughout the year because of unforeseen circumstances.

Late entries are only accepted at the discretion of the Working Test Secretary. No late entries will be taken on the day.

The UGS(EC) cannot be held responsible for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property howsoever occasioned.

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