

# **WVRC 24 DOG ALL-AGED WALKED UP WORKING TEST**

## **ON FIELD TRIAL LINES 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2026**

We held our inaugural 24 dog all-aged working test on field trial lines at Devereux Wootton, Norton Canon, Herefordshire, by the kind invitation of Patrick Wrixon. We are extremely grateful to him for his kind support in letting us have the test on his ground and for keeping back a big field of straw stubble for us. He also allowed us to use a legume fallow field, which really tested the dogs in the later rounds.

It was a warm, still, and sunny day – lovely for the competitors but less welcome for the dogs. Scenting conditions were hard on the straw stubble and even harder at the hedges at the sides, even for experienced dogs. Those preparing for trials this season got a good chance for some practice and markers on areas to work on.

Thank you to our judges Phil Bruton and Steve Richardson (both A-panels) and Iain Marshalsay and Shayne Price (non-panels).

Clare Gould ran the “guns” as much like a real trial as possible so no-one knew where “birds” or “rabbits” would go next! One even landed in the gallery, which caused everyone to stop chatting!! Thank you to her and her team of guns, Andy Crampton, Simon Bolt and Tom Bennellick, who never missed all day, except when asked to!

Thank you Jennie Dimmock, chief steward, Nicola Pointer as her apprentice, “game” carriers Fern Hordern and Morton Redpath, and Veronica Harris and Jean Tidmarsh for sorting the catering.

The day was also about judge education – we need new judges coming forward for our sport to thrive. Sean McGrath provided the benefit of his experience during the day to a group of aspiring judges. Thank you very much to him too.

I am very grateful to all our team, and especially to those competitors who helped pack everything up at the end of the day. Well done and thank you.

Thank you to our sponsors Skinners, who provided prizes to our winners, and to Field and Fang who provided vouchers for our winners and slip leads for the judges and all the helpers. Their support is very appreciated.

And finally thank you to Chris Lawrence for taking photographs and providing me with some for this report.

Congratulations to everyone in the awards.

Anna Crampton  
Field Trial Secretary

### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup> Greyhill Velvet At Bucksbrow, Lab/Bitch, Elizabeth (Sid) Davis

2<sup>nd</sup> Connisbrook Rothesay, Lab/Bitch, Alex Cox

COM Fernshot Herbert, Lab/Dog, Maurice Fitch



Award winners with the judges.



Clare leads her guns down to the field.



And we're off, striding out across the stubble.



The gallery.



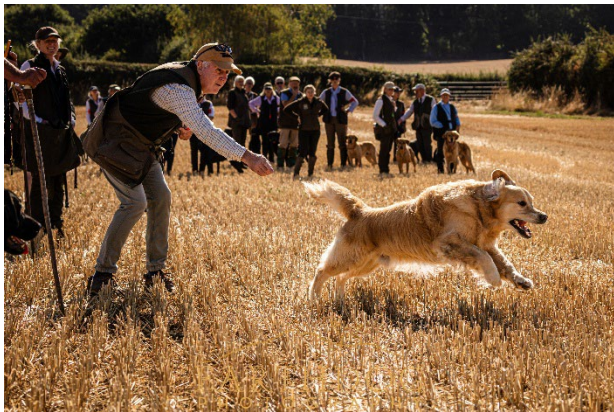
"Bird" successfully found.



Safe delivery!



Phil Bruton has a big smile about something!!



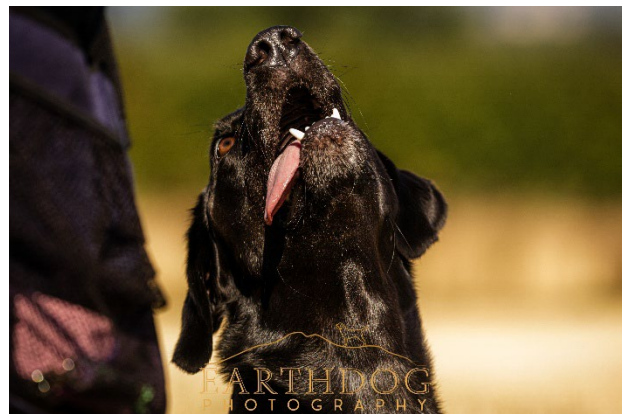
Sending....



And returning!



A "bird" heads towards the gallery



Adoration?! 😊



The trainee judges confer.



The line in the legume fallow.



**Our winner, Sid, sends her dog...**



**And back comes the "bird".**



**The legume fallow was tall and thick and sorted the dogs.**



**Sid looks pleased with her winner's box of chocolates!!**