

Western Gazehound Club July 31/August 1
Sprinter Test Handler Briefing

Location:

16378 50th Ave, Surrey, BC

Schedule:

The schedule including check in time and run times will be uploaded to the event page on Dogshow.ca as well as the Cascadia Community FB page.

Parking:

Non-volunteer handlers will park along the side of the road close to the property. Please don't arrive before your assigned arrival time since parking is at a premium. Handlers arriving early will not be allowed onto the grounds before their assigned times so that we can manage the number of people and dogs in the staging area.

Arrival & Check in:

Your arrival and check in time are specified in the schedule. During your check in window, please proceed onto the property down the driveway to the check in table. If you bring your dog to the check in table, **PLEASE** be aware of your surroundings and dogs around you. If you have a crate, it might be easiest to bring that in first and place in the staging area and then get your dog.

Staging Area:

Canopies will be set up for handlers to stage their dogs and wait their turns. **PLEASE** keep distance between yourselves and other dogs since dogs will be excited and possibly in prey drive. **Handlers are responsible for the health and safety of their own dogs. Bring water and adequate cooling measures for your dog.**

During the test:

Have 2 leashes for your dog(s); 1 for the person releasing and 1 for the person catching. Handlers may bring someone to catch or release their dog. If you are coming alone, a volunteer may be available to release your dog. Dogs may be run on muzzles. Dogs can be brought to line on a harness which will have to be removed before running. They can run naked or with flat collars; any tags or items hanging down will need to be taped up so they can't get caught in the lure line.

People should be wearing closed toed shoes when they come to running area to release or catch a dog for their own safety. The line is thin, strong and moving quickly.

New in the 2020 rules: Handlers may not be on the track with dogs, other than up to about 3 meters into the track on either side of the start and/or finish lines, if they wish to do this to encourage the dog.

Flow & Running the test:

The flow of teams is indicated by the yellow and white arrows on the map.

The Paddock Master will call the name of the next dog to enter the running field. You will enter the field and proceed towards the holding blind to the right side of the red fencing. Be aware that another dog may be running at the time. Only 1 dog and handler will be in the tent. You will wait in the holding blind until directed to proceed to the start line by the Hunt Master.

The Hunt Master will ask if you're ready, signal the Lure Operator and tell you "Tally Ho". Release your dog on the "T" in Tally Ho.

Running Order:

Please bring a copy of the running order with you and keep to the run order as much as possible so the right time gets recorded against the right dog. The timers have the breed on their list so they can recognize the next dog but the catcher should confirm the dog's name. If you entered both tests on a day, your dog will run twice during the flight. If you only entered 1 test, your dog will only run once. Not everyone entered both tests each day.

Test Etiquette:

You **MUST** have your dog under control and away from other dogs and people when they aren't running. **Give everyone and every dog space with no dog to dog contact when taking your dog out or putting them away.** Chasing the lure brings out prey drive and dogs may be more aroused than usual, especially those dogs that have done this before.

Flexi leads will not be allowed on the test site. Owners of any loose dogs will be fined \$10 to be donated to a canine charity.

PLEASE pickup after your dog and pack out the poop and your garbage. Do NOT discard poop bags in the port-a-john.

Covid Considerations:

- Covid is still with us and new cases are still showing up in the province. **DON'T COME IF AREN'T FEELING WELL.**

- Handlers will receive a refund of entry fees if this event is cancelled due to changes to BC Provincial Health Officers orders or guidelines in effect closer to the event.
- Handlers are welcome and encouraged to wear masks during check in.
- Handlers of dogs that need to be measured are encouraged to wear a mask. An agility height card will be acceptable in lieu of measuring.
- Handlers will check their own bitches for being in season and show the tissue to the inspection team.

After your runs:

The event secretary will not produce day of results. Results will be calculated after the event and distributed to all handlers online. You may ask the timers for your times when you catch your dog. Handlers can estimate their scores as follows:

Point Calculation	Handicap
360 divided by time = KPH	under 12" = 2
KPH X Handicap = points	12" up to 18" = 1.5
	18" and over = 1.25

Once your dog has run the number of runs that you have entered, you may leave the grounds. You may collect ribbons and rosettes if your dog has earned a new title at the secretary table.

Other stuff that doesn't fit anywhere else:

A port-a-potty will be available at the site. Food and water will not be available on site.

Our volunteers have kindly given up their free time to put on our event. Be polite, respectful and patient with them as well as with other participants. Our test chair will contact volunteers with their assignments.

See you this weekend. Tallyho!

