

# Official Premium List



**Hunt Test Dates: July 5 & 6, 2025**

**Land Location: Hopewell Conservation Site, Langdon, AB**

**Water Location: WRHRC Grounds, Kathryn, AB**

**Eastern Slopes Spaniel Association** will be holding approved CKC hunt tests for all Spaniels (Excluding Brittany and Irish Water Spaniels). Permission is granted by the Canadian Kennel Club for the holding of these events held under the rules of the CKC.

## ENTRIES

**Entries close June 24, 2025, at 8:00 PM MDT**

Running order drawn thereafter.

To whom entries must be sent:

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Credit card and Interac entries available at [www.dogshow.ca](http://www.dogshow.ca) a 5% service charge applies.

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A service charge of 5% will be assessed. This includes entries sent online, by fax or post using a credit card or Interac for payment.

Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by payment; forms and fees must be submitted to the Field Trial Secretary prior to the Closing Date. The club will be unable to accept, cancel or alter any entry after the closing date. **Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.** Please make cheques payable to **Eastern Slopes Spaniel Association**. We would encourage all entrants to enter using the [www.dogshow.ca](http://www.dogshow.ca) website. Most of the dog and handler information have been entered into the website but you should check your information. There is no charge to be a part of the website.

**Attention Foreign Exhibitors:** Please note that fees are due and payable in Canadian dollars. Due to consistently fluctuating currency rates, discounted cheques will not be accepted. Personal cheques will be accepted; however, they are to be payable in Canadian funds. If you send a cheque in U.S. funds, it must be made out for the full amount of the entry and no exchange will be refunded to the exhibitor. Please do not mark cheques "Payable in Canadian Funds" or "At Par". They will not be cleared by the banks. To simplify the process, we urge that you purchase bank drafts or money orders payable in Canadian funds or use the [www.dogshow.ca](http://www.dogshow.ca) website.

**Temporary Competition Number ("TCN"):** A listing fee as established by the Canadian Kennel Club must accompany the entry of a dog for which a Canadian Kennel Club individual registration number or Event Registration Number is not shown on the entry form. All owners of unregistered, CKC-recognized breeds entering events are required to obtain a Temporary Competition Number. There is no fee to obtain a TCN, however Exhibitors will still be required to pay TCN fees when entering events using this number. The current TCN fee is \$10.50 per trial. (ie. per dog per day)

**Event Registration Number ("ERN"):** All dogs that are foreign born and foreign owned require an ERN to enable them to be awarded titles by the CKC. Dogs may be entered as "listed"; however, an ERN must be obtained within 30 days of obtaining points, awards or scores to avoid cancellation. Application forms may be obtained from the Field Trial Secretary.

**Non-Member Participation Fee:** An annual fee for awards and titles will be charged to a Canadian non-member of CKC. The fee will match the ERN fee. In order to protect the awards/titles earned, the non-member will have the option to become a CKC member or pay the non-member participation fee. Failure to comply within 30 days of notification will result in all awards and titles being cancelled. NOTE: it is less expensive to become a CKC member than to pay this fee each year.

**These events held under the Rules of The Canadian Kennel Club**

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Hunt Test Level	Date Held	Judges
Working, Junior, Senior & Master	July 5, 2025	Al Carbone/Greg Royer
Working & Junior	July 6, 2025	Al Carbone/Steve Harper
Senior & Master	July 6, 2025	Al Carbone/ Tim Bashforth

## LOCATIONS AND START TIMES AND ENTRY FEES

Land test location: Hopewell Conservation Site

**Co-ordinates: Latitude 50.936842 Longitude -113.634036**

Water test location: WRHRC Grounds

**Co-ordinates: Latitude 51.212567 Longitude -113.752820**

Test Type	Event Number	Bird Type	Date Held	Entry Fee	TCN Fee
Working	2520231228	Pigeon &/or Chukar	July 5, 2025	\$75.00	\$10.50
	2520231229	Pigeon &/or Chukar	July 6, 2025	\$75.00	\$10.50
Junior	2520231228	Pigeon &/or Chukar	July 5, 2025	\$75.00	\$10.50
	2520231229	Pigeon &/or Chukar	July 6, 2025	\$75.00	\$10.50
Senior	2520231228	Chukar	July 5, 2025	\$100.00	\$10.50
	2520231229	Chukar	July 6, 2025	\$100.00	\$10.50
Master	2520231228	Chukar	July 5, 2025	\$100.00	\$10.50
	2520231229	Chukar	July 6, 2025	\$100.00	\$10.50

**Start times for the Hunt Tests will be 8:00 am each day** at the Hopewell Conservation Site. We will start with Working tests and continue from there.

The Hunt Tests for all levels will commence with the land work portion of the tests that will all to be held at the Hopewell Conservation Site. Following the land work portion of the tests we will travel in a convoy to the WRHRC Grounds near Kathryn, AB for the water work portion of the tests.

**Indignities:** It shall be the duty and obligation of the hunt test-giving club to see that a judge, club official, marshal, volunteer, or competitor at a hunt test held under these regulations, is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Hunt Test Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred. *CKC Hunt Test Rules & Regulations for all Sporting Spaniels, Chapter 15, Section 6*

## PRIZES

Standard CKC Rosettes to all qualifying dogs in each stake.

## CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Tim Bashforth  
**Vice President:** Wayne Brennen  
**Secretary:** Steve Harper  
**Treasurer:** Nancy Holland

## HUNT TEST COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman:</b>	Steve Harper 707 Hunts Crescent NW, Calgary, Alberta, T2K 4J2
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<b>Gun Team:</b>	To be determined
<b>Field Marshal:</b>	Pam Murphy
<b>Ribbons</b>	Nancy Holland
<b>Game Steward &amp; Grounds:</b>	Steve Harper/Wayne Brennen

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Eastern Slopes Spaniel Association will be following all Alberta CMOH Orders, guidance and protocols during the July 5 & 6, 2025 Spaniel hunt tests. It is expected that all participants comply with these conditions.

ESSA will circulate the current restrictions, if any, at closing vis [dogshow.ca](http://dogshow.ca).

The Eastern Slopes Spaniel Association would like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation in helping make this a safe and successful event.

## NOTES

**Please ensure all rabies shots are up to date.**

**No dog may be brought onto the grounds or premises of an event if it:**

- is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease;
- has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days (prior to the event); or
- has been housed within 30 days prior to the event on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

ESSA reserves the right to remove a dog from the event premises and the exhibitor may be subject to disciplinary action if it is found that CKC rules have been contravened.

Noncompeting dogs must not be on the grounds (except in the parking area) and should be leashed when not kenneled.

Please bring your own lunch and refreshments as no lunches will be provided.



# **HUNT TESTS OFFERED**

## **Working Test**

A working Spaniel must show a desire to hunt in an interested and enthusiastic manner and demonstrate an ability to retrieve.

Dogs are expected to show no fear of ground, water or any type of cover; have a bold flush; respond reasonably well to whistle, verbal and hand commands and utilize the wind while maintaining an appropriate working distance from the handler. Priorities should be use of wind, boldness to cover, strength of nose, hunting desire, and a good mouth.

The working Spaniel must find and flush two (2) birds on land. All shot birds must be retrieved. It will be at the judge's discretion whether a shot bird is judged as a blind or marked retrieve. While a passed bird is not grounds for disqualification, the dog must demonstrate the ability to find game within a reasonable number of opportunities. Steadiness is not required. The dog must complete the retrieve of at least one (1) bird on land. If the dog does not have the opportunity to retrieve a shot bird, a dead bird marked retrieve can be used to demonstrate retrieving ability. Furthermore, the dog must retrieve one (1) bird from water by swimming a minimum distance of 20 m (66 ft) and a maximum of 40 m (131 ft). In all cases regarding retrieving, the dog should deliver the birds within a 1 m (3ft) radius from the handler. At the water the dog can be restrained by a leash and sent only at the judge's direction.

Dogs which are gun-shy or show no interest or ability to hunt are unacceptable and should be disqualified.

## **Junior Hunt Test**

A junior hunting Spaniel must show all of the attributes of a working Spaniel. In addition, the dog must show boldness to all types of cover encountered, an efficient means of using the wind and covering ground, a bold flush and an intense desire to hunt while working with its handler.

The junior hunting Spaniel must find and flush two (2) birds on land. All shot birds must be retrieved. It will be at the judge's discretion whether a shot bird is judged as a blind or marked retrieve and what means are used to retrieve it. In the Working Spaniel and Junior Hunter moving forward and hunting up the bird qualifies as a means of retrieving a shot bird. While

a passed bird is not grounds for disqualification, the dog must demonstrate the ability to find game within a reasonable number of opportunities. Steadiness to wing and shot is not required, however the dog must not chase uncontrollably. The dog must complete the retrieve of at least one (1) bird on land. If the dog does not have the opportunity to retrieve a shot bird, a dead bird marked retrieve can be used to demonstrate retrieving ability. The dog must retrieve one (1) bird from water in a downwind or a crosswind by swimming a distance of 25 m (82 ft) and a maximum of 50 m (164 ft). All birds must be delivered to hand. The dog must be line steady at the water and wait to be sent at the judge's direction.

## **Senior Hunt Test**

A senior hunting Spaniel must clearly show all of the attributes of a junior hunting Spaniel. At this level the dog must show a greater understanding of use of wind and relationship to the handler. It should cover the ground in an enthusiastic manner being bold to water and cover, show evidence of good nose, a bold flush, and a good mouth. The dog must be steady to wing and shot and be line steady. The dog must show that it is using the wind to locate birds and is a good bird finder. The dog should demonstrate a polished level of trained abilities in the performance of its duties.

The senior hunting Spaniel must find and flush three (3) birds at the judge's discretion. Two (2) of these birds must be flushed into the air to demonstrate steadiness. All shot birds must be retrieved. It will be at the judge's discretion whether a shot bird is judged as a blind or marked retrieve. While a passed bird is not grounds for disqualification, the dog must demonstrate the ability to find game within a reasonable number of opportunities. The dog must complete the retrieve of at least one (1) bird on land. If the dog does not have the opportunity to retrieve a shot bird, a dead bird marked retrieve can be used to demonstrate retrieving ability. It must also be capable of retrieving one (1) bird from water in a downwind or crosswind by swimming a distance of 50 m (164 ft) and a maximum of 75 m (246 ft).

It must complete two (2) single blind retrieves in a downwind or crosswind; one (1) on land at a minimum of 50 m (164 ft) and a maximum of 75 m (246 ft), and one (1) from water by swimming a minimum distance of 30 m (98 ft) and a maximum distance of 50 m (164 ft). Factors that would cause the dog to diverge from the line of the blind can be utilized to present challenges that will test the dog's ability to take a line, respond to handling, and be bold to terrain. Examples of this may be cover, slope,



wind, land points in water, or the falls from the marking tests. If such factors are used, they should be incorporated in the first 40% of the blind. The dog must be sent only at the judge's direction and all birds must be delivered to hand.

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## **Master Hunt Test**

A master hunting Spaniel must not only show all the positive attributes of a senior hunting Spaniel but be capable of hunting adjacent to another dog (bracework) and honouring its bracemate when required to do so (i.e., steadiness to wing and shot and during its bracemate's retrieve).

The dog must show intelligent use of wind, show the ability to track a moving bird if the situation presents, be prepared to handle all types of cover and terrain, and be under complete control at all times. Interfering with its bracemate and hunting out of control are faults worthy of disqualification. Poaching a bird on the bracemate's beat is grounds for disqualification.

In the interests of safety, a centreline must be indicated, as terrain dictates.

The master hunting Spaniel must find and flush three (3) birds. Two (2) of these birds must be flushed into the air to demonstrate steadiness. All shot birds must be retrieved. It will be at the judge's discretion whether a shot bird is judged as a blind or marked retrieve. While a passed bird is not grounds for disqualification, the dog must demonstrate the ability to find game within a reasonable number of opportunities. The dog must complete the retrieve of at least one (1) bird on land. If the dog does not have the opportunity to retrieve a shot bird, a dead bird marked retrieve can be used to demonstrate retrieving ability.

The dog must complete a downwind land blind retrieve at a minimum distance of 75 m (246 ft), and a maximum distance of 100 m (328 ft) plus a downwind blind water retrieve by swimming a minimum distance of 35 m (115 ft) and a maximum distance of 50 m (164 ft). Factors that would cause the dog to diverge from the line of the blind can be utilized to present challenges that will test the dog's ability to take a line, respond to handling, and be bold to terrain. Examples of this may be cover, slope, wind, land points in water, dry pops, decoys, standout guns, or the falls from the

marking tests. If such factors are used, they should be incorporated in the first 75% of the blind.

In addition the dog must complete a double marked retrieve. It must be seated (humped) approximately 10 m (33 ft) from the water's edge. A shot is fired and the first bird is thrown in cover on land at a minimum distance of 50 m (164 ft) and a maximum distance of 75 m (246 ft), where the dog is able to view the area of the fall. Another shot is fired and the second marked retrieve is thrown into the water at a minimum distance of 35 m (115 ft) and a maximum distance of 50 m (164 ft) again where the dog has clear vision of the area of the fall. The two (2) birds should be thrown on a slight angle back from the position where the dog is seated. They can be thrown in a converging or diverging direction, but the overall spread between the throws should not be more than 130 degrees. Acute angle entries into the water that would encourage shore running should be avoided. A minimum of five (5) decoys, anchored separately, should be set on the water in proximity of the line to be followed. At the judge's direction, the dog is sent. The handler shall decide which retrieve is to be completed first. The dog is being tested for its marking and memory ability, not handling. A clean handle is preferred to an extended hunt that exhausts the dog and disturbs potential bird cover but will be scored lower.

All retrieves must be completed and delivered to hand.

## **Water Test**

The water test will be conducted in a manner that the bird will be thrown from shore or on an island using a mechanical device or from a boat.



# GROUNDNS

## Land Work

The land work portion of the Hunt Tests will be held at the Hopewell Conservation Site that is operated by the Alberta Conservation Association.



To get to the grounds from Langdon travel 1 mile east on Glenmore Trail to Range Road 270. Turn south on Range Road 270 and travel approximately two miles south to the dead end at the north side of the reservoir.

## Water Work

The water work portion of the Hunt Tests will be held at the WRHRC Grounds located near Kathryn, AB.



To get to the grounds from Langdon we will be travelling as a convoy from the Hopewell Conservation Site. From Langdon travel north on Highway 9 approximately 16 miles north to Highway 566. Turn West on Highway 566 and travel approximately 3.25 miles. The WRHRC Grounds are unmarked but are located on the north side of the highway.

