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# HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

## RUNNING RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

PROPOSAL #1

Date: April 10, 2009

SUBMITTED BY: Lake Erie HRC

Region: 7

*(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)\**

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2009 RULEBOOK.

P. 49 FINISHED TEST RULE VI

CURRENT RULE WORDING: During the hunting tests, a Finished Hunting Retriever must be required to honor another hunting retriever at or near the retrieving line. When the Finished Hunting Retriever is honoring, its view of the hunting test cannot be obstructed.

PROPOSED CHANGE: add the following to the end of the above rule. "A Finished Hunting Retriever shall not be required to honor during another dog's blind retrieve."

The entire rule would then read:

During the hunting tests, a Finished Hunting Retriever must be required to honor another hunting retriever at or near the retrieving line. When the Finished Hunting Retriever is honoring, its view of the hunting test cannot be obstructed. A Finished Hunting Retriever shall not be required to honor during another dog's blind retrieve.

JUSTIFICATION:

- 1) The honor dog could easily interfere with a working dog's blind (barking, moving around, breaking), which would be unfair to the working dog, especially since the working dog will be looking right in their direction when they are waiting for a cast.
- 2) It puts additional stress on the working handler because he/she knows that someone else is depending on a great blind. It can cause handling mistakes and rushing to send the dog.
- 3) It can cause animosity and hard feelings between handlers if either dog is unfairly affected by the other's performance.
- 4) It is NOT in the spirit of HRC because it could pit handlers against each other, instead of encouraging them to support each other.
- 5) It plays NO ROLE in fulfillment of the honor as required by the rule book.

## PROPOSAL #2

Date: April 14, 2009

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Davis Ohio River HRC Region: 7

*(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)\*<sup>1</sup>*

**CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2009 RULEBOOK.**

**PAGE 35 UNDER TEST DOG**

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### **CURRENT RULE WORDING:**

#### **TEST DOGS**

Use of test dogs is required at all UKC/HRC LICENSED events. This will enable Judges to see how smoothly the mechanics of the tests will be executed, to give the Handlers a view of the test, so that bird and drag back scent will be on the ground for all dogs and to verify the usefulness of the test. Test dogs must be of the same level as the test; i.e. a retriever with Finished points cannot be used as test dog for Started or Seasoned. A Judge may run his or her appropriately qualified dog as a test dog only in the class and flight they are judging.

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### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The use of a test dog in all tests is not to show handlers the test can be completed, but to show the judges and handlers the mechanics of the test. Therefore a dog with Seasoned Points or a Seasoned Title should be able to run as test dog for a Started Test. Same as a Finished dog should be able to run as test dog in a Seasoned Test. In a Finished test a dog with a Grand pass or a Grand Title can run as a test dog, which is a step above a Finished dog. There have been instances in the past where clubs have had a hard time finding test dogs for a particular flight. There have also been times when the only test dog available was a dog just out of Started and not ready for Seasoned was used as a test dog in Seasoned, it was complete disaster

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<sup>1</sup> Running Rules proposals may be sponsored and submitted by: an HRC Club, U.K.C., Inc., Executive Committee Members, HRC/UKC Field Representatives and HRC Members in good standing.

**MUST BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE MAR 1, 2010**

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