Hunt Test Titles:

<u>AKC</u> <u>UKC</u>

Junior (JH) Started (SHR)
Senior (SH) Seasoned (HR)
Master (MH) Finished (HRCH)

American Kennel Club (AKC) Hunt Tests

Junior Level Test

- Two single marks on water
- Two single marks on land
- Dogs can be restrained gently with a slip cord or held gently by the flat buckle collar until sent to retrieve
- Retrieve to hand

Junior Hunter (JH) title is received when the dog passes four AKC Junior hunt tests.

Senior Level Test

- Double land mark
 - Defined as two marks presented before the dog is sent to retrieve
- One land blind
 - Blinds shall not be run between marks
- One double water mark
- One water blind
- Diversion shot or retrieve
- Walk up
- Steady on the line
- Retrieve to hand
- Required to honor a working dog

Senior Hunter (SH) title is received after:

- Passing five AKC Senior level hunt tests OR
- Four AKC Senior level hunt test, if the JH title was obtained.

United Kennel Club (UKC) Hunt Tests

Started Level Test

- Four single marks: 2 on land & 2 on water.
- The hunting retriever is not required to be steady at the retrieving line. The hunting retriever may be hand held at the retrieving line.
- The bird must be delivered to the immediate area of the Handler. It is not necessary to deliver to hand.

SHR Title: Five (5) Championship points per hunt test are awarded for passing dogs. Four started passes are required for the Started Hunting Retriever (SHR) title.

Seasoned level hunt test (HR title)

- Double land mark
 - Defined as two marks presented before the dog is sent to retrieve
- One land blind
 - o Blinds shall not be run between marks
- One double water mark
- One water blind
- Diversion retrieve
- Walk up
- Steady on the line
- Retrieve to hand
- Required to honor a working dog

HR Title: Ten (10) Championship points per hunt test are awarded for passing dogs. A maximum of forty championship points towards a degree can be earned in this category.

- Ten (10) points can be rolled over from the started hunt tests
 - o If ten points have been earned from started,

the dog must pass three tests

OR

 If no started points have been achieved, the dog must pass four tests

Master Level Test

- One triple land mark
 - Triple mark is defined as three marks presented before the dog is sent to retrieve
- ** One triple water mark
- One double blind (land/water or combo)
- *** One or two single blinds (land or water)
- One diversion shot and/or retrieve
- Walk up
- Required to honor a working dog
- Steady on the line
- Retrieve to hand
- ** Only one set of marks must be a triple, the others can be a double and a single, a triple, three singles, etc.
- *** Blinds can be a single or double, which is defined by the judges.

Master Hunter (MH) title:

Dog must pass six AKC Master level hunt tests

OR

• Five AKC Master level hunt test, if a SH title was obtained.

Finished level hunt test (HRCH title)

- One triple land mark
 - Triple mark is defined as three marks presented before the dog is sent to retrieve
- One land blind
- One triple water mark
- One water blind
- One diversion shot and/or retrieve
- Walk up
- Required to honor a working dog
- Steady on the line
- Retrieve to hand

HRCH title: Fifteen (15) Championship points per UKC Hunt test are awarded to passing dogs.

The Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH) title is obtained when one hundred championship points are earned.

- Sixty of the one hundred points must be earned in the finished category
- Points can be earned in started, seasoned or finished categories
- With a HR title, dogs are required to pass four finished hunt tests