

THE FLATCOATED RETRIEVER SOCIETY

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Introduction to Field Trials

The Field Trial Sub Committee will be running two Introduction to Field Trials Days for eight handlers new to, or in-experienced at competing at a Field Trial on the following dates:

- **Saturday 21 May 2022 10.00 a.m** at Combe Davy, Brompton Ralph, Somerset contact Sheila Neary collarm@hotmail.co.uk 01643 851564
- **Sunday 17 July 2022 10.00 a.m** at Standlake, Oxfordshire contact Vivienne Gatter vigatter@yahoo.com Tel 01865 655764

These days are aimed specifically to encourage those that have never attended a Field Trial or who have never entered a dog at a Field Trial. However, those that have entered a Field Trial before are not excluded but preference will be given to the less experienced handler. The dog should be of at least Novice standard, i.e. be on a whistle and take directions. If you have a dog that you feel is too young or not ready but would like to learn about Field Trials and are willing to help either as a judges' steward or be a bird carrier, you will be welcome to come without your dog and no fee is then payable. The day will be run on dummies but there will be gunfire.

We will limit the number of handlers to eight, so that it does not become too long a day to soak up the information! We plan to start with an introduction about protocols etc, then the morning will be spent simulating a walked up trial, a short break for lunch (bring your own refreshments) and for Q & A. After lunch there will be a simulated drive or two, followed again by a Q & A session to finish.

Please register for the day direct with either Sheila or Vivienne who will advise you about the options for paying the £20 fee per handler. **Registration will close one week before each event.**

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