

RETRIEVER

In Retriever, the most advanced level of AKC Fetch, dogs earn the FTR (Fetch Retriever) title. The title "Retriever" indicates the dog can do advanced retrieving. All breeds who pass the Retriever test twice may earn the Retriever title.

The distance for the retrieves is 80 ft. and as with Advanced, the course has 3 blinds. The blinds are at least 24 inches tall and 10 ft. to 12 ft. wide.

In Retriever, the dog must do 2 double retrieves ("Doubles") and 1 Triple retrieve. The order of the Doubles and the Triple is chosen by the handler.

The 2 Doubles will be to the center, right or left. The Triple must be 1 center, 1 right, and 1 left (with the order chosen by the handler). Bumpers may be dropped by the helper, or the handler may choose to throw the bumpers/balls or have a helper throw. A Chuckit! may be used.

For the Triple retrieve,

- The dog is seated at the handler's side.
- The dog sits (and stays) and watches as the helper says, "Hey, Hey, Hey" (or, "Hey-Hey, Hey-Hey") and drops the first bumper behind the blind.
- The helper repeats, "Hey, Hey, Hey" and drops the 2nd bumper, then the 3rd.
- The handler sends the dog to fetch one bumper.
- When the dog returns the first bumper, it is directed to sit, and then it is sent to retrieve the 2nd bumper, and after that the 3rd bumper.
- The order in which the bumpers are retrieved is the handler's choice.
- The handler may choose to throw the bumpers or balls.

