

ADVANCED

In Advanced, dogs earn the FTA (Fetch Advanced) title. At this level, retrieving gets serious!

The distance for the Advanced retrieves is 70 ft. The course has 3 blinds which are screens at least 24 inches tall, and 10 ft. to 12 ft. wide.

As the dog sits at the handler's side at the start line, a helper drops a bumper behind each blind as the dog watches.

The handler may also choose to throw 3 bumpers/balls over the blinds.

The dog must do 2 single retrieves and 2 double retrieves. The order is chosen by the handler.

The 2 single retrieves will be one to the center and one to the right or left.

For the Double:

- The dog is seated at the handler's side.
- The dog sits (and stays) and watches as the event helper drops the first bumper behind the blind. The helper gets the dog's attention just before dropping the bumper by saying, "Hey, Hey, Hey," or "Hey-Hey, Hey-Hey."
- The helper then says, "Hey, Hey, Hey" (or "Hey-Hey, Hey-Hey") and drops the 2nd bumper as the dog stays and watches.
- The handler sends the dog to fetch the first bumper (in the order chosen by the handler).
- When the dog returns the first bumper, it is directed to sit, and then it is sent to retrieve the 2nd bumper.

If the handler chooses to throw the bumpers rather than have them dropped, the handler may use a helper to throw. A Chuckit! may also be used to throw balls over the blinds.

