

X MARKING DRILL

LEVEL - ALL - This is a fundamental marking drill and can be re-visited throughout a dog's career

PURPOSE - This drill helps develop depth perception. It also instills the idea of marking with your eyes by requiring the dog to either drive through an old fall or, conversely, check-up short of an old fall.

MATERIALS NEEDED - Bird boy and six bumpers - white, black or black and white

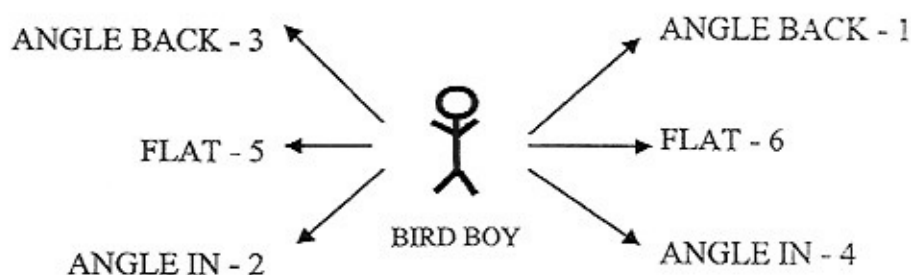
PROCEDURE - Bird boy takes the bumpers in the field - the distance away from the dog and handler will depend on the dog's ability. The bird boy will throw each of the following marks as singles:

1. Angle back right
2. Angle in left
3. Angle back left
4. Angle in right
5. Flat left
6. Flat right

The throws should be on alternating sides and at approximately the same distance and angle away from the bird boy.

POTENTIAL PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Dog misses mark	Bird boy helps dog out
Dog overruns angle-in mark OR Dog overruns flat marks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bird boy helps with a verbal "hey-hey" 2. Move drill to lighter cover next time 3. Throw big white bumpers for better visibility 4. Throw more angle in marks in training to teach the dog to check-up

X MARKING DRILL SETUP



All marks are run as singles.

The distance from the line to the marks will depend on the terrain and the dog's ability.

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LINE
DOG and
HANDLER