

What is an HPR?

HPR stands for Hunt, Point and Retrieve and refers to the multiple capabilities of those breeds that make up the HPR group of working gundogs. Among the more popular HPR breeds in the UK are the German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, German Longhaired Pointer, Weimaraner, Large Munsterlander, Hungarian Vizsla and Italian Spinone. From the 1800s, combinations of several breeds such as the English Pointer, English Springer Spaniel and Labrador were used in combination to find, flush and retrieve game birds. During the late 19th Century, changes in shooting gave rise to the development of the HPR, whose versatility eliminated the need to keep several breeds of dog. The HPR can cover large areas of ground, locating and holding the bird on point until the gun gets in position, flushing the quarry on command, and finally retrieving the shot bird on command. As a result, HPRs are unmatched for “walked-up” shooting, Some of the more progressive shoot owners and gamekeepers are recognizing the benefits of using HPRs on driven shoots. HPRs can cover more ground, more thoroughly than beaters on open moorland. Used in woods, HPRs can quietly and efficiently find and flush birds on command, producing a steady flow of driven birds for the guns