

## Three Reasons to UKC Trial

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The most obvious and superficial reason to trial is to feed your ego. However, like a child that is rewarded with money for good grades sometimes the end justifies the means. Basically, testing the quality of dog against dog and breeding the best, moves the breed forward by producing pups with the soundest bodies and quickest minds. It is a simple concept, of “Form following Function”, that breeding soundness to soundness, while chasing a standard, and ignoring contemporary whims will produce greatness. For a better understanding of this concept I recommend reading Snakefoot, by Robert G. Wehl.



**The judge and gunner making sure this is a dog for the future**

The second reason to trial, and I would do it for this reason alone, is the thrill. I have listen to the armchair theorist spout off about tradition, ethics, and the spiritual experience and I hope I never catch whatever it is they have.

For me it is the experience, the swift rush of adrenaline, the hyper state of mind, and the following calm. Sure I love the dog work and companionship, but I need the excitement, the smell, and that earthy taste to feed my addiction.



**About to unleash the excitement**

The third and most rewarding reason to trial is the expansion of the journey with my dog and family. Unfortunately, birddogs are only here for a brief time and our children remain children for only a moment. For some reason, God never saw fit to give us these gifts for a lifetime. I don't pretend to understand it I can only hope to live up to my side of the bargain.



**May they remain young forever**