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RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF TRACK AND SEARCH DOG TRIALS

INTRODUCTION

The Track & Search Dog tests should be a test of credibility, verifying the dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent while adapting to changing scenting conditions.

The tests should be as close as possible to a life-like situation, where a dog is used to find a missing person and therefore the test should be as realistic as possible while demonstrating the dog's willingness and enthusiasm to follow a specific scent.

The tests require the dog to work on varied surfaces including gravel, sand, paved surfaces, and roads as well as bush. Tracks should be laid so as to represent the meanderings of a lost person and not always be 'straight line' tracks. Tracks should be as natural as possible, bearing in mind that lost children are drawn to playgrounds, while adults are drawn to buildings to seek help.

Tracks may cross small streams or shallow bodies of water, roads [but not include major roads] and may be laid in contaminated areas which may include houses, bridges, shelters, stairs and ramps, parking areas or similar structures. Light Vehicle & Pedestrian traffic including other dogs walking on lead should not be avoided.

Where referred to in the Rules the words, Canine Control, shall mean the Controlling Body in each State or Territory of Australia.

Interpretation of these Rules should not be necessary, however, should there be a need for individuals to seek clarification; application must be made by the Canine Control to the appropriate Committee of the ANKC, whose decision shall be binding.

DECISIONS

Decisions of the Committee of the Affiliate conducting a trial shall be subject to appeal to the Canine Control in the State or Territory in which the trial is conducted.

The Rules of the Canine Control shall apply to all Track & Search Trials and to any Affiliate conducting the Track & Search Trials and, in the event of inconsistency; the rules of the Canine Control shall prevail.

Anyone taking part in a trial who openly impugns the actions or decisions of the Judge shall render himself liable to be debarred from further participation in the trial and may be ordered from the grounds and further dealt with at the discretion of the Canine Control.

REMOVAL OF DOG

The Judge may order the removal and disqualification from all Trial Competition on the day any dog that attacks, and must lodge a report with the Canine Control.

The Judge may order the removal from competition of any dog which does not obey its Handler, any Handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or a competitor's dog or whose behaviour is objectionable and must exclude from competition any dog which the Judge considers unfit to compete.

WITHDRAWAL OF DOG

A dog may be withdrawn before or during judging with the consent of the Judge and must not take any further part in that Track & Search Dog Test.

DISQUALIFICATION

No rating given. The dog is disqualified from all Trial Competition on the day and the Judge must provide a written report to the Canine Control within fourteen (14) days.

ELIGIBILITY

A dog must have attained the title of Tracking Champion prior to being eligible for entry into Track and Search Dog Trials.

A dog must be a minimum of twelve (12) months of age to enter in a Track and Search Trial.

Whilst there is no formal obedience assessment, it is understood that because of the possibility of livestock, pedestrian and vehicle traffic, the handler must be confident that they have complete control over the dog.

TITLES

To qualify for the title of Track and Search Dog (T.S.D.), Track and Search Dog Excellent (T.S.D.X.), Track and Search Dog Champion (T.S. Ch.) and Track and Search Grand Champion (T.S. Grand Ch.) a dog must pass each of the following tests once:

Track & Search Dog (T.S.D.)	Test 1 (unknown person) Test 2 (unknown person) Test 3 (unknown person)
Track & Search Dog Excellent (T.S.D.X.) Urban Track Urban Night Track	Test 4 (unknown person) Test 5 (unknown person) Test 6 (unknown person)
Track & Search Dog Champion (T.S. Ch.) Urban Track Urban Night Track	Test 7 (unknown person) Test 8 (unknown person)
Track & Search Grand Champion (T.S. Grand Ch.) Urban Track Urban Night Track	Test 9 (unknown person) Test 10 (unknown person)

- A) A maximum of two different tests, within a title, may be worked on the same day by the same dog, subject to the approval of the Canine Control and the availability of additional tracks.
- B) Dogs must complete in order Test 1 through to Test 10
- C) The dog must qualify under at least two different Judges for the T.S.D., T.S.D.X., T.S. Champion and T.S. Grand Champion titles to be granted.
- D) An Exhibit, which has gained sufficient awards to qualify for a Track and Search Dog Title, shall not be eligible to compete for a higher title at a Track & Search Dog Trial until such time as the owner/s have lodged an application for recognition of the title with the Canine Control in the State or Territory in which the registered owner/s reside.
- E) The T.S.D. (Track & Search Dog), T.S.D.X. (Track & Search Dog Excellent), T.S. Ch. (Track & Search Dog Champion) and T.S. Grand Ch. (Track & Search Dog Grand Champion) Certificates may be granted on application to the Canine Control concerned.

EQUIPMENT

- (a) All Track and Search Dog tests must be conducted with the dog in a suitable harness. For tests 1-4 the minimum length of lead should be ten (10) metres and for tests 5-10 the lead should be a minimum of five (5) metres and no longer than ten (10) metres. The dog must be worked at the length of leash suitable to the terrain, environment and in accordance with government requirements. Unless specified in the description of the test, the lead must be connected to the harness.

- (b) All articles used on the track must belong to the tracklayer, be approved by the judge and should represent articles made of substances used in everyday life that an average child or adult might carry and drop; i.e. Wallet, purse, mobile phone, sunglasses, notebook, bunch of keys, soft toy, shoe or cap etc.

The optional Finish Article should be a folded T-shirt or similar clearly marked finish article. In highly contaminated urban areas where an article of substance could be removed a sign could be used.

- (c) The starting article should be an article of clothing (i.e. T-shirt, cap or shoe). Articles used on the track should not have any sharp edges or protruding parts that may cause injury to the dog. The optional finish article if used in place of the Tracklayer must be no larger than a normal sized T-shirt or similar and should be clearly marked Finish Article.
- (d) Tests 1-4 will commence with a starting line which shall be indicated by 2 flags approximately thirty (30) metres apart.
- (e) The suitability of all tracking equipment shall be left to the discretion of the judge.
- (f) No markers or equipment indicating the Track shall remain in place during the testing of a dog. The Tracklayer for all urban tracks must be supplied with a detailed map as physical markers (flags) cannot be used.
- (g) The handler may not offer food or utilise training aids during the running of a Track and water may only be offered with the Judge's permission.
- (h) High visibility reflective vests/jackets, which must comply with the Australian Standard 4602, must be worn by the Handler and all those officiating on all urban tracks and on any other track where the judge considers it appropriate. For urban night tracks a functioning head light must be worn by the Handler.

EXHIBITS

- (a) Bitches in oestrus or showing a coloured discharge of any sort shall not be permitted to compete in Trials, nor remain within the precincts of a Trial.
- (b) A dog must wear high visibility safety equipment and may wear protective clothing in a Trial.
- (c) The order of judging must be decided prior to commencement of the Trial.

INSPECTION

An examination of all bitches in the Trial is necessary. A member of the Affiliate conducting the Trial may do this examination.

JUDGES

- (a) Judges must be licensed with the Canine Control in their respective State or Territory to Judge Track and Search Dog Trials.
- (b) The maximum number of Track and Search dogs to be judged on one day will be governed by a point system as follows:

T.S.D. test	2 points
T.S.D.X.	3 points
T.S. Champion	3 points
T.S. Grand Champion	3 points

A combination of T.S.D., T.S.D.X., T.S. Champion and T.S. Grand Champion tracks must not exceed 27 points for any judge on one day. Judges may specify on their contracts how many points they are willing to judge,
- (c) In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Judge may, in rare cases and at his own discretion, re-judge a dog on another track.

- (d) A dog which commences a track and fails at the start shall be deemed to have trialed.
- (e) The Judge must sign a Qualifying Certificate for each qualifying dog, denoting the type of track passed.
- (f) A signed copy of the Judge's Report is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Canine Control concerned within 7 days of the Trial.
- (g) Judges should bear in mind when placing articles that pedestrians and other dogs may pick up the articles or that the wind direction can cause them to move position.
- (h) Judges should position themselves on the track so that they properly evaluate the dog's performance and to ensure that the dog is given adequate time and distance to work out scenting problems particularly around heavily contaminated areas and buildings. Judges should be familiar with scenting conditions in areas which consist of more than just vegetation. Buildings, other structures and various surfaces can affect the scent.
- (i) The Judge should make every effort to attend a workshop or seminar carried out by their State Control Tracking Committee, to ensure they can be confident in giving the dog a fair evaluation.

TRACKLAYER

- a. The Tracklayer shall be a person approved by the Judge and unknown to the handler and have not previously laid a track for that dog within the preceding four (4) months, in competition. It shall be the responsibility of the Affiliate conducting the Trial to make a genuine effort to ensure that only unknown tracklayers are used.
- b. Before starting the track, the Tracklayer must show the Judge all the articles to be used. These articles are to be with the Tracklayer for at least 30 minutes prior to laying the Track so that his scent may be imparted to them.
- c. The Tracklayer must place the articles on the track at the places nominated by the Judge, one article to be at the commencement of each track in addition to the others required. The start article will be in a sealed bag, which the Judge will hand to the handler approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting line or it may be placed in the vicinity where instructions to the Tracklayer are given by the Judge.
- d. All articles must be placed on the Track but not on a turn or less than thirty (30) metres before or after a turn.
- e. The Tracklayer will walk at a normal pace and must not scratch the ground or stop unnecessarily while laying the Track.
- f. The Tracklayer must follow the Track, which has been marked out earlier, collecting all flags as specified in the type of track and by the Judge. Where flags are not utilised, a detailed map showing clear indicators will be provided to the tracklayer.
- g. Upon completion of laying the track the Tracklayer need not remain at the end of the track, however the Tracklayer MUST be in place at the end of the track when the Handler and dog complete the track

OR

The Tracklayer must place the clearly marked Finish Article in the position indicated by a marker on the map so it cannot be seen by the handler as they approach the finish. After placing the Finish Article the Tracklayer removes the marker and continues on for a minimum of thirty (30) metres past the Finish before leaving on the walking out route.

GENERAL

- (a) There is no time limit, provided the dog is working.
- (b) A dog that is working too fast, on instructions from the Judge, must be gently restrained by the Handler but any leading or guiding of the dog constitutes grounds for calling the dog off and marking it failed. Failure to obey the Judge's instruction for restraint will render the dog liable to disqualification.

- (c) The Judge at all times must be within hearing distance of the Handler.
- (d) The test is completed when the Tracklayer is found, or in the event of failure, when the Handler is redirected to the correct Track.
- (e) The Handler must not be given any guidance by the Judge or any other person.
- (f) If a dog is not working it must not be marked "Pass" even though it may have found the Tracklayer.
- (g) It is desirable that the Judge be involved in the setting out of the Track.
- (h) The minimum distance between any parallel legs of any parts of the same or separate Tracks must be one hundred (100) metres.
- (i) A Track may be reused for testing a second dog, provided the minimum time lapse between tracks is 3 hours. The time lapse commences from the time the tracklayer is set out.
- (j) At the Handler's option, the dog may be given the scent during the Track. Except for extenuating circumstances the Judge will penalise such instances accordingly and the dog that is constantly given the scent must fail.
- (k) Handlers may speak to their dogs during the Track. The Judge may penalise if he considered such talk excessive.
- (l) Reprimands either physical or verbal will not be tolerated. Reprimands will be severely penalised up to and including disqualification. Disqualification shall be reported to the Canine Control within fourteen (14) days.
- (m) Spectators will not be permitted to approach closer than forty (40) metres to the Judge when the dog is working.
- (n) Thirty (30) day suspension. Dogs which have failed on two consecutive occasions; may be subject to a thirty (30) day suspension from competing at a Track and Search Dog Trial. This will only take effect if the Affiliate conducting the Track and Search Dog Trial ballots for the tests available. Suspensions will not be carried over a calendar year. It is the responsibility of the Handler to advise of two consecutive fails.
- (o) Acute corners should not be used on any of the tracks.
- (p) Tests T.S.D. 1 to T.S.D.X. 4 should, where possible, have a ratio of 75% vegetated surfaces and 25% non-vegetated surfaces.
- (q) Although not preferred, multiple diversion tracks may be laid by the same tracklayer.
- (r) Within the track and search discipline there are both diversion and cross tracks.
 1. Diversion Track: The dog must ignore the diversion scent and must work to the main tracklayer's scent. Diversion from this main scent by more than ten (10) metres must result in a fail.
 2. Cross Track: The dog may check any cross track, however any downgrading is at the judge's discretion.
- (s) The dog must be under the Handler's control at all times during the working of the track.
- (t) Track & Search Dog trials may be conducted on the same day as Tracking Trials.

GENERAL SAFETY

It is imperative that a brief description of the tracklayer be given to the handler prior to the commencement of the track. These details should include:

- Adult/Child (age)
- Name of lost person
- Physical characteristics i.e. gender, hair colour, build
- Clothing/footwear

Safety of the tracklayer is paramount, therefore the following points must be observed at all times.

- (a) The Tracklayer when laying Urban Tracks; will be followed by a vehicle, which may collect the Tracklayer from the end of the track and also may be used to transport the Tracklayer back to the end of the track.
- (b) Whoever accompanies the tracklayer must carry a hand held communication device such as a two way radio or mobile phone.
- (c) If a child is the tracklayer, they should be no younger than ten (10) years of age and must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult walking alongside who is approved by the parent/guardian of the child. A communication device such as a two way radio or mobile phone must be carried by the accompanying adult.
- (d) Where a child is used in any capacity in a Track & Search Dog trial, this must be in accordance with Federal, State and Territory Legislative requirements.
- (e) Where the track ends outside a dwelling/building, the occupant and immediate neighbours must be advised prior to the event that a sanctioned event will be conducted and that a tracklayer will be waiting outside their premises during the time the track is being worked.
- (f) A "safety steward" at the Judge's direction shall position themselves in the vicinity of the handler while working the urban and night tracks. Their responsibility is to alert the handler of any impending hazards, i.e. vehicles, cyclists, stray dogs, pedestrians so that if required, evasive action can be taken. The dog may be stopped to allow traffic/pedestrians etc. to pass by calling the dog to heel or shortening the lead to have complete control.
- (g) Additional safety stewards may be employed on any track at the judge's discretion.
- (h) When crossing streets, handlers must be able to gather their lead off the road so that any oncoming traffic will not cross the lead thus impeding the dog.
- (i) The Tracklayer must be able to make contact with the judge via a communication device such as two way radio or mobile phone at all times while the track is being worked. The safety of the Tracklayer will take precedence over the working of the track. If at any time the tracklayer's safety is compromised, the track must be aborted.
- (j) When working the night/evening tracks, high visibility clothing and head light must be worn by the handler. The dog should have reflective tape sewn onto the harness or alternatively have some type of LED light attached to the harness.
- (k) It is not necessary and in most cases not desirable for the tracklayer to remain at the end of the track, but must be in place before the track is worked.

GRADINGS

The following evaluation will be given for:

Pass

Pass

Good

Very Good

Excellent

Fail

A dog that fails will be marked "Fail:

- (a) The dog should indicate the articles by either sitting, standing, downing, picking up, or at least pausing (i.e. stationary) to the satisfaction of the judge.
- (b) A dog that does not indicate an article on tests 1-4 will only receive a downgrading in their result, but will not fail.
- (c) If an article placed on the track in tests 1-4 has been moved/removed from its designated position on the track then no downgrading should be applied. The grading of the dog's performance will be at the judge's discretion.
- (d) A dog must be marked fail if it does not find the Tracklayer or finish article.

NOTES FOR AFFILIATES

At Track and Search Trials an area should be allotted where competitors and their dogs must remain until called by an official. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG (T.S.D.)

Test 1

Description:

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 800 metres of varied surfaces which may include, but is not limited to, vegetation, sand, gravel, limestone or similar.

The Track will have 4 changes of direction.

The main Tracklayer shall follow the track accompanied by the diversion Tracklayer. The diversion Tracklayer will accompany the main Tracklayer for not less than thirty (30) metres from the start and leave no closer than thirty (30) metres from the first change of direction while the main Tracklayer continues on the track.

The start flags will be removed by the main Tracklayer. The starting line flags will remain.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting line, the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting line, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog will be in harness and must search for the track by free quartering off-lead or searching in harness with lead attached. When the dog has indicated to the handler that it has located the track, the dog, if free quartering, must be stopped sufficiently to allow the tracking lead to be fastened onto the harness. The dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The dog shall be started 60 to 90 minutes after the main track has been laid.

There will be 2 articles placed on the track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG (T.S.D.)

Test 2

Description:

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 800 metres of varied surfaces which may include, but is not limited to, vegetation, sand, gravel, limestone or similar.

The Track will have 4 changes of direction.

30 minutes after the main Tracklayer has commenced the track, the first part of the Track will be re-walked by a diversion Tracklayer. The diversion Tracklayer will re-walk the track for not less than thirty (30) metres from the start and leave no closer than thirty (30) metres from the first change of direction. 30 minutes after the main Tracklayer has commenced the track, the cross Tracklayer shall cross the track twice, but not on the first leg.

The start flag and all other flags indicating the direction of the track, up to the point where the diversion Tracklayer makes their turn; will be left in position by the main Tracklayer. The diversion Tracklayer will remove the start flag and all other flags up to the point where the main Tracklayer has continued on. The starting line flags will remain.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting line, the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting line, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog will be in harness and must search for the track by free quartering off-lead or searching in harness with lead attached. When the dog has indicated to the handler that it has located the track, the dog, if free quartering, must be stopped sufficiently to allow the tracking lead to be fastened onto the harness. The dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be is 120 minutes and the maximum 240 minutes from the time the track is laid.

There will be 2 articles placed on the track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG (T.S.D.)

Test 3

Description:

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 1000 metres of varied surfaces which may include, but is not limited to, vegetation, sand, gravel, limestone or similar.

The Track will have 4 changes of direction.

The Track will be crossed twice by one (1) or two (2) unknown cross Tracklayers at any point along the track however the Track cannot be crossed twice on the same leg or on the 1st leg of the track. The Cross tracks will be laid as soon as the main Tracklayer has completed the main track.

The start flag will be removed by the Tracklayer. The starting line flags will remain.

A minimum of three (3) people may wander around and cross the start line during their movement in the start area, however the Tracklayer, while he may cross the start-line, should keep such movements to a minimum before he begins to lay the track. If using a public area already contaminated and people other than those designated cross the start line this is acceptable. The main Tracklayer will then commence walking the track, while the other remaining members of the group shall move away from the area.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting line, the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting line, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog will be in harness and must search for the track by free quartering off-lead or searching in harness with lead attached. When the dog has indicated to the handler that it has located the track, the dog, if free quartering, must be stopped sufficiently to allow the tracking lead to be fastened onto the harness. The dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be 120 minutes and the maximum 240 minutes from the time the track is laid.

There will be 2 Articles placed on the track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG EXCELLENT (T.S.D.X.)

Test 4

Description:

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 1200 metres of varied terrain & vegetation. The track should follow a dirt road or trail for a part of the distance, have at least 4 turns and generally meander as a lost person may do. It should cross at least one paved or gravel road, stream or shallow body of water.

This track should start in a contaminated point such as a road-end. If the area is not subject to foot traffic, two deliberate fresh cross tracks are to be laid by unknown Tracklayers who should cross the track just prior to the dog and handler working the track.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting line, the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting line, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog will be in harness and must search for the track by free quartering off-lead or searching in harness with lead attached. When the dog has indicated to the handler that it has located the track, the dog, if free quartering, must be stopped sufficiently, to allow the tracking lead to be fastened onto the harness. The dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be 120 minutes to a maximum of 240 minutes from the time the track is laid.

There will be 2 Articles on the track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG EXCELLENT (T.S.D.X.)

Test 5 [Urban Track]

Description

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 800 metres of varied surfaces including, but is not limited to, tar-sealed roads, pavements, grass and foot trails. It should include distractions such as parked cars, light vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The Track should be laid utilising any and all structures on site to ensure that dogs are able to handle the diffusion of scent created by these structures. Tracks may be laid in close proximity to buildings and fences.

There should be no more than 5 turns and at least 3 turns shall be on non-vegetated surfaces.

The exact start point of the track should be known to the handler i.e. a residential gateway, front door or car door. The track should not cross a main road.

Every care should be taken when working the dog in traffic and to shorten the lead if necessary, ensuring the safety of the dog should it attempt to cross a busy road.

The dog should work regardless of any distractions.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting point; the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting point, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog in harness with lead attached; will search for the track. When the dog has indicated to the Handler that it has located the track, the dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be 120 minutes and the maximum 240 minutes from the time the track is laid.

There will be no articles on this track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG EXCELLENT (T.S.D.X.)

Test 6 [Urban Evening/Night Track]

Description:

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 800 metres of varied surfaces including, but is not limited to, tar-sealed roads, pavements, grass and foot trails. It should include distractions such as parked cars, light vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The Track should be laid utilising any and all structures on site to ensure that dogs are able to handle the diffusion of scent created by these structures. Tracks may be laid in close proximity to buildings and fences.

There should be no more than 5 turns and at least 3 turns shall be on non-vegetated surfaces.

The exact start point of the track should be known to the handler i.e. a residential gateway, front door or car door. The track should not cross a main road.

Every care should be taken when working the dog in traffic and to shorten the lead if necessary, ensuring the safety of the dog should it attempt to cross a busy road.

The dog should work regardless of any distractions.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting point; the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting point, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog in harness with lead attached; will search for the track. When the dog has indicated to the Handler that it has located the track, the dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be is 180 minutes and the maximum 240 minutes from the time the track is laid.

There will be no articles on this track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK (T.S. Ch.)

Test 7 [Urban Track]

Description:

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 1000 metres of varied surfaced including, but not limited to, tar-sealed roads, pavements, grass and foot trails. It should include distractions such as parked cars, light vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

At a point selected by the Judge the dog will halt and wait for approximately two (2) minutes, During this time the Judge will approach and speak briefly to the Handler. This will be between five hundred (500) and seven hundred (700) metres from the start and not within thirty (30)

metres of a turn. The Judge will indicate to the Handler when to recommence, The Handler may re-scent the dog but this will result in a downgrading.

There will be a min of 5 turns. 4 turns shall be on non-vegetated surfaces,

The exact start point of the track should be known to the Handler i.e. a residential gateway, front door or car door. The track should not cross a main road.

Every care should be taken when working the dog in traffic, shortening the lead if necessary to ensure the safety of the dog should it attempt to cross a busy road.

The dog should work regardless of any distractions.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting point; the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting point, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog in harness with lead attached; will search for the track. When the dog has indicated to the Handler that it has located the track, the dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be 240 minutes and the maximum 300 minutes from the time the track is laid.

There will be no articles on this track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK (T.S. Ch.)

Test 8 [Urban Evening/Night Track]

Description:

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 1000 metres of varied surfaced including, but not limited to, tar-sealed roads, pavements, grass and foot trails. It should include distractions such as parked cars, light vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

At a point selected by the Judge the dog will halt and wait for approximately two (2) minutes, During this time the Judge will approach and speak briefly to the Handler. This will be between five hundred (500) and seven hundred (700) metres from the start and not within thirty (30) metres of a turn. The judge will indicate to the Handler when to recommence, The Handler may re-scent the dog but this will result in a downgrading.

There will be a min of 5 turns. 4 turns shall be on non-vegetated surfaces.

The exact start point of the track should be known to the Handler i.e. a residential gateway, front door or car door. The track should not cross a main road.

Every care should be taken when working the dog in traffic, shortening the lead if necessary to ensure the safety of the dog should it attempt to cross a busy road.

The dog should work regardless of any distractions.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting point, the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting point, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog in harness with lead attached; will search for the track. When the dog has indicated to the Handler that it has located the track, the dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be 240 minutes and the maximum 300 minutes from the time the track is laid.

There will be no articles on this track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP TEST (T.S. Grand Ch.)

Test 9 (Urban Track)

Description

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 1,000 metres of varied surfaces at least 80% of which will be, but not limited to, concrete, bitumen/tar or other sealed surfaces. It should include distractions such as parked cars, light vehicles and pedestrian traffic.

The Track should be laid utilizing any and all structures on site to ensure that dogs are able to handle the diffusion of scent created by these structures. Tracks may be laid in close proximity to buildings and fences.

There will be 7 turns with a minimum of 4 turns on non-vegetated surfaces.

The Tracklayer will commence walking the trail and at some point after the first turn the Tracklayer will be picked up and travel in a motor vehicle with the windows open, for a distance of approximately two hundred (200) metres. This portion of the track must include one turn and one cross street. Following this the Tracklayer will leave the vehicle and complete the trail on foot to the designated end.

The exact start point of the track should be known to the Handler e.g. a residential gateway, front door or car door. The track should not cross a main road.

Every care should be taken when working the dog in traffic, shortening the lead if necessary to ensure the safety of the dog should it attempt to cross a busy road.

The dog should work regardless of any distractions.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting point; the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting point, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog in harness with lead attached; will search for the track. When the dog has indicated to the Handler that it has located the track, the dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be 180 minutes and the maximum 240 minutes.

There will be no articles on this track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.

TRACK AND SEARCH GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP TEST (T.S. Grand Ch.)

Test 10 (Urban Evening/Night Track)

Description

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 1,000 metres of varied surfaces at least 80% of which will be, but not limited to, concrete, bitumen/tar or other sealed surfaces. It should include distractions such as parked cars, light vehicles and pedestrian traffic.

The Track should be laid utilizing any and all structures on site to ensure that dogs are able to handle the diffusion of scent created by these structures. Tracks may be laid in close proximity to buildings and fences.

There will be 7 turns with a minimum of 4 turns on non-vegetated surfaces.

The Tracklayer will commence walking the trail and at some point after the first turn the Tracklayer will be picked up and travel in a motor vehicle with the windows open, for a distance of approximately two hundred (200) metres. This portion of the track must include one turn and one cross street. Following this the Tracklayer will leave the vehicle and complete the trail on foot to the designated end.

The exact start point of the track should be known to the Handler e.g. a residential gateway, front door or car door. The track should not cross a main road.

Every care should be taken when working the dog in traffic, shortening the lead if necessary to ensure the safety of the dog should it attempt to cross a busy road.

The dog should work regardless of any distractions.

At least thirty (30) metres before the starting point; the Tracklayer will place one of his scented articles in a clean sealable bag. He may place this bag in an individual air-tight container supplied by the Judge or his Nominee. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the Handler and Dog approximately thirty (30) metres from the starting point, open the container, if used, and the scented article is removed by the Handler, who is then free to start tracking.

The dog in harness with lead attached; will search for the track. When the dog has indicated to the Handler that it has located the track, the dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The minimum time for the commencement of the track must be 180 minutes and the maximum 240 minutes.

There will be no articles on this track. The Tracklayer or Finish Article must be found at the end of the track to obtain a Pass.