

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 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 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.

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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.