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JUDGE'S BOOK

TRACKING DOG TESTS

Name of Club _____ Date _____

Judge _____ Total number of dogs to be judged _____

Catalog Numbers of dogs entered in this test _____

The Tracking Dog Test must be performed with dog on leash. The length of the track shall not be less than 440 yards nor more than 500 yards. The scent shall be not less than thirty minutes nor more than two hours old and must be that of a stranger.

Both Judges must personally lay out each track a day or so before the test in order to be completely familiar with the location of the track, landmarks and ground conditions. The track shall contain at least three turns. A track shall not cross a body of water or a paved road. No TD track should have changes of cover that would be suitable for a TDX obstacle. No conflicting (cross) tracks shall be used. No portion of any track, including the tracklayer's escape route, may be within 75 yards of any other track.

It is the judges' responsibility to instruct the tracklayer so as to insure that each track is properly laid and that they each carry a copy of the chart with them while laying track.

For each dog entered a track shall be plotted on the grounds by both judges, not less than one day before the test, the track being marked by flags which the tracklayer can readily follow on the day of the test. A chart of each track shall be made up in duplicate, showing the approximate length in yards of each leg, major land marks and boundaries, and clearly defined end of the track for dropping the article. Both of these charts shall be marked at the time the dog is tracking one by each of the judges, to show the approximate course followed by the dog. The judges shall sign their charts and show on each whether the dog "Passed" or "Failed". The judges shall also mark the time the tracklayer started, the times the dog started and finished tracking, a brief description of ground, weather conditions and wind direction.

There is no time limit provided the dog is working. A dog that clearly is not working should not be given any minimum time, but should be marked "Failed." The handler may not be given any assistance by the judges or anyone else. If the dog is not tracking, it shall not be marked "Passed", even though it may find the articles.

PROCEDURE FOR JUDGES TO FOLLOW

(Points mentioned must be observed in each instance.)

- 1. The course is to be charted by a solid line in two judges' books. One copy will be given to each judge who will mark the course taken by the dog with a broken line. He will also complete the data requested on the chart and then sign. A separate chart must be prepared in the same manner for each dog.**
- 2. All absentees in this book must be marked by the judge.**
- 3. The judge alone must mark this book. Under no circumstances can this be done by the steward or anyone else.**
- 4. Do not forget to sign your name at bottom of each page to meet the certification that judging has been made in accordance with the above requirements.**

Signature of Judge