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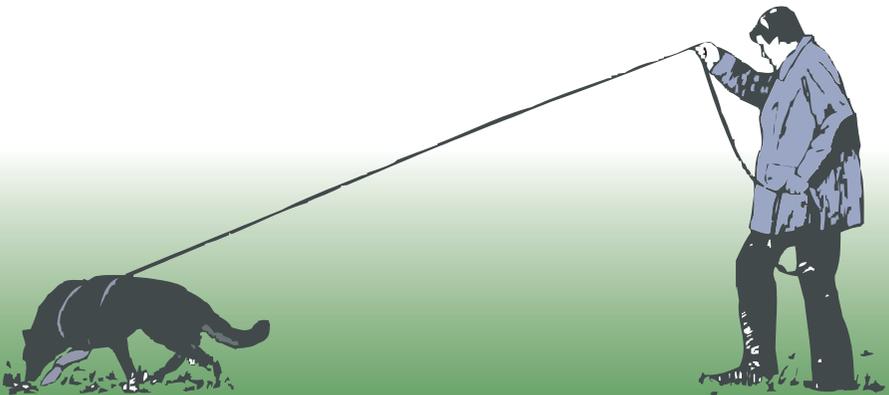
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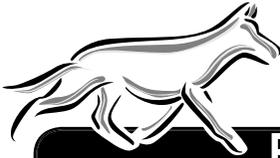
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EDITORIAL

Congratulations this month go to Dave Marchant and Waggerland Murphy who were the PD winners at Stamford under Judge Graham Reaney. This is Murphy's second win making him, subject to KC approval, a W.T. Ch. Sue Redshaw and Elowood Dill of Shawdown won the TD ticket at Scarborough judged by Jill Carruthers. Congratulations and good luck at the KCC's. On the subject the 2006 Championships will soon be upon us with only the TD ticket at Hampshire left for those eager to secure a place. Will any qualifiers who have not yet sent in their write up for inclusion in the October issue of the magazine please do this as soon as possible.

We have some very useful advice from the Kennel Club regarding dogs in hot weather. What a shame this was not released before the heat-wave! However we have included it here in the hope that there may be some more summer yet to come.

You will also see the beginning of a series of articles from me about learning theory. Before you hold up your hands in horror the theory applies to all types of training. Not just clicker training - honest! I hope you find it useful or at least thought provoking.

An interesting letter from a newcomer to our sport will hopefully get you thinking about your own views on competing. Traditionally we only encourage those able to qualify in all sections to compete, but do we want to increase entries in open UD - do we want to

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encourage newcomers to the sport? Currently if a dog does its C&A before the nosework and fails a section they would still be encouraged to work the track. What is the difference? We look forward to receiving your views please let us know what you think!

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READERS LETTERS

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who sent congratulations to MURHY and me on winning the PD Ticket at Stamford under Graham Reaney. This is MURPHY's second ticket which makes up him into a WORKING TRIAL CHAMPION. Thanks every one for making this wonderful achievement even more memorable.

DAVE MARCHANT

SHEILA TANNERT

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

September

2nd	Avon W.T.S. (Felton, Nr Bristol, 6th to 8th October 2006)	OP	TD UD CD
4th	Surrey CH (Abinger Hammer, 5th to 7th October 2006)	PD WD CD	
12th	Scottish W.T.S. (Longniddry, 7th-8th October 2006)	OP	PD TD WD UD CD
14th	Midland Counties (Walesby, 12th to 15th October 2006)	CH	TD WD UD CD
20th	North East Counties W.T.S. (Satley, 23rd - 29th October 2006)	CH	TD WD UD CD Vet
22nd	Portland D.T.C. (Dorchester, 21st to 22nd October 2006)	OP	UD CD Vet
28th	Iceni GSD Club (Tolleshunt D'Arcy, 1st - 5th Nov 2006)	CH	TD WD UD CD
29th	BAGSD (Long Compton, 27th to 29th October, 2006)	OP TD UD CD	

October

4th	ASPADS (Dundee, w/e 12 November 2006)	CH	TD WD UD CD
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TWO OPEN QUESTIONS?

Sadly I lost my last GSD prematurely late last year aged eight. However before he injured his gracilis muscle (in a non trial related accident) at 4 years old I had started to do some basic working trials training with him, enough to give me a real appetite for the sport. After a lot of careful thought and selection I enthusiastically took on another GSD pup (my fourth) who looked to be ideally suited both mentally and physically for working, having come from proven working parents, albeit not working trials. I have had him since he was 8 weeks old and I have been in the fortunate position of being able to spend virtually all of my time play training, indeed he has influenced my decision to retire early to enable me to make the necessary time commitments. He is now just over eight months old and together we have attended a number of training days and one to ones, he has really developed well, showing great promise, I am the handicap in the partnership! All good news up until very recently when I noticed and probably for some time that he has had a very slight and intermittent front limp, I could never be sure which leg and it was usually after playing or running. Our own vet took numerous x-rays and could not detect any problems but as a safeguard referred us to an expert in canine orthopaedics based in Farnham. I was asked to book an appointment as he was not entirely happy with the x-rays. He completed a physical manipulation, followed by an internal look into both elbows by arthroscopy (inserting a small camera via keyhole surgery); sadly this revealed that he had been diagnosed with Fragmented Coronoid Process (FCP) on both elbows, which was treated there and then using a process called Subtotal Coronoid Ostectomy (SCO). He now has a very strict recovery regime, initially caged for 6 weeks and limited to one room for the following 6 weeks, obviously no rapid movements, jumping, sliding or run-

ning. I am sure you can imagine how hard it is to confine an 8 month old pup who actually feels great, that he is confined for the next 3 months and his activity very restricted for a total of 6 months.

Having done a fair amount of research on the subject (FCP) it seems clear to me that this is really only just starting to be understood, diagnosed and treated, I know in some breeds a screening process already exists, I am sure that in the fullness of time this will become a more general and accepted practice.

It is very early days as it is just one week since his Op and I am very uncertain about the outlook going forward, time will tell but I am unlikely to push him through the agility elements knowing he has a potential weakness, particularly the scale.

This leads to two open questions and I would welcome feedback -

Q1. Has anyone experienced this complaint and this technique to treating it and what was the medium to long term outcome, I know all dog's will vary in their recovery but I would be interested in the experience of others?

Q2. I am still really keen to work him, he has a natural ability and quite frankly needs to work (and so do I). When he is fully recovered I would like to resume training but probably without the agility elements but would like a goal to work to. Would it be acceptable for me to enter a trial knowing that we would not complete every section, at least that way I can calibrate and measure our progress or is this against the rules?

Les Allen

Regulation I.27.f states:

“Failure to participate in all exercises shall result in the dog being ineligible for any placing or qualification.”

The rules do not appear to carry that often heard quote 'dogs must attempt all exercises.' The writer's question appears to be how would you feel about judging/stewarding/track laying, etc for a team that has no chance of qualifying. Surely we all fit that bill at some time or another (whether we admit it or not!)? So come on readers please write in and let us know rather than wait until Les or someone else in a similar situation enters and then make them wish they had not!

Asst Ed.

NEWS FROM THE KENNEL CLUB

DOGS CAN DIE IN HOT CARS

Kennel Club guidance to Show Secretaries regarding dogs in hot cars

The Kennel Club is committed to the protection of dogs from the fatalities of hot cars and would urge all dog owners and exhibitors not to leave dogs in cars on hot days.

The following guidelines are published regularly in the Kennel Gazette and the Kennel Club would like to remind Show Secretaries of the following;

Show Executive may consider identifying exhibitor's cars by printing each exhibitor's ring number on prepaid car park labels.

A notice should be published in the schedule and in a prominent place in car parks, stating that remedial action will be taken in the event of dogs left in cars being found in a distressed condition.

Arrangements should be made with RSPCA Officers or police authorities to patrol car parks to inspect cars/vans for dogs left in cars/vans.

When dogs are found in a distressed condition, an announcement should be made on the Public Address System, giving details of the dog involved, its breed, make and registration number of vehicle and the name of the owner or kennel if known. A time limit should be given of say 5-10 minutes, before further action is taken.

If there is no response within the time limit a Veterinary surgeon should be called. If, in the opinion of the Vet, the condition of the dog allows for a final call being made on the Public Address System, then this should be done.

If a dog is in a distressed condition and there has been no response, a Show Official should take appropriate action

It is considered that the act of causing suffering to a dog as a result of it being left in a car by an exhibitor or the owner of a registered dog on a hot day could be considered discreditable and prejudicial to the interests of the canine world and could form the basis of a case under Kennel Club Rule A42.

Whenever possible the evidence of the suffering should be provided by a Veterinary surgeon or by an RSPCA Official but, in the absence of such expert opinion, the evidence of experienced and responsible dog owners will be acceptable. Show Secretaries and individuals are asked to make reports, where appropriate, so that alleged offenders can be asked to account for their actions.

RSPCA News from the press office

Dog Dies In Garden As Temperatures Soar

Two dogs have died this month as temperatures continue to soar - including a golden retriever left in a garden without shade. And

with record-breaking highs expected across the country tomorrow, concern for 'hot dogs' has reached boiling point.

The incidents were among 700 calls received by the RSPCA since 1 July reporting dogs left in cars, and also on balconies, in gardens, sheds and other areas without cover or water. As temperatures hit an annual high yesterday (17 July) the charity received 67 such calls.

RSPCA officials are looking into the case of the golden retriever left in a garden in Bicester on 4 July. The dog died of heat exhaustion, and had been pawing at a tiny area of shade behind a shed but could not reach it.

RSPCA Acting Chief Veterinary Adviser David McDowell said: "It may shock people that a dog could die while left in a garden, but in these temperatures their bodies just cannot cope. They need shade, they need water, and they need to be kept out of places which heat up quickly. That includes open areas exposed to direct sunlight plus cars, conservatories, sheds. Pet owners must be vigilant in this weather, or their pets could die."

In a separate incident a whippet died in a car at the Royal Show in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, on 2 July.

David McDowell added: "Even when the weather gets a bit cooler and it clouds over, cars are still dangerous for dogs during the summer, so please, don't shut them in."

On a warm day the temperature inside a car can quickly soar to 49°C/120°F or even higher.

If an animal in a car is panting for breath it may be on its way to suffering heatstroke.

Heatstroke can kill an animal very quickly.

Even if you park your car in the shade, the position of the sun will change.

Leaving windows open or putting a bowl of water in the car does not help.

If a dog becomes overheated, give it a shower immediately or bathe it in cool water. Call a vet as soon as possible, as once the dog goes into shock and loses consciousness it may be too late.

Owners who put animals at risk in this way could face prosecution.

Dogs should be exercised when the sun is less strong - eg early in the morning

Animals can also suffer from sunburn, particularly white dogs and cats.

Owners should cover any white extremities, especially ear tips, with the highest possible factor sun cream at least once a day and before the animal goes outside.

Anyone found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act faces up to a £5,000 fine and/or six months in prison. Owners can also be banned from keeping animals, possibly for life.

To help remind people of the dangers, the RSPCA has published a new leaflet and poster. To order copies, please go to the RSPCA website:

www.rspca.org.uk.

HERE ARE THE RSPCA'S TOP 10 TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR PET SAFE IN THE SUN:

- 1.** Never leave an animal in a car in warm weather. On warm or sunny days cars heat up quickly and become like ovens. Animals could be literally cooked alive in a matter of minutes. Every summer RSPCA inspectors are regularly called out to reports of dogs

being left in hot cars. Sadly, some of those dogs die because of their thoughtless owners. The same applies to conservatories, greenhouses and caravans.

2. Don't let your pet get sunburn. Animals can suffer from sunburn too, particularly white cats and dogs. Ear-tip cancer is relatively common in white cats and is very similar to malignant melanoma in humans. Owners should cover any white extremities, especially ear tips, with the highest possible factor sun cream at least once a day before the animal goes outside.

3. Make sure all pets have access to shade and a constant supply of fresh drinking water. All cages and enclosures should be kept in the shade. Watch out for warning signs of heatstroke. If your dog pants quickly, looks very tired or collapses, put it in a cool spot and spray it with water or give it a cool bath immediately. If in doubt contact a vet for advice.

4. Check your pets for fleas, ticks and mites. Heat brings out nasty creepy-crawlies, so check pets regularly. Excessive scratching and itching are the first signs of infestation. If your pets have fleas you must clean their bedding and vacuum floors, carpets and furniture thoroughly. A household flea spray, available from the vet, can be very effective.

5. Check every day for fly-strike. Flies like to lay their eggs in fur of rabbits, guinea pigs, dogs and cats. If an animal infected with fly-strike is not treated straight away it could die a painful death. Animals should be kept clean and checked every day. Bedding should be changed every week during the summer.

6. Don't exert dogs in the heat. During hot weather walk your dog in the morning when it will not burn its paws on the pavement or be at increased risk of heatstroke.

7. Fish suffer in hot weather too. Keep indoor fish tanks out of direct sunlight, change the water regularly and keep them clear of algae, which spread much faster on sunny days. Outside, spray a hose over ponds to top up water levels and replace lost oxygen.

8. Don't leave pets home alone. It is an offence to abandon an animal in circumstances likely to cause it unnecessary suffering. When you go on holiday, make sure pets are left in the care of a responsible person, or better still, book them in to a reputable boarding kennel well in advance.

9. Be wildlife-friendly in the garden. Take care when using a lawn-mower or strimmer - both can be deadly to slow-moving animals. Hedgehogs in long grass may curl up if they feel threatened and toads tend to squat down rather than run away. Keep pesticides out of reach of animals or switch to non-toxic deterrents.

10. Disturb bonfires before burning garden rubbish. Lizards, grass snakes, hedgehogs and toads often seek sanctuary in heaps of garden refuse.

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LEARNING THEORY

by Anne Bussey MSc

How long does it take?

Often whilst putting my dog through its paces onlookers have asked, “How long does it take to train a dog?”

We all know that is a ‘piece of string’ question. Even when we think we have taught something we know it is only a matter of time before it breaks down again. Who is it in trials that says, ‘I don’t like going to trials they always mess up my training!’?

How ever long it takes we all look for the fastest method, the quick fix. We all want the best results in the fastest possible time. We wouldn’t be normal if we didn’t. In this series of articles my aim is to discuss ways in which we can help our dog to learn faster and with less confusion. We will be making use of ‘learning theory’ the stuff the scientists have learnt by using and often abusing countless numbers of pigeons, mice, rats and many other unfortunate creatures. As this work has been done it makes sense to me to utilize the information to improve the quality of our training programmes wherever possible and to reduce the time it takes to teach our dog the necessary exercises.

For the purpose of clarity it will be necessary to use some big words. Don’t be put off! I will do my best to explain what the terms mean to us as practical dog trainers and suggest ways in which we apply them to our training.

Schedules of reinforcement

If you know all about these then great, however if you are the type that prefers dog training to crosswords don’t bulk at the big words! We will break them down and make sense of them in no time.

Okay, we all know what a schedule is – we send off for one before entering a trial! We also know the word means a timetable, or plan of action. For the word ‘reinforcement’ just think reward. It actually means something that increases the frequency of a behaviour or an action i.e. it makes the dog do it

more often (whatever ‘it’ is). As we will see later a reinforcement may not be a reward, but don’t worry about that for now. For schedule of reinforcement then just think ‘timetable of rewards.’

Learning quickly

When teaching the dog a new exercise, the sit for example, he will learn fastest if you reward him every time he does it. So if you are luring him with a titbit, or pushing his bum down to the floor, or clicking spontaneous sits, or whatever method you prefer, reward him every time – he will learn faster. Rewarding the dog every time in this way is known as a schedule of continuous reinforcement.

Dogs (and other animals) learn faster on a continuous reinforcement schedule. - At the start of each new exercise reward every correct response.

A Continuous Reinforcement schedule can be abbreviated to CRF. That’s science for you – come up with a string of big words and then abbreviate it! Anyway for our purposes CRF means reward every correct response – titbit him every time he sits.

This may be the fastest way to teach a new exercise but beware it does have pitfalls. Many mums will remember praising their young children for using the toilet, how often do you hear a mother praising an eighteen year old for the same behaviour!

We must move on otherwise;

a How can we teach more complex behaviours if the dog gets his reward just for sitting?

b Although dogs learn fastest if rewarded every time, the learning is not very strong – it is more susceptible to extinction – to becoming ‘unlearnt’.

This phenomenon is the reason that dogs that are fed from the table at every mealtime quickly learn not to beg if the feeding sud-

denly stops. The dogs that are fed sometimes are more difficult to teach not to beg because sometimes they are rewarded and sometimes not. This makes them more patient – more persistent. ‘Okay I didn’t get fed this time but I probably will next time.’ They learn to be more persistent because they were not always rewarded.

Dogs are intrinsic gamblers.

Can you remember playing the ‘one armed bandits’ on the pier as a child? If you found a machine that paid out regularly you kept putting in more pennies. If that machine then stopped paying out for a while you would keep playing in the belief that it would soon pay out (after all it has proven it is a good machine). Another pay out would keep you playing, if you then received a ‘jackpot’ you would be really hooked. If after several more small payouts the rewards stopped again you would probably think that a ‘jackpot’ is about to come your way. Now you feed your pennies in recklessly! Your behavioural response is getting stronger. You are sure that another jackpot is on its way. Occasional rewards are all that is now necessary to keep you playing. Compare this to walking onto the pier and trying a machine that did not pay out the first few times you put your money into it. You would quickly move on to find a ‘better’ machine. The early rewards (or lack of them) have a significant effect on your behaviour. First impressions are important, so when teaching a new exercise (or a new bit) reward lots in the early stages. Move on to skipping rewards occasionally and adding a jackpot after several unrewarded attempts (ensure that the one you reward is really good – that it is worthy of a jackpot).

A variable schedule of reinforcement produces more reliable results. Progress to not rewarding every response.

A good way of progressing would be to move the exercise to a new location (your garden or the park, etc.) on a CRF [schedule of constant reinforcement] (same exercise new

location equals new bit) so we reward every time he sits in the more distracting environment. At home in the lounge where he is now reliable on this exercise progress to a variable schedule of reinforcement (VR) the ratio between correct responses and rewards is variable - or unpredictable. So sometimes when he gets it right just say ‘Good dog,’ but no click or no treat or toy or whatever reward he is used to. Next time he does it reward him as before. After three or four more repetitions skip another reward. He should try harder the next time. If he does reward the faster one with a jackpot. Continue to progress in this way.

In the second environment (location) move onto a Variable Ratio schedule (lets just say VR now we all know it just means that the rewards come on an unpredictable basis). Begin the exercise in a third location using a CRF (continuous reinforcement schedule). Build in this way until the sit is on a VR in all locations. Sit means sit wherever he is and what ever is going on around him. He may or may not be rewarded.

Use this method to ensure each exercise is fully learnt in differing environments and with varying distractions, etc.

Just to recap then;

1 Dogs (and other animals) learn faster on a continuous reinforcement schedule. - At the start of each new exercise (or when moving the exercise to a new location) reward every correct response.

2 A variable schedule of reinforcement produces more reliable results. Progress to not rewarding every response.

Warning

The fastest way for something to become ‘unlearnt’ is to move too quickly from rewarding every time to not rewarding enough. Remember the dog begging at the table? If he was fed at every meal and then the feeding suddenly stopped he quickly learned that begging was not productive any more so he stopped begging. This process is known as ‘extinction.’ So if you think your

dog 'jolly well knows what sit means now' and you stop the rewards too abruptly then you actually put the sit onto an extinction schedule and he will soon stop sitting on command. At this stage it would be easy to change from reward based training to making him do it.

This would be a shame because all the positive associations you have built with the exercises will now be lost as you suddenly become annoyed and force him to sit. However, if you are aware of this theory you will plan your training so that the transition from CRF to VR is gradual – just like the best one armed bandits on the pier.

So now let's compare the dog that was begging at the table to teaching the dog to come when called. We start ideally with a puppy. We call it when we know it is likely to respond. That is when there is nothing else going on. The puppy comes and we feed it a small treat or portion of its daily ration. This is repeated many times. It is on a CRF. We make it easy for the pup to get it right and we reward him every time he does. We are teaching him what the word 'come' means, also at the same time we are teaching him that it is nice to come when called and that he can understand us (as long as we are consistent with our words).

As he becomes reliable in the lounge you can begin to skip some of the rewards (moving on to a VR) in the lounge. Remember don't suddenly stop or the behaviour will extinguish just like the begging did when the feeding at the table stopped suddenly. Meanwhile out in the park you can begin to teach the come on a CRF. Try to make it easy for him to get it right by calling when there is not much else happening around him. Because he is in a more distracting environment (it's a new bit) you must reward every correct response. Remember to allow him to go back to play after rewarding him for coming. The coming back for a reward will become a good game and then you can move this on to a VR. Remember he is a gambler! Get him hooked and then keep him guessing – but the rewards must be rewarding enough or else he

will stop playing just as you would swap machines if your one armed bandit only paid out occasionally and then only with one or two pennies – not worth it!

Summary

The dog will learn faster on a CRF schedule (rewarding him every time he offers the correct response). Use this to teach new exercises or to teach an already learned exercise in a new environment (new place, added distractions – people, dogs, etc.).

Reward every time when teaching new exercises, when moving a learnt exercise to a new situation or when teaching a new component of an exercise.

If you suddenly stop giving the rewards extinction will occur - that is the dog will stop responding. For example he learnt to sit on command and was rewarded every time he did so, you then decide he knows it and no longer needs the titbit. The dog now learns that sitting is no longer rewarded so no longer sits on command. The response has broken down, become 'unlearnt.'

Do not change too quickly from rewarding every time to seldom rewarding or the response will break down.

Once the new response is learnt gradually move that behaviour onto a variable schedule of reinforcement (unpredictable rewarding). Start in an 'easy' environment keeping the more challenging situations on a constant schedule until they too are thoroughly learnt. Gradually introduce the variable schedule of reinforcement to the more challenging situations. Never move quickly from rewarding every response to seldom rewarding.

A variable schedule of reinforcement produces more reliable response than constant ratio. It is less susceptible to extinction. That makes it most valuable when competing!



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STAKE: TD

Judge: ANNE THORPE

Search Steward: Marney Wells
Tracklayers: Julie and Gary Atkins,
Lindsey Poole and Martine Taylor
C&A Steward: Gary Atkins

I would like to thank the Welsh Kennel Club for the invitation to judge my first TD ticket. Thank you must also go to Lindsey and her helpers for another well run and friendly trail.

I was fortunate to have a first class team, Gary, Julie, Lindsey and Martine tracklaying and Marney looking after squares - all very professional and excellent company. To you all a really big thank you. Wales wasn't its usually stormy self this year, for once the weather was kind to us. The tracking land had a good covering of wheat which produced some really excellent nosework.

The C& A started with a speak on the move, followed by heelwork, then on to the sendaway and finally the agility. Thank you to Gary for guiding everyone so beautifully through the round.

And so to the results:

1st Stevie Boyall with STYPERSON LOMOND (Lab). Impressive nosework

followed by a polished control round. Worthy winners of the CC, well done - 205.5

2nd Jane Webb with FLYNNTASTIC WININ VENTURE (WSD). Very workman like nosework followed by a good control round. Winners of the reserve CC, well done - 205

3rd Anne Fowler with WTCh Waggerland Floss (BC). Another excellent nosework round, topped off with good control, well done- 204

4th Anne Bussey with WTCh ROMENO IF SIX WAS NINE. Once again lovely nosework and good control, well done - 202

Also qualifying TDEx:

Barry Gilbert - WTCh LAETARE DAY JAVU (BC) 198.5

Sheila Tannert - WTCh STYPERON TERN (Lab) 197.5

Maeve Weselby - STYPERSON TAY (Lab) 195.5

Tony Lockyer - HARTSHILL NUTMEG (WSD) 193

Rod Roberts - WTCh LITTLE BART (X) 192.5

Pat Middleton-Smith - SLIEVE CHANCE (BC) 187

Liz de Unger - BARNSTHORN STRIKE IT LUCKY (Lab) 184.5

Tony Lockyer - LITTLE TAKA OF HARTSHILL (GSD) 181

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**POOLE AND DISTRICT
OPEN TRIAL**

3rd & 4th March 2006
New Forest

STAKE: TD

Judge: ANNE THORPE

Steward: Jean Howells

**Tracklayers: John West, Lynne Watkins
and Melvin Drewitt**

Thank you to Poole & District DTS for the invitation to judge. This is a very friendly trial, efficiently run by Melvin, Mary and their team of helpers. A big thank you must go to John, Lynne and Melvin for tracklaying and to Jean for laying squares and stewarding the control both days - a fantastic team and really good company. We had two days of sunny weather which produce some very good tracking.

1st Barbara Ottley with DEWYN-DORF CUMULUS CDex WDex (Lab). This team produced a beautiful track followed by a good square and finished the test with a good control round. Well done. Q 194

2nd Maurice Millington with MILKYHILL ROXY CDex-WDex (GSD) A really accurate track, just bits and pieces on the control let this team down this time. NQ 180

3rd D C & F R Webb, handled by Francis Webb, with BLACK KNIGHT OF LINCOLN CDex-WDex (GSD) Another good track but again the control was their downfall. NQ 177.5

4th Pippa Bentham with LA BELLE KERRI CDex-WDex (WSD). A really tidy track unfortunately control wasn't their strong point today. NQ 176

**ASPADS WORKING TRIAL SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

3rd - 9th April 2006
Enfield

WD STAKE

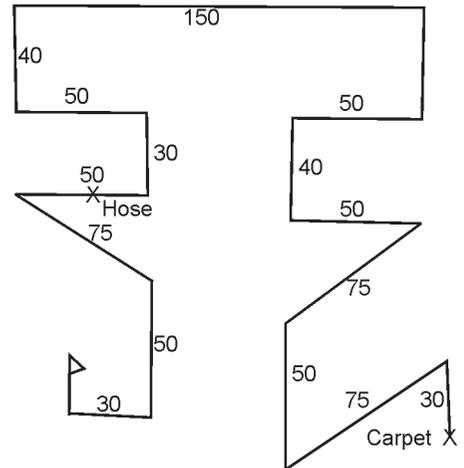
Judge: JACQUI GIBNEY

**Tracklayers: Lynne Baker, Arthur Jeal,
Jean Howells and Angela Porter**

Steward: Jan Vallack

Thanks to my tracklayers and steward. You all did a brilliant job and were good company during the four days. Thanks, too, to Vana for running the trial, and the team who kept us fed and watered.

Tracking on lush corn, weather varied, just as we have come to expect in April. We were treated to watching good tracking for the most part, and although all articles were found on both track and in the search, no single dog achieved all 6 articles. 38 entries, 8 scratches.



1st Paula Wright & FYYNNTACTIC LICENZ TO THRILL, WSD, 174. Good nosework and an excellent control round. Well done.

2nd Steph McBride & STAFTLY

THUNDERBOLT, Lab, 171. The only dog to get a full mark square, super dog, excellent handling.

3rd Sharon Carter & IVYMOOR KALYPSO KATE, Weim, 168. Good nosework, a bit tight on the C & A!

4th Nick Boyce & SARAMAK DANCING DIVA, 167. A very keen young bitch, an excellent control round.

Also qualified WDEx.

Yvonne Fearon & LAETARE BREAK DANCER, BC 166.5

Alan Ballinger & DUSTER'S RAGAMUFFIN, WSD, 165.5

Pearl Rigg & FRONSAC KRUGER, GSD, 165

Yvonne Filleul & SODEN JAY, WSD, 164

Tony Lockyer & DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, 163

Dean Woodcock & LAETARE LEFT IN THE DARK, BC, 162.5

Anne Wright & CARISHILL CHESTNUT, Goldie, 162

Qualifying WD, Jan Rex & IVYMOOR MISTIE, Weim, 155.

Well done to all qualifiers and thanks to all competitors for entering and showing good sportsmanship. Finally, it is worth commenting that every competitor thanked their working team.

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**BANBURY & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

14th – 16th April 2006
The Cricket Club, Hinton in the Hedges,
Brackley, Northants.

STAKE: UD

Judge: RAYMOND LEA

Tracklayers: Chris Gregory and Clive Griffiths

Many many thanks to Banbury & D.D.T.S. for the invitation to judge U.D. stake at their open trial in April 2006. Banbury is a trial I have always loved to enter but to judge here was a great thrill, everyone here is so friendly and the atmosphere was fantastic. My biggest thanks must go to Carla for inviting me into her beautiful home and looking after me for three days. To my track layers Chris and Clive who was laying competition tracks for the first time you were both brilliant thank you so much. And to my search steward the lovely Anne Shepherd who made every square exactly the same you were such good company and did a fantastic job thank you. To Sue Lawrie thank you for a lovely meal on the Friday night, and Pat Sunderland for getting everyone to their tracks on time and the mouth-watering cheese cake thank you both. To the base staff and every one else who helped to run this trial thank you. Tracking was on 6"-9" of wheat and the weather was perfect as the qualification on nose work shows 33 entered 28 ran and 21 qualified the standard was good, the track articles were a 3" x 0.5 piece of white tape and a blue aerosol cap the search articles were a red plastic cap, 2" x 2" piece black rubber, a green gun cartridge and a 5" lolli type stick. After three days we ended with a run off for 1st place with a brand new set of articles and it was quite tense right up to the end well done every one and thank you for excepting my decisions.

1st J L Reed with ESSEX GIRL G.S.D. 194 pts. Well done June that's a nice young rescue you did well in the run off

2nd J. Webb with INSTINCTIVELY PIPPA W.S.D. 194 pts. Well-done Jane looks like you have got another good dog on the way.

3rd R. Shropshire with STYPERSON OLIVER. Lab. 191.5pts another good round from Robert.

4th J. Weaver with LENWORTH BRYONY Lab. 191pts well done Jackie you were so thrilled at the end of your nose work



(Photo by Deb Williams)

5th V.Wilford with RIACAUD ULRIC DE PICORS Pyenean Sheepdog 189.5pts now this team deserve a mention first time on a U.D trial not sure what to do but ho boy did this lovely little dog do the business getting the best nose work trophy well done

6th E.Mestraud with WOLFHART FAIRLIE G.S.D. 183pts

7th C.Brooke with THEALEFARM BROOKE Lab. 181.5pts

8th L. K. Stoneley with SPARKY OF WESSEX WSD 177.5pts

9th K. Peyton with JHAVA RUFINA Rott. 169pts

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MIDLAND COUNTIES OPEN TRIAL

29-30 April 2006.

Stake: PD

Judge: MICK TUSTAIN

My thanks to Midland Counties for the PD judging appointment, to trials manager Robert Martin, assistant trial manager Tony Magyar, my steward Lauren Marlow who as always did all that I wanted (if only it was the same at home). Many thanks to tracklayers Nigel Hines and Gary Talbot, and the guys who put on the sleeves, and again did all that I wanted (Nigel Hines, Gary Talbot, Tom Davies, and Steve Lancashire).

7 dogs entered, 5 ran.

Tracking was on lush crop, all dogs tracked well. No dog got all 4 articles from the square, but all qualified on nosework. In the C&A four out of five dogs qualified, one dog going out on the agility.

The patrol round was straightforward, just one exercise then another. The test started with the long chase, leading to the search & escort and defence of handler. All dogs & handlers did this exercise well, with good bites & good control. This was followed by a recall from a running man. Sorry to say no dogs recalled.

Then the ToC: about 150 ft from dog & handler two helpers came out from behind a van shouting menacingly, brandishing a

bunch of milk cartons threaded on a rope, & running towards the dog & handler. After about 10 paces the dog was sent. This test was not a problem for any of the dogs, they all did well.

The last exercise was the quarter. This was set up along two hedgerows at right angles. The dogs were required to work the hedgerow from left to right, the handler staying about 80 feet away & allowed to move along as the dog worked, but not in front of the dog. The dogs were expected to work into the corner and right about 150 yards to the hide. This caused problems for most teams, leaving only 1 qualifier.

1st Mr Paul Beasley with GRELGANNA LEO OF STARDELL, Q 260 .5.
Well done, Paul

2nd J. Miller with TRKINDALE ACE NQ 237

3rd B. Richardson with CAPER KALI NQ 234

4th M. Snowden with FLYNTASTIC JUST JAY NQ 204

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ASPADS OPEN TRIAL

11 - 14 May 2006
Staintondale Village Hall

TRIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

I know most Trials Managers have their problems to deal with and our trial was no exception. Unfortunately the owner of our TD fields, whose land we have used for 30 years, died earlier this year so this meant availability of fields was uncertain. Therefore the day prior to the start of the trial we had no alternative but to move the TD to a different area. Then 8 fields were

lost in WD through muck spreading. However with no fields in reserve, as always all worked out in the end. We are indebted to the local farmers who allow us to use their land.

Once again everyone gave me great support over the 4 days....judges, stewards, tracklayers and helpers...a super team to work with.

Many thanks to Mary for all the assistance with preparation beforehand and running the base so efficiently.

Also to Pat who takes care of the catering and works so hard in the kitchen. It was good to have willing volunteers to help in that department. Thankyou Jan, Tom Mills and Jenny. Please can I book you for next year? Alice's pork pies are a great favourite and the home made goodies provided by helpers were appreciated.

Suzanne let us use her scale which meant that the CD stake could be held in a field a few miles away.

Finally a huge thanks to Pete for all the help and advice before and during the trial.

PAT HODGKINS

CD STAKE

Judge DAVID CRAVEN
Search/ Control Steward...Wendy Craven

Entered 8 Worked 6 Qual COM 3

My thanks to ASPADS for inviting me to judge and Pete and Pat Hodgkins for running a well organized trial. Also thanks to the Kitchen staff who kept us well fed throughout the trial. A big thankyou to my control and search steward Wendy Craven who did an excellent job and putting the competitors at ease. CD was held on

Saturday. The control field was ideal, the weather was not as good. However the constant rain did not put either dog or handler off from completing the test. It was a pleasure to judge some excellent rounds from experienced handlers with young dogs and new handlers competing in Trials for the first time.

1st B.Glasgow with NORSHEP ROCCO GSD Q 95 marks.

This team did an excellent round with attitude to match, a well deserved win.

2nd V.Scott with KAIROBEA CHARLIE FOXTROT GSD Q 93 marks.

A super round from a young dog that enjoys its trialling. Well Done

3rd Miss R. Leatham with COCKLEY SPECTACULAR Cross. Q 88 marks.

This little dog came on with a super attitude. Well done Roseanne.

4th S.Shearsmith with MINERBURN HOBBY HAWK LAB NQ 81 marks.

A nicely worked round from an experienced handler

STAKE: U.D. NOSEWORK

Judge: LINDA NEWBOLD

Tracklayers: Julia, Suzanne and Pete

Steward: Tom Mills

Thank you to ASPADS for the opportunity to judge at such a nice trial. Thank you to Pat Hodgkins and her helpers in the base for making everything run so smoothly and to Pat and her helpers in the kitchen for the wonderful picnics. Thank you to my tracklayers, who did a wonderful job, with 18 out of 19 competitors completing the tracks. Special thanks to my steward Tom. It was his first experience of helping at trials, not sure whether he volunteered or was pushed!! Suzanne and Pat had spent weeks teaching him to lay a square and they did a brilliant job as he put down every one to

perfection.

Tracking was on very well grown grass. The weather was dry and sunny on Friday until middle of the afternoon when we had everything, thunder, lightening, rain and hail. This set in for the night and then it rained for most of Saturday. This didn't deter the handlers or dogs though and we had 15 teams completing the nosework. Thanks to all of you who entered, we saw some really nice work from you all. Good luck to you all in your future trials.

1st Kath Philips and Morgan. Lovely work from this team, only losing .5 point on the track. Kath gets the medal for the fastest down hill run of the weekend, only just managing to stay on her feet as Morgan whipped round the corner. Super dog with a lovely attitude. Q 191 .5

2nd G Emmerson and Roy. Very keen and busy collie, far too busy to chase the rabbit doing the track in front of him. Well done. Q 185 .5

3rd Catie Whittemore and Monty. Nice to see another young handler in trials and doing so well. Dog and handler worked really well together. Good luck for your future outings. Q 185

4th Moyra Rogerson and Hebe. Nice track, just a slight hiccup in the square costing her a few marks.

Well done. Q 182 .5

Also qualifying:-

Ms A Hurst and Woody Q 180

Mrs S Shearsmith and Rosy Q 177 .5

Miss J Hickey and Ha'Penny Little Owl Q 174 .5

Mr R Drummer and Sam Q 174

Mrs J Thompson and Prince Q 170 .5

WD NOSEWORK

Judge ANN BEDFORD

Tracklayers Trevor Smith and Geoff Ball (3days), Eric Carpenter (1 day)
Stewards Lorraine Wilson

Thanks to ASPADS for giving me a judging appointment at what must be one of the friendliest trials of the year. Pat and her right hand man Pete coped admirably with the ever disappearing fields, yet still providing all stakes with good land and everyone with a smile. Pat Parkinson and her band of helpers in the kitchen kept everyone provided with food beyond expectation - this is not the trial to attend if you're on a diet! Mary Hardacre ran base as calmly as ever and kept us all in order.

Steward for all 3 days was Lorraine Wilson. Neither Geoff, Trevor nor myself could shut her up whilst the squares were being worked - under the breath guidance to each dog willing them onto the articles along with the odd other type of muttering when they went in the wrong direction!

Weather: Friday morning sunny and warm with mist rolling in for the last track of the day. Saturday had rain, wind, mist, you name it, and we got it. Sunday bright and cool.

22 entered, 19 worked, 9 qualified nose-work with 5 qualifying overall.

1st Roseanne Leatham. JUSTY GUS, WSD. 188.5 C.o.M. Worked 1st track of the Saturday in the worst weather of the weekend, not that this little collie noticed. A much deserved win. Hopefully Roseanne will remember her waterproofs next time. Congratulations.

2nd Lol Campbell. SELDOMSEEN SHEP. WSD. 185 C.o.M. Worked Sunday. Nice track, dad's mistrust on a couple of corners costing points. Well done.

3rd Mick Cammidge. WAGGERLAND SAM. WSD. 177.5. C.o.M. Worked Friday. Good track resulting in best nose-work mark for this stake, pity dad didn't have his glasses on for the last article. Well done.

4th Sue Hughes. DALEWOOD URSA MAJOR. OES. 176. C.o.M. Bit of a glitch on the first corner but settled into a slow deliberate track and good square. Well done.

Also qualified.

Heather Patrick. SELDOMSEEN ZIGGY. WSD. 196.5. C.o.M.

Finally, my apologies to the final competitor of this stake, who's WHITE GSD bitch found the square rather boring and so took several very spectacular dives into a nearby cowpat. She looked so proud with the result. Even the thought of it now brings a large smile to my face. On the day, I'm afraid I was a little less restrained!!

STAKE: TD NOSEWORK

Judge: BARRY GILBERT

Thanks to the Society for the invitation to judge, Pat and Pete for all their organisation during the week. My track layers were Len Newman, Tom Darby and Graham Reaney and my search stewards were Jan Darby and Le Newman.

The weather varied from quite warm shirt sleeved weather on Thursday and most of Friday and then changed to thunder and lightning on Friday afternoon with heavy rain through Saturday. Sunday was a slightly better but cold day. Interestingly enough there were good performances on every day. Tracking was on ankle deep grass.

My track had 12 legs, only had right angled corners and started with 2 long legs to test the dog's ability to concentrate at 3 hours. On the whole it was well done and hardly any dogs failed to find an article if they got far enough. The articles were a piece of carpet, a piece wood and a plastic bottle top.

The Search square articles were a piece of orange flex, a piece of white wire, a cube of wood and a 4" piece of book binder. It is always interesting that, even at this level, so many dogs have yet to master the art of retrieving an article without chewing or dropping it.

1st John Watts with JYESS ROUGH N'TUMBLE (202.5) John took full advantage of a very nice field and produced an excellent nosework round, recovering all the articles. Well done on the win.

2nd Suzanne Plumb and COLLIEWOOD CAVALLERO (200) The first dog to work and struggled a bit on the track to begin with. However, the dogs on subsequent days didn't find this piece of ground easy even though it looked nice and lush. Therefore a very good performance, with 3 and 4 and a well earned qualification.

3rd Mrs P T Collier with SOROMOUR JUST FOR A LAUGH AT GLENTARADA (192) A very accurate track with all 3 articles, just 2 from the square though which needs a bit more work.

4th Jennifer Owens with FIRECROFT DALWINNIE (186) Nice track, but again a 2 article search cost points.

Also qualified

Miss J Hall and MERCURY SKYLARK (185)

TD, WD AND UD C & A

Judge: DAVE MARCHANT

Steward: Yvonne Carpenter

Thanks to the society for the invite to judge, to Pat & Pete Hodgkins for their help. Thanks to the ladies in the kitchen for the lovely grub, and to my Steward, Yvonne who did a brilliant job.

The weather was from one extreme to another, but as they say, that's Scarborough. I set a straight forward round but the stays and sendaways took their usual toll. There must be something really nice in it as lots of dogs ate sheep sh..... instead of doing what they were supposed to! The ones that qualified did shine through and they are:-

1st Mr J Watts and JAYEES ROUGH AND TUMBLE. Slight hiccup on the redirect but John's handling was second to none. Well done. Q 202 .5

2nd Mrs S Plumb and COLLIWOOD CAVALLERO. What a super dog in experienced hands. Should do well in ticket. Q 200

3rd Mrs T Collier and SOROMOUR JUST FOR A LAUGH AT GLENTARADA. Nice tidy round, just got a bit confused on the send away. Well done. Q 192

4th Miss J Owens and FIRECROFT DALWINNIE. Just got enough to qualify. Q 186

Also qualifying:-

Miss J Hall and MERCURY SKYLARK on 185

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**SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

20th May 2006
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STAKE: UD

Judge: ANN TIMLIN

Tracklayers: Lindsey Errington, Alan Bolton, Stevie Braithwaite, Bill Richardson.

Stewards: Rachel Henderson, Susan Cable

Thank you to SWTS for asking me to judge, David, trial manager, Caroline and June at the base, Lorna, Betty and David for the good food and wonderful service, my tracklayers Lindsey, Alan, Stevie and Bill, and my stewards Rachel and Susan, and to the competitors. After being out of trials for several months it was great to be back among doggy people and I thoroughly enjoyed my weekend.

11 entered. 8 ran, 5 qualified. There were a lot of experienced handlers in this class and it showed, the standard overall was really high. My track pattern was straightforward with a piece of white cloth and a piece of hosepipe for articles. My square articles were; clear plastic tube, parcel tie, leather and a large piece of jigsaw. My sendaway was to a zimmer frame.

1st Pat Parkinson CARSHILL HYACINTH G/Ret. 199/200. Lost only one mark, says it all. Recovered all 4 square articles in 1min. 41 sec. Q. Well done.

2nd Heather Patrick SELDOMSEEN ZIGGY WSD. 187 Ziggy provided the entertainment in the stays. Also best track

and best WSD/BC Trophy. Q. Well done.

3rd Wendy Strong VIKTOR AT BALKELLO WSD. 185 Q. Well done.

4th Liz Roberts CALLANWAY HARRIS GSD 181.5 Q. Well done.

Also qualifying:

Joyce Rae NIXTEV GLENCADAM GSD 163.5 Q. Well done.

STAKE: WD

Judge: ANNE COLLEN

Tracklayers: Jill Carruthers and Ian Beaton

Search Square and Control Steward: Diana Collie

Thanks to S.W.T.S. for giving me the opportunity to come over and judge. I thoroughly enjoyed my weekend. The catering produced by Lorna, Betty and the rest of their team, was truly amazing. We even got an enormous bag of goodies to take back with us on the ferry. Wonderful! Thanks also to June and David for their hard work organising the trial.

Many thanks to my tracklayers, Jill and Ian, for all their efforts. It was reassuring to have such an experienced team who knew Lauder Common so well. And lastly, thanks to Diana who gave up an Agility show to travel over and steward for me. It was much appreciated.

16 dogs entered, 14 worked and 8 qualified

1st Linday Errington's CASTLESIDE YOUNG JET, Lab. 193.5 WDEx. Brilliant performance all round. Wonderful attitude with bags of enthusiasm. I really enjoyed watching this dog attack my test with gusto. Congratulations, Lindsay.

2nd Lorraine Wilson's ALFIE PEPPER-

POT, X Breed. 189 WDEx. Good solid performance with a smashing send away. Alfie was on the same mark as the 3rd placed dog, but I awarded him the higher place, having a higher mark in nose work and control. Well done, Lorraine.

3rd Moira Rogerson's SELDOMSEEN RIO, W.S.D. 189 WDEx. A young dog with lots of potential. I am sure he will go far in Moira's experienced hands. Well done, Moira.

4th Jenny Holt's HULLATER BROCK, W.S.D. 188.5 WDEx. After a very, long walk to his track, Brock completed the track and square successfully, locating all articles. He certainly has no problems in the stamina department! Well done, Jenny.

Also qualifying WDEx:-

Dave Olley's STARDELL ALLILIA, B.C. 182. Also winner of the Digger Brand Trophy for best W.D. track. Very, well done.

Bill Richardson's CAPER KALI, Malinois. 174.5

Pam Cuthbert's PIERCES BOY, X Breed. 166.

Qualifying WD only:-

Janette Sayer's VILLAGE KING, G.S.P. 152. This was the dog I would have loved to smuggle back to Ireland with me! He was lovely. Just inexperience on the nose work let him down on this occasion. Best of luck with him.

Better luck next time to those who didn't qualify and thank you all for making my judging appointment, an enjoyable one. It was wonderful having such a variety of breeds to judge.

STAKE: PD

Judge: ERIC ROBERTS

Tracklayers: Ann Bedford, Steve Hirst

Steward: Danny Roberts

Criminals: Tom Davies, Iain Forrest, Steve Lancashire, Danny Roberts

My thanks again to all those concerned in the organisation and running of this excellent trial, and for the invite to judge.

Tracking and protection was of a very high standard. C & A was to be the downfall of some.

1st and worthy winner of the CC, Mr Dave Marchant and WTCH WAGGERLAND MISTER JAKE.

2nd Mr L Payne and SWEET ASSASSIN, WSD.

3rd Mr G Brumpton and WTCh JUST WILLIAM, WSD.

4th Mr D Marchant and WAGGERLAND MURPHY, WSD.

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**NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING
TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

7th - 9th July 2006

Satley, Tow Law, Co. Durham

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Well, what can I say? Everyone who attended the trial was fantastic - helpers, competitors, judges. Nothing was too much trouble for any of my helpers. You people are the ones who make my job so easy to do. THANKS.

We were using the Village Hall for the first time and it was brilliant. Thanks to Colin for the use of his barn to put the caravans in and the other farmers who gave us plenty of land, some walking distance from the

base to compete on!

The weather was just right for the dogs, apart from the small rain shower on Sunday morning. We finished nice and early on the Sunday afternoon, giving us plenty time to leave the base immaculate, just how it was when we arrived. Thanks to the people who stayed back to the end to do this.

Eukanuba kindly sponsored us this year with generous amounts of dog food and prizes.

Wouldn't it be great if all trials ran as well as this one?!

JULZ FINDEISEN

STAKE: PD

Judge: LORNA COTTIER

Tracklayers: Iain Forrest, John Watts

Steward: Tracey Park

Criminals: Iain Forrest, Steve Lancashire, John Watts

A very enjoyable day was ensured by all the hard work put in by Julia Findeisen and her team. Thanks must go to you all for a very friendly, well-organized trial.

I was assisted by four excellent helpers and thank them for their time, company and expertise.

7 dogs were entered, 5 worked of which 1 unfortunately had to scratch due to injury. Nosework was on short, cut, extremely dry grass, however it caused few problems for the teams. C&A was on the whole well done, the weakest point being the send-away, some lacking in confidence with the redirect. Handlers were docked a mark if they used their hand as a permanent command during heelwork.

All teams were still qualifying when we started the patrol round which took place

in the bottom half of a large field. The first exercise was the Quarter, whereby the dog was to search the perimeter until reaching a wooded area, where two criminals (John & Iain) were hidden. On the dog indicating and handler joining it, the criminals were brought out and searched. On the hide then being searched, John chatted to the dog and handler whilst Iain made a break for freedom. All dogs detained him well.

The test of courage followed with Steve appearing from some distance away, threatening the handler and waving a stick. The dog was sent, Steve went quiet and as the dog approached, Steve became Mr Angry. This was done with varying degrees of success.

The handler, taking Iain for company, joined the dog and the escort followed. Both Iain and Steve were escorted, attack on handler was by Iain and on dog detaining him, Steve became violent and dog was to come off Iain and onto Steve. The chase (Iain) then took place, finishing with the recall (Steve).

Thanks to Tracey for as well as stewarding; letting me relax and just judge the test, also did the run through with Brook.

1st John Gray & GRITTONBROOK MECCA (Mali) B. Qualified with few problems, experience showed throughout. Had to work hard at the track then completed the only full mark square. In the Quarter John had to use quite a few extra commands, but Mouse did respond positively and worked well. Excellent indication and attention to the criminals, but got a bit carried away and bit in the hide. Test of Courage was faultless but then Mouse refused to release the criminal and was penalized accordingly. Full marks escort, recall and chase. Also winner of best nose-work & patrol round trophies. 292.5 COM

2nd Joan Miller & TRKINDALE ACE (WSD) D. Excellent track but then Ricky lost a bit of enthusiasm in the search. Extra commands were needed in the speak, but he had by far the best sendaway of the day. Superb quarter where he covered the area on one command, looking for the criminal, not just running the perimeter; excellent indication and attitude to the criminals. Test of courage okay, good escort and chase, went deaf on the recall. Not quite as committed to the sleeve as some but he has progressed well in recent months and there is no reason why he can't be successful at the next level. 260.5 COM

3rd Bill Richardson & CAPER KALI (Mali) B. Good track but Kali needs to slow down; her speed caused her to miss the first article. Heelwork and speak were excellent, however she lacked confidence with the sendaway and redirect. Good quarter, gave one bark on indication then left the criminals for which she was penalized heavily. Excellent test of courage, escort and chase (floored Iain) but failed the recall. Everything's there, she just needs better overall control and more experience with trial scenarios. Qualified in all sections but unfortunately not enough overall. 246 NQ

4th Perite Wadham & FURY ANSCHI (Rott) B. Good nosework and C&A, a few extra commands needed in the speak and no redirect despite the good outrun. First time in PD for this team and they handled the patrol round well. More work required for the quarter and location and Tilly needed a bit of reassurance that Steve wasn't a total nutter, but she then settled and her true potential came through, confident, firm bites on the sleeve and an excellent chase and recall. 236 NQ

Best of luck to all competitors for the future.

STAKE: UD

Judge: DAVE TODD

Thanks to the NEWCTS for the invitation to judge UD open. Thanks to Julie Findeisen, the Trials Manager who provided me with experienced, excellent track layers, Tracie, Rachel, Lol and Steve, which made everything so easy, and were excellent company -thanks you lot. The base, which was new and really 5 star, was smoothly managed by Penny, the food was organised by Carole (good to see you looking so well), Linda, Steve (multitasking!!), Pat and Dennis (also multitasking), Lol (a lot of multitasking!) —an excellent team all working well together. Pat was also my steward, who put fabulous smelly squares out, and had me laughing for all three days, putting everyone at their ease, so thank you very much. Dennis also managed to organise the trophies in his spare time! The fields were quite dry, but we did see some fabulous nosework, we also saw impressive control and agility rounds, but not many were able to put all of it together, but all were really close. I was privileged to watch some exciting dogs work, and to meet some canny people, thanks to everyone who entered.

There were 22 entries, 17 ran.

1st Gerry Emerson with DHERRINGTON ROY, BC. 138 n/w, 34 control, 20 agility, total 192. COM. Gerry is better known for obedience, so it is good to see him and Pam in Trials. "Roy" was fascinating to watch, he has real talent and really worked for Gerry. Well done and good luck.

2nd Judith Stamp with SPROLLIE DOLLIE, Cross. 140, 33, 16.5. total 189.5 COM. Jess worked well with Judith, who understands her dog very well, and patiently let her work it out. Well done and good luck.

3rd Anne Bedford with ABI NEVIS SAY DIE, Cross. 142.5 , 331/2, 12.5 total 188.5 NQ. Abi was so close today and this was her first attempt, so the future looks bright for her and Anne, who brought out the best in her. Well done and good luck.

4th Sylvia Austin with SH CH GHYLLBECK ATTHEMIS OF ISHEERA, L/Munsterlander. 142, 24.5, 20 total 186.5, NQ. Gunner was another dog who was so close today. He will soon do it, and with style. Well done and good luck.

The UD Novice Handler Trophy was won by R.Drummer with MOSSDEW DELTA FORCE.

The Merlock Trophy for Junior Handler was won by Katy Whitmore with Monty.

STAKE: CD

Judge: RACHEL HENDERSON

Thanks to the society for the invitation to judge the CD stake. A well run trial with not only the trials manager Julia working her socks off but also nearly all the committee. A real team effort. The village hall was an ideal replacement for the Punch Bowl as base, with Penny keeping everyone in the right place at the right time and doing the scores, and Linda, Carole, Steve, Lol and Pat in the kitchen making sure we were fed well.

The weather was the only thing that deteriorated unfortunately through the weekend. By Sunday morning the shorts had been put away and the waterproofs looked out, but luckily the rain kept off while the vast

number of rounds were completed. With 4 dogs entered only 2 worked. Dennis, my steward, did a great job. It was the first CD competition for both competitors. The squares went well and the sit stay too. A rogue spaniel jumped into the field during the downs but both competing dogs held their ground and watched as Dennis managed to evict it. Their owners should be very proud of them for that alone. I promise I had not organised that as a distraction. Both dogs had very reasonable rounds with only the jumps needing a bit of work. Congratulations to you both.

1st Mrs Denise Clayton with GRANGE CHAZ, GSD

A good round, just needing a bit of tidying up, but well deserving the qualification. Denise worked Chaz very well and the nerves didn't show too much.

2nd Ms Eleanor Francis and ROCKY OF NINE, Lab

A lovely black lab, Joe did a great round and looked after Eleanor well. Eleanor has her arm in plaster, which must have been awkward for her and the dog. Only the scale let her down, but a lovely round she should be proud of.

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SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

14th - 16th July 2006
Ockley, Surrey

STAKE: CD AND UD CONTROL AND AGILITY

Judge: DOROTHY BOWEN
Steward Sally Baker

Many thanks to Surrey Dog Training

Society for the invitation to judge at this trial. Thanks to Stan Ford, the Trials Manager, Sue Henderson, base steward, Beryl Kimberley and Jennifer Staves in the kitchen, Don Laskey for escorting the competitors to the control field, and to Chris Brooks for helping with the paperwork. Special thanks to Sally Baker, my steward, for stewarding exactly as I wished, and being good company for two days. The weather was superb, maybe a bit hotter than the dogs would have liked, but they all worked extremely well in the heat. The first four dogs in UD were all black!

CD Stake

5 entries, 2 ran

1st Christine Clements with MANDERIAN SOLSTICE BELLE OF MOUNT LOCHAN, BC (B). Very good control round, agility and search. Well done. 91.

2nd Sue Redshaw with MEADOWMILL TRAVIS, Lab (D). Another good control round, agility and search. Shame about the sit. Well done. 84.

UD Control and Agility

18 entered, 14 ran, 6 qualified.

1st Sue Redshaw with MEADOWMILL TRAVIS, Lab (D). Full mark agility and good control round. Also placed 2nd in CD. Well done. 192.5.

2nd Cathy Dench with DANCING IN THE SHADOW, GSD, (B). Full mark sendaway. Well done. All your hard work on training this dog has paid off. 188.

3rd Emily Hayward with LUCICROFT BOUNDER, Lab (D). Another good sendaway. Well done. 174.5.

4th Lyn Brown with ALVERTON-WOOD ALL THAT JAZZ, Lab (B). Full

mark retrieve and good sendaway. Well done. 174.5.

Also gaining a Certificate of Merit:

Christine Brooks with DARIAN IN YOUR SMILE, BC (D). 172

Jane Gray with GOMARINGEN HANNS AT DERJANCA, Lab (D), 171.

STAKE: UD NOSEWORK

Judge: ALLYSON TOHMÉ

Tracklayers: John Reynolds, Ron Davies, (2 days), Joyce Tibbets, Elizabeth de Unger (1 day)

Square Steward: Lauren Marlow

Escort: Don Laskey

Many thanks to: the Society for inviting me to judge, Stan Ford for his inimitable timing and organisation, Jennifer and Beryl for the luscious lunches, Sue Henderson for deciphering my illegible scrawl for the score sheets, John, Ron, Joyce and Liz for laying the tracks and Lauren for her square stewarding skills. With glorious weather and the company of such experienced cohorts it was no surprise that the whole weekend passed smoothly accompanied by considerable wit and humour. Special appreciation to Liz for welcoming me into her beautiful home with her customary hospitality.

18 entered, 14 ran. Breeds: GSD, WSD/BC, Labrador and a X breed. 8 qualified the nosework, 6 qualified overall.

Track pattern was a "fireplace" with 7 legs, the first article was a green shotgun cartridge and the second a 9" piece of emerald green plastic. Square articles were: 12" piece of green washing line, 6" wooden

stirrer, a metal teaspoon and 7" x 4" swatch of green material.

Competitors encompassed the whole gamut of experience and I saw some very good nosework, especially considering the environmental conditions. I hope that all participants enjoyed themselves and went home with the best dog; thank you for entering under me and accepting my decisions with such good sportsmanship.

1st Mrs Sue Redshaw with her Labrador dog MEADOWMILL TRAVIS 192.5. A fast track with both articles and all 4 out of the square in very quick order. Also placed 2nd in CD. Congratulations Sue.

2nd Mrs Cath Dench with her GSD bitch DANCING IN THE SHADOW 188. A very accurate track completed in an entirely different style to that of the above and again with both track articles and all 4 out of the square. Very well done.

3rd Miss Emily Hayward with her Labrador dog LUCICROFT BOUNDER 179.5. A diminutive handler coupled with an extremely powerful and impressive dog that will require prudent line handling as they progress. Both track articles and 3 out of the square. I look forward to seeing this pair in the future.

4th Mrs Lyn Brown with her Labrador bitch ALVERTONWOOD ALL THAT JAZZ CDex 174.5. A very good track by another committed Labrador recovering the first article and all 4 out of the square. Line handling rather than lacemaking is next on the agenda!

Also gaining Certificates of Merit:

Mrs Christine Brooks with her BC dog DARIAN IN YOUR SMILE CDex 172. A very handsome collie (did I really say that?) which went round on rails.

Mrs Jane Gray with her Labrador dog GOMARINGEN HANNIS AT DERJAN-CA 172. Looking forward to seeing his booties Jane!

Special mention to Mrs J Rutter with her BC bitch STARDELL MAIA AT NYE-WOOD. This was her first ever UD and her dog did an absolutely stonking track with 88.5/90 but handler nerves meant that she did not have the spare mental energy to look out for articles! I remember the feeling extremely well!

(For those who collect trial trivia, the first four places went to black dogs).

The presence of the trial sponsor John Humphris meant that I could indulge in some necessary retail therapy which assisted a Weimaraner, GSD and BSD in developing the aquatic skills of a newt over the weekend!

Finally I would like to express my gratitude for the lovely gift; it looked even more attractive surrounding a single malt! Enjoy your dogs!

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS OPEN WORKING TRIAL

On: 27th to 29th October, 2006

At: Long Compton, Oxfordshire.

Judges	T.D. Nosework	Maureen Regan
	U.D. Nosework	Barbara Riste
	T.D./U.D. C & A and C.D. Stake	Kate Peyton
	Trial Manager - Tony Orchard	

Entry Fees: TD/UD -£17.00; CD-£13
(£2.00 reduction to paid-up BAGSD Members)
(Please make cheques payable to B.A.G.S.D. Working Trials)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2006

Schedules from/Entries with fees to the Trial Secretary:
Mrs. Jennifer Speake, Ironstone Farmhouse, Milton, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 4HH
(Please enclose S.A.E. for report time and directions)



KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOSTED BY NORTH WEST WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

Lower Withington Parish Hall, Knutsford
On Thursday 19th Friday 20th and Saturday 21st October 2006

Thursday 19th	TD Tracking followed by supper at The Red Lion
Friday 20th	TD and PD Tracking followed by an evening Ceilidh and Hog-Roast in the Parish Hall
Saturday 21st	TD and PD C/A and PD Patrol work followed by:-

PRESENTATION DINNER

at

Ye Olde Vicarage Hotel, Cranage, Holmes Chapel.

Information and tickets now available from:-

Jenny M.Holt, Trials Manager,

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Mobile 07774972906

E-mail:- huttonroofholt@tiscali.co.uk

Ceilidh and Hog-Roast £12 per ticket

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Complimentary tickets will be available to competitors.
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**ICENI GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th November 2006
At Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon Essex.

Judges : T.D. Stake Moria Rogerson
 W.D. Stake Mick Tustain
 U.D. Stake Lauren Marlow
 CD. Stake Lauren Marlow
 Trials Manager Les Theobald

UD, & WD all work in one day
UD Thurs & Fri, WD Thurs, Fri & Sat
CD Stake Saturday
TD Control & Agility Sunday 5th November

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £17 : CD. Stake £15
(£1.00 reduction for paid-up members)

ALL ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Schedules from/entries to Les Theobald 13 Delamere Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 0NH
S.A.E. Please

**RANMORE DOG TRAINING CLUB
OPEN TRIAL**

10th - 12th November 2006
Village Hall, Ockley, Surrey

Judges: P.D. Colin Harrison
 W.D. Nosework Mick Tustain
 U.D. Nosework Lauren Marlow
 C&A Joyce Tibbetts

P.D. Stake: Friday 10th
W.D. & U.D. Stakes 11th - 12th

Entry Fees: Non-members £17. Members £16. OAPs £1 Reduction.

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2006

Schedules from/entries to: Stan Ford, Red Gables, Dunley Hill, Ranmore, Surrey. RH5 6SX
(Please enclose SAE)

LINCOLNSHIRE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG & ABTS OPEN TRIAL

To be held at Dunholme Village Hall, Lincoln
November 10th-12th 2006

Judges	T.D.	Paul Morling
	W.D.	Malcolm Snowden
	U.D.	Jim Sewell
	C.D. & C&A	Ann Bedford

Entry Fees Tracking Stakes £15 C.D. Stake £12
(£1.00 reduction for members)

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY 10TH OCTOBER 2006

Schedules from/Entries to: Jan Sewell, 53 Monarchs Road, Sutterton, Boston,
Lincs. PE20 2HJ Tel: 01205460177
Please send a S.A.E.

SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

Longniddry, East Lothian.

Fri 6th (If necessary), Sat 7th & Sun 8th October 2006

Judges:	C &A	Lindsay Errington
	P.D. Stake	Tracey Park
	T.D. Nosework	Jim Jeffrey
	W.D. Nosework	Tracey Park
	U.D. Nosework	Rob Dobson
	C.D. Stake	Rudi Fruzynski

Trials Manager: June McPhillips

ENTRIES CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Entry Fees:		
Tracking Stakes	£11.00 (Members)	£13.00 (Non Members)
C.D. Stake	£9.00 (Members)	£11.00 (Non Members)

Entries for the above trials, schedules and information (please send SAE) from the Trials
Secretary: Mrs. Lorna Cottier, 5 Hillside Gardens, Dolphinton, West Linton. Peeblesshire
EH46 7AE Telephone number 01968 682218 / 07816 425265

**LEAMINGTON DOG TRAINING CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

On: 13th - 19th November 2006
At: Pailton, Warwickshire

Judges	T.D.	Frances Ball
	W.D.	Lé Newman
	C.D.	Colin Ball

Entry Fees: TD & WD £17.00: CD £12.00
Members: TD & WD £14.00: CD £8.00

Trial Manager: Zoe Finlay Tel 01455 635286 or 07971 276315

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2006

Schedules from/entries with fees to:
Mrs D Levin, 9 the Ryelands, Lawford Heath, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 9EN
Tel 07930 364352
(Please enclose SAE)

**M.C.G.S.D.A
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

12th-15th October 2006
Pond Farm, Walesby, Nr OUerton, Notts

Judges	T.D.	Lol Campbell
	W.D.	Roger Shrimpton
	U.D.	Ann Clarke
	C.D.	Jenny Orchard

CD/UD/WD- All work in one day
CD + UD (Friday/Saturday)
WD (Thursday - Sunday)
TD (Thursday - Saturday nosework C&A Sunday)
Prior days used for all stakes if necessary

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £16 C.D. - £14 (£2 reduction for paid up members)

ENTRIES CLOSE: THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Schedules from: Wendy Magyar, 28 Mickledale Close, Bilsthorpe, Newark, Notts.
NG22 8QN. Tel: 01623 871092
Entries/Fees to: Garry Talbot, 31 Manor Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.
NG19 8DL. Tel: 01623 652946

**PORTLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

Saturday 21st...and Sunday 22nd..October 2006

At: Waterston Ridge, Dorchester Dorset

Judges	U.D. Nosework	John West
	U.D. Control & Agility	John Hines
	C.D. Stake	John Hines
	Veteran		Robin Palmer

CD Stake/Veteran Non Members £12 Members £10

UD Stake Non Members £14 Members £12

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 22ND. SEPTEMBER 2006

Schedules from/Entries to: Ms. Pat Middleton-Smith (Trials Manager)

Applegate Waterston Ridge Dorchester Dorset DT2 7SL

01305-264422 / 07831-457860

(Please enclose SAE)

**NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

On 23rd - 29th October 2006

At: Satley Village Hall, Satley, Co Durham.

Judges	T.D. Stake	Lorna Cottier
	W.D. Stake	Dorothy Bowen
	U.D. Stake	Suzanne Plumb
	C.D. Stake & Veteran	Linda Newbold

Trials Manager - Julia Findeisen Tel: 07917 718151

ENTRY FEES: Tracking Stakes £16 CD Stake £12 (Paid up members £2 reduction)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2006.

ENTRY FORMS, FEE AND S.A.E. TO:

Mrs Carole Hall, Preston Tilery Farm, Brafferton, Darlington, Co. Durham. DL1 3LF.

Tel. 07876 403813.

(Any KC approved entry form will be accepted)



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Ending Sunday 10th December 2006

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Closing Date: 1st November 2006

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DUNDEE	Ends Sunday November 11 th 2007	TD WD UD CD

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BLYTH	Ends Sunday Feb 11 th 2007	PD WD UD CD
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SCARBOROUGH	Ends Sunday May 13 th 2007	TD WD UD CD
ABERFORD	Ends Sunday September 23 rd 2007	TD WD UD CD
ENFIELD	Ends Sunday December 9 th	WD UD

Trials Schedules & Membership Information

(S.A.E. please, for schedules)

Contact Trials Manager as above, or

Trials & Membership Secretary: Judy Meekings, 189 Guildford Road, Lightwater, Surrey GU18 5RB.

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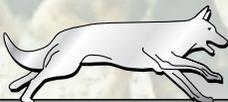
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