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EDITORIAL

Congratulations this month go to Tony Lockyer with WT.Ch Lawinick Come N Get it at Hartshill for winning the ticket at NorthWest's TD trial with Lol Campbell judging. Tony then went on to win the ticket at SATS TD trial under judge Anne Collen. Dave Olley and WT.Ch Stardell Alula won the PD ticket at Yorkshire's Wakefield trial under judge Lorna Cottier and lastly Sheila Tannert with Styperson Ebony took top honours at Lincoln GSD's TD Trial under judge Barrie Gilbert.

Those of you that read last month's editorial will notice I have admitted to making the odd mistake - well!! A big apology goes to Gary Haim and WT.Ch Waggerland Dilemma who were the winning team at Poole and Districts TD trial last year - I forgot to mention them in the monthly congratulation list. Sorry Gary.

I doubt a week goes by without this office receiving a few enquiries from newcomers asking "Where is my local club is and how do I get into this sport?". The conversation usually starts with "I have been trying Schutzhund but I dont think its for me....." As far as I am aware Schutzhund is a smaller sport then Working Trials (in this country anyway) which begs the question how are they finding the small amount of Schutzhund clubs before finding about trials? To help counter this WTM would like to do its bit and offer free advertising to societies holding non commercial training days (*so as not to be vauge a limit of £10 per handler*) this information will be printed in the magazine and will also be posted on our website for those not already in the sport.

MARK SKILLIN
EDITOR

READERS LETTERS

Printed below is a copy of a letter that has been sent to the Kennel Club concerning the proposed alterations to the Jump heights (see page 12)

Dear Kennel Club

I am writing to you in order that my comments can be taken to the next Kennel Club Working Trials Liaison Council meeting. I understand that previously people in favour of the reduction of jumps have written in to you.

There is a lot of discussion at the moment about lowering the height/length of the working trial jumps to make the stakes easier for dogs under 15" at the shoulder.

Discussions so far seem to have ignored the fact that the scale is not just about height. This is an exercise where 70% of the marks involve the dog being out of sight of the owner. That this is an integral part of the exercise is confirmed by the KC regs which explain how to judge the exercise.

The fact is that for all dogs doing the 6 foot scale, there is an element of confidence being tested and it is highly likely that most of the dogs failing this exercise would be gaining qualifying marks if they could see their handler.

Dogs doing lower jumps will not be completing the same test as dogs doing the 6 foot scale and there is nothing that can make it the same test.

There is no other Kennel Club sport where dogs compete in the same class/stake and do not do the same test.

The commonsense solution would be to follow the precedent set by the Kennel Club agility sport and have separate stakes for the smaller dogs. If there is such a following that it seems appropriate to cause this amount of discussion, it seems reasonable to add the mini stakes to the working trials regulations. This solution would also have the added benefit of avoiding the risks involved in continually changing the construction of the scale during a trial.

Regards
Yvonne Carpenter

Whether you are for or against this motion please get in touch with your Kennel Club representative and let them know your views - that way they can vote the way you (the competitors) want and not what they think you want

A list of your representatives can be found at <http://www.workingtrialsmonthly.co.uk/societies.html> or send your comments to WTM and we will pass them on.

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

April

9th	Scottish WTS (Lauder, ends 19th May)	OP	TD WD UD CD
10th	ASPADS (Scarborough, ends 12th May)	OP	TD WD UD Intro

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES

PELE BECOMES A CHAMPION



In August 2005, while on a three week residential dog training course with John Rogerson, I met a very special dog. The course was based at Battersea Dogs Home, Windsor. As part of their re-homing policy all collies and working dogs are assessed for their working potential. I was looking for my first working trials dog.

Like a scene out of a movie the Battersea van drew up and twenty collie type dogs were released from their confinement to run loose in a well secured field. The field belonged to a lady shepherdess who was going to assess their ability as potential sheepdogs. As most of the dogs seized the opportunity to run and frolic in this beautiful open space I noticed a dog that did not run with the pack and walked off by himself. He maintained a safe distance from the other dogs and from us. I thought, "I like him. He has the ability to think for himself and does not follow the pack. A dog after my own heart". He was only a pup but already had lovely long legs and possessed a sleek greyhound type physique so I knew he had the ability to jump. I pointed him out to John. John threw him his wallet which this shy black and white dog picked up and walked away with. He then dropped it and walked away. I then threw him my furry purse which he again picked up and walked away with. John said, "Well, he has passed the first assessment as a potential working dog. He has shown an interest in two novel items in a strange environment with strange people and has shown the ability to pick up strange

items". John turned to me and said "The rest is up to you Samantha". Like a sheep I was quickly corralled by the Battersea staff as they identified and questioned a possible owner who was not going to get away. As I filled in the papers I wrote down his new name. It is a well known fact that collies love to chase. In a domestic situation we provide them with balls instead of sheep. So I called my dog after a great sporting champion who also liked chasing balls...Pele.

Later when the shepherdess came to assess him and brought him into the pen with six sheep my collie started to take evasive action by digging holes and would not even acknowledge their existence, never mind herd them! As I was still on my course I could not keep him at Windsor so a friend of John's took him home and put him through his paces and the Bronze Good Citizen test, which he passed easily after only a week of training.

He was flown to Ireland and so our partnership began, with months of sitting on the grass teaching him to interact and play with me. After that his training was a very enjoyable journey of discovery. Later that year, as I was desperately trying to think of a registered kennel name, our own football hero, George Best, died. While walking I pondered how I could pay tribute to Battersea and to George? Pele has now earned all his working trials qualifications of CDEX - TDEX. Finally, on Sunday the 3rd of February this year, he won his second green star at the Working Trials Club of Ireland trial in Wexford and became an Irish Working Trials Champion.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the staff at Battersea and for the work you put into these dogs, but especially to judges Anne Bedford and Graham Reaney, and of course to his previous owners for giving me the pleasure to own, train and live with a very special dog - Ir WTCh Battersea's Best to Pele.

SAMANTHA RAWSON

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, and good wishes on Ebony winning the Ticket a Lincoln, there was no one more surprised than me, she was a little star on the day and I could have asked no more of her.

Sheila Tannert

CLUB FOCUS

DOG LAW SEMINAR

The SATS AGM on 10 February 2013 was followed by an informative and entertaining seminar on dog law, given by Trevor Cooper, a specialist solicitor who acts for the Dogs' Trust. The following synopsis is from my own notes, but for further information or to contact Trevor visit www.doglaw.co.uk

Firstly, Trevor explained the difference between disputes, which are a civil law matter, and criminal acts - a State matter. The law is due to change soon; the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) parliamentary committee will be issuing an announcement on welfare and controls - different laws will apply in Wales. Dog Control orders issued by councils will be replaced by Public Spaces Protection Orders. Community Protection orders could be served on specific dogs.

Ownership:

The issue of ownership was discussed, as it is often a cause of dispute. KC Registration is not proof, nor is the microchip record, but both can be part of evidence of ownership. So if ownership is disputed as much evidence as possible should be amassed, such as documentation and photographic records. Ownership can also be shared or joint.

If KC Registration papers are not provided by a seller, the buyer can return the dog and demand a refund, or sue the seller for the difference in value.

Disputes over dog ownership are likely to be for sums less than £5k, and are therefore dealt with in a small claims court, which can be costly. If a payment for the purchase of a dog is not made, any claim is for the payment, not for the return of the dog.

If a dog is handed to a rescue organisation by the owner this constitutes a contract, and the organisation is unlikely to give a dog back in the event of a change of mind.

A dog can only be considered to have been abandoned if it has been left by the owner - if a dog is found it must be assumed to have strayed.

Courts can deprive an owner of ownership.

If a stray dog is found by a dog warden, the owner, if known, has to be served notice. The dog is kept for 7 days, after which time it may be put to sleep or transferred to a rescue. The owner cannot retrieve the dog after the notice period.

Trevor asked how many of those present comply with correct identification of their dog - it seems many of us haven't got the requirements quite right! Dogs should wear a collar and tag, which should have the name and address of the owner, including the house number, road name, and town - the house number and postcode does not suffice, and the dog's name is not required. Failure to comply is actually a criminal offence! Collars are not required when dogs are being used for sporting purposes, working sheep, or on official duties - such as police dogs, rescue, or guide dogs.

Under future English legislation microchipping will be required by 2016. Databases will be regulated, and at change of ownership the seller will have to update the database. In practice, random checks are unlikely, and enforcement is only likely if the dog comes to notice. Puppies will have to be chipped after 8 weeks of age.

If a stolen dog has been sold on the owner would need to make a civil claim, which would be difficult and costly. Currently the onus is on the buyer of a dog to check its

ownership.

Breeders' Endorsements:

Under KC rules endorsements such as 'not for export' or 'progeny not for registration' may be applied when dogs are sold, but these are not enforceable in law.

Sale of Goods Act:

Goods must be fit for purpose. Theoretically this can be applied if something is wrong with a dog, but is likely only to apply in the case of licensed breeders (those breeding more than 5 litters a year) breeding as a business. If buying from a hobby breeder - caveat emptor - buyer beware!

Dangerous Dogs Act Section 1

This Act was mainly intended to control American Pit Bull Terriers, but as this breed is not recognised by the KC, it refers to Pit Bull type dogs, and the American standard is used as a guide, so whether or not a dog fits this description is a matter of opinion. The onus is on the owner to prove the dog is safe. If deemed to be a Pit Bull type, the dog must be neutered, chipped, tattooed, and kept on a lead and muzzled in public.

There was some discussion on whether or not muzzling a dog admits possible aggression, but this is not the case; also some of those present remarked on the use of yellow ribbons on dog leads to indicate other dogs should be kept away - this could be seen as an admission that the dog is dangerous. Trevor pointed out that if you have an aggressive dog you are not necessarily immune from fault even if it is on a lead.

Under changes to the law in Wales a dog will be at fault if it injures a 'protected' (domesticated) animal.

Dangerous Dogs Act Section 3

This section applies to all breeds; it is an offence if a dog is dangerously out of control in regard to people in a public place. Provocation is no defence. Fear of injury is unlikely to apply.

Under planned changes to the DDA this law will apply anywhere, even in the home, unless the injured is a burglar. Conviction can lead to up to 2 years jail plus an unlimited fine; the dog is likely to be destroyed.

Signage:

Trevor suggested that gate signs stating 'Dogs live here' or 'Dogs running free' are preferable to 'Beware...'

Insurance:

In light of the above, Trevor recommends 3rd party cover that includes incidents outside the home. This may be included in health insurance, or - the Dogs' Trust membership provides cover for pets!

I would like to thank Trevor Cooper for allowing me to précis his talk, he is much funnier in the flesh than my notes suggest!

LAUREN MARLOW

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LEAMINGTON DTC

Working Trials Training

Held at Hatton Country World

www.hattonworld.com in the Midlands

Tracking land is limited at times and although it is a self-help group, we offer a great training opportunity to work and socialise your dog in a busy environment with many experienced and seasoned trialists who are always willing to talk training, lay squares and call control rounds. We have jumps and do stays and for a one off yearly fee of £50 (£5 membership & £45 training fee which also makes you a member of LDTC and gives you a reduction on entry fees to our trials), you can attend every Sunday all year round.

Yes sometimes it is muddy and yes sometimes it is cold but after all, that's trials!!!

As we are based at Hatton Country World, we also have shops, toilets and often events to gate crash like car rallies, dog shows and craft fayres. You can come along 10am on a Sunday and take pot luck with who will be there, it varies depending on what trials are on or you can phone the section head John Wykes 01788 823717 first.

Last year we ran a very successful Kamal Fernandez training day at the fantastic Kennel Club building at Stoneleigh. This year we will be running a very special event on Saturday May 4th, where Kamal will show us how he trains with his own dogs giving you the opportunity to drill down to the details of his methods by watching and asking questions. Should be a great day!

For further information please contact Kate Peyton: katepeyton@btinternet.com 01788 890433

TRAINING FOR WORKING TRIALS

Training Techniques

Lever pressing

When my dog understands that the sound of my clicker means he has earned a treat, he needs to learn how to make the clicker work. No I do not mean he should pick it up and press it himself! He must learn that certain actions make the clicker work. I usually start with; stand, sit and down and a basic hand target. Remember the aim is to get the desired behaviour and click it as it happens: then of course you beak off and reward the dog.

Teaching your dog a hand target will enable him to learn how to operate a clicker: It is a lever pressing exercise. When he touches your hand with his nose the clicker sounds, and then of course he gets a treat. Simple!

Teaching a basic hand target brings many skills to both you and your dog which will enable you to use clicker training to full

advantage in other exercises. He will learn that his actions cause the clicker to work. You will have many opportunities to hone your timing skills with the clicker, the dog will learn that sometimes he has to move away from the food to earn it, and later he will learn to continue, or maintain a behaviour until the click happens- he will have to keep his nose on the lever until the clicker sounds.

Before attempting to teach my dog anything I always consider my two rules of dog training:

Anne Bussey's Two Rules of Dog Training:

1. Make it easy for the dog to get it right
2. Provide sufficient reward

The second criteria is easy for this exercise, it is not as though we are teaching a pet dog to come away from other dogs in the park. Many pet dogs are taught to ignore their owner's call because they have learnt they will have their lead attached and be dragged home to be left alone all day! We can select our time and place so there are no distractions to work against and your dog is hungry. Maybe your kitchen just before feeding, so a piece of kibble, or cheese, or sausage should be sufficient reward in this environment at this time.

So all we have to do is make it easy for the dog to get it right – we have to get him to put his nose on our hand so that we can click him for doing it. If you have a pocketful of prepared titbits and you bring one out of your pocket, your dog will naturally come and take it. Do this again but this time cover the titbit with your thumb so he cannot see the treat, click as he sniffs your hand and then release the treat. Repeat this action many times.

Your dog will expect a treat when he sees your hand coming out of your titbit pocket but we don't want to have to put our hand into a pocket every- time, we need to fade that cue. To start teaching this, just raise your hand to the general area of your pocket and then hold it out as before with thumb over palm hiding the treat. Help him by looking at

your own hand (it is very easy to distract your dog from this exercise by looking at his eyes) dogs often get locked into eye contact with their owner and don't notice that the hand target is on offer. Make it very obvious that your hand is the target by directing your gaze at it and then click as soon as he touches it. Your aim is to reduce the signal of the hand coming out of your pocket and get the dog to touch your hand simply by offering your hand with your thumb across your palm; you are using your gaze to help direct him to your hand.

Many owners try so hard in this exercise that they unintentionally move their hand towards their dog and some even put their hand on the dog's nose. This of course will have the opposite effect to what we are trying to teach: imagine if someone keeps shoving their hand towards your face – you will back away to avoid being bumped on the nose! So keep an eye on your hand to check it does not travel towards your dog. The idea is to tease the dog, to encourage him to touch you – not vice versa. When he does touch your hand it should be pleasant for him. Ensure your hand is soft and welcoming- not rigid with the effect of him hitting a brick wall.

Repeat this action many times. Remember to get your timing right; click the touch and after you have clicked (not simultaneously), release the treat from under your thumb. When your dog becomes familiar with this routine progress to not always having a treat underneath the thumb. Keep your hand just the same so your dog cannot tell if you are hiding a treat or not, click him as usual for touching your hand and then take a treat from your pocket to reward him. Progress in this way; sometimes you will have a treat hidden under your thumb, sometimes not. Every time he touches your hand to check it out, click the touch and then reward him (either with the treat that is already under your thumb, or get one out of your pocket after you have clicked the touch).

Another common error to avoid at this stage is holding the clicker in sight. If the dog is presented with your right hand as the target and the clicker in your left hand he may be distracted by this, so put your clicker hand behind your back. (I tend to fall into jargon as I work with the clicker most days. I should say the hand holding your clicker- not “your clicker hand”. Your ‘clicker hand’ could imply that the clicker is always held in the same hand – it is not: you will swap the clicker for convenience depending on what you are trying to train -but I guess you worked that one out!). It is easy to confuse, or mislead people when writing instructions: who hasn't had instructions for some ‘self assembly’ item that have lead you up the garden path? For this reason we have made a short video that you can view at <http://www.workingtrialsmothly.co.uk/handtouch.flv> (*this is intended for subscribers only and is an addendum to this article, there will not be a link - please type in the address*).

Having avoided the pitfalls and by continually making it easy for the dog to get it right, before long your dog will soon understand the basics of a hand target. From here all you need to do is follow the process of clicker training as detailed last month and you will be able to progress to put the behaviour on cue, extend the duration and if necessary stop any licking or messing around.

‘Great,’ you might say, ‘but what is the point of the hand target?’

You can use a hand target for delivery of small articles and also to get the dog anywhere you want him. I also use it to teach heelwork which is another complex exercise that we will be covering at a later date after we have finished square training.

Anne Bussey

**MEETING OF THE KENNEL CLUB
WORKING TRIALS LIAISON
COUNCIL**

To Be Held On Thursday 2 May 2013
At 10.30 Am In The Boardroom At
Clarges Street

AGENDA

**ITEM 1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN
FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL**

**ITEM 2. TO ELECT A VICE
CHAIRMAN FOR THE TERM OF
THE COUNCIL**

**ITEM 3. TO ELECT A
REPRESENTATIVE ONTO THE
ACTIVITIES SUB- COMMITTEE
EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 2013 TO
MAY 2016**

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION TO THE
COUNCIL ON KENNEL CLUB
STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES**

The office will give a presentation to Council representatives giving details of the Kennel Club and Liaison Council structure and procedures and the role of Council representatives.

ITEM 5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2012 (copies previously distributed).

**ITEM 7. MATTERS ARISING/
RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Regulation Changes

a. The Council is invited to note that, at its meeting on 17 July 2012, the General Committee approved the following amendments, with effect from 1 January 2013:

- i. Amendment of Regulation I.17.c. Introductory Stake Certificates
- ii. Amendment of Regulation I(C)13. Quartering the Ground
- iii. Amendment of Regulation I(C)14. Test of Courage

Criteria for Approval of Championship Working Trial Judges

b. To note that the General Committee approved the proposed amendments to Regulation I24.a. and I(D)7.a. respectively as follows: Regulation I24.a. (Approval of Judges)

FROM

...All first time appointments must be applied for a minimum of twelve months before the date of the Trial.

(Deletion underlined)

TO

...All first time appointments must be applied for a minimum of eighteen months before the date of the Trial on the form provided.

(Amendment underlined)

Regulation I(D)7.a. (Approval of Judges)

FROM

...All first time Senior Stake judges must be applied for a minimum of twelve months before the date of the Trial.
(*Deletion underlined*)

TO

...All first time Senior Stake judges must be applied for a minimum of eighteen months before the date of the Trial on the form provided. (*Amendment underlined*)

Policy Regarding Existing Championship Judges

c. The Council is invited to note that the Activities Sub-Committee considered the suggestion of extending its policy, to request information on a Bloodhound judge's active involvement in the discipline if they had not awarded Championship Certificates in the preceding five years. It was agreed that it was a club's responsibility to encourage its judges to remain actively involved in the discipline and it was considered that five years was a sufficient length of time. Consequently, the Sub-Committee did not support the proposal and, therefore, no further action was taken.

Judges at Kennel Club Working Trial Championships 2015

d. The Council is invited to note that the following judges have been approved to judge at the 2015 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships, to be hosted by the Welsh Kennel Club:

TD Stake – Mr Francis Lawrence Campbell

PD Stake – Mrs Moira Rogerson

Open Working Trials

e. Further to its meeting in May 2012, the Chairman requested two

proposals be brought to this meeting to remove the restrictions in Regulation I(A)5.(e) and I(A)5.(f) that prevented dogs with TD Excellent and PD Excellent from competing in the Open Trial equivalents. The Council is invited to discuss two regulation amendments submitted from North West Working Trials Society to bring the TD and PD stakes in line with other stakes, as follows:

FROM:

(e) Tracking Dog (T.D.) Stake – For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in W.D. Stakes but excluding dogs that have qualified T.D. Ex.

(f) Patrol Dog (P.D.) Stake – For dogs which have qualified W.D.

Excellent at a Championship Trial but excluding dogs that have qualified P.D. Excellent at a Championship Trial.

(*Deletions underlined*)

TO:

(e) Tracking Dog (T.D.) Stake – For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in W.D. Stakes.

(f) Patrol Dog (P.D.) Stake – For dogs which have qualified W.D. Excellent at a Championship Trial.

Helpers in Patrol Dog Stake - Patrol Rounds

f. Further to its meeting in May 2012, the Council is invited to note an amended version of the Guide for Judges and Stewards booklet, prepared by Mr Lewindon, which includes guidance and advice to societies on helpers at PD stakes. The Council is requested to consider the areas highlighted in bold underlined text for inclusion to be implemented in the booklet.

(*Annex A refers*)

Kennel Club Working Trial Championships

g. The Council is invited to note that the Kennel Club would consider, in principle, hosting the Working Trial Championships should it become difficult for societies to host the event in the future.

Dog Health Group Activities Working Party

h. The Council is invited to note a report on the progress of the Dog Health Group Activities Working Party.

(Annex B refers)

ITEM 8. FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

The Council is invited to note that all of the items are either in review or resolved. Representatives are invited to propose further items to the Council's five year strategic plan.

ITEM 9. KENNEL CLUB WORKING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Host for 2016 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships

a. The Council is invited to note that, at its meeting on 8 January 2013, the General Committee approved Icenii Dog Training Club to host the 2016 Championships. Furthermore, the Club was granted permission to forfeit its usual Championship Trial that year as its date was in close proximity to that of the Championships.

Ballot for Judges for the 2016 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships

b. The Council is invited to vote on the nominations for the Kennel Club Working Trial Championship 2016.

Host for 2017 Kennel Club Working Trial

Championships

c. No applications have yet been received from Societies wishing to host the 2017 Kennel Club Championships. Any interested Society is requested to apply in writing as soon as possible, so these applications can be discussed. The reason for working so far in advance is to be able to invite the approved judges for the Championships before they are likely to have received judging invitations from societies for the same year which might then clash with their Championship appointment.

ITEM 10. PROPOSALS FROM SOCIETIES/PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS

Welsh Kennel Club

Mrs M Wells

a. Proposed Amendment to the headings of Regulation I(C)10.g.(2) and Regulation I(C)10.g.(3) (Jumping heights and lengths)

FROM:

(2) C.D. and U.D. Stakes...

(3) W.D., T.D. and P.D. Stakes...

(Deletion underlined)

TO:

(2) C.D., U.D., W.D. and T.D. Stakes...

(3) P.D. Stake...

(Amendment underlined)

The Welsh Kennel Club has proposed an amendment to permit different heights and lengths of agility obstacles for the W.D. and T.D. stakes, to be in line with those dimensions currently permitted for C.D. and U.D. stakes. It is considered that this would encourage those with smaller dog breeds to become involved in Working Trials. As Working Trials is a civilian

hobby and if the discipline is to continue and to grow, changes should be introduced to welcome more people into the sport without

them necessarily having to change their preferred breed of dog. Furthermore, it would encourage a wider variety of breeds to take part which would help promote a positive image of diversity. It is suggested that any perceived advantage, such as the dog being able to see its handler over the lower scale, could be discouraged by the judge by marking the exercise in the same manner if a handler waved their hands at their dog over the six foot scale.

North East Working Trials Society
Miss J Carruthers

b. Proposed Amendment of Regulation 1(C)10.g.(2) (Jumping heights and lengths)

FROM:

(2) *C.D. and U.D. Stakes:*

(a) Clear Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6ins) Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 609.6mm 2ft)

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)

(b) Long Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft) Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft) Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 2.743m (9ft)

(c) Scale—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft) Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)

TO:

(2) *C.D. and U.D. Stakes:*

(a) Clear Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6ins) Dogs not exceeding 431mm (17in) at shoulder 609.6mm 2ft)

Dogs exceeding 431mm (17in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)

(b) Long Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft) Dogs not exceeding 431mm (17in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft) Dogs exceeding 431mm (17in) at shoulder 2.743m (9ft)

(c) Scale—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft) Dogs not exceeding 431mm (17in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft) Dogs exceeding 431mm (17in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft) (Amendments underlined)

North East Working Trials Society considers that this regulation penalises a small number of dogs which are just over 15 inches in height at the shoulder. By increasing the measurement to 17 inches at the shoulder, it will bring the regulation in line with the agility discipline regulation on the height classification of large dogs. Currently, competitors enter their dogs into the appropriate height category based on trust, but subject to recommendation, the Council may consider it necessary to introduce an official record book to state a dog's correct height category.

Surrey Dog Training Society

Mr M Lewindon

c. Proposed New Regulation I28.d.

INSERT:

Handlers may work their dogs wearing a plain, flat, close fitting collar of leather or webbing material, providing that the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar i.e.: not attached by a ring.

(Insertion underlined)

Surrey Dog Training Society proposes that there should be a specific regulation that would allow handlers to afford some protection to their dogs by permitting collars to be worn. There have been examples when handlers presenting dogs in competition have been required by judges to remove collars. Whilst dogs being used for sporting purposes are exempt from the Control of Dogs Order 1992, the wearing of a collar does not adversely affect a dog's ability to undertake working trials exercises. Concerns have been raised that dogs working without collars, by which handlers or others can control them, raises at least two potential risks, as follows:

i) If dogs were to run from the test area chasing game or through some other loss of control, without a collar, they would be more difficult to detain and potentially cause traffic accidents or chase livestock, with the inevitable consequences for dogs, owners and the public.

ii) Should dogs fail to complete a stay exercise and potentially interfere with other competitors, the absence of a collar by which judges and stewards could detain the dog could exacerbate any difficulties. The Society states that the proposal would

provide handlers the option for their dogs to wear collars as a matter of safety. This proposal would also bring some consistency with the G and H Regulations.

ITEM 11. JUDGES WORKING PARTY

Mr Gilbert will give a verbal report on the progress of the Judges Working Party following its meeting on 22 April 2013.

ITEM 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in September 2013.

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TRIAL REPORTS

ASPADS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

10 - 11 November 2012
Auchterhouse, Dundee

STAKE: CD

Judge: ALISON POLLARD
Steward: Sharon Dunn

Thank you very much to ASPADS for inviting me to judge at this championship trial. Many thanks to Sharon, my steward, who just gets on with the job and keeps me right, and as always is great to work with. Thank you also to the kitchen staff, who always produce great food and refreshments. Thank you to all of the staff at the base who do such sterling work.

To the competitors, many thanks - what a great group of very enthusiastic dogs and handlers; it was a pleasure to see you all work and thank you for accepting my decisions.

Unfortunately there was only 1 qualifier but I am confident that the other competitors will soon be qualifying and going on to achieve many qualifications.

1st Mr John Gray, WAGGERLAND WELLS, WSD, 95.5, Q. What a great team to watch! George did everything that John asked of him with great enthusiasm, especially the search square; he completed it in 48 seconds, which was amazing to watch. Well done and I know this team will continue to achieve many more qualifications.

2nd Mrs Jenny Beaton, CRAIGESK

GRAY WOLF, GSD, 80, NQ. Another great partnership, with a dog who was keen to work. The full mark search square was a pleasure to watch. It was unfortunate that Brin did not complete the jumps but I am confident that before long Jenny will get this sorted. Well done and no doubt we will be seeing much more of you both in future trials.

3rd Ms Patricia Templeton, FRANKIE THE FLYER, X-Breed, 78, NQ. What a fantastic partnership! Frankie is well named 'The Flyer'. He is so enthusiastic and does everything with great gusto, and Patricia obviously enjoys working with him. The control round was a pleasure to watch but unfortunately Frankie decided that the scale was not for him. Well done and again we will be seeing more of this team in the future.

4th Ms Jenny Wood, FORGUE-CROFT TOP GUN, GSD, 75.5, NQ. Again, lovely teamwork. Another enthusiastic dog who wanted to work, and really tried hard. Unfortunately, again the jumps were not for Maverick, but no doubt Jenny will get this sorted and will be back. Well done and great to watch.

Well done to all of the competitors, who all worked so hard. Qualifying is within reach and I hope to see you all in future trials.

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LEAMINGTON DOG TRAINING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

12 – 18 November 2012

Bretford, Warks

STAKE: TD

Judge: ROGER SHRIMPTON

Tracklayers: Pat Herbert, Tom Darby, Gary Atkins, Andy Magyar, Eric Carpenter and Gary Martin.

Search Stewards: Kate Peyton and Kate Wykes

Control and Agility Steward: Kate Peyton

I would like to thank Leamington Dog Training Club Working Trials Committee for the invitation to judge the TD stake at their November Championship Working Trial; I considered it quite an honour to be asked to judge the Ticket for my own club. We are very lucky at Leamington to have so many very experienced people willing to help out in any capacity required; I am sure that Trials Manager, Jane Sutherland, and assistant Trials Manager, Pat Herbert, took full advantage of them. To run an eight day trial must take some organising. As far as I was concerned it all went like clockwork.

Tracklayers Pat Herbert, Gary Atkins, Andy Magyar, Gary Martin, Eric Carpenter, and Tom Darby, who laid all of the early tracks - you were a great team and worked very hard in some really tough conditions, and unfortunately had to retrieve quite a few articles, but kept smiling!! Search stewards Kate Peyton and Kate Wykes laid the search squares just as I had asked, and thankfully did not have to pick up too many articles, but still it was very heavy

going most of the time. Control and Agility steward, Kate Peyton, did a superb job in faultlessly taking competitors through the round, making my part so much easier. It makes such a difference to have such a well known and respected team out in the field - you all worked very hard putting the competitors first, to give them as fair a chance as possible under at times quite difficult conditions. You were a great bunch and a pleasure to be with. On behalf of the competitors and myself, thank you all once again for your time and efforts.

Sue Ashby and Pat Herbert marked out all of the tracking fields so that the tracklayers did not get lost, and Julie Atkins and Julie Skip escorted the competitors to their tracks to make sure they did not get lost. Jan Darby was in the base welcoming competitors, booking in, and doing the score sheets - always nice to have a smiley face to greet you. Di Assheton-Bowtle, Dot Levin, Kate Wykes, and Gill Shrimpton did a splendid job in the kitchen, much appreciated by everyone.

Thanks to John Wykes for sorting out the tracking land; it must have been very close that due to the weather the trial was not cancelled. Without all of these people nothing would really happen – thank you all yet again.

Tracking was on sparse winter wheat, very wet in places. The weather over the seven tracking days was very mixed, with a heavy frost and sunny on Sunday, the first tracking day; Monday it rained all day, making conditions underfoot even more difficult, the rest of the week was cloudy, cold, with rain at times. The track was 1079 paces long with twenty one legs; the first article was a strip of green wellie rubber, the second half a wooden clothes peg, the last a piece of carpet. Search articles were a green rubber garden tie 3/16" diam x 2.5" long, plastic strip 0.25" x 2.5" long,

wooden dowel 3/16" diam x 2.5" long, a piece of string 6" long. Nearly all of the dogs that completed the track found three articles, but only three of these got four out of the square, but did not have a good track mark to go with them. In total twenty dogs got four out of the square; there did not seem to be a problem with any one particular article, who knows! Of the seventy three entries sixty took part, and at the end of the seven tracking days there were twenty teams with qualifying marks, six of these separated by three marks.

There was a very nice new venue for the control and agility this year, a long narrow field next to the Woodfarm Brewery. Sunday broke with a clear blue sky and a sharp frost. I set a control round that I hoped dogs and handlers would enjoy, not one to knock them out. The round started with the speak, the dogs being held by Kate while the handler joined me twenty paces away, then they were asked to get their dogs to speak. This was followed by the three paces of heelwork, then on to the sendaway. The sendaway was straight out across the field to a tree in the hedge. one hundred and ten paces away (about the same as for the UD stake), then redirect right one hundred and fifty paces along the hedge, then redirect again right one hundred and forty paces across the open field to the hedge, this was carried out very well by some dogs but caused some confusion to others. But only one dog found it a real problem. The sendaway was followed by a second speak on the move between two poles back towards the jumps. I was quite pleased with how this all went and we finished up with fifteen qualifiers overall.

1st and CC Winner Diane Ling and DEBEN LITTLE TOM, GSD X, 204, Q TDEx. Track 98, Arts 30, Search 26, Control 31, Agility 19. As I understand

it, and subject to Kennel Club approval, this makes Tom up into a Working Trials Champion. Looking back over their trials record this team must be hard to beat. Tom tracked on Saturday and came off with the highest track marks of the trial; this was followed up with a good solid control and agility round on Sunday, making this team very worthy winners. Well done and good luck for the future.

2nd and Reserve CC Winner Tony Lockyer and WTCh DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, 202.5, Q TDEx. 95.5, 30, 26, 31, 20. Tony and Gyp tracked on Sunday and, as it turned out, one of the few dogs to get round in that field - it certainly showed Gyp's class as a tracking dog. A very good control and agility round made for a very good all round performance again for this team.

3rd Gary Haim and WTCh WAGGERLAND DILEMMA, WSD, 200.5, Q TDEx. 93, 30, 26, 31.5, 20. Gary and Flynn are certainly on a roll at the moment - tracked on Saturday and made a good job of it, then did one of the best C/A rounds. Keep it up, well done.

4th Sue Ashby and WTCh THE TITAN, WSD, 199.5, Q TDEx. 96, 30, 26, 27.5, 20. One of the most consistently successful teams in Ticket at the moment and, apart from a misunderstanding on the sendaway, continued to show how it's done. A pleasure to judge - well done.

Also Qualifying TDEx

Tony Lockyer and WTCh LAWINICK COME AND GET IT AT HARTSHILL, GSD, 197

Gary Haim and LAWINICK STILL OF THE NIGHT, GSD, 195.5

Anne Shepherd and LITTLE MISS LOTTIE, X-Breed, 195 - also best nosework trophy

Maureen Regan and WILLOWMEG FRA-

TEAS AT KIRLZEGAN, GSD, 189.5

John Wykes and KIPCROFT RED KYLE
OF TARNFORCE, BC, 189

Paul Bryan and KIPCROFT ETERNAL
FLAME AT BRYNBOURNE, BC, 188
Jill Carruthers and VOMKYNA DARCA,
GSD, 188

Janette Sayer and TAZ OF HOLLOW-
GATE WSD, 187, also best control trophy
Paul Adams and SHERINGEM GLYNN,
BC, 184

Rita Banfather and NICOLEE TRUE
GRIT OF BANNERSWAY, GSD, 184

Yvonne Carpenter and HEX AT CAR-
FELD, BC, 182.5

With so many disappointments on the
tracking fields this year let's hope it will be
better next year.

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ASPADS OPEN TRIAL

Nov 17th 2012
Tillmouth

STAKES: CD AND SPECIAL VET- ERAN

Judge: PAM CUTHBERT
Tracklayers: Stevie and Jo
Steward: Anna

Many thanks to ASPADS for inviting me
to judge. Our trials manager, Jackie Suck-
ling, defied the weathermen to arrange a
cold but sunny day ideal for a trial. Thanks
to Anna, my steward, who did a fantastic
job on her 1st time out - great company -
and to Paul and others in the kitchen for
perfect bacon butties.

CD STAKE:

In CD 3 entered and we had 1 qualifier.

1st Lorraine Porteous and RANNAH,
Dobe, 95, Q. Not an easy dog to handle as
she is so excitable; she could easily bubble
over but Lorraine handled her beautifully
in a lovely calm controlled manner to pro-
duce an excellent round. A well deserved
qualification.

2nd Patricia Templeton and FRANK-
IE, FC x Lab, 79.5, NQ. A lovely lad, Pa-
tricia. He did a beautiful round for you,
just the scale letting you down.

3rd Maureen Keel and QUINKY,
Schnauzer, 66.5, NQ. He is such a wee
character. Stays and jumps to be worked
on, but you're getting there.

SPECIAL VETERAN:

Thanks to Stevie and Jo for laying the
tracks and to Anna again for the squares.
Wow, these dogs had not forgotten their
jobs! It was a joy to watch them.

1st Brian Glasgow, ROCCO, age
8. Fab track, just the last 2 legs had you
working hard, and a full mark square. Well
done.

2nd Fran Atkin, BRECON, age 10.
Another brilliant track, round on rails, and
looked like he wanted to keep going.

3rd Bridgette Montague, PEGS, age
9.5, nearly 10. Again, the tracking was
lovely; good square apart from Pegs 'Tena
Lady' moment - but after all I'm nearly 10.

4th Doug Shearer, ALFIE, age 6. So
fast and accurate round the track. He took
one corner so quickly that Doug nearly got
wrapped in his line. Alfie got all the arti-
cles out the square, or so we thought, but
had picked up a piece of stubble next to the
article!

5th Rachel Henderson, BUZZ, age 9. Buzz still knows what to do, as does Rachel, running round the square to put Buzz into the uncovered corner. Well done.

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NWWTs OPEN TRIAL

21 – 25 November 2012
Lower Withington

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Many thanks again to Elizabeth Woolterton and Skinners Pet Food for sponsoring the North West Open Trial 2012. North West Trial got off to a bad start, with heavy rain causing lots of accidents on the motorways, making tracklayers late getting caught up in the traffic jams all around the area; it also made some competitors late for their report times. It's a good job we had Kim Astbury on hand to lay the first five tracks - Kim did a great job laying all the early tracks, getting up at 5am on all five days. Soon after the reports were due the phone started to ring and never seemed to stop; it just seemed to be one thing after another. I suppose I came to expect it to run smoothly, after the last few years when we had lots of land available. This year the landowners have ploughed a lot of their land up, in fact enough for eleven tracks, and that, coupled with a lot of land waterlogged, left land at a premium.

The judges set their tests that were well within the capabilities, but for whatever reason it just did not happen for a lot of the dogs. Given the conditions I think – NO, I know - my teams did a GREAT job in the bad weather. And when people are getting up at 5am to lay tracks for nothing so that you, the competitor, can enjoy this great

sport I would expect you to thank them regardless of the outcome, whether you get around or not, but seemingly some people think if they fail its always someone else's fault if they don't get success. Anyway, gripe over.

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the trial, no matter how small a role they played. And to the competitors who braved the conditions to get to the North West Trial - thank you.

RAY LEA

STAKE UD

Judge: JACKIE DYKES

Tracklayers: Gail Gwesyn-Pryce, Chris Davies, Dave Stretch, Arthur Ball and Martyn Willcock

Steward: Gill Armstrong

Thanks to the NWWTs for asking me to judge this stake; Gill and I enjoyed doing it and we had reasonably kind weather. Thanks go to Pam in the kitchen and all the people that she gets to help put food and drinks in front of you at every opportunity. Thanks to Judith at base, and Hazel who is always there to help everybody. To Ray, our trials manager (who definitely went slightly greyer during this trial!), for all the assistance he gives to one and all, and for managing to keep everything together under very difficult conditions. Thank you to all the tracklayers, Gail Gwesyn-Pryce, Chris Davies, Dave Stretch, Arthur Ball and Martyn Willcock, also to Sue Ashley and Terry Austin for helping with the gate during stays. My main thanks go to Gill for stewarding with me, also for all the work she puts in before and during the trial. There were 28 entries, 20 handlers and dogs worked, with 8 qualifiers.

1st Phil Talbot with TRACELYN NEIL DIAMOND, GSD, 194, Q. What a lovely round by Hugo and Phil, who, I am sure, will move through very quickly if they continue to work together like this.

2nd Shirley Simpson with WESTMIDS KYRE, GSD, 189, Q. There were two dogs on this score; Shirley and Lynx were awarded 2nd place as we were unable to do a runoff. Lynx was another GSD that worked very neatly - well done.

3rd Sue Jones with DURSTONE BRYN, WSD, 189, Q. It was a pleasure to watch you both work - congratulations.

4th Emily Arch with JASPER THE COWPE CRUSADER, WSD, 186.5, Q. A good steady round which got you a place as well as your qualification, I am sure you were pleased with him, Emily.

Also qualified:

Dave Craven with QUIZ-IS SOMETHING SPECIAL, 165.5

Julz Findeisen with BANDAITCH DIRTY HARRY, 183

Kevin Johnson with VOMKYNA ECHO, 185.5

Fran Lucas with POLLGINA MILLBURN MAX, 185 - they also won the Trophy for the Best Gundog at the trial.

Thanks to all the competitors; you were a great bunch of people and I hope you enjoyed the experience as much as I did.

On a personal note I would like to thank Kim Astbury, who not only is Secretary, but a very good tracklayer and spent the majority of the trial out in the fields, laying track after track as we were losing them one after another. Good on you, Kim.

STAKE: TD

Judge: ANNE BUSSEY

Tracklayers: Kim Astbury, Jenny Holt, Dave Bell, David Stretch

Square steward: Diane Higgins

Caller stewards: Jenny Holt, Chris Davis.

My thanks to Ray Lea and the NWWTS committee for this invitation to judge. This is a great society with many willing helpers, who always seem to be around and ready to assist with any task even before being asked. Thanks to Judith Stamp and Hazel Holt for keeping things organised at base, Martyn Willcock and Jackie Hope for escorting and Pam Wadsworth and her merry gang of kitchen helpers who worked hard to put weight on me this week!

Ray did an excellent job as trials manager – not an easy task with cows on tracks, flooding affecting the arrival times of helpers and competitors, gale force winds and falling trees! My thanks go to my tracklayers, who were all diligent and meticulous in providing tracks that gave competitors the best possible chance of success in spite of the horrendous weather conditions – only to retrace their steps to recover the majority of articles! The Gold Star Award went to Kim Astbury, who was up at 5am all 5 days to lay the early tracks and laid the majority of tracks and covered when the weather conditions delayed others from getting to the trial. Kim – thank you!

I set what I thought would be any easy test with the track articles selected to be rewards for dogs who may be having their first attempt at a three hour competition track, and square articles that would not be out of place in a CD. However, the mixture of torrential rain and gale force winds made most articles elusive to most dogs.

Out of 37 entries 32 dogs worked and only

one dog qualified overall. Thank you to all the competitors who turned up to battle the elements and took their failure in good spirit – it was soul destroying for my track-layers, steward (and me), who stood there 5 days willing competitors to get round. You were great – all except one ignorant man who could not accept his own failure and tried to blame it on other people. He would do well to learn to read his dog - it started off well but was distracted from tracking, lifted its head and tail to go sniffing along the hedge-line and he followed it! Many people work very hard to provide a TD track for you and rudeness is not well accepted in the trials community.

On a brighter note, my eleven week old puppy would like to thank everyone who fed and cared for him whilst his proper Mummy (me) neglected him for 5 days! He started the week being timid and shy of people and by the end of the week was mugging all and sundry in the base begging for food! Thank you all so much for helping to socialise Minstrel, he now wears his NWWTS badge with pride.

On to the results - there was only one qualifier in the nosework section, fortunately this dog went on to qualify overall and to win the stake. Only nine dogs got over 50% of track marks so if that was you – well done. Only 3 dogs got 4 out of the square but these were dogs who had not got round the track. Many competitors whose dogs had not qualified the nosework, left without attempting the C/A (understandably in such bad weather conditions). We did rush to get everything done in the few daylight hours available and in fact did end up working in moonlight! That said, I was treated to a full point C/A round from John Simpson and I did witness many dogs displaying great attitude and determination to track, when in reality all scent had been eradicated from the field. I was sorry to

have to call ‘Thank you’.

1st Rosemary Smyth and BEELA-HOLT KEZZY BEAST, WSD, D, 187.5, CoM and Best Track Trophy. Many congratulations on a well-deserved win in these conditions. KEZ just kept at it and got round the track with all three articles well done! He then went on to get 2 out of the square, did a very creditable C/A and topped it all with full point agility. Thank you - you made my week!

2nd Terry Austin and MANPOL VIX-EN, GSD, B, owned by C.C. Manchester Police, NQ. ZAZZ worked a very accurate track but unfortunately did not stop for the articles. I know you were disappointed, Terry, but she really did a superb track; in any other conditions I am sure she will excel. It was just not meant to be this week.

3rd Julz Findeisen and GUNNIW-ENS ARRIVA-LA-DIVA, GSD, B, owned by Carole Hall, NQ. DIVA struggled at the beginning of the track, but then got into it and tracked right over a cross track (provided ten minutes earlier by a walker) with complete confidence. What a brilliant tracking dog! Well done, Julz – what a pity she only got one out of the square. I am sure she will do well in the future.

4th Eleanor Mestraud and WOLF-HART CRY HAVOC, GSD, B, NQ. Like many others, PURDEY did not get round the track today, but stayed to complete the other sections and take this place. Many congratulations, Eleanor.

Judge’s bloomer - said to competitor about to track, “There are three articles out there, give me a ring when you find them!”

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WESSEX WTC OPEN TRIAL

23 - 25 Nov 2012
Upottery

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Entries were well down this year with only five PD entries and twenty in WD. Our judges this time were John Wykes and Vana Moody for PD and WD respectively. The weather was a mixed bag of conditions; Friday was dry and bright, Saturday was the wettest and windiest day imaginable, Sunday was a little better. Tracking was on extremely waterlogged grass after many weeks of rain. There was unfortunately only one qualifier in PD and two in WD. mainly due to the extreme weather conditions.

Again I would like to say a very big thank you to our farmers for allowing us the use of their land; without their cooperation and understanding our sport would not happen. Many thanks to both of our judges for giving their time and expertise; I will leave it to them to name their individual teams, but collectively I would like to thank all their track layers and stewards. Many thanks to Jacqui and Margery for supplying us with ample food and hot drinks throughout the trial, and thanks again to Margery for producing the Catalogues, Schedules, Certificates and Prize Cards. Thanks also to Liz for escorting etc.

Finally my last vote of thanks must go to the competitors for their understanding and acceptance of the foul weather conditions gracefully. Congratulations to the qualifiers and I wish you good luck at your future trials.

BRIAN RISTE

STAKE: WD

Judge: VANA MOODY

Tracklayers: John West, Lindsey Poole

Steward: Fri/Sat - Mary Hansell; Sun - Fiona Britten (Leona!!!)

Thank you to Wessex for inviting me to judge at one of my favourite trials. Brian Riste, as usual, organised well, coping with numerous cancellations, mainly due to the appalling wet weather.

John and Lindsey were great company, laying tracks as I wanted them and Lindsey also stewarded C/A on Sunday. Mary was an excellent square and C/A steward on Friday and Saturday (1st time squares), as was Fiona doing squares on Sunday. Thank you for your time. Thank you, Lindsey, for letting me and the 'littlie' stay with you - she loved it, other than the swim!!!!

Jacqui, Margery, Alan and Barbara ran the super efficient kitchen - delicious.

Due to the weather we only worked 9 out of 20 entries, with just two qualifiers. Conditions were tough.

1st Tony Lockyer, TRIPLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, 191, Q. A very gentle dog wanting to please. Well done.

2nd Barbara Riste, BALNAKEIL BEINN TARSUINN, Gordon Setter, 184, Q. Good overall performance, nice to watch. Well done

3rd Hayley Woodcock, SAMDAIS LITTLE STAR, BC, 185, NQ. Something well spooked Star this time in the control - a shame after losing only 0.5 on the nose-work. Better luck next time

4th Pippa Bentham, MY BILLIE, WSD, 158, NQ. Hard luck, only 1 out of the square cost the qualification. Good luck next time

Thank you all allowing me to judge your dogs. To those not making it this time, it

won't be long

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ESSEX WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

23rd – 25th November 2012
Danbury, Essex

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Many thanks to our judges, Moira Rogerson (PD), Caroline Martin (WD), Belinda Spensley (UD) and Ann Wright (CD), who judged in a multitude of weather conditions; it changed from a lovely sunny day on the Friday to torrential rain on the Saturday to high winds on the Sunday! When I got to the base the marquee had moved 8 inches and the door panel had come undone in the wind, which meant the inside of the marquee was in a total mess. I had to call the marquee people in at 7.00am to stake the thing back in the ground again - thank god the toilets stayed in place!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped at the trial, especially my mum and aunt, who stepped in to help in the kitchen, due to Wendy having shoulder surgery; considering that they were thrown in at the deep end they did superbly and have asked if they can help at our Open trial! (This must be where my madness comes from!) My tracklayers came from far and wide - many thanks to you all, you make it a pleasure to do the job; I point you in the direction of the fields and off you go - thank you. I must say a special thank you to Jan and Jim Sewell, who came down from Lincoln to help with just two days' notice! What would we do if not for friends like you?

Well done to those who qualified, and good luck to everyone in the future.

PENNY BANN

STAKE: UD

Judge: BELINDA SPENSLEY

Tracklayers: Karen Warner, Jim Sewell, Jane Gray

Square Steward: Elaine Michaels

Steward: Karen Warner

Catering: Lilene and Gwen + Jan Vallock and Jackie Self for the scrummy cakes

Thank you to Essex 2000 for asking me to judge the UD Championship, which was held over two days with a total of 11 competitors. Also thanks to the Essex Police Dog Section, who were planning to hold their yearly trials the same week; to help us out they held theirs the following week and had atrocious weather ... ooops!

All my team were enthusiastic and professional, giving the competitors every opportunity to do their best and hopefully qualify. Surprisingly there were only two qualifiers, as the standard was generally good but the control section took its toll, although most of the dogs did well in the nosework. The marks speak for themselves.

As usual, the trial went very smoothly and all in all we were lucky with the weather, as the following day the roads around the tracking ground were impassable by flooding. Despite all the previous rain, the tracking ground is well drained and most of the dogs went round easily on the well grown winter wheat.

The track pattern was fairly simple and included one sharp angle back towards the end. The articles were substantial and appropriate to the stake, being a 3" piece of thick yellow wire and at the end a 3" x 2"

part of a leather and fabric belt.
Thank you to the competitors for accepting my decisions and good luck in the future.

1st Dianne Whiting with SHELTY-SHAM SO ESOTERIC, CDEx, BC, 187.5, Q. Excellent all round dog, who in addition to Working Trials also works sheep. He did seem a bit surprised to see a field of them close by on the heelwork but once he'd had a look, he did a beautiful control round. Well done!

2nd Paul Morling with THORNEFLEET PAPRIKA, CDEx, Cocker Spaniel, 180.5, Q. Happy little dog with a permanently waggy tail, who clearly enjoys working and is a great ambassador for smaller breeds in the sport. They get my vote!

3rd Graham Taylor with GERONIMO BATES, WSD, 184.5, NQ. I don't remember seeing a dog so focused and methodical in the search square; really well handled by Graham, who allowed him to do his job. So unlucky with the jumps today.

4th Sue Redshaw with MEADOW-SHOT MACGRAW, Labrador, 183, NQ. Fabulous track, another methodical working dog; unlucky today with the control.

STAKE: WD

Judge: CAROLINE MARTIN

Stewards: Angela Clarke, Amanda Pollard

Tracklayers: Mick Head, Les Allen, Jim Sewell, Lee Kane

I would like to thank Essex Working Trials Society - 2000 for inviting me to judge their WD Championship this year. Penny Bann and the Essex team worked extremely hard to make sure both helpers and competitors enjoyed the trial despite the adverse weath-

er conditions, and the lovely comments I heard were testament to this.

I would like to thank tracklayers Mick, Les, Jim and Lee for giving up their time and doing such a grand job. It was very wet and I really appreciated all your help. The "A" team, that's Angela and Amanda, were both stewarding for the first time at a trial. Thank you both for your time, company and most of all your conscientiousness. You were both brilliant.

The setting for this trial is perfect and many thanks must go to the Speakman family for their generosity in letting us have access to their beautiful grounds. It was lovely of Penny's family to take on the catering challenge this year, so many thanks to "Mum" and "Aunt Lilly" for all their hard work in the kitchen!

Tracking was on winter wheat with a fair amount of growth, although it was very wet. There were 12 entries in WD, 10 worked and 5 teams qualified. Track articles were a piece of brown vinyl and a piece of green rubber underlay at the end. Square articles were green garden cane, scourer, brown underlay and a green plastic bottle top.

1st Heather Cook with LOOKY-LOOKY LIFE N SOUL, WSD, 191.5, Q. A well deserved win with superb nosework and the only dog to gain full marks for the sendaway. Conditions were awful for stays but Jaxon was a real star. Good luck in 2013.

2nd Alan Sword with MANPOL SPECIAL EDITION, GSD, 187.5, Q. Super job on the track with all articles found and in the square too. Perfect agility and Ziggy was very pleased with himself. Well done and best of luck.

3rd Penny Bellis with SHILLINGTON JASMINE, X-Breed, 185, Q. Penny's handling with lively young Jaz

was spot on. Stays in awful pouring rain too. Good luck with future trials.

4th Jane Wood with LUDGATE POWER 'N' GLORY, BC, 184.5, Q. Good nosework and all articles meant Lenny just pipped Danny to fourth place. A very smart control round. Well done.

Also qualified:

Sue Russell with GLENALPINE DANNY BC, 184.5. Danny did a superb track in a very wet field but was a bit too distracted by the flavoursome winter wheat in the square! He did a fantastic control round and got full marks for his agility. Great job and good luck to you both.

Thank you to all of the competitors for entering and good luck at your next trials.

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FINGAL DOG CLUB

23-26 November 2012

STAKES: CD, UD, WD, TD

Judge: BARRY GILBERT

C/A Steward: Diana Collie

Thank you, Diane, for the hospitality, Anne for managing well and all the helpers for doing a great job.

Conditions were interesting! All the tracking was done in the same big stubble field. On the Friday the TD dogs and one WD struggled to get very far on the tracks. On Saturday, however, the UD dogs managed to track nicely but at 1.5 hours old the WD track seemed much more difficult. Searches were all well done. CD on Saturday afternoon saw good searches, just like the tracking stake dogs. On Sunday

the UD tracks were affected a bit by the heavy overnight rain, but Anne's dog did the best track of the stake, in spite of some fog coming and going.

Control and Agility was in a large grass field which started out wet on Friday and got wetter day by day.

CD STAKE:

Steward: Neil Lowndes

1st Anne Collen, ShCh ACHOUFFE FANTOME, SWP, 82.5, Q

UD STAKE:

Tracklayers: Caroline Woods, Diana Collie

Square Stewards: Freida Barganwath, Samantha Rawson

1st Anne Collen, ShCh ACHOUFFE FANTOME, SWP, 165 (Best Track)

2nd Edwina Dunne, FALK VON KONGISHOF, GSD, 149

3rd Neil Lowndes, THE SUCADOURA, Springer X, 149

WD STAKE:

Tracklayers Vicky Dixon, Diana Collies
Square Stewards: Mary Dolan, Freida Barganwath

1st Samantha Rawson, RYAN'S DAUGHTER, Collie/Spaniel X

TD STAKE:

Tracklayer: Anne Collen
Square Steward: Mary Dolan

1st Caroline Woods, PARAVEL ILLUSION, GSD

Well done to everyone for trying so hard, both in working their dogs and then helping tracklay, steward etc.

ASPADS OPEN TRIAL

8 – 9 Dec 2012

Enfield

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Another happy successful trial due to all the super Judges and competent, cheery team.

Tracking was on soggy stubble as tractors would sink in, so ploughing was impossible. The shepherd moved his flock so we had a control field - my thanks to him and the farmers. Lee Kane put up jumps, and took them down - thank you. Judges, Julie Atkins, Judy Meekings and Jennifer Speake; Stewards, Gary Atkins, Sheren Perez and Sandra Lewindon; Tracklayers, Lee Kane, Mark Lewindon, Rita and Steve Banfather; Base, Jan Vallack; Kitchen, Jacky Rutter, with Heather Shaw assisting on Sunday; Genine Newport for allowing us to hire the barn; which is so suitable for us mucky people; Judy Meekings for catalogues and making sure I have relevant paperwork. THANK YOU ALL from ME and the COMPETITORS for making a great trial.

VANA MOODY

STAKES: CD AND WD, UD C/A

Judge: JENNIFER SPEAKE

Steward: Sandra Lewindon

Many thanks to ASPADS for inviting me to judge and to Vana who ran the trial with her customary calm efficiency. We were lucky in the weather on both days; although cold and increasingly blowy, it remained dry. The ladies in the kitchen worked tirelessly to make sure that we had plenty to

keep us going out in the fields, and Jan Vallack coped heroically with interpreting my increasingly frozen writing on the scoresheets. A huge thank you to Sandra Lewindon, my super-efficient steward, who was my voice over the two days and made sure every competitor had the same clear instructions. Without her I would have been speechless after the first hour, thanks to a horrendous cold. Finally, thank you to the competitors; I enjoyed watching your dogs work and I hope you enjoyed the round.

CD STAKE:

3 entered; 2 ran.

1st Mrs S Main with JAZZ THE JOKER, WSD, D, 84, NQ. A young dog making a promising start to his trials career.

2nd Mrs M. Burchell with QUILTERS FARAKALIAN, ASD, D, 74, NQ. Callum worked hard for you but didn't fancy the jumps on the day.

WD AND UD C/A

Apart from the sendaway (75yds for UD, 100yds for WD, both to flagged poles) the control round was the same for both stakes. The standard varied considerably: a number of teams turned in very stylish performances, while others struggled, with dog and handler not really operating as a team. Success rate in the down stays was 14 out of 23. Jumps took their usual toll, with just 6 teams getting full marks. (Results with the nosework judges' reports.)

STAKE: UD NOSEWORK

Judge: JUDY MEEKINGS

Tracklayers: Rita and Steve Banfather

Steward: Sheren Perez

Enfield trial is one of my favourites, so I was delighted to be asked to judge UD here, especially as I knew the organisation would be first class with Vana in charge. As expected, everything ran like clockwork, although I know Vana had problems beforehand getting land, as the continuing bad weather had caused havoc for the farmers. We are therefore very grateful to them for allowing us to use their fields for our sport.

The base was run by Jan Vallack, who made everybody welcome, and who kept the scores, wrote out the certificates, and made sure all the competitors were in the right place at the right time. Many thanks, Jan. Thanks also to Jackie and Heather in the kitchen for making sure that my team were never hungry.

My tracklayers, Rita and Steve, laid every track totally accurately, in difficult wet conditions, and were rewarded by most dogs completing their tracks with their articles recovered. Sheren laid the squares perfectly, and claimed the distinction of every single article being recovered. Well done, and many thanks to you all for your efforts, and for being such good company. From 15 entries only 8 worked, and 3 of those qualified.

1st Peter Dyer with CARMELITA ELITE OF KIRKVIEW, GSD, B, 187.5, Q. After a scrappy first leg, Jez then settled and tracked confidently, recovering both articles, and followed this with a very competent square. Well done on a sparkling performance, and good luck in the higher stakes.

2nd Mary Braybrook with GAME-HEART ABERAHAMA, Cocker Spaniel, 187, Q. What a super little dog! Rags's track was a joy to watch, fast and accurate, and his search was only spoiled by an urgent call of nature. Well done, Mary, you han-

dled him beautifully.

3rd Tim Cooper with GLORIOUS GLOSTER, X-Breed, D, 179, Q. Boko didn't find the tracking easy, but worked hard and with help from Tim's sharp eyes they recovered both articles. He then found enough energy to do a very nice square. Tim and Boko really worked together as a team – very well done.

4th Sue Jones with DURSTONE BRYN, WSD, D, 172.5, NQ. Bryn worked a lovely track, with only a couple of small blips, and followed this with an almost perfect square, giving him the highest nosework marks of the stake. What a shame he didn't quite manage the C/A, but I'm sure it won't be long before he's flying up the stakes.

STAKE: WD NOSEWORK

Judge: JULIE ATKINS

Tracklayers: Lee Kane and Mark Lewindon

Square steward: Gary Atkins

Thanks to ASPADS for the invitation to judge and to Vana Moody for being a brilliant Trials Manager. I had 3 excellent companions in Lee, Mark and Gary, who all worked hard for the competitors – thanks, lads.

I really enjoyed the 2 days out in the fields with surprisingly good weather, cold but bright and no rain! The stubble made for good tracking conditions and out of seventeen dogs worked, eleven qualified the nosework and eight overall.

1st TRACELYN DANCING IN THE DARK, GSD, B, Gavin Thompson, 191, COM. Good nosework round from Gavin and Jetta; congratulations.

2nd RAVENSBROOK MAID, BC,

B, Christine Brooksby, 189.5, COM. Very neat nosework round from this team; very well done.

3rd ASTRA TZIAKA, BC, D, Debbie Williams, 179, COM. Good nosework; well done on your qualification.

4th KINGSPRIDE AURORA, GSD, B, Tony Baverstock, 178, COM. Very tidy track from this team; well done.

Also qualifying:

VONHAUSWOLF MAUD, Joyce Tibbetts, 177

WAGGERLAND THIS IS IT, Betty Briley, 175

SHELTYSHAM SO ESOTERIC, Diane Whiting, 172

MY BOY JIM, John Currie, 171.5

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**BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF IRELAND
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

25 - 27 January 2013

STAKES: TD/WD/UD/CD

Judge: JACQUI GIBNEY

If you ever get the opportunity to Judge in Ireland, it's a must do. The Irish Working Trials people are the most sociable, friendly and hospitable group of enthusiasts you could ever wish to meet. Most of them are involved in other activities/ disciplines, which means that the standard of work is good to excellent in most sections of Working Trials stakes.

Since there are only a small number of trials, and trials people, in Ireland, they all support each other's events, which helps Trials (almost) break even, and they will

enter a stake "not for competition", or to give their dogs experience of competing, even if they know their dog may not yet be ready for a qualifying certificate. Also, everyone helps in the stakes they are not entered in, so your WD tracklayer may be competing in UD tomorrow. The two exceptions are Steve Fearon and Riona Kilbride. I remember Steve as a good tracklayer from those years I ran ASPADS Oxford Trial in the 70's and 80's, and he has lost nothing of his expertise - every TD track was laid accurately - and Riona stewarded all stakes searches, and C/A. Not content with reading instructions, Riona memorises every pattern and article and every different control round. That is some feat when we were chopping and changing from one stake to another to fit in with all competitors' availability etc.

Thank you both for all your work and good company over the three days, particularly as the weather was so awful at times.

I stayed with Judith and Jeff in their lovely home; Jeff was Trials Manager, cooked our breakfast every morning, laid tracks and worked his dogs: Judith was Trials Secretary, cooked everyone's lunch, and our evening meals, laid tracks, worked her dog and did all the scores and certificates. Their kitchen doubled as base, and they shared the day to day chores as well as exercising and feeding their own and three visiting boarding dogs. Talk about a busy life!!! Thank you both for your hospitality, and all the work you both did to ensure everything ran smoothly.

The only thing we couldn't organise was the weather. We had no snow, but strong winds and driving rain persisted most of the weekend, with just a little respite now and again.

It was good to see all the competitors enjoying working their dogs, and watching everyone else work and giving moral sup-

port. Nosework was of a good standard as were most exercises in control. To the newcomers, I would suggest you watch those in TD handling their dogs, and take your time setting your dogs up for the exercises, particularly the sendaway and jumps. Thank you all for entering and accepting my decisions, and for making the trial so enjoyable.

TD STAKE:

Tracklayer: Steve Fearon

Steward Riona Kilbride

In TD there is a more competitive edge, as a Green Star is at stake, and there are some very experienced teams vying for the accolade.

1st and Green Star Judith Owens-Poole and ShCh and CIB FIRCROFT BELISIMA, Portuguese Water Dog. Jorja worked in very strong wind, and Judith displayed some excellent handling - 93/30/31.5. Good C/A, heart in mouth with no long jump, but Jorja was sound in every other exercise. Congratulations on making her into Ir WTCh, the first Porti ever! 202/220

2nd Jenny Hickey and Ch and Int Ch HAPENNY KINGFISHER, BC. Best track and good handling gave Guinness 161 for nosework. Jenny had decided to retire him at this trial, and they both went out and had fun on the C/A, as Jenny knew the jumps were too much for this 10 year old. A very creditable round.

3rd Sam Rawson and BATTERSEA'S BEST TO PELE, WSD. Good nosework, but some confusion on the sendaway today.

4th Caroline Woods and PARAVEL ILLUSION, GSD. Again, a successful nosework round, but in C/A Lyra was not a 'happy bunny.'

WD STAKE:

Tracklayer: Judith Owens Poole

Steward: Riona Kilbride

1st Jeff Poole and FIRCROFT DOMINI, BC, 184.5. Excellent nosework, and a very creditable C/A round ensured the qualification. Ziva was awarded best track. Well done.

2nd Dennis Conlon and REGANS BOY, GSD, 168.5. Good nosework from this inexperienced team, followed by a good control round; Dennis needs to improve his line handling and sendaway, and Harley will be a winner. Well done

3rd Sam Rawson and RYAN'S DAUGHTER, Collie X. Unfortunately Sassy didn't complete the track today, but she is just 2 yrs old, and I'm sure has a bright future.

UD STAKE:

Tracklayer: Jeff Poole

Steward: Riona Kilbride

7 entries, 3 ran.

1st Ed Dunne and FALK VON KONGISHOF, GSD, 175, NQ. New to trials, Alfie completed an excellent nosework round and was awarded best track. Ed handled him very well, but no sendaway. Again, I'm sure this team will have a bright future.

CD STAKE:

Only one entry worked, Cliona OToole and TIME TO TANGO, BC. Another newcomer, Tango is a very enthusiastic collie, and with a bit of experience will go far. Tango hurt her paw earlier in the day, and didn't jump, but most of the other work was sound. Continue enjoying her, Cliona - best of luck .

WORKING TRIALS CLUB OF IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

1 - 3 Feb 2013

Annagh, Gorey, Co Wexford

Judge: GRAHAM REANEY (England)

I would first like to thank the Working Trials Club of Ireland for the invitation to judge their championship trial. As with most trials, many other people are due thanks - I will apologise in advance if I inadvertently miss anyone.

First thanks go to Trials Secretary and Trials Manager, Caroline Woods and Nigel Tate, whose respective titles implied little as to the jobs they did and effort they put in to ensure the trial was a success, and I personally was given everything I could have possibly wished for.

Thanks go to my tracklayers, Caroline Woods, Anne Collen, Diana Collie, and Judith Owens-Poole - all did a first class job, giving the competitors the best chance possible. Thanks to my square steward, Douglas Tate, who laid squares in all stakes and once again did a first class job, and was constantly excellent company throughout my stay.

Thanks to my C/A steward, Nigel Tate, who did a first class job and once again was excellent company.

Thanks to Miriam Tate and Marie Waters, who both made every effort to expand my ever increasing waist line - I think with some success!

And finally thanks to the competitors, who all in their way helped to make the whole experience a very enjoyable one.

CD STAKE:

1st Vicky Dixon and RUSTIX ALI, Mali, 91.5, CDEx. Sadly the only quali-

fier, but certainly done in style. This team worked in a stylish and professional manner and will, I imagine, soon be moving up the stakes. Well done, Vicky.

UD STAKE:

1st Edwina Dunne and FALK VON KONIGSHOF, CDEx, GSD, 168 NQ. This team did the best track, and should be soon moving up the stakes.

WD STAKE:

1st Judith Owens-Poole's FIRCROFT DOMINI, CDEx, handled by Jeff Poole, 190, WDEx. A good round by this experienced handler - it was a pleasure to watch.

2nd Samantha Rawson and RYAN'S DAUGHTER, X-Breed, 181, WDEx. Another nice round from this team gave them second place.

TD STAKE:

Sorry folks. Sad to say the judge in this case needed a second attempt, so the following is after a run off.

1st Samantha Rawson and BATTERSEA'S BEST TO PELE, CDEx - TDEx, X-Breed, 200.5, Q TDEx. Strong in all areas, a well deserved ticket after the run off. I believe this makes this dog a Working Trials Champion, subject of course to Irish Kennel Club confirmation.

2nd Judith Owens Poole and Int Beau Ch. FIRCROFT BELISIMA, Portuguese Water Dog, B, 200.5, Q TDEx. Obviously another round strong in all areas from this very experienced handler, but not quite as strong today in the run off.

WORKING TRIALS TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

held at

Green Farm, Fair Oak, Eccleshall, Stafford ST21 6NT

As before, it is envisaged that this will be a “self help” training day. There will be a few experienced handlers available to assist newcomers.

All levels are welcome, if you wish to attend please email me at:

mark@workingtrialsmonthly.co.uk

with your details and the level you are at with your dog

(only needed for first time attendees)

The cost for the day is £10 which includes tea and coffee.

For further information please ring Mark or Anne on 01630 620292

BENFLEET WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN WORKING TRIAL

20th July 2013.

Hockley Community Centre, Hockley, Essex.

Introductory Stake.

Judges: Mark and Sandra Lewindon.

The Entry fee is £10.00 / £8.00 members.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2013.

Schedules from /Entries with fees to

Simon Bown, 56 Woodfield Road, Hadleigh, Essex, SS7 2EH

Tel: 01702557382/ 07949646468

TRIALS JUDGES ACCREDITATION SEMINAR IN ESSEX

On Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May 2013

Essex 2000 will be holding a Kennel Club Working Trials Judges Accreditation Seminar at the Essex Police Sports Pavilion in Chelmsford, Essex.

The cost of the Seminar will be £15 per person per day (cheques payable to Essex 2000). This price will include tea, coffee and a buffet lunch.

It's a two day seminar: Day 1 – Presentation and Exam
 Day 2 – Practical (Tracking)

If you have already taken the exam it's still possible to attend just on the Sunday and do the practical day – if you would like to go further in your judging career then you will need to attend the practical day before you are allowed to judge a "ticket" stake.

If you would like to attend the seminar or require further information please contact Penny Bann on 01245 382661 or email pbann@ford.com

GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES FOR SALE

We have 3 German Shepherd Puppies for sale, 2 dogs and 1 bitch, that were born on 28th November last year. They are now fully vaccinated and can be seen in this video taken on 28th February 2013, <http://youtu.be/uyCub1tdU84>. We are looking to find homes in a working environment as their breeding suggests that they would not be suitable in a domestic environment.

Our bitch is called Vongraf Naamite whose father is a dog called Chello Vom Banholz, a former Schutzhund 3 World Champion. He can be seen being put through his paces here <http://youtu.be/VhaN2Bhn2cY>. There are a number of other impressive videos of him on Youtube as well.

The father of the puppies is a dog called Lakatamia Tito and can be seen competing here <http://youtu.be/PBiUE3b1tcM>.

They have an impeccable working pedigree which would suggest that they will make excellent working dogs.

For more information and a copy of their pedigree please feel free to contact Denise on 07802 447315 or email: craig.steer@btinternet.com.

We are based in Kent .

**WESSEX WORKING TRIALS CLUB
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18th & 19th May 2013

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For further details and Booking please contact

Barbara Riste on Tel 01460 56126

Payment with bookings (Cheques made payable to Wessex WTC)

**SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Sunday 19 May 2013
Lauder, Berwickshire, TD2 6SR

Judges:	PD Stake	John Wykes
	WD Stake	Jill Carruthers
	UD Stake	Bill Mackie
	CD Stake	Roy Drummer
	Vet Stake	Roy Drummer
	Intro	Lorna Cottier

Entry Fees
Tracking Stakes £18 (£16 members) CD £14.00 (£12.00 members)
Intro £10.00 Vet £5.00

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2013

Entries to / Schedules From:
Lorna Cottier, 5 Hillside Gardens Dolphinton
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01968 682218

**WESSEX WORKING TRIALS CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

On 24th June – 30th June 2013
Aller Farm, Upottery, Devon. EX14 9PL

Judges:	Patrol Dog Stake	Jeff Poole
	Working Dog Stake	Judith Owens Poole
	Utility Dog Stake	Maureen Regan
	Companion Dog Stake	John West
	Veteran Stake	Tony Lockyer

Entry Fees: PD Stake £20.00
WD & UD Stakes - £18.00 CD & Vet - £12.00
(£1.00 reduction for Wessex WTC members)

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 20th MAY 2013

Schedules from/Entries with fees sent to:
Trials Manager: Brian Riste, 126 Henson Park, Chard, Somerset. TA20 1NJ.
Tel No: 01460 65126
Please enclose a S.A.E



ASPADS WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

OPEN WORKING TRIAL

At: Scarborough, ending on Sunday 12 May 2013

Judges

TD	Vana Moody
WD	Dave Olley
UD & Intro	Sheila Margreaves

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 10 APRIL 2013

Entries with entry fee (**Please Enclose SAE**) to:

Tom Mills, Brook Farm, Weaverthorpe, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 8EY
Tel: 01944 738513

CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

At: Scarborough, ending on Sunday 4 August 2013

Judges

TD	Ann Bedford
WD	Lorraine Wilson
UD	Liz de Unger
CD	Suzanne Plumb

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 3 July 2013

Entries with entry fee (**Please Enclose SAE**) to:

Barry Gilbert, Lindum, Horsegate Field Road, Goxhill, North Lincolnshire, DN19 7NN
Tel: 01469 531301

Entry Fees for 2013 Trials: Tracking Stakes, £21.00 – CD, £16.00

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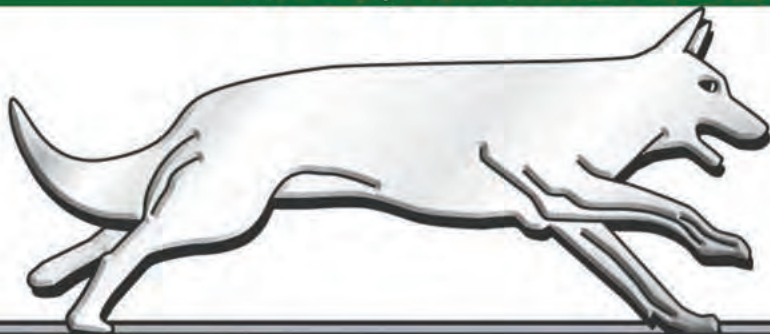
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