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Editorial

The daffodils are blooming, the hedgerows are sprouting new leaves, blossom is out on some trees. Spring is round the corner and already we see on social media that dog activity events are being advertised. Of course, some of the more hardy amongst us have been out and about over the winter partaking in our chosen dog activities - well done the Working Trials, UK Tracking Dog Association and Mantrailing folk!

We particularly have lots of pages from Working Trials this month as February/March is one of the busiest times for this sport.

We look forward to seeing the UK Dog Sports and Scent related activity people coming to life in the Spring and showing us what their sport is all about and sharing their experiences and filling our pages with interesting content.

SPECIAL FREE ISSUE

Welcome to those that are giving us a 'look see' with this special free issue of the magazine. This special issue is based on the March 2024 issue.

We hope you like what you see and would consider subscribing and/or contributing to the magazine's content.

We are passionate about encouraging dog owners to get involved in a dog activity with their pet as we believe it gives the dog a much better quality of life both mentally and physically. It also does the same for the handler!

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The Issue At A Glance

WORKING TRIALS

**10 Trials featured
over 38 pages**

UK TRACKING DOG ASSOCIATION

12 pages of Assessments

UK DOG SPORT

**As this sport's events restarted
after the winter break April and May
issues had many pages of content
from this sport.**

MANTRAILING

**In the subsequent April and May
issues we had a number of pages
featuring this sport.**

UK SCENT SPORT

**In the April and May issues we had
many pages of content from all
areas of Scent Work dog sports.**

DOG CPR BASICS

At On Track Dog Magazine we would always recommend that people enrol on a recognised canine CPR course, or talk to their vet, before a situation arises where CPR may have to be used. The following text is for information only.

We value the companionship we get from our lovely pets, especially dogs. Despite our unconditional love and care for our dogs, sometimes they catch illnesses such as cardiac arrest which qualify as medical emergencies. In a crucial situation like this, knowing how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) could save the life of our lovely dogs. Everyone needs to know what to do in emergencies like this. I will now walk you through a step by step guide on performing CPR.

CPR is a lifesaving technique involving application of chest compressions and rescue breath for oxygenation and normal blood circulation maintenance. There are specific considerations used while administering CPR to dogs due to their physical traits but first we will try to list signs of distress requiring this operation. Signs of distress include difficulty breathing, gasping, unconsciousness, pale gums and a weak or absent pulse. The basic step is to be vigilant in order to identify emergencies early and intervene promptly.

Administering CPR needs to meet individual safety and identify potential hazards in the environment. If need be, seek assistance to assist with CPR while you focus on performing compressions and rescue breaths. It is also important to have emergency supplies and veterinary care contact information.

When should CPR be performed?

It's crucial to make sure you're doing the proper thing before beginning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If the dog's heart has stopped beating for a known reason, such as electrocution, drowning, or choking, and the dog is otherwise healthy, CPR should be attempted. But if the dog has a preexisting condition or significant injuries, CPR is probably not going to work and may not be the nicest alternative. Also, make sure you're in a secure location where you can administer CPR and that you have someone to assist you get the dog to the clinic. Inadequate access to a veterinary clinic or

the presence of hazardous conditions rule out the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Here's a guide for performing CPR on a dog in their order as follows: Dog's condition assessment, initiating chest compressions, providing rescue breaths, CPR continuation and vital signs monitoring. It is important to note that CPR maintains blood circulation and oxygenation until advance medical care can be provided.

Let's start with the first step.

Dog's condition assessment

Make the dog lie on their right hand side on a flat surface, flat chested dogs should be on their back. For dogs weighing less than 5 kilograms wrap your dominant hand over its torso, thumb on top and fingers below and keep the free hand behind their back to prevent retreating of dogs. Then check for responsiveness by gently tapping or calling the dog's name. If there is no response, observe the chest movements and feel for air against your cheek in order to check for breathing. You should also assess the pulse by placing your fingers on the femoral artery located in the inner thigh.

Initiating Chest Compressions

Place the dog on its right side if possible then position yourself behind the dog's back. Locate the heart which is typically behind the elbow of the front left leg. Place one hand over the other and interlace your fingers. Finally, position your hands over the widest part of the chest and apply firm, rhythmic compressions at 100-120 compressions per minute in the case of medium to large dogs and 120-150 compressions per minute for small dogs. After compressing the chest by a third to a half let it expand to its full extent.

Rescue breaths

In an interval of 30 compressions, provide two rescue breaths to the dog. This is done by closing the dog's mouth and extending its neck until it's parallel to its back to open the airway. Next step is forming a tight seal over the dog's nose with your mouth and blowing gently until you see the chest rise. Remember to allow the air to escape before delivering the second breath. Slowly deliver the breaths to prevent air from entering the stomach. It is essential to shut the side nostrils of large dogs with your hand.

CPR continuation and vital signs monitoring

Here, alternate between chest compressions and rescue breaths in cycles of 30 compressions followed by two breaths. Continue until the dog shows the signs of breathing spontaneously, or until veterinary assistance arrives. Do not forget to periodically check for signs of circulation, such as a pulse or responsiveness.

Anatomy and physiology of dogs requires the following considerations. The first is the chest structure; narrower chest cavity and rib cage structure needs chest compressions of about one-third to one-half of its width to avoid injury to the dog. Secondly dog size and breed influence the force and technique of CPR, for instance, smaller dogs require gentler compressions whereas larger dogs need firmer pressure. Thirdly dogs are more susceptible to biting or vomiting during CPR. Using a makeshift muzzle or covering the dog's mouth with a cloth will prevent injury in addition to clearing the airway of any obstructions or fluids that may prevent breathing. Also while monitoring vital signs such as breathing and responsiveness it is important to adjust the intensity and frequency of compressions and breaths based on the dog's conditions and response. In addition, risk of fatigue can be reduced by rotating rescuers every few minutes in order to maintain the effectiveness of the technique. Finally, seeking veterinary care is essential to access potential underlying medical conditions, monitor for complications and proper follow-up care for dogs.

Register with a vet

Exceptional veterinary care, preventative medicine, and vigilant owners who recognise the first indications of sickness have contributed to the improved longevity and health of dogs. Pet owners should be prudent to take time finding a vet who will look after their health. Veterinarians are a vital part of any healthy family, so it's important to choose one with the same care and consideration as you would a physician or dentist. Consider the things that mean the most to you. Factors to consider when choosing a vet include proximity to home or work, availability during emergency situations, convenient payments, and a comprehensive list of services. The chosen veterinarian will keep a permanent record of your pet's health, including not illnesses, surgeries, drug responses, immunisations, and test results, preventive meds, deworming, and monitoring your pet's weight. Based on your pet's specific

requirements and illness risks, he or she will also recommend a preventative care regimen to help keep your pet healthy.

This article was commissioned by On Track Dog Magazine from a qualified Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from outside the UK

Below is a link to a Dog CPR video on Youtube

https://youtu.be/11d88s_iEUK?si=fIFCr5zvUyB1bmDg

At On Track Dog Magazine we would always recommend that people enrol on a recognised canine First Aid course to be ready for any kind of medical emergency involving their pet.

Always get the animal to a vet as soon as possible when medical emergencies arise.

Choking

Symptoms of choking can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Excessive pawing at the mouth
- Choking sounds when breathing or coughing
- Blue lips or tongue

How to remove the blockage

If your dog is choking look into their mouth to see if anything is visible. If you see something then gently try to remove it but be careful not to push it further down their throat or be bitten.

If your pet collapses or you can't remove the object then place both hands on the side of your dog's rib cage and apply firm, quick pressure, or lay them on their side and strike the rib cage firmly with the palm of your hand three or four times. Repeat until it dislodges or you arrive at the vets.

RSPCA website

Retrieve Problems

Excerpts from 'In Tune with your Dog' by John Rogerson

1. Dog anticipates handler's command to retrieve

Cure

Simply get someone to stand several yards away from you and give your controlling command. Throw the retrieve article, and each time the dog breaks his position have the helper pick up the article, thereby denying the dog the opportunity to retrieve it. After several sessions the dog should learn that moving before the retrieve command is given means that it can never get the article. In competition you will generally have a judge/steward standing somewhere near where the article is thrown, thus maintaining the association in the dog's mind.

2. Dog is very slow in returning after pick-up of article.

Cure

Too much compulsion has been used to get a straight present. Forget about the dog's position in front and simply turn and run away as the dog picks up the article to recreate the dog's enthusiasm to return. The same technique should be adopted on a similar recall problem.

3. Dog brings the article in but drops it in front as it sits.

Cure

Practise only the last yards the dog's return with the article using the lead to maintain control. Leave the dog in the stand position with the article in its mouth, and back away only a yard. Call the dog, using the lead under his bottom jaw to prevent the dog releasing its grip. Command 'Sit' and ensure that you encourage the dog as it moves into this position. If the dog attempts to release its hold as it sits, growl 'Bah' at it. Do not let it drop the article. Praise as soon as the dog is sitting. Leave the article in the dog's mouth and repeat the process several times

4. Dog picks article up but will not return with it.

Cure

Forget the retrieve and practise the free-running recall.

5. Dog pounces on the article, knocking it forward in the process.

Cure

Either put the dog on a length of fine line and give it a little check as it approaches the article in order to slow it down, or always throw the article so it lands against a barrier (wall, fence etc)

6. Dog chews the article as it returns.

Cure

Re-teach the 'Hold' from the beginning. A dog only chews because the handler over emphasised the enthusiasm or play aspect of the exercise.



Competitor taking a Dumb-Bell on the Retrieve exercise at a BAGSD Open Working Trial

Refusing Jumps

I guess that most of us who have had to train our dogs on agility equipment have at sometime had our dog/dogs refuse a jump. This can be frustrating but very often there is a reason the dog refuses the particular jump, and this can get worse over time if we are not careful. I had a dog, a Border Collie called Cesan, who used to sail over the Long Jump in Working Trials in his early trials career. I have a lovely photograph of him effortlessly going over the Long Jump when he qualified his CDex at a Wessex WTC Championship trial. Shortly after that trial he came down heavily on the last element and that was enough to put him off that jump forever! No matter how careful I was in re-training this exercise it got to a stage where he did not even want to enter the Control Field, so he was retired from competition but became a much loved pet.

There follows an extract from the book 'Jumping from A-Z' by Christine Zink, on this subject. This is a great book for all dog handlers that have to train on agility equipment and is thoroughly recommended.

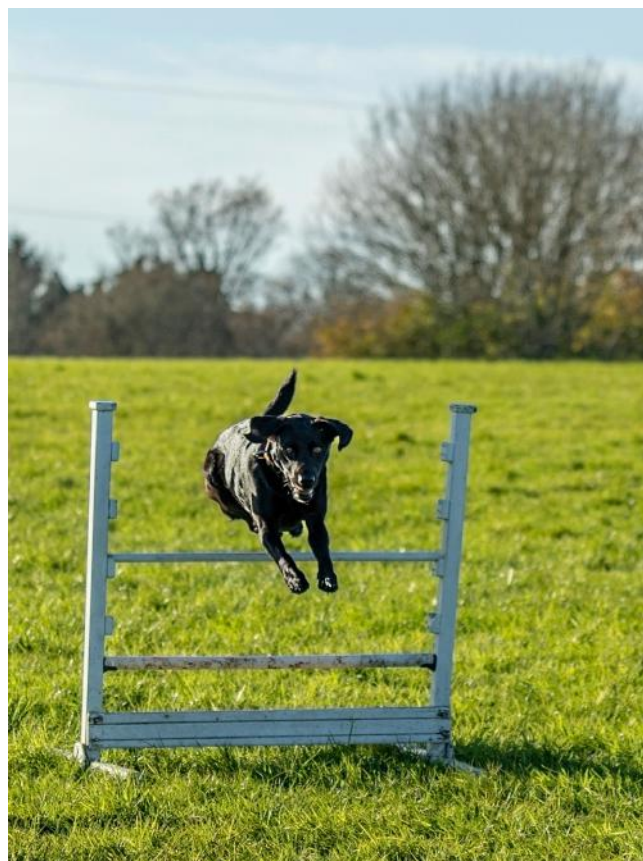
'Refusing is often due to a physical problem but is always a confidence problem. The dogs who 'just say no' are really trying to say, 'I can't'. The vast majority of handlers assume their dogs are saying 'I won't'. Force can sometimes get the job done, but it does lasting damage to trust and enthusiasm, not to mention to the body if the dog is hurting.

A dog who is simply forced to jump when it refuses seldom progresses to smooth sailing over as a result; stutter-stepping, popping jumps and knock downs are more likely. That alone speaks in favour of patience and re schooling rather than punishment to solve this problem. It is extremely important information for you if your dog refuses. Stop what you are doing and find out why.'

Christine Zink goes on to write 'This is one of those prime areas where shortcuts now mean gremlins later.'

The lesson here is to go back to the beginning and re-train the exercise as though this is the first time you have trained this exercise with this dog.

You can never force a dog to do an exercise that the dog has no confidence in. Look at ways where you can rebuild that confidence.



***Clear Jump in a UKDS event
Photo by Marie Patchell***



***Clear Jump in a Working Trial event
Photo by Sue James***

Book Review

Click to Calm Healing the Aggressive Dog

By Emma Parsons APDT, NADOI

(A Karen Prior Clicker Book)

Positive Answers for the Aggressive Dog

The dog that bites. The dog that attacks other dogs. The dog who may not survive his own aggressive behaviour. What can be done to help these dogs?

When Emma Parsons, canine behaviour consultant, discovered that her own dog was aggressive, she developed innovative and effective strategies to calm, alter, and reshape his reactive displays, and those of clients dogs.

Now Parson's strategies - all grounded in positive reinforcement - are available to everyone in *Click to Calm: Healing the Aggressive Dog*. With more than 40 clear exercises, presented in an easy-to-follow "training recipe" format, *Click to Calm* teaches both pet owners and experienced trainers how to:

- **Desensitise your dog to approaching strange dogs**
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- **Teach your dog perform canine calming signals on cue**
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Plus many more creative and effective uses of managing behaviour through positive reinforcement and clicker training.

Full of remarkable insights and practical information, *Click to Calm* holds the answers for anyone faced with this most challenging behaviour problem.

The above text is quoted from the back cover of Emma Parsons book.

The book consists of six chapters:

Chapter 1: Clicker Home Management

Chapter 2: Laying the Groundwork: Foundation Behaviours

Chapter 3: The Process of Clicking with an Aggressive Dog

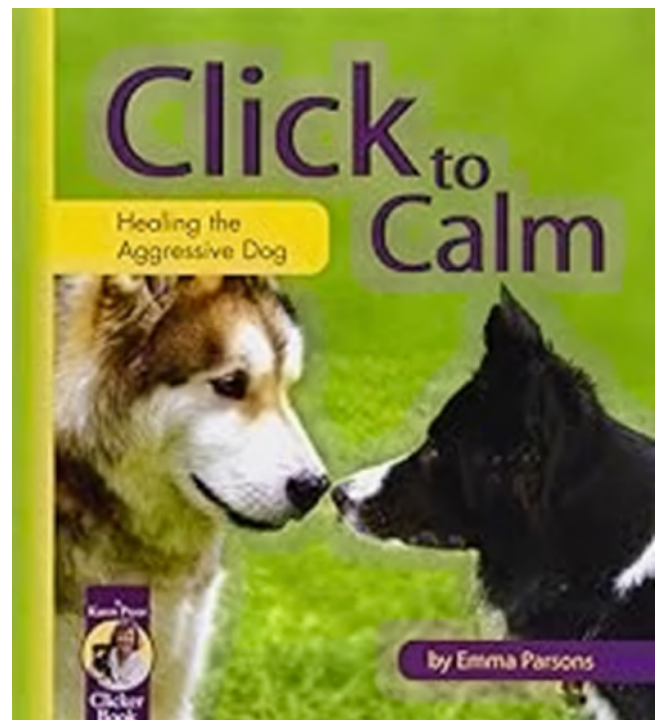
Chapter 4: Canine Interaction; A Foreign Language

Chapter 5: Clicker Management for the Multiple Dog Household

Chapter 6: Treating a dog that is Aggressive toward People

Plus an Appendix with Resources

This is an easy to read book with good size print so you do not have to struggle to read the text. The information is laid out in an easy to follow pattern and is thoroughly recommended for those looking for an answer to their own dog's problems or for those who want to know more about treating aggressive behaviours in dogs,



Available At Amazon UK

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£ 7.46 Kindle

A new 2021 *Click to Calm - Solutions for All Dogs in a Challenging World*
Is available on Amazon UK

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£11.43 Kindle

Jo McQuat's GSD 'Asian' - Gained another Tracking Dog Excellent (TDex)
At Yorkshire Working Trials Society's Championship Working Trial
Held near Wakefield



WORKING TRIALS

On Track Dog Magazine has produced a comprehensive flip-page eBooklet about Working Trials from details supplied by WT Enthusiasts -

[‘What Are Working Trials’](#)

Download for Free now!

Note:

Working Trials was the original dog activity sport developed in the UK. It was people from this sport who started Obedience competitions and later people from Working Trials put together the first public Agility rounds.

Working Trials is a multi-discipline sport with Nosework, Obedience and Agility elements.

RECENT ‘TICKET’ WINNERS

ASPADS - Oxford, Horspath 13 - 18 Feb

TD Stake

Barry Gilbert with WT Ch Glenalpine Makar (‘Makar’)

**North West WTS - Lower Withington
23-25 February 24**

PD Stake

Kevn Hill with Korbach Baxiva

**Yorkshire WTS - Wakefield
28 Feb - 03 Mar 24**

TD Stake

Jayne Lewis wirh Wren

NEWS FROM THE KENNEL CLUB



ANNOUNCEMENT

There are currently no new Working Trials announcements from the Kennel Club



A couple of pics from the 2013 Kennel Club Working Trials Championships

WORKING TRIALS CALENDAR - 2024

WORKING TRIALS

SOCIETY	DATE	TYPE	ENTRIES CLOSE	STAKES
Iceni WTC	15 - 17 Mar	Open	Closed	UD WD TD PD
Hampshire WTS	18 - 23 Mar	Open	Closed	CD UD WD TD
East Anglian WTS	20 -24 Mar	Champ.	Closed	CD UD WD TD PD Sp
BAGSD Tewkesbury	26 - 30 Mar	Champ.	Closed	CD UD WD TD Sp
Yorkshire WTS	29 - 31 Mar	Open	Closed	CD UD WD TD PD
Iceni WTC	10 - 14 Apr	Champ.	19 Mar 24	CD UD WD TD PD
Banbury & District DTS	13 - 14 Apr	Open	13 Mar 24	UD WD TD Sp
Surrey DTS	19 - 21 Apr	Champ.	19 Mar 24	CD UD WD TD
Scottish WTS	19 - 21 Apr	Champ.	26 Mar 24	CD UD WD
Scottish WTS	19 - 21 Apr	Open	26 Mar 24	TD PD
Midland Counties GSDA	26 -28 Apr	Open	5 Apr 24	UD WD TD
Wessex WTC	17 - 19 June	Open	15 May	UD WD TD Sp
Wessex WTC	19 - 23 June	Champ.	15 May 24	CD UD WD TD
For Info on Results, Judges Reports and Schedules go to www.workingtrials.info				



SATS Open Trial 2-4th Feb 2024

**Held at High Drive Club, Newchapel, Lingfield,
and Tickeridge Farm West Hoathly**

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

The committee was pleasantly surprised at the big entry. 7 dogs were entered in PD, one scratched. 19 dogs were entered in TD, with one scratch. Tracking was on grass, the weather was mainly overcast.

This was the first time SATS had used Tickeridge farm for tracking land; we are extremely grateful to farmers Kim and Ben Bayne for allowing us on their land. The farm is a cattle farm, and so the cattle were in barns and the pasture hadn't been grazed over the winter, making tracking conditions ideal. 12/19 dogs completed the track.

Our base was the field shelter at High Drive training club- very basic, but we did have a portaloos! The field was ideal for the Control and Patrol rounds.

My thanks to the Judges: Les Theobald for TD, Dave Clark for PD, and Mick Tustain for Control in both stakes.

Track layers were Stan Ford, Lee Kane, Lee Olzynska and Jane Clarke for TD; Les Theobald, Sharon Carter and Lorraine Jack for PD. TD squares were laid by Chris Theobald, PD squares by Sue Atkin. Lynne Watkins stewarded for both stakes. Mick Tustain stewarded the PD round, the PD helpers were Jack Durling, Julian Smith, and Rob Murrell.

My thanks to you all, and to those who brought cakes, especially Lorraine Jack who also brought homemade soup each day.

Frances Webb organised catalogues, Elaine Morris helped at the base, and other club members, Paul Merritt, Reg Saker, helped with moving equipment. Steve Osborne manned the gates, Bob Cooke organised car parking. Thank you all.



An audience with ?



TD Stake Track Articles



SATS OPEN TRIAL - Cont'd



TD & PD CONTROL

PD and TD control, Judge Mick Tustain, steward Lynne Watkins

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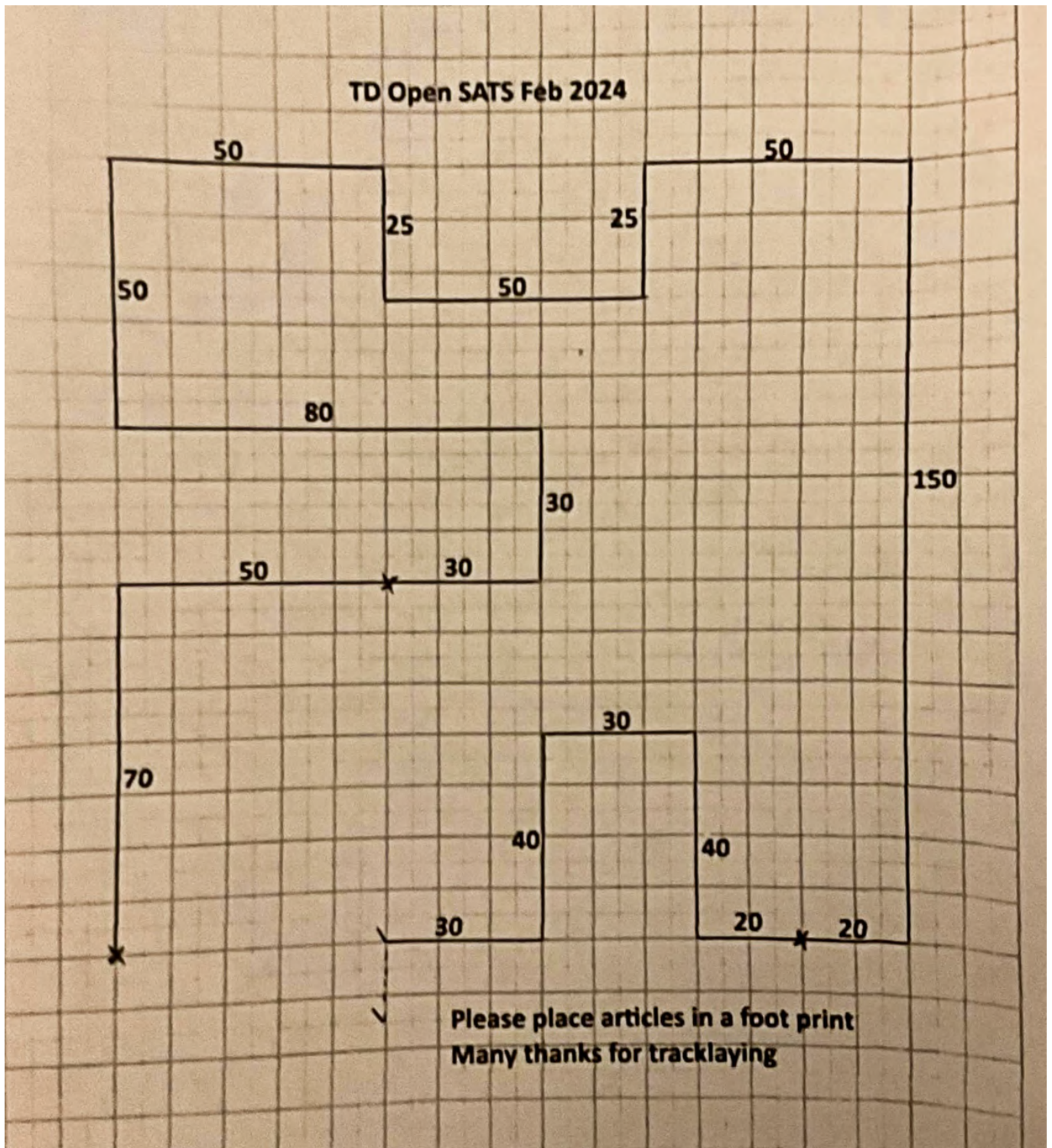
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Lynne Watkins stewarded for both stakes, thank you Lynne. Thank you to all the club members who helped at the control field and at the base, and to those who donated cakes and soup.

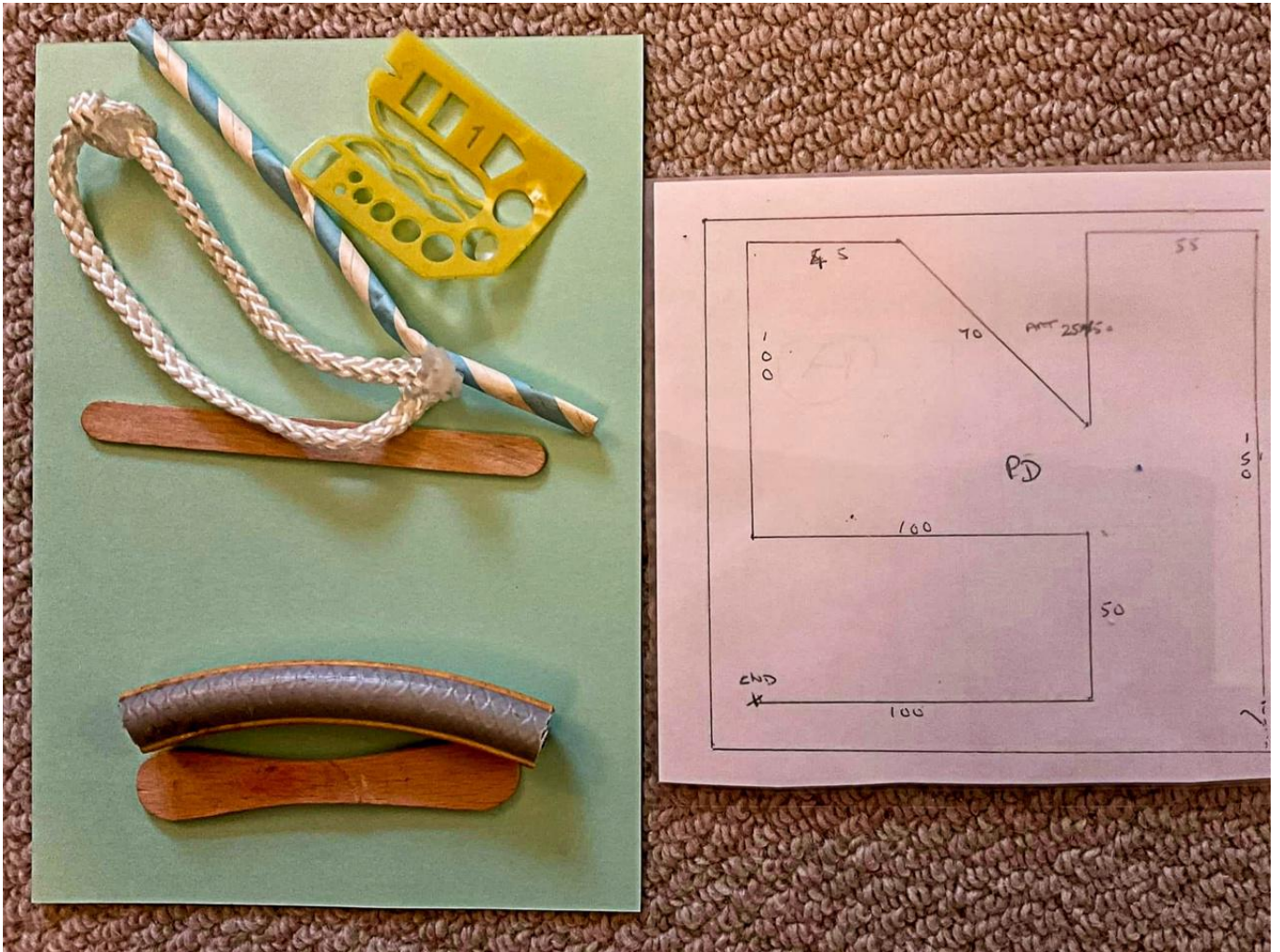


SATS OPEN TRIAL - Cont'd



TD TRACK PATTERN

SATS OPEN TRIAL - Cont'd



PD STAKE TRACK PATTERN, SQUARE & TRACK ARTICLES



SATS OPEN TRIAL - Cont'd



RESULTS

TD STAKE

1st Diane Ling with Deadly Sin Red Element
CDEx-WDEx BSD
An excellent round from this young
Malinois.

2nd Sharon Lord with Monksgold Pearl
Divers Echo CDEx-WDEx GR
Only losing 3 marks on control, well done.

3rd Sandra Lewindon with Whiterose Jyve of
Bracokeli CDEx-WDEx BC
Another excellent control round, only losing
2 ½, well done.

4th Shirley Simpson with Tee Tee Teasel CDEx-
WDEx BC
Lost ¼ point on control, a superb round.

Also qualifying:

Lorraine Jack with Rawreth Arabella Dobe
Sharon Carter with Tilly Trotter at Ivymoor XB
CDEx-WDEx
Pat Golding with Kizzie Cuddlebug CDEx-WDEx
Kelpie/Collie
Judy Meekings with Flintsfield Rifleman at
Windlebrook Lab CDEx-WDEx

PD STAKE

1st Mark Lewindon with Catello Tanya at Bracokeli
CDEx-WDEx GSD Q
Lost 3 ½ on control, a good well-controlled
round.

2nd Stan Ford with Ravenvalley Sansa CDEx-
TDEx GSD Q
An exuberant bitch, but Stan held it together.

3rd Caroline Hollis with Holegn Spotty Hooligan
WSD CDEx-WDEx NQ

4th Jane Wood with Rubiheath Ted CDEx-WDEx
NQ

Congratulations to all who qualified.

***Many thanks to Lauren Marlow for
sending in these details and photographs
that has enabled us to put this
presentation together.***



Leamington Dog Training Club Open Working Trial 10th & 11th February 2024

C&A judged by Sandra Haim

TD Nosework – Judged by Caroline Martin

1st Eleanor Mestraud with Wolfhart Little She-Wolf CDex, UDex, GSD, B,

2nd Michael Loughran with Lady Lyra CDex, UDex, WDex, X, B,

3rd Sharon Lord with Monksgold Pearl Divers Echo CDex, UDex, WDex, G Ret, B,

4th Lyndie Lothian with Perfect Pixillation CDex, UDex, WDex, WSD, D,

UD Nosework – Judged by Shirley Simpson

1st Jenny Lawrence with Callohase Arlo, HWV, D,

2nd Le Newman with Beverton Gipsy, BC, B,



TD Stake 2nd place with Judges



TD Stake Winner with Judges



Foggy conditions!



UD Stake Winner with Judges





**ASPADS - OXFORD Championship Working Trial
Held at Horspath , Oxford on 13th & 18th February 24**



WD Stake Winner with Judge

RESULTS

CD Stake - Judge: Belinda Spensley

- 1st Le Newman
- 2nd. Wendy Beasley
- 3rd. Anita Bagge
- 4th Hannah Hyslop

UD Stake - Judge: Penny Bann

- 1st Pat Herbert
- 2nd. Caroline Hollis

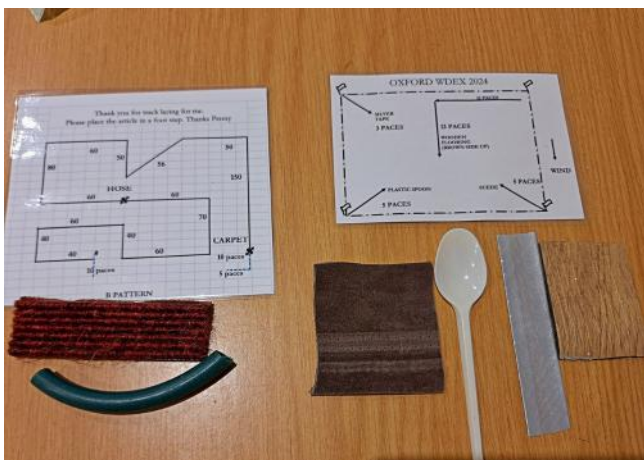
WD Stake - Judge: Penny Bann

- 1st Pat Golding
- 2nd. Claire Whiting
- 3rd. Nicky Hugo

TD Stake - Judge: Judy Meekings

- 1st Barry Gilbert
- 2nd. Caroline Martin
- 3rd. Jackie Dykes
- 4th Dean Woodcock

Apologies for lack of information and any errors - details taken from Facebook Scoresheets



WD Stake Track & Square Patterns



TD Stake Square Articles



TD Stake Winners line-up



CD Stake Winners line-up



**NECWTS Open Working Trial
Held at Northumberland Canine Centre,
Felton, Northumberland
on 16th & 18th February 24**

RESULTS

CD Stake - Judge: Pat Parkinson

1st. Lorraine Stewart

UD Stake - Judge: Dave Marchant

1st. Holly Wright

2nd John Tait - (Best Track)

3rd Roseanne Vasileidu

4th Lorraine Stewart

WD Stake - Judge: Jackie Hilton

1st. Roseanne Leatham - (Best Track)

2nd Rosemary Smyth

3rd Jenny Holt

4th Joyce Watson

TD Stake - Judge: Ray Lea

1st Sandra Lewindon

2nd Holly Wright - (Best Track)

3rd Richard Dowsland

4th Michael Loughlan

PD Stake - Judge: Dave Marchant

1st Moira Rogerson - (Best Patrol)

2nd Mark Lewindon

3rd Veronica Errington

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Weather has been kind for tracking, no wind or rain while dogs workedbut oh dear, oh dear.... the mud was horrendous for C and A!!!!

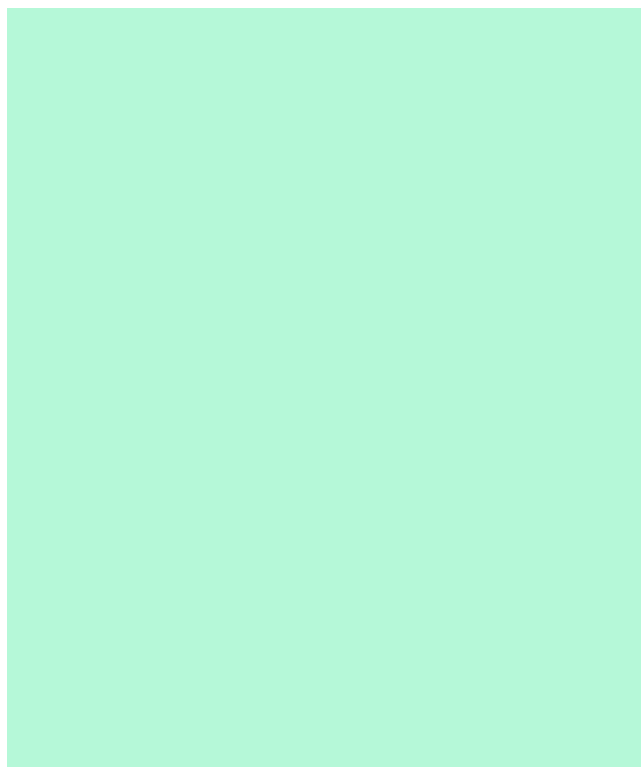


Holly Wright - UD Winner

NECWTS Open Trial - cont'd



Sandra Lewindon- TD Winner



Sorry - No Details



Surrey DTS Open Working Trial - Oakwood Hill, Surrey on 23rd - 25th February 24

RESULTS

C&A Judge: Caroline Ashford

UD Stake n/w - Judge: Stella Smyth

1st. Liz de Ungar

2nd R. Saker

3rd H. Hyslop

4th C. Davis

WD Stake n/w - Judge: Stella Smyth

1st. S. Atkins

2nd L. Watkins

3rd D. Whiting

4th s. Richards

TD Stake - Lauren Marlow

See further on.

PD Stake - Judge: Vic Snook

1st C.Hollis

2nd J. Wood

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UD Stake Winner



WD Stake Winner



TD judge: Lauren Marlow
Tracklayers: Tess Shoolbred, Dave Self, Mark Lewindon
Steward: Allyson Tohme

Thank you to Surrey DTS for the invitation to judge the TD stake. Surrey is always a friendly trial, held in the beautiful Surrey Hills.

I would like to thank my helpers: Tess Shoolbred, who expertly laid the early tracks both days, Dave Self, who tracklayered on Friday after a sleepless night with a sick dog, and Mark Lewindon who tracklayered on Saturday. My Steward for search squares and control rounds was Allyson Tohme, thank you for helping it all run smoothly.

Thank you to those who helped in the kitchen, and those who provided home-made cakes. A special thank you to Christine Brooks, who is an institution at the Surrey base, and who is handing over the job after many years. Christine was presented with flowers and a collection at the trial.

15 dogs entered, 3 scratched before the trial.

Tracking was on grass, which was sodden after weeks of rain; the weather was mainly overcast on Friday, but there was an unfortunate downpour on Saturday afternoon during control.

Nosework was of a high standard, with 10 dogs qualifying on nosework, but after control only 3 dogs qualified. Although the jumps were moved the very wet ground took its toll.

The 'speak' was set up with the dogs positioned behind 2 crossed poles, the handler standing sideways on about 10 paces away. The DOTM was straightforward with the dog commanded to 'down' adjacent to a marker; the handler walked on a few paces before being directed back to collect the dog, but some dogs were reluctant to 'down' in the wet.

The Sendaway was out to a boundary, then a right redirect along the boundary.

Results:

1st Shirley Simpson with Tee Tee Teasel CDEx-WDEx BC B 212 Q

After faltering at the start did an excellent track and search, and a good control round. This tiny dog has flown through the stakes, and I'm sure will do well in Ticket. Congratulations.

2nd John Simpson with Whiterose Rafa CDEx-WDEx BC D 211 Q

Excellent work throughout, just 1 mark behind the winner, congratulations.

3rd Christine Davis with Fachell Wren Hesselmere CDEx-UDEx WSD B 205 Q

Very good nosework, and just dropped a few marks on control. Congratulations

4th Sharon Lord with Monkgold Pearl Divers Echo CDEx-WDEx GRet B 175 NQ

A 'spare' trial for Echo, she was going round the track on rails until near the end. After a good control round, where she was the only dog in the stays, she finished 1 mark overall short of qualifying. Commiserations- but good luck in Ticket.



TD Stake Winner blotted out by her hubby - Really John?



**Surrey DTS Open Working Trial
Oakwood Hill, Surrey - Cont'd**



PD Stake Judge - Vic Snook



Is that the boss at the table?



**Dundee Branch
Open Trial
Kirton of Auchterhouse
23 - 24 February 24**

ASPADS Dundee Open Working Trial - Final Day
Open TD.

Congratulations to our worthy first place winner and qualifier Yvonne Walker and the fabulous Miso. Also to Richard Downsland and the fantastic Nando for also doing super work coming second and also qualifying. A very well done to Alison and Jackie sadly just missing out on qualification. On behalf of all the committee at ASPADS Dundee, thank you to our judge Jackie Hilton, all the track layers who worked so hard today, steward and our trials manager. Another brilliant day of great weather, wonderful competitors and fantastic results!

RESULTS

Special Stake - Judge: Amanda Harris

- 1st Fiona Will
- 2nd Hillary Hirst
- 3rd Toni Brown
- 4th Janice Cain

UD Stake - Judge: Fay Rae

WD Stake - Judge: Fay Rae

- 1st. Elaine Low
- 2nd Joyce Watson

TD Stake - Judge: Jackie Hilton

Apologies for lack of information and any errors - all details taken from Facebook Scoresheets





North West WTS Championship Working Trial Lower Withington, Cheshire on 23rd - 25th February 24

RESULTS

CD Stake - Judge: Holly Wright

1st. Jo Quick

2nd Gail Gwesyn-Price

3rd Flowers

UD Stake - Judge: Dave Stretch

1st. Samantha Watkins

2nd John Tait - (Best Track)

WD Stake - Judge: Chris Trevor

1st. Sandra Lewindon

2nd Ray Lea

3rd Nicky Hugo

4th Jenny Holt

PD Stake - Judge: Dave Olley

1st Kevin Hill (Best Patrol)

2nd Mick Tustain

3rd Bill Richardson

4th Moira Rogerson

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UD Stake First & Second



**NWWTS - Championship Trial -
Cont'd**



WD Stake Winner



WD Stake Fourth Place

**It looks like Ray Lea in Second Place was
camera shy!**



WD Stake Third Place



**PD 'Ticket' Judge - Dave Olley
(Sorry if this pic frightened anyone!)**



PD Stake Winner



PD Stake Third Place



PD Stake Second Place



PD Stake Fourth Place



Held at Lower Withington, Cheshire on 23rd - 25th February 24

supplied) with CD Stake Judge - Holly Wright



British Association for German Shepherd Dogs - Open Trial on 24th Feb 2024 At Muswell Leys Farm, Willey, Warwickshire

On Track Dog Magazine attended this small, but very friendly, Open Working Trial to be able to put together a meaningful presentation of what a Working Trial really does consist of with the nose-work and control elements all playing their part. We took way more photographs than we can use for one magazine issue but have plenty of archive material available now.

It turned out to be a really lovely sunny day for us out in the fields and with only a slight breeze - just enough to be really useful for the dogs when doing the Search Squares - without it making tracking harder for the dogs. The tracking area for the Working Dog Stake (WD) was a large flat field with a few inches of winter wheat (although it did rather look like grass, although we were assured that the farmer always grew winter wheat in that field). The Utility Dog Stake (UD) tracking field was established pasture, though a bit soggy from all rain we had been having.

None of the dogs, in either Stake, struggled with the tracking and all the Search Squares looked good but we will leave all that to the judges report.

The UD tracking field was near the Base at Muswell Leys Farm whilst the WD tracking was a drive away in an area I believe is called Wolvey Heath. The Control & Agility sections were back at Muswell Leys Farm.

Thanks to Anne Thorpe and her crew who were really accommodating to us and helpful in our quest to report and photograph the event. Also many thanks to the judge Paul Adams who allowed us to 'get close to the action' with our cameras although we were very careful not to be too intrusive to the dogs working.

JUDGE'S REPORT

UD and WD Judged by Paul Adams

I would like to thank BAGSD for the invitation to judge the UD and WD stakes at this well run Open Trial. Anne Thorpe was the Trials Manager and had everything organised even the weather thanks Anne. On desk duties as always, the very efficient and lovely Clarky (Ann Clarke) she greets everyone with a smile, thanks Anne.

My track layers were UD Zoe Andrews WD Sue Ashby and Bob Shropshire, they all did an excellent job and deserve a very big thank you, my search steward was Kate Peyton and was great company and did a great job of laying squares thank you Kate.

There was only one UD track and that was on a really nice grass field, there were three WD tracks, they were all in the same field of wheat with growth of about 3" it was the sort of field you would think to yourself oh yes please. The weather was like a summer day blue sky with a slight breeze. Everything was perfect. The jumps were set up by Anne, Zoe and Sam Watkins so thanks for that, Zoe also stewarded control and stays for me and she did a great job thanks Zoe.

Results:

UD

1st Le' Newman with Beverton Gipsy BC B NQ 155.5/200

Gipsy is a great little dog who is very fast and up until the last leg of the track very accurate however the last leg went a little bit wrong. Her control needs a bit of work on the heelwork, send away and retrieve were ok but the heelwork and speak need a lot of work on them. She finished with full mark jumps. Well done Le'

WD

1st Karrie Langdon with Blackberry Tart
Cross B COM 193/200

Lovely track and full mark square, nice control, just clipped the last element of long jump and on second attempt was over easy, well done Karrie

2nd Elaine Boyd with Xandras Skye Dream
CDex UDex WSD D COM 192.5

Another good track and search square, heelwork needs work on it now as he did a lot of jumping which will loose you a lot of qualifications when your higher up the stakes so sort it now, the rest of control very nice plus full mark jumps so well done Elaine

3rd Paul Morling with Von Loi Drax GSD D
COM 190/200

I've known Paul for over 40 years when we were working Dobeman's and he's always had well trained dog's Herman is no exception he tracked well but on three corners he had us a little worried but recovered to complete the track followed by a full point square, he got a bit excited during the control and did a bit of barking which was costly and of course it was followed by full mark jumps. Well done Paul

Every dog got full marks for the down stay which was a nice way to finish the day. I had a really nice time in some lovely countryside so a big thank you to Anne's local farmers because without them this trial would not have happened. Although I haven't got a dog now, I enjoyed watching these dogs working, reminded me of times gone by and the fact that working trials are the best dog sport. It was nice to see Sue and Barrie James there taking photos as the dogs were working so he can promote the sport in his magazine but as he said he can't get to every trial so take a few pics and send them in.



On the UD tracking field



Le setting off on her UD Stake track



Getting near the end!

BAGSD - Open Trial - Cont'd



Elaine Boyd with Xandras Skye Dream - WD



Karrie Langdon with Blackberry Tart - WD





Paul Morling with Von Loi Drax - WD



Beverton Gipsy - Clear Jump



Beverton Gipsy - Long & Scale Jump



BAGSD - Open Trial - Cont'd



Blackberry Tart - Heelwork



Xandras Skye Dream - Sendaway



Xandras Skye Dream - Long Jump & H/work



Blackberry Tart - Long & Scale Jump





Xandras Skye Dream - Scale Jump



Von Loi Drax - Heelwork & Scale Jump



Xandras Skye Dream Heelwork
& Clear Jump



BAGSD - Open Trial - Cont'd



Von Loi Drax - Clear Jump

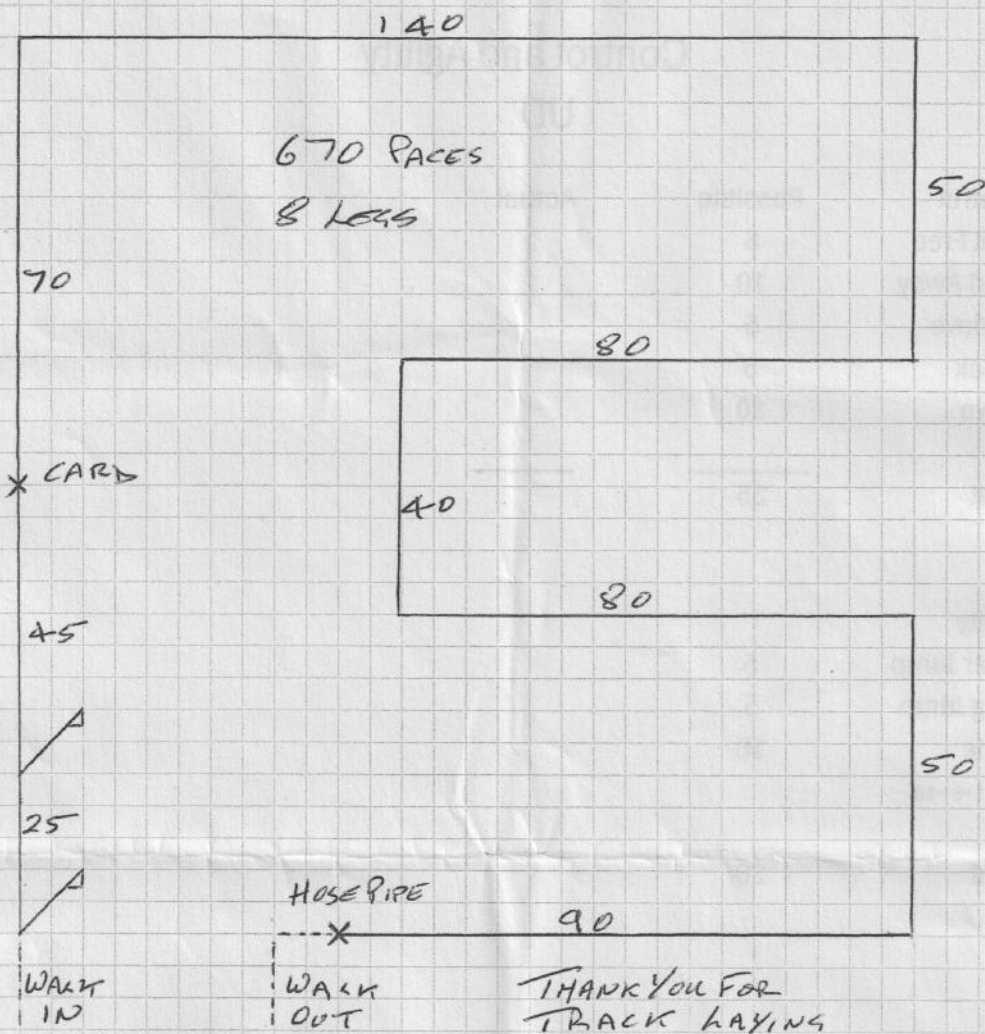


Von Loi Drax Long & Scale Jumps





BAGSD WILLEY UDOR 24/02/24



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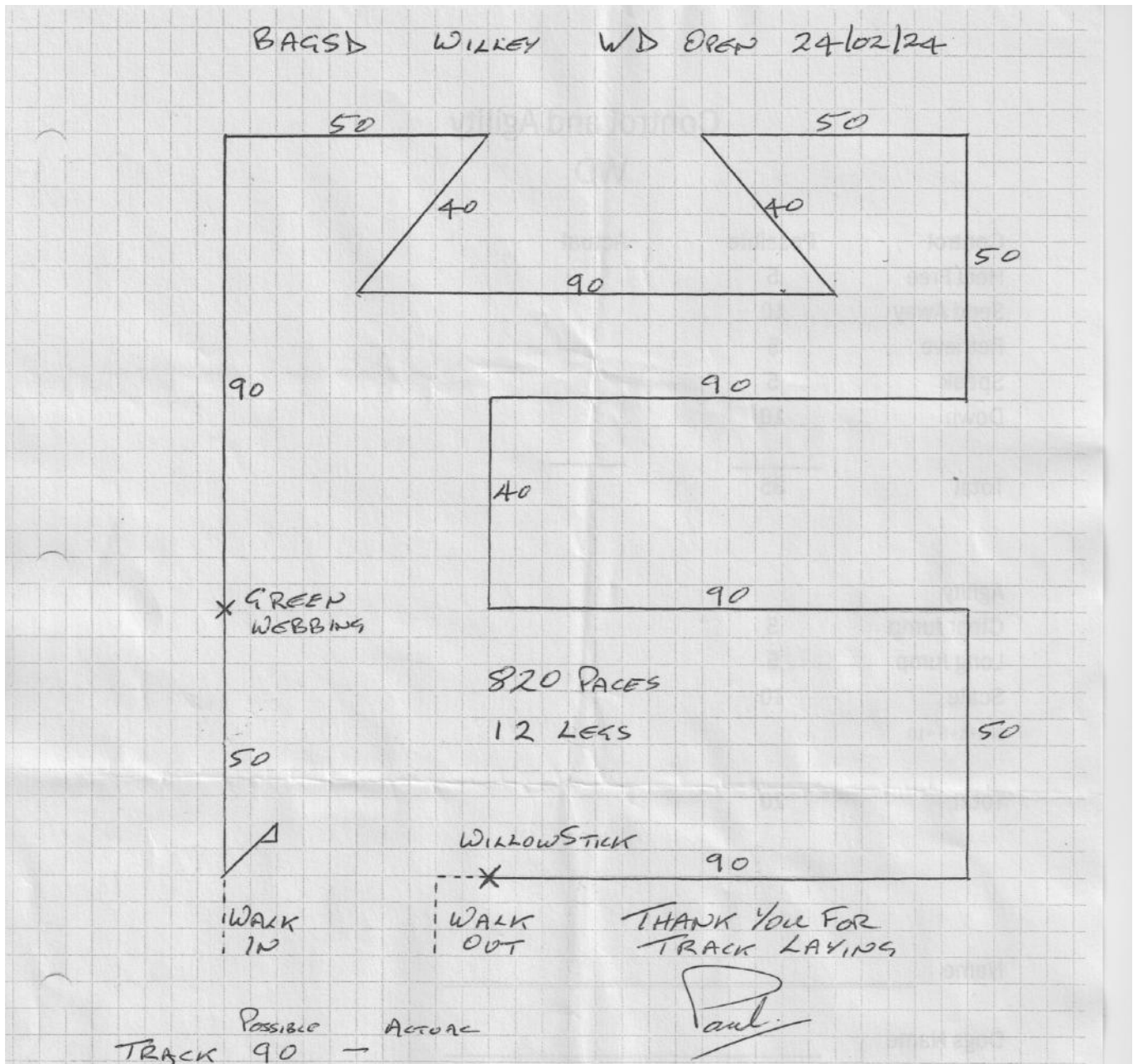
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BAGSD OPEN TRIAL - WILLEY

UD STAKE TRACK PATTERN

BAGSD OPEN TRIAL - WILKEY

WD STAKE TRACK PATTERN





**Yorkshire Working Trials Society
Championship Trial on 28Feb - 03 Mar 24
Sandal Hall Close, Wakefield**

RESULTS

CD Stake - Judge: Kevin Bryan

- 1st Jenny Miller
- 2nd Holly Wright
- 3rd Sarah Burgess
- 4th Catherine Chadwick

UD Stake - Judge: Karen Bexon

- 1st Samantha Watkins
- 2nd Dave Stretch
- 3rd Elaine Edwards
- 4th John Tait

WD Stake - Judge: Ray Lea

- 1st Amanda Ward
- 2nd Jenny Holt
- 3rd Christine Davis
- 4th Kathryn Settrey

TD Stake - Judge: Mark Lewindon

- 1st Jayne Lewis
- 2nd Pat Parkinson
- 3rd Sally Rose
- 4th Steph Gordon



TD 'Ticket' Winner
Jayne Lewis with Wren
And Judge Mark Lewindon



WD Winner
Amanda Ward

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East Anglia Working Trials Training Society Open Trial on 01 Mar - 03 Mar 24 Woodbridge, Suffolk

RESULTS

CD Stake - Judge: Margo Brothwell

- 1st E. Davidson
- 2nd C. Peagram
- 3rd A. Trodd
- 4th

UD Stake - Judge: Hannah Hyslop

- 1st W. Beasley
- 2nd P. Blore
- 3rd G. Tyler
- 4th

WD Stake - Judge: Margo Brothwell

TD Stake - Judge: Hannah Hyslop

- 1st D. Ling
- 2nd J. Wood
- 3rd S. Simpson
- 4th J. Hall

PD Stake - Judge: Jo Quick

PD Special Stake - Judge: Jo Quick

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Yorks. WTS - Champ. Trial - Cont'd

TD Stake Judge's Report

Tracklayers – Chris Trevor, Mick Loughran and Brian Page

Square Steward – Desma Thompson

C&A Steward – Sandra Lewindon

I would like to thank the YWTS committee for the invitation to judge. Yorkshire Working Trials Society, under the leadership of the chair Dave Craven, does an enormous amount to support Working Trials and encourage newcomers to the sport. It was a privilege to be invited. The tracking was on lush grass. My thanks to John Driffield, the farmer who allowed us to use his land for the nosework and C&A tests. Dave Craven was the trials manager. The success of the trial was very much due to his hard work and contacts that he has made locally. He managed the event with a calm and relaxed approach that put everyone at ease. Dave arranged the base at West Yorkshire Sports and Social Club, which provided a warm and dry sanctuary. Thank you Diane, Linda, Karen and John who collectively kept me fed throughout the event, including cooking delicious breakfasts every day.

It was a bit damp to say the least. The trial took place towards the end of the wettest winter in recent memory and there was torrential rain for two of the three tracking days. That means that the grass and ground were extremely wet. It didn't rain on the first day and this gave the teams the best conditions for tracking. The track articles were a length of immature poplar tree, a piece of green Wellington boot and a piece of thick leather. Tracking on day 1 was quite good, however, the weather conditions on the second and third days probably defeated four of the teams that attempted the test on those days. There was surprisingly little breeze throughout and the fields were surrounded by hedges that provided shelter from any wind. This made location of the articles in the search square less easy. The search articles were a piece of thin cloth that was recovered by all of the teams, a piece of roofing felt, an aluminium engineering tool and a piece of cable flex. Six of the sixteen teams that attempted the test recovered all four search articles. Thank you Chris Trevor who laid all of the early tracks, Mick Loughran who laid the second set on day 1 and Brian Page who laid the second set on days 2 and 3. I would also like to thank Desma Thompson who laid all of the search squares. You all acted very

professionally and were great company throughout our time in the field.

The control and agility test took place on land that was part of the same farm used for the nosework test. This was on lush grass that was extremely wet. I arranged the down stay as the first exercise before teams attempted the main C&A test. Jumps were positioned on a plateau that provided an area that was less wet and I set my heelwork pattern and speak exercises on an area nearby that was also less wet. The heelwork, including the recently introduced down on the move exercise and speak, were arranged in a square marked by four poles with a single pole in the middle. Handlers undertook the sendaway from one corner of the square to a hedge, with the redirect to a telegraph pole that was approximately 120 yards to the right about 30 yards into the field from the hedge. Whilst we did our best to ensure that the teams that attempted the test were provided the best available ground, some of the dogs and handlers struggled with the wet, muddy conditions.

Thank you Sandra for stewarding the control and agility, trying to give the handlers the best possible chance of success and providing clear instructions. I would also like to thank Desma for acting as stay steward and Bridget Montague for controlling the access to the field. Desma and Bridget also helped me with the numerous little tasks that are essential in running a test. Thank you both for being there and supporting me. Finally, I would like to thank the competitors for entering, attempting my test and accepting my decisions with good humour. You are all stars.

1st and winner of the CC - Jayne Lewis with LITTLE MISS RHYNSTON WREN (Wren)TDeX – BC (B). A very polished performance. Wren certainly handled the mud better than others. Well done Jayne qualifying on 213.

2nd and reserve – Pat Parkinson with WT Ch JANJELLY BUBBLES (Bubbles) CDeX-TDeX – XB (B). Another good performance. The long jump was the only real difference between the first two teams. Congratulations Pat on another excellent outing qualifying on 208.

3rd Sally Rose with COPPINSCHASE TAAKA GRAF (Evie) - Lab (B). Sally's first TDeX with Evie and I am sure it will be the first of many. Congratulations Sally qualifying on 196½.

4th Steph Gordon with MABELS MAYTIME TIPPLE (Kessie) - Lab (B). Steph and Kessie tracked on Friday, one of the wettest days and

achieved the highest mark for the track. Well done Steph on your qualification achieving 195½

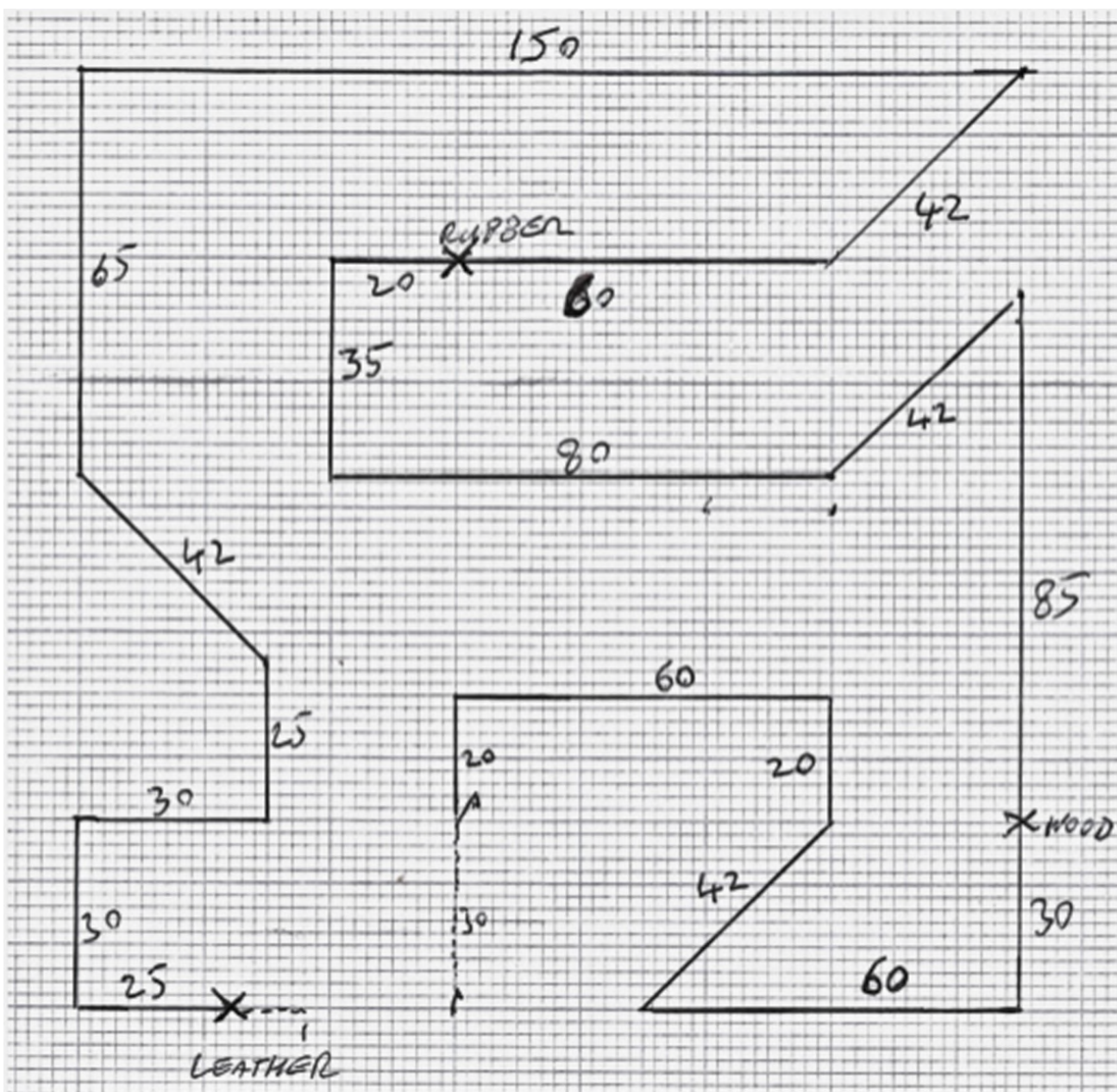
Also Qualifying

Nicky Crowther with SORRELS STROH (Poppy)- Lab (B). I don't think that either Nicky or Poppy enjoyed the mud, but persevered. Well done Nicky, qualifying on 192½.

Jo McOuat with – SKIPMYRE MAJESTIC STAR CDeX-TDeX (Aslan) - GSD (D). Well done Jo and Aslan achieving another TDeX qualification on 189

Judith Stamp with BRIONY BECCADOON CDeX – TDeX (Becca) – XB (B). A super sendaway from Becca who made it look easy. I was delighted to see Judith and Becca qualify on 187.

Anne Thorpe with STARDELL HATI OVER DALEMALN CDeX – TDeX (Hattie) BC (B). Beautiful handling by Anne who acted like a true professional. Anne approached each exercise with Hattie's best interests in mind. Well done qualifying on 186.



UK TRACKING DOG ASSOC

Recent Assessments Completed



Marc and Davie - Level 1 - **Alan McGregor**

Congratulations to Dave Bell and Conal on gaining their Level One today Conal took off and knew what to do this team have got a great future both articles recovered with good indication well done - **Ray Lea**



Shirley and Isla - Level 1 - **A. McGregor**



Pat Antrobus and Acer -Level 3. This team passed with flying colours. Lovely track on sparse crop, completed in a very confident fashion. This was their 3rd Level 3 making Pat's Acer an Expert Tracking Dog.

Dave Bell



Well done Anne and young Blue on completing your foundation level. A fabulous track just overshooting slightly on one corner. Congratulations. - **Pat Parkinson**



Gareth Smith and Roman - Foundation. The weather was cool, but dry with little breeze. The assessment took place at Herts County Showground, on short grass. I didn't get the dogs full name. Roman is a very strong Rott who knows what he's doing & you have no choice but to go with him, it's a good job Gareth is strong too.



Irene & Finn - Level One - **Alan McGregor**



Then there was Robin Frost with 'Miss Charming' (Sascha) Level 3 this took place at the same venue, so short grass again. The weather was absolutely bitter & windy, but dry. **Sheren Perez**



**Huge congratulations to Clare Sutherland & Jura,
Lynne McPhee & Piper and Amy-Jean Cumming & Eddie
On completing their Foundation Level Assessment.**

Joanne Ramsey





Congratulations to Gail Olwen Gwesyn-
pryce and Hera on their second level 3
today. Gail and Hera did a great job . Track
was on lush grass with windy conditions.
Assessment done by **Emma-Alice Louise
Salvoni** .



Congratulations to Lorraine Stewart and
Hunter, passing their second Level 2 today.
Assessed by **Colin Telford**



Dave Bell & Conal - Foundation Level
Conal found the tracking easy on difficult
grass well done - **Ray Lea**



Congratulations to Colin Telford and Finn
passing their first level 2 today at the tender
age of 9 months. Very blustery conditions
Jackie Hilton



Robin Frost and Sasha
 Robin Frost and the lovely Sasha were successful in their level 2 Tracking assessment on Tuesday 16th January. Well done ladies and thanks to Sheren for laying the track.
 It was a lovely track with a sympathetic handler who cast intelligently at the only blip in the performance - **Penelope Bellis**



Congratulations to Jackie Hilton and Piper passing their 3rd Level 3 today in very blustery conditions.
 Assessed by **Colin Telford**



Pat & Kizzie - Level 1 & 2 this month
Sheren Perez



Caitlin & Jax - Foundation
Ken Gumbley



Smart K9's

Taking the lead

We finally managed to hold our first Tracking Workshop for 2024.

The weather was good to us and although it was quite breezy, and the land was extremely soggy in places, the sun shone and everyone had a good day.

We had not been able to hold a workshop since last year due to work commitments and weather conditions but all the dogs and handlers had obviously been doing their homework. We started by laying all the teams a basic track to assess where they were at, the land was old pasture with lots of water! Everyone completed their tracks with varying degrees of success and then we discussed what each team needed and wanted to work on. We split into groups and worked on specific skills to help move their tracking forward.

After lunch a couple of handlers worked on some stamina tracks which they completed really well.

A couple of beginner handlers continued to work on their foundations of corners and motivation.

Two teams had previously requested doing a UK Tracking Level 1 Novice assessments so tracks were put out on pasture which was very thick but was drained more than the morning fields. The conditions were challenging with wind and quite difficult underfoot for walking. The tracks were 500m long, 5 legs and 35/40 mins aged with 2 articles. Both teams completed their tracks really well and recovered both articles, great to watch them put into practice all the skills they had learned over the previous months. Congratulations Pete Cross with Maverick and Jane Sutherland with Evie.

Linda Newbold



Above: Jane Sutherland & Evie
Below: Peter Cross & Mav





UKTDA Assessment Passes Approved - To 6th March 2024

Foundation Level		
HANDLER	DOG'S NAME	ASSESSOR
Naomi Baggarley	Jacobrad High Flyer (Henley)	Pat Tagg
Janice Caine	Kasper	Alison Robertson
Anne Dent	Fajojo Captain Cook	Pat Parkinson
Claire Sutherland	Jura	Joanne Ramsay
Amy Cumming	Eddie	Joanne Ramsay
Lynn McPhee	Piper	Joanne Ramsay
David Bell	Conall	Ray Lea
Gareth Smith	Roman	Sheren Perez
Caitlin Peach	Jax	Ken Gumbley
Level One - Novice		
HANDLER	DOG'S NAME	ASSESSOR
Irene McLaren	Finn	Alan McGregor
Shirley Edgar	Isla	Alan McGregor
Marc Crighton	Davie	Alan McGregor
David Bell	Conell	Ray Lea
Belinda Spensley	Montoux's Drew	Penny Bann
Ken Coleman	Blaze	Zoe Andrews
Jane Sutherland	Evie	Linda Newbold

Level Two - Intermediate

HANDLER	DOG'S NAME		ASSESSOR
Robin Frost	Sasha	Level 2 (2)	Penelope Bellis
Colin Telford	Finn	Level 2 (1)	Jackie Hilton
Zoe Andrews	Ben	Level 2 (1)	Paul Adams
Kate Kemp	George	Level 2 (1)	Pippa Bentham
Kate Kemp	George	Level 2 (2)	Felicity Veazey
Lorraine Stewart	Hunter	Level 2 (1)	

Level Three - Expert Tracking Dog (DL)

HANDLER	DOG'S NAME		ASSESSOR
Robin Frost	Sasha	Level 3 (1)	Sheren Perez
Gail Gwesyn Pryce	Hera	Level 3 (2)	Emma Goodwin
Jackie Hilton	Piper	Level 3 (3)	Colin Telford
Jackie Hilton	Chonzie	Level 3 (2 CT)	Colin Telford
Pat Antrobus	Acer	Level 3 (3)	David Bell

UK DOG SPORT

UKDS Judges - As published on the UKDS Facebook Group

NAME	AREA	EMAIL	JUDGING
Jemma Martin	Suffolk	info@whistleandwag.dog	Foundation Beginner
P & W Beasley	Suffolk	WendyLBeasley@aol.com	All Levels
Kay Abbey	Essex	goldieswhl@yahoo.co.uk	Foundation Beginner
Anne Thorpe	Leics	anne@easystepsdogtraining.co.uk	Yes
Tracy Coutts	Hants	tracy@ambersladek9dogsports.co.uk	Foundation to Novice
Linda Newbold	Notts	lincar2_5@hotmail.com	All Levels
Dean Woodcock	Glos	deanwoodcock04@gmail.com	All Levels
John West	Devon	shepalian@talktalk.net	All Levels
Kelly Chapman	Hants	KcK9dogtraining@outlook.com	Yes
Kate Smith	Suffolk	kate@suffolkcountrydogtraining.co.uk	Foundation Beginner
Sheren Perez	Herts	sherenperez@yahoo.co.uk	All Levels
Rosemary Turner	Hants	rosemary.turner@uwclub.net	Yes
Caroline Ashford	Surrey	newlandsdogtraining@gmail.com	Yes

UK DOG SPORT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS GET GOING AGAIN IN APRIL.

WE HAD A GOOD RESPONSE FROM THIS SPORT AS IT STARTED UP AGAIN AFTER THE WINTER CLOSE SEASON AND WERE ABLE TO FILL A GOOD NUMBER OF PAGES WITH RESULTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE APRIL AND MAY ISSUES.

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Editor's Note

Unfortunately the winter months are effectively the close season for UK Dog Sports when there are little or no competitive events to cover. I am sure that the training clubs do carry on their training sessions for UKDS when the weather and ground underfoot allows.

To compensate for the lack of show reports and events could I appeal to the clubs and societies that do run training sessions over the winter to submit a short report and some photographs of their sessions.

I am sure that other people interested in the sport would find these useful, and also find something in them that is helpful to them.

This would also serve to promote the training clubs themselves and UK Dog Sports overall.

On Track Magazine will try to get out and cover some UKDS events when they commence again but we cannot get everywhere and to all the dog activities the magazine covers. We will depend on reports and photos of UKDS events being submitted to us to fill the pages allotted to the sport (10 - 12 pages each issue)

It seems a pity that the magazine has these numbers of pages available to UKDS and not nearly enough content to fill them.

Information from the UKDS Facebook group would just be regurgitated news and is very time consuming for one person to do for all the disciplines the magazine covers.

To compensate for the lack of events over these cold dark weeks the magazine has undertaken to produce in depth training articles that would be useful to UKDS people as well as other dog activity sports. These are generally published in the general pages near the beginning of the magazine.

Hours in the day are limited so it is impossible for one person to come up with relevant articles and content to fill 50 - 60 pages of the magazine each month with good quality content.

So, if you want to see the UKDS pages in the magazine thrive, support and promote your sport, please try to contribute to its content.



Images from UKDS Events in 2023





*On the Apex of the 'A' Frame
Photograph from UKDS Facebook Group
Bedingham Novice Class - September 2023
Posted By Marie Patchell*

CLUB/SOCIETY EVENT ADVERTISEMENTS

On Track Dog Magazine is happy to include **free** Club/Society event advertisements in the magazine. However, in return we would like a short report on the event with details of Location/ Terrain/Weather etc and names and dogs names of first four in each category and with up to eight photographs. This will add publicity to the canine activity and, of course, give more meaningful content to the magazine. We appreciate that organisers of events are very busy so maybe a volunteer from the club could be found to put together this information.

MANTRAILING

Although there was no Mantrailing content submitted this month we had lots of content in the April & May issues.

RESULTS, REPORTS and TRAINING EVENTS

If organisers and participants in the Mantrailing sport would like to see their Events featured in On Track Dog Magazine please send in details and photos to: info@ontrackdogmagazine.uk

UK SCENT SPORT



UK Scent Sport

We had an abundance of content from folk involved in scent sport activities in subsequent issues and filled a good number of pages.

RESULTS, REPORTS, TRAINING EVENTS

If organisers and participants in UK Scent Sport would like to see their Events featured in On Track Dog Magazine please send in details and photos to:

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All Scent Activity Sports

Scent Activity Sports

At On Track Dog Magazine we are interested in featuring Scent activity events in our pages. We are not going to favour any particular organisation, although we will label any submissions with the particular organising activity.

We feel that these activities would fit in very well with our aim of featuring dog activities in the magazine and to encourage dog owners to become involved with some kind of dog activities with their dog.

There are some dog activities that we do not cover such as Obedience, Agility, Flyball and Heelwork to Music to name a few, and this is because these activities already have their own coverage elsewhere.

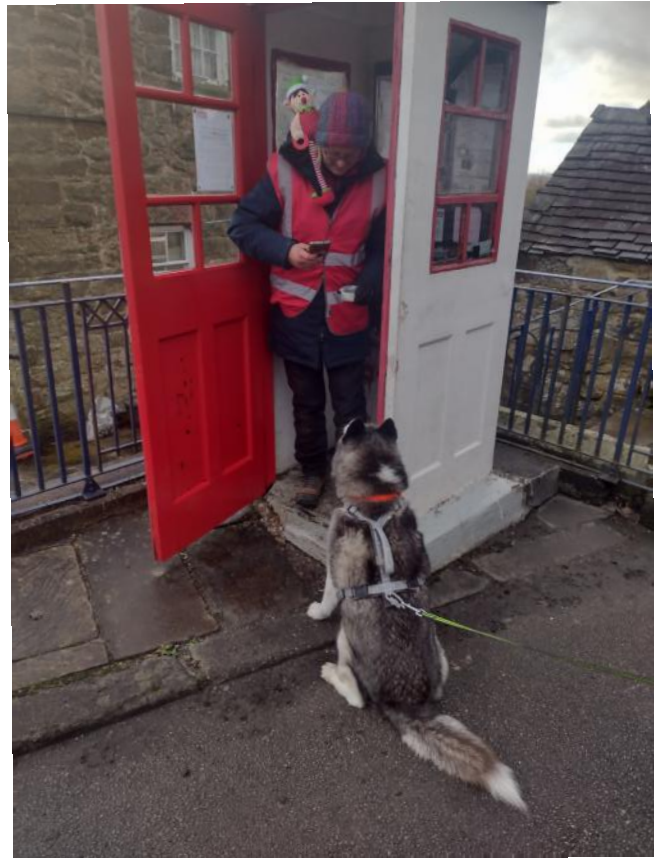
Whether the activity is an event, a competition or a training event we would be interested in publishing it in the magazine. This will not only publicise the particular sport but also that of the trainers and organisers themselves.

Short details, with handlers and dogs names, along with a few photos would be terrific.

Send in your submissions to:
info@ontrackdogmagazine.uk

If existing subscribers who know of people involved in scent work activities would like to point them in the direction of us we would be grateful. Point them to our Facebook page or Website or the email above.





A few Mantrailing
photographs from:

Linda Newbold
&
Mel Taylor

From last month

Magazine Cover Page Photograph



And get paid £25 if it is published!

Magazine Contributions

On Track Dog Magazine invite article contributions on any subject that is covered in the magazine. Up to two photographs can be include if desired.

We are prepared to pay up to £50 for a full page article (around 500 words). The article must be relevant to content that is published in the magazine.

The editors decision is final on article selection, placement and the issue of the magazine selected.

Payment would be made on the day the article is published.



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On Track Dog Magazine Special Issue Notice

We hope you have enjoyed reading through this special free issue of On Track Dog Magazine.

The magazine was issued free to give interested people a chance to see what the magazine is all about without having to put their hands in their pockets.

We chose the different dog activities we cover as they all are allied to each other in some way and should be of interest to all who participate in the different activities.

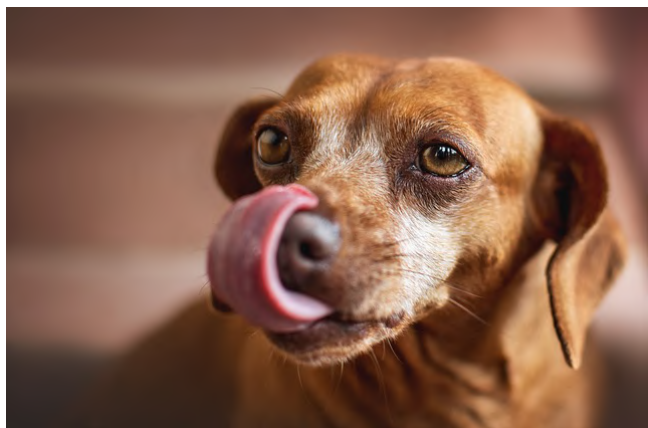
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