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Rabbit Hound Performance Proven Test Rules

There is no restriction as to the number of guests that can accompany an evaluation.

1. Dogs must be cast freely to search for a rabbit. Judging may not be done at any of the following

A) Any type enclosures

B) Off feeders

C) Or turned loose on game that is seen.

2. Dogs will be hunted for one hour (60min.). If the dog is trailing as time runs out, hunting time may be extended for an additional 15 minutes if the dog has not completed the requirements for a win during the hour. The dog shall be scratched if (2) two or more rules are broken during the 60 Min hunt.

3. Dogs will either win or be scratched for rules infractions. A dog will be awarded a win for satisfying each of the Standard Requirements on the same track, while hunting for one hour (60min).

4. Requirements Defined

A) Went Hunting - Dog must go hunting alone and search for rabbit track. Hunters may proceed slowly in the direction they wish to hunt.

B) Open on Track - Dogs must open on track at least every 3 minutes. Dogs must be struck in before any rabbit can be scored on. Failure to do that. The dog will be scratched. For the open trailing requirement.

C) Rabbit Seen - A handler will receive a win if the dog crosses the line within 4ft of either side of where the rabbit was seen. A dog must run the majority of the track.

5. Scratches Defined

A) Off Game - Dog will scratched for running, treeing or catching off game. Rabbit only. Handlers will be required to use their one hour hunting time to recover dogs running fast game. No time outs.

B) Quit Track - When it's obvious that a dog has quit a track that he was open on and attempting to work he will be faulted. Failure to open for 3 minutes will be considered quitting.

D) Handling Issues - If dog cannot be caught to be handled, at the truck or in the woods, it will be scratched.

E) Milling Around. Judge should give plenty of leniency in regard to dog milling around. However, dogs should stay in the field hunting until handlers are told to leashed them. Any dog that comes off the track will be scratched. The judge should use common sense.

F) Failed To Hunt - Dogs are required to make an honest effort to go hunting alone. Failure to do so after (5 mins) five mins will result in the dog being scratched.

6. Owner / Handler Sportsmanship Disqualification - Judge may be asked questions regarding their evaluation in the field. If at any time the tone gets confrontational, Judge is instructed to immediately scratch the dog. Should a handler disagree with a judge's decision, they may submit a written explanation of their disagreement to HKC within 5 days. HKC will review prior to recording results.

7. Electronic Devices. Prohibited. Training collar may be worn but transmitter must be left at vehicle. No electronic squallers. Tracking collars are permitted and there are no restrictions in using them. No other electronic devices besides a hunting light may be used.

8. Taking Game Prohibited. Individuals found guilty of taking any game or damaging any dens or trees will be scratched. ALL state and local laws must be followed.

9. Judge's. It is not permissible for individuals to inspect each other's dogs on a given night.

10 Assistance. Any person needing assistance may utilize personal transportation during a hunt test.

TO EARN THE PERFORMANCE PROVEN TITLE YOU MUST HAVE THREE PASSES. EACH PERFORMANCE TEST IS \$25.00 PASS OR FAIL.



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