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CCTC Urban Tracking Test was held Oct. 5/25 in Whitby Ontario

Wendy McCullough was our Judge. and we had 2 UTDs & 1 UTDx entered.

Test Superintendent **Stephanie McMahon**, Test Secretary **Eileen Fisher**,

Tracklayers were; **Eileen Fisher, Stephanie McMahon & Maryke Warwick.**

Unfortunately, no one passed this time. The weather got quite hot for an October day..

Wishing all a pass for the next test..

Our Mascot **"Tracker"** came along for the ride



Our tentative dates for the 2026 Urban tracking tests are :

April 26/26 May 10/26 and Oct. 4/26

Hoping to see more Club Members tracking their dogs and entering our tests in the new year.

If not ready, offer to be a tracklayer and join in . It's a great way to enjoy a weekend with Club member friends.

“Jamie”

Can GCH, U-CH Gowrielea's Scottish Glory RI ,NS, WC, VN, PCD, SDIN, SDN, SD-S Sp,GRCC VC, Am RI, CD-V

Jamie was a very good boy July 11/25, at the Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club. He finished his CKC Pre Novice Obedience Title (**PCD**) that he started last month at our Golden National in Quebec.

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**

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Can GCH, U-CH Gowrielea's Scottish Glory RI ,NS, WC, VN, PCD, SDIN, SDN, SD-A,GRCC VC, Am RI, CD-V On July 12/25, **Jamie** also earned his Advanced Scent Title (**SD-A**) SDDA



“Honey Bee”

MBBPIG MBBPIS Vomgussaroff's Honey Bee

Honey Bee started her Show career like a Star !

As a baby puppy she has had 14 Best baby puppy in Group and Best baby puppy in Show 3 times.

Owned by **Vladimir & Olga Semechko**



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“Solana”

Spent a hot, steamy weekend in Sandwich Illinois, for the Mid West Jack Russell Terrier Trial. Reynard's Folly Solana had fun participating in many of the JRT games. One of the Highlights for me was Solana achieving her Go To Ground Championship Certificate. Huge heartfelt thanks to Lynda Rupay and Patricia Budrow for taking us along for the ride, and all the support and encouragement. A wonderful adventure with good friends.

Owned by **Anne Whan**



“Conasauga Copper Lily & Reynard's Folly Sterling”

Just back from one of my favourite trials. Midwest JRT Club. Sweltering temperatures “Lily” had an incredible weekend.

“HIGH POINT most VERSATILE Terrier” on Saturday.

CONFORMATION ..1st place in Suitability to Red Fox on Sat. 1st place in Suitability to Raccoon/Badger on Sunday.

1st place in the Spay/neuter class. Called back, went on to win “Best Spayed & Neutered JRT.”

RACING-1st & 2nd in flat and hurdles-Sat. 2x1st on Sunday and earned a Reserve Racing Championship. (Lily ran the championship runoff with her brother “Chase” who was the fastest male)keeping it all in the family.

4 Q's in **NOSEWORK**. **AGILITY** -3rd & 6th place. Placements in **GTG**, **Super earth**, **Barn hunt**, **Brush hunt** and a 4th place in the new Midwest Mayhem tunnel. known as the “Purple Monster”

“Sterling” my senior boy 4 x “Q” in **NOSEWORK** and won NOSEWORK Champion.

He earned 2 x GTG Reserve Championships. Lure- 1st-Sat and 2nd place on Sunday. He earned several other placements.

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow**

CCTC Club Members' Brags..



“Levon”

BPISS MBPIG UKC CH U-RO1 NN SE SV GCH. Castle-gar Autumwynd He Shall Be Levon RI RE PCD CD SDIN AS TD SDE SDC SDX CGN VB DMWYD ATD NTD-M

At the Maple Leaf Nosework trial in Belleville, **Levon** earned his Superior Vehicle Title (**SV**) on Aug. 31/25

On Sept. 28/25, **Levon** finished his Rally Excellent Title (**RE**) and earned the first leg in Rally Master

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**

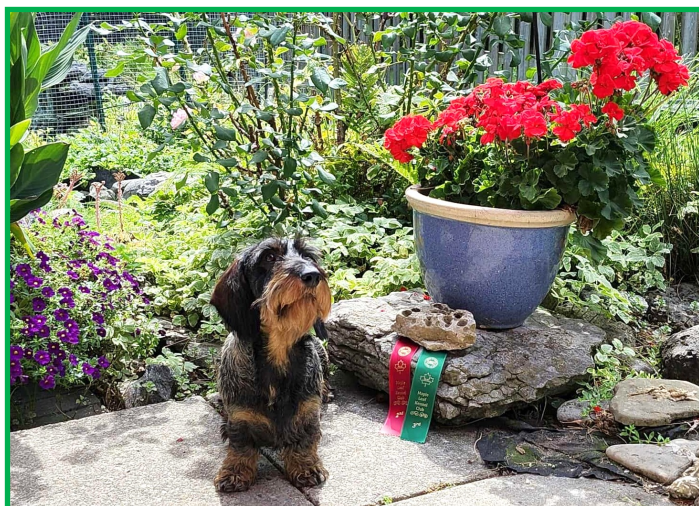


“Piper”

BPIS MBPIG U-NN AN SN MC MI MV EV EE CH. Elliquin's Pipin' Aboard CD RN TD SX SDM VA CGN HIC

Piper at the Maple Leaf Nosework Trial Aug. 30th – Sept. 1/25 finished her Master Exterior title (**ME**) which completed her Master Nosework title (**MN**). Piper also completed the Elite Exterior title (**EE**) and passed 2 Novice Exterior legs towards the Novice Class Champion Title

Owned by **Maryke Warwick**



“Zach”

BPIG UKC NN AN SI SE CKC CH. Vomgussaroff
Victory Lap SDN RN SX CGN VA

Zach added another title. He earned his Superior Exterior Title (**SE**) Sept. 1/25 with UKC in Belleville.

Owned by **Eileen Fisher**

CCTC Club Members' Brags

“Sterling”

“Reynard’s Folly Sterling”

Hard work and a willing partner resulted in success today at the Maple Leaf Kennel Club Nosework trial.

Sterling achieved his Elite Championship Title (ECH) today on Sept. 1/25

I am so very proud of him. This now completes every UKC Championship level for this amazing dog.

Owned by **Lyna Rupay & Tricia Budrow**



“Reynard’s Folly Sterling” continues his journey this weekend at Elgin Dog Sports Nosework trials earning—5 HIT’s, 8 legs towards a UKC Grand Championship, 2 x Excellent HD Supreme legs, 2 x Master HD Discrimination Excellent legs giving him 2 more combined qualifying passes towards his HD Champion Title. Thank you to all of the judges, organizers and volunteers for an amazing weekend.

Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow



“Solana”

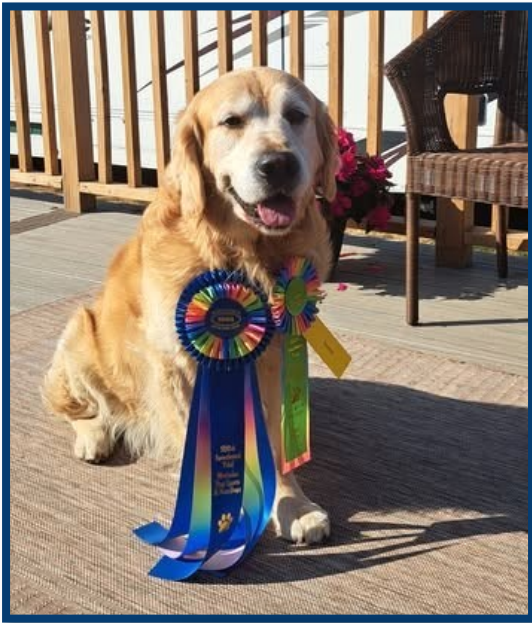
A roller coaster of a ride for the last 3 days of nose work trialling at the Maple Leaf Kennel club in Belleville.

High light of the weekend was **Reynard’s Folly Solana** completing her Advanced Nose work (ANCH) Championship Title. Solana also nailed a hide in 2 seconds, I on the other hand took 5seconds longer to acknowledge!!!.....

Owned by **Anne Whan**



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U-CH, UR01, Can CH, BVISS Gowrielea's You're In My Heart
PCD RI, NS, VN, SDIN, SDO, SD-S, SD-A GRCC VC Am RA,
CCA

Angus was such a good boy today and worked hard. He got all 3 components for his **SDDA advanced 2 title**, with a placement in interiors and the **HIT** for the trial. I am so happy with how we worked together today. Thank you Pam Koiner for all your help. Thank you to all of the judges, organizers and volunteers for an amazing weekend. 🐾😊 Owned by **Sandy Brodie**



"Solana"

Reynard's Folly Solana, had a successful week end at Elgin Dog Sports. Solana earned two more passes towards her HD Excellent Supreme, also two legs in Superior Interior and a pass in Superior Exterior which count towards her Supreme Championship. Huge shout out to the judges, and volunteers who organized and ran an outstanding trial on a beautiful property. A lovely weekend spent amongst friends.

Owned by **Anne Whan**



"Max"

CH. White Winter To The Max SDN

Max earned her CKC Scent Detection Novice title (**SDN**) Sept.13/25 ! It took 8 seconds to find the hide in the sixth container (would have been 6 seconds if I'd remembered to say Alert right away), 10 seconds to find the hide in Interior, and 59 seconds to find the hide in Exterior. She was intent on sniffing the gravel around the trailer and tractor, so it wasn't until the second time around that she found the hide. Thanks to Emily at Scratch and Sniff for the classes that got us started!

Owned by **Laura Wright**



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"Solana"

Enjoyed a wonderful weekend at the **JRTCC Nationals** which was held in Burford. Reynard's Folly Solana rose to the occasion and placed reserve champion in many of the veteran events, rumble tunnel, brush hunt, and ball retrieval. The crowning glory for me was that Solana placed reserve in Rally 1, and also debuted in Rally 2 first time for us to work off leash in new surroundings and placed reserve. No mean feat. Thank you to the judges, and volunteers for all the hard work, which made for a super weekend,. Also a big shout out to my friends Lynda Rupay ,and Patricia Budrow for allowing me the pleasure of their company and acting as my personal chauffeur!!!!

Owned by **Anne Whan**



"Sterling and Lily"

2025 JRTCC National Trial. Reynard's Folly Sterling and Conasauga Copper Lily had a "grand" time over the weekend. Some of the highlights..Lily was Over Adult Racing Champion, Reserve GTG Champion, Agility 1 Standard & Jumpers Reserve Champion...Unfortunately due to injuries Lily was unable to compete in any of her Day 2 events. (She is resting at home and on the mend)
Sterling was Best Rally 1 & Best Rally 2, Champion Senior GTG, Best Lure x 2, Best senior Trailing & Locating and Reserve best Ball Retrieval plus several other placements. Thank you...judges, volunteers and organizers.

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow**



"Forest"

SDDA Elite Champion and Grand Master Champion !

Bluforewe Like Peas 'n Carrots

At the Pontypool trial Sept.28/25 **Forest** and I finally achieved a huge milestone. I can attest that it's been a journey. One that required the numerous slaying of dragons, some real, some imagined and some conjured by others and placed into my imagination.

Here's to my Elite Champion and Grand Master Champion Scenting Dog. The peas to my carrots. My Forest. We did it!

Thank you to Judge Doug Teeft. I am honoured and privileged to have received this under you.

Owned by **Cassia Devison**



CCTC Club Members' Brags

"Piper"

BPIS MBPIG BVISS-Sweeps U-NN AN SN MC MI
MV EV EE CH. Elliquin's Pipin' Aboard CD RN TD
SX SDM VA CGN HIC

We had a great fun filled weekend at the EOLBA Specialties, Piper won **Best Veteran in Sweeps**, handled by Marie P Babin Saturday under Judge Jen Harmon of New York. Piper placed 2nd in reg Veterans under judge Gerardo Saldana of Ohio.

On Sunday under judge Joan Saldana Piper placed 3rd in the reg Veterans class. Big congrats and thank you to Linda Wyatt DeGroot and her hard working show committee for putting on 2 great days of Labrador fun.

Owned by **Maryke Warwick**



"Jaimie"

Can GCH, U-CH Gowrielea's Scottish Glory
RI, NS, WC, VN, PCD, SDIN, SDN, SD-
A, GRCC VC, Am RI, CD-V, CCA

Jamie was entered in the CCA (Certificate Conformation assessment) today at the GRCA Golden National Specialty and passed the test.

He earned his AKC CCA Title on Sept. 24/25

On Sept. 25/25 **Jamie** then earned his AKC Beginner Novice Title (BN)

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**



"Jaimie" also finished his CKC open scentwork title (SDO) with a 1st in exterior on Oct. 25/25.





CCTC Club Members' Brags..

"Salsa"

Charbr's Dancing on the Edge

CD,RE,SDM,JTXS,AGNJS,AGNV,NP,VN,CGN

Salsa obtained his Novice Points and Distance Veteran Title (NPV) at the Ontario County Kennel Club Agility trial on October 4.2025

Owned by **Anne Passafiume**



JRTCA National Trial. "Conasauga Copper Lily, Reynard's Folly Sterling"

Lily-due to a previous toe injury, she was only able to participate in low impact events. However, she excelled in her nosework, obedience & rally winning the- "JRTCA 2025 Nosework Challenge Championship."- She won TNT Level 1 Championship, placing in all of her container, interior & exterior classes. Lily earned a 1st & 3rd in Rally 1 & 2, 2nd place in her Novice Obedience, 2nd in Brush Hunt

Sterling- won TNT Level 2 Championship, 1st in Exterior nosework and "Q" in all of his container, Int & Ext classes. 1st place in Senior Lure, 1st & 2nd in Rally 1 & 2, 1st in Obedience, 1st place in Ball toss.

Lily & Sterling also each received 3 new JRTCA TNT title ribbons.

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow**

cCTC Club Members' Brags,

"Levon"

BPISS MBPIG UKC CH U-RO1 NN SE SV GCH. Castlegar
Autumwynd He Shall Be Levon RI RA PCD CD SDIN AS TD
SDE SDC SDX CGN VB DMWYD ATD NTD-M

On Oct. 25/25. **Levon** Passed his Master Exterior search and
earned his Scent Detection Exterior Title (**SDX**) at the Kingston
& District KC Trial.

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**



"Sterling & Lily"

Oxford Dog Sports. Thank you for a well organized and fun 2
days. It was a cool but beautiful weekend.

Sterling and Lily participated in the ABIDS Country Rat
Race trials.

Lily completed her "Scouts Championship" CRR-SCH title,
went on to complete her "Huntsman" CRR-H title & her
"Huntsman Champion CRR-HCH title.

I decided to try the challenge with Sterling....he loved it. He
completed his Scouts CRR-S title and moved on to earn 2 legs
towards his Scouts Championship.

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow**



"Angus"

U-CH, UR01, Can CH, BVISS Gowrielea's You're
In My Heart RI, NS, VN, SDIN, SDO, PCD, SD-A
sp, SD-GA, SD-GD, GRCC VC Am RA, CCA

Angus earned 2 SDDA games titles, aerials and
distance.

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**



New Little Trackers....



"Bishop"

BBPIG Quiet Creek's Pour Some Sugar on Me

Born on June 21/25

Owned by **Jasmine Evans**



"Ernie"

Boru's The Importance of Being Earnest

It's so wonderful to have a piece of my beloved **Onslow**

Born on Aug. 4, 2025

Owned by **Marianne Loughlin**



MBBPIS Vomgussaroff's Honey Bee

Honey Bee is the keeper puppy from the Bonny and Froggy Litter Born on Feb. 28/25

Bred by **Vladimir & Olga Semechko**

New Little Tracker !!

Gone But Not forgotten..



“Nicki”

Huey B. Long (Dec. 15, 2010—Sept. 8, 2025)

Our Mini Long-Haired Dachshund Nicki crossed Rainbow Bridge today. He was 14 years 8 months old. He was the bravest member of our Dachshund Gang. He had such a wonderful personality.

He will stay in our hearts forever.

Loved & Missed by **Vladimir & Olga Semechko**



All about Tracking Articles

by Laura McKay

Introduction

The stated purpose of a CKC tracking test is “to demonstrate the dog’s willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions and to follow a defined track, to discriminate scent, **to locate and indicate articles**”. The dog must find the articles on the track in order to pass. Test articles should be approximately 4” x 6”, able to be retrieved by the dog (if that’s the way the dog indicates) and of a colour that doesn’t contrast greatly from the surface where it is placed. All levels of test tracks have a scent pad at the start and a leather article at the end. The TD test track has a final article only, but all other levels have at least one intermediate article. Urban tracks will also have start article available, scented by the track layer, for the handler to use at the start of the track, if desired, to orient their dog to the scent of the track layer. The purpose of the start article is to allow the dog to differentiate between the track layer’s scent and the scent of any other people or animals that may have contaminated the start pad before the dog runs the track.

Level	Total Number of Articles	Intermediate Articles	Final Article
TD	1	No intermediate article	Leather
TDX	3	Leather (must find at least one intermediate article and the final article)	Leather
UTD	2 + start article*	Plastic, Wood, Fabric	Leather
UTDX	3 + start article*	Plastic, Wood, Fabric, Metal	Leather

* As of Jan. 1, 2020, a start article is available in urban tests to allow the dog to determine what scent to follow at the start if the start pad might be contaminated by persons other than the track layer. It will be fabric or leather and may only be used to start the dog on a test track, not to re-scent the dog after the official restarting distance as outlined in the Tracking Test Rules and Regulations.

What is an Article Indication?

The judge will ask you how your dog indicates articles before your dog starts its track. Your dog will not be judged on how well it indicates. The judge wants to know what to look for to verify that your dog has recognized the article, rather than the handler noticing an article that the dog did not actually found.

There are several different ways a dog might indicate an article.

- A dog can stop and lie down, sit or stand at the article.

- A dog may retrieve the article to its handler.

- A dog may nod briefly at the article and continue tracking.

- A dog may freeze and stare at the article.

- Or a dog can do anything else that makes it clear to its handler that it perceives an object to be an article, including vocalizing, tossing it in the air, etc., even peeing on the article (not recommended!)

Which Indication is best?

The best indication is one that is clear to the handler and that the dog is happy doing. There are several considerations (pros and cons) in choosing an indication to train.

- Can you easily recognize that the dog has found an article? A brief nod at the article as the dog tracks past it can be easily missed by a handler that isn’t paying very close attention to the dog at all times. If the cover on the track is very high and the dog is not tall, you may not be able to see the dog at all times on the track and miss the indication if it is very brief.

- Is the dog comfortable doing the indication? Older dogs and dogs with mobility issues might be reluctant to lie down if they experience discomfort in lying down or getting up from a down position. Is your dog willing to lie down if the cover is prickly or otherwise nasty? Will your dog lie down if the cover is wet or muddy?

Is the dog in a good position to restart the track after indicating the article? A down is considered the best indication to set the dog up for a good restart from an intermediate article, as the dog will most likely be exactly on the track at the article with its head close to the track. A dog that retrieves the article may not be on the track when it delivers it to the handler if the handler is off the track.

Is the indication behaviour clear enough that you won't mistake it for other behaviour such as squatting to pee (sitting looks similar) or 'sight seeing' (a dog stopped to investigate an unrelated scent may look similar to a dog pointing at an article while standing over it).

In summary, the best indication for you and your dog is one that is clear to you and that the dog is not reluctant to offer. Your dog doesn't have to give a picture-perfect indication in the test. The judge may see that your dog has found the article before you recognize his indication since the judge knows where the article is and will be watching your dog carefully at that place on the track.

Teaching the Indication

Traditionally, the indication is not considered to be of primary importance in the early training, but it is necessary to train an indication before you trial your dog. However, some people train the dog to indicate the article first before they begin training tracking (see below). Once your dog has an understanding of what tracking is, you can gradually introduce an article indication. Some tips:

If your dog naturally gives you a crude indication, then you may want to work with that. For example, some dogs naturally pick up and retrieve any article they find. If your dog naturally stops and investigates the article, you can reward interest in the article.

Begin by putting an article down at the end of every track and start to build value in the article. Communicate to your dog that you are happy he found the article. Do this with verbal praise, food rewards, play at/with the article, etc. Don't skip on the praise, reward, play because you need the dog to think that finding and indicating the article is very important to you.

Initially, you may reward the dog verbally for just sniffing the article. You can encourage a sniff/stop by putting food in or on the article. You will need to eventually fade the food in/on the article, but it can create interest in the article for a novice dog. Follow sniff/stop with more food or play. For food-motivated dogs, you can drop the food on the article as the dog is stopped and looking at the article in order to reinforce his interest in the article. If your dog is not food motivated, and even if it is, play with the dog once it has found the article. For dogs that are not motivated by food or play, you can act very pleased and excited by the article.

Once the dog is stopping for the article and the praise, food, or play reward, you can begin to ask for whatever extra behaviour you would like – i.e., a retrieve or a down, sit or stand, stare/freeze or a bark.

Alternatively, you can shape the indication behaviour away from a formal track. Throw a glove out on your lawn while the dog watches. The dog will likely go to the glove and briefly sniff it. Click and feed the sniff. Ask for a bit more each time – maintaining the sniff for more than a brief instant. You can gradually extend the length of time the dog stares at the article by tossing food directly on it from above the dog's head. Alternatively, you can then add a command for down or sit or retrieve, if that is your chosen indication, and insist on the indication before giving the food reward and play session.

Some dogs prefer to continue on the track rather than stopping and indicating an article. CKC tracking is not meant to be an obedience exercise. However, once a dog has been taught to indicate an article, you should insist on an indication if the dog has noticed the article, but chooses to ignore it. In this case, stop and refuse to let the dog proceed on the track until it acknowledges the article. For dogs that like tracking, their reward for indicating is to be allowed to proceed with the track.

In training, if the dog has missed the article on a track and doesn't notice it, decide whether that is what's of primary importance on this particular track. There may be situations where you don't want to interrupt a dog's momentum on a track by insisting on coming back and finding the article. At other times, it's worth drawing the dog's attention to the article and insisting on an indication.

You can intensify the article indication training by laying short, simple tracks with multiple articles spaced 5 or 10 meters apart.

When your dog's article indication is really solid, you can occasionally leave the article a short distance (1 or 2 m) off a training track to test if your dog will notice an article from a couple of meters away. Sometimes a dog is tracking a short distance off a track due to wind or other factors. Other times an article may have moved somewhat due to wind or a passerby picking up and then discarding the article. By proofing an indication of an article a few meters away, you may save your dog from failure in a test.

Alternatively, some trainers start novice dogs on article indication as the very first step in their training. Typically, they begin by teaching a freeze on a small object, such as a coin, a bottle top or a similar sized object. Dogs are rewarded for freezing by tossing food on the article. Once the freeze behaviour is solid, dogs are asked to find the object (article) on a scent pad. The next step is to have the dog leave the scent pad and track a very short distance to the article where he is rewarded for finding and freezing at the article. Gradually, the length of the track to the article is lengthened until the dog is tracking a reasonable distance to the article. The idea is to make the article of such value that the dog drives to find in by following the track. Since the article is very small, the dog must follow the track very closely if he is to find the article. This approach would be useful for dogs that are not keen on stopping for the article.

What articles to use for training

Training articles must be fairly large (approximately 10 cm x 15 cm or 4" x 6"), but in training you may want to use smaller articles to encourage accuracy on the track and discourage the dog from visually scanning the environment for the articles. However, if your dog is inclined to eat non-food items like toys, etc., you should use articles that are large enough and or rigid enough that they can't be swallowed. Alternatively, you can use articles that are so small and inert that a dog could swallow the article with no ill effects.

Training articles should be safe for dogs that may pick them up in their mouths. Gloves should be clean and free from oil or other toxic contaminants. Rigid plastic articles, such as 'jewel cases' used house CDs and DVDs could shatter into sharp pieces if driven over in a parking lot.

In urban areas, use articles that are inconspicuous so they will not draw attention from a passerby. People may pick up articles and move them in urban areas. Occasionally, wildlife may pick up articles in fields. If an article attracts attention from people or animals, your training track will be contaminated to some extent and you may lose your article permanently.

In training, use articles that the dog will not be able to spot from a distance. It is okay if a dog sees an article from a few meters away, but you don't want the dog to abandon tracking to scan for articles. This can be a particular problem on hard surfaces in urban tracking. A single large work glove in the middle of a parking lot can be seen from quite far away. Training articles on hard surfaces like parking lots should be thin and ideally close to the colour of the substrate. However, mark the location of all articles on your tracking map, so you can retrieve any articles that your dog misses.

Your dog may air-scent the article before he sees it. He may leave the track and cast about for the article. This is okay and you probably don't want to discourage the dog from actively searching for the article. As a handler, you need to understand what your dog looks like when it has sensed that the article is nearby and is looking for it.

How to use articles in training

When carefully placed, articles can be used to reward your dog for overcoming an obstacle or navigating a difficult element on the training track. Small articles can be substituted for food drops in urban areas or whenever insects, wildlife or other dogs might be attracted by the smell of food. Very small articles that have little odour can encourage more advanced dogs to stay very close to the track. Larger articles, such as work gloves, can serve as a toy for a play reward.

If you intend to train your dog for urban tests, use a mix of articles in your training so that your dog recognizes articles of different composition (leather, fabric, wood, plastic and metal). Leather has its own unique smell and, as a result, is generally easy for dogs to locate. Dogs may have more trouble with plastic, wood or metal articles. Fabric isn't usually a problem for dogs. Use regulation articles occasionally so your dog understands that articles can be of any size.

All articles used on a track should be scented by the track layer. The track layer can tuck articles next to her skin behind her belt, or hold them in her free hand while laying the track. In colder weather, she can tuck articles into her glove or mitten to scent them. I use a very large oversized mitten on my left (non-dominant) hand so there is room for several small articles inside it that will be scented as I lay the track. Although a dog will not be penalized in a test for indicating articles not associated with the track layer, I prefer to have my dogs indicate only the articles touched by the track layer. A dog that indicates every possible article on a track may waste time and effort indicating non-articles unnecessarily.

In the Test

When your dog indicates an article on a test track, you should pick it up and hold it briefly in the air for the judge to see. Keep the article in your pocket or tracking bag because you will need to show the judge the article(s) at the end of the track to verify that you and your dog actually found the articles left by the track layer.

Occasionally an article is missing from the test track. It may have been moved by an animal or passerby or the wind may have blown it off the track. Your dog will be credited with finding the article so long as he was tracking close enough to the original location of the article before it went missing. Some dogs will sniff intensely where the article was originally placed and or actually indicate the place where the article should be. If the article is very close to its original placement, your dog may find the article anyway. When an article is missing, the track layer will confirm where it was originally placed and if she cannot find it quickly then it will be assumed to be missing. The judge will make a final decision as to how far off the track an article can be moved before it is considered so far that the dog cannot reasonably be expected to locate it.

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### **Fun fact about dog's nose..**

Did you know that the tiny vertical groove between your dog's nose and lip has a special function?

This groove is called a filtrum and it helps to keep the nose always moist.

Whenever the dog licks its lips, the saliva accumulates there and goes up to the nose through the capillary.

And why is it important ?

Because a damp nose captures and retains air odors much better, making dog's smell incredibly powerful!

Nature is really ingenious: every detail counts

