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CCTC

UTD & UTDX Test Sunday Oct 6th, 2024, Whitby, Ontario.

Closing date: Sept 19th, 2024, at 8:00 PM

Judge: Wendy McCullough & test secretary Pamela Burns

Come and join us and be a Tracklayer

Good Luck to the teams who entered.

What are the benefits of tracking?

Tracking offers several benefits for both dogs and their handlers:

Mental Stimulation: Tracking engages a dog's mind, providing a challenging and rewarding activity that keeps them mentally sharp.

Physical Exercise: It involves a lot of movement, which helps keep dogs physically fit and healthy.

Bonding: Working together on tracking tasks strengthens the bond between the dog and the handler.

Confidence Building: Successfully following a scent trail boosts a dog's confidence and sense of accomplishment.

Practical Applications: Tracking skills can be used in search and rescue operations, hunting, and even in some sports and competitions.



Eileen & Kara

CCTC Club Members' Brags



"Ella-Mae"

Gabriella Mae von Lowenherz TD, JE, RATO, SA, SDIN, SDN, VA, CA AKC FC and Rats Canada MBAR, MBRH SX

Ella Mae earned her Sprinter Excellent Title (SX) on June 13/24

Owned by **Pamela Burns**



"Lieder"

AKC FC, TD and CKC TCh. Lieder von Lowenherz RN RATO, SX, VA, CA Rats Canada Titles: ABAR MBRH VNS

Lieder earned his Veteran Novice Sprinter Title (VNS) June 13/24

Owned by **Pamela Burns**



"Lieder & Ella-Mae"

AKC FC, TD and CKC TCh. Lieder von Lowenherz RN RATO, SX, VA, CA Rats Canada Titles: ABAR MBRH VNS NTL

ChBRH Gabriella Mae von Lowenherz TD, JE, RATO, SA, SDIN, SDN, VA, CA AKC FC and Rats Canada MBAR, MBRH SX NTL

Both Lieder and Ella Mae had a wonderful fun day at a Rats Canada trial. Both Lieder and Ella Mae earned their Novice Trailing and Locating (NTL) title. Then.... TA DA... Ella Mae earned her Champion Brush Hunting (ChBRH) title.

Owned by **Pamela Burns**

CCTC Club Members' Brags..

Your Club Executives out playing with their dogs...

“Zach”

BPIG UKC NC NI NV NN AC CH. Vomgussaroff Victory Lap
AS SDN RN

Zach earned his Rally Novice Title (RN) June 22/24

Judge Diana Kirkaldy.

On July 14/24 he earned his Advance Sprinter Title (AS)

Owned by **Eileen Fisher**



“Keely”

BPISS MBPIG U-NN AV AC CKC GCH. Castlegar Elliquin
On An Even Keel RN

Keely earned her Rally Novice Title (RN) on June 22/24
at the NYOC Trial. Judge Diana Kirkaldy

Owned by **Maryke Warwick**



“Levon”

BPISS MBPIG UKC CH NN AE GCH. Castlegar Autumwynd
He Shall Be Levon RI PCD SDIN AS VE TD SDE CGN

Levon earned his CGN at the NYOC Trial June 23/24

Under judge Claudia Brabazon

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**



CCTC Club Members' Brags..



“Falkor”

Hellwigg's NeverEnding Story RN CGN

Falkor eaned his Canine Good Neighbour Title (CGN)
June 23/24

Owned by **Adrienne Almey**



“Wiki”

Devonsleigh’s Black Friday CGN

Wiki earned his Canine Good Neighbour Title (CGN) June 23/24

Owned by **Adrienne Almey**



New UKC Champion “Wiki”

CKC/UKC CH Devonsleigh's Black Friday CGN
Wiki earned her UKC Championsip on Sept. 15/24

Owned by **Adrienne King-Almey**



New CKC Champion ”Wiki”

CH. Devonsleigh’s Black Friday CGN
Wiki earned his CKC Championship on July 10/24

Owned by **Adrienne King-Almey**

CCTC Club Members' Brags



“Forest “

SD-MACH Bluforewe Like Peas’N Carrots SDE S ETD TD CARO Novice SDDA Excellent SD-GD

CKC- Masters Scent Detection Interior and Exterior. We will get those pesky containers next time!!!

SDDA- we finally got that last Speed q! And with that our Speed title and Games Championship!!

A month later we got the last required q on Teams with our friends Stephanie Bacon and Sam, to get our Teams title.

Canadian Association of Rally Obedience- this boy got his Working Rookie One title- Five obedience exercises with three passes in each under at least two judges. He loves this sport and got this title at an in person trial where it was so awesome to see him working so beautifully! In the last virtual trial in May, he passed all 12 exercises he entered and is well on his way to his elite title and even some in expert. He also got two more rounds in Rally advanced towards his Bronze title with scores of 194 and 196 out of 200.

On July 28/24 Forest earned his CKC Novice Rally Title (**RN**)

Owned by **Cassia Devison**

Andie..High Impact Andie IGPI

Andie got her **IGPI** Title at the Ontario Regional Championship,

She scored 75-84-88. May25/24(as did her brother)

Archie..High Impact Archie IGPI Title

The tracking proved to be quite a hard challenge for most of the dogs, despite being on what appeared to be lush and cushiony sod.

Owned by **Dwyn Tomlinson**



CCTC Club Members' Brags..

“Lily”

“Lily” earned 6x HIT’s, earned her Advanced Handler Discrimination title, Master Container title, Superior Exterior title, legs in Excellent HD and Vehicle.

“Sterling”

“Sterling” earned 3x HIT’s, earned his NNCH title, Excellent HD title and went on to earn 2 legs in Master HD. (without the handler)...the dog searches for the handlers item amongst other peoples items. The dog must alert in a sit or down position, owner calls the alert, judge counts down from 3)..love this class.

Thank you to Oxford Dog Sports, judges and volunteers for a fantastic 2 day trial. You truly are a superstar team. Thankyou Tricia, Patricia Budrow for looking after the dogs while I ran from ring to ring.

Of course hugs and a extra treat to the wonderful pair of pups that I get to work with

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow**



"Reynard's Folly Sterling & Conasauga Copper Lily"
Lily completed her UKC Superior title, Elite containers (HIT), Superior Vehicle, plus other qualifying scores this past weekend. Aug. 10-11, 2024
Sterling earned several qualifying scores towards his Superior Championship, including 2 HITS in Containers.
 Owned by **Lynda Rupay & tricia Budrow**

CCTC Members' Brags..



"Aya"

UKC NN AI AV MC CKC GCH. Vomgussaroff's Aya
Corona Borealis SDN

On Aug-17,2024. **Aya** earned her UKC Advanced
Exterior Title (**AV**) at the Nosework Trial in Chatham
Ontario with the United Greyhound Club under Judge
Jane Taylor.

Owned by **Vladimir & Olga Semechkp**



Conasauga Copper Lily, Reynard's Folly Sterling, Round the Bend Savannah.

Just back from trialing at the Midwest Jack Russell Terrier Club in Sandwich, Illinois. Thank you to all of the Judges and volunteers

I am so very proud of all of my dogs efforts over the past 2 days.

Stand out moments for Lily..earned the "High Point Versatility Championship", GTG Certificate Champion, Super Earth Champion, Barn Hunt Champion, 4 x qualifying scores in Nosework along with many other successes.

Highlights for Sterling...Senior GTG Champion x 2, First place in lure x 2, first in Nosework x2 (new program to the JRTCA this year) and many more.the most memorable moment was the recognition and gifts (bed & bowl) to my precious Savannah.....oldest dog at the trial..17 years

Proudly owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow.**

CCTC Club Members' Brags.

“Salsa”

Charbr's Dancing on the Edge CD, RE, SDM, NS, JTXS, AgNJS, VN, CGN

On July 13 Salsa got his CKC Agility Novice Jumper title - AgNJS.

Owned by **Anne Passafiume**



“Myles”

Hawthorn Myles To Go SDN WC

Myles passed all three components for his CKC Novice Scent Detection title (**SDN**) His first title in anything!

Then on Sept 15/24 I had a great time at the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto's Working Certificate Test on Sunday, Sept. 15. Judges Tim Marshall and Katherine Kirkpatrick set up nice, fair tests and the vast number of volunteers produced a test that was relaxed but efficient. Much thanks to the judges and volunteers and a Working Certificate (**WC**) pass for my dog, Myles

Owned by **Laura McKay**

CCTC Club Members' Brags

"Nash"

CKC GCH. UKC CA UWP Hellwig's Firestorm

CGN RI SDIN SDN VN TT PCD

Nash earned his UKC Weight pull Novice Title Aug. 3/24

United Weight Puller (**UWP**)

Owned by **Adrienne King-Almey**



"Autumn"

UKC NC NI CKC GCH. Goldgrove Autumn Winds
Dream On CGC NS

Autumn earned her Novice Sprinter Title (NS) on
June 16/24

Owned by **Deborah Dorken.**



CCTC Club Members' Brags.

“Forest “

SD-MACH Bluforewe Like Peas’N Carrots SDE S ETD TD
CARO Novice SDDA Excellent SD-GD SDDA Elite\

We did it!! On Aug. 18/24 **We got an Elite Title!** And perfect scores! And Judge’s Choice! I was so honoured and proud of my boy as I don’t think he was feeling 100% but he always comes out and works with me. Rain or shine, hot or cold, crazy storms or wind, he comes out of the car to new and strange places and is my partner.

Owned by **Cassia Devison**



“Aurum”

CH Boru’s Legend of El Dorado CGN ITD SDIN IBAR NBAR

Aurum earned his Conformation Championship On Aug. 24/24 WD in the all breed and WD at our CBC National BOS in sweeps A qualifying run and 1st in Rats! Barn A qualifying run and 1st place in Rats! Brush

Aug. 25/24 , he got his 3rd Q in Rats! Barn completing the level officially giving him the **NBAR** Also ! For having picked up his first Q in barn within his first 2 attempts, he also got his Instinct, so add a **IBAR** there! (pending Rats! Canada And CKC confirmation) Ps, this is the **FIRST** bloodhound to earn this title

Owned by **Jasmine Evans**

CCTC Club Members' Brags,

“Falkor“

CH Hellwig’s NeverEnding Story RN, CGN
co-owned by Adrienne Almey & Wendy
Hadrall and shown by Benoit Champagne.

Falkor finished his CKC Conformation
Title Sept 1/24

Owned by **Adrienne King Almey**



“Levon”

BPISS MBPIG UKC CH NN AV SE CKC GCH.
Castlegar Autumwynd He Shall Be Levon RI PCD
SDIN AS VE TD SDE CGN

Levon earned his Advanced Vehicle Title (**AV**) & his
Superior Exterior Title (**SE**) at the Maple Leaf KC on
Aug. 31/24 with **3 HITS**

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**



“Elroy”

RBIS MBISS MBOSS MBVIG MBPISS BPIS UKC CH.
U-RO-3 AHD SN CKC GCHB. OTCH. Castlegar Elroy
At Autumwynd CGN RM HIC SX TD UTD SDI SDC
SDX SDM TT VS AKC RN NTD

Elroy earned his Superior Vehicle Title (**SV**) to finish his
Superior Nosework Title (**SN**) on Sept.1/24 with **1 HIT**

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**

CCTC Club members' Brags,



Just back from the Northgate Terrier trials in Glen Gardner, New Jersey.

Sterling and Lily had a great weekend. So many successes in GTG, SE, Brush Hunt, Racing, Rally and Obedience. Lily rocked her Agility(1st) Rally(1st) Brush hunt(1st)....

The highlight of my weekend was earned with a very talented little dog...."Reynard's Folly Sterling" who excelled in all of his Obedience classes (199, 198.5 & 198) and earned "Best Obedience" dog.

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow.**



Reynard's Folly Sterling

Sterling completed and earned his UKC "Elite" Nosework title (**EN**), his Master Handler Discrimination title (**MHD**) a **HIT** in Elite Vehicle and many new legs towards his champion titles.

"The ultimate partner and perfect teammate"

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow.**



CCTC Club Members' Brags..

“Bonny & Aya”

On 14-Sep-2024. Bonny and Aya participated today in the CKC Scent Detection Trial organized by Sarnia Kennel Club Inc. at Canine Companion Training Academy in Brigden. Bonny was booked for Container and Interior at the Master Level. Aya was booked for Exterior. Both girls worked well today, passing all their tests and earning new titles. Bonny earned SDI (Scent Detection Interior) and SDM (Scent Detection Master). Aya earned SDX (Scent Detection Exterior) and SDM (Scent Detection Master).

Owned by **Vladimir & Olga Semechko**

“Tikka”

Glori Vom Klienbrook CGN

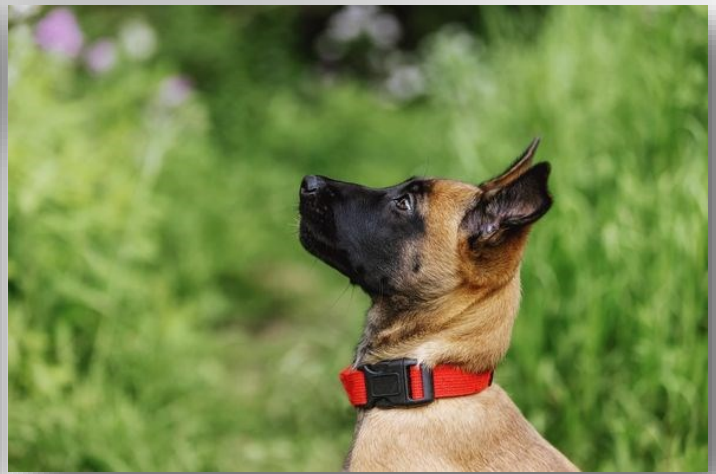
Tikka earned her Canine Good Neighbour Title (CGN)

On July 21/24

Owned by **Stephanie McMahon**



CCTC New Little Tracker..



Introducing >>>>>> "Fia"

Expat's Firebee Is On Target

Fia, meaning fire and fire she is. Welcome to the family my beautiful girl. Born March 24, 2024

Her zest for life and inquisitiveness is contagious and she lives to say hello to all the people and play with her toys.

Owned by Cassia Devison

What if...? By Rosemary Janoch

I had a funny thing happen at an obedience trial two weeks ago. The judge had just finished examining my dog during the moving stand and said "Call your dog." I started with "Brinks..." and then stopped because Brinks had sat down and was busy scratching behind his ear. When he was done scratching, I finished his command to come to heel. We failed because there was a huge 15 second pause between his name and the command to finish. Had I thought a little faster on my feet, I would have given the complete command of "Brinks, heel!" and then let the cards fall where they may. He either would have finished scratching himself and then come to heel or he wouldn't have. But at least then the ball would have been in his court. I blew it for the two of us by delaying my command. I wasn't ready for the "What if my dog starts to scratch right when I start to give a command?" scenario. Because I had not planned on having this happen, I didn't know what to do when it occurred. What I would like to do for you in this article is present some of the "What ifs" that can happen when you are at a tracking test. If you know what to do ahead of time, the presence of the judges and the pressure of the test won't throw you off. □

What if you get lost on the way to the test? Premium lists generally have a cell phone number that can be used the morning of the test to reach the test chairperson. Call and let her know you are lost but are on your way. If an alternate is present, however, they will be allowed to draw for a track instead of you and you will be out of luck. If no alternate is present, the secretary will draw for you if you miss the draw. The catch is, however, that you need to show up before it is time to run your track. I suggest you try to find the site the night before so you don't get lost and you know how long it will take you to get there from the hotel. However, if you get a flat tire or have something else delay you, you may simply be out of luck for running your dog in the test. It is your responsibility to be there on time. □

What if my dog picks up an extra article on the track? For example, your dog might find a glove or a hat on the second leg of the track. Just pick it up, put it in your pocket, praise your dog for being so very clever, and tell your dog to "Go find!" Hopefully you have practiced restarts on your training tracks so that your dog will continue tracking.

What if you see a flag in the middle of the field? Ignore it and continue tracking your dog. A flag left in the field by the track layer will not invalidate your track. □

What if I can see where the track goes? This is not a problem unless you try to guide your dog. Rarely can you see an entire track from beginning to end, but it is very common to be able to see a leg or two due to the type of vegetation the judges walked through. Let your dog use his nose to do his thing and don't try to influence him. When tracks are visible, judges are very aware of the temptation handlers have to guide the dog and they will be on the lookout for any funny business. □

What if my dog has to relieve himself after we have started the track? This is not an uncommon occurrence so don't panic. In fact, many times a dog is totally distracted and doesn't seem able to track and the problem is simply that the dog has something other than tracking on his mind. Let him do his business and then command "Go find!" Your dog should restart with no problem once the potty issue is over. Generally, you don't need to pick it up out in the middle of a big field, but if it is a VST track and you are in a well manicured area, the poop will need to be picked up. Good hearted track layers will usually do it for you so be sure to thank them for going above and beyond the call of duty!

What if you see something dangerous directly ahead of you? Immediately stop and turn around to inform the judges of the situation. I once saw a pair of judges walk a man and his dog in a big arc away from a huge (and I do mean huge) black snake that was aggressively coiled on the track. The judges put the man back on the track on the far side of the snake and told the handler to continue from there. I have also seen this done when a skunk was sunning herself on the track. They all walked a big arc around her and continued the track farther down. □

What if my bitch comes in season the morning of the test? For this answer you will have to consult the premium list. Some tests allow a bitch in season to compete but she will be kept off the test grounds until she needs to run and she will be given the last track of the day. Some tests do not permit bitches in season to participate and in that case I would try to get in touch with the trial secretary as soon as possible in case there is an alternate who could be contacted in time so that dog could run in the test. □

What if a storm moves in while I am on the track? Since tracking is an outdoor activity, be prepared for anything Mother Nature wants to throw at you. However, in the case of severe weather like thunder and lightning it is likely the judges will tell you not to run. They may delay the test for a short time if the storm looks like it is going to blow over.

What if my dog is allergic to bees? May I carry emergency medicine on my person? In the case of medicine (for you or the dog), I would simply inform the judges before you begin the track. I cannot imagine a single judge anywhere that would object to you having it on you. The rules say that anyone may carry water on the track. No food or toys may be on you while you are tracking so empty your pockets of all goodies before starting.

What if you discover you left your harness and lead at home? First, immediately look around for anyone at the test with a dog approximately the same size as yours. Then pray they will let you borrow their equipment. □

What if you discover that your dog is tracking on his collar and you never actually attached the lead to his harness? If the dog was doing fine, I would probably just let him continue to track on his collar. If he looked like he was having a hard time, I would probably stop for a water break and casually clip the tracking lead to the harness while my dog was drinking the water. Do this subtly so the judges don't notice what a dork you are. □

What if you are going through some tough cover and the lead gets terribly tangled in the vegetation? I suggest you turn to the judges and let them know you are going to untangle your dog. If your dog has a reliable stay command, I would put the dog in a sit or down while I pull the lead free. You don't want the dog to continue to tangle more of the lead while you are working on the section of lead that is already tangled. Nor do you want the dog to try to pull you down the track while you are busy getting the lead free from the vegetation. A stay command is really valuable here. I do know of one handler who carries a spare tracking lead in her bag and when the lead gets hopelessly tangled, she simply unclips it and clips on a fresh lead and continues on. When the track is over, she goes back and works on untangling the original lead. □

What if your lead breaks while you are tracking? If the clip at the end broke, tie the lead to the D-ring and be sure to use a good sturdy knot that is not going to come loose. If the lead snapped in half, stop your dog, gather the two pieces together and knot them together as well as you can. Or snap on a new lead if you carry a spare in your bag. □

What if someone, like a hiker, starts to talk to you on the track? I would briefly explain my dog is in the middle of a test and is being judged and would politely excuse myself and tell my dog to continue to track. I know you are nervous at a test, but try not to just ignore the person. Someone told me his dog was crossing a road and a driver stopped and asked him for directions. The handler gave the driver directions and then continued on the track. You will not be failed for talking to someone. Nor will you be given a new track just because a random hiker is walking through your field.

What if the track passes close to a body of water and your dog jumps in for a little dip? You can't really drag him out of there, but you certainly do need a command that says "Quit fooling around and get back to tracking!" You won't fail because your dog jumped in for a swim, but you will fail if you can't get him back on task relatively quickly. □

What if a loose dog comes running across the field at you and your dog? If the dog is friendly and just wants to play with your dog, the track layer or the judges will usually try to step in and shoo the dog away or hook the dog up to a spare lead and get it away from your dog so that you can continue. Sometimes, you can just say "Go away...shoo!" and the dog might leave on his own. If the loose dog looks and sounds like it is aggressive, however, you are in a nightmare situation. If I had a little dog, I would try to pick it up and call to the judges for help. At that point in time, I am no longer worried about a tracking title. I have a much bigger concern. With a bigger dog like a Lab or a Golden, I would tell my dog to sit-stay and position myself between my dog and the dog that is approaching us. Use your best "don't mess with me" voice and tell the dog to go away. Surprisingly, some of these loose dogs are trained and you might be able to forcefully command "Down!" and stop the dog from coming any closer. Fortunately, loose dogs coming at you during a test are few and far between, although I have had this happen to me while training

What if I drop the lead and my dog is continuing to track without me? I guess I don't have the strongest grip in the world, so this has actually happened to me twice. The first time it happened, I was much younger and I ran like crazy after my dog and picked up the lead on the fly. I don't think my dog even noticed I dropped it. When it happened many years later, I simply told my dog to sit and I walked up to him and picked the lead back up. □

What if the judges lose sight of me and my dog? Should I keep going? The answer to this question is: it depends. This really doesn't happen very often with a TD dog, but it is a real concern on a TDX track with heavy cover and thick woods. If my dog and I have gained a lot of ground on the judges and are in danger of leaving them in the dust, I slow down a bit and perhaps offer my dog a water break which gives the judges time to catch up. If, however, I have completely lost sight of them and they have lost sight of me, I keep moving along the track. Most judges will move to the location of the next article if they totally lose sight of the exhibitor. If the next article is already gone, the judges will assume you have already been there and left the location and will hurry along to catch up with you. If the next article is still there on the ground, the judges will likely stay at that location and wait for you to show up or will attempt to backtrack to find you. Judges certainly don't try to lose you on purpose, but random things happen that delay them. For example, an elderly judge fell in the field and the second judge stopped to help him up. It only took a few minutes to get the judge back on his feet and walking again, but the dog and handler were moving quickly and they were in thick cover. The two judges lost sight of the team and it took quite a bit of time to determine that the team had made an incorrect turn while the two judges were busy. The team was now far off the track and in a completely different direction than where the judges were looking. In fact, the team circled around and ended back up at the test headquarters. I give the dog a lot of credit for using his nose and leading his owner back to the food! □

What if I need to ask the judges a question after I have started my track? The time to ask questions is before you start, but handlers will sometimes ask if they can give their dog water, or ask if they can untangle the dog's lead. Do not ask the judges questions like "Am I still on the track?" or "Is this one of the articles?" since no answers to those types of questions will be forthcoming. □

What if the dog walks right past an article without indicating it but you see it? Since I can only see my dog's tail and not his face, I always assume he gave the article a good hard look and I simply missed his indication. So I run right up to the article, pick it up, and wave it madly over my head for the judges to see. Unless you are extremely wealthy and don't care about your entry fee, I would advise you to do the same thing. □

What if there is no start article at the first flag? Simply turn around and tell the judges. They will have the track layer bring you a new start article. □

What if the glove is missing at the end of the track? Since you will not actually know the glove is missing, you may just see your dog fuss around at a particular spot for a while and then continue to track the track layer right out of the field. The judges may stop you and let you know they are looking for the glove. If they can't find it (perhaps a critter carried it away), the judges will pass your dog so don't fret if the glove is truly missing. □

What if your dog completely stops tracking due to some distraction and you cannot get him restarted? I once judged a basset hound at a test in the Cleveland area. He started well but stopped half way down the first leg where he had found a bunny nest a mere yard off the track. Baby bunnies look like little mice when they are newborns. There was nothing that handler could say to get that hound back on the track. He had found a nest of bunnies and had no intention of leaving such a prize. This is why they call it "the luck of the draw." That basset would probably have passed had he gotten any other track that day but the bunny track. Sadly, if you cannot get your dog to track after dealing with a distraction, you will fail

No matter what sport we compete in with our dogs, we need to be prepared for the "what ifs" we will face at a test. The better prepared we are ahead of time for the unexpected, the more likely it is that we will deal with the situation in an appropriate and successful manner. I wish you the best of luck with all the "what ifs" in your life!

This is written by a US Judge but we have lots of What Ifs... that are similar in Canada..