

"Unleashing potential, one scent at a time. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single sniff."





Trial Managers Workshop



Workshop Housekeeping

- Objective of workshop: To plan, organise, and execute a successful SWUK
 Trial that is enjoyable for dogs, handlers and volunteers.
- Duration: 2 Parts (8 hours)
 - 17th September 9:30am-1:30pm
 - 01st October 9:30am-1:30pm
- These sessions wil be recorded and a link will be sent after the workshop
- All workshop materials will be provided
- You can take your own notes but you will get a copy of this presentation
- There will be a break throughout this session to refresh your coffee pot!
- There will be time at the end of this session for Q&A's





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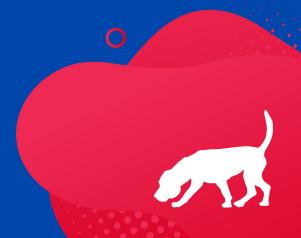
- Review Part 1
- On Day of Trial
- Venue
- Manage arrivals/parking etc
- Briefings
- Checks
- Running white dog
- Manage Judges
- Recording results
- Pitfalls & potential problems
- Searches/Trial finished
- Wrap-up & clean-up
- Back home





Re-cap of week 01

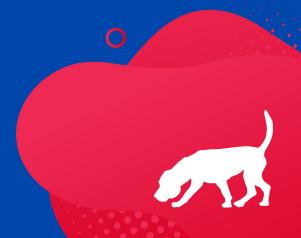
- Admin for running a SWUK Trial
- Arranging a venue
- Registering a trial
- Receiving entries
- When is a trial full
- Entry payment received
- Requesting a Trial Pack
- Prepare Scented Articles
- Final preparations
- Trial admin to print for trial day





On the day of your trial

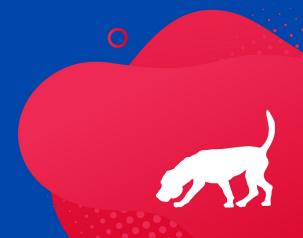
- TM's Checklist
- Venue Set-up | Video





The Venue

- Arrive early!!
- FOD PLOD
- Set up / unlock / refreshments & kettle / signage
- Set up search areas if possible (NOT scent!!) / Boundary markers / Start cones / Scribe station / admin point.
- Wall search v Vehicle search
- Awareness of potential ares of problems / interest eg newly repaired / novel kit / places





Managing arrivals

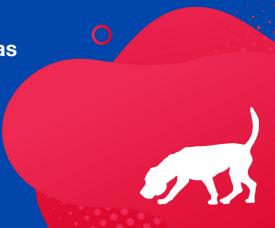
- Reactive dogs
- Public thoroughfare
- Signpost
- Inform briefing time
- Exercise areas





TM Briefings

- Welcome participants
- Overview of the event
- Introduce Judge(s) scribe etc
- Location of poo bin and water bowls
- Review the competition rules and format.
- Check for first timers at the level
- Brief Teams on flow of Trial / exercise area / Not walking too far / Mindful of space
- 'You're Next' Area!
- Remind teams to confirm finds etc before leaving search areas
- Assist teams if necessary (Be aware of nerves etc!!)
- Opportunity for Q&A session for participants





TM Checks

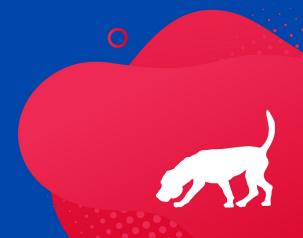
- Small or elderly
- Reactive
- Any special requirements
- May be new checks in future!





Running the white dog

- Show INEXPERIENCED Judge how things work.
- Looking for contamination
- Areas missed by white dog
- What if there is no white dog available?





Managing Judges

- Be aware of where scents are! What is Level appropriate?
- Discuss with Judge & use blanks if necessary to practice putting out
- Consider:
 - Back corners / Air flow or lack of / Target odour convergence considered hard hides? In brush heads etc...
 - Know where scents will be hidden and support setting out
- Post search:
 - To be OBJECTIVE.
 - Articles found/Handling Marks & Deductions: Explain to competing Teams in situ IMMEDIATELY after search.
 - To use ONLY official deductions
 - Who's removing scent?





Recording Results

- Record time in seconds (no less than .5 secs)
- Transferring results from judge/scribe 'NO FORMULA' scoresheets to FORMULA scoresheets on laptop
- Create true order on duplicate sheet.
- Scoresheet errors





Pitfalls & potential problems

- Dealing with slobber (boxes/dirty vehicles)
- Take plenty of scent for replacement needs or judge's dodgy scent!!!
- Distraction Scents at L4. Aware of dog allergies
- Protocol for fouling/trashing in Search Area
- Late arrivals
- Vanishing teams
- Who removes scent?
- Argumentative teams!!
- Any other challenges/problems to solve
- Group experiences to share





Searching & after the trial

- Double check scores & positions. Run results past the Judge(s)
- Re-Check latest Excellent points on the day 'Online'
- Presentation 1st-4th / CleanSweep / Excellent / Trophy.
- JUDGES/SCRIBES GIFTS photos
- Judge feedback





Wrap-up & clean-up

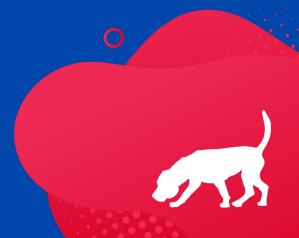
- Ensure all scent materials, equipment, and waste are disposed of properly
- · Clean up the competition area & return the venue to its original state
- Debrief with judges & volunteers to gather feedback for future events
- Secure venue





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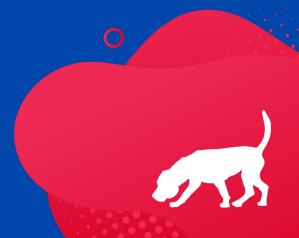
- Email results
- TM's Report!
- Facebook posts





Future thinking

- Tiers: 2/3/4
- More competitors
- More volunteers
- Different venues
- Social media





Q&A

