

**MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB
INC**

2009

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

NOVICE SECTION

Date: Saturday 15 August 2009

8.00 am Start

**Competition for Obedience, Jumping, Change of
Position, Recall and Tricks**

Lunch: 12:30pm

Followed by Presentations

At

MILTON SHOWGROUND

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Aim

The President's Trophy will be awarded to the Club's Champion Novice Dog for the year. This Trophy recognises the importance of having less well experienced members and their dogs participate in healthy competition and to enjoy the experience of such competition. The overriding aim is to encourage novice handlers to further their training experience and participate in the Club's main annual Championship Companion Dog Trial (The Lynne Brooks and Marion Mann trophies).

The Novice Section attempts to parallel those disciplines selected for the main championship but different standards apply.

The President's Trophy is awarded to the highest scoring novice dog on the day regardless of height.

Disqualification

Disqualification (zero points) will be awarded to any dog that attacks another dog, handler or judge whilst performing in any of the events. Any dog assigned 2 disqualifications during the overall competition will not be eligible for Trophy consideration.

Use of Food Rewards

The use of food as a reward is actively promoted at our Club and IS permitted in the Novice Section.

Judges are not permitted to have any food treats on their person.

Disciplines for the 2009 Competition

In 2009 the Club Novice Championship comprises 5 disciplines in all with Obedience being compulsory and 3 of the other 4 disciplines being attempted.

Compulsory

1. On lead heeling (100 points) but in addition include a Stand/stay exercise (50 points)

Optional 3 of the following 4 disciplines

2. Jumping: 6-8 course obstacles in a clockwise left-handed course (Maximum points)
3. Change of Position: Distance handling with handler a leads length from the dog. On direction from the judge to have the dog sit and drop from the stand position. Maximum 50 points.
4. Recall on the flat: handler to leave dog 6 paces and then call the dog to a sit in front and finish. Maximum 50 points.
5. Trix: The handler is to specify to the judge the trick(s)/routine expected and then direct their dog to undertake the desired activity. Points will be awarded for novelty, difficulty choreography. Maximum 50 points.

1. Obedience

This will be an on lead exercise. The first part will include right & left turns/about turns etc and orders for sit, drop and stand. Heeling and associated commands will be done at normal pace, fast pace and slow pace.

Substantial points will be deducted for a tight lead. Minor points will be deducted for additional commands, ignored commands, slow sits/drops/stands and those orders that are poorly executed.

Stand Stay

This exercise will be performed in a separate ring and is part of the Obedience discipline with a maximum of 50 points.

The handler will be directed by the judge to 'forward and stand your dog'. 'Leave your dog to the end of the lead and face your dog'(the handler may order the dog to stay/wait).

The judge will then circle the dog and handler no closer than a 1 metre from the dog.

The judge will then order the handler to 'return around your dog', and 'Exercise finished'.

Substantial points will be lost for a dog that moves or shows shyness from being approached. Minor points for lesser parts of the exercise.

2. Jumping

Jumping is an offshoot of agility. The dog works off lead and is required to negotiate a set of obstacles including jumps, tunnels, tyre, spread hurdle etc over a set course with the handler's encouraging their dog from one obstacle to the next. The dogs are timed and incur penalties for failing to

correctly negotiate an obstacle. All obstacles will be adjusted according to the height of the each dog. There are no contact obstacles or weaving poles.

5 points lost for each obstacle fault. 1 point lost for each second over the SCT. Disqualification for an incorrect course; however 5 points minimum for entering.

3. Change of Position

This is essentially an obedience exercise the aim of which is to have the dog comply with commands given by the handler from a distance.

Commands

- Take up your position (between 2 marker posts)
- Forward
- Stand your dog
- Leave your dog, to the end of the lead and about turn (handler may instruct the dog to stay/wait)
- Sit your dog
- Drop your dog
- Return around your dog
- Exercise finished

Points

Minimum of 5 for entry

Maximum 50 points

Deductions:

- 5 point for not standing
- 5 points for not sitting
- 5 points for not dropping
- 2 points for repeated commands
- 2 points for dog moving closer to handler

4. Recall

This exercise is a subset of Obedience. It is a straight recall – at least 5 metres distance.

The Judge will ask the handler to move to the starting post and ‘remove your lead for a recall’. The judge will then order, ‘forward’ and then ‘halt’ and the dog must sit without verbal command. The judge will then order ‘leave your dog’ and the handler may give the dog a stay/wait command and move forward until the Judge says ‘about turn and halt.’ On the Judge’s command, the handler will call the dog which must come quickly and sit in front. The Judge will say ‘finish’ and the handler will command the dog to return to heel position.

The judge will then announce ‘exercise finished’.

10 points lost for a break on the stay command. 5 points for secondary commands and anticipated call; 2 points for a slow return, poor sits or other lesser parts of the exercise.

5. Trix

Many handlers teach their canine pals to do all sorts of wonderful and sometimes useful things. We are going to call these “Trix” and the aim is to be as innovative as possible with your dog and inspire the judges with the range of additional skills your dog has learnt.

Because this tends to be subjective there will be 2 judges who will confer and derive your score

Commands

Inform the judges what they can expect to see when you command your dog to undertake *trix*.

- Show us the *trix* you have taught your dog
- ‘Exercise finished’.

A minimum of 5 points for entering with a maximum score of 50 points being possible. Bonus points will be given for:

- longer tricks
- more difficult tricks
- originality
- dog remaining enthusiastic
- flow of skills

Points will be lost for a dog requiring several commands to undertake the trick, or failing to complete a trick