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We look forward to seeing you at our show!



**Central Sierra Rottweiler Club
Member Club of USRC**

2019 USRC National Sieger Show

and

Central Sierra Rottweiler Club Sieger Show

BH Trial and all Breed Protections Tournament

Judges:

Yvonne Bekkers FCI (Netherlands)

Neil Perkins FCI (South Africa)

Entries
close Sunday, November 10, 2019

Show Location:
Kearney Park (Tea House)
Address: 6725 W Kearney Blvd, Fresno, CA 93706

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Kearney+Park/@36.7255669,-119.9185994,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x92501565f141b604?sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwluNqYkKjXAh-VX6mMKHSbABIUQ_BllggEwCw

Entries limited to 75 dogs per judge per day including breed survey entrants
Entries are nonrefundable

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

Friday, November 15, 2019

BH Trial

Breed Surveys (BSC, BST, ABST, LBST)

Lunch: Food available for purchase

Protection Tournament

9:00 am – Meet at Kearney Park for check in followed by BH routines

BH Trial

BSC, BST, ABST, LBST

Lunch Break

Following lunch all breed Protection Tournament

Saturday, November 16, 2019 USRC National Sieger Show

(dependent on entries, possibility of 2 rings)

USRC National Sieger Show

9:00 AM – Check in Kearney Park (Tea Room) building

10:00 AM - classes begin

Males:

Puppy Classes Puppy Class (4-6 mo),(6-9), (9-12)

Youth Classes (12-18),(18-24)

Females:

Puppy Classes Puppy Class (4-6 mo),(6-9), (9-12)

Youth Classes (12-18),(18-24)

Selection of National Best Puppy Male & Female (classes up to 12 months)

Selection of National Youth Sieger & Youth Siegerin from the 12-18 and 18-24 mo classes

Lunch Break 1 hr. (food will be available for purchase): Parade of Champions followed by raffle

Adult Classes

Once a dog is eligible for the Champion, Working or Sieger/Siegerin class, the dog may not enter the Open Class. When a dog is eligible for more than one class, the dog's owner determines the entry. If a dog is eligible for the Sieger or Siegerin Class the dog may be entered in any other class except Veteran.

Males:

Open Class- 24 months or older (without IPO/IGP title)

Champion Class- 24 months and older that have earned a USRC recognized Championship (AKC, CKC or a FCI member kennel club)

Working Class- 24 months and older with a USRC recognized IPO/IGP title

Sieger Class- 24 months and older that have earned a Sieger title at a USRC National or Regional Sieger show

Veteran Class- 7 years or older on the day of the show. Veteran class entries are not eligible for titles and receive only critiques, no ratings or placements

Females:

Open Class- 24 months or older (without IPO/IGP title)

Champion Class- 24 months and older that have earned a USRC recognized Championship (AKC, CKC or a FCI member kennel club)

Working Class- 24 months and older with a USRC recognized IPO/IGP title

Siegerin Class- 24 months and older that have earned a Sieger title at a USRC National or Regional Sieger show

Veteran Class- 7 years or older on the day of the show. Veteran class entries are not eligible for titles and receive only critiques, no ratings or placements

Brood Bitch- Entered by the owner of the brood bitch. The brood bitch and at least two of her produce must appear in the ring. The bitch must have a USRC recognized Breed Test and have been at least 24 months of age at the time of breeding. The class is to be evaluated on the merits of the produce. The owner of the brood bitch need not be the owner of the produce.

The produce must first be entered in the show's regular classes. Written critiques are not given.

Stud Dog- Entered by the owner of the stud dog. The stud dog and at least two of his get must appear in the ring. The dog must have a USRC recognized Breed Test and have been at least 24 months of age at the time of breeding. The class is to be evaluated on the merits of the get. The owner of the stud dog need not be the owner of the get. The get must first be entered in the show's regular classes. Written critiques are not given.

Kennel Class- Entered by the Kennel owner. Three or more dogs bred by the Kennel Owner and registered with the Kennel Name of the entrant. The Kennel Owner need not be the registered owner of the dogs. All dogs must first be entered in the show's regular classes. Written critiques are not given.

Selection of USRC National Select Male & Female- class winners 24 months or older (without IPO/IPG title)

Selection of Sieger & Siegerin- qualified winners from adult classes (USRC recognized breed survey, IPO/IGP title from recognized organizations, passing health testing (hips, elbows, heart) V1 at show from Working, Open, Qualified Champion classes

Selection of Best of Breed & Best of Opposite Sex (dogs eligible to compete are Sieger, Siegerin, Youth Sieger, Youth Siegerin)

7:00 pm or following the end of event, whichever is later– **Judges Dinner**
Texas Roadhouse 3190 W. Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA
<https://www.texasroadhouse.com/restaurant-locations/california/fresno>

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Central Sierra Rottweiler Club Sieger Show

9:00 AM – Check in Kearney Park (Tea Room) building

10:00 AM - classes begin

Males:

Puppy Classes 4-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo

Youth Classes 12-18 mo, 18-24 mo

Females:

Puppy Classes 4-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo

Youth Classes 12-18 mo, 18-24mo

Selection of Best Puppy Male & Female (classes up to 12 months)

Selection of Select Youth Male & Female (classes from 1-24 mo)

Lunch Break 1 hr.

Males:

Open Class- 24 months or older (without IPO/IPG title)

Champion Class- 24 months and older that have earned a USRC recognized Championship (AKC, CKC or a FCI member kennel club)

Working Class- 24 months and older with a USRC recognized IPO/IPG title

Veteran Class- 7 years or older on the day of the show. Veteran class entries are not eligible for titles and receive only critiques, no ratings or placements

Females:

Open Class- 24 months or older (without IPO/IPG title)

Champion Class- 24 months and older that have earned a USRC recognized Championship (AKC, CKC or a FCI member kennel club)

Working Class- 24 months and older with a USRC recognized IPO/IPG title

Selection of Select Male & Female from adult classes

SHOW RATINGS

Puppies (up to 12 mo.*)

VP – Very promising

P – Promising

S – Satisfactory

NP – Not promising

DQ – Disqualified

Youth and Adults

V – Excellent

SG – Very good

G – Good

B – Satisfactory

U – Unsatisfactory

DQ – Disqualified

ENTRY FEES

Enter online at Caniva

All Classes: \$65, \$55 for USRC members

Standard Evaluation: \$100, \$90 for USRC members

Closing date for all EVENTS: Sunday, November 10, 2019

Entries are NOT REFUNDABLE!

CATALOG ADVERTISING

Catalog page size is 8.5" x 11"

Inside front cover or inside back cover (verify availability): \$150

Full page color ad: \$100

Ads must be camera ready. There will be an extra charge for ad design, spe-

cial borders and/or typesetting. If you would like to advertise, contact Michelle Platt at: equusartcraze@yahoo.com. Ads & payment must be received by Monday, November 8, 2019.

RAFFLE DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate any and all raffle donations. A list of donors will appear in our show catalog. Contact Michelle Platt at: equusartcraze@yahoo.com.

CONCESSIONS

Lunch will be available: Pulled pork or French Dip or bbq chicken with roll, chips, salad, drink \$12. Picnic tables are available for eating.

TROPHY DONATIONS

All trophy donations are greatly appreciated. All donors and sponsors will be listed in the show catalog.

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JUDGES' DINNER

Texas Roadhouse
3190 W. Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA
<https://www.texasroadhouse.com/restaurant-locations/california/fresno>

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels in North Fresno area are recommended-

Inexpensive and pet friendly-
Extended Stay America-Fresno-North
559.438.7105
7135 N. Fresno St. | Fresno, CA 93720

AIRPORT

Fresno Yosemite International Airport

VETERINARIAN

Pet ER (24 hour)
(559) 437-3766

7375 N. Palm Bluffs Ave.
Fresno, CA 93711

<http://www.fresnopeter.com/>

SHOW SITE

Show site with the Kearney Mansion-a historic local attraction open for tours on Saturdays



Show Photographer: Go Dog Photography

Book your sessions!

Go Dog Photography www.godogphotography.com

liz@godogphotography.com

619-871-0492

IMPORTANT SHOW INFORMATION



USRC SHOW REGULATIONS

CONFORMATION SHOW INFORMATION

Section 1: General Information

- a. Rottweilers with a valid USRC recognized registration (from AKC, CKC, USRC, or any FCI member Kennel Club) may participate in USRC shows.
- b. The FCI Standard for the Rottweiler dated 06.19.2000 will be used for judging.
- c. An entered dog's original registration, hip certification and support documents for requisite titles (when applicable) must be available at the show for inspection if requested. The original USRC Registration Certificate will be accepted as proof of titles and health certifications provided all required information is on the Registration Certificate.
- d. All entrants will receive entry acknowledgment prior to the show date.
- e. Dogs with missing teeth will be disqualified. Dog with Broken teeth, still visible in the mouth may be evaluated at the judge's discretion.
- f. Show participants may be subject to discipline for misconduct in accordance with the USRC Misconduct and Discipline Regulations
- g. All judge's decisions are final. No appeals are possible

Section 2: Tail Information

- a. Effective Sept 1, 2014, dogs docked by an individual after becoming a USRC member are prohibited from entering USRC events.
- b. Docked dogs born in countries where docking is forbidden by law are prohibited from entering USRC events.
- c. Dogs docked after seven (7) days from birth are prohibited from entering USRC events

Section 3: USRC Show Classes

Puppy Classes:

- o 4-6 Month Male/Female (optional) - For all Rottweilers between the ages of 4-6 months
- o 6-9 Month Male/Female - For all Rottweilers between the ages of 6-9 months
- o 9-12 Month Male/Female - For all Rottweilers between the ages of 9-12 months

Youth Classes:

- o 12-18 Month Male/Female - For all Rottweilers between the ages of 12-18 months
- o 18-24 Month Male/Female - For all Rottweilers between the ages of 18-24 months

Adult Classes:

- o Open Male/Female - For all Rottweilers 24 months and older
- o Champion Male/Female - For all Rottweilers 24 months and older that have earned a USRC recognized Championship (AKC, CKC or a FCI member kennel club)
- o Working Male/Female - For all Rottweilers 24 months and older with a USRC recognized SchH/VP/IGP title.
- o Sieger/Siegerin Class - For all Rottweilers 24 months and older that have earned a Sieger or Siegerin title at a USRC National or Regional Sieger show or have been awarded the USRC Universal Sieger title.

Section 4: Class Eligibility

- When a dog is eligible for more than one adult class, the dog's owner determines the entry.
- All dogs entering over 30 months of age must have a hip rating or number, pass or fail, from OFA, ADRK or an FCI member kennel club, which will be listed in the catalog
- Copies of documents for all titles and hip ratings must be sent with any entry for adult classes. The USRC Registration Certificate will be accepted as proof of titles if the requisite titles appear on the Registration Certificate.
- Adult dogs entered in the Champion, Working or Sieger/in classes without proof of titles submitted by the entry closing date will be moved to the Open class
- A class change is permitted for an entered dog after the entry closing date and prior to the start of the day's judging.
- If a dog is ineligible for an entered class, the dog must be moved to the proper class prior to the start of that class.
- If a dog is shown in a class it is ineligible for, any placements or awards received will be revoked.
- Spayed or neutered dogs may not enter a USRC conformation show with the exception of the Veteran, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch classes.

- Dogs with Restricted USRC Registrations or AKC Limited Registrations may not enter a USRC Show.

Section 5: The Show Ring

- Dogs are shown in a natural stance (no hand stacking), and may be baited with toys at the judge's discretion. Baiting with food is generally prohibited by the judges.
- Dogs will be moved (run) long enough for the judge to evaluate the dog's movement and fitness. Handlers may be changed as needed.
- Each dog will be individually evaluated and receive a rating along with a written critique.
- 1st through 4th place may be awarded in each class.
- Placements and awards may be withheld by the judge at their discretion.
- Sports attire is customary

Section 6: Show Ratings

Puppy Classes (Up to 12 months)

- o VP Very Promising o P Promising
- o S Satisfactory
- o NP Not Promising

Youth and Adult Classes

- o V Excellent
- o SG Very Good o G Good
- o B Satisfactory
- o U Unsatisfactory

Section 7: Show Awards

The 1st place winners of each of the classes will be presented to the judge for the appropriate award The following awards may be given dependent on type of show:

- Best Puppy Male and Female - selected from the puppy class winners
- National Youth Sieger and Siegerin, Regional Youth Sieger and Siegerin or Select Youth Male and Female - selected from the youth class winners
- National Select Male and Female or Regional Select Male and Female - selected from the adult class winners ineligible for Sieger or Siegerin

- National Sieger and Siegerin, Regional Sieger and Siegerin - selected from the eligible adult class winners

- USRC Universal Sieger and Siegerin, awarded at the National Sieger show.

Section 8: Sieger and Siegerin Eligibility

To be eligible for Sieger or Siegerin at a regional or national show the dog must have:

- USRC recognized SchH/VP/G/IPO title
- A valid USRC recognized Breed Suitability Test
- Received a V-1 rating in the class on the day of the show

- Non-Regular Classes: Veteran, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, and Kennel classes WILL NOT be offered at this show.

BREED SUITABILITY TEST INFORMATION

The Breed Suitability Test (BST) is designed to select those Rottweilers that are worthy of being bred. The dog's conformation must be judged of breeding quality and free of disqualifying faults. The dog must have a valid hip certification number and have a tattoo or microchip (owner/handler responsible for providing reader) for identification. Once the conformation and soundness qualifications have been met, the dog's temperament is tested. This test includes a gun sureness test, a protection test, and a test to insure that the dog is stable around the public. The United States Rottweiler Club strongly believes that these tests are vital to maintain the Rottweiler in type and temperament and should be the cornerstone of any breeding program.

Section 1: General Information

- The FCI Standard for the Rottweiler dated 06.19.2019 will be used for judging.
- All entrants will receive entry acknowledgment prior to the show date.
- Males shall be judged first, followed by females with females in season last.
- If a dog fails the character or protection phase of the BST two more attempts may be made. If the dog does not pass the BST on the third attempt, it will be deemed unbreedable. No further attempts will be allowed.
- If a dog does not pass an ABST on the initial attempt one more attempt may be made.
- If a dog does not pass an LBST on the initial attempt one more attempt may be made.
- All judge's decisions are final. No appeals are possible
- Breed test critiques will be signed by the judge and the breed test secretary. A signed copy is given to the owner and a signed copy submitted to the Office Administrator. When the breed test critiques are processed by the Office Administrator, if the breed test is deemed invalid for any reason the breed test and any subsequent titles dependent on the breed test will be

revoked.

i. Participants may be subject to discipline for misconduct in accordance with the USRC Misconduct and Discipline Regulations

Section 2: Tail Information

- Effective Sept 1, 2014, dogs docked by an individual after becoming a USRC member are prohibited from entering USRC events.
- Docked dogs born in countries where docking is forbidden by law are prohibited from entering USRC events.
- Dogs docked after seven (7) days from birth are prohibited from entering USRC events

Section 3: Breed Test Entry – All Breed Tests

- Rottweilers with a valid USRC recognized registration (from AKC, CKC, USRC, or any FCI member Kennel Club) may participate in USRC breed tests. Dogs with Restricted USRC Registrations or AKC Limited Registrations may not enter a USRC breed test.
- The dog must be registered with USRC prior to the entry closing date.
- The dog must be tattooed or microchipped.
- The owner and the handler of the dog must be USRC members.
- The dog must have a weight certificate (if requested by the host club) dated within 30 days of the test date.
- Copies of USRC membership cards for owners and handlers, copies of the entered dog's USRC registration, hip certification, appropriate support documents for requisite titles and elbow, and cardiac certification for dogs born after April 1, 2012 must be submitted with the dog's entry. A copy of the entered dog's USRC Registration Certificate will be accepted as proof of titles and health certifications provided all required information is on the Registration Certificate. g. Copies of USRC membership cards for owners and handlers, and the entered dog's original USRC registration, hip certification and all support documents for requisite titles and elbow and cardiac certification for dogs born after April 1, 2012 must be presented to the secretary upon check in. The original USRC Registration Certificate will be accepted as proof of titles and health certifications provided all required information is on the Registration Certificate.

Section 4: Additional BSC (Breed Standard Certificate)

Prerequisites Evaluation and Results

- The results of a Breed Standard Certification are: Certified – Breedable, Conforms to the breed standard, Held Back– may retest (with explanation), Disqualified – Not breedable (with explanation) or Excused (with explanation). Dogs that are disqualified may not be bred.
- Evaluation of the dog's overall character will occur throughout the entire test. If the judge observes unsatisfactory temperament or behavior at any point during the test, the judge may require repetitions or variances of elements to this purpose. When

evaluating any unsatisfactory temperament or behavior during the certification elements, the judge must consider if the issue is a training error or if the dog is showing incorrect temperament or behavior. If the judge feels the issue is a training error, the dog may be held back. If the judge feels the dog is showing incorrect temperament or behavior, the dog may be disqualified. The judge's decision is final.

- Dogs that show insecurity, nervous, fearful or aggressive behavior during any of the certification elements will receive an Insufficient rating for that element and the dog may not continue further with the qualification. Dogs that receive an Insufficient rating in any element will be held back or disqualified from further tests, depending on the reason for the Insufficient rating.
- Excusal – Should the judge notice unsportsmanlike conduct from the handler, lack of control of the dog, a lame or sick appearing dog, offenses against the test regulations, offenses against local animal protection laws then the team is to be excused from the remainder of the test.

Entry Eligibility

- Only dogs that appear healthy may be exhibited.
- The minimum age for entry for the Breed Standard Certification is 15 months of age.
- The dog must have a USRC recognized registration
- The dog must be tattooed or microchipped
- Bitches in season may participate; provided they are kept apart from the rest of the participants and they must be presented last.
- Pregnant or nursing females are not permitted to participate.
- Spayed bitches may be presented for certification. Neutered males may be presented provided the dog has received a show critique from a USRC show as evidence that the dog's testicles were present prior to neutering.
- Dog may only be presented once per scheduled certification. There is no waiting period between attempts for dogs that are held back or excused.

Requirements

- A Handler may present up to 3 dogs for qualification in one day
- Owners of dogs that are microchipped are responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the verification of the microchip.
- Motivational items may be used during the measurement and critique portion of the test (i.e. food, toys, etc) but may not be used during the obedience or traffic portion of the test.
- The dog must wear a collar and the handler must carry a lead at all times during the test.
- The dog must allow itself to be approached and touched by the judge. At any time during the test, at the discretion of the judge, the dog may be approached and/or touched by the judge.
- The gunfire will be from a 6mm 22 caliber blank pistol. In evaluating any reaction to the gunfire, the judge must consider if the reaction is a training error or if the dog shows shyness to the gunfire. In doubtful cases, the judge is obligated to repeat the gunfire in order to assess the dog's gunshot indifference. If the dog proves to be gun shy, the dog will be immediately disqualified.
- A dog possessing a BH, achieved at an AWDF member club is exempt from the obedience and impartiality elements of the test however the dog must demonstrate indifference to gunfire while heeling forward 25 paces. A dog possessing an IPO title, achieved at an AWDF member club is exempt all obedience and impartiality elements of the test.

Certification Elements

- The dog's tattoo or microchip number will be verified. This is an essential part of the test and the dog must allow itself to be touched by the judge. The possible ratings for this element will be Verified, Insufficient - tattoo not legible/microchip not found or Insufficient - Dog cannot be touched, unable to verify positive identification.
- Measurements of the dog's height, body length, and muzzle length will be taken and recorded as well as the eye color and dentition. The possible ratings for this element are Sufficient - No Disqualifying Faults or Insufficient - disqualifying fault present
- A complete written critique and rating of the dog as evaluated in accordance with the breed standard. The possible ratings for this element are Excellent, Very Good, Good, Satisfactory or Insufficient.
- Obedience— On or off leash (handler's choice). From a basic position of the dog sitting in heel position next to the handler, the dog and handler heel forward in a straight line for a minimum of 25 paces, with two gunshots fired when the dog and handler has walked a distance of 15 paces, followed by an about turn, (handlers option for right, left or IPO style about turn), a minimum of 10 paces, a right turn, a minimum of 10 paces, a left turn, a minimum of 10 paces and come to a halt with the dog in a sit in heel position. With the dog in a sit, the handler will step away from the dog a minimum of 6 feet, turn to face the dog, pause and then return to the dog. The handler will then command the dog to a down position. With the dog in a down position the handler will step away from the dog a minimum of 6 feet, turn to face the dog, pause and then return to the dog. Light verbal praise as well as additional commands are permitted. Excessive praise or excessive additional commands are to be penalized and reflected in the rating. The possible ratings for this element are Excellent, Very Good, Good, Satisfactory, Insufficient, or BH - if the dog possesses a BH. An Excellent rating may only be obtained with the dog off leash, the highest rating allowed for on leash work is Very Good.
- Impartiality – A maximum of 4 dogs should be tested in this element at a time and the dog/handler teams may be divided into groups to accommodate handlers with multiple dogs. The dogs may be under obedience from the handler for the duration of this element. The handlers and their dogs will form a single line and walk with no more than fifteen feet between each dog and handler team. The dog must follow its handler willingly on leash. In a line, the dog and handler teams will pass through a milling group of 5-8 people, and be passed by a jogger. One at a time, the dog and handler team will be approached by a pedestrian. The pedestrian will stop and greet the dog handler with a handshake and engage in a short conversation. The handler may command their dog to sit or lie down during the greeting. After the greeting, the dog and handler team will go to the end of the line. The dogs should remain impartial to the encounters as well as the other dogs in the line. Friendly, outgoing, animated or good-natured behavior towards the judge, group or pedestrian is not faulty, so long as the dog remains under the control of the handler. Should a dog have an unsteady, but not aggressive or overexcited reaction to any of the encounters or to the other dogs, the judge may vary the test slightly or repeat the test in order to further evaluate the dog's temperament. The possible ratings for this element are Excellent, Very Good, Good, Satisfactory, Insufficient, or BH - if the dog possesses a BH

Section 5: Additional BST Prerequisites

- The dog must have a USRC accepted hip certification with the dog's permanent identification indicated on the certificate (refer to USRC accepted health certifications).
- Dogs born after April 1, 2012 must have USRC accepted elbow rating (refer to USRC accepted health certifications).
- Dogs born after April 1, 2012 must have a OFA normal cardiac certificate
- The dog must have a USRC recognized BH upon check in for the Breed Test. If the BH is earned after the close of entries a copy of the scorebook showing the BH title must be presented to the BST secretary upon check in on the day of the breed test
- Missing Teeth – An owner may apply for permission to enter a BST from the Breed Director for a dog with a missing tooth or teeth when irrefutable proof exists of previous full dentition and the tooth or teeth were lost due to accident. The owner must submit irrefutable proof of full dentition prior to the accident such as x-rays, show critiques, veterinary records, an OFA Dentition Certificate and statements from person(s) at, or near the accident describing what happened along with a \$25 non-refundable fee. The Breed Director will make a decision and that decision, without explanation, will be final. Depending on each individual case, approval or disapproval could take as long as 4 weeks. Approval to enter the BST by the Breed Director only allows the dog to enter a BST. The Judge may still choose to disqualify the dog in which case the dog will be ineligible for breeding. No appeals of the Judge's decision will be allowed.

Section 6: Additional ABST Prerequisites

The purpose of the Advanced and Lifetime Breed Suitability Tests is to find the best dogs in order to improve the overall qualities of the breed.

- Males must be a minimum of 36 months of age. Females must be a minimum of 30 months of age.
- The dog must have passed a USRC recognized Breed Suitability Test prior to the entry closing date.
- Dogs born after April 1, 2012 must have USRC recognized elbow rating and the elbows must be rated as OFA Normal, Grade I or Grade II, ADRK ED Free, ED+/-, ED+ or FCI ED 0 or ED 1.
- Dogs born after April 1, 2012 must have a OFA normal cardiac certificate
- The dog must have obtained three (3) show critiques with a SG or V Rating prior to the entry closing date. Two of these critiques must be from the Adult Classes and must be from 2 (two) different USRC recognized Judges.
- Males must have a valid USRC Recognized SchH/VP/IGP title. Females must have a valid USRC Recognized SchH/VP/IGP title prior to the entry closing date.

- The dog must have passed a USRC recognized Endurance Test (AD) prior to the entry closing date.
- The dog must have correct mouth pigmentation and dark eyes (1a - 3a).
- Missing Teeth – Dogs may receive an ABST in spite of lost teeth provided a copy of the dog's BST is submitted with the entry and the original documentation is presented on the day of the breed test.

Section 7: Additional LBST Prerequisites

LBST is not offered at this event. For further information refer to the USRC website: usrconline.org

Section 7: Breed Test Elements

- The dog's tattoo or microchip number will be verified. This is an essential part of the test and the dog must allow itself to be touched by the judge.
- Measurements of the dog's physical features (height, body length, chest width and circumference etc) will be taken and recorded as well as the eye color and dentition.
- A complete written critique of the dog will be done as evaluated in accordance with the breed standard.
- The Group: The handler with dog on leash walks through a group of five to eight people. The handler and dog return to the center of the group where the dog sits. The group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse. The group is demonstrated both on and off leash for the ABST and LBST.
- The Gun: The handler and dog walk away from the judge. At a distance of fifteen paces, a 22 short blank starter pistol or its equivalent, is fired twice with a short interval in between each shot. Should the dog have a reaction to the gunfire, this exercise may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion. If the dog continues to show a strong reaction to gunfire, the test is stopped and the dog is deemed unbreedable.
- The protection routines: Rating protection work is of great significance for the breeding selection of working dogs. For this reason, the assessment of the protection work has the highest priority. The BST routine includes an attack on the handler out of the blind with two soft stick hits and an attack on the dog out of motion. The ABST/LBST routine includes a search for the helper (2 blinds) with a hold and bark, prevention of escape of the helper, with defense against an attack from the guarding phase and an attack on the dog out of motion followed by a side transport to the judge.

Section 8: Protection Routine Regulations

- The same helper (barring an accident) will work all dogs in an equal manner and should not be overly hard at any time. The soft stick hits should be moderate, a leather covered stick must be used. The stick hits may only be applied to the shoulders and the area of the withers. The sleeve should be broken in but not mutilated.

- After an out the dog must guard the helper until the judge instructs the handler to pick up the dog.
- The dog must out with or without command from the handler and without being touched by the handler. The handler may give a verbal command "aus" / "out" at the appropriate time. Additional verbal "'aus" / "out" commands are given when signaled by the judge. If the dog does not out on the third command, the protection work is terminated. At no time may the handler touch the dog before the dog outs. If the dog is inappropriately touched before the out, the protection work is terminated.
- If the dog leaves the helper during the guarding phase, on the judge's signal the handler may resend the dog to the helper. If the dog redeployes and remains with the helper, then the protection routine can continue. If the dog does not allow himself to be redeployed or leaves the helper again, then the protection work is terminated. If the dog comes toward the handler as the handler approaches the blind or the dog, or the dog comes back to the handler prior to receiving a verbal command, the protection work is allowed to continue.
- If the dog does not grip the sleeve or if the dog should come off during a drive or stick hits, the helper must continue to press the dog. If the dog returns to the sleeve, the test continues. If the dog fails to regrip, the protection work is terminated.
- If the protection work is terminated for any reason, the dog cannot pass the breed test.

Section 9: BST Protection Routine

- The dog and handler approach the blind on leash. At a distance of approximately 30 feet away from the blind the handler removes the dog's leash and holds the dog by the collar. The handler continues to approach the blind while holding the dog by the collar.
- At approximately 12 feet from the blind, at a line marked on the ground, the judge will instruct the helper to come out of the blind and attack the handler. The handler must immediately release the dog. The handler must remain at the spot of releasing the dog until told otherwise by the judge.
- The helper will catch the dog on the sleeve, drive the dog and apply two soft stick hits with an interval of 2 or 3 steps between hits and continue to drive the dog briefly, approximately 3 to 5 paces, until directed by the judge to stop.
- The dog should immediately go to the helper and grip the sleeve and continue gripping the sleeve while being driven and when the helper stops, the dog outs, with or without command from the handler.
- When instructed by the judge the handler will go to the dog and put the dog on leash and will heel down the field to the center of the field. With the dog in the basic position, the handler will remove the leash and hold the dog by the collar. The dog must remain quietly by the handler's side.
- At the instruction of the judge, the helper will come from behind a blind that was designated by the judge (approximately 40 meters away from the dog and handler)

and walk at a normal pace to the center of the field. The handler may challenge the helper as he leaves the blind.

- At the center of the field the helper turns and runs towards the dog and handler in a threatening manner. The handler releases the dog and remains at the spot of releasing the dog until told otherwise by the judge.
- The dog must grip and remain on the sleeve while being driven 4 or 5 paces. (No stick hits) and when the helper stops and the dog outs, with or without a command.
- When instructed by the judge, the handler goes to the dog. The handler puts the dog on leash and heels back to the judge and reports that the BST is completed.

Section 10: ABST Protection Routine

- The dog and handler go to the center of the field between two (2) blinds. The basic position is taken and the leash is removed.
- On the judge's signal, the handler sends the dog to search two blinds while the handler remains in the center of the field (as in IPO 1). Omitting the search of the first blind and sending the dog directly to the helper is not allowed and the protection work is terminated. If the dog does not successfully find the helper blind after the third attempt, the protection work is terminated.
- On instruction from the judge the handler moves to a position behind the dog and on the judge's signal, the handler calls the dog out of the blind into the basic position or picks up the dog by free-heeling out of the blind. If the pick-up method is used, the handler may take the dog by the collar.
- Upon a signal from the judge, the handler orders the helper to step out of the blind. The helper moves at a normal pace to the designated location for the escape. On a signal from the judge, the handler moves with the dog free heeling or the handler make take the dog by the collar to the designated spot for the down prior to the escape. The handler leaves his guarding dog in the down position and moves directly into the blind, maintaining visual contact with the dog, the judge, and the helper. On the judge's signal, the helper tries to escape. The handler must give the dog a command, (e.g., "go" or some form of release command. The dog must prevent the escape without hesitation by means of an energetic and strong grip.
- On a signal from the judge, the helper stops running and stands still. When the helper comes to a standstill, the dog must release the grip. Handlers may give the verbal command "aus" / "out" on their own at the appropriate time.
- After a guarding phase of about five (5) seconds, and upon a signal from the judge, the helper makes an attack on the dog. The dog must defend himself through gripping the sleeve without any influence from the handler. As soon as the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the helper applies two stick hits with an interval of 2 or 3 steps between hits. The attack on the dog must be in a direction away from the handler. Upon a signal from the judge, the helper stops and stands still. After the helper is standing still, the dog must release the grip. The handler may give a verbal command "aus" / "out" at the appropriate time and the dog must guard the helper.
- Upon a signal from the judge, the handler walks directly to his dog at a normal pace with the verbal command "sitz" / "sit" brings the dog to the basic position.
- The handler may attach the leash or free-heel the dog to a marked position down field on the centerline of the field. If a leash is used it must be removed, the handler may take the dog by the collar. The dog must sit calmly in the basic position.

- At the judge's command, the helper comes out of the blind and runs across the field to the imaginary centerline. The handler can be silent or order the helper to stop by calling out "Bleiben Sie stehen" / "Stop, stand still." The helper ignores the instruction and starts a frontal attack upon the handler and dog
- The handler is signaled by the judge to release the dog with the command "voran" / "go on" to defend against the attack with a grip. Once the dog grips, the helper drives the dog briefly. On the judge's signal, the helper stops and stands still. After the helper has stopped the attack and is standing still, the dog must release the grip. The handler may give a verbal command "aus" / "out" at the appropriate time and the dog must guard the helper.
- After a guarding phase of about five (5) seconds, and upon a signal from the judge, the helper makes an attack on the dog. The dog must defend himself through gripping the sleeve without any influence from the handler. The attack on the dog must be in a direction away from the handler and is without stick hits. Upon a signal from the judge, the helper stops and stands still. After the helper is standing still, the dog must release the grip. The handler may give a verbal command "aus" / "out" at the appropriate time and the dog must guard the helper.
- On the judge's signal, the handler makes a direct approach to the dog at a normal pace. With the command "sitz" / "sit" the dog is brought into the basic position and the leash may be attached to the dog. If the dog is already sitting, the position of the dog may be reconfirmed with the "sit" command.
- The soft stick is taken from the helper and the handler can tell the helper to step back slowly two (2) to three (3) paces or dog and handler may move away from the helper without asking him / her to step back.
- A side transport of the helper to the judge is performed over a distance of approximately 20 paces. The dog must walk on the helper's right side, so that the dog is positioned between the handler and the helper. The dog must watch the helper attentively during the side transport. However, the dog may not bother, jump on, or grip the helper. The group (handler, dog, and helper) stops in front of the judge. The handler presents the soft stick to the judge, reports out and puts the dog on leash if the leash is not already attached.

Section 11: LBST Protection Routine

The dog and handler go to the center of the field between two (2) blinds. The basic position is taken and the leash is removed.

- On the judge's signal, the handler sends the dog to search two blinds while the handler remains in the center of the field (as in IPO 1). Omitting the search of the first blind and sending the dog directly to the helper is not allowed and the protection work is terminated. If the dog does not successfully find the helper blind after the third attempt, the protection work is terminated.
- On instruction from the judge the handler moves to a position behind the dog and on the judge's signal, the handler calls the dog out of the blind into the basic position or picks up the dog by free-heeling out of the blind. If the pick-up method is used, the handler may not touch the dog.
- Upon a signal from the judge, the handler orders the helper to step out of the blind. The helper moves at a normal pace to the designated location for the escape. On a signal from the judge, the handler moves with the dog free heeling to the designated spot for the down prior to the escape.

- The handler leaves his guarding dog in the down position and moves directly into the blind, maintaining visual contact with the dog, the judge, and the helper. On the judge's signal, the helper tries to escape. The handler must give the dog a command, (e.g., "go" or some form of release command). The dog must prevent the escape without hesitation by means of an energetic and strong grip.
- On a signal from the judge, the helper stops running and stands still. When the helper comes to a standstill, the dog must release the grip. Handlers may give the verbal command "aus" / "out" on their own at the appropriate time.
- After a guarding phase of about five (5) seconds, and upon a signal from the judge, the helper makes an attack on the dog. With no influence from the handler, the dog must immediately counter the attack, securely and energetically through firm and full gripping. As soon as the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the helper applies two stick hits with an interval of 2 or 3 steps between hits. The attack on the dog must be in a direction away from the handler. Upon a signal from the judge, the helper stops and stands still. After the helper is standing still, the dog must release the grip with or without command from the handler. The handler may give a verbal command "aus" / "out" at the appropriate time and the dog must guard the helper.
- Upon a signal from the judge, the handler walks directly to his dog at a normal pace with the verbal command "sitz" / "sit" brings the dog to the basic position. If the dog is already sitting, the position of the dog may be reconfirmed with the "sit" command.
- A side transport of the helper to the judge is performed over a distance of approximately 20 paces. The dog must walk on the helper's right side, so that the dog is positioned between the handler and the helper. The dog must watch the helper attentively during the side transport. However, the dog may not bother, jump on, or grip the helper. The group (handler, dog, and helper) stops in front of the judge. The handler presents the soft stick to the judge.
- The handler and the free-heeling dog are sent to a marked position down field on the centerline of the field. The dog must sit calmly in the basic position. The handler may take the dog by the collar.
- At the judge's command, the helper comes out of the blind and runs across the field to the imaginary centerline. The handler can be silent or order the helper to stop by calling out "Bleiben Sie stehen" / "Stop, stand still." The helper ignores the instruction and starts a frontal attack upon the handler and dog.
- The handler is signaled by the judge to release the dog with the command "voran" / "go on" to defend against the attack with a grip. Once the dog grips, the helper drives the dog briefly. On the judge's signal, the helper stops and stands still. After the helper has stopped the attack and is standing still, the dog must release the grip. The handler may give a verbal command "aus" / "out" at the appropriate time and the dog must guard the helper.
- After a guarding phase of about five (5) seconds, and upon a signal from the judge, the helper makes an attack on the dog. With no influence from the handler, the dog must immediately counter the attack, securely and energetically through firm and full gripping. As soon as the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the helper applies two stick hits with an interval of 2 or 3 steps between hits. The attack on the dog must be in a direction away from the handler.
- Upon a signal from the judge, the helper stops and stands still. After the helper is standing still, the dog must release the grip. The handler may give a verbal command "aus" / "out" at the appropriate time and the dog must guard the helper.

- On the judge's signal, the handler makes a direct approach to the dog at a normal pace. With the command "sitz" / "sit" the dog is brought into the basic position. If the dog is already sitting, the position of the dog may be reconfirmed with the "sit" command.
- The soft stick is taken from the helper and the handler can tell the helper to step back slowly two (2) to three (3) paces or dog and handler may move away from the helper without asking him / her to step back.
- A side transport of the helper to the judge is performed over a distance of approximately 20 paces. The dog must walk on the helper's right side, so that the dog is positioned between the handler and the helper. The dog must watch the helper attentively during the side transport. However, the dog may not bother, jump on, or grip the helper. The group (handler, dog, and helper) stops in front of the judge. The handler presents the soft stick to the judge, reports out and puts the dog on leash.

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