



POTOMAC CAIRN TERRIER CLUB

RULES FOR WORKING TERRIER TRIALS

The Go-To-Ground Trials, and any Races which may be held at the same time, shall be open to any Terrier who can negotiate a nine inch tunnel. Bitches in season MAY NOT compete.

RULES FOR GO-TO-GROUND

A wild animal scent will be used to pre-scent the tunnels.

The Go-To-Ground Trials shall consist of 2 parts: Novice Tunnel & Open Tunnel.

The Novice event shall be for dogs which have never qualified to participate in the Open Trial at an event using the Potomac Cairn Terrier Club's rules.

The Novice competition is divided into two classes: Novice A & Novice B.

The NOVICE A class is for puppies up to 12 months of age who have never received a score of 100 points in a Novice (short) tunnel.

The NOVICE B class is for dogs 12 months and over that have never scored 100 points in a Novice (short) tunnel.

The Novice Trial shall be conducted using a 10 foot earth with one right angle turn. The Novice dog shall be released from a starting point 8 feet from the entrance to the tunnel. Handler is advised that after releasing the dog, he or she may walk to the entrance and stand quietly beside it -- no deduction.

The dog will have one minute in which to enter the tunnel and reach the quarry; during this time the dog may come out and re-enter several times. Once the dog's handler has released the dog, he or she MUST NOT touch the dog again unless the dog runs away.

If the Judge thinks that the dog needs encouragement, the Judge will advise the handler to encourage the dog -- deductions will be made. A dog which runs away may be restarted FROM THE STARTING LINE within the one minute limit.

Time is started when the dog ENTERS THE EARTH.

Once the dog has reached the quarry, he must work the quarry for a period of 30 seconds (scratch, bark, whine, growl, dig, bite at cage, lunge at cage,

etc.). Any definite breaks in work marks the dog's time, even though the dog starts up again. THIS DOES NOT MEAN A NATURAL CHANGE FROM ONE TYPE OF WORK TO ANOTHER.

A dog which receives a perfect score of 100 points in a Novice Class shall automatically qualify for the Open Class and must compete. His name shall be entered at the end of the Judge's book of Open Class entries.

#### SCORING

Time from entering to reaching quarry:

- Reaches quarry within one minute: 50 points
- Reaches quarry between one & two minutes: 25 points
- Mild encouragement given: deduct 5 points
- Much encouragement given: deduct 10 points

Total time dog works without a break:

- Works full 30 seconds: 50 points
- Works 15-29 seconds: 25 points
- Works less than 15 seconds: 10 points
- Mild encouragement: deduct 5 points
- Much encouragement: deduct 10 points

Once a dog has received a score of 100 points in the Novice Tunnel, it can no longer compete in the Novice Tunnel. It must compete in the Open (long tunnel) Class.

The Open (Long) Tunnel has 3 class divisions: Open, Special, and Veterans.

The OPEN CLASS is for dogs that have scored 100 points in the Novice class. The SPECIAL CLASS is for dogs who have earned a PCTC Working Championship or an American Working Terrier Association Certificate of Gameness. Judging for the OPEN & SPECIAL CLASSES is the same. The VETERANS CLASS is for dogs 7 years of age or older.

The Open Tunnel shall be conducted using a 30 foot tunnel with three right angle turns. The handler is NOT allowed to give the dog any help. The handler may give one command on release, then must remain quietly at the release point throughout the test. Time in these classes will be started when the dog is RELEASED. Dog is released approximately ten feet from the entrance of the tunnel.

The dog has 30 seconds (35 seconds for Veterans) from release to reach the quarry. The dog may enter and come out providing the dog does not go all the way to the quarry and then come out and re-enter the tunnel. The dog is not to be discredited as long as the quarry is reached within the qualifying time. Any dog running away or running to the quarry without entering the tunnel shall be disqualified. Once the dog reaches the quarry, it must not leave the earth; if it does, the dog receives NO points -- even though it may re-enter.

Time from release to reaching quarry:

- Open & Special - Reaches quarry within 30 seconds: 50 points
- Open & Special - Reaches quarry within 31-60 seconds: 25 points
- Veterans - Reaches quarry within 35 seconds: 50 points
- Veterans - Reaches quarry within 36-60 seconds: 25 points

A dog's score shall be based on time to reach quarry and work (defined as enthusiasm, growling, whining, digging biting at cage, lunging at cage, and barking; barking loudly shall be scored highly as this is a trait necessary in natural hunting, etc.

Time from release to reaching quarry:

Open & Special - Works one full minute: 50 points  
Open & Special - Works 50-59 seconds: 40 points  
Open & Special - Works 40-49 seconds: 30 points  
Open & Special - Works 30-39 seconds: 20 points  
Open & Special - Works less than 30 seconds: 10 points  
Veterans - Works for 30 seconds: 50 points  
Veterans - Works for 25-29 seconds: 40 points  
Veterans - Works for 20-24 seconds: 30 points  
Veterans - Works for 15-19 seconds: 20 points

A green "qualifying score" ribbon will be given to a dog that earns a score of 100 points in the Open class. Rosettes will be awarded to each dog that scores 100 points in any Open (long) Tunnel competition.

To earn a PCTC Working Championship, a dog must score 100 points in three Open class competitions. A Working Certificate will be awarded for each 100 points score in the Open class. No minimum number of dogs is required to compete.

#### RULES FOR FLAT AND HURDLE RACES

The flat and hurdle races shall be open to any Terrier able to negotiate a 9 inch tunnel. The flat and hurdle races shall be held over a 75 foot course -- plus an area at the finishing end for holding the finishing dogs and the lure-retrieving mechanism.

The finish line shall consist of a barrier with a 9 inch hole in the center. The first dog through the hole is the winner, NOT the first dog to reach the barrier. The course shall be at least 3 feet wider than the starting box and completely fenced.

The hurdle race shall differ from the flat race only by the addition of 4 slanted 9 inch hurdles.

The lure shall preferably be a fur piece scented with the same scent used in the Go-To-Ground events.

The dogs shall be identified by colored ribbons around their necks.

Classes for competition in the races are as follows:

Kinder Run (flat and/or hurdle): for puppies at least three months of age but under six months of age the day of the trial. Wins in this division do not qualify for certificates.

Puppy (flat and/or hurdle): for dogs at least 6 months of age but less than twelve months of age the day of the trial who have not earned a PCTC Sporting Championship.

Champions (flat and/or hurdle): for dogs who have earned a PCTC Sporting Championship.

Veterans (flat and/or hurdle): for dogs seven years of age or older. The Veterans may or may not have earned a PCTC Championship.

Races shall be run in heats, with the winner of each heat competing in the Run-Off races. The winners of the Run-Off heats will compete in the Final Race. The winner of the Final Race will be eligible to receive a PCTC Sporting Certificate if:

- a minimum of 9 puppies compete in the puppy races
- a minimum of 18 adults compete in the adult races

In the event that not enough puppies are entered, the winner of the Puppy Final Race may compete in the Adult Final Race to attempt to earn a Sporting Certificate.

To earn a PCTC Sporting Championship, a dog must receive three Sporting Certificates.

Sporting Champions can no longer compete in the puppy or adult races. They are only eligible to compete in Champions Races and/or Veteran's Races.

#### FIELD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A dog will earn a PCTC Field Championship by receiving a combination of three certificates -- one Go-To-Ground and two Sporting certificates or one Sporting and two Go-To-Ground certificates.

#### JUDGES

##### GO-TO-GROUND

A certified PCTC judge is required. A candidate must apprentice at a minimum of two trials. They will be evaluated by the judge following each trial. Each candidate must be familiar with the Field Trial Rules and must have been an active participant in Go-To-Ground for at least two years.

##### FLAT AND HURDLE RACES

A certified PCTC judge is required. A candidate must apprentice for at least one trial. Apprentices are evaluated by the judge after each trial. Each candidate must be familiar with the Field Trial rules and must have been an active participant in the races for at least two years.

#### BAIT

Bait may be moved during the long tunnel and short tunnel competitions to present a realistic situation for the dogs.

#### HIGH IN TRIAL POINT SCHEDULE

Points are given in each event towards the award of High In Trial. The scale of points will be as follows:

Go-To-Ground

Short Tunnel Score	100	90	80	70
High In Trial Points	5	4	3	2
Long Tunnel Score	100	90	80	70
High In Trial Points	7	5	4	3

A qualifying score of at least 70 in Go-To-Ground is required to qualify for a trophy or to get points toward High In Trial. When a dog competes in both Novice and Open classes at the same trial, the dog will be given the higher number of points earned.

Races: Puppy, Adult, Champions & Veterans

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
High In Trial Points	5	4	3	2

In the puppy and adult races, points will be given in the Final Races only.

If a dog competes in the Veterans and Champions Races, the dog will be given the highest number of points earned (points from Champions and Veterans cannot be combined in an effort to earn a higher number of total points).

The dog that receives the greatest number of total points (Go-To-Ground and Races) shall be awarded the High In Trial.

In case of a tie for High In Trial, the dog that has gained the most points in the long tunnel will be the winner. In case of tied points in those classes, the dog that has worked down to the quarry fastest will be the winner.