

EARTHDOG TEST RULES & REGULATIONS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the CKC Earthdog Tests is to promote, preserve and recognize the working characteristics of Dachshunds and those Terrier breeds that were bred to go to ground on quarry such as Fox, Badger, Otter and bolt, bay or draw the quarry.

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1 INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 Definitions

For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the following interpretations shall apply.

“active in earthdogs” means testing, teaching and/or attending clinics, and engaging in actual field work with recognized earthdog breeds.

“Board” means the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club

“breed” includes a breed that is accepted by a CKC recognized foreign stud book or by an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act other than the CKC

“Bye Dog” means a dog in the Master class which does not have a bracemate as a result of one of the following:

- An odd number of dogs being entered in the class
- The failure of a bracemate to show up when called to run
- The excusal or dismissal of a bracemate during the run

“Bye Dog Bracemate” means a dog selected or drawn to run with a bye dog that does not have a bracemate. The Test Committee may draw or otherwise select a bye dog bracemate from the dogs that have run, or use a dog that is qualified for but not entered in the class. The bye dog bracemate cannot be a dog that will subsequently be judged in Master in the same test. The bye dog bracemate is not under judgement.

“CKC” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“Club” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“club” means a club or association officially recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club

“complainant” means any person who has laid a charge against another person, partnership, company or organization relative to the contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

“debar” means to prohibit a person from participating in any competition or other activities directed, sanctioned, sponsored or authorized by The Canadian Kennel Club if held under its auspices or under any of its rules and regulations

“defendant” means any person, partnership, company or organization against whom a charge or complaint has been laid, relative to the contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

“deprive of privileges” means to deprive a non-member of all privileges accorded to non-members of The Canadian Kennel Club, including the use of the Head Office

“dog” means a purebred dog of either sex

“entrant” means the individual, or if a partnership, all the members of the partnership, entering in a trial/test

“expel” means to terminate membership in The Canadian Kennel Club and depriving the person so expelled from all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

“good standing” means an individual who is not under suspension, deprivation, debarment or who has not forfeited his rights to participate in any Canadian Kennel Club event

“handler” means the person handling the dog in the earthdog test

“Head Office” means the offices at which the business of The Canadian Kennel Club is carried out on a regular ongoing basis

“immediate family” means spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents and significant other

“just cause” means how a reasonable person without personal bias or prejudice would act

“lame” means any condition which affects a dog’s locomotion. A dog with a withered or amputated limb is considered to be moving with unnatural locomotion

“listed breed” means a breed that is included in the Miscellaneous List and that is authorized to participate in CKC events in accordance with the rules and regulations governing those events

“owner” means the owner or owners as stated on the registration certificate of the dog

“recognized breed” means a breed that The Canadian Kennel Club is authorized to register in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act

“suspend” means to deprive a member for the period ordered, of all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

(01-05-18) **“Temporary Competition Number”(TCN)**
(18-09-22) means a number issued by the CKC that allows a dog to participate in CKC events.

This rule book shall be read with all applicable changes in gender so that masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural if applicable.

1.2 Earthdog Tests Defined & Classified

1.2.1 An approved earthdog test is a formal event given by a CKC accredited club at which dogs may qualify for titles.

1.2.2 A sanctioned earthdog test is an informal event given by a CKC accredited club at which dogs compete but do not qualify for a title.

1.3 Classes

1.3.1 The classes at an approved or sanctioned earthdog
(09-06-20) test are Introduction to Quarry (non-regular with
(19-09-23) no credit towards a title), Novice Earthdog (elective class), Junior Earthdog, Senior Earthdog, Advanced Earthdog (elective class) and Master Earthdog.

1.3.2 Clubs may offer any or all classes at approved or
(09-06-20) sanctioned club events. However, if offering the advanced class, the club must offer the master class.

1.3.3 Classes are open to all eligible breeds as specified in Section 6.6. A National Club may hold a specialty earthdog test for its breed at the National Specialty.

2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

2.1 Eligibility of Clubs to Hold Earthdog Tests

- 2.1.1 Only CKC accredited clubs or associations in good standing with the CKC are eligible to apply for and hold an earthdog test.
- 2.1.2 A club that has not held an earthdog test under CKC rules within three (3) years will be required to hold one sanctioned test before such approval will be considered.

2.2 Adverse Weather Conditions

- 2.2.1 During adverse and/or severe weather conditions, it is at the discretion of the event giving club to cancel, curtail and/or postpone the judging of the event if the weather is severe enough to cause injury to the exhibitor and their dog. No penalty shall be imposed by The Canadian Kennel Club if such condition has caused the cancellation or postponement of the event.

2.3 Making Application

- 2.3.1 A club or association applying for an earthdog test must make application on forms provided by the CKC. The Event Date Application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 180 days prior to the date of the proposed test. The CKC will notify the club whether or not approval has been granted. If the date is granted and the club fails to hold its test on the date approved, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club, unless the CKC waives this fee on grounds that the club had no alternative but to postpone or cancel.
- 2.3.2 Only a club whose president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and test secretary are regular members in good standing with the CKC may make application for test dates.
- 2.3.3 The CKC shall have the authority to grant or withhold approval of an application for test dates. In the event approval is withheld, the test-giving club shall have no claim against the CKC.

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- 2.3.4 The avoidance of conflicting dates for trials will be a consideration in the processing of applications.
 - 2.3.5 The CKC will not approve an application for an earthdog test when dates conflict with one or more earthdog tests that are within 322 km (200 mi) of the test for which approval is being sought.

2.4 CKC Publications

- 2.4.1 All clubs holding earthdog tests are required to have a copy of the latest editions of these Earthdog Test Rules and Regulations available at the test.

2.5 Advertising

- 2.5.1 A club that has not been granted priority dates must not advertise or publish the date of any event that has not been approved by the CKC.
- 2.5.2 A club that has been granted priority dates for its event may advertise those dates prior to submitting the Event Date Application. This does not exempt the club from submitting the required applications to the CKC within the prescribed time frame.
- 2.5.3 A club must not advertise the names of the judges until the club has received official notification from the CKC that the judges have been approved.

2.6 Officials and Committees

- 2.6.1 Any club or association holding an earthdog test under these rules must select a Chair of the Earthdog Test committee and an Earthdog Test Secretary and their names and addresses must appear in the premium list.
- 2.6.2 Only those persons in good standing with the CKC may act in any official capacity at earthdog tests.

2.7 Earthdog Test Committee

- 2.7.1 A club that has been granted permission by the CKC to hold a test is responsible for the formation of an Earthdog Test Committee. The Earthdog Test Committee, under the guidance of the Chair shall have complete responsibility for the planning and conducting of the event. The Committee shall be

comprised of at least three (3) members of the club and may include the Earthdog Test Secretary, but the Earthdog Test Secretary shall not be designated as the Earthdog Test Committee Chair. A majority of the Earthdog Test Committee must be present during a CKC approved earthdog test. At least two (2) members of the Earthdog Test Committee must be regular members in good standing of the CKC.

- 2.7.2 A club that has been granted permission by the CKC to hold a test shall be held responsible for compliance with all of the applicable Earthdog Test Rules and Regulations, except those coming under the jurisdiction of the judge.
- 2.7.3 The Test Committee will have complete responsibility for planning and conducting the event and shall ensure the safe, efficient and orderly conduct of the event. The Committee must have on hand, on the day of the test, assistance and materials sufficient to efficiently make repairs to the test area and must ensure that the area is free of dangerous materials or conditions.
- 2.7.4 The Test Committee and officials of the club holding the test are responsible for providing the quarry, den liners, test material, facilities and equipment which meet the requirements of the Regulations.
- 2.7.5 The Earthdog Test Committee of a club holding an approved earthdog test shall have the authority to decide upon any matter arising during the running of the earthdog test, except a matter coming within the jurisdiction of the judge.

2.8 Stewards

- 2.8.1 The Test Committee must appoint the stewards necessary for the efficient running of the test. The various stewards and their roles are defined as follows:
- (a) Gate Steward: Individual who manages the running board, checking in dogs, ticking them off when they run, making adjustments to running order (except in Master) to ensure smooth running of the test. A gate steward may handle the board for more than one class if they are running simultaneously.
 - (b) Den Steward: Individual who is positioned at the entrance to the actual den area for Intro, Junior and Senior. They allow the next handler and dog to enter when the judge is ready, call

out the number or remind the handler to do so and take the collar and leash if requested by the handler. They may also need to respond to questions especially at the Intro and Junior levels.

- (10-06-20) (c) Judge's Steward: Individual who assists the judge in managing the quarry in Senior and in managing the quarry and the barriers in Advanced and Master. The judge's steward may also act as a timekeeper at the judge's discretion.

2.9 Handler with Disability

- 2.9.1 At the judge's discretion a modification to the exercise/routine may be made to accommodate a handler with disabilities providing that such modification does not aid the dog's performance or inhibit other dogs and the dog is required to perform all exercises/routines.

3 JUDGES

3.1 Application for Approval of Judges

- 3.1.1 After a club has been granted permission by the CKC to hold an earthdog test, the club must submit the Judging Panel Application. The application must be submitted so as to be received by the CKC not less than 120 days prior to the date of the test. The application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons selected to judge as well as the classes assigned to each judge.
- 3.1.2 When the Judging Panel Application reaches the CKC less than 120 days prior to the date of the test, an administration fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club.
- 3.1.3 Once approval is granted, the CKC will inform the test-giving club that the judges have been approved. The test secretary shall send to each approved judge a confirmation of assignment letter, supplied by the CKC, as well as any other pertinent information that the club may include.

3.2 Judges' Guidelines

- 3.2.1 The Judge is responsible for making the test meaningful and challenging, but never out of reach of the dog and handler who, at an Introduction to Quarry test may never have been presented with open earth before. The Judge's function is to educate as well as evaluate.
- 3.2.2 If in the Judge's opinion, a dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions, the dog may be re-tested either immediately or later in the day at the discretion of the judge.
- 3.2.3 A judge may enter a dog in any class that he is not officiating at.

3.3 Judges' Responsibility

- 3.3.1 The Judge is responsible for control of the test area, and for ensuring that the quarry is properly cared for during the event.
- 3.3.2 The Judge must check the quarry, test layout, and den liners before starting the test. The Judge shall also supervise the scenting and covering the dens before starting the test. If the Judge deems the facilities, test layout, or den construction inadequate for the event and no corrections or modifications can be made, the Judge shall cancel the event. Entry fees shall be refunded by the Test Committee, and the Judge reimbursed for his or her expenses. The Judge shall not receive any additional fees that might have previously been agreed upon. The Test committee and the Judge shall have the option of re-scheduling the event, and, if re-scheduled, refunds shall be made only to those handlers that decline to participate in the re-scheduled test.
- 3.3.3 Judges should bear in mind that their demeanor will have a definite effect on the enjoyment of the sport and thus will affect the future of the sport.

3.4 Judges' Decision Final

- 3.4.1 The decisions of the Judge shall be final in all matters relating to the performance of the dog. Full discretionary authority is given to the Judge to withhold any and all scores for want of merit.

3.5 Substitute Judge

- 3.5.1 Where a test-giving club is notified before or after the issuance of a judging schedule that an advertised judge will not for any reason be able to fulfill his judging assignment, attempts will be made to secure CKC approval for a replacement judge.
- 3.5.2 If, due to circumstances beyond control of the test-giving club, a replacement judge is required at the last moment, the club will then seek the approval of the local Board member. The club will subsequently notify the CKC of the circumstances of the approval and of the changes made.
- 3.5.3 All changes in judging will be posted near the designated precincts of the test and all those who have entered dogs under the advertised judge shall be allowed to withdraw at any time prior to the judging of that test. All requests for withdrawal shall be in writing and all entry fees and listing fees will be returned to the owner or the authorized handler of the dog.
- 3.5.4 Where possible, the test-giving club will attempt to notify exhibitors of the judging change.
- 3.5.5 Where an advertised judge has judged part of a level and finds it impossible to finish, a substitute judge shall be selected by the Test Committee and, in that situation, the awards made by the advertised judge shall stand and his substitute shall judge only those remaining levels and awards. No dog entered under the advertised judge shall be withheld from competition if it has already been judged by the advertised judge. However, any dogs which have yet to work may be withdrawn from competition if requested in writing, however, the entry fee will not be refunded.
- 3.5.6 If an advertised judge is prevented from fulfilling his engagement for either whole or part of the test, the Test Committee shall appoint a qualified judge if one is readily available. If a qualified judge is not available the Committee shall choose a person whom they feel is capable of substituting for the approved judge.
- 3.5.7 A pass earned under a substitute judge is considered as having been earned under the advertised judge.

3.6 Indignities to a Judge

- 3.6.1 A judge officiating at a test held under these rules shall not be subjected to any indignities of any kind during the progress of the test. It shall be the duty and obligation of the club holding the test to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

3.7 Judges Conduct

- 3.7.1 A judge must conduct himself in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the sport.

4 PREMIUM LIST, CATALOGUE & JUDGING SCHEDULE

4.1 Premium List

- 4.1.1 A standard premium list must be published by all clubs holding earthdog tests under these rules. A club or association which has been granted permission to hold a test and has received approval of its selected judges must prepare and have printed a premium list with entry forms to be made available to prospective entrants.
- 4.1.2 Premium lists and entry forms shall be of such size, in such form and contain such information as prescribed by the CKC. The following information must be listed on the cover (or first inside page, excluding the inside cover) of the premium list:
- (a) The words "Official Premium List"
 - (b) The name of the club or association holding the event
 - (c) Type of event being held
 - (d) Date(s) of the event(s)
 - (e) Date and time for closing of entries. No entries may be accepted, altered, cancelled or substituted after the official closing date and time for entries except as for provided in these rules.);
 - (f) If entries are limited, a statement to that effect must appear on the cover of the premium list

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- 4.1.3 The following information must appear in a premium list:
- (a) The exact location of the event (may include a map showing the location of the site)
 - (b) The statement “These events held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club”
 - (95-05-19) (c) A list of the club officers (email address may be given if desired)
 - (d) A list of the Earthdog Test Committee including the Earthdog Test Chair
 - (95-05-19) (e) Email Address of the Test Chair and Test Secretary
 - (f) A statement whether the test is examined or unexamined
 - (g) The address and phone number of where entries are to be sent (if different from the Test Secretary)
 - (h) A statement as to where entries are to be sent
 - (95-05-19) (i) A listing of the judges and their email addresses
 - (j) A complete list of the judges’ assignments broken down for each day
 - (k) A list of awards and prizes, if offered (Note: trophies do not need to be described in detail)
 - (l) If money is to be offered as prizes, the amount for each award must be given
 - (m) The entry fee for each class
 - (n) The name of the Chief Executive Officer of the CKC and the address of the Head Office
 - (95-05-19) (o) The name, email address and telephone number of the CKC Board Member and the CKC Earthdog Test Representative for the zone in which the test will be held
 - (p) Limitations, if any, on the number of entries
 - (q) One or more official CKC entry form;
 - (r) A copy of the official release form
 - (s) A statement defining the precinct of the test, a specific area must be designated and must be clearly defined
 - (t) A statement which includes the wording of section 15.7 regarding indignities
- 4.1.4 At the time of distribution to prospective entrants, two (2) copies of the premium list must be sent to The Canadian Kennel Club and one copy each to the Earthdog Test Representative and Board
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Member representing the zone in which the test is to be held and all officiating judges.

- 4.1.5 If indications point to a probable entry in any or all levels in excess of the club's facilities, the club may limit entries in any or all levels by means of a prominent announcement on the title cover page if its premium list stating that entries in such levels or test will close automatically when a certain limit, determined as above, for such levels or test has been reached, even if the official closing date for entries has not arrived. An alternate list shall be compiled in the order received, and alternates may be allowed to work in the place of any absent dog. Entry fees for an absent dog replaced by an alternate dog shall be refunded to the absent dog's owner. Alternate dogs, which are not able to work, shall have the entry fees refunded.
- 4.1.6 Clubs are free to include other rules and regulations as they deem necessary. However, if other rules are included, they become part of the premium list and will be enforced.

4.2 **Catalogue**

- 4.2.1 An official catalogue must be provided for all approved earthdog tests. The official catalogue must be printed or typed.
- 4.2.2 The following information must be listed on the outside front cover or the first page of the catalogue:
- (a) Name of the club or association holding the test
 - (b) The date(s) of the test
 - (c) The statement "This event held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club"
 - (d) Exact location of the test
 - (e) List of the Earthdog Test Committee including the Test Chair
 - (95-05-19) (f) Name, email address and phone number of the Test Secretary
 - (95-05-19) (g) A complete list of the judges and their email addresses
 - (h) A listing of each judge's assignments for each day
 - (i) Type of quarry (i.e. mink, rats, or gerbils) being used

4.2.3 The information in the catalog on each dog (with the exception of those entered as gate entries) must be in the following order.

- (a) Catalogue number of the dog
- (b) Registered name of the dog (in capital letters only)
- (c) CKC registration number (if given), Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or Temporary Competition Number (TCN)
- (d) Date of birth
- (e) Name of breeder(s)
- (f) Registered name of sire
- (g) Registered name of dam
- (h) Place of birth
- (i) Name of owner(s)
- (95-05-19) (j) Email address of owner(s)
- (k) Handler (if applicable)

4.2.4 Gate entries must be included in the catalogue with the preceding information but need not be listed in catalogue number order.

4.2.5 The following certification must appear in the official catalogue following the listing of dogs entered in the test.

CERTIFICATION of JUDGE

I certify that _____ dogs received qualifying scores in this Earthdog Test and that the above information was entered prior to my signing this page.

Date

Signature of Judge

CERTIFICATION OF TEST SECRETARY

I certify that the Judge has verified the above information and signed this page.

Number of dogs entered

Total Starters

Total Number of Qualifying Scores

Date

Signature of Test Secretary

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- 4.2.6 A test-giving club shall provide a complementary copy of its catalogue to each official judge.

4.3 Judging Schedule

- 4.3.1 With the exception of the Master Test, dogs may be judged in the order that entries are received with the exception of multiple entries from the same handler which should be separated whenever possible.
- 4.3.2 At the Master Test level a random draw is used to determine the running order, any dog not present within five minutes after its brace is called will be marked absent by the judge and the remaining dog in the brace will be run as a bye-dog or with the bye-dog should there already be one. The judge is not expected to wait for late arriving dogs. In all other classes the test giving club may make adjustments to the running order to expedite the smooth running of the tests.

5 RIBBONS & PRIZES

5.1 Outright Wins

- 5.1.1 All ribbons, rosettes, and other prizes shall be offered for outright award to qualifying dogs only. No ribbon, rosette, or other prize shall be awarded which is not listed in the premium list.

5.2 Ribbons & Rosettes

- 5.2.1 A dog which passes shall receive a passing ribbon or rosette which shall be dark brown in colour. (11-06-20)
(20-09-23) Each ribbon or rosette will identify the club holding the test, carry the CKC crest and bear the words "Introduction to Quarry", "Novice Earthdog Test," "Junior Earthdog Test", "Senior Earthdog Test", "Advanced Earthdog Test" or "Master Earthdog Test" and the word "Passed".
- 5.2.2 Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least 5 cm (2 in) wide and at least 15 cm (6 in) long.

5.3 Prizes and Trophies

- 5.3.1 If money prizes are offered, a fixed amount for each prize shall be stated in the premium list.
- 5.3.2 Non-monetary prizes which are offered shall be accurately described or the value stated in the premium list. No stud dog services or other live dog related services shall be offered at CKC approved and/or sanctioned earthdog tests.

6 ENTRIES & END OF TEST

6.1 Entry Requirements

- 6.1.1 Every dog entered in an approved or sanctioned earthdog test must be one of the following:
 - (a) Registered with the CKC
 - (b) Have an Event Registration Number (ERN)
 - (c) Have a Performance Event Number (PEN)
 - (d) Have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN)
- 6.1.2 To be eligible to compete at approved earthdog tests a dog must meet the requirements of section 6.1.1 and:
 - (a) Must be at least six (6) months of age.
 - (b) May be spayed, neutered or debarked.
 - (c) May not be lame (it is the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame).
 - (d) May not compete if it has tape or bandages that may impair its working ability (such a dog must be immediately excused and under no circumstances may it be returned later for judging after the tape or bandages have been removed).
- 6.1.3 If a dog is not registered individually in the CKC Stud Book, it may be entered at a test held under these regulations with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN), provided that:
 - (a) If born in Canada, it is of a litter which is eligible for CKC registration.
 - (b) If not born in Canada, it is eligible for individual registration in the records of the CKC.

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- (c) If it is a foreign born and owned dog, it has an Event Registration Number or obtains this from the CKC within 30 days of the first test entered.
- 6.1.4 The entry of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) at an earthdog test held under these rules (sanctioned earthdog tests excluded), must be accompanied by the appropriate listing fee and all listing and recording fees, must be remitted to the CKC by the club or association holding the test to the CKC 21 days after the test.
- 6.1.5 The CKC shall have the right at any time to require the owner of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) to submit proof of the dog's eligibility for registration in the CKC studbook. If the CKC is satisfied that the dog is not eligible for registration in the CKC studbook, it shall have the authority to order the cancellation of all awards and prizes earned by the dog these tests.
- 6.1.6 Failure to comply with the CKC's order to return ribbons and/or prizes to the clubs concerned, will result in the owner of the dog automatically rendering himself ineligible to enter dogs in any competition approved by The Canadian Kennel Club.
- 6.1.7 Entries shall not be accepted from any person who is not in good standing with The Canadian Kennel Club on the day of entries closing. A list of persons not in good standing shall be forwarded to the Earthdog Test Secretary by The Canadian Kennel Club.
- 6.1.8 Every member of a partnership entering a dog must be in good standing with The Canadian Kennel Club before the entry will be accepted. In the case of any infraction of these rules, all the partners shall be held equally responsible.
- 6.1.9 Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, regardless of who completes the entry form.
- 6.1.10 A dog belonging wholly or in part to any judge or to any member of the immediate family or household of any judge, shall not be entered in any class where the dog could be judged by that judge.
- 6.1.11 An entry shall not be made at any earthdog test under a judge of any dog which the judge, or any member of his immediate family has owned, sold, or held under lease, within six (6) months prior to the date of the test.
- 6.1.12 Any test-giving club which accepts an entry fee, other than that published in its premium list or entry
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form, or in any way discriminates between any of its entrants, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

- 6.1.13 Entries may not be made under the ownership of a kennel name unless that kennel name has been registered with The Canadian Kennel Club.

6.2 Entry Forms

- 6.2.1 The following information must appear on each entry form:

- (a) Registered Name of Dog
- (b) CKC Registration Number (if registered in the CKC studbook)
- (c) Event Registration Number (if applicable)
- (d) Miscellaneous Class Certificate Number (if applicable)
- (e) Temporary Competition Number (if applicable)
- (f) Name of Breed
- (g) Variety (if applicable)
- (h) Sex of Dog
- (i) Date & Place of Birth
- (j) Name of Sire and Dam
- (k) Names of Breeders
- (l) The level in which the dog is entered
- (m) Name and complete address of owner of the dog
- (n) Signature and telephone number of the owner or authorized agent
- (o) Name of handler if the dog is not to be handled by the owner or member of his immediate family

6.3 Entry Fees

- 6.3.1 A club may not accept an entry fee other than that which is published in the premium list or entry form or in any way discriminate between entrants.
- 6.3.2 The entry of a dog at a test held under these rules must be accompanied by the entry fee.
- 6.3.3 Tendering of a dishonoured cheque or credit card in payment of entry fees shall be considered non-payment of entry fees, and is an offence punishable by disciplinary action and cancellation of awards.

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- 6.3.4 The Earthdog Test committee may decline any entry or may remove any dog from its trial for just cause, but in each such instance, shall file good and sufficient reasons for doing so with The Canadian Kennel Club within two (2) weeks of the trial.
- 6.3.5 Non-compliance with this section of these rules shall be considered an offence punishable by disciplinary action and cancellation of awards.

6.4 Assumption of Risk

- 6.4.1 The owner or agent entering a dog in a test does so at his own risk and agrees to abide by these rules.
- 6.4.2 A CKC entry form must be completed and signed by all competitors and received by the Test Secretary before the closing date of the test.

6.5 Closing of Entries

- 6.5.1 Entries shall close as stated in the premium list. The closing date for advance entries shall be not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the test. A test giving club has the option of accepting gate entries on the day of the test up to thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the class. Whether gate entries will be accepted or not must be clearly specified in the premium list.
- 6.5.2 A club holding an approved earthdog test shall not accept any entries received after the closing time and date specified in the premium list.
- 6.5.3 All entries must be made on an official CKC entry form and be received by the Test Secretary before the closing date and time of entries.

6.6 Eligibility of Dogs & Competitors

- 6.6.1 All purebred Dachshunds and those Terriers in Group IV and on the Miscellaneous list seeking eligibility for Group IV that are small enough to navigate a nine (9) inch drain are eligible to compete in earthdog tests.
- 6.6.2 Inasmuch as Dachshunds and Terriers are hunting dogs, dogs disfigured as the result of accident or injury but otherwise qualified shall be eligible provided that the disfigurement does not interfere with functional movement.

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- 6.6.3 Dogs that are blind or deaf shall not be eligible to enter or compete. Blind means without vision, and deaf means without useful hearing.
- 6.6.4 Bitches in season shall not be eligible to enter the test. When a bitch comes into season after entry of the bitch has been submitted to the test secretary, a veterinarian's certificate, certifying that the bitch was in season within the ten (10) day period preceding the test, must reach the test secretary on or before the date of the test. Alternatively, the bitch may be presented to a member of the test committee no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled start time of the test to determine that she is in season. The test-giving club must refund the entry fee, service charge and listing fee. The refund and the terms thereof must be clearly stated in the premium list.
- 6.6.5 To be eligible to enter the Senior Earthdog Class, a dog must have completed the requirements for the CKC Junior Earthdog Title. To be eligible to enter either the Advanced Earthdog Class or the Master Earthdog Class, a dog must have completed the requirements for the CKC Senior Earthdog Title. The Advanced Earthdog Class is an elective class and an Advanced Earthdog Title is not required to enter the Master Class.

For additional information on class eligibility including entering multiple classes at one test, refer to Chapter 11 AWARDING OF TITLES

6.7 Disqualification & Reinstatement

- 6.7.1 Any dog disqualified for biting or viciousness shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated.
- 6.7.2 The judge shall have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog which menaces, threatens or attempts to bite the judge, another person, or another dog. If a dog is twice excused for any combination of these actions, it shall have the status of a disqualified dog. The judge shall also have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog which attempts to bite, or bites in response to an attack from another dog.
- 6.7.3 The judge shall disqualify or permanently disqualify a dog which bites the judge, another person or

any dog. Dogs permanently disqualified under this provision will not be eligible for reinstatement. The decision to permanently disqualify a dog must be clearly indicated on the Judge's Disqualification Form.

- 6.7.4 Once a dog has been disqualified for any reason at a Earthdog Test, it may not be entered at another event until the dog has been reinstated by the CKC. All awards earned by a dog in violation of this section will be cancelled by the CKC and the owner of the dog is subject to disciplinary action. A dog disqualified under section 6.7.3 is not eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.7.5 Any dog that is disqualified under section 6.7.3 shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any CKC event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated, if the dog is eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.7.6 Reinstatement
- (a) The owner of a dog which has been disqualified at an event held under these rules may, after 30 days from the date of said disqualification, apply in writing to the CKC for reinstatement of the dog, unless the dog is ineligible for reinstatement as per Section 6.7.3. The request for reinstatement must be accompanied by a deposit as set by the Board.

6.8 Moving Up

- 6.8.1 A dog that is individually registered in the records of the CKC or has an Event Registration Number (ERN) or a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or a Performance Event Number (PEN) and has received the required number of qualifying performance under the requisite number of judges for the level, may be transferred to the next level provided that a written or electronic request is received not less than one hour prior to the commencement of each test or in accordance with the conditions advertised in the premium list.
- 6.8.2 A dog that has completed the requirements for Junior or Senior Earthdog title is not required to move up to the next level.
- 6.8.3 If it is established by the CKC that a dog moved up to the next level has not completed the require-

ments for the lower level before moving up, all passing ribbons and/or awards shall be forfeited and cancelled by the CKC and the owner may be subject to disciplinary action.

- 6.8.4 In order for a dog to be eligible to move up, the dog must be individually registered in the CKC or have an Event Registratrion Number (ERN) or a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or a Performance Event Number (PEN) before entries close. The addition of a CKC number after close of entries does not make the dog eligible and will result in referral to the Discipline Committee.

6.9 Entry Fee Refund

- 6.9.1 Refund of entry fee may only be made when a bitch comes in season after entry of the bitch has been submitted to the test secretary (see 6.6.4)

6.10 Health

- 6.10.1 No dog may be entered at a test if it has any *(90-05-19)* communicable disease.
- 6.10.2 Dogs entered in a test must have current *(90-05-19)* immunization status.
- 6.10.3 No dog may be brought onto the grounds or *(90-05-19)* premises of a trial if it:
- (90-05-19)* (a) is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or
- (90-05-19)* (b) has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days.
- (90-05-19)* (c) has been housed within 30 days prior to the show, trial or test on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.
- 6.10.4 Where it is found that these rules have been *(90-05-19)* contravened, the dog in question shall be removed from the show, trial or test premises/grounds and the exhibitor will be subject to disciplinary action.

6.11 Veterinarian

- 6.11.1 Every earthdog test shall have a qualified veterinarian within easy call during the entire progress of the test.

6.12 End of Test

- 6.12.1 The Test Secretary shall, within 14 days of the completion of an approved earthdog test, forward to The Canadian Kennel Club the official catalogue, marked to indicate whether each dog “passed” or “failed” and signed and certified by the judges and the Test Secretary along with the entry forms for all dogs entered and the complete Test Secretary’s report which shall also include all applicable information and documentation.
(21-12-19)
- 6.12.2 A club holding an approved earthdog test shall retain an official catalogue.
- 6.12.3 The test-giving club is responsible for the collection of all listing and recording fees and the submission of same to The Canadian Kennel Club so as to be received not more than 14 days after the closing of the test. The test-giving club shall forward the following to the CKC:
(21-12-19)
- (a) The signed certification by any one of the following: president, vice president, secretary or other authorized signing officer; as to the number of listed dogs entered in its test and the total number of dogs entered in competition in its test.
 - (b) A remittance which shall include all listing and recording fees as set by the CKC for each and every dog entered in competition in its test. In the event that the CKC establishes that the remittance fails to completely cover the fees as set forth above, an administrative fee will be assessed against the club as set by the Board.
 - (c) If a dog is entered in more than one level at an earthdog test, the remittance fee applies to each entry.
- 6.12.4 An administrative fee as set by the Board will be imposed for each day’s delay in the returns reaching the CKC.
- 6.12.5 Non-compliance with the provisions of this section will result in an automatic administrative fee as set by the Board, for each day over the 14 day period.
(21-12-19)

7 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- 7.1 It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person during the running of or in connection with an event abuses or harasses a judge, trial official or any other person present in any capacity at the event.
- 7.2 Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog while on the grounds of an earthdog test at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the trial by the Earthdog Test Committee.
- 7.3 The judges shall also have the authority to expel a handler from a trial if they observe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler or see the handler kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog while the event is in progress. It will be the duty of the judge to report promptly to the Earthdog Test Committee the expulsion of a handler.
- 7.4 The Earthdog Test Committee shall investigate, at once, any instance of alleged unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler, or any report that a handler has been observed kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog. If the Earthdog Test Committee, after investigation, determines that a handler is in violation of this section, and that the incident, if proven, would constitute conduct prejudicial to the sport or the CKC, it shall exercise its authority in accordance with the Complaints section of these rules.
- 7.5 The test secretary shall submit to the CKC a complete report of any hearing action taken under this section within 21 days.

8 TEST AREA SIZE & DENS

- 8.1 *(21-09-23)* The test area for the Introduction to Quarry and Novice tests shall be no less than 12.2 m (40 ft) by 12.2 m (40 ft), with no portion of the den including the point of release, less than 3 m (10 ft) from the side of the test area.

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- 8.2 The test area(s) for the Junior Earthdog, Senior Earthdog, Advanced Earthdog and Master Earthdog tests shall be of a size sufficient to contain the dens, with no portion of the den including the point of release less than 6 m (20 ft) from the edge of the test area.
(13-06-20)
- 8.3 Clubs should use a barrier or otherwise demarcate a test area to prevent spectator interference with the work of the dogs.
- 8.4 The earth shall be prepared to look as natural as possible. Brush and other natural material may be used to prepare the earth but should not block the entrance to the earth.
- 8.5 The entrance should look as inviting to the dog as possible. The test area for all tests shall be clearly marked, shall not contain unsafe conditions, and shall be free of dangerous materials.
- 8.6 The liners consisting of sturdy three-sided 23 cm (9 in) x 23 cm (9 in) tunnels shall be set in the ground such that when the liners are covered, the top surface of the liner including false dens and constriction obstacle sections are not visible and must be flush with the ground. The exception being the obstruction (roller obstacle), the top of which will be above the ground but must be covered to look natural and not visible. Care shall be taken to assure that the bottom surface of the earth is reasonably smooth and as even as possible.
- 8.7 The opening through which the dog shall be removed must be of sufficient length to accommodate the safe removal of long-backed breeds.
- 8.8 The dens shall be located so as to minimize outside distractions. The earths may be permanent in nature or may be designed to be removed and relocated and stored. If a permanent earth is used it must be designed in such a way that the full length of the liner is accessible for examination and scenting. In the case of non-permanent liners, the earth may be dug the day before the test, but no dog shall be allowed to enter the earth before judging begins.
- 8.9 Multiple tests may be given on a single day. In this case the configuration of the dens may be changed for each test at the discretion of the committee.
(22-09-23)
- 8.10 Practice sessions are permitted prior to the day of the test, providing the integrity of the dens is not jeopardized. A practice session may be held at the end
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of a test, providing all classes in that test have been completed. When multiple tests are scheduled in one day, practice sessions are not permitted until after the completion of all classes in all tests on each day.

- 8.11 While it is neither desirable or necessary to hide the judge from the dog being tested, the area where the judge is located should be somewhat camouflaged with naturally occurring materials such as brush or long grass so that it is not overly inviting to the dog.
- 8.12 The Judge shall oversee the placement or examination of the liners and the scenting of the den on the day of the test.
- 8.13 Only the dog currently being tested shall be allowed in the test area.
- 8.14 Spectators (without dogs) shall be allowed outside the test area provided that they are quiet, and do not distract the dogs.
- 8.15 No dogs shall be allowed in the area immediately adjacent to the test area. The dogs waiting to be tested shall be kept at least 30.5 m (100 ft) from the perimeter of the test area, in a holding area so designated.
- 8.16 *(13-06-20)*
(23-09-23) The dens shall be scented, using a scent appropriate to the quarry, to simulate an actual den. In the Introduction to Quarry, Novice Earthdog, Junior Earthdog and Senior Earthdog tests, the entire length of the den must be scented, no more than one hour before the start of the test. In senior this includes the tunnel leading to the false den (scented bedding area). In the Advanced and Master Earthdog test, the scent line shall be laid only on the primary quarry trails. Extreme care must be taken not to allow the tunnel leading to the false entrance/exit in Advanced or Master to receive any scent.
- 8.17 The Judge shall be responsible for overseeing the correct scenting of the dens.
- 8.18 The scent trail shall be laid evenly from the entrance to a point directly in front of quarry cage for each class (the above ground scent trail varies according to the class) see individual test descriptions.
- 8.19 If, in the opinion of the Judge, the scent trail has weakened due to the number of dogs entering the earth, the Judge may lightly re-scent the den, using a spray bottle or direct the Den Steward or Judge's steward to do so.

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- 8.20 Care should be taken by those actually scenting the earth to lay the scent trail in a manner consistent with real life conditions.
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9 QUARRY REQUIREMENTS & CARE

- 9.1 The quarry shall be one of the following:
- (a) two (2) rats
 - (b) One (1) fur ranch mink
 - (c) two (2) gerbils
- 9.2 The care of the quarry is paramount, the Judge is responsible for the quarry's welfare throughout the test and it is fully expected that the quarry will be treated in a humane and caring fashion throughout its natural life.
- 9.3 In all tests the quarry will be securely caged at all times with sufficient freedom of movement for comfort. In all classes, the occupied quarry cage must remain behind a secure barrier or (in the case of senior) in a bucket out of reach of the dog, the only exception being the relocation of the quarry cage during Advanced and Master provided the quarry locations are adjacent and there is no chance of the dog exiting the den and approaching the quarry cage during relocation. At no time should the caged quarry come into direct contact with the dog.
- (24-09-23)
- 9.4 The caged quarry will be placed in the den just before the beginning of the test. The den will then be securely covered to prevent the dog from scenting the quarry from above.
- 9.5 The section of the den containing the caged quarry shall be separated from the section of the den accessible to the dog by three (3) 2.5 cm (1 in) vertical dowels equally-spaced in front of the cage. The dowels should be fixed so that they will rotate. The dowel assembly must permit replacement of the dowels during the course of a test without undue delay. All three dowels may be made of wood or no more than two of the three may be PVC (at least one dowel must be made of wood). The use of materials other than wood or PVC is not permitted.
- (25-09-23)
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10 TESTS & QUALIFYING PERFORMANCES

10.1 General

10.1.1 Qualifying Score - General

The Judge's certification of a qualifying performance for any dog constitutes certification to the CKC that the dog on this occasion has shown abilities in accordance with no less than the minimum requirements. A qualifying score must never be awarded to a dog which has not exhibited abilities that meet the minimum requirements.

10.1.2 Definition of Work

- (a) The work must begin, and for the most part continue, at a point within 30 cm (12 in) from the quarry. Once the dog begins working the quarry, it must work continuously for the required length of time. Work shall be defined as barking, growling, digging, or any other form of activity which, in the Judges opinion, indicates the dog's keen interest in the quarry;
- (b) A change from one form of work to another shall not be considered as a break. Lunging and clearing dirt shall be considered work, as long as the dog stays with the quarry. Intense staring and/or sniffing the quarry should not be considered working;

10.2 Introduction to Quarry Test

- (a) This test is a simple instinct test requiring no training or previous exposure to earthwork. No titles are earned and it is not a prerequisite for advanced tests.
- (b) Young dogs, dogs with no previous working experience, and novice handlers are encouraged to enter.
- (26-09-23) (c) Dogs who have completed their requirements for a Junior Earthdog title or higher title are no longer eligible to enter Introduction to Quarry and a Regular Class in one test.
- (d) Inasmuch as it may be the first den experience for some dogs, the Judge and the handler shall do their utmost to assure that it is a positive experience for the dog.

- (e) The Judge shall be allowed to use discretion in encouraging the dog by scratching or moving the quarry cage, or some other method felt necessary to get a true reaction from the dog.
- (f) The Judge must make sure that each handler understands the test requirements before starting the dog.

10.2.1 Den Design (see figure 1) (Introduction to Quarry)

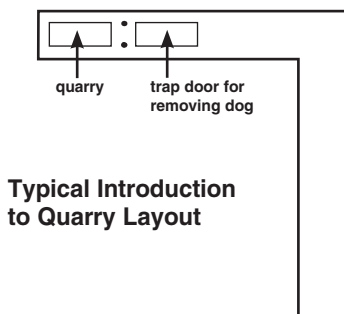


Figure 1

- (a) The den for the test shall be the standard liners approximately 23 cm (9 in) by 23 cm (9 in), set so as to provide a tunnel approximately 3 m (10 ft) in length, with one 90 degree turn.
- (b) A scent line shall be laid in a straight line starting at a point that is directly in front of the den and approximately 3 m (10 ft) from the den entrance and ending at the entrance to the tunnel.
- (c) A scent line shall be laid along the bottom of the tunnel from the entrance to a point directly in front of the quarry
- (d) The entrance to the tunnel shall be unobstructed and inviting with a slope into the tunnel of no more than 45 degrees.
- (e) The handler shall release the dog from a point directly in front of the den, approximately 3 m (10 ft) from the entrance.
- (f) The Judge and Steward shall attempt to provide as little distraction as possible.

10.2.2 Qualifying Performance (Introduction to Quarry)

- (a) The dog shall be brought to the test area entrance on a solid 1.2 – 1.8 m (4 – 6 ft) lead. The handler may carry the dog to the release point or may walk the dog on lead to

the release point, but the dog may not pass the release point prior to the start of the test. The handler may encourage the dog up to this point. At the release point, the handler must remove the dog's collar and lead.

NOTE: Pinch or prong collars are not permitted.

- (b) Chain and flexi leads are not permitted.
- (c) The Judge shall direct the handler to give the dog one command and to release the dog. The handler shall release the dog from ground level or from a point no higher than waist level.
- (d) Throwing the dog in the direction of the den entrance shall not be permitted, and shall cause the dog to fail.
- (e) The handler may give one short command. After release, the dog must be given time to find the entrance on his own, but if the dog is unsure, the handler may choose to walk up to the den entrance to the side of the scent trail, and encourage the dog (e.g. by voice encouragement, tapping the den). This action shall not cause the dog to fail. However, the handler may not encourage the dog physically by picking it up or touching it. Non-productive activity or actions by the dog should not be permitted. The dog should be actively searching and the handler and/or judge working to encourage the dog to explore his instincts. The use of food or treats to lure the dog through the tunnel is not permitted. The time shall start when the dog enters the earth. Once the dog has entered the den, the handler must remain silent and still in order to incur no penalty.
- (f) The dog may exit and re-enter the earth during the time allowed, provided it has not started working the quarry. The dog shall not qualify if it requires over two (2) minutes to reach the quarry and commence working.
- (g) Once the dog begins working the quarry (see 10.1.2), the Judge shall begin timing the working time, and shall continue timing until the dog quits or the time limit is reached. The dog must work continuously for 30 seconds, with no encouragement, to qualify.
- (h) If, in the Judge's opinion, the dog is not reacting to the presence of the quarry, the Judge may attempt to interest the dog with no penalty to the dog. This may include tapping or scratching the cage, but should cease as soon as the dog begins working. Since the test is designed for

dogs with little or no experience, mild encouragement by the Judge shall not cause a failure.

- (i) Dogs, which reach the quarry within two minutes and work continuously for 30 seconds, shall pass.
- (j) At the completion of the test, the Judge shall announce the names of those dogs, which have passed. The test-giving club may award prizes or trophies to the dogs passing.

10.3 **Novice Earthdog**

(27-09-23) This test is designed to provide a titling option for those dogs that are not yet ready for Junior but who have mastered the requirements for Introduction to Quarry. It is an elective test and dogs are not required to attain a Novice Earthdog title prior to entering Junior.

10.3.1 The Novice Earthdog class is open to dogs who have not previously earned an Earthdog title. A dog may not enter Novice Earthdog and another regular class in the same test.

10.3.2 Den Design (see Introductions to Quarry Test 10.2.1 Den Design, figure 1)

- (a) The den design and scenting requirements for Novice Earthdog are identical to that used for Introduction to Quarry.
- (b) The handler shall release the dog from a point directly in front of the den, approximately 3 m (10 ft) from the entrance.
- (c) The Judge and Steward shall attempt to provide as little distraction as possible.

10.3.3 **Qualifying Performance (Novice Earthdog)**

- (a) The dog shall be brought to the test area entrance on a solid 1.2 – 1.8 m (4 – 6 ft) lead. The handler may carry the dog to the release point or may walk the dog on lead to the release point, but the dog may not pass the release point prior to the start of the test. The handler may encourage the dog up to this point. At the release point, the handler must remove the dog's collar and lead.

NOTE: Pinch or prong collars are not permitted.

- (b) Chain and flexi leads are not permitted.

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- (c) The Judge shall direct the handler to give the dog one command and to release the dog. The handler shall release the dog from ground level or from a point no higher than waist level.
 - (d) Throwing the dog in the direction of the den entrance shall not be permitted, and shall cause the dog to fail.
 - (e) The handler may give one short command. After release, the handler must remain quietly at the release point in order to incur no penalty. The time shall start when the dog is released.
 - (f) The dog may exit and re-enter the earth during the time allowed, provided it has not started working the quarry. The dog shall not qualify if it requires over two (2) minutes to reach the quarry and commence working.
 - (g) Once the dog begins working the quarry (see 10.1.2), the Judge shall begin timing the working time, and shall continue timing until the dog quits or the time limit is reached. The dog must work continuously for 30 seconds, with no encouragement, to qualify.
 - (h) Dogs, which reach the quarry and commence working within two (2) minutes and work continuously for 30 seconds, shall pass.
 - (i) At the completion of the test, the Judge shall announce the names of those dogs, which have passed. The test-giving club may award prizes or trophies to the dogs passing.

10.4 Junior Earthdog Test

The evaluation of a dog's ability can never be precise. However the primary purpose of the earthdog is to go to ground in pursuit of predatory quarry either bolt or draw the quarry, or alert the hunter where to dig by holding and baying the quarry in one location. Whether the dog is successful in its primary purpose is determined by its possession of a unique set of natural abilities. This test is designed to help evaluate these natural abilities. The test shall consist of two parts:

- (a) The approach to the quarry
- (b) Working the quarry

In order to qualify, a dog must pass both parts of the test.

10.4.1 Den Design (see figure 2) (Junior Earthdog Test)

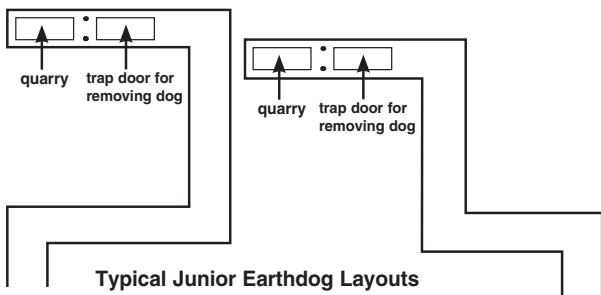


Figure 2

The den for the Junior Earthdog Test shall be constructed using the standard liners approximately 23 cm (9 in) by 23 cm (9 in), set in such a manner as to provide a tunnel approximately 9 m (30 ft) in length, with three (3) 90 degree turns;

- (a) The tunnel shall have an entrance at one end, and a quarry area at the other end, which shall provide the Judge a view of the dog during the working portion of the test.
- (b) The dogs should be removed from the den by way of an exit provided at the quarry end of the den.
- (c) A scent line shall be laid in a straight line starting at a point that is directly in front of the den and approximately 3 m (10 ft) from the den entrance and ending at the entrance to the tunnel.
- (d) A scent line shall be laid along the bottom of the tunnel from the entrance to a point directly in front of the quarry.
- (e) The entrance to the tunnel shall be unobstructed and inviting with a slope into the tunnel of no more than 45 degrees.

10.4.2 Qualifying Performance (Junior Earthdog Test)

- (a) The dog shall be brought to the test area entrance on a solid 1.2 – 1.8 m (4 – 6 ft) lead. When told to do so by the Den Steward, the handler shall take the dog into the test area and stand at the designated release point, a point directly in front of the den entrance at a distance of approximately 3 m (10 ft). The handler may carry the dog to the release point or may walk the dog on lead to the release point, but

the dog may not pass the release point prior to the start of the test. The handler may encourage the dog up to this point.

NOTE: Pinch or prong collars are not permitted.

- (b) Chain and flexi leads are not permitted
- (c) The handler shall remove all leads, collars, harnesses, etc. Upon instructions from the Judge, the handler shall release the dog from ground level or from a point no higher than waist level. Throwing the dog in the direction of the den entrance shall not be permitted, and shall cause the dog to fail.
- (d) The handler may, at the time of release, give the dog one short command with no penalty. After releasing the dog, the handler shall quietly stand at the release point, with no further command or signal and shall not move, until instructed by the Judge. Further actions on the part of the handler during the time the dog is being tested could result in failure.
- (e) The timing of the dog shall start when the dog is released by the handler. The dog has 45 seconds to reach the quarry. It may enter and leave the den without penalty, but must reach the quarry within the 45 second time limit. Dogs reaching the quarry within the 45 second time limit, which have not received any encouragement from the handler, shall pass this portion of the test.
- (f) Once the dog has reached the quarry it must remain with the quarry until the test is completed. If the dog leaves the quarry during the 'working the quarry' part of the test, the dog will fail this part of the test. The Judge shall allow the dog 30 seconds from the time it reaches the quarry to begin working. If the dog fails to begin working within 30 seconds, the dog shall fail this portion of the test.
- (g) Once the dog begins working the quarry, it must work continuously for 60 seconds (see 10.1.2.)
- (h) The Judge shall make no attempt to encourage the dog to work, or to continue to work. Dogs which work the quarry continuously for 60 seconds shall pass this portion of the test.
- (i) Upon completion of the test, the Judge shall allow the handler to retrieve the dog from the earth. The dog should be removed by way of the top opening at the quarry end of the earth.

The dog shall be removed from the test area as soon as possible, and not be allowed to investigate the test area.

- (j) The Judge shall mark the judging form with the time, indicating whether the dog passed or failed and may make written comments as provided on the form. The completed Judging forms shall be held by the Judge and collected only by the Test Secretary.
- (k) At the completion of the test, the Judge shall announce the names of the dogs which have qualified. The test-giving club may award prizes or trophies to the qualifying dogs.

10.5 Senior Earthdog Test

This test is designed to present the more experienced hunter with a more realistic den situation. In the wild, few natural earths are single tunnels: they are complex, multiple entrance designs. The dog must be able to not only locate the quarry within a complex earth but should also be willing to leave the earth if the quarry has bolted. To be eligible for the Senior Earthdog Test, a dog must have completed the requirements for the CKC Junior Earthdog Title.

The Senior test shall consist of three parts:

- (a) The approach to the quarry
- (b) Working the quarry
- (c) Leaving the den on command

10.5.1 Den Design (see figures 3, 3A and 4) (Senior Earthdog Test)

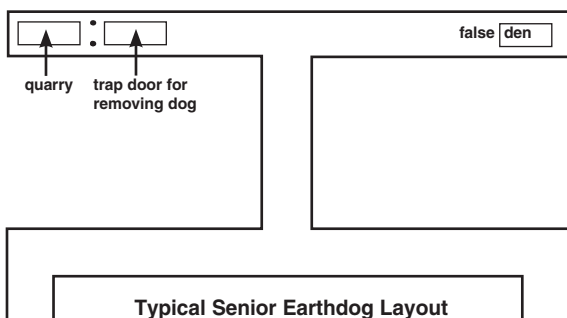
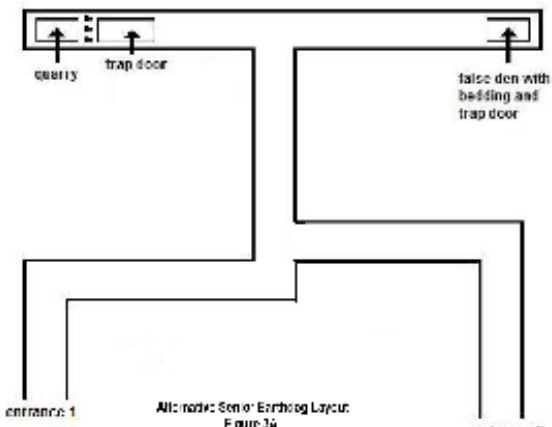


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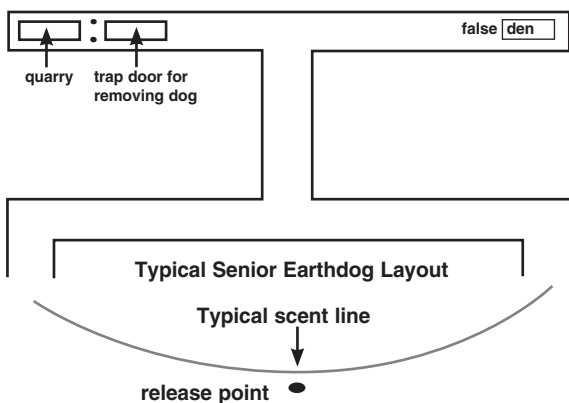
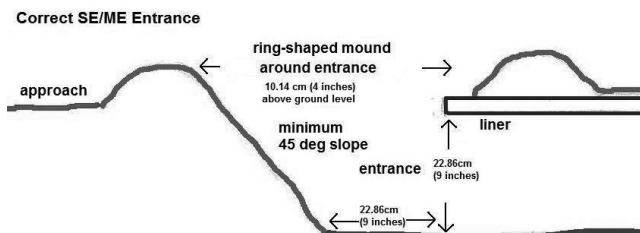


Figure 4

- (a) The den shall be constructed using the standard liners approximately 23 cm (9 in) by 23 cm (9 in). The liners shall be set in such a manner as to provide a tunnel accessible from two entrances.
- (b) The main tunnel is 9 m (30 ft) in length from either entrance to the quarry, with three 90 degree turns and a false den.
- (c) The false den shall be a side tunnel with no exit, approximately 1.2 m (4 ft) in length, with a 30 cm X 20 cm (12 X 8 in) door located at the top, not more than 7.6 cm (3 in) from the end of the tunnel.
- (d) Directly beneath the door shall be a pile of bedding material, i.e. straw, dry grass, heavily scented to simulate the litter/bedding area found in most natural dens.

- (e) The entrances to the main tunnel shall be banked by a mound of dirt at least 10 cm (4 in) higher than the top of the liner, thus providing a steep entrance to the den of at least a 45 degree incline into the earth with a flat area of approximately 23 cm (9 in) by 23 cm (9 in) immediately in front of the liner entrance (see diagram).



- (f) The dirt mound may be camouflaged by natural cover, provided the cover does not restrict entrance to the earth.
- (g) The entrance to the earth should not be visible from a “dog’s eye” view at the point of release.
- (h) The dog will be released from a point that is midway between both entrances and approximately 6 m (20 ft) from either entrance.
- (i) A scent line will be laid in an arc joining both entrances so that the scent line passes approximately 1.5 m (5 ft) in front of the release point (see figure 4).

10.5.2 Qualifying Performance (Senior Earthdog Test)

- (a) The dog shall be brought to the test area entrance on a solid 1.2 – 1.8 m (4 – 6 ft) lead. when told to do so by the Den Steward, the handler shall take the dog into the test area and stand at the designated release point. The handler may carry the dog to the release point or may walk the dog on lead to the release point, but the dog may not pass the release point prior to the start of the test. The handler may encourage the dog up to this point.

NOTE: Pinch or prong collars are not permitted.

- (b) Chain and flexi leads are not permitted.
- (c) The handler shall remove all leads, collars, harnesses, etc. Upon instructions from the Judge,

the handler shall release the dog from ground level or from a point no higher than waist level.

- (d) Throwing the dog in the direction of the den entrance shall not be permitted, and shall cause the dog to fail. The handler may, at the time of release, give the dog one short command with no penalty. After releasing the dog, the handler shall quietly stand and shall not move, until instructed by the Judge.
- (e) Timing of the dog for the approach portion of the test shall start when the dog is released by the handler. The dog has 90 seconds from the time of release to reach the quarry, provided that it is continuously searching during that time.
- (29-09-23) (f) The dog may enter and leave the den, provided it has not reached the quarry. The dog may enter by either entrance. If the dog exits the den prior to reaching the quarry, the handler may give one additional command with no penalty. A dog which false marks by working (see 10.1) in the false den area for more than 15 seconds cannot pass.
- (g) Once the dog has reached the quarry, it must remain with the quarry until the working portion of the test is completed. Should the dog leave the quarry area during the test it shall fail.
- (h) The Judge shall allow the dog 15 seconds from the time it reaches the quarry to begin working. If the dog fails to begin working within 15 seconds the dog shall not qualify.
- (i) Once the dog has started to work, it must work the quarry for 90 seconds continuously (see 10.1.2.). The Judge shall make no attempt to encourage the dog to work. Dogs that work for less than 90 seconds shall not pass.
- (j) Once the dog has completed the working portion of the test, the Judge shall seal his viewing area (the area immediately over the dog), remove the quarry and replace the lid over the quarry area and have the caged quarry removed a sufficient distances so as not to be a distraction. The Judge shall then instruct the handler to recall the dog. The handler may go to either entrance of the den to call the dog, and may use a whistle. No bait, hides, noisemakers or toys may be used to recall the dog from the den.

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- (k) The handler is permitted to reach into the entrance of the den to retrieve the dog. The handler may leave the den entrance to retrieve the dog (if it exits from the other entrance) Dogs which exit the den and are retrieved by the handler within 90 seconds from the recall shall pass this portion of the test. Dogs which take longer than 90 seconds to exit the den shall not pass.
 - (l) The dog shall be removed from the test area as soon as possible, and shall not be allowed to investigate the test area. Dogs must pass all three parts of the test in order to qualify.
 - (m) The Judge shall mark the judging form to indicate pass or fail, and may make written comments as provided on the form. The completed judging forms shall be held by the Judges and collected only by the Test Secretary.
 - (n) At the completion of the test, the Judge shall announce the names of those dogs which have qualified. The test-giving club may award prizes or trophies to the dogs that have qualified.

10.6 Advanced Earthdog Test *(16-06-20)*

This test is designed to provide an option for those dogs that are not yet ready for Master, who are not comfortable with a bracemate or who already have their Master title and are looking for a less physically challenging opportunity. The dog is expected to demonstrate teamwork with its handler by indicating the presence of an active den. Entering on command, locating the quarry within the den and staying with the quarry until it bolts or is dug to.

10.6.1 To be eligible for the Advanced Earthdog Test a *(16-06-20)* dog must have completed the requirements for the CKC Senior Earthdog Title. A dog may not enter Advanced Earthdog and another regular class or Intro To Quarry in the same test.

10.6.2 Den Design (see Master Earthdog Test 10.5.2 Den *(16-06-20)* Design, figures 5 and 6)

(16-06-20) (a) The den design for Advanced Earthdog is identical to that used for Master. However, the test area is limited to the actual den area and immediate surrounds. There is no approach and no requirement for a walk up of any length.

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- (30-09-23) (b) A scent line of approximately 6 m (20 ft) shall lead to the main entrance and continue along the primary quarry trails inside the den.
- (16-06-20) (c) The judge will select a release point, 6 to 9 m (30-09-23) (20 to 30 ft) from any part of the den but NOT on the scent line. The same release point will be used for all dogs and will be clearly marked.
- (16-06-20) (d) As with Master, the quarry cage is located in the main den entrance approximately 30 cm (12 in) behind the grate obstruction. Once the dog has marked or had the opportunity to mark the entrance, the owner must be advised to remove the dog to a safe distance and should prevent their dog from observing the relocation of the quarry to the first working end. The quarry locations and working ends of the tunnels must be well covered, to discourage investigation by the dog during its investigation of the den area.

10.6.3 Qualifying Performance (Advanced Earthdog Test)

(16-06-20)

- (16-06-20) (a) The handler will bring the dog to the release point on collar and leash. The dog may be carried to the release point but must be set on the ground prior to release. At the judge's direction the handler shall remove their dog's lead but may leave their collars on (with tags if so desired). Collars for this test must be well fitting buckle or snap collars. Martingales, pinch, prong collars, choke collars, head collars and harnesses are not permitted. The handler will then release the dog with a single command.
- (16-06-20) (b) Once the dog has been released, the handler will remain quiet while the dog has a chance to investigate the den area. The judge may use discretion in directing the handler to offer mild encouragement to the dog while it is searching the den area but the handler must not do anything that would direct or encourage the dog to mark the den.
- (16-06-20) (c) The dog must locate and give a clear indication at the main entrance. If the dog does not indicate the tunnel entrance, it cannot qualify, but can continue to be tested. A clear indication by the dog should leave no doubt in the judge's mind that the dog has located and is prepared to enter an active den.
- (16-06-20) (d) Once the dog has indicated or had adequate opportunity to indicate the main entrance, the handler will be instructed to take control of the

dog. The obstacles are then removed from the den entrances and the Quarry placed in first Quarry location.

- (16-06-20) (e) The handler shall then stand at the main entrance with the dog and remove the collar. Upon instructions from the Judge, the handler shall release the dog from ground level or from a point no higher than waist level. Throwing the dog into the den entrance shall not be permitted and shall cause the dog to fail. The handler may, at the time of release, give the dog one short command with no penalty. After releasing the dog, the handler shall quietly stand and shall not move, until instructed by the Judge.
- (16-06-20) (f) Timing of the dog shall start when the dog is released by the handler. The dog has two (2) minutes from the time of release to reach the quarry, provided that it is continuously searching during that time. The dog may enter and leave the den, provided it has not reached the quarry. If the dog exits the den during the test, the handler may give a second command at their discretion, additional commands during this portion of the test will result in a non-qualifying performance. It is permissible for the dog to exit and re-enter the den while searching for the quarry; however, the dog must negotiate all three obstacles during the course of working both quarry locations - thus exiting by the main entrance and re-entering by the false exit to avoid an obstacle would be cause for failure. If the dog exits by the false exit it may re-enter by either the false exit or the main entrance.
- (16-06-20) (g) The dog must work the quarry in the first location for 45 seconds (see 10.1.2.), after which time the Judge shall seal the viewing area (the area immediately over the dog), remove the quarry and seal the quarry area, and relocate the quarry to the second location.
- (16-06-20) (h) The dog must now relocate the quarry within the den - he has three (3) minutes to do so and may exit and reenter the den provided it has not reached the relocated quarry. If the dog leaves the den, then one final additional command may be given. Subsequent commands will result in a non-qualifying performance. Once the dog relocates the quarry, it must work the quarry continuously for 45 seconds.

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- (16-06-20) (i) When the dog is working the quarry in the second location the Judge will create a distraction in the working area by lightly striking the top of the working area for 15 seconds to simulate digging sounds. The dog should continue digging and ignore the overhead distraction. On completion of the working portion the Judge will call the handler to the working area. The handler shall have 30 seconds to remove the dog without injury to the handler or dog. The quarry will remain in position while the dog is removed.
- (16-06-20) (j) Dogs must pass all parts of the test in order to qualify. The Judge shall mark the Judging form to indicate pass or fail and may make written comments as provided on the form. The completed judging forms shall be held by the Judges and collected only by the Test Secretary.
- (16-06-20) (k) At the completion of the test, the Judge shall announce the names of those dogs which have qualified. The test-giving club may award prizes or trophies to the dogs that have qualified.

10.7 Master Earthdog Test

This test is designed to come as close as possible to a natural hunting situation. On a natural hunt, the dog is expected to demonstrate team work with its handler by locating and indicating the presence of active dens. Entering on command, locating the quarry within the den and staying with the quarry until it bolts or is dug to. The dog should also demonstrate the willingness to work with another dog in the field and the ability to honour another dog's work.

- 10.7.1 To be eligible for the Master Earthdog Test a dog must have completed the requirements for the CKC Senior Earthdog Title.

NOTE: The requirement for a dog to be able to work cooperatively as part of a randomly drawn brace places a large degree of responsibility on the handler in determining if their dog is ready or temperamentally suited for this class.

10.7.2 Den Design (see figures 5 and 6) (Master Earthdog Test)

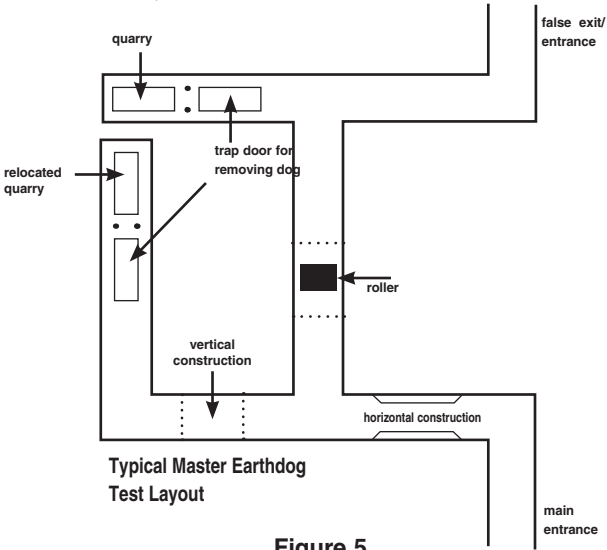


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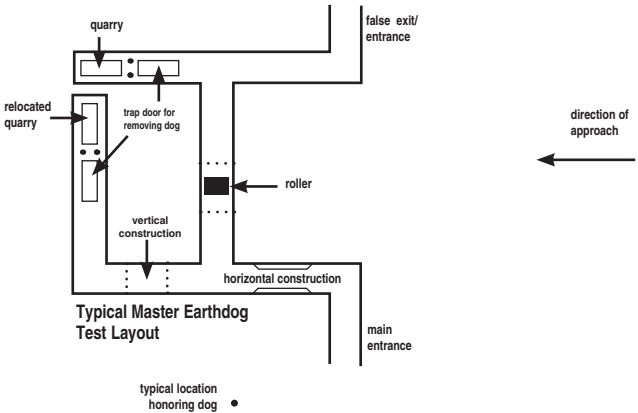


Figure 6

NOTE: The roller obstacle may only be placed in the section of the tunnel that has access to the false exit - as shown in figure 5

- (a) The test area for the Master Test shall include an approach to the den through a natural setting of 90 m (100 yd) to 270 m (300 yd).
- (b) The den entrances shall be constructed in the same manner as the Senior entrances, shall not be readily visible and shall be blocked with a

removable obstruction; this obstruction should be such that it permits free movement of air for purposes of the dog scenting the quarry, but should be sturdy enough to prevent the dogs from entering the den.

- (c) A scent line of approximately 6 m (20 ft) shall lead to the main entrance.
- (d) There is no false den in the Master test, instead there are two quarry ends as shown in the diagram (see figure 5). The den shall be constructed using the standard liners approximately 23 cm (9 in) by 23 cm (9 in). The distance from the main entrance to the first quarry location is 9 m (30 ft) in length and includes three right-angle turns and two obstacles – this is referred to as the main tunnel. The tunnel to the relocated quarry is 3 m (10 ft) in length from its juncture with the main tunnel and includes one obstacle and at least one right-angle turn. The distance from the main entrance to the second quarry location shall be no less than 6 m (20 ft) and no more than 9 m (30 ft). The distance from the first quarry location to the second quarry location shall be no less than 6 m (20 ft) and no more than 9 m (30 ft). The false exit shall be a side tunnel at least 2 m (7 ft) and no more than 3 m (10 ft) in length from its juncture with the main tunnel, with one right-angle turn. The location of obstacles in the tunnel shall ensure that a dog does not have to reverse over the obstruction obstacle while working the den.
- (e) A twist-in type ground tie-out stake with a two foot chain will be located approximately 3.05m (10 feet) from the main entrance.
- (f) A short (approximately 1.2 m (4 ft) dead end tunnel shall be located along the approach line at least 30.5 m (100 ft) from the den area and shall be set in the ground, with the top surface being well covered. The entrance should be readily visible to the dogs, the tunnel shall not be scented. If desired, the judge may add randomly directed scent lines to the approach field by using rat scent or scattering used quarry bedding. These lines should not lead to the unscented den or to the occupied den. Neither the dog's reaction to these scent-lines nor his failure to notice them shall be grounds for failure for that reason alone.

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- (g) There shall be three obstacles in the tunnel none of which shall be placed within 1.5 m (5 ft) of the entrance, or the quarry. The obstacles shall consist of:
- (i) A horizontal construction - consisting of boards, approximately 3.8 cm (1.5 in) wide, and 46 cm (18 in) long, placed opposite each other to narrow the tunnel width to approximately 15 cm (6 in). The ends of the boards should be beveled or rounded.
 - (ii) A vertical constriction - consisting of a board, approximately 5 cm (2 in) wide, and 46 cm (18 in) long, placed inside the roof of the liner to lower the height to 18 cm (7 in). The ends of the board should be beveled or rounded.
 - (iii) An obstruction - The obstruction should be a 15 cm (6 in) diameter PVC pipe, placed crosswise in the tunnel, and loosely mounted on a one inch dowel so that it is movable (it should move approximately 6.4 cm (2 1/2 in) each way). The portion of the liner above the obstruction (23 cm (9 in) on each side of the pipe's centre line, for a total of 46 cm (18 in)) is elevated 15 cm (6 in) over the main liner, and naturally covered or otherwise camouflaged.
- (h) The quarry cage is located in the main den entrance approximately 30 cm (12 in) behind the grate obstruction. Once both dogs have marked or had the opportunity to mark the entrance, the owners must be advised to remove their dogs to a safe distance and should prevent their dogs from observing the relocation of the quarry to the first working end. The same initial quarry location will be used for each dog to ensure that the obstacle negotiation will be consistent. The quarry locations and working ends of the tunnels must be well covered to discourage investigation by the dogs during the approach.

10.7.3 Qualifying Performance (Master Earthdog Test)

- (a) Dogs are worked two at a time in braces. The braces shall be drawn at random. Whenever possible dogs owned by the same person shall not be drawn to be worked together. In the

case of an odd number of entries, these dogs will run with a by-dog at the end of the test.

- (b) Handlers are positioned with the Judge and proceed in the direction of the scent line from a release point approximately 90 m (100 yds) to 270 m (300 yds) from the real den entrance. Then handlers shall remove their dog's leads but may leave their collars on (with tags if so desired). Collars for this test must be well fitting buckle or snap collars. Martingales, pinch, prong collars, choke collars, head collars and harnesses are not permitted.
- (c) A Judge's Steward shall be positioned near the blocked den entrance to deal with overly aggressive dogs but should remain quiet and unobtrusive unless required to take action to ensure the safety of a dog or the quarry. The judge and handlers shall proceed in the direction of the den and the dogs should demonstrate their ability to work the area and locate any active dens.
- (d) During the test, the dogs are expected to work together without interference or aggression. The judge may excuse from the test any dog which wilfully interferes with its bracemate, either playfully or with malice, or any dog whose behaviour is out of control in the opinion of the judge. The judge must dismiss any dog which attacks its bracemate. The judge must report any incident resulting in an excusal or dismissal to the test secretary, who shall report such to the CKC. Any dog that has been dismissed twice shall be barred from participation in CKC Earthdog Master tests until reinstated by the CKC. In the case of one dog being excused or dismissed, the remaining dog shall be picked up and shall run as or with the bye-dog.
- (e) The path taken by the handlers should pass beside the short unscented den, the dogs should investigate the den but must recognize that it is unoccupied and should not work it. Dogs barking in the empty den cannot qualify. If a dog fails to investigate the empty den, then the owner shall call the dog and command him to investigate it - the dog need not fully enter the den but should demonstrate responsiveness to his handler and recognize the presence of a den. If the dog does enter the den, it should leave of its own accord. A dog that must be called out of the empty den shall fail.

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- (f) Once the judge and handlers reach the end of the scent line (approximately 6 m (20 ft) from the main entrance) they will halt and remain quiet while the dogs have a chance to investigate the den area. The judge may use discretion in directing the handlers to offer mild encouragement to their dogs while they are searching the den area but the handler must not do anything that would direct or encourage the dog to mark the den.
 - (g) The dogs must give a clear indication at the main entrance. If neither dog indicates the tunnel entrance, they cannot qualify, but can continue to be tested. A clear indication by the dog should leave no doubt in the judge's mind that the dog has located and is prepared to enter an active den.
 - (h) If necessary and at the Judge's discretion the first dog to reach and indicate the main entrance will be removed by the handler, and the second dog given the opportunity to indicate interest in the tunnel. Once both dogs have indicated or had adequate opportunity to indicate the main entrance, the handlers will be instructed to take control of their dogs. The obstacles are then removed from the den entrances and the Quarry placed in first Quarry location. The first dog to indicate the entrance will be the first dog to work. The second dog to do so is staked approximately 3 m (10 ft) from the tunnel entrance, using the twist in ground stake and chain attached to his collar.
 - (i) The handler shall stand at the main entrance with the dog and remove the collar. Upon instructions from the Judge, the handler shall release the dog from ground level or from a point no higher than waist level. Throwing the dog into the den entrance shall not be permitted, and shall cause the dog to fail. The handler may, at the time of release, give the dog one short command with no penalty. After releasing the dog, the handler shall quietly stand and shall not move, until instructed by the Judge.
 - (j) Timing of the dog shall start when the dog is released by the handler. The dog has 90 seconds from the time of release to reach the quarry, provided that it is continuously searching during that time. The dog may enter and leave the den, provided it has not reached the quarry. If the dog exits the den during the test,

the handler may give a second command at their discretion, additional commands during this portion of the test will result in a non-qualifying performance. It is permissible for the dog to exit and re-enter the den while searching for the quarry; however, the dog must negotiate all three obstacles during the course of working both quarry locations - thus exiting by the main entrance and re-entering by the false exit to avoid an obstacle would be cause for failure. If the dog exits by the false exit it may re-enter by either the false exit or the main entrance.

(14-06-20) (k) The dog must work the quarry in the first location for 45 seconds (see 10.1.2.), after which time the Judge shall seal the viewing area (the area immediately over the dog), remove the quarry and seal the quarry area, and relocate the quarry to the second location. (The working ends of the tunnels should be sufficiently screened so that the honouring dog does not see the relocation of the quarry but not so heavily screened as to obscure the Judge's view of the honouring dog).

(14-06-20) (l) The working dog must now relocate the quarry within the den - he has two (2) minutes to do so and may exit and re-enter the den provided it has not reached the relocated quarry. If the dog leaves the den, then one final additional command may be given. Subsequent commands will result in a non-qualifying performance. Once the dog relocates the quarry, it must work the quarry continuously for 45 seconds.

(14-06-20) (m) When the dog is working the quarry in the second location the Judge will create a distraction in the working area by lightly striking the top of the working area for 15 seconds to simulate digging sounds. The dog should continue digging and ignore the overhead distraction. On completion of the working portion the Judge will call the handler to the working area. The handler shall have 15 seconds to remove the dog without injury to the handler or dog. The quarry will remain in position while the dog is removed.

(n) Throughout the working portion the handler of the honouring dog will stay with his dog and may caution the dog to be quiet. Continuous holding or petting of the honouring dog is not permitted. The honouring dog must show

interest, and may be occasionally vocal, but shall not bark, whine or lunge continuously. The honouring dog is sent into the den when the working dog (first dog) is removed and has assumed the honour position (staked). The honouring dog must now perform the same test, the judge having relocated the quarry to its original position.

(15-06-20) (o) Testing a Bye-Dog (the odd dog(s) remaining at the end). Whenever there will be one or more bye-dogs, the Test Committee may draw or otherwise select a bracemate from the dogs that have run, or use a dog that is qualified for but not entered in the class. If one dog in a brace is excused or dismissed, the remaining dog is moved down to the bottom of the running order to run with the bye-dog (if there is no bye-dog, the foregoing methods will determine a bracemate). All dogs must be started with a bracemate, but never with a dog that will subsequently be judged in Master in the same test.

(p) Dogs must pass all parts of the test in order to qualify. The Judge shall mark the Judging form to indicate pass or fail, and may make written comments as provided on the form. The completed judging forms shall be held by the Judges and collected only by the Test Secretary.

(q) At the completion of the test, the Judge shall announce the names of those dogs which have qualified. The test-giving club may award prizes or trophies to the dogs that have qualified.

(r) Judge's Guidelines for the Hunt to the Den

During the hunt to the den portion of the test, the judge shall evaluate the following qualities of the dogs:

Searching Ability – evidenced by an aptitude to range a controllable distance away from the handler and cover ground in a vigorous search for quarry and an aptitude to recognize promising cover and by eagerness to explore it, regardless of hazards or discomfort.

Obedience to Commands – demonstrated by the dogs' attentiveness and responsiveness to the handler. A dog should at all times be under the control of the handler.

Endurance – demonstrated by the capacity to compete through the duration of the test and to go on as long as it may be necessary.

Patience – evidenced by a willingness to stay with a problem encountered as long as there is a possibility of achieving success in a workmanlike manner, rather than taking a chance finding the quarry more quickly through guesswork or gambling.

Adaptability – being able to adjust quickly to changes in scenting conditions and being able to work harmoniously with a variety of running mates.

Independence – the ability to be self-reliant and to refrain from becoming upset or influenced by the actions of faulty brace mates.

Cooperation – demonstrated when a dog works harmoniously with others, doing as much of the work as possible in an honest and efficient manner and yet being aware of and honouring the accomplishment of running mate without jealousy or disruption of the test.

11 AWARDING OF TITLES

11.1 Novice Earthdog (NE) *(31-09-23)*

The Novice Earthdog Test is an elective test open only to those dogs that have not earned the title “Junior”

11.1.1 The CKC will permit the use of the letters “NE” signifying “Novice Earthdog” to be used in connection with and after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for that title as hereinafter provided. The title “NE” is not superseded by any CKC earthdog test title that are subsequently earned, with the exception of the Grand Novice earthdog title.

11.1.2 To be permitted to use the title “Novice Earthdog” a dog must:

- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC, or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification Number or a Performance Event Number or an Event Registration Number.
- (b) Receive a qualifying score in two (2) Novice Earthdog Classes at an Approved CKC Earthdog Test. When the foregoing requirements for the title “Novice Earthdog” are fully met, the owner (who must be recorded

as owner in the records of the CKC) shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC.

- 11.1.3 A dog that has earned a Novice Earthdog title may continue to enter the Novice earthdog Class but no further Novice Earthdog certificates will be issued with the exception of dogs meeting the requirements for Grand Novice Earthdog. A dog may not be entered in the Novice Earthdog Class and another Regular class in one test.

11.2 Grand Novice Earthdog (GNE) *(34-09-23)*

- 11.2.1 In order to be recorded as a Grand Novice Earthdog, a dog must meet the following requirements:
- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC, or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification Number or a Performance Event Number or an Event Registration Number.
 - (b) Fulfilled all of the requirements for and acquired a Novice Earthdog Title.
 - (c) Earned qualifying scores in five (5) CKC approved Novice Earthdog classes following completion of the Novice Earthdog Title.
- 11.2.2 Upon verification of these requirements, a CKC Grand Novice Earthdog (GNE) certificate will be issued to the owner and the dog will be identified as a Grand Novice Earthdog in all official CKC records by the suffix title GNE, which title shall supersede the CKC Novice earthdog previously earned.
- 11.2.3 A dog that has been recorded as a Grand Novice Earthdog may continue to enter Novice Earthdog classes but no further Grand Novice Earthdog certificates will be issued.
- 11.2.4 The owner of the dog must track the dog's qualifications on a form provided by the CKC. Upon completion of the five (5) qualifications, the owner must submit the form to the CKC.

11.3 Junior Earthdog (JE)

- 11.3.1 The CKC will permit the use of the letters "JE" signifying "Junior Earthdog" to be used in connection with and after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for that title as hereinafter provided.
- 11.3.2 To be permitted to use the title "Junior Earthdog" a dog must:

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- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification Number or a Performance Event Number or if foreign born and owned the dog must have a CKC Registration number or an Event Registration number.
- (32-09-23) (b) Receive a qualifying score in two (2) Junior Earthdog Tests at an Approved CKC Earthdog Test. When the foregoing requirements for the title “Junior Earthdog” are fully met, the owner (who must be recorded as owner in the records of the CKC) shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC.
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- 11.3.4 A dog that has been recorded as a Junior Earthdog
(33-09-23) may continue to enter the Junior Earthdog test, but no further Junior Earthdog certificates will be issued with the exception of dogs meeting the requirements for Grand Junior Earthdog. A dog that has earned a CKC Junior Earthdog title may no longer be entered in the Introduction to Quarry Class and a Regular class in one test.

11.4 Grand Junior Earthdog (GJE) (37-09-23)

- 11.4.1 In order to be recorded as a Grand Junior Earthdog, a dog must meet the following requirements:
- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC, or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification number or a Performance Event Number or an Event Registration Number.
- (b) Fulfilled all of the requirements for and acquired a Junior Earthdog Title.
- (c) Earned qualifying scores in five (5) CKC approved Junior Earthdog classes following completion of the Junior Earthdog Title.
- 11.4.2 Upon verification of these requirements, a CKC Grand Junior Earthdog (GJE) certificate will be issued to the owner and the dog will be identified as a Grand Junior Earthdog in all official CKC records by the suffix title GJE, which title shall supercede the CKC Junior earthdog previously earned.
- 11.4.3 A dog that has been recorded as a Grand Junior Earthdog may continue to enter Junior Earthdog

classes but no further Grand Junior Earthdog certificates will be issued.

- 11.4.4 The owner of the dog must track the dog's qualifications on a form provided by the CKC. Upon completion of the five (5) qualifications, the owner must submit the form to the CKC.

11.5 Senior Earthdog Test (SE)

- 11.5.1 The CKC will permit the use of the letters "SE" signifying "Senior Earthdog" to be used in connection with and after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for that title as hereinafter provided. The title "SE" shall supersede any CKC earthdog test title that may have been previously earned.

- 11.5.2 To be permitted to use the title "Senior Earthdog" a dog must:

- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification Number or a Performance Event Number or if foreign born and owned the dog must have a CKC Registration number or an Event Registration number.
- (b) Receive a qualifying score in three (3) tests under two (2) different judges in the Senior Earthdog Test Class at an Approved CKC Earthdog Test. When the foregoing requirements for the title "Senior Earthdog" are fully met, the owner (who must be recorded as owner in the records of the CKC) shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC.

- 11.5.3 A dog that has been recorded as a Senior Earthdog (35-09-23) may continue to enter the Senior Earthdog Test, but no further Senior Earthdog certificates will be issued with the exception of dogs meeting the requirements for Grand Senior Earthdog. A dog that has been recorded a Senior Earthdog may no longer be entered in the Introduction to Quarry Class and a Regular class in one test.

11.6 Grand Senior Earthdog (GSE) (36-09-23)

- 11.6.1 In order to be recorded as a Grand Senior Earthdog, a dog must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC, or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous

Certification number or a Performance Event Number or an Event Registration Number.

- (b) Fulfilled all of the requirements for and acquired a Senior Earthdog Title.
- (c) Earned qualifying scores in five (5) CKC approved Senior Earthdog classes following completion of the Senior Earthdog Title.

11.6.2 Upon verification of these requirements, a CKC Grand Senior Earthdog (GSE) certificate will be issued to the owner and the dog will be identified as a Grand Senior Earthdog in all official CKC records by the suffix title GSE, which title shall supercede the CKC Senior earthdog test title previously earned.

11.6.3 A dog that has been recorded as a Grand Senior Earthdog may continue to enter Senior Earthdog classes but no further Grand Senior Earthdog certificates will be issued.

11.6.4 The owner of the dog must track the dog's qualifications on a form provided by the CKC. Upon completion of the five (5) qualifications, the owner must submit the form to the CKC.

11.7 Advanced Earthdog (AVE) *(17-06-20)*

The Advanced Earthdog Test is an elective test open only to those dogs that have earned the title "Senior Earthdog" or "Master Earthdog".

11.7.1 *(17-06-20)* The CKC will permit the use of the letters "AVE" signifying "Advanced Earthdog" to be used in connection with and after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for that title as hereinafter provided. The title "AVE" does not supersede any CKC earthdog test title that may have been previously earned.

11.7.2 *(17-06-20)* To be permitted to use the title "Advanced Earthdog" a dog must:

(17-06-20) (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification number or a Performance Event Number or if foreign born and owned the dog must have a CKC Registration number or an Event Registration number.

(17-06-20) (b) Receive a qualifying score in three (3) tests under two (2) different judges in the Advanced Earthdog Class at an Approved CKC Earthdog Test. When the foregoing requirements for the

title “Advanced Earthdog” are fully met, the owner (who must be recorded as owner in the records of the CKC) shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC.

11.7.3 A dog that has earned an Advanced Earthdog title (17-06-20) may continue to enter the Advanced, Senior or (40-09-23) Master earthdog class, but no further certificates will be issued with the exception of dogs meeting the requirements for Grand Advanced Earthdog. A dog that has earned a CKC Advanced Earthdog title may not be entered in the Introduction to Quarry Class and a Regular class in one test.

11.8 Grand Advanced Earthdog (GAVE) (41-09-23)

11.8.1 In order to be recorded as a Grand Advanced Earthdog, a dog must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC, or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification number or a Performance Event Number or an Event Registration Number.
- (b) Fulfilled all of the requirements for and acquired a Advanced Earthdog Title.
- (c) Earned qualifying scores in five (5) CKC approved Advanced Earthdog classes following completion of the Advanced Earthdog Title.

11.8.2 Upon verification of these requirements, a CKC Grand Advanced Earthdog (GAVE) certificate will be issued to the owner and the dog will be identified as a Grand Advanced Earthdog in all official CKC records by the suffix title GAVE, which title shall supersede the CKC Advanced earthdog test title previously earned.

11.8.3 A dog that has been recorded as a Grand Advanced Earthdog may continue to enter Advanced Earthdog classes but no further Grand Advanced Earthdog certificates will be issued.

11.8.4 The owner of the dog must track the dog’s qualifications on a form provided by the CKC. Upon completion of the five (5) qualifications, the owner must submit the form to the CKC.

11.9 Master Earthdog (ME)

The Master Earthdog Test is open only to those dogs that have earned the title “Senior Earthdog” or “Master Earthdog” titles.

- 11.9.1 The CKC will permit the use of the letters “ME” signifying “Master Earthdog” to be used in connection with and after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for that title as hereinafter provided. The title “ME” shall supersede any CKC earthdog test title that may have been previously earned.
- 11.9.2 To be permitted to use the title “Master Earthdog” a dog must:
- (a) Be registered in the records of the CKC or if a listed breed has a CKC Miscellaneous Certification number or a Performance Event Number or if foreign born and owned the dog must have a CKC Registration number or an Event Registration number.
 - (b) Receive a qualifying score in four (4) tests under two (2) different judges in the Master Earthdog Class at an Approved CKC Earthdog Test. When the foregoing requirements for the title “Master Earthdog” are fully met, the owner (who must be recorded as owner in the records of the CKC) shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC.
- 11.9.3 A dog that has earned a Master Earthdog title (19-03-17) may continue to enter any regular earthdog class and may enter multiple regular classes in one test, but no further certificates will be issued with the exception of dogs meeting the requirements for Grand Master Earthdog or Grand Master Earthdog Excellent. A dog that has earned a CKC Master Earthdog title may no longer be entered in the Introduction to Quarry Class and a Regular class in one test.

11.10 Grand Master Earthdog (GME)

- 11.10.1 In order to be recorded as a Grand Master Earthdog, a dog must meet the following requirements:
- (a) Registered in The Canadian Kennel Club Stud Book or possess an Event Registration Number.
 - (b) Fulfilled all of the requirements for and acquired a Master Earthdog Title.

(38-09-23) (c) Earned qualifying scores in five (5) CKC approved Master Earthdog classes after completion of the requirements for a Master Earthdog Title.

11.10.2 Upon verification of these requirements, a CKC Grand Master Earthdog (GME) certificate will be issued to the owner and the dog will be identified as a Grand Master Earthdog in all official CKC records by the suffix title GME, which title shall supercede any CKC earthdog test titles that may have been previously earned with the exception of GMEX.

11.10.3 A dog that has been recorded as a Grand Master Earthdog may continue to enter Master Earthdog classes but no further Grand Master Earthdog certificates will be issued.

11.10.4 The owner of the dog must track the dog's qualifications on a form provided by the CKC. Upon completion of the five (5) qualifications, the owner must submit the form to the CKC.

11.11 Grand Master Earthdog Excellent (GMEX)

11.11.1 In order to be recorded as a Grand Master Earthdog Excellent, a dog must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Registered in The Canadian Kennel Club Stud Book or possess an Event Registration Number.
- (b) Fulfilled all of the requirements for and acquired a Master Earthdog Title.
- (c) Earned qualifying scores in both Senior and Master Earthdog classes in the same test on 5 different occasions.

11.11.2 Upon verification of these requirements, a CKC Grand Master Earthdog Excellent (GMEX) certificate will be issued to the owner and the dog will be identified as a Grand Master Earthdog Excellent in all official CKC records by the suffix title GMEX, which title shall supercede any CKC earthdog test titles that may have been previously earned.

11.11.3 A dog that has been recorded as a Grand Master Earthdog Excellent may continue to enter Senior and Master Earthdog classes but no further Grand Master Earthdog Excellent certificates will be issued.

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- 11.11.4 The owner of the dog must track the dog's double (11-12-21) qualifications on a form provided by the CKC. Upon completion of five double qualifications, the owner must submit the form to the CKC.
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12 SANCTION TESTS

- 12.1 Sanctioned earthdog tests shall be governed by such regulations as determined by the Board.
- 12.2 A sanctioned earthdog test is an informal event held by a club whose approval is given by the CKC Board member for the respective Zone. Only pure-bred dogs may compete, qualifying scores are not counted as part of title requirements. These tests shall be governed by the same rules as a regular event; this is a training ground for new clubs and will also allow dogs and handlers to practice under test conditions.
- 12.3 All of these regulations shall govern CKC sanctioned earthdog tests except those which state specifically that they apply to approved earthdog tests.
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13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 A protest against a dog may be made by an exhibitor, entrant, or any member of the CKC, or a member of the club or association holding the event in the following manner:
- (a) A protest should be lodged with the Event Superintendent before the closing of the event and must be in writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof). A hearing shall be held prior to the departure of all parties. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit. This deposit shall be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forwarded to the CKC with the Event Committee's report.
 - (b) If the protest cannot be filed at the event because of circumstances requiring medical
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and/or veterinary attention, or if the dog has been removed from the grounds, or if the owner and the dog leave the grounds immediately following the incident, the protest may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the event. All such protests shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.

(c) If the Protest is filed directly to the CKC, reasons should be provided as to why the Protest could not be filed with the Event Superintendent.

- 13.2 Where the Earthdog Test Committee consists of more than five (5) persons, the president of the test-giving club shall name five (5) members of the Earthdog Test Committee to act on any protest received by the test-giving club.
- 13.3 Written copies of all decisions on protests must be forwarded immediately to the Discipline Committee of the CKC. The Discipline Committee may take such action as it deems fit in connection with such protest, provided no appeal is submitted to the CKC within ten (10) days of the date on which the decision of the Earthdog Test Committee was rendered. Such action may include barring the dog from future CKC approved events, imposition of an administrative fee, and/or cancellation of awards. The fact that the Earthdog Test Committee did not sustain a protest in no way inhibits the right of the Discipline Committee to take such action as it deems advisable.
- 13.4 An appeal to the Discipline Committee of the CKC from a decision of the Earthdog Test Committee where a dog has been protested must be forwarded to the CKC within ten (10) days of the date on which the decision was rendered, together with a deposit.
- 13.5 If a test-giving club fails to hear a protest as prescribed above, or in the opinion of the Discipline Committee improperly handles a protest, the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit and necessary, and it may at the same time take disciplinary action against the officials of the test-giving club concerned.

14 COMPLAINTS

- 14.1 A complaint against a person respecting a violation of the rules and regulations related to earthdog tests must be in writing, on a form issued by the CKC (or facsimile thereof), and must be accompanied by a deposit. A deposit is not required on a complaint alleging that a judge officiating at an earthdog test held under these rules and regulations has been subject to indignities of any kind during the progress of the test.
- 14.2 A complaint should be lodged with the Superintendent of the test-giving club no later than 15 minutes after the completion of judging of the test, or should the complainant choose to do so, a complaint may be submitted directly to the CKC within ten (10) days of the test. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 14.3 Any complaint against the club holding the test or any of its officials must be submitted directly to the CKC within ten (10) days of the test. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 14.4 A complaint shall be restricted to any of the following:
- (a) An act of omission or commission on which is based an allegation of a violation of the Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations.
 - (b) Any act on which an allegation of misconduct is based.
 - (c) The alleged failure of an officiating judge to excuse or remove from competition a dog for which a provision for excusing or removal from competition appears in these rules and regulations.
- 14.5 Where the Earthdog Test Committee consists of more than five (5) persons, the president of the test-giving club shall name five (5) members to form an Earthdog Test Committee to act on complaints received by the test-giving club.
- 14.6 Upon receipt of a complaint the Earthdog Test Committee of the test-giving club shall conduct an
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investigation as soon as possible, and within 14 days of receipt of such complaint, shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the procedures set out in the Procedure for Conducting an Earthdog Test Committee Hearing as provided in these rules and regulations.

- 14.7 The Earthdog Test Committee shall promptly forward the complaint, the deposit and a record of the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the CKC. Copies of the record of the hearing and the Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the parties concerned at the same time.
- 14.8 When a complaint is received against a judge by the test-giving club, the club will hold a hearing while all parties are still in attendance. The report and all statements given by all parties will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee along with the deposit from the complainant. The Earthdog Test Committee will not render a decision but will collect all pertinent information.
- 14.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.
- 14.10 Disciplinary action will be taken against any official and the test-giving club of which he is an official when it is established to the satisfaction of the CKC that an attempt was made to discourage the submission of a complaint. Disciplinary action will be taken against a test-giving club which fails to properly deal with complaints as provided in these rules and regulations.

15 DISCIPLINE

- 15.1 The Discipline Committee may take disciplinary action against any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization of the CKC for any act of omission or commission which violates any section or sections of the rules and regulations for CKC earthdog tests. Such action will be taken as provided for in the By-laws of the CKC.
- 15.2 Any person who abuses a dog on the grounds or premises of a test, or who otherwise conducts himself in a manner considered prejudicial to the best
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interests of the earthdog test, is subject to disciplinary action by the Discipline Committee.

- 15.3 Any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization availing themselves of the privilege of participating in any capacity or manner whatsoever at an earthdog test shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board as conferred on the CKC by its By-laws and all other rules and regulations adopted by the CKC.
- 15.4 At its discretion and subject to the appeal process, the Discipline Committee may cancel any or all qualifying scores earned by a dog owned by a person debarred, deprived, suspended or expelled of all privileges of the CKC when such wins were earned following the date on which such act occurred that resulted in disciplinary action.
- 15.5 The administration to a dog competing at an earthdog test of a drug or any substance, in any form, which alters the nervous system by stimulation, sedation or tranquilization shall be considered as misleading the judge and will be considered misconduct. The person or persons responsible will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this section.
- 15.6 Any person, either within or outside the judging ring, who does anything calculated to attract, distract or otherwise interfere in any way with the attention, deportment, or performance of a dog under judgement, may be disciplined by the Discipline Committee in whatever way it considers to be in the best interest of the club, or the judge may take summary action.
- 15.7 It shall be the duty and obligation of the event giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer, or any participant at an Earthdog test held under these regulations, is not subject to any indignities. The Earthdog Test Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred. A copy of this regulation shall be prominently placed in every premium list and catalogue.

16 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING AN EARTHDOG TEST COMMITTEE HEARING

- 16.1 It is essential that the defendant be given the opportunity to be present during the whole hearing and to testify and present his own witnesses. If a defendant refuses to attend or defend himself, the hearing may proceed without him. In notifying the defendant of the hearing, it is essential that he be informed specifically of the nature of the charges against him and that a record of such notice be made.
- 16.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 16.3 Both the complainant and defendant should be informed that they may be represented by legal counsel or an agent at the hearing if they choose but this is not necessary.
- 16.4 The chair is to call the meeting to order and then announce: "We are proceeding by reason of our appointment to the Earthdog Test Committee by (name of test-giving club)."
- 16.5 The chair shall identify all persons present and the reason for their presence (i.e. complainant, defendant, witness) and then ask the witnesses to withdraw until required to give evidence. After giving evidence a witness may be excused.
- 16.6 The complaint is to be read except that if the complainant and defendant agree, it may be necessary to relate only the substance of the complaint as set out on the Official Complaint form.
- 16.7 The chair is to ask the defendant whether he wishes to admit or deny the complaint as it has been read or stated.
- 16.8 The complainant is to give evidence on the complaint. He may then be questioned by the defendant. At the chair's invitation, any member of the Committee may question the complainant. If the complainant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the defendant or any member of the Committee. Each witness is to leave the hearing after evidence has been given.
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- 16.9 Upon completion of the evidence given by the complainant and any witness appearing on his behalf, the defendant may then give evidence and may then be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee. If the defendant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee.
- 16.10 The chair may then call any other witness which the Committee considers appropriate to the proper hearing of the complaint.
- 16.11 The complainant may then have the opportunity of summing up the complaint and the evidence presented in support thereof. The defendant shall have the opportunity of summing up his defence and any evidence presented in support of his defence.
- 16.12 The Chair shall announce that the Committee will be submitting a report on the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the Discipline Committee of the CKC and the parties concerned. All but the Committee members shall be dismissed so that the matter may be considered.

17 PARTICIPATION

- 17.1 The participation in any manner or in any capacity at a competitive event held under these rules shall be considered a privilege accorded to any person by the CKC and such privilege may be extended and withdrawn by the Discipline Committee.
- 17.2 Any person availing himself of the privilege of participating in any manner, shape or form and in any capacity, including that of a spectator at a competitive event held under these rules shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board.
- 17.3 No person who has been expelled, deprived of privileges, suspended or debarred by the CKC may enter a dog, compete, exhibit, judge, act as agent or handler for any competitor, take a dog into any competition or be connected in any capacity with competitive events held under these rules.

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- 17.4 A club holding an earthdog test under these rules shall not engage in any capacity a person who is under suspension or expulsion, debarred or deprived of privileges by the CKC.
- 17.5 Any person who has lost the right to participate in events in their country of residence shall not, while such a loss of privilege is in effect, participate in any Canadian Kennel Club approved events. Any wins by a dog that is exhibited or handled by such individual shall automatically be cancelled.
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18 LIABILITY

- 18.1 The CKC shall not be responsible to any member, person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss, damage or injury arising at or by reason of any event held under any rules adopted by the CKC.
- 18.2 Every owner or authorized agent for the owner of any dog entered in a CKC event is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog behaves properly at the event, and in particular to prevent the dog from threatening, menacing or biting a judge, another dog, or any other person in attendance at the event. Failure to take such reasonable steps may result in disciplinary action against such owner or authorized agent under the By-laws, which may result in the imposition of any of the penalties provided for in the By-laws.
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19 AMENDMENTS

- 19.1 These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 19.2 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by a person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to the Board for their consideration. In such circumstances, the Board will forward the proposal to the Council for their consideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.
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- 19.3 Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 19.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 19.5 The Board, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.
- 19.6 Upon the Board making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these rules, the membership shall be advised by placing a notice in the Official Section as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.
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APPENDIX A

The following breeds are eligible to enter CKC Earthdog Tests:

- All Dachshunds.
- All Group IV Terriers small enough to negotiate a 23 cm (9 in) drain.
- Plus those Miscellaneous Group Terrier Breeds designated for future designation as Group IV Terriers.



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