



AWTA DEN TRIAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010

PLACE: PURINA FARMS, GRAY SUMMIT, MO

HOST: MISSOURI EARTHDOGS

JUDGE: MIKE HAYES

CHAIR: SHIRLEY LA MEAR, slamear@fpweb.net

Pre-Entry Fee: \$10 per dog per class Post-Entry Fee: \$12 per dog per class

Pre-Entries close October 22, 2010

All entries after October 22, 2010 pay \$12 per dog per class.

Entries will be accepted the day of the Trial

Starting Times: Registration 9:00 AM, Judging 10:00 AM

Class Information:

Class #1 Novice A: Puppies up to 12 months who have not previously earned 100% in the Novice Class

Class #2 Novice B: Dogs over 12 months who have not previously eared 100% in the Novice Class

Class # 3 Open: Dogs who have earned 100% in either Novice Class or dogs who have worked to ground in a natural earth or qualified in a similar artificial earth.

Class #4 Certificate of Gameness: Dogs who have earned an AWTA Certificate of Gameness or scored 100% in Open Class

Class #5 Missouri Earthdogs Super Earth: This class is not part of the AWTA Den Trial judging. Any dog at the den trial may participate. The course is the same as used by the Certificate participants (Class #4).

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Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Owner: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I hereby enter the above den trial at my own risk, and I hereby engage to be responsible for any injury or damages that may occur to, or be caused by, any animals, vehicles, or trappings, or the loss of any animal, vehicle or trappings exhibited by me, and I further agree to be absolutely responsible for the physical condition of any animal under my control or ownership and will release, indemnify, and save harmless the members of Missouri Earthdogs, Inc., the trial organizers, American Working Terrier Association, Nestle-Ralston Purina, Purina Mills and Purina Farms from any damages, expense, and/or liability arising out of or resulting from any act caused by me or the Missouri Earthdog s Inc. AWTA den trial or their agents or employees. I hereby certify that my dogs have been vaccinated against infectious disease, and to the best of my knowledge are free from any communicable diseases.

Owner's Signature _____ Date _____ Fees Enclosed _____

Den Trial Rules:

1. Open to earthdog terrier breeds and Dachshunds. Feist, Rat terriers, terrier-crosses, Dachshund-crosses or terriers of a breed not included in Breeds Recognized by the AWTA, who is of suitable size to fit in a none-inch artificial earth may be entered.
2. Schooling prior to the competition is not allowed. Any violation will result in disqualification of the terrier or Dachshund in question from all GTG events at this trial.
3. Competing dogs are carried into the judging area
4. A line-approximately 10 feet from the den entrance –will be designated as the start. Time starts when terrier or Dachshund is released. The dog must be released at or below the handler's waist. The dog may be placed on the ground before being released. Throwing the dog in the direction of the entrance will not be permitted and will result in no score.
5. All terriers and Dachshunds qualifying (scoring 100%) in the Certificate class are eligible for special recognition as the top qualifier in each breed or category competing on Saturday.
The judge's top qualifier should be the dog that most impresses the judge. If the judge has to select a dog of that breed to go hunting with, then based on the day's performance the top qualifier would be his choice.
6. Novice classes will be held first, followed by the Open class, followed by the Certificate class, followed by the Super class.
7. Qualifying Novice dogs can advance to the Open class by paying the entry fee prior to participation in the Open class (\$12.00).
8. Qualifying Open dogs receive a complimentary entry into the Certificate class at this trial only.
9. Any terrier or Dachshund which advances from their Open class to the Certificate class cannot enter Novice and Open classes at any future AWTA trial.
10. Qualification in the Open class does not qualify a Jack Russell terrier for a JRTCA Trial Certificate, nor does it preclude a Jack Russell from entering the Open class at a future JRTCA trial.
11. Qualification in the Open class does not preclude an earthdog from entering the Open class at a MOE trial.

Class 1: Novice A. Open to dogs and bitches under 12 months who have not earned 100% in the Novice class. Two minutes to reach quarry; work quarry for 30 seconds; one short command allowed at time of release; additional encouragement may be allowed; may leave and re-enter multiple times

Class 2: Novice B. Open to dogs and bitches 12 months of age and over who have not earned 100% in the Novice class. Two minutes to reach quarry; work quarry for 30 seconds; one short command allowed at time of release; additional encouragement may be allowed; may leave and re-enter multiple times

Class 3: Open. Open to dogs and bitches who have scored 100% in the Novice class, have worked in a similar artificial earth or have worked to ground in a natural earth. One short command allowed at time of release; no additional encouragement allowed; 30 seconds to reach quarry; dog may enter, exit, and re-enter; work quarry for one minute. Participation does not require AWTA membership, however, to receive the Certificate of Gameness (CG), the owner needs to be a member or become a member within 30 days of the trial date. Membership forms will be available at the trial. First year membership to the AWTA will have an introductory rate of \$10.

Class 4: Certificate. Open to dogs and bitches who have earned the Certificate of Gameness (qualified in the Open class). One short command allowed at time of release; no additional encouragement allowed; 30 seconds to reach quarry; dog may enter, exit, and re-enter; work quarry for one minute. *The earth may include additional challenges such as simple obstacles, blind tunnels, and false entrances.*

Class 5: Mo Earthdogs Super Earth. Open to any earthdog terrier or Dachshund. One short command allowed at time of release; no additional encouragement allowed; 30 seconds to reach quarry; dog may enter, exit, and re-enter; work quarry for one minute. *This is a timed event.* The same den used for Certificate will be used for Super.

General Information:

Location: Purina Farms, 200 Checkerboard Drive, Gray Summit MO 63069. Google or Mapquest for driving directions

Food: Purina Farms food services will not be available; plan on bringing your lunch with you.

Facilities: Bathrooms are available within the Visitor's Center.

Overnight: Free RV hookups (water/electric) on Purina Farm grounds. Area motels include:

Travelodge Diamond Inn 636-742-3501, Quality Inn & Suites 636-257-8400, Econolodge at Six Flags 636-938-5348, Comfort Inn 636-257-4600

For more information contact AWTA www.dirt-dog.com and Missouri Earthdogs www.moeearthdogs.org

Purina Farms: Offering SEVEN permanent tunnel complexes **Mo Earthdogs:** Our 2009 AWTA test was the largest entry in AWTA history