

Companion Events
Tracking



**AKC Judges' Newsletter
March 2009**

Dear Judge,

How does a club obtain VST Site Approval from AKC? Obtain a site map of the area the clubs will be using. If the site is a university campus, check with the campus office as they often have campus maps. Additionally, site maps can be printed from Google Earth or www.mapquest.com. The local county tax office may have maps available as well. Submit a site map of the location, including physical address(s), with the number of tracks requested drawn to scale and send to:

Diane Schultz
250 Folklore Dr.
Satsuma, FL 32189

AKC MATCH REGULATIONS

The AKC Board agreed to amend **Chapter 8, Section 1** of the *Match Regulations* to permit established all AKC member and licensed clubs the ability to hold tracking events, provided they meet certain requirements.

New wording reads as follows:

CHAPTER 8

Section 1. Approval. Approval for a Sanctioned Tracking Test may be issued to any type of AKC Club eligible to hold Licensed or Member Trials when such clubs can demonstrate to the AKC a membership associated with tracking and the available resources to hold a Tracking Test or Sanctioned Tracking Match. Clubs devoted specifically to tracking will be reviewed on a case by case basis, with the number of members devoted to tracking and the club's resources to hold tracking events being evaluated by AKC staff.

AKC'S FIRST VERSATILE COMPANION CHAMPION (VCCH)

The VCCH title is awarded to any dog that becomes an Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH), a Master Agility Champion (MACH), and is awarded a Champion Tracker (CT) title. The first VCCH was awarded on February 15th, 2009, to VCCH Jakki UDX, a Golden Retriever from Hermitage, Tennessee. Jakki is owned and handled by Andrea Kyllarova. This achievement proves tremendous versatility on the dog's part and true dedication on the owner's part. This team is a testament to the canine/human bond and a credit to the sport of purebred dogs. [Read Jakki's story here.](#)

AKC 2009 NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL

Where: Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest, Clermont, KY
www.bernheim.org

When: September 19 & 20, 2009

Judges: Team 1: Fran Smith & Jerry Lewis
Team 2: Terri Everwine & Ron Simmons

Chief Tracklayers: Terry McGauley and Tony Ginter

The tracks will comply with the AKC *Tracking Regulations*, Chapters 4 and 5, with the following modifications:

Turns: 5-7

Age of Track: 2-4 hours

Length of Track: 600-800 yards

Articles: 4 (metal, leather, cloth, plastic - start article will be leather or cloth)

Cross-tracks: None

Obstacles: Two

Surfaces: Terrain or surfaces as available

Eligibility: The qualifying period for the 2009 invitees will be January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2009. All dogs earning the CT title during that time period will be invited. Priority will be given in the draw for participants who have not exhibited at either the 2005 or 2007 AKC National Tracking Invitational.

Entry limit: Entry is limited to 10 dogs.

Put your tracking boots on and come celebrate the sport of tracking with us. We will take this opportunity to celebrate the retirement of Herb Morrison, Tracking Representative. Continue to check the website for more information as it becomes available.