

Oak Ridge Kennel Club held their 2nd VST/TDU test on 10/16/2022 with Test Chair and Chief Tracklayer - Jean Burdick; Test Secretary - Tracy Jones; Judges - Ed Presnall and Deb Maheu. We had a great turnout of volunteers for both track plotting day and the test on Sunday. We are so grateful for their support and participation.

The VST tests were held at Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville and the TDU tracks were held at Roane State Community College, Harriman. There were 3 VST entries and 4 TDU entries. We had 2 VST passes and 2 TDU passes.!! Our judges plotted some lovely but challenging tracks and the weather was pretty much perfect.

The VST passes were Amanda Brown with Snafu (English Springer Spaniel) for a new CT and Tracy Jones and CT Kimber (Bullmastiff) with VST2. The TDU passes were Kristin Brooks Jones and Lucy (German Shepherd Dog) new TDU and Cady Moore and Ice (Pointer) new TDU.

Our stinky feet tracklayers were VST #2 - Michael Corum, VST #3 - Rachel Hawkins, TDU #2 - Donald McCorkle, TDU #4 - Carol McCorkle.

All photos on the track courtesy of Ed Presnall.



VST # 2. Amanda Brown and Snafu, an English Springer Spaniel, left the start of their 190-yard 1st leg like they were on a mission. This young dog had the drive and enthusiastic focus to repeatedly tell his handler, "This way - come on let's go!" Making the 1st corner without hesitation he drove down the 120-yard 2nd leg. Circling once, Snafu dove out into the parking lot and marched to the first of 11 islands crossing the parking lot. Locating his intermediate article before the 2nd island he continued island hopping. After four more islands he turned right and took a brief off-track excursion. Quickly recovering and returning to the track, they continued island hopping down the 230-yard leg. Crossing a street and entering another parking lot, they turned right found another intermediate article at the top of a set of stairs. Quickly dropping down the

stairs, crossing a street and a sidewalk they made their final turn on the grass in front of a building and soon found their “magic” article #4, earning their VST and CT title



VST # 3. Tracy Jones and Kimber, a Bullmastiff, worked down their 260-yard first leg like the ChampionTrackers they were. Kimber and Tracy had earned their VST & CT last year but entered to support the Club. Making a right turn they quickly found their first intermediate article and continued down the 105-yard leg. Kimber tried several times to tell Tracy where the next corner was before convincing her to travel through the parking lot on a series of islands on the 155-yard leg. Making a quick turn on a wide sidewalk they found their second intermediate article before continuing down the 155-yard leg to the next corner. A quick corner on grass and Kimber was off to locate her final article, earning a VST2 title.



TDU # 2. Kristin Brooks Jones and Lucy, German Shepherd Dog, left the start of their TDU track on a long, uphill, 130-yard leg. Crossing a street, they moved onto a long island in a parking lot. Making the 1st corner

then crossed a driveway, followed the scent onto another island and found their intermediate article. Continuing down the 85-yard leg they crossed a driveway, an island,

and another driveway before making the next corner. A quick 80-yard leg and a final turn onto the 115-yard leg and they found the glove, earning their TDU title.



TDU # 4. Cady Manno and Ice, Pointer, flew from the start of their 190-yard 1st leg. They crossed a sidewalk and a wide walkway, back to grass and then a short parking lot crossing before locating their corner. Thirty yards later they located their intermediate article and continued to the next corner. A quick 75-yard leg and then they were off to the glove, earning their TDU title for this Junior Handler and her lovely Pointer.

