



TRI-COUNTY AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD WORKING ASSOCIATION

**URBAN TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT (UTDX) TEST
THREE UTDX TRACKS**

ASCA sanctioned

**Wednesday, June 12th, 2024
Felicitia County Park
742 Clarence Lane, Escondido, CA 92029**

Qualified entrants: Entrants are limited to dogs who have previously earned an ASCA TD or TDU title. A dog that has previously earned a UTDX title may still enter a UTDX test. ASCA-registered Australian Shepherds and all dogs with an ASCA QT number are eligible to enter; however, Australian Shepherds will be drawn into this test prior to other dogs. No dog without an ASCA individual registration, LEP number, or ASCA QT number may compete in any ASCA tracking test. Here is a link to the [application for an ASCA Service Membership and QT Number](#).

Submission of entries: The **opening date for receipt of entries is Monday May 13th, 2024**. Entries must be submitted via USPS only; no hand deliveries will be accepted. Express USPS deliveries will only be accepted if sent without signature requirement. **Entries must be received by Saturday June 1st, 2024 at 8:00 PM**, after which entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted, except as specified herein. Entries will be confirmed by e-mail within 48 hours of receipt. Entries must be on the [current ASCA tracking entry form linked here](#). All entries must be complete (with agreement signed) or they will be refused. All dogs must have an ASCA registration number or QT Number on the entry form. Incorrect and/or missing information will invalidate entries.

Fees and submission: The entry fee for the UTDX test is \$125. Please make the check payable to TCASWA and mail entries to Julie Fischer (Test Secretary), 2442 Reche Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Rules: This tracking test will be held under [ASCA tracking rules and regulations](#). The current ASCA Tracking Program rulebook was published in June of 2023. [Minor changes](#) have recently been made to the ASCA tracking rules and can be found starting on page 36 of this linked document. These changes apply to all tests scheduled on or after June 1, 2024 and thus will apply to this test. **Participants are strongly encouraged to review the current rules and the new modifications prior to the test.**

Grounds: This test will be held in a public community park. The park grounds consist of various grasses and groundcover, leaves, packed dirt, asphalt, concrete sidewalks and pavilions, buildings, picnic areas, many trees,

mulch-covered paths and playgrounds, graveled paths, artificial turf and rubberized artificial surfaces, and mowed sporting fields. Streams and small bridges are present. Terrain is relatively flat with gentle rises and undulations.

Awards: A UTDX rosette will be awarded to all passing teams. If your dog could complete a TCH or MT title at this test, please clearly write this on your entry form to alert the test secretary ahead of time!

Show Chairperson: Julie Fischer, Fallbrook, CA

Judges: Sally Nesbitt, Spring Valley, CA and Laura Stadtmore El Cajon, CA

Test Secretary: Julie Fischer, Fallbrook, CA (fleeingoz@yahoo.com)

Tracking Committee: Judi Myers, Lisa Endsley, Julie Fischer

Directions to the tracking site:

From I-15 S, take exit 29 to Citracado Pkwy and Felicita Rd. Turn left onto Gamble Ln and then take a quick right at the first light onto Felicita Rd. Follow Felicita Rd for 0.6 miles and through a roundabout, shortly after which you will see the sign for the park on your right. Turn right onto Clarence Ln and into the park entrance.

From I-15 N, take exit 27 and turn left onto E. Via Rancho Pkwy. In 1.1 miles, turn right onto Felicita Rd. In 0.4 miles you will see the park sign; turn left onto Clarence Ln and into the park entrance.

IMPORTANT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS: This park is gated when closed. We will be using the grounds prior to public access hours and will have a limited window in which to enter. **Entrants and alternates must arrive at the park entrance at 7:45 AM to be admitted** so we can then re-secure the gate, and must then proceed directly to home base for the draw for tracks. **If you are not at the gate at 7:45 AM, you will not be able to participate in the draw for tracks.** Information regarding the precise location of home base will be provided to entrants and alternates following the draw for entries.

Draw for entries: A draw for entry into this test will be held on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at The Hearth, located at 139 S. Main Ave, Fallbrook, CA 92028. This draw is open to the public and entrant attendance is welcomed. The UTDX draw for test entries shall be at random from all entries received, except in that draw priority for this test shall be given in the following order:

1. All ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with one or more previous ASCA tracking titles (Beginner Tracking Dog not included).
2. All dogs with ASCA QTracker numbers with one or more previous ASCA tracking title (Beginner Tracking Dog not included).
3. Any dog that has obtained both the Master Tracker title AND Tracking Champion title.

Immediately following the drawing for the advertised limit of entries, all remaining entries received by closing shall be drawn for positions on the alternate list, subject to the same preferences stated above. Results of the draw will be sent to all entrants via e-mail within 24 hours. If you have not received a notification of your draw result within 24 hours of the draw, please contact the test secretary.

Refund of fees: The entry fee shall be refunded (check will be shredded or sent back) within 7 days after the test in the following cases: 1) an entrant notifies the test secretary prior to the test that they are withdrawing from the test and an alternate is available to run the track, or 2) an entrant/alternate is not given an opportunity to run a track through no fault of their own.

Draw for track order: The draw for the order of the UTDX tracks will be held at 8:15 AM sharp at home base. Entrants and dogs must be present at the time of the draw to participate. Any team not present at the time of the draw will be marked absent and an available alternate will be allowed to run in their place. Judging will begin as soon as tracks have aged sufficiently.

Emergency veterinary hospitals

Animal Urgent Care, 2430 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido 92025 (760-738-9600)

Veterinary Specialty Hospital of North County, 2055 Montiel Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069 (760-466-0600)

Trial etiquette: Exhibitors are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and any guests or family members present. Any exhibitor whose dog/guests/family members create an unnecessary disturbance or engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the direction of the trial committee or TCASWA board member, be excused from the test and asked to leave the site. In such case no refund of any entry fees will be made. The facility, show-giving club, the Show Chairman, their agents, officers and/or committee assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to spectators. **All dogs must be leashed or confined to a crate or vehicle at all times.** Dogs must be leashed to and from parking area to tracking area. Dogs observed off-leash on the test grounds will be excused from the test. Dog relief areas will be specifically designated and exhibitors must promptly clean up after their dogs. Failure to do so will result in excusal from the test and forfeiture of entry fees.

Additional information

NO TRAINING IS PERMITTED ON TEST GROUNDS WITHIN 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TEST.

Bitches in season may participate in this test. They will run last, after participating in a separate draw for track order. Bitches in season must be sequestered from the other dogs at a reasonable distance until after their tracks have been run.

Entry fees will not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the show committee. No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Tracking Program, a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs, or a person not in good standing with ASCA.

No electrical and/or mechanical training devices will be permitted on the trial grounds.

A worker certificate will be provided to the workers at this test. This certificate may be submitted with an entry into a future TCASWA ASCA tracking test where one track has been designated for a separate workers' draw.