

TRI-COUNTY AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD WORKING ASSOCIATION

URBAN TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TEST

THREE UTDX TRACKS

Pending ASCA Sanction Monday, October 27th, 2025 Kit Carson Park 3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92025

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Judges: Kay Hawthorne, Chula Vista, CA; Julie Fischer, Fallbrook, CA

Qualified entrants: This test will comprise three Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) tests with entrants limited to dogs who have previously earned the ASCA TD or TDU title. Dogs who have already earned the UTDX title may still enter a UTDX test. ASCA-registered Australian Shepherds and dogs of any breed with an ASCA QTracker 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 QTracker Number may compete in any ASCA tracking test. A handler may, however, submit an application for an ASCA QTracker Number along with their tracking entry and the entry will be accepted for that test.

Rules: This tracking test will be held under the <u>tracking rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America</u>. The current ASCA Tracking Program rulebook was published in June of 2025. Minor changes have been made to the 2024 rules and these changes will apply to tests scheduled on or after June 1, 2025. Participants are strongly encouraged to review and understand the current rules prior to the test.

Submission of entries: The opening date for receipt of entries is Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 via USPS only; no hand deliveries will be accepted. Express USPS deliveries will only be accepted without signature requirement. Entries must be received by Wednesday October 15th, 2025 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 24 hours of receipt. Entries must be on the current ASCA tracking entry form. All entries must be complete (with agreement signed) or they will be refused. All dogs must have an ASCA registration number or QTracker Number on the entry form. Incorrect and/or missing information will invalidate entries.

Worker's track: This test will include one track reserved for entrants submitting a TCASWA worker certificate *with their entry*. The worker draw will be held prior to the general draw. All entries not selected in the worker draw will be added to the general draw pool as described below. Unused worker certificates will be returned.

Fees: The entry fee for the UTDX test is \$125. Please make checks payable to TCASWA and send entries to Judi Myers, 14582 Glenville St, Poway, CA 92064.

Directions to the test site: From I-15 N or S, take the Via Rancho Parkway exit and turn right. A park map showing the rest of the route is printed at the end of the premium. Drive 0.9 miles on Via Rancho (which turns into Bear Valley Parkway), turn left onto Las Palmas (blue X on map), then left on Castaneda Dr and left into the first parking lot (the route from Bear Valley to the designated parking lot is the blue line on the map). Park and proceed DIRECTLY to Home Base, which is the Adobe Circle picnic grounds circled in red (G on the map). If restrooms are needed, please use the facilities adjacent to Home Base, circled in yellow. Note: restroom access may not be possible prior to 8:00 a.m.

Grounds: This test will be held in a public municipal park. Park grounds consist of various (mowed and un-mowed) grasses and groundcover, leaves, dirt, asphalt drives and parking lots, and concrete sidewalks, with buildings, picnic areas, many trees, playgrounds, and a variety of sporting fields. A creek and ponds (with waterfowl) are present. Terrain is relatively flat with gentle rises. The presence of moderate human foot traffic and of other dogs (usually leashed) is to be expected.

Awards: A green qualifying UTDX rosette will be awarded to all passing teams. *If your dog could complete a TCH or MT title at this test, please alert the test secretary at the time of entry.*

Draw for entries: The draw for entry into this UTDX test will be held on October 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the Lowes parking lot located at 13750 Poway Rd, Poway, CA 92064. This draw is open to the public. The draw for test entries shall be at random from all entries received, with the exception that priority shall be given in the following order:

- 1. Worker Draw as defined in Worker Draw chart (see 1.21.5).
- 2. Any dog competing in MVA competition at local or national specialty.
- 3. All ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with one or more previous ASCA Tracking Titles (Beginner Tracking Dog not included).
- 4. All dogs with ASCA QTracker Numbers with one or more previous ASCA Tracking Titles (beginner Tracking Dog not included).
- 5. Any dog that has obtained both Master Tracker AND Tracking Champion titles.

Immediately following the draw for the advertised limit of entries, all remaining valid entries shall be drawn for alternate list positions, using the same priority order. Individual draw results will be e-mailed within 24 hours. If you haven't been notified of your draw result within 24 hours, please contact the test secretary.

Draw for track order: The UTDX draw for run order will be held at **8:45 sharp** the morning of the test at Home Base. Entrants and dogs must be present at the time of the draw or will be marked absent and available alternates will be permitted to run in their place. Judging will begin when tracks have aged sufficiently.

Refund of fees: The entry fee check will be shredded or returned within 7 days after the test if 1) an entrant notifies the test secretary prior to the test that they are withdrawing 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.

Trial etiquette: Exhibitors are responsible for behavior of their dogs, guests, and family members. Any exhibitor

whose dog, guests, or 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, trial Chair, 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 assume no responsibility for injury to spectators. *All dogs must either be leashed or confined to a crate or vehicle at all times*, including transit to and from tracking areas. Dogs 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 the last-laid track(s) after participating in a separate draw for track order if more than one is entered. 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 if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by 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.

Emergency veterinary hospitals

- Veterinary Specialty Hospital of North County, 2055 Montiel Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069 (760-466-0600)
- Animal Urgent Care, 2430 S Escondido Blvd, Escondido 92025 (760-738-9600)

