

UPPER BUCKS SCHUTZHUND CLUB FIRST ANNUAL SCHUTZHUND OLYMPICS SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

10 A.M.

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Upper Bucks Schutzhund Club is hosting the first annual Schutzhund Olympics. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society via the Bark for Life.

Come join the fun by signing up for one event or all five. Prizes will be given to the winning dog and handler in each category. See rules and regulations for more detail on each event.

Come show off what your dog can do! The following events will be offered:

Exercise One: Highest number of retrieves

This exercise will measure the number of retrieves your dog can complete in a given amount of time. The judge will indicate handler to start at which time the clock will start. The handler must throw the ball past the indicated line in order for the retrieve to count. Handler can use as many voice or hand signals to call the dog back in order to throw the ball again. Once time is up, only balls that have been returned to the handler will count. The dog and handler with the highest number of retrieves will win this event. In the event of a tie, a retrieve off will take place to determine the winner. Time for this event is 3 minutes. Handler may use a chuck it tool if they would like.

Exercise Two: Fastest Blind Search

Dog and handler will position themselves in between blinds # 1 and #2. At the signal from the judge to begin, the handler will send their dog to blind #1. The clock will begin once the handler signals their dog to begin. Handler will send dogs thru each blind 1 thru 6. All blinds must be searched in order to count. If your dog misses a blind you must signal the dog to search the missed blind, until the dog searches that blind. If a blind is completely skipped, then the dog and handler are disqualified and their time is not recorded. The dog and handler with the fastest time will win this event. The clock will stop at the dog's first bark in blind number 6.

Exercise Three: Rocket Recall

This exercise will test the dog's speed during a recall. Handler may sit, down, stand, or have someone restrain their dog in the designated area and walk 50 paces across the field. At signal from the judge handler will call dog. Speed of dog will be measured by radar gun. Handler may use ball reward, treats, etc to get dog to return to them as fast as possible. Dog with highest combined score will win this event. It is not necessary for dog to sit in front of handler during this recall exercise. This event is to determine speed only.

Exercise Four: Highest number of barks during hold and bark

This exercise will count the number of barks a dog has during a hold and bark. The exercise will begin when the dog gets to the blind. Handler can direct dog around blind 5 first and then into blind 6 and or can send dog directly into blind 6, where the helper will be. The time will start when the dog arrives at the blind at first bark. Hold and Bark will be timed for 60 seconds. Handler may encourage dog, but helper must be passive. The dog and handler team with the highest number of barks will win this exercise.

Exercise Five: Highest Jump

This exercise will measure jump height. An AKC bar jump will be used during this exercise. The bar will be set at a certain level. Each dog will have the opportunity to make a jump. If the dog refuses the jump, you can signal the dog 1 additional time. Dog and handler are disqualified if the dog refuses to jump the same height twice. Each dog that clears the jump without knocking the bar off will advance to the next round, where the bar will be raised. This process will be repeated until only one dog and handler are left. This exercise will have three different levels: small dogs (under 30 pounds), medium dogs (between 30 and 60 pounds), and large dogs (over 60 pounds).

***PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LONG LINE LEFT ON YOUR DOG FOR ANY EXERCISE AS THE AREA IS UNFENCED**