

BTCO EARTHDOG TEST June 23 & 24 2018

DCGO June 24 2018

The Border Terrier Club of Ontario held two Earthdog Tests in conjunction with the Dachshund Club of Greater Ontario.

The three tests were held at the beautiful Laurelwood Earthdog Centre owned by Laurel Whistance – Smith, Pontypool, Ontario.

Judges: Brenda Weintroub, VA USA Karla Deithorn, VA USA Pamela Burns, ON Canada

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Saturday was overcast but very comfortable for the dogs, Sunday was much the same with the exception of a heavy rain shower at the end of the day Sunday.

The training session Saturday morning was well attended with a lot of enthusiastic newcomers to the sport dogs & their owners. Including three six month old puppies which showed some interest in the quarry with Sarah Jones's puppy Bertie actually putting his head into the tunnel.

Brenda, Karla and Pamela handled the training with patience, encouragement and good humour, dogs and owner's seemed to have had a positive experience.

The BTCO ran two tests, Saturday p.m. and Sunday p.m. The DCGO ran their test Sunday in the a.m.

A big thank you to our wonderful Test Judges for making the Tests very successful and enjoyable for both the dogs and handlers some of whom earned new Titles and legs towards their titles.

This was Pamela's first judging assignment and she pulled double duty judging IQ and JE then apprenticing for her Senior Earthdog Judging license.

- A big thank you to the following people who worked very hard at making this weekend a great success.
- Sarah Kennedy Jones, who did an excellent job at the secretaries table, making sure everything was running smoothly and getting the coffee percolating. Test Secretary is a big job as there is so much that the secretary has to do behind the scenes from dealing with Entries, reports to the CKC, Catalogue and so much more...
- Hospitality Breakfast, Bev Ferguson, Linda Hough brought breakfast, trays of fresh Tim Horton donuts, muffins, cookies, apples etc. I heard comments with respect to how 'warm and welcoming' the Club was.

- Barbara Hathorn, brought water, ice, candy and anything we didn't have Barb did. Barb assisted with breakfast, selling raffle tickets, set-up take down, packing up, gate stewarding, and anything else that required doing Barb was there.
- Julianne Fernie...this was Julianne's first Earthdog test experience not only did she sell raffle tickets she entered her two year old Border Terrier Paisley for the very first time in the training and IQ, Paisley showed interest and is a promising young Earthdog.
- Anthony (Laurel's friend) for BBQing lunch Saturday and Sunday, then pitching in with Den liner placement and removals.
- A big thank you too all of the Gate Stewards, Quarry wranglers, Den Stewards, Bev, Linda, Barb, Pat, Jim and Isobel. If I have missed anyone I apologize just know your help was appreciated. Also to all of you who kindly stayed at the end of the day for clean-up and pulling the liners out of the ground, re-stacking them in Laurel's shed as I know how exhausted everyone was.
- A big thank you to Laurel for offering her beautiful Venue to the BTCO for the Earthdog tests.

I cannot say enough about the comradery of the Club members digging in with great attitude and working together. Once again thank you all as this event would not happen unless we all pull together. A great team effort everyone...

A big thankyou to everyone who came out and supported the BTCO and DCGO Earthdog Test, either by entering their wonderful dogs, helping out and cheering on friends and family members.

It was nice to have Lance Novak CKC CEO in attendance, Lance had the opportunity to walk and observe the ME test. Fortunately, we had two experienced Dogs and handlers for Lance to watch how it should be done, Pat Dimitrovski's BT 'Gunner' and Joanne Fagervik's MD 'Fudd' both doing a fantastic job earning another leg towards their GCHME title.

Hopefully I have not missed thanking anyone, if I have I deeply apologize. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE EXHIBITORES and their beautiful dogs for coming out and supporting the Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Holder
BTCO Test Chair
Treasurer