

PAFTA VST 11/8/2020 Event Number 2020285405

Test Report

Many thanks to those who made this test possible:

Judges	Kamrin MacKnight & Kaye Hall
Secretary	Cindy Ievers
CTL	Barbara Fowler
Tracklayers	Lynne Benson-Colbert, Linda Knowles, Carol Vesley & Karey Krauter
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There were 4 entries for the four tracks.

Early Saturday morning the judges met with the CTL and plotted 4 tracks at Evergreen Valley College (EVC). After the tracks were plotted, one judge took each tracklayer on their track. Two of the tracks were laid on one side of campus, and the other two were laid from the other side of campus. We wrapped up around 3PM. It was quite cold in the morning, but warmed up nicely and was a beautiful day.

Sunday morning starting with the first track going in at 6:15AM. The tracks were laid in cold, blustery weather. Many of the workers took shelter to warm up in their cars. Thank you to Linda Knowles for bringing some hot water with cocoa, cider and oatmeal packets!

The draw was done at 9AM with everyone standing apart from each other and wearing masks per the COVID rules. A German Shepherd Dog drawing track 1, a Tervuren drawing track 2, another German Shepherd Dog drawing track 3, and a Rottweiler drawing the final track.

The first dog was a male German Shepherd dog. He started off strong on the first leg. Made the first turn into the parking lot and towards the Moment of Truth turn, but missed the turn, hunted diligently for the track over a fairly wide area of the parking lot, came back and seemed to have found the track and the MOT, but turned off before going back into the grass, where he would have found turn 3 and then the first article.

The second dog was a female Belgian Tervuren. This enthusiastic dog had a great time tracking. A large gaggle of geese were enjoying a meeting very close to her start flag. Despite this, she did have a nice start and headed down her track, eventually finding the first turn. She indicated the next turn, but changed her mind and continued on across a road and behind some buildings.

The third dog was a female German Shepherd Dog. This dog had to contend with some very noisy RC Cars playing in the parking lot right next to her track. Thankfully, the RC Car people took a break while she was on that first leg going past their cars, and she focused well going down the first leg, making the first turn and finding the first article. She then proceeded into the parking lot but was unable to keep on the track. She diligently hunted for the track again all through the parking lot, but eventually headed off track.

The last dog was a female Rottweiler. This dog started slowly on the first leg, but then changed her mind, paralleled the second leg for quite a distance, and eventually wandered off track.

Thanks again to all those who helped put on this test. It was quite a blustery day, and it takes commitment to be out when the weather is cold and windy. It takes a community! THANK YOU!