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YOU ALL make our OKC trials the best by your contributions!!

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For event that you are in charge of – please be sure you send complete information about your event to our Webmistress, Cindy Pischke – cima@charter.net for inclusion on the OKC website. Also, send your date information to Lynn Busse – Lbusse1463@gmail.com for inclusion on the OKC online calendar. Thank you!



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Member Notes and Quotes

By Lynn Tamms

Finch completed her Endurance Earthdog (EE) title on Saturday 9/2. In order to qualify for the title the dog must have a Master Earthdog title and then acquire double qualifying scores in Master Earthdog and Senior Earthdog in the same trial five times.....like a double Q in agility or UDX. Finch got her ME title a few years ago and I've been working on the EE for a couple of years. I don't attend too many ED trials as they are not offered around our area much.

Earthdog trials are open to Dachshunds and terriers that can fit into a 9"x9" tunnel. The first title is the Junior Earthdog title. The dogs have to enter the den tunnel from 10 feet away, crawl through the 30 foot tunnel which has 3 right angle turns, get to the rat (in a cage behind a protective set of wooden dowels), and "work" the rats for 60 seconds. Working means barking, whining, screaming, snorting and/or digging. They must actively work. They cannot just stare at the rat.

Senior adds a level of complexity. The entry is 20 feet away and there is a false exit from the tunnel. The dog has to work longer.....90 seconds and recall out of the den. The handler then has to catch them. Thank goodness they take the rat cage out of the den before you have to recall. Most exhibitors agree that this is the hardest. This is also a timed event. The dog has to come out of the tunnel within 90 seconds. I trained Finch to recall to a whistle.

Master Earthdog most closely resembles an actual hunt. The dog and handler work together with another dog and handler. There is a "walk up" in which the dogs go through brush across country hunting for the den. There is a false den which they have to check out, but not work. Both dogs are off leash and have to be responsive to the handler yet range into the cover to look for the den. The entrance to the actual den is blocked but the dog can see the rat. The first dog to the entrance gets to work the rat first. After both dogs have gotten to the den entrance, the rat cage is removed and placed at the end of the tunnel. The other dog is the honor dog and is chained about 20 feet from the entrance. That dog has to show interest but cannot be "crazy". The master den is also 30 feet long. There is a constriction in which the tunnel narrows to 6x6 inches and a baffle (usually a PVC pipe on a dowel). It is supposed to simulate a tree root. The dog has to maneuver over that. There is a false exit and a false den. The dog has to get to the rat in 90 seconds, work for 90 seconds and allow the handler to take it out of the den when the judge removes the cover. Then that dog honors and the other dog works the rat. It's very exciting and it's my favorite level.

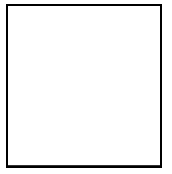
Finch loves ED and starts to scream and whine when we're in line for our turn.

She is now MACH4 Southcross Vote For Me UD TDX (VCD3), RA, MXP, MXJP, EE, OF, T2B, AMSC VAX. So proud of my awesome dog!



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