

**THE AMERICAN BLOODHOUND CLUB  
TRAIL BRIEFING**

*EVENT ENTRY CERTIFICATION TEST*

The following briefing shall be used for all *Event Entry Certification Tests* administered under the rules and regulations of the American Bloodhound Club Trailing Trial Standard.

- 1Judges will confirm that entrant numbers correspond to trail numbers.
- 2Judges are asked to introduce themselves by name only.
- 3Judges will ask handlers to describe their dogs' method of identifying the end of the trail or the runner. (This will assist in observing the dog at the conclusion of the trail.)
- 4Judges will read aloud (or ask handlers to read) this briefing form. Handlers and judges must sign the form.

This is an Event Entry Certification Test. The Event Entry Certification Test trail is approximately one-quarter mile long and at least one hour old but not more than two hours old. During this trail I will be following behind you. I will not speak to you unless your dog gets more than 180 degrees off the trail. If the dog is off the trail but appears to be turning or working the wind in the right direction, I will let you continue. If your dog is 180 degrees or more off the trail and makes no clear indication of turning in the right direction, I will stop you and ask you to restart the dog. You may choose to end the trail at that time or return to the starting stake and begin again. You may return to the starting stake only one time. You may NOT drop your lead except to untangle your dog from brush. You may water your dog at any time.

REMEMBER: You do not know the trail that the runner has chosen nor the obstacles that the judges have determined. Make NO assumptions about where the trail does or does not go. Your dog may cut much of the trail off, so don't assume that the dog has not gone far enough or that the dog has gone too far. Trust your dog. Do not speak to the judges other than to end the trail, identify the runner, tell the judges you are going back to the starting stake, or report an injury or problem. Unsportsmanlike conduct of ANY kind will disqualify you and your dog. This is a teamwork sport. YOU must identify the runner your dog is following. If you do not clearly and verbally identify the runner to the judges, your team will not pass. If your dog passes the correct runner and does not return to the runner within 100 yards, shows no indication of turning, or identifies the wrong runner, the trail is ended and the team does not pass.

You must clearly and VERBALLY identify the end of the trail when you believe the bloodhound has found the correct runner. You may NOT question the person or any persons along the trail. Once you have identified whom you believe to be the correct runner, your trail has ended. If this person is NOT the correct runner, you may NOT continue.

*Give the scent article to the handler.* This is your scent article. You can scent the dog and leave the article here at the start or take the article with you. If you leave the scent article, the judges will not pick it up, secure it, or ensure its safety. You may re-scent the dog along the trail as you want. There is no limit to the number of times you may re-scent. You will have up to one hour to complete this trail unless the dog does not start, works 180 degrees in the wrong direction after a restart, or you decide the dog is not working. If you decide to stop the trail, it cannot be restarted. This sport requires teamwork. If you cannot identify the correct runner at the end of the trail, the team will not pass. Do you have any questions? If not, good luck and start your dog.

I hereby certify I have read or have had read to me this trail briefing PRIOR to the start of my trail.

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*MANTRAILER LEVEL TEST*

The following briefing shall be used for all *Mantrailer Level Certification Tests* administered under the rules and regulations of the American Bloodhound Club Trailing Trial Standard.

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- 2Judges are asked to introduce themselves by name only.
- 3Judges will ask handlers to describe their dogs' method of identifying the end of the trail or the runner. (This will assist in observing the dog at the conclusion of the trail.)
- 4Judges will read aloud (or ask handlers to read) this briefing form. Handlers and judges must sign the form.

This is a Mantrailer Test trail. The Mantrailer Test trail is approximately one-half mile long and at least four hours old but not more than six hours old. During this trail we will be following behind you. We will not speak to you unless your dog gets more than 180 degrees off the trail. If the dog is off the trail but appears to be turning or working the wind in the right direction, we will let you continue. If your dog is 180 degrees or more off the trail and makes no clear indication of turning in the right direction, we will stop you and ask you to restart the dog. You may choose to end the trail at that time or return to the starting stake and begin again. You may return to the starting stake only one time. You may NOT drop your lead except to untangle your dog from brush. You may water your dog at any time.

REMEMBER: You do not know the trail that the runner has chosen nor the obstacles that the judges have determined. Make NO assumptions about where the trail does or does not go. Your dog may cut much of the trail off, so don't assume that the dog has not gone far enough or that the dog has gone too far. Trust your dog. Do not speak to the judges other than to end the trail, identify the runner, tell the judges you are going back to the starting stake, or report an injury or problem. Unsportsmanlike conduct of ANY kind will disqualify you and your dog. This is a teamwork sport. YOU must identify the runner your dog is following. If you do not clearly and verbally identify the runner to the judges, your team will not pass. If your dog passes the correct runner and does not return to the runner within 100 yards, shows no indication of turning, or identifies the wrong runner, the trail is ended and the team does not pass.

You must clearly and VERBALLY identify the end of the trail when you believe the bloodhound has found the correct runner. You may NOT question the person or any persons along the trail. Once you have identified whom you believe to be the correct runner, your trail has ended. If this person is NOT the correct runner, you may NOT continue.

*Give the scent article to the handler.* This is your scent article. You can scent the dog and leave the article here at the start or take the article with you. If you leave the scent article, the judges will not pick it up, secure it, or ensure its safety. You may re-scent the dog along the trail as you want. There is no limit to the number of times you may re-scent. You will have up to one hour to complete this trail unless the dog does not start, works 180 degrees in the wrong direction after a restart, or you decide the dog is not working. If you decide to stop the trail, it cannot be restarted. This sport requires teamwork. If you cannot identify the correct runner at the end of the trail, the team will not pass. Do you have any questions? If not, good luck and start your dog.

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*MANTRAILER INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TEST*

The following briefing shall be used for all *Mantrailer Intermediate Level Certification Tests* administered under the rules and regulations of the American Bloodhound Club Trailing Trial Standard.

- 1Judges will confirm that entrant numbers correspond to trail numbers.
- 2Judges are asked to introduce themselves by name only.
- 3Judges will ask handlers to describe their dogs' method of identifying the end of the trail or the runner. (This will assist in observing the dog at the conclusion of the trail.)
- 4Judges will read aloud (or ask handlers to read) this briefing form. Handlers and judges must sign the form.

This is a Mantrailer Intermediate Test trail. The Mantrailer Intermediate Test trail is approximately one-half mile long and at least eight hours old but not more than eighteen hours old. During this trail we will be following behind you. We will not speak to you unless your dog gets more than 180 degrees off the trail. If the dog is off the trail but appears to be turning or working the wind in the right direction, we will let you continue. If your dog is 180 degrees or more off the trail and makes no clear indication of turning in the right direction, we will stop you and ask you to restart the dog. You may choose to end the trail at that time or return to the starting stake and begin again. You may return to the starting stake only one time. You may NOT drop your lead except to untangle your dog from brush. You may water your dog at any time.

**REMEMBER:** You do not know the trail that the runner has chosen nor the obstacles that the judges have determined. Make NO assumptions about where the trail does or does not go. Your dog may cut much of the trail off, so don't assume that the dog has not gone far enough or that the dog has gone too far. Trust your dog. Do not speak to the judges other than to end the trail, identify the runner, tell the judges you are going back to the starting stake, or report an injury or problem. Unsportsmanlike conduct of ANY kind will disqualify you and your dog. This is a teamwork sport. YOU must identify the runner your dog is following. If you do not clearly and verbally identify the runner to the judges, your team will not pass. If your dog passes the correct runner and does not return to the runner within 100 yards, shows no indication of turning, or identifies the wrong runner, the trail is ended and the team does not pass.

You must clearly and VERBALLY identify the end of the trail when you believe the bloodhound has found the correct runner. You may NOT question the person or any persons along the trail. Once you have identified whom you believe to be the correct runner, your trail has ended. If this person is NOT the correct runner, you may NOT continue.

*Give the scent article to the handler.* This is your scent article. You can scent the dog and leave the article here at the start or take the article with you. If you leave the scent article, the judges will not pick it up, secure it, or ensure its safety. You may re-scent the dog along the trail as you want. There is no limit to the number of times you may re-scent. You will have up to one hour to complete this trail unless the dog does not start, works 180 degrees in the wrong direction after a restart, or you decide the dog is not working. If you decide to stop the trail, it cannot be restarted. This sport requires teamwork. If you cannot identify the correct runner at the end of the trail, the team will not pass. Do you have any questions? If not, good luck and start your dog.

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*MANTRAILER EXCELLENT LEVEL TEST*

The following briefing shall be used for all *Mantrailer Excellent Level Certification Tests* administered under the rules and regulations of the American Bloodhound Club Trailing Trial Standard.

- 1Judges will confirm that entrant numbers correspond to trail numbers.
- 2Judges are asked to introduce themselves by name only.
- 3Judges will ask handlers to describe their dogs' method of identifying the end of the trail or the runner. (This will assist in observing the dog at the conclusion of the trail.)
- 4Judges will read aloud (or ask handlers to read) this briefing form. Handlers and judges must sign the form.

This is a Mantrailer Excellent Test trail. The Mantrailer Excellent Test trail is approximately one-half mile long and at least twenty-four hours old but not more than thirty-six hours old. During this trail we will be following behind you. We will not speak to you unless your dog gets more than 180 degrees off the trail. If the dog is off the trail but appears to be turning or working the wind in the right direction, we will let you continue. If your dog is 180 degrees or more off the trail and makes no clear indication of turning in the right direction, we will stop you and ask you to restart the dog. You may choose to end the trail at that time or return to the starting stake and begin again. You may return to the starting stake only one time. You may NOT drop your lead except to untangle your dog from brush. You may water your dog at any time.

REMEMBER: You do not know the trail that the runner has chosen nor the obstacles that the judges have determined. Make NO assumptions about where the trail does or does not go. Your dog may cut much of the trail off, so don't assume that the dog has not gone far enough or that the dog has gone too far. Trust your dog. Do not speak to the judges other than to end the trail, identify the runner, tell the judges you are going back to the starting stake, or report an injury or problem. Unsportsmanlike conduct of ANY kind will disqualify you and your dog. This is a teamwork sport. YOU must identify the runner your dog is following. If you do not clearly and verbally identify the runner to the judges, your team will not pass. If your dog passes the correct runner and does not return to the runner within 100 yards, shows no indication of turning, or identifies the wrong runner, the trail is ended and the team does not pass.

You must clearly and VERBALLY identify the end of the trail when you believe the bloodhound has found the correct runner. You may NOT question the person or any persons along the trail. Once you have identified whom you believe to be the correct runner, your trail has ended. If this person is NOT the correct runner, you may NOT continue.

*Give the scent article to the handler.* This is your scent article. You can scent the dog and leave the article here at the start or take the article with you. If you leave the scent article, the judges will not pick it up, secure it, or ensure its safety. You may re-scent the dog along the trail as you want. There is no limit to the number of times you may re-scent. You will have up to 1 1/2 hrs (90 mins) to complete this trail unless the dog does not start, works 180 degrees in the wrong direction after a restart, or you decide the dog is not working. If you decide to stop the trail, it cannot be restarted. This sport requires teamwork. If you cannot identify the correct runner at the end of the trail, the team will not pass. Do you have any questions? If not, good luck and start your dog.

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