

Presidents Report 2012 in Review

1)USMRA hosted its 6th National Championships. SoCalMondio hosted the event outside of the Orange County National Pet Expo. in beautiful Southern California. The location selected brought a nice crowd of dog-sport enthusiasts. The Judge selected was William Langlois, a French judge with strong decoy skills background. The decoys were all USA decoys -- Josh McCleary (Utah), Sean Miller (Colorado) and Jake Schneider (Minnesota). The weather was perfect, the field a little large but plush and green with nice playground theme décor. The event could not have been more perfect. For more information see link added.

<http://www.usmondioring.org/News/Nationals/2012NationalPics.htm>

2)USMRA drafted and tested a new test of sociability for our dogs preparing to trial. All dogs entering into monitoring trials will require some form of sociability test. This test is also listed on the USMRA website:

<http://www.usmondioring.org/Rules%20and%20Policies/TempTest.htm>

As of January 1 2013, handlers will be asked to provide documentation to demonstrate that their dog has successfully demonstrated correct working temperament.

USMRA will accept any of the following:

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

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Temperament Tests administered by individual breed clubs.

Test of Sociability conducted for French Ring.

USMRA EVALUATION OF WORKING APTITUDE:

Equipment: standard flat lead or dead ring of fursaver and leash not greater than 6 feet.

There is no minimum age requirement.

Heel on Leash – 20 paces forward, then about turn. 5 paces forward then left turn. 5 paces forward then right turn. 5 paces forward then sit. 5 paces forward then double horn to end.

Absence – 30 seconds. Handler out of sight. Dog must show willingness and not show shyness or aggressive behavior. Encouragement is allowed

Recall – 25 meters Dog left on a sit, handler steps out 25 paces and turns. Recall when told by judge. Dog must recall with reasonable encouragement

Handler and dog in a group – Handler and dog in the middle of a moving group of people. 10 seconds of milling people. . Dog must show willingness and not show shyness or aggressive behavior.

Check identification – Handler demonstrates to the judge the tattoo or judge uses microchip wand to identify the chip number. . Dog must show willingness and not show shyness or aggressive behavior.

Dog sociability – As next dog enters field, dog handler pass next to them, with dogs on the outside. Dog must show willingness and not show shyness or aggressive behavior.

Sound sensitivity – With dog seated next to handler, a startling sound is made at a distance of 10 meters. (can be can with pebbles, etc) Dog's attitude toward the sound is evaluated. Dog may show interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressivion.

*Dog must demonstrate proficiency in a minimum of 5 out of 7 exercises.
This is a pass/fail evaluation. No points are assigned.*

3) Although the USMRA Tax issues were resolved in 2012, The Tax Professional who worked with us through the long process, Abraham McCormick, sent an added billing in the amount of \$2,000 (this amount was double the original amount agreed on) Our Board did not agree to the excessive billing and this was resolved in court in the State of California in favor of USMRA. Thank you to Otis Knighten who represented us for this process.

4) 2012 USMRA Sportsmanship award was given to David Bilik.

5) A new committee was formed for Education. This committee may or maynot become ongoing. Will be addressed with 2013/2014 BoD

6) The World team this year had four MR3 teams -- Daniela Bedenice, Dave Kroyer, Melissa Mims, and Tim Welch -- Team Captain Sharon Novak

7) USMRA implemented the first electronic election process -- the turnout was more than double and the process took ten days. Thank you Robert Wademan for a smooth correct election.

8) In an interest to reward the people who travel and support our clubs the Board voted to waive annual fees for active USMRA judges and decoys. Members must be a decoy or judge prior to the physical year applied.

9)2012 ending with -- Secretary's Report: Ann reports that we have 17 clubs, 180 members.

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