



MANTRAILING

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ASSESSMENT

RULES & REGULATIONS

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PURPOSE

Mantrailing is a sport teaching dogs to find people by following their unique scent trail. All dog's have a natural ability to hunt and therefore Mantrailing provides them with an outlet to do this in a safe, controlled and constructive way.

We teach them how to harness their amazing sense of smell and turn it into a super fun activity for pet dog and owner teams to do together as a sport for fun.

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DEFINITIONS

Decoy: A person who is part of the trail set up as a distraction, but is not the person the dog is looking for.

Dog: Means a dog of either sex.

Expel: To terminate the assessment.

Handler: The person who is working the dog.

Head Office: The office at which the business of Mantrailing Global is carried out on a regular ongoing basis.

Indication: The behaviour the dog performs to identify that it has found the correct Trail Layer.

MTG: Mantrailing Global

MTG Assessor: The person carrying out the assessment.

Trail Layer: The person who has layed the trail for the dog & handler team and is the person the dog is trailing for.

Rules & Regulations, where applicable, shall govern the conduct of the assessment and shall apply to all dogs and handlers participating in them, except as these Rules & Regulations may otherwise provide.

All Assessors holding MTG assessments are required to have the latest edition of the Assessments Rules & Regulations available to view in-person or online.

ELIGIBILITY

All clients who train under an MTG Instructor are entitled to undertake an MTG assessment pending they have fulfilled the required amount of training sessions within their log books and have been signed off by their MTG Instructor prior to booking the assessment.

A dog must meet the following requirements to be eligible for assessment:

- 1: Be over 12 months of age.**
- 2. Be fully vaccinated or titre tested.**
- 3: Female dogs can not be in season.**
- 4. Must not be injured or lame (it is the assessors responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame or injured).**
- 5. Must not have bandages, sutures or visible wounds.**
- 6. Must not have any communicable disease, or have been housed with another dog with a communicable disease or recovered from a communicable disease within 30 days prior to the assessment.**
- 7. We strongly recommend for handlers to have third party liability insurance for their dog.**

OFFICIALS

Only certified MTG Assessors can act as an assessor for MTG assessments.

The MTG Assessor is responsible for:

- 1. Setting up the trails under the criteria's, rules and regulations set out by MTG.**
- 2. Thoroughly briefing the Trail Layer/ Decoy on the assessment criteria and what is expected of them including any important information passed on about the dog and handler team.**
- 3. That all parties involved have been briefed on health & safety.**
- 4. Conducting a short handler's briefing prior to the start of the assessment.**
- 5. Confirming whether the indication and handler confirmation is correct or incorrect.**
- 6. Recording and videoing the assessment for any potential discrepancies that may arise.**
- 7. Time keeping.**
- 8. Awarding certificates, badges and rosettes.**

An MTG Assessor must conduct themselves in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the assessment.

Our assessors have undergone training by MTG to ensure they can competently run assessments under the MTG assessment rules & regulations. If you are aware of an MTG Assessor running MTG assessments that do not follow the MTG assessment rules & regulations, please report this to the MTG office at info@mantrailingglobal.com.

OFFICIAL TIMINGS

The MTG Assessor is in charge of time keeping during the assessment and shall monitor and record the time to ensure that the team does not exceed the maximum allowable time for the assessment, as well as provide a time warning dictated by the handler should they request it.

The time allowed during assessment is dictated by the time allowed in the assessment criteria.

The start of the assessment is classified as the moment the dog is asked to take scent by handler; this is the point in which the stated time for the level begins.

The end of the assessment is classified as either

- 1. The dog handler team find the Trail Layer and the handler confirms correctly.**
- 2. When the time runs out.**
- 3. Handler confirms incorrect Trail Layer to the assessor.**
- 4. Dog indicates on the correct Trail Layer, but the handler does not confirm it is correct.**
- 5. The handler chooses to stop the trail at their own discretion.**

The MTG Assessor is allowed to stop an assessment based on safety & welfare grounds. Depending on the reasoning, you may or may not be allowed to continue the assessment. This is at the discretion of the MTG Assessor.

DISABILITIES

It is the responsibility of the MTG Assessor to discuss with the handler's MTG Instructor regarding any disability requirements.

At the discretion of the MTG Assessor, a modification to the criteria may be made to accommodate a handler with disabilities, providing that such modification does not aid the dog's performance or inhibit the performance of other dogs handled.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the assessor, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the assessment.

Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both blind and deaf are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirement of the assessment and the dog does not appear to under undue stress in the opinion of the MTG Assessor.

The dog is required to perform all components of the assessment criteria as other dogs would.

FAILURE TO HOLD AN ASSESSMENT

An MTG Assessor shall have the power to grant or withhold approval of an assessment based on whether they feel the team is ready to undergo assessment based on the information provided by the handler and instructor.

When, due to circumstances beyond its control and it is deemed necessary or advisable to change the date, time or venue of the assessment, it is at the discretion of the MTG Assessor to change/cancel/postpone the assessment.

Should an assessment be cancelled for any reason, your refund policy is that of which is implemented by the individual MTG Assessor.

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DOCTORS & VETERINARIANS

Every MTG Assessor shall have available the emergency contact information for the nearest qualified veterinarian or after-hours emergency veterinary clinic.

Every MTG Assessor shall have available the emergency contact information for the nearest doctors surgery or after-hours emergency facility.



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COLLARS, LEASHES & HARNESSSES

Dogs must wear a properly fitted harness which is designed so that there is minimal restriction of the dog's movement.

No training tools such as electronic collars, spray collars, prong collars, head halters, choke chains, or no-pull harnesses may be used during the assessment. Martingale collars are permitted.

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ASSESSMENT VENUE

All handlers must exercise care and control of any dog in their possession while attending an assessment.

There shall be no intensive or abusive training of dogs within the venue of the assessment.

No dog will be allowed off leash during the assessment.

The dog and handler team are not permitted to do a warm up trail in the same location as the assessment. If the handler chooses to do a warm up trail, it must be done in a separate location away from the assessment venue.

All handlers must pick up after their dogs and dispose of it correctly. Should there be no bins provided, the handler must take it with them and dispose of it themselves.

MOVING UP THE LEVELS

In order for a dog & handler team to be eligible to move up a level, they must have successfully passed the prior assessment level and be signed off by the assessor.

If it is established by MTG that a dog moved up to the next level has not completed the requirements for the lower level before moving up, then they will be unable to undertake the assessment.

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POOR CONDUCT

It shall be deemed as poor conduct if a person during the running of, or in connection with an assessment, abuses or harasses their dog, the MTG Assessor, or any other person present in any capacity at the assessment.

Any handler who displays poor conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog at any time during the holding of the assessment may be expelled from the assessment.

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APPLYING FOR ASSESSMENT

An MTG Assessor shall have the power to grant or withhold approval of an assessment booking based on whether they feel the team is ready to undergo assessment based on the information provided by the handler and their instructor.

The dog and handler must meet the eligibility description set out on page 5.

A MTG assessment must be arranged and booked directly with the assessor themselves and will be bound by their individual T&Cs and cancellation policy.

Upon booking, all handlers must have completed the requested evidencing and signs off's within their log books.

Upon booking, handlers must have completed the pre-assessment form prior to attending their assessment. This will be provided by the MTG Assessor at the time of booking.

PRICING FOR ASSESSMENT

An MTG Assessor must charge for assessment the price at which is set out by MTG as an organisation. This is as follows:

£75 / 85 Euro / 85 Swiss Franc / \$95 US / \$126 CAN / \$126 AUD

A re-sit of a failed assessment is charged at the same price.



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PRIZES

On successful completion of passing an MTG assessment, you will receive a certificate, badge and rosette from the MTG Assessor reflecting the level of which you have passed.

The costs of the certificate, badge and rosette are included within the assessment fee.

All prizes will be presented by the MTG Assessor.



TRAIL LAYER / DECOYS

It is the responsibility of the MTG Assessor to ensure that adequate Trail Layers are allocated for an assessment.

The Trail Layers / Decoys identities should not be divulged to the handler before or during assessment.

The Trail Layer cannot be someone from the same household of the dog, or someone the dog has regularly trailed for.

The Trail Layer/ Decoys should be hidden before the student arrives. Handlers should not see the Trail Layer set off/lay the trail.

The Trail Layers scent article will be presented in a sealed plastic bag at the start of the trail. It needs to be a fabric item presented in a sealed plastic bag which can vary in size from a sock to t-shirt size, unless specific otherwise in the assessment criteria.

The handler can choose if the item is presented to the dog in the bag, on the floor or in the hand.

THE TRAIL

The handler must carry their dogs rewards with them on the assessment.

Handlers are permitted to wear treat pouches or training skirts/vests to carry dog rewards. The final word on whether or not an accessory is allowed shall rest with the MTG Assessor.

Dogs may be outfitted with accessories such as paw covers or booties, jackets, sweaters, and hair ties or bows as the handler deems necessary for the dog to safely and comfortably navigate the assessment.

The handler may reward the dog with a food or toy reinforcer upon making the correct find.

The dog can defecate or urinate in the trailing area if they have to during the assessment.

One flanker is permitted for health and safety but can not assist the handler.

The handler can receive no guidance from the assessor or third party during the assessment.

THE INDICATION

In the Level 1 assessment, the dog does not need an indication.

From level 2 upwards, an indication is required. The dog must display a clear indication behaviour (not defined), sticking with the Trail Layer within 5m and for a minimum duration of 5 seconds.

Once the dog has indicated, the handler is to clearly indicate verbally or via hand signal to the assessor that they believe the dog has indicated on the correct Trail Layer. This will be taken as the final decision on assessment. This decision cannot be taken back and if incorrect would result in a fail of assessment.

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PROTEST

If a handler would like to protest a fail of assessment, in the first instance please discuss this directly with your MTG Assessor.

If the problem is not resolved, an appeal to the MTG Head Office may be done so by email within 14 days of the assessment taking place. This should be sent to info@mantrailingglobal.com with details of the nature of your complaint.

MTG will then request video and logging evidence of the assessment from the MTG Assessor and investigate your dispute.

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LIABILITY

MTG shall not be responsible to any member, person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss, damage or injuries arising at or by reason of an assessment held under any rules adopted by MTG.

Every owner of any dog undertaking an MTG assessment is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog behaves safely and under control and in particular to prevent the dog from threatening, menacing or biting an MTG assessor, another dog or any other person present. Failure to take such reasonable steps may result in disciplinary action.

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AMENDMENTS

These rules are subject to amendment by MTG.

Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by a person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to MTG for its consideration.

The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by MTG.

MTG, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.

Upon MTG making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these rules, all MTG Assessors shall be advised with an update and will be made public via ensuring the amendment is published in this assessment rules & regulations handbook and any other relevant public materials as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.



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