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EARTHDOG

HISTORY

Many terriers and Dachshunds were bred originally to hunt, chase, go to ground and bolt quarry of one kind or another, usually fox, rabbits and rats. Today, the sport of Earthdog allows these dogs to use their natural instincts in a safe, simulated hunting environment. They can have lots of fun and earn titles too.

WHAT IS EARTHDOG?

Earthdogs are tested on their ability to enter the man-made den, find their way to the quarry through a series of turns and tunnels, and work the quarry. These challenges become increasingly difficult at each stage. Dens are constructed as a series of trenches dug in the earth, into which 3-sided liners are fitted. The liners are in sections and have a wooden roof and sides, the floor is exposed dirt. This means that the tunnels are totally safe and cannot collapse, also that they can be configured in any manner.

In “Introduction to Quarry”, the total length of

the den is only 3 metres, with one turn; but by Masters level there are over 15 metres of tunnel, with multiple turns, exits, false dens, a constriction and an obstruction!

When dogs are in training and official tests, each dog is tested individually in a fully-fenced den area. In Australia the “quarry” is always “non-live” and may consist of toys, and / or pelts suitably scented.

WHICH BREEDS CAN COMPETE?

All Dachshunds
Australian Terriers
Australian Silky Terriers
Bedlington Terriers
Border Terriers
Cairn Terriers
Dandie Dinmont Terriers
Glen of Imaal Terriers
German Hunt Terrier
Fox Terriers (Smooth and Wirehaired)
Jack Russell Terrier
Lakeland Terriers

Manchester Terriers
Norfolk Terriers
Norwich Terriers
Parson Russell Terrier
Portuguese Podengo Pequeno
Scottish Terriers
Sealyham Terriers
Skye Terriers
Tenterfield Terriers
Welsh Terriers
West Highland White Terriers
Miniature Pinschers

