

# Tracking Tests

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It was a good day for tracking. It was cloudy and cool with a slight wind. This was the kind of day that promised each dog will pass. The Tracking Dog Urban test was first, tracks put in 1/2 hour before they were run. The first entry was a Cavalier King Charles. He failed near the start. The second TDU was a 12 year old Border Terrier bitch, CH Rooksgate Waymark to Aldergate, who made it to the last leg, having travelled 3 legs, found the middle article but went off-track before the end. She was owned by Susanne Babcock. Good job. Then came the Variable Surface Tracking test. These tracks were 3 hours old, the first one put in by the track layer at 7 am. First to go was Border Terrier, Sunkist Sharriets O'Fyre, 6 year old bitch, owned by Laurits Dixon, who had a little trouble starting and failed near the start. The second Border Terrier entry's track went in at 7:30 am, Terrasol's Dueling Banjos, a 7 year old male, owned by Kathy Echols. He got about half-way through the track, having found the 2<sup>nd</sup> article, then went off-track. These tests were held on the College of Du Page campus during summer school with cars and people crossing them frequently. The judges, Lois Leidahl-Marsh and Walter O'Brien, were familiar with the area, having judged tests there before. We had a total entry of 3 Border Terriers, which was wonderful, and six additional non-Border Terriers, one of which got to run. The Borders who were entered, were happy to have an opportunity to track at a specialty. Just wish we could have had some passes. I would like to thank BTCA member, Mary Downs, for being a track layer for the TDU test and for the photos she took.

Thanks much,  
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