



RAT TALES

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Earthdog Club

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PSEC Spring Earthdog Test Weekend - April 28 & 29

Our Spring 2018 test weekend will be April 28-29 at Emerald Meadows Farm in Bellingham, WA. There will be two tests on Saturday and one on Sunday. Our judges will be Dan Mata, Penny Whithorn, and Marilyn Douglas. Test chairperson is Betsy Fortman with Melissa Knapp as trial secretary.

Afternoon practice session will be held on Friday afternoon (April 27)

As always, volunteers will be needed on the day of the tests. There are plenty of opportunities to help (e.g. den set up, gate steward, judge steward, secretary table, hospitality, raffle). No previous experience required! Each volunteer receives a ticket for the Volunteers Raffle each time they help out. A drawing will be held at the end of each test, and the winner will receive a free entry in any of the club's upcoming tests.

Please bring something for the potluck lunch each day! Drinks will be provided. Raffle prize donations are gratefully accepted. And be sure to bring your dog's beads! Overnight parking and camping (no hook-ups) are available.

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner with the judges Saturday evening at a local restaurant. Sign-ups will be taken Saturday morning.

A copy of the premium list will be available on the PSEC website:

<https://psec-earthdog.org/Events.htm>

Barn Hunt Academy will be hosting their three-day April trials on the same dates/location.

Entries are limited and will open March 19.

<http://www.barnhuntacademy.com/upcoming-events.html>



Get-togethers for Den Prep and Practices

When

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Where

Emerald Meadow Farms

6411 Aldrich Road

Bellingham, WA 98226

The Puget Sound Earthdog Club will be having a work party and practice in Bellingham on **Saturdays March 31 and April 21 at 1:00pm.**

Contact mentors@psec-earthdog.org for more information.

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When

Friday, April 27, 2018

Where

Emerald Meadow Farms

6411 Aldrich Road

Bellingham, WA 98226

The Puget Sound Earthdog Club will be having a work party and practice in Bellingham on **Friday, April 27 around 2:00 pm.** (Here's your last chance to practice before our spring tests!)

Contact mentors@psec-earthdog.org for more information.



PSEC Fall 2017 Earthdog Test Results

PSEC's Fall Earthdog Test weekend was held October 28 & 29 at Emerald Meadows Farm in Bellingham, WA. Judges Tom and Marie Quarles, and Mike Dilley presided over the three tests. There was a variety of terrier breeds entered: Westie, Glen of Imaal, Smooth Fox, Silky, Border, Yorkie, Norwich, Parson, and Cairn. Dachshunds put in a good showing as well in the usual mix of sizes and coat types.

Dogs that earned Q's over the weekend were:

- Robbie (Westie) - one IQ
- Ciaran (Glen) - one IQ
- Zeppa (Smooth Fox) - one IQ
- Etta (Norwich) - three M
- Bebe (Westie) - one IQ, one Jr
- CoCo (Border) - two Jr
- Stuie (Westie) - one IQ
- Crackerjack (Border) - one IQ
- Fonzie (Dachshund) - two M
- Doogie (Cairn) - three Sr, three M
- Rebel (Yorkie) - one M
- Caiti (Cairn) - one IQ, one Jr

About Our Club

PSEC meets at least four times a year for club meetings and practices. We host Earthdog test weekends in May, July, and October for a total of eight tests each year.

Club Objectives

- to promote the natural and trained hunting and working abilities of small Terriers and Dachshunds when exposed to hunting situations
- to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds eligible for AKC earthdog tests and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at earthdog tests
- to conduct sanctioned earthdog tests and licensed earthdog tests under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

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