



**Monday 13th March-Friday 31st**  
**March 2023 (6p.m closing)**

## **ONLINE TRIAL**

**\*Usual TDR® rules apply\***

Hosted by TALKING DOGS RALLY®

Open to all TD Rally® registered dogs!

**If you have any questions please text or call Jacky Ruddock on 07875641116**

## **How is this going to work?**

This online trial is independent of live TDR® trials. Progression through the levels via Titles and Championships is separate from that of live trials. **In the spirit of TDRally®, we trust that you do not over-rehearse rounds and ensure that you submit an honest performance. Good luck everyone!**

Some of our competitors may also compete in Rally Online competitions run by other organisations and we are basing our trials along similar lines. On **Mon 18/3** the classes will be published on Facebook and on the Talking Dogs website. They will also be available by e-mail on request. Get the word out to your friends who do not use Facebook! There will be one class of each level including Veteran classes. Entries will be limited to 2 classes per team PLUS a Veteran class if you are eligible.

All courses have been designed by Jacky Ruddock for this trial and will be judged by other TDR® judges and Jacky!

Courses will feature fewer stations than those in live TDR®, in order to fit into the average back garden or driveway. You can use a tripod or put your camera or phone on a chair if you haven't got a handy helper in your household. **There is no minimum size of ring but you must be able to flow when performing the stations.**

Course laying – you may print off TD rally signs or write your signs on paper and use anything you like to keep them in place. We do need to see where you intend to perform each exercise so we know that the course is laid out correctly.

Filming – please ensure your camera or phone is in Landscape mode as this will make it much less likely that you go out of shot. It is **essential** that you remain in shot at all times, and that your video submission is one continuous piece of film. No submissions with any editing will be permitted.

Identification – please write clearly on a piece of paper your TDR® competitor number, the word 'BONUS' if you intend to do the bonus, and the course you are intending to work, so that we send your entry to the correct person. Hold this up to the camera, then work your round as usual.

When you have filmed your round, you should then upload to Youtube and email the link to Lucy Dawson at [lucy@luphen.co.uk](mailto:lucy@luphen.co.uk)

If your round cannot be verified for judging, for example if you have gone out of sight during the round or laid the course incorrectly, you will be offered the chance to refilm, until the competition has closed for entries. There are examples of filmed rounds at [rallyonline.org](http://rallyonline.org) so you can see the sort of thing we need to see.

Once the competition has closed for entries, we will pass the entries to judges to be judged the weekend of . We hope to have the results to post by the following Monday. We ask you to be patient if it takes longer, judges are busy people!

#### Entry fees

£3 per class entered. This includes a copy of your mark sheet along with a certificate (if a qualifying mark is awarded) which will be e-mailed to you.

If you would like qualifying rosettes as at live trials, these can be purchased and posted to you after the event at a cost of £3.50 each including p& p. **Please order and pay for rosettes after the results have been posted.**

**PAYMENT FOR ALL CLASSES AND ROSETTES TO BE MADE BY BANK TRANSFER TO J.Ruddock**

**40-16-11  
72619423  
OR by cheque payable to  
J.RUDDOCK,  
100 New St,  
Ash,  
Kent,  
CT3 2BN**

### **TD Rally® eligibility**

All competitors must be registered with TD Rally® prior to competing at any sanctioned TD Rally® trial. To register, contact Jacky Ruddock or go to the website and download the form and send it with payment to the [address above](#). Everyone over the age of 7 on the date of the trial is eligible to compete once registered with TD Rally®.

All breeds of dogs, crosses and mixes of breeds over 6 months old on the date of the trial can compete. Health and behaviour may exclude dogs from competing but breed type does not.

### **Which level do I enter?**

- 1. If your team already competes in TDR Live Trials you can enter the level below the one you already compete in PLUS the level above. Eg- If you have a L3 Title you can enter Level 2 and Level 3. If eligible for Veteran levels you can enter the level you currently compete in. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN CHOOSE TO BEGIN AGAIN AT LEVEL 1 AND ENTER LEVELS 1 and 2**
- 2. If you have not competed in live trials you must begin at Level 1 or Puppy/Veteran Level 1 if eligible.**

## **Competing Levels**

**Puppy** is for dogs aged between 6 and 18 months on the date of the trial.

**Level 1** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial.

**Pre Level 2** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship.

**Level 2** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship.

**Level 3** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 2 Title or Championship and who are working towards their first Level 3 Title.

**Veteran Level 1** is for dogs over 7 years on the date of the trial.

**Pre Veteran Level 2** is for dogs 7 years and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship.

**Veteran Level 2** is for dogs 7 years and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 or VL1 Title or Championship.

**Veteran Level 3** is for dogs 7 years and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 2 or VL2 Title or Championship.

## **AWARDS**

**3 Good/Outstanding awards at each level will earn a Title rosette and 3 Ace awards will earn a Championship rosette.**

**A Title OR Championship will enable you to move up to the next level but you do not have to.**

## **Terms & Conditions**

- ❖ Each team, a team consisting of one dog and one handler, must hold a valid Talking Dogs Rally® (TD Rally®) registration. Teams with disabilities must have submitted a Disability Modification Form to the Talking Dogs Rally® Office prior to the Trial or along with their Trial application form. Disability Modification Forms will not be accepted on the day of the Trial.
- ❖ No unregistered substitutions for handler or dog are permitted.

- ❖ By entering this Trial, competitors acknowledge and agree to abide by the rules, terms and conditions as laid out by Talking Dogs Rally®.
- ❖ The Judge's decision is final; rudeness to judges will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Returned cheques do not constitute a valid entry.
- ❖ Competing in Talking Dogs Rally® is a physical activity and as such Handlers are reminded to work with due care and attention to their own safety and that of others. Handlers are responsible for the conduct of their dog at all times. Neither Talking Dogs Ltd, Talking Dogs Rally® or any person acting on behalf of the Company accept any liability for any loss, damage, accident, injury or illness to dogs, handlers, spectators or any other persons or property whatsoever.