



**Monday 30th September
2024-Friday 25th October
2024(10a.m close)**

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?

Welcome to our next Online TDR® Trial. 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!

On **Monday 30th** September, the specimen courses will be published on the Talking Dogs website. **Please read the new regulations re. course set-up carefully.** The specimen courses will also be available by e-mail on request. Get the word out to your friends who do not use the internet! 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.

Judges-This rally will be judged by Jayne Crowther, Cristen Brown and Amie Matthews. Judges will not be judging specific rounds instead taking turns to judge rounds as they are submitted.

Courses- All of the courses have been designed by Jacky R. They 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.

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. The Bonus exercise should be filmed separately after the course has been completed.

Identification – please write clearly on a piece of paper your TDR® competitor number and the word 'BONUS' if you intend to do the bonus. 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 e-mail the link to Gemma Kermod gemk83@hotmail.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.

Once the competition has closed for entries, we will pass the entries to judges to be judged the weekend of 26th/27th.October. We hope to have the results to post by Monday 28th October. 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

**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,
Pear Tree Cottage,
Chartway Street,
Sutton Valence,
Kent
ME17 3JB**

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.

Level 3+ is for dogs who have Titled in L3

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.

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.