



SQUIRREL EVENT SCORECARD

Hunting Time - Handlers must sign card to verify hunting time and scores are correct.
 This space provided for time keeping notes.

License No. _____ Hunt Time Deadline _____
 (Judge's Name) Place _____ Time Scorecard Received _____
 Cast No. _____ Date _____

		TREE			+ POINTS	- POINTS	SCORE
HUNT TIME USED _____ SCORES _____ A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ INITIALS _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	DOG'S NAME _____	1.			1.		
	UKC REGISTRATION NUMBER _____ AGE _____ SEX _____	2.			2.		
	BREED: _____	3.			3.		
	OWNER'S NAME _____	4.			4.		
	ADDRESS _____	5.			5.		
	HANDLER'S NAME _____	6.			6.		
	HANDLER'S ADDRESS _____	7.			7.		
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DOG A

DOG B

DOG C

Official Judge's Signature _____
Squirrel Seen _____

SPLIT TREE POINTS SCORE
 1 + 2 = 75
 1 + 2 + 3 = 58 1/3
 2 + 3 = 37 1/2

UKC Cur & Feist Squirrel Hunt Honor Rules

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1. Before beginning a hunt, a time deadline for completion of hunt will be announced and time posted in plain view of all hunters. The time deadline of hunt and return of scorecard to Hunt Master will be indicated on front of all UKC Scorecards. **Host club has the option of conducting 1, 1½ or 2 hour casts. Hunting time must be the same for all casts and must be announced.** Dog must tree bark before being declared treed. Dogs to be drawn to the fewest casts possible. All dogs, including Champions, to hunt entire hunt unless scratched. Casts are not to be drawn until after entries close at the listed deadline. Those in entry line at deadline time will be entered. **All events will be run as a combined entry, unless specified to be a Breed Specific Hunt.** One dog casts require a non-hunting Judge.

2. POINT SYSTEM

a. No strike points will be awarded.
b. 100 points for dog declared treed first; 50 points second; 25 points third.
c. Points may be split for tree position when called tree positions cannot be determined.
d. If squirrel is caught on the ground, points are received as follows: three dogs 58½ points, two dogs 75 points, and one dog 100 points.

3. POINTS WILL BE PLUS

a. When dogs tree and squirrel (excluding ground squirrel) is seen: **(1) by a non-hunting Judge,** or **(2) By a majority of the cast when hunting Judge is used.** Squirrel must be in tree dog is on or in a tree within 15 normal steps of tree dog is on.
b. Only one tree is counted even if more than one squirrel is up tree.
c. If dogs split tree and each tree contains a squirrel they are to receive separate tree points regardless of the distance between trees.
d. When squirrel is seen timbering from tree to tree and the dog is moving with the squirrel, this applies only if squirrel is seen.

4. POINTS WILL BE MINUS

a. When dog has been declared treed and dog leaves tree. (Dogs must be actively treeing.) If dog returns to tree **within the three minutes** he will receive the next available position on tree, unless all dogs have been declared treed.
b. When dogs tree and (1) a non-hunting Judge or (2) a majority of the cast when hunting judge is used, can plainly see no squirrel is there.
c. After a dog is declared treed, at least one of the dogs declared treed must bark at least once every one minute until cast arrives at the tree, or be minused. If no dog barks in one minute, tree is declared open.
*d. Dogs treeing but not declared treed, when Judge arrives, will be minused on tree points on slick tree, they receive no points if squirrel is seen. Points will be determined by next available position in the case of one dog, or split available tree points in the case of two or more dogs.

5. POINTS WILL BE CIRCLED/DELETED

CIRCLE POINTS

Points will count neither for nor against dog except when tie is to be broken.

a. When game is treed in a hole or nest and not seen.
b. When leaves or vines make it impossible to locate a squirrel.
c. When Judge orders dogs to be called in because of livestock or nearness to highway, building, etc.
d. If half the cast votes to plus and half the cast votes to circle or minus a tree, when Hunting Judge is used.

DELETE POINTS

Points will be scored with a line through them, and count neither for nor against the dog. Deleted points will not be considered to determine to outcome of any tie-breakers.
d. No points, not even circled points, will be awarded when dogs return to tree that had previously been scored, cast may go to tree without dogs being declared treed, if majority of cast agree (when Hunting Judges are used).
f. If dog declared treed and non-target tree game is seen.
g. If half the cast votes to circle and half the cast votes to minus a tree, when Hunting Judge is used.

6. SCRATCHING OFFENSES

DOG RELATED OFFENSE:

a. If a dog has a total of 300 minus points, regardless of how many plus points the dog has.
b. Fighting or attempting to fight during the authority of the Judge. Dog's name, UKC number and owner's name will be reported to UKC on the Hunt report form. No handler will be allowed to withdraw to avoid dog from being scratched for fighting.
When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor only. If not known, scratch dogs involved. Attempting to fight is defined as follows: when dog(s) are interfering with other dog(s) during the authority of the Judge by aggressive behavior.
c. Failing to make any attempt to hunt within any 15 consecutive scorecard minutes.
d. Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs or a dog that is just bad to

bother bitches while other dogs pay them no attention.

e. For running or molesting stock. (Only one offense.) Feral hogs are not to be treated as stock, but as non-tree game.

f. For delaying completion of cast for 30 minutes after time out is called in accordance with Rule 7.

g. For running non-tree game second offense for open registered dog and first offense for Champions and Grand Champions.

HANDLER RELATED OFFENSE:

h. For treeing dog when dog is not treeing. On first offense issue a warning but do not award points based on Rule 1 which states dog must tree bark before being declared treed.

i. On second offense if handler calls another handler's dog, the dog is to be scratched.

j. If handler fails to declare treed a dog obviously treeing (Judge's decision) for a period of three minutes. Dog may be declared treed while three is running but not after the three has expired. Judge must verify dog to be at tree before it can be scratched. If the cast is in the process of scoring a separate tree time shall be canceled or not be applied to another dog.

k. Failure to sign scorecard after the completion of the hunt. Scorecards may be signed in the presence of the Hunt Master.

l. For climbing or cutting trees or disturbing a place of refuge.

m. For intentionally killing squirrel or other game.

n. For failure to stay with the cast unless given permission to leave.

o. If cast becomes separated on the way to the field or during the hunt, it is the responsibility of all cast members to return to the Hunt Master at the host club. Any cast members not returning to the Hunt Master will be scratched.

p. If a handler is drinking or using abusive language.

q. For use of any device used to control dog prior to cast completing hunt time.
r. For encouraging, discouraging or physically abusing a dog. Praising a handled dog is not considered encouraging.

s. Dog(s) hunting over or under advertised hunt time will be scratched.

t. Handler's dog will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators.

u. If handler uses hand signals.

7. TIME OUTS

Judge, or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, may call time out in accordance with the following:

a. When dogs are getting on highway, onto posted land or into a place where there is danger to dogs or hunters.
b. If new ground must be found to finish cast and more than 15 minutes is required or have to move to new area by vehicle, call time out immediately.
c. In case of accident or sickness.
d. If cast becomes lost.
e. Dog(s) declared treed before time out is called will be scored.
f. When a dog is injured.

(NOTE: If time out is called then time is out, and if dog should tree, it will not count. When time out is called and dog(s) are still loose you have 30 minutes to recover dog(s) or the dog(s) will be scratched and the remainder of the cast may proceed to hunt. NO TIME IS TO BE CALLED OUT TO SEARCH A TREE OR WHEN DOGS ARE TIED OR TO BE LED AWAY FROM A TREE. If dog(s) declared treed, 5 minutes of hunting time may be demanded to search tree, or place of refuge, which is not a time out. No plus points will be awarded if squirrel is seen after 5 minutes searching time has elapsed.)

8. JUDGES & HANDLERS

The handler's duties are to know their dog's voice and nature. Also, to advise Judge of any of the dog's peculiarities before hunt begins and to tell Judge when dog trees. It is the handler's responsibility to check time and score before signing scorecard.

The Judges are picked by the sponsors because they believe them to be honest and capable of keeping score just as it is given to them by handlers. They will show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time recorded, if requested. Non-hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Hunt Master and/or club officials. If hunting Judge scratches his dog he can continue to judge the cast as a hunting Judge, or pass the card to another member of the cast. Remaining cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Hunt Master.

No trees to be climbed or game to be killed. No molesting holes, dens or nests. Where dogs split up, Judge will go with handler to the dog that trees first. Separate time must be kept on each tree unless all dogs are declared treed together. Permission will be given for other handlers to go to their dogs on split tree, otherwise cast must remain together unless time out is called. **After three minutes,** first dog's tree may be checked and that dog kept on leash until tree is scored, then he must be turned loose with other dogs. However, if another dog is already treed, handler has the option to hold onto dog or turn loose, so long

as at least one dog is still out hunting. No credit allowed for dog brought to tree. All handlers must stay with Judge at all times unless given permission by Judge to leave. Judge will be first to arrive at tree. Judge must maintain pace attainable by all members of cast. Scorecards to be carried by Judge and must be scored by Judge in plain view of all. If there is a question in the woods, score with a question mark (?) and check with Hunt Master. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made will not be considered. One handler to each dog. Any handler unable to complete hunt must pick up his dog. Judge shall give permission for another handler to complete hunt.

9. HUNT MASTER

Hunt Master will hear each viewpoint and have last say. Remember, handler may state his case plainly, but if unreasonable, his dog may be scratched by Hunt Master. Hunt Master must be at the clubhouse at all times. All scores must be posted after the posted deadline or when all scorecards are in possession of the Hunt Master. Hunt Master and their spouses cannot enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Hunt where he or she is serving as Hunt Master. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler.

10. SCORECARDS

a. Scorecards must be completed in the woods, and no changes can be made later except where a question arises and is noted in the woods.
b. Handler's signature verifies hunting time and scores are correct. Any protest relative to time or scores should be noted with a question mark.
c. Any handler failing to sign the scorecard in the woods may have the opportunity to sign upon returning the scorecard to, and in view of, the Hunt Master/HD.
d. All scorecards must be made available after the deadline to return scorecards or when all scorecards are in possession of the Hunt Master/HD.

11. QUESTIONS, PANELS, APPEALS & MISCONDUCT

Questioning a Judge

a. Non-Hunting Judge Cast: The decision of a non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field. It may be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master/panel. A decision made by a non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the Hunt Master/panel.

b. Hunting Judge Cast: The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered.

1. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations.
2. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
3. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. It takes a majority vote to overturn judge's decision. Any handler that is not satisfied with the outcome retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master/panel.

Panels

a. In order to form a panel a \$10 Panel Fee must be paid before the question is heard.
1. When using a Hunt Master, a panel may be formed if a handler/owner is not satisfied with the Hunt Master's ruling.

2. When using a Hunt Director, a panel must be formed to hear any and all questions.

Appeals

a. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the panel, an Appeal may be filed.
b. An Appeal Form must be requested and filed immediately following the panel's ruling, while panel is still assembled.
c. Appeals must be submitted to the Hunt Master/HD with a fee of \$20.
d. All Appeals will be investigated and ruled on by the UKC.

Misconduct

Situations involving misconduct do not fall under the appeals procedure. Refer to the Misconduct Section in the Official UKC Cur/Feist Rulebook for complete procedures and instructions.

Misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Intimidating, threatening, or injuring another individual.
- b. Falsifying event related documents.
- c. Abuse, neglect or drugging of a dog in conjunction with an event.
- d. Intentionally killing game in conjunction with an event.
- e. Use of any device used to control dog during hunting time.
- f. Relaying any type of electronic messaging with reference to scores, that is deemed detrimental to the hunt.

12. WINNERS

a. A dog must have a total score of plus points before they can receive Championship Points.
b. Placements to be determined by highest succession of cast winners.

13. TIES

All ties to be broken for UKC points. Dog will win out over other dog: dog that has the least number of minus points; if still a tie, dog that has the most plus first tree points; if still a tie, dog that has the most circled tree points. If still a tie, dogs involved will hunt in one-hour intervals until tie is broken, or flip a coin if all parties agree.

14. GENERAL INFORMATION

No points, not even circle points, will be awarded when dogs return to tree that had previously been scored, cast may go to tree without dogs being declared treed, if majority of cast agree, when hunting Judges are used. When a dog is declared treed, Judge is not to let anyone go to the tree in less than **three** minutes unless all dogs have been declared treed. This is a courtesy to other handlers and also to see that a dog will hold his tree. Dog must hold the tree for **three** minutes, unless all dogs in cast are declared treed. If one dog in cast, or one dog remaining in cast, dog must hold tree for **three** minutes. Dogs declared treed within hunting time are eligible for scoring. When a dog is declared treed, after **three** minutes has elapsed no additional dog can be declared treed at that particular tree. When **three** minutes are up, cast can go directly to tree. Dogs at tree must be leashed. No encouragement or discouragement of any kind to dogs. No pulling of vines nor any action deemed to be interfering with dog(s) to be done **when other dogs are declared treed, but have not been handled.**

If dog is declared treed on a tree not containing squirrel but containing tree game, points to be deleted. Tree game is defined as any game capable of climbing a tree. Dog should not be minused tree points if he comes back a short distance to meet handler if dog goes back in and trees satisfactorily. Judge should be informed of such peculiarities before hunt. Three spectators per handler will be allowed on all casts. Handler's dog(s) will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators. ALL HUNTERS, JUDGES, AND/OR GUIDES MUST BE DRAWN PUBLICLY FOR THEIR CAST. Owners having multiple entries will have dogs drawn to separate casts if possible.

15. ELIGIBILITY

All dogs, excluding coonhounds, registered with United Kennel Club are eligible to participate in the squirrel events.

16.

a. The decision of a Non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The Non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field by a majority vote of cast members. It will be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master. A decision made by a Non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the Hunt Master.

b. The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category.

1. The host club must designate a Hunting Judge for each cast from the entries received.
2. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations.
3. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
4. Majority of cast rules. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. If majority decision is not reached, leave the call as it was scored by the Judge, place a question mark (?) on the card and check with the Hunt Master. Any handler that is not satisfied with the majority of cast decision retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master.

17. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Locating Devices:

The handheld of locating only devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used during time out periods. Device may be used during the hunt but only under strict provisions as outlined in current Locating Device Rules. Locating Device Rules are provided in the host clubs Event Packet and are also available on UKC's website. Lighted collars are allowed.

Controlling Devices:

Any handheld device capable of controlling a dog (stimulating or toning) must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting.

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