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Re: In case you missed out - DSO 2006 Intermediate

Posted by Michelle on 8/31/2007, 2:16 pm, in reply to "[In case you missed out - DSO 2006 Beginner](#)"

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My other write up from last year.

The intermediate level started the same way as the beginner trial. This level was off leash with the dog wearing a flat or choke collar. You could opt to put a prong on your dog taking a 5 point deduction right off the top.

As with the Beginner exercises, all of the exercises are real life; things that you could run into at any time during a normal day. At the Intermediate level, all decoys were a little more animated, but had to follow the instructions of the handler.

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Phones ringing!



get the phone!!



get in that golf cart





Connor, stop wataching the decoy tent!

get the goat off the field



try to deliver your pizza. At the intermediate level the decoys were more animated and louder when you knocked on the door. the dog could stay in the car or get out with you.





ride the elevator





deliver your pizza.





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Wait for the thunderstorm to pass



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Time for protection! Of course, there was no civil agitation in the car, as having a dog off leash with the windows down and an unsuited decoy is just not a good idea!!

The first exercise was a defense of handler in the car. The dog was put in the car in a position of control and the door was left open, or closed with the window down. You were to go to the back of the car to simulate fixing a flat tire or filling your gas tank. A suited decoy approached and spoke to you before attacking. Your dog had to bail out and protect you.





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Riggs decided that the guy was a threat before he attacked me, so Chris came out to help me keep him in the car until it was actually time for me to get help. Yes, I did let go of the decoy this time... though Riggs didn't. :oops: This is the great thing about a training trial. I was worried that Riggs wouldn't bite, though Chris assured me he would, the problem was that he wouldn't let go. He's not equipment fixated, he only went after decoys that were threats (not counting the last one)



The next exercise was a long range attack, where you put your dog in a down or sit and went to house number 10. A drunk/stumbling decoy approaches yelling at you and your dog must stay where it is until you are attacked.







Check in with the Decoy Judge



The final exercise is "Help help, I've been shot"

You go to the end of the field with your dog in a position of control. A suited decoy comes out onto the field and threatens you. At the end he shoots you and you send your dog and go down to the ground. While your dog is at the other end of the field, you are approached by a "good guy" also wearing a bite suit. You have to call your dog off of the decoy at the other end of the field, but stop him from engaging the person who is there to help you. Some dogs immediately dropped off the bad guy when they saw their handlers being approached by a stranger. When your dog arrives you had to get it under control and put the leash on. Then the decoy leads your dog away under specific instructions from you.







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get the Jack Russel off of the field



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Hey Riggs, that's not quite the heel I was looking for!