



HTD III

1. The handler removes the lead just inside the limits of the course and brings the dog off lead to the handler's post. The handler stands at the post while the dog is sent to gather the stock. After the outrun, lift and fetch, the dog moves the stock around the handler's post. The stock should go to the right of the post if the first wear/drive panel is on the left, or vice versa.

2. The dog drives the stock toward and through the first obstacle, then cross-drives toward and through the second obstacle. If one or all of the stock pass an obstacle closely without going through, they should continue on to the next obstacle. The handler remains at the post until the completion of the second obstacle. When the second obstacle has been negotiated, the handler may go to the pen.

3. In penning, after opening the gate the handler must hold the end of the rope attached to the gate. The handler cannot leave the gate or release the rope during penning, and should only assist the dog in penning through whistle, verbal or hand commands. With cattle, the handler need not hold the rope. Any handler who physically assists the dog in penning will have points deducted. The gate should not be shut until all the animals are completely inside the pen. The gate should not be slammed.

4. After penning, the animals should be removed from the pen and the gate closed. The dog should then hold the sheep to the handler so that an easily-removed ribbon may be taken gently from the neck of the marked sheep. This may be done anywhere within the roughly triangular area formed by handler's post and the panels. The ribbon may not be taken as the stock are leaving the pen, nor may the exercise be done near an exhaust gate. Animals may not be held by hand or crook. Once the ribbon is removed, the run is over.