



HTD II

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 may remain with the dog, or may take a position anywhere on the half of the course between the post and the line of the obstacles, not passing beyond the obstacles during the outrun, lift and fetch.

2. The handler sends the dog to gather the stock (the outrun may be done in either direction). When the dog reaches a position of balance with the stock, it may pause or briefly stop. The dog then fetches the stock to the handler's post. If not already at the post, the handler returns to the post ahead of the stock and dog, and stands there while the dog moves the stock past the post (see number 3 above for definition of passing the post). The stock should go to the right of the post if the first wear/drive panel is on the left, or vice versa. The handler may then leave the post and direct the dog to take the stock to the first obstacle.

3. As the stock are taken to the first obstacle, the handler may accompany the dog and stock, taking any position relative to them. Upon reaching the first obstacle, the handler may not go through or past the obstacle. While directing the dog to move the stock toward and through the second obstacle, the handler must remain behind an imaginary handler's line which runs from the handler's post to the edge of the first obstacle nearest the center of the arena. The handler may remain near the first obstacle or may move back toward the handler's post so long as this line is not crossed before the stock have cleared 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. Once the stock have cleared the second obstacle, the handler proceeds to the pen.

4. In penning, after opening the gate the handler must hold the end of the rope attached to the gate. The handler cannot release the rope during penning, but may move about within its limits and may assist the dog. With cattle, the handler need not hold the rope. The stock should be completely inside the pen before the gate is closed. The gate should not be slammed.