

UNITED BLOOD TRACKERS, INC.

JUDGE APPROVAL PROCESS AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

As of 8/21/06

Judges are approved by the UBT Board of Directors.

UBT Judges

- are UBT members.
- are knowledgeable about the UBT testing rules and procedures.
- are experienced and skilled in evaluating dogs under the UBT testing rules and procedures.
- may conduct non-event UBT-I and UBT-II evaluations without prior authorization.

Event Judges

- are approved on an event-by-event basis.
- might not be UBT members.
- are knowledgeable about the UBT testing rules and procedures.
- are experienced and skilled in evaluating dogs.
- may conduct UBT-I and UBT-II evaluations without prior authorization at UBT events where they are serving on the judging panel.

Qualified UBT members, UBT members completing the apprenticeship program and judges approved by other organizations (regardless of their UBT membership status) will not automatically become UBT Judges.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Participation in the UBT apprenticeship program is not required, however, individuals seeking to become a UBT Judge or Event Judge will have similar qualifications.

PRIOR to requesting entrance into the Apprenticeship Program, the individual will:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Train and handle a dog that passes the UBT – II evaluation and obtains the UBT *Certificate of Usefulness*.
3. Assist a UBT or Event Judge with laying two lines for UBT – II evaluations or higher level tests.

NEXT, the individual will:

1. Request participation in the Apprenticeship Program from the UBT Director of Testing.
2. Maintain a record of the dates, events, and names of judges, documenting their Apprenticeship Program qualifications.

PRIOR to requesting approval to judge, the following should be accomplished:

1. Attend at least one blood tracking workshop or seminar in addition to those attended as an exhibitor or test apprentice, for the sole purpose of observing the educational presentations.
2. Mark a UBT 20 test line.
3. Lay blood on a UBT 20 test line.
4. Mark a UBT 20TS test line.
5. Lay blood on a UBT 20TS test line.
6. Apprentice for a minimum of three UBT – II evaluations with two different judges.
7. Apprentice for a minimum of three UBT 20 or UBT 20TS tests with two different judging teams.
8. Train and handle a dog that passes a UBT 20 or UBT 20TS test.

LAST, the individual will:

1. Submit a letter to the UBT Director of Testing documenting their qualifications.
2. Have a judge with whom an evaluation or testing apprenticeship was performed submit a letter of recommendation to the UBT Director of Testing.

The UBT Director of Testing will forward the individual's information to the UBT Board of Directors for consideration. The UBT Board of Directors may consider other combinations of knowledge, skills and abilities when reviewing the individual's qualifications.