

## Working Molossers United C-CAL

This is a preliminary temperament test based on the ENCI's CAL 2. A dog must be at least 12 months old to enter. The dog must wear either a flat collar or fur-saver on the dead ring. To begin, each dog must check-in with the judge and perform a chip check. If the test is not passed, it may be repeated after one month.

The test can be conducted in any open yet secure area. There must be a neutral stranger, a starter pistol, a ground marker, a blind, and a helper equipped with a sleeve and stick.

### Encounter with Neutral Strangers

At the direction of the judge, the handler is to walk their dog on a loose leash to encounter the neutral stranger. The stranger also approaches the handler and dog and engages the handler in a neutral manner (asks for directions etc.) ignoring the dog. The handler and stranger shake hands. The dog must not show shyness or overt aggression.

### Reaction to Gunshots

After parting ways with the stranger, but still on a loose leash, the dog is walked away. Two shots will be fired roughly 5 seconds apart and at an approximate distance of 50' away from the dog and handler. The dog must not show fear or other excessive reaction to the shots. The shots may be repeated at the judge's discretion.

### Defense of the Handler

The blind is positioned approximately 75' from where the dog and handler enter the field. There is a marker (stake, flag, etc.) approximately 50' away from the blind. The helper (with sleeve and stick) is positioned inside the blind. After the gunshots, and on the indication of the judge, the handler and dog approach the blind. At the marker, the handler and dog stop, and the handler removes the leash. The handler may hold the collar at this point. It is allowed for the handler to encourage their dog here.

At the judge's signal, the helper emerges from the blind and attacks the handler and dog, threatening with the stick. The handler may encourage the dog up until the point the dog leaves the handler's side.

The dog must react immediately and without hesitation to the helper's aggression by demonstrating dominance and determination to firmly bite the sleeve. Once the dog is on the sleeve, the helper must drive the dog a short distance with stick threats only.

If the dog comes off the sleeve due to overwhelming insecurity (as determined by the judge) the test must be terminated. If the dog comes off the sleeve for other reasons (as determined by the judge) the drive may continue and the dog must re-grip.

The drive ends at the judge's signal. Once this occurs, the handler must quickly approach and out the dog. This must be done immediately by the handler. The out can be done verbally and/or by holding the collar. The handler may hold the collar but not apply force.

After the out the handler will reattach the leash and leave the testing area with their dog under control. Fear, lack of aggression, avoidance, and unwillingness or inability to engage the helper and bite are considered severe faults that, at the discretion of the judge, will terminate the test before its end.