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PILOT PROGRAM NOW PERMANENT POLICY

AKC Coonhound Events Policy Regarding Electronic Tracking/Training Devices During Competition Hunts


The following policy for using electronic tracking/training devices should be followed:

1. Electronic tracking, training devices or combo devices may be left powered on under the following conditions:
 - A. All systems must be muted and vibration function turned off.
 - B. Any unit capable of shocking a hound, such as the Alpha 100 system, must have the training function disabled and verified by the cast members.

The procedure for disabling the Alpha 100 can be watched online in the following demonstration:

[Video Demo - Disabling Training Function on Alpha 100](#)


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEoTu99h6LU>



**PROCEDURE FOR DISABLING
THE ALPHA 100 UNIT TRAINING FUNCTION:**
(watch demo video online www.akccoonthounds.org)

- ◆ CLICK ON MAP
- ◆ PUSH ANY ONE OF THE TRAINING FUNCTION BUTTONS
- ◆ PUSH MENU AT BOTTOM OF SCREEN
- ◆ SELECT LOCK BUTTONS. Buttons are now locked and all training functions are disabled.

To return the functions to normal: push any training function button and select yes. Or you may remove the collar and re-install without the training code.



C. Cast members may ask to verify the training function is disabled at any point during hunting time.

D. All receivers must be in a pouch, vest pocket, or somewhere not readily accessible.

2. At NO time may ANY electronic device be used during ANY scoring situation!

3. Anytime they are used it must be in plain view of all cast members.

4. Devices may ONLY be used in the following situations when a majority of the cast agrees to use them.

A. When the cast thinks dog or dogs trail into a place where they cannot be recovered or there is danger to dogs or handlers. If it is determined the dog(s) are in danger then Time Out will be called in accordance with Section 10.

B. When cast moves out of hearing of trailing dog(s) to score a tree. Tracking devices may be used to mark the location to allow the cast to be able to return to the last spot the dog(s) were heard using the compass function. Upon returning Section 15.F would apply. Locating the trailing dog(s) using the tracking device will not be allowed unless Section 15.F has been applied and strike points have been deleted.

C. Upon majority agreement of the cast, the guide may use the map function of the tracking device to determine the location of the cast for safety reasons, to ensure they are still on land the guide has permission to hunt, the safest way to the dogs in the case of swamps, rivers, etc.

5. The only situation where the tracking device may be utilized for dogs declared treed is:

A. The cast believes dog(s) declared treed are across deep water. (swamp, lake, or river) With the permission of the majority of the cast the affected handlers may use the tracking device to make this determination. Once this is determined, cast will proceed in the safest manner possible to score the dog(s) involved.

6. Misuse of tracking devices will result in the handler being scratched.

7. Training devices may be used for recovery on a scratched dog if all other dogs are leashed or time out has been called.

8. Should a situation arise that you feel merits using the tracking device(s) you may ask the cast to vote on said situation. While we realize that other situations will arise that may merit using your electronic tracking device please keep in mind the intent is to allow the cast to utilize it in limited situations.

The purpose of this policy allows for the utilization of technology and use it to the best of our ability for the safety of dog and hunter without compromising the hunt.

Thank you,
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