

## DHT (Intro - 3)

### Equipment

4 ft - 6 ft leash

Fur Saver or Choke Chain

Flat Agitation Collar

Agitation Harness

Agitation Muzzle (level 1 - 3)

### Equipment Specifics

- Leashes may not have a ring on the loop.
- Leash clasp should be able to fit both the live ring of the fur saver/choke chain and the D-Ring of the agitation collar.
- Dog will be attached to a 15 ft back tie line on the agitation harness.
- Handler will have a 6ft leash attached to the live ring of the fur saver/choke chain and the D-ring of the agitation collar through the duration of the exercise.
- Flexi leads are not allowed at any time during any part of the trial.

The DHT is a civil exercise, we are testing the dogs courage to stand and perform a civil display towards a forward moving aggressor:

Every dog and competitor will go through an equipment inspection prior to stepping on the field.

The competitor shall approach the start gate with equipment ready for inspection by steward. The handler will be asked to also have a fur-saver (or choke chain) on the dog and attached to the live ring for safety purposes. The handler's leash will remain on the dog and attached to the live ring and D-Ring of the agitation collar at all times, as a backup in case of equipment failure.

Once inspection is complete, handler will put the agitation harness on the dog securely.

There is NO BITE in this exercise. This exercise is designed to test a dog's nerve and courage under a civil threat.

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<b>**Original DHT routine** Only civil agitation with an unsuited decoy.</b>	Muzzle One stick hit	Muzzle One stick hit Toy Distractions	Muzzle One stick hit Toy Distractions Suited decoy

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<p>The steward will instruct the handler and dog to proceed to the back-tie area where handler will attach the back-tie to the dog's agitation harness, while leaving their leash attached to the fur-saver/agitation collar.</p> <p>The Steward will ask the unsuited decoy if they are ready, then when the handler is ready, the exercise begins.</p> <p>The decoy (with no equipment) will come from their hiding area and approach the team in an aggressive and threatening manner.</p> <p>The agitator will move in an arc, 180 degrees agitating the dog, then will move 180 degrees back in the opposite direction. The steward will instruct end of exercise and agitator will retreat.</p> <p>At that time the handler will unhook their back tie line and proceed off the field.</p>	<p>The steward will instruct the handler and dog to proceed to the back-tie area where handler will attach the back-tie to the dog's agitation harness, while leaving their leash attached to the fur-saver/agitation collar.</p> <p>The Steward will ask the unsuited decoy if they are ready, then when the handler is ready, the exercise begins.</p> <p>The decoy (with no equipment) will come from their hiding area and approach the team in an aggressive and threatening manner.</p> <p>The agitator will move in an arc, 180 degrees agitating the dog, then will move 180 degrees back in the opposite direction.</p> <p>During the first part of the exercise the decoy will apply one stick hit to the dog (excluding the face).</p> <p>The decoy will continue with the rest of the pattern, completing the exercise.</p> <p>The steward will instruct end of exercise and agitator will retreat.</p> <p>At that time the handler will unhook their back tie line and proceed off the field.</p>	<p>The steward will instruct the handler and dog to proceed to the back-tie area where handler will attach the back-tie to the dog's agitation harness, while leaving their leash attached to the fur-saver/agitation collar.</p> <p>The Steward will ask the unsuited decoy if they are ready, then when the handler is ready, the exercise begins.</p> <p>The decoy (with no equipment) will come from their hiding area and approach the team in an aggressive and threatening manner.</p> <p>The agitator will move in an arc, 180 degrees agitating the dog, then will move 180 degrees back in the opposite direction.</p> <p>During the first part of the exercise the decoy will apply one stick hit to the dog (excluding the face).</p> <p>When the decoy makes their way back in the opposite direction, they will throw a toy distraction at the dog and complete the pattern.</p> <p>The steward will instruct end of exercise and agitator will retreat.</p> <p>At that time the handler will unhook their back tie line and proceed off the field.</p>	<p>The steward will instruct the handler and dog to proceed to the back-tie area where handler will attach the back-tie to the dog's agitation harness, while leaving their leash attached to the fur-saver/agitation collar.</p> <p>The Steward will ask the unsuited decoy if they are ready, then when the handler is ready, the exercise begins.</p> <p>A decoy wearing a suit or sleeve will will come from hiding and sit or stand off to the side of the exercise (either in the 10 or 2 position) and remain on the field and passive.</p> <p>The decoy (with no equipment) will come from their hiding area and approach the team in an aggressive and threatening manner.</p> <p>The agitator will move in an arc, 180 degrees agitating the dog, then will move 180 degrees back in the opposite direction.</p> <p>During the first part of the exercise the decoy will apply one stick hit to the dog (excluding the face).</p> <p>When the decoy makes their way back in the opposite direction, the decoy wearing bite equipment will throw a toy distraction at the dog. While the agitation decoy completes the pattern.</p> <p>The steward will instruct end of exercise and both decoys will retreat.</p> <p>At that time the handler will unhook their back tie line and proceed off the field.</p>

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