

- ◆ Setup—The problem will be on a trail _ to 1 mile long, through moderately dense underbrush. The subject may or may not cross the trail and will be hidden no more than 100 feet off either side of the trail. The dog and handler will perform a “hasty” search.
- ◆ Objective—The dog must recognize where the subject has crossed the trail or be able to pick up the drifting scent from the subject and close in with minimal assistance from the handler while the handler remains on the edge of the trail.
- ◆ Time Limit—ARDA standards require that the trail problem must be completed in no more than 2 hours.
- ◆ Evaluator Instructions—Evaluators will not only consider the successful conclusion, but will also consider the following factors:
 - Eagerness of the dog.
 - Willingness of the dog to leave the trail and forge through brush to find the subject (with minimal encouragement from the handler).
 - Ability of the handler to recognize and correctly interpret what the dog is doing.
 - Eagerness of the dog to approach a strange person.
 - A good “found” indication by the dog.