

Earthdog Seminar

To be held at KCC Park on Saturday 25th. September 2010 starting at 9.00am.

The Lure Racing and Earthdog Club of Victoria are pleased to have obtained the services of Mrs. Jo Ann Frier-Murza to conduct a Seminar and Judge Earthdog Tests on the 25th September 2010 at KCC Park Westernport Hwy Skye Victoria.

Jo Ann is the author of Earthdog Ins & Outs published in 1998 and has updated her 2nd edition to be released in July this year. Earthdog Ins & Outs is the indispensable guide for Terrier and Dachshund owners eager to celebrate the diverse talents of their dogs. The insights offered will open a window into the deepest psyche of terriers and Dachshunds. This knowledge will inspire owners, and guarantees a more fulfilling relationship between owner and canine, no matter what dog sports are in the future.

In her book Jo Ann with knowledge and enthusiasm takes you through the history of these intrepid hunters, traces the evolution of den trials, both in the US and around the World, and discusses the breeds used for this work and their suitability for Earthdog events. She offers a step-by- step guide that will take you from starting a puppy right on through to advanced work. You'll learn how to host a successful trial and build the necessary equipment and should you choose how to hunt naturally with your canine partner.

Mrs. Frier-Murza has long been dedicated to seeing that owners appreciate the talents of their terriers and Dachshunds. A pioneer in the Earthdog movement, she first began hunting with terriers in 1971. Jo Ann attended her first American Working Terrier association trial in 1972, a year after it was founded, and promptly fell in love with the sport. Since then she has earned titles with Border and Bedlington Terriers, Miniature Wirehaired Dachshunds and a Smooth Fox Terrier. Jo Ann has worked tirelessly promoting the sport of den trials since 1976, she has hosted innumerable trials. In 1993, and again in 2003, she was invited to work with the AKC advisory panel which developed and updated their Earthdog testing program.

Jo Ann's Village Green Farm Earthdog Center is the site of many events, training, practice, and nation wide seminars are popular. She is the founder of the New Jersey Beanfield Earthdog Club and has been multiple officer and president of the American Working Terrier Association and the Border Terrier club of America, as well as an active member of the Dachshund Club of America. Her dogs have successfully competed in conformation, obedience trials, field trials, Earthdog and Schutzhund events. In 2009, Jo Ann was a finalist nominee for the American Kennel Club's Lifetime Achievement Award for Performance Events.

Jo Ann holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Forest Zoology and Animal Behavior. JO Ann lives in New Jersey.

Jo Ann has conducted seminars and judged Earthdog Tests in many countries and having attended one of JO Ann's seminars I recommend the seminar to all who are interested in performance canine events. Those interested in attending the seminar contact Laurie Mackenzie on 0395467317 or email lurerace@bigpond.com for seminar details and cost.

Registration for those interested in attending the Seminar close on August 25th. 2010

