

The Latest from the JGHV Director of Testing

My dear hunting dog handlers,

Corona has changed the world. Because of Corona, the JGHV had to adopt a PO (*Prüfungsordnung* / Test Regulations) "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020". A PO, which is considered an emergency solution so as not to lose a whole breeding year. But a new PO also raises questions in the process, although in essence passages / excerpts from the VZPO were adopted. Except for the scoring (4 point system) almost no changes were made to the actual execution and evaluation of the individual subjects. As always, we still require the dog to show the will to track, the ability to keep on the track and prey drive.

We also require a check of gun stability to be performed during a field search, and we require all parties involved (handlers and association judges) to comply with the applicable regulations of the federal states and the JGHV. We would like to explicitly emphasize once again that this test is to be carried out exactly as specified in the current PO, in the interest of hunting and breeding. For each organizing club / association judge, the Bylaws / General Guidelines and the Regulations for Association Judges of the JGHV apply.

We wish everyone success with this test and hope that this is really a one-time exception / emergency solution.

The PO - Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020 was published in issue 6-2020 of *Der Jagdgebrauchshund* and on the homepage of the JGHV. Questions arise again and again, which could often be answered by reading the PO itself. Still, we do not want to leave these questions unanswered. For this reason, we have decided to answer them publicly.

Answers to the questions

Question 1: Can the Corona Tracking Test also be performed in combination with an HZP without a track? During the HZP or afterwards?

Answer: Yes. The Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020 and the Fall Breed Test (HZP) are both stand-alone tests with their own POs of the JGHV. Dogs registered for an HZP without track can be handled and tested at the same time as the Emergency Solution Trackwork Corona 2020 test. The test subjects of the HZP without track and the Emergency Solution Test are specified in the respective PO. In this case the identity check is carried out in accordance with the VZPO. The evaluation of gun stability in the field is carried out only once during the same test, but the result is entered on both test reports. The Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020 must be registered in advance with the

Stammbuchamt.

A report must be submitted to the JGHV *Stammbuchamt* about every registered / performed test of the "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020" (§ 7 (1) - (3) Reporting).

The test must be entered on the pedigree.

It is and has always been possible for a judging group to test according to different test regulations on one day, e.g. HZP/Solms or VGP / HZP and therefore also HZP without track / "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020".

However, it should be noted that the permitted maximum number of dogs tested by a judging group on one day must be observed.

This is based on the maximum number of dogs allowed in the respective test regulations with the lower number of dogs (HZP without track, 5 dogs, or VGP/VPS, 4 dogs).

Question 2: If so, does e.g. the use of the nose or cooperation in the scores of the HZP without track also include the performance shown in the natural ability subjects of the Corona Track?

Answer: No. The subjects use of nose / cooperation etc. are only evaluated for the HZP, but not in the "Emergency Solution Tracking Work - Corona 2020". They are two separate tests, even if they are conducted at the same time/parallel!

Question 3: Can you handle at the Corona Track twice?

Answer: In principle yes, but:

The JGHV General Guidelines apply similarly to the test "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020" (see Appendix of the PO "Repeat Tests": A dog may only be handled twice at the Association tests).

However, the following restriction is stipulated under "§2 Admission" of the PO "Emergency Solution Tracking Work - Corona 2020": *"Dogs that have already been scored "very good" or "excellent" on the track, or are among the few dogs that have already passed a VJP in 2020, may not be evaluated again in the Emergency Solution test.*

Question 4: Can you handle at the Corona Track and then at an HZP with track?

Answer: Yes. According to the test regulations "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020" there are no restrictions.

The dog may still be handled in an HZP with hare track.

In this case, the tracking work at the HZP with track must be tested.

Question 5: Can the Corona Track be tested in conjunction with a VGP?

Answer: Yes. Again, it is important to ensure that the maximum number of dogs tested by a judging group in one day is not exceeded.

This refers to the maximum number of dogs permitted by the respective test regulations (VGP/VPS 4 dogs) with the lower number of dogs allowed. This applies to both days of the VGP.

Question 6: If so, what about obedience, e.g. the dog must be called back after the track, does this go into the evaluation of the VGP?

Answer: No.

There are, just like at the HZP, two tests. All obedience subjects are only tested / evaluated at the VGP /VPS, but not at the "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020".

Question 7: If the tests are held together, does the chip inspection always have to be done in the same way as at the "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020"?

Answer: No.

The identity determined at HZP/VGP fulfils the goal of the chip inspection.

The other method of identity check under the PO "Emergency Solution Tracking work - Corona 2020" is solely intended to prevent infection.

If HZPs / VGPs can be carried out in accordance with the existing PO, this assumes in turn that fault checks and identity verification may and can be carried out in compliance with the provisions of the laws on protection against infection.

Question 8: Does handling a dog at the "Emergency Solution Tracking – Corona 2020" test count as a prerequisite for becoming a judge?

Answer: No, the Corona Tracking test does not count as a prerequisite / authorization for a judge apprenticeship. This is specified in the JGHV's Rules for Association Judges under § 2 Admission Guidelines, (1) c of the Admission Guidelines. For the Judge Apprenticeship, the candidate must have successfully handled one or more dogs at a VJP or Derby within the last 48 months.... .

Question 9: Is Judge apprentice accreditation possible for the "Emergency Solution Tracking – Corona 2020"?

Answer: No, the "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona" does not count for the Judge Apprenticeship. This applies both to the handling of dogs in order to fulfil the requirements to become a judge apprentice, as well as for a judge apprenticeship during a test. Only a VJP/ Derby counts as a requirement for a judge apprenticeship at the spring natural ability tests.

Question 10: Will the JGHV adapt the VZPO in 2021 in such a way that judge apprentices will also be allowed - "as an exception" - to present their dogs affected by the "Corona consequences" for a VJP in 2021?

Answer: No, the VZPO is valid until 31.12.2027 and will not be changed now. This means that dogs that had to be presented at a VJP in 2020 can no longer be run at a VJP in

2021. A VJP cannot be made up for the following year.

Question 11: Can the "Armbruster Haltabzeichen" also be tested during the test "Tracking - Emergency Solution Corona 2020" or is the time too short to be able to conclusively assess the dog's behavior at this test?

Answer: Yes, the Armbruster Haltabzeichen (AH) can be awarded during the test "Emergency Solution Tracking - Corona 2020". The prerequisite is that the dog must see one or more hares during the test of gun stability, which also must take place during the dog's search with this PO, and that it fulfils the prerequisites of the Armbruster Haltabzeichen (AH). (See Appendix VZPO performance marks of the JGHV.) (2) ... at an association test, the dog must show obedience **during the free search** in the field, analogous to § 11 and 13 of the VZPO on every hare it sees, as long as the dog is within the sphere of influence of the handler. The AH can also be awarded at an HZP without track. The assessment of the track work for the AH, however, cannot then be included in the report of the HZP without a track. For a HZP with track, the assessment of this track work must be included in the HZP report.

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