

Track and Search – Equipment

The rules around acceptable Track and Search Equipment in ANKC Trials has changed.



A summary outline is as below:

Leads

1. Leads must be 5-6m in length (they cannot be shorter or longer than this)
2. Leads must be reflective for night tracks (6, 8, 10)

Harnesses

3. Harnesses must be non-restrictive (Y – shaped preferred)
4. Harnesses must be high-visibility for all tracks
5. Harnesses must be high-visibility and reflective for all night tracks (6, 8, 10)
6. A light attached to the harness is desirable for night tracks – some judges will request a light
7. If the harness is not high-visibility and reflective then a high-visibility and reflective shirt or vest should be worn by the dog

Collars

8. A flat collar with an id-tag can be worn on all tracks but it should not interfere with the harness or the movement of the dog
9. A tick Collar may be worn

It has been agreed that existing leads and harnesses may be retro-fitted to match the criteria above. This includes the addition of reflective and high-visibility material to leads and harnesses that you already own.

<p>Low visibility harness with reflective and High-Vis retrofitted patches and a light.</p>  <p>✓</p>	 <p>Reflective stitching on lead, High-Vis harness.</p> <p>✓</p>	 <p>Lead with retro-fitted reflective and High-Vis patches.</p> <p>✓</p>
 <p>✓</p>	<p>Reflective stitching on harness, High-Vis colour, plus a light.</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Suitable for <u>day tracks only</u>.</p>  <p>DAY ✓ NIGHT ✗</p>
<p>NIGHT ✗</p>  <p>DAY ✓</p> <p>Suitable for day tracks only. <u>Needs reflective material added.</u></p>	 <p>✗</p>	<p><u>Not suitable for day or night tracks</u> – no High-Vis or reflective material. Would need material to be added.</p>
		<p>High-Vis material and reflective stitching.</p>  <p>✓</p>