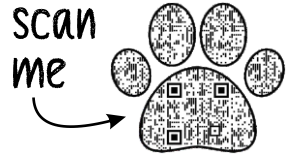


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WHAT IS IGP?

IGP (Internationale Gebrauchshund Pruefung) previously known as IPO or Schutzhund, is a 3-part test for working dogs. Originally developed to produce top quality working German Shepherd dogs, today other working breeds such as Malinois, Rottweiler and Doberman also excel at the sport.

Dogs must compete in three components – Obedience, Tracking and Protection. Accuracy and overall obedience are highly desirable. In addition, Character tests and Endurance tests may also be undertaken.



Reasons why you should consider IGP

- It is incredibly rewarding to feel your dog respond to your movements and feel that sense of harmony.
- It is a challenging Dogsport but gives a huge sense of satisfaction and reward.
- You build a strong relationship with your dog.

How do I *get started?*

You can start training at any stage but generally the sooner the better. Dogs need to be at least 12-months old to compete but some components have higher age restrictions. Initially generally perform exercises off-lead. No previous experience is required but it is recommended that you attend socialising and/or puppy classes. Find a training club, register your dog, become a member of KUSA, get a Workbook (Record Card) and start competing.



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IGP COMPONENTS

Character test

Dogs perform a series of exercises that test their ability to work in public spaces. They must be able to focus on their work while tempted by distractions such as passing traffic, cyclists, joggers etc. Dogs must display solid temperaments amongst groups of people and other dogs.

Obedience

In the Obedience component, dogs must perform a set pattern of heelwork demonstrating their ability to work at various paces, their ability to retrieve objects and their agility as they navigate a series of obstacles.

Tracking

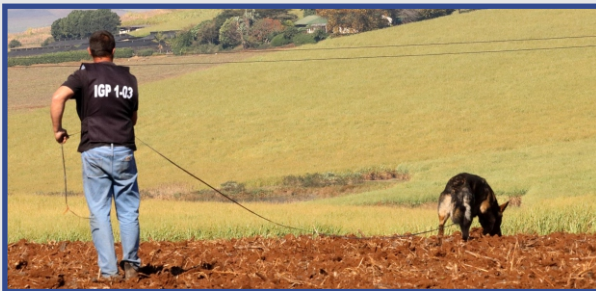
Tracks are laid using natural surfaces such as ploughed field or grass. The dog must follow the track as accurately as possible. The time period between the track being laid and the dog working the track will increase as the dog progresses through the levels. Dogs must indicate any articles dropped by the tracklayer when working the track.

Protection work

Dogs are required to locate and detain 'criminals' (known as the Helper), prevent the Helper escaping, etc. For safety reasons, in this Dog sport dogs are only permitted to bite the armguard or protection sleeve. Biting anywhere else on the body is not allowed. Dogs must show courage and commitment to their work.

Endurance

Dogs must be able to cover a distance of 20km at a rate of 12 to 15 kilometres per hour. Two breaks are given during the test to conduct health checks on the dogs. Dogs showing signs of fatigue or injury are excused from the test.



For pedigreed & crossbreed dogs