

## **A NEW CT AT THE MORAINES TRACKING CLUB SPRING 2011 VST!**

The weather on the day of Moraine Tracking Club's VST test held at Lincolnshire Corporate Center in Lincolnshire, IL was cold with STRONG winds. Eight teams were entered. One team failed off the start, two failed off the first leg, one failed off the first turn, two failed off the second leg, and one failed off the 3rd turn. There was one team that passed on VST track 8.

This not quite 3-year old Otterhound dog, now CT Riverrun Finnegan, is owned and was handled by Eibhlin Glennon. Finn started strong and indicated the first turn, but it didn't seem that his handler was completely convinced. After checking out the gallery and the team who had just finished track 7, Finn went a little past the turn but did turn in the correct direction so he was paralleling the track in the parking lot instead of on the grass. But he did make his way back to the track. He passed the second article but did a great job of bringing his handler back to it so she could pick it up. The track continued around the building and into a parking lot where there was another article. The team was slightly off the track but Finn seemed to know an article was close by, and he worked hard to find it. They continued on the track, made a couple of more turns and made a beeline to article #4. There were cheers and car horns beeping to celebrate this fantastic accomplishment.

Many thanks to the judges for this test; Pam German and H. Ted Hoesel. It was a pleasure to work with them. Also many thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help so this test could be held - track layers Nancy Foster, Barb Larson, Kris Carlsson, Jason Sheldon, Karen Korab, Jean Richardson, Teresa Higgins, and Penny Dubernat - Test Chair Jean Eremo, drivers - Terri Everwine and Roni Szeliga (and others who pitched in when needed) - hospitality - Lois Breslow, Karen Korab, Jean Eremo, and Mary Ann Fowler. It was great to meet the exhibitors and their dogs, and it was a fun day overall.

Gina Femali - Test Secretary  
Round Lake, IL