



AKC GARMIN PILOT PROGRAM

(Revised as January 2014)

****Please note the latest revisions based on feed back received from coon hunters participating in this pilot program since Nov. 2013.***

FOR USING ELECTRONIC TRACKING/TRAINING DEVICES DURING COMPETITION NITE HUNTS.

To Be Read Aloud By Hunt Director Prior To Calling Out Casts

We will be using the following guidelines to test using electronic tracking/training devices:

1. Electronic tracking/training devices may be left powered on under the following conditions:
 - A. All systems must be muted.
 - B. Any unit capable of shocking a hound, such as the **Alpha 100 system**, must be disabled and verified by the cast members. The procedure for disabling the Alpha 100 is listed on the bottom of this flier or you can watch the video demonstration by going to: www.akccoonthounds.org
 - C. Cast members may ask to verify the training function is disabled at any point during hunting time.
 - D. All receivers must be in a pouch, vest pocket, or somewhere not readily accessible.
2. **At NO time may the tracking devices be used during ANY scoring situation!**
3. Anytime they are used it must be in plain view of all cast members.
4. Devices may ONLY be used in the following situations when a majority of the cast agrees to use them.
 - A. When the cast thinks dog or dogs trail into a place where they cannot be recovered or there is danger to dogs or handlers. If it is determined the dog(s) are in danger then Time Out will be called in accordance with Section 10.
 - B. When cast moves out of hearing of trailing dog(s) to score a tree. Tracking devices may be used to mark the location to allow the cast to be able to return to the last spot the dog(s) were heard using the compass function. Upon returning Section 15.F would apply. Locating the trailing dog(s) using the tracking device will not be allowed unless Section 15.F has been applied and the cast votes to call Time Out.
 - C. Upon majority agreement of the cast, the guide may use the map function of the tracking device to determine the location of the cast for safety reasons, to ensure they are still on land the guide has permission to hunt, the safest way to the dogs in the case of swamps, rivers, etc.
5. The only situation where the tracking device may be utilized for dogs declared treed is:
 - A. The cast believes dog(s) declared treed are across deep water. (swamp, lake, or river) With the permission of the majority of the cast the affected handlers may use the tracking device to make this determination. Once this is determined, cast will proceed in the safest manner possible to score the dog(s) involved.
6. During this pilot program misuse of tracking devices will result in the handler being scratched.

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While we realize that other situations will arise that may merit using your electronic tracking device please keep in mind the intent is to allow the cast to utilize it in limited situations. If more than one cast member has an Alpha we encourage you to use the Buddy function to help keep up with cast members should they become separated. Should you run into a situation during this pilot program please write it down and give it to the Hunt Director for submittal to the Field Reps for review.

The purpose of this pilot is to allow hunters & clubs to share their input with the Coonhound Events Team on utilizing this technology and use it to the best of our ability for the safety of dog and hunter without compromising the hunt. All Clubs hosting events are receiving a Program Overview sheet with directions on what to do if they would like to participate in this Pilot Program. Thank you to those clubs and hunters who have participated so far and offered their feedback.

Remember you cannot score dog(s) using the tracking device.

For all Garmin Pilot info or to watch the video on how to disable the training function on the Garmin Alpha 100 Unit on your smart phone/online visit:

www.akccoohounds.org

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PROCEDURE FOR DISABLING THE ALPHA 100 UNIT TRAINING FUNCTION:

(watch demo video online www.akccoohounds.org)

- ◆ CLICK ON MAP
- ◆ PUSH ANY ONE OF THE TRAINING FUNCTION BUTTONS
- ◆ PUSH MENU AT BOTTOM OF SCREEN
- ◆ SELECT LOCK BUTTONS. Buttons are now locked and all training functions are disabled.



To return the functions to normal: push any training function button and select yes. Or you may remove the collar and re-install without the training code.