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The Mid-America Working Terriers are pleased to announce the eighth annual terrier trials.

The trials will be Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, at Ta-ha-zouka Park at the Vulcraft shelter in the Dog Park area. Over 200 dogs are expected to compete.

There will be a sanctioned terrier trial with the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America.

This year, two shows will be offered — a complete show on Saturday, and another show on Sunday. There will be non-sanctioned classes for color terriers and Jack Russell terriers that do not belong to the Jack Russell Terrier Club.

Conformation, go-to-ground, wondrous go-to-ground, simulated barn hunt and child/youth handling will all be part of this year's trials. Conformation will be held on the grass, south of the Vulcraft shelter and go-to-ground will be in one of the dog parks.

Racing will begin at 8:30 a.m. each morning, with conformation and go-to-ground to follow.

Conformation judges are Catherine Brown from New York and Barrie Wade from England. Both conformation judges have been involved with some type of terrier for many years and active in keeping hunting rights in the U.S. and in England. The racing judge is Angela Heili from Kansas. The go-to-ground judges are Becky Whaley from Kansas and Mike Bilbo from Colorado. Over 200 dogs are expected to compete.

Besides the activities of the trial, a Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) clinic will be offered on Saturday.

CERFing is a test to help eliminate heritable eye diseases in purebred dogs through registration, research and education.

The CERF exam will be done by a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist.

The exams will be held in the shelter house by the dog parks.



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TERRIERS WILL HAVE a chance to participate in conformation and go-to-ground, wondrous go-to-ground races and a simulated barn hunt. **In the top photo**, terriers are in their starting positions before the race. **In the bottom photo**, the dogs are released from the kennels to race.

The cost is \$25 per dog due at the time of the exam.

Every dog is welcome to come to the CERF clinic. Clinic hours will be from noon until the last dog is examined. Walk-ins are welcome.

The brainstem auditory evoked response (BAER) test is also available. It detects electrical activity in the cochlea and auditory pathways in the brain in much the same way that an antenna detects radio or TV signals or an EKG detects electrical activity of the heart.

The response waveform

consists of a series of peaks numbered with Roman numerals: peak I is produced by the cochlea and later peaks are produced within the brain. The response from an ear that is deaf is an essentially flat line. The BAER test is open to all dogs and puppies. Puppies can be tested as early as 8 weeks old.

Want to learn more?

For more information about the CERF or BAER clinics, call Patti Podliska at 371-4699. The Mid-America Working Terrier Association Web site is <http://midamericaworkingterrier.com>.