

My first working test - *Tina Smith*

As I drove that last half a mile down a country track in West Wycombe, thoughts flashed through my mind like "what have I let myself in for now" ... "will my dogs behave"

I parked up and wandered sheepishly over to a group of people who gave me a warm welcome, having spotted a couple of familiar faces I started to feel better.



The atmosphere was relaxed, I was able to ask some questions before the tests got underway and received some useful tips. The main factor seemed to be that we enjoyed ourselves, and to learn a bit more about training Welshies. I was informed that if I did everything in the test correctly it would probably be the first time it has happened!

I had time to watch a few other puppies do their test before me and when it came round to my turn I was given heaps of encouragement from everyone. My dogs (Gerald and Ruth) did their tests and it went well in places and not at all in others, but at least I was able to get an idea of what areas we need to work on. Watching the other dogs do their tests was very interesting and all the advice I got from the more experienced people there was gratefully received and very helpful.

The whole day was great fun and we will definitely be having another crack at it ... after doing a bit more training though.