

Irish strong dogs

Teastas Mor – Teastas Misneac

Teastas Mor eller Teastas Micnaec (major trial) var ett prov som mätte en hunds kvalitet, gällande mod och dådkraft i samband med grytjakt och certifikaten utfärdades till terriers, av den irländska kennelklubben, IKC.

Proven som anordnades för att få detta certifikat - *Major Trial certificate*, styrdes med strikta regler från IKC och det ansågs att disciplinen bäst säkerhetsställdes genom denna typ av prov, där det ansågs att förhållandet mellan terrier och grävling var rättvist. Fram till 1966 krävdes godkända arbetsprov för terriers, för att de skulle kunna få sitt irländska championat, men efter 1968 upphörde IKC helt, att licensiera dessa prov.

Bredvid Teastas Mor, fanns även Teastas Beag (minor trial), ett prov, där man jagade råttor och/eller kaniner. Detta prov, fanns även under en tid med jakt i vatten på råtta.

Så det fanns alltså två typer av arbetsprov, Teastas Mor för strong dogs och Teastas Beag för sounders.

På Irland räknade man in som "strong dogs", de irländska terrierraserna, samt Staffordshire bullterrier, bullterrier och Airedale terrier. Dvs, de raser som deltog och tävlade om "Major Trial certificate".

Inofficiella "strong dog" prov hölls allmänt in på 1980-talet och förekommer fortfarande idag illegalt, men i mycket liten skala.

The Teastas Mor Rules, IKC

1. The trials must be conducted strictly within the law and are restricted to terriers and bitches which have not already qualified for the Teastas Mor certificate.
2. a) A veterinary surgeon must be in attendance at the trial. Under no circumstances may a trial take place without one, and his name and address must be recorded on the application for a licence and on the licence issued by the Kennel Club.
2. b) In the event of any serious injury occurring to any terrier or badger, the animal at the discretion of the Veterinary Surgeon shall be humanely and expeditiously destroyed
3. The trial of any terrier must be in natural setts. Under no circumstances may tests be carried out in artificial setts. A terrier may not be tried more than twice in any trial.
4. Once a badger is drawn, it must not be released or returned to the earth until the conclusion of the trials.
5. Badger in captivity shall not be used for tests or training.
6. Sounders are expected to go the ground with alacrity. When a sounder reports the presence of game by a full and sustained tongue, a reasonable time shall be allowed before diggers begin to

work. When the sounders records persistently from one section of the sett, digging shall commence under the direction of the judges.

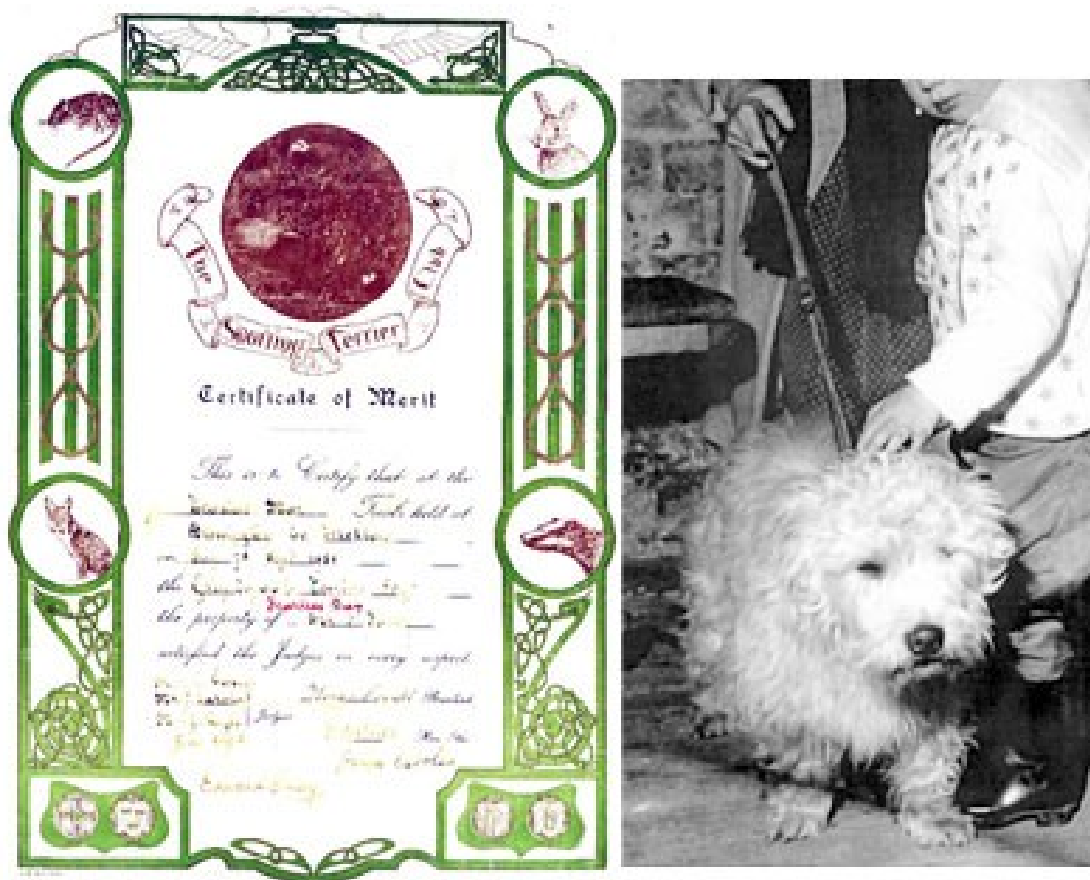
7. The badger shall be drawn by a strong terrier, with the assistance if necessary, and the size of the badger and underground conditions noted by the judges.

8. If a sett is apparently unoccupied, several terriers may be run through it and their eagerness to search noted.

9. With regards to strong terriers, the Teastas Mor is to be awarded to the terrier showing gameness in attacking badgers. Five minutes is the minimum period a terrier shall be in contact with the badger, except when the terrier draws the badger in less time. Each terrier shall be withdrawn as soon as possible after the five minutes have expired. The judges may direct that a terrier be again tried if, in their opinion, the first trial was for any reason an insufficient test.

10. Five minutes are to be allowed a terrier before being disqualified for failing to get in contact.

11. Barking shall be eliminated as much as possible and disqualification will follow barking after contact, provided that no terrier is disqualified for barking when in actual contact.



Teastas Mor (Major) Certificate, Utfärdat till "Fearless Dan", den 7 september 1958 i Blessington, County Wicklow