

Unified Pulling Federation Drug Testing Statement

When the UPF came about one of the things that the pullers really wanted was drug testing for performance enhancing substances. After much research, we found one of the best drug testing facilities in the United States for animal sports. UPF originally used Iowa State for drug testing but when they shut their program down we went with Texas A & M.

Performance enhancing substances we are looking for are Anabolic steroids, any stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, local anesthetics, drugs or metabolites which could affect the health or performance of a sporting dog. The test will also look for any drug or substance that may interfere with the detection of the above substances.

The reason for testing is to ensure a fair playing field for all competitors, and for the health and safety of all the dogs competing. With that being said what happens if a dog doesn't travel well and is given something to help during travel? If that is the case the dog very well may test positive for a depressant or tranquilizer. If your dog is tested, please provide a document from your vet stating the dates, and the med the dog is on during the time of testing.

Testing will be done at UPF nationals. Urine will be collected from the dogs shortly after the division is finished. The urine samples are collected and placed in a tamper proof cup, each handler and an UPF rep witnesses the collection of the sample, and that the lid is locked on the cup. The sample is then stored in a locked tamper proof cooler until Monday morning when it is overnighted to Texas A&M University.