

Eight earthdog dens are available for use at Purina Farms. Two were established by the Missouri Earthdog Club, and six by joint effort of the Dachshund Club of St. Louis and Gateway Terrier Association. All are in place permanently and ready for use by terrier and dachshund enthusiasts. A key to the shed at E-dog is located at the Purina Event Center. In the shed there is a plastic box marked "Common Usage". In this box you will find dowels and some rat cages for you to use. Please return any items you use to the box in the shed and be sure to lock up the dens as you leave.

Den A: Novice / AKC Intro to Quarry (IQ)

This is a fenced ten foot tunnel with one ninety degree turn

Den B: Novice / AKC Intro to Quarry (IQ)

This is a fenced ten foot tunnel with one ninety degree turn

Den C: Novice / AKC Intro to Quarry (IQ)

This is a fenced ten foot tunnel with one ninety degree turn

Den D: Novice / AKC Intro to Quarry, Open / AKC Junior, AKC Senior

This fenced system consists of a Novice / Into to Quarry tunnel that backs up to a standard thirty foot tunnel with three ninety degree bends (Open/AKC Junior, AKC Senior) with a false exit. Sliders are in place where the false exit and den connect to the main tunnel. This den is not AKC compliant.

Den E: Open / Stakes, AKC Junior, Senior and Master Earth:

This den is being rebuilt in early 2016. The new design will incorporate AKC Junior, Senior and Master designs, giving redundancy to the existing AKC dens. The footprint of the den will also allow Missouri Earthdogs to run their Stakes Go To Ground competition at this den. The den will be made by Purina Farms of the new, plastic wood composition, providing low maintenance on the den. The yard of the den will be 90' by 100', making it the largest of all the Purina Farms fenced dens. To accommodate the many levels of AKC competition at this site many sliders will be available. Walk up to this Master den may be through the field where Den H (Master) is located or from beneath this den.

Den F: AKC Junior Earth:

This den is located up the hill from the multitasking Den F. It is fenced and consists of the standard 30' tunnel with three ninety degree turns. It is made of the new plastic wood material.

Den G: AKC Senior Earth:

Further up the hill from the newest den, the AKC Junior earth, this fenced complex is a standard Senior den consisting of thirty feet of tunnel, three ninety degree turns, false den, and false exit. It is also made of the new plastic wood material. Dens F and G were both built and installed in 2013.

## Den H: AKC Master Earth:

This beautiful den was rebuilt in January 2014 using the new plastic wood material. It is designed in an H shape to allow two variations of den entrances. The common middle section of the H design houses the baffle. Each leg of the H design houses a false exit, den, and a section into which the constrictor can be dropped. The den is located in a wooded area at the top of a large meadow, which provides an ideal setting for this event. Several options for the walk up to the den are available. Quiet and remote, most trial organizers borrow a Gator from Purina to ferry each brace to the walk up starting area.

Still needing some finishing touches and plant growth, we're pleased that the E-dog neighborhood at Purina Farms has steadily improved and enlarged over the years. This was made possible by the cooperation between our three local earthdog clubs and Nestle Purina. Please contact any of the listed area E-dog clubs if you would like find out more about offering an earthdog event for your next show at Purina Farms.

[www.moeearthdogs.org](http://www.moeearthdogs.org)

[www.gatewayterriers.org](http://www.gatewayterriers.org) AKC

[www.dachshund-stl.org](http://www.dachshund-stl.org) AKC