



Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Held on 25 November and 26 November 2023

**Dogs New Zealand Boardroom
Tottenham House, 7 Kilkerran Place, Porirua 5022**

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President

Jill Brooker (JB)

Catherine McManus (CM)

Martin Hewitt (MH)

Geoff Collins (GC)

Lynley Drummond (LD)

Karen McIntyre (KM)

Chris Richardson (CR)

Fiona Hodgson (FH)

Stephen Meredith (SM)

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer

Linda Ford - (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Steve Tate (STT)

Apologies Accepted.

Moved: Chair – Carried

WELCOME

Brian Harris welcomed all in attendance to the Executive Council meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Executive Council adopted the agenda for the meeting of 25 and 26 November 2023.

Moved: Chair – Carried

ORBITUARIES

The E.C noted the list of deceased members: Gordon Rumpler (Napier); Dale Connelly (Napier); Judy Sargent (Te Kowhai); Noleen Campbell (Rangiora) Tania Colquhoun (Auckland), Norm Claude (Wellington).

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Executive Council members to send any changes/updates to the Executive Administrator.

RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES

Executive Council Email Vote:	Ratified by:
Promotion of Giselle Jeannes to the Junior Handler panel	9 votes
Ratification of Canine Code summary paper	7 votes
Promotion of Stephanie Butler to the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel	10 votes
Non-exemption of peer judge John Walsh to judge at APGSDL show	9 votes

Moved: JB Seconded: CR – Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Executive Council confirmed the 16 to 17 September 2023 meeting minutes as true and correct record.

Moved: CR Seconded: JB– Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER MINUTES

1. CGC Report – ST to ensure that the mail out of the Bronze Café Experience has been sent to all CGC Assessors.
2. Confirmation that Carol Lavery does not want to be appointed to the FCI Panel.

MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER TASK LIST

1. Update of the Dog Training Website which is now expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2024.
2. Tick box for membership renewal forms to accommodate multiple sports disciplines.
3. Ensure that the Regulation 10.5.3 – the interbreeding of varieties within a breed only for those breeds which allow it, is fully covered in Registry online system.

2. FINANCE

TREASURERS REPORT: 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 ACCOUNTS

Report provided by Clive Phillips – Treasurer.

Financial Results Operational

September – Operating Deficit for month

September Actual Operating Revenue greater than Budget by \$82.5k.

Dogs NZ head office \$17.5k, AEC \$2.1k, Dunedin \$1k, NDS \$55k, Agility \$2.2k, JDT \$3.6k, JDS \$2k and Dog Training Central \$5k all recorded surpluses compared to budget during September.

Gazette (\$2.7k), Dog Training Nthn (\$2.3k), Dog Training Sthrn (\$0.5k) and CGC (\$0.5k) all recorded deficits budget during September.

September Actual Operating Expenditure unfavourable compared to budget by (\$42k).

Dogs NZ head office \$10.4k, Dunedin \$13.6k, Agility \$6.3k, JDT/ JDS \$0.2k, CGC \$0.4k and Dog Training Nthn \$0.5k were the favourable activities to budget.

AEC (\$10.1), Gazette (\$8.6k), NDS (\$52.6k) and Dog Training Central (\$2k), Sthrn (\$0.2k) all unfavourable to budget.

NOTE - the early processing of partial NDS Revenue \$55k and NDS Expenses \$52.6k are the main reason for the discrepancies against budget. This is a timing issue.

The final financial result for NDS will be known once October accounts have been processed.

Actual Year to Date Operating Revenue Favourable compared to budget by \$114.3k.

Actual Year to Date Operating Expenditure Favourable compared to budget by \$41.9k

The first four months of the current financial year were strong, which placed the organisation in a reasonable position to meet the upcoming challenges. The deficit in September was better than budgeted which meant the organisation finished the first half year in a sound position.

Registration activity continues to run 23% below last year and the trend is likely to be the same for the remainder of the year. Kennel name and renewals are down on budget and last year.

Membership was slightly below budget year to date at end of September although is ahead of last year's actual. The NDS result is now looking on track to better budget. AEC R & M expenses are likely to be noticeably more than budgeted. Gazette postage costs increased 32% in July - This increase was not budgeted.

Currently both AEC and Dunedin have underspent the R & M amounts budgeted during the first 6 months of the financial year. This favourable timing difference will be eliminated before year end.

Balance Sheet STRONG - Cash and Property rich

Total cash to end of September \$8.420m, up \$382.5k since end of last financial year (March 2023) and above the 31 March 2022 balance by \$291.4k.

Summary of Group Financial Results: – Operating Income minus Operating Expenditure

Monthly Operating Results: - Favourable compared to Budget and Last Year's Actual surplus.

<u>September Month: - Income less Expenditure</u>				
Actual (\$13,876)	<u>Budget</u> (\$54,398)	<u>Last Year</u> \$20,315		
<u>Year To Date: - Income less Expenditure before Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2023-2024</u>	
This Year \$172,271	<u>Budget</u> \$16,086	<u>Last Year</u> \$197,968	<u>Budget</u> (\$126,125)	<u>Forecast</u> \$51,151
<u>Year to Date Operating Result adjusted by UNREALISED Midyear Market to Market Valuation of Investment Portfolio and Depreciation</u>				
<u>Year To Date:- Income less Expenditure, Unrealised midyear market to market Investment Gain/(Loss) and Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2022-2023</u>	
This Year \$164,102	<u>Budget</u> (\$11,814)	<u>Last Year</u> (\$45,369)	<u>Budget</u> (\$181,382)	<u>Forecast</u> (\$6,018)

Actual YTD Operating results: -

- Favourable compared to Budget By: \$156,185

- Unfavourable compared to Last Year Actual By: (\$25,697)

Registry Activity

The table clearly reflects Registry numbers and Revenue are significantly down on last year.

Analysis YTD SEPTEMBER 2023						
	Number			Income		
	2023	2022		2023	2022	
Litter Notification	678	935	-27%	26,537	36,488	-27%
Registrations	3,450	4,814	-28%	107,373	148,391	-28%
Transfers	2,596	3,600	-28%	57,631	69,754	-17%
Imports	167	153	9%	15,741	14,706	7%
Exports	146	170	-14%	12,945	17,733	-27%
Overall Total	<u>7,037</u>	<u>9,672</u>	-27%	<u>220,227</u>	<u>287,072</u>	-23%

Detailed Operating Analysis

Dogs NZ (NZKC): - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$134.6k

Income \$64.7k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

The Investment fund has been a predominant reason for the favourable Income and is due to action taken to sell down the equity holdings. Conformation Show Levies is the other favourable income contributor.

YTD revenue being favourable to budget masks the registry, Kennel name revenue and membership being \$81.9k down against budget.

Expenses \$69.9k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

The favourable actual to budget expenditure figure consists of timing differences where budgeted expenditure has yet to be incurred. These timing differences mainly relate to delays in the strategic initiatives identified for this year.

CGC: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$3.1k

AEC: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$8.7k

Dunedin: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$11.6k

Year to date Dunedin's revenue is marginally above budget by \$0.7k.

The expenditure underspend against budget is \$10.9k. R & M expenditure not yet incurred is \$9.5k. This is a timing difference.

The Benefit Show held in August unfortunately did not generate a surplus.

Gazette: - UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$20.7k)

Income (\$4.9) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$15.9k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Postage & Courier expenditure \$8.5k and Printing costs \$2.8K both more than budgeted. There was also an unbudgeted expense of \$6.6k incurred to cover staff leave. These are the reasons expenditure YTD is unfavourable. Postage costs increased by 32% in July. The increase was not budgeted and will impact Gazette results this financial year.

FCI FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$5.4k.

The FCI show held in April recorded a small deficit of (\$0.8k). This was less than the deficit budgeted.

Despite Low entries received for the August FCI, good control over the August show expenses resulted in a small surplus of \$0.8k. This was better than budget.

Agility: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$15.6k

Income \$8.1k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Agility held a successful and unbudgeted Benefit show which after expenses contributed \$4k.

Agility Club Levies are ahead of budget year to date by \$5.1k

Expenses \$7.6k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

The favourable expense figure results from a budgeted expense of \$7.5k to upgrade the website. This expenditure has not been incurred and is a timing difference.

Entries for NZDAC suggest this event will produce a surplus.

YDT: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$14.5k

YDS: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$3.3k

Dog Training (all regions): - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$2k

Dog Training Northern Region: - UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$0.6)

Dog Training Central Region: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$4.1k.

Dog Training Southern Region: - UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$1.6k)

Non-Operational Adjustment

The September Financial Statements include the mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments as of 30 September 2023. The adjustment includes REALISED gains. These adjustments are shown in aggregate after the year-to-date Operating Surplus and after depreciation. The net movement arising from the mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments resulted in an unrealised gain of \$21.1k.

Unrealised Gains or losses are non-operational hence the reason they appear after The Operational Surplus/ (Loss) and Depreciation. It allows meaningful analysis of how the organisation is performing operationally.

It is important to understand unrealised gains or losses only become actual if the investments are liquidated.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

- Cash balances INCREASED \$382.5k since 31 March 2023.
- Debtors at \$27.5k is less than at the end of last financial year by \$63.3k. There is \$2.1K in the 3-month overdue category and \$1.4k in the Four month and older balances.
- Prepayments \$90.9k (expenses paid in advance)- \$20.8k greater than end of last financial year.
- Non-Current Assets reduced by \$29.3k from the balance at 31 March 2023. This is the movement resulting from the current year depreciation charges in the Fixed Asset register. There have been no new fixed assets purchases to date this financial year.
- Accrued Staff Benefits \$66.2k represents the annual leave owing to staff. This has increased \$4.6k since 31 March 2023.
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$234.6k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$169.6k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$65k.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 31 October 2023 and made the following points:

- Operational deficit of \$5K for Oct but still forecasting a better than budget end of year result of a small operational surplus.
- 2nd half of this year will be more challenging as the registry income is down by 30% and we are facing increasing distribution/print costs for the NZ Dog World magazine.
- However, Investment Income has increased and we are still benefiting from the strong financial start to the FY.
- National Dog Show has a deficit of \$23 000 owing to the high cost of the overseas judges from Europe and costs of domestic accommodation and travel. A number of traditional NDS revenue streams (parking, trade stands) were included in the rental agreement with Ardmore so that revenue has stayed within Dogs NZ. NDS is our showcase event and it is important that we have a quality roster of international judges.
- FY24-25 Budget templates are completed and will be distributed to Dogs NZ Committees so we start the budget process in December.
- Agility Club Foundation Training roadshow to be to be budgeted for next year.

Moved: CM Seconded: MH - Report Received

OPENING OF ANZ ACCOUNT

Recommended Motion:

That Executive Council ratify the opening of an ANZ Bank Account with the Director Secretary and Treasurer as signatories.

Rationale:

This account will assist with the clearance of any term deposit facility that Dogs NZ may open with ANZ.

Motion:

The Executive Council approved the opening of an ANZ Bank account with the Director Secretary, Treasurer and President as signatories.

Moved: SM Seconded: JB– Carried

RISK AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report by RAF Chair: John Green

1. Financial Performance

The RAF Committee have received and reviewed the September Accounts and Treasurer's report.

2. Notifiable and/or Material Transactions

The Committee has not identified any notifiable or material transactions to review.

3. Review of Financial Policies

We had hoped to complete the review prior to Christmas however other commitments have delayed the project.

It is more likely now that we will have an initial draft completed by Christmas with ratification early 2024.

Our initial thoughts are that we should be able to reduce this document from the current 23 pages down by at least a third however we have still to consult with the Director/Secretary and Treasurer and get their input. This will likely influence the extent to which we can simplify this document.

4. Other Projects

- i. Review of Risk Register when this comes to hand.
- ii. Developing Dashboards remains a work in progress and will likely include a recommendation to simplify financial reporting along the lines of the post-ACOD review [RAF Report to July 23 Meeting].

CM expanded on the report and confirmed that the dashboard is a work in progress.

Moved: CM Seconded: SM - Report Received

FORSYTH BARR REPORT (INFORMATION)

Report provided by Director Secretary and Treasurer.

The six-monthly report on the Forsyth Barr Investment Fund will be included in the December issue of the NZ Dog World.

Moved: FH Seconded: MH - Report Received

3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

SHOW PROGRAM REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

Background:

At its September meeting Executive Council decided to select Show Manager as the preferred show program for Dogs NZ Clubs.

On 30 October Jeremy Cook from Show Manager spent the day in the National Office to plan the introduction of the program.

Key Planning Stages:

Phase One: Member/ Club Communications re: New Show Program Partner

- Create list of key show secretaries who use existing Show Program to act as a focus group to assist with implementation planning.
- This is an “Upgrade” which offers the following benefits to clubs/exhibitors:
 - Online payments.
 - Live results.
 - Still links to registry / membership database – no requirement to enter dog details.
 - Digital application for Stewards.
 - Ongoing upgrades.
 - There will be a per entry fee for this service, payable by the Exhibitor.
- The transition to the upgraded version will be seamless – Clubs & Exhibitors will know little difference.
- There will be Dogs NZ National Office / Show Manager support to Clubs / Exhibitors.
- Announcement in Dog iE News – 13-17 Nov.

Phase Two: Scope of Work for Integration to Membership / Registry System

- Discussed learnings from integration with ANKC - used webhook for connection.
 - Make it work.
 - Make it better.
- Develop scope of work doc to be feed into Nov 23 IT planning meeting.
- Preference for site to skinned with Dogs NZ branding.

Phase Three: Show Program Training

- North Island & South Island roadshow
 - Start with main centres (Auckland/Wellington/Christchurch/Dunedin)
 - Expand into provinces if requested.
- ACOD presentation 22 June (Wellington)

- Demonstration of program.
- Live streamed to members.
- Link into national steward training program.

Show Program Support:

- Set up help@showmanager.co.nz
 - Use a ticket base system for fixes.
- Integrate dropdown help menus in program.
- Train National office staff member as additional support help.
- Use suitable May show as demo run.

Phase Four: Transition Period

When do we retire the inhouse program?

- Be flexible during transition period to avoid upsetting clubs with top-down demands.
 - 70/30 rule before retiring current in-house program.
- There will be no upgrade to current in-house program.

Contract Relationship:

Jeremy and I are working on the best model for the contract relationship.

Discussion:

ST expanded on the report and the meeting held with Jeremy Cook including the positive response received from the membership who are willing to act as focus group / beta testers.

Moved: FH Seconded: CR - Report Received

MANFEILD REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

RE: Manfeild Trust Agreement

This report is an update of the current arrangements between Dogs NZ and Manfeild Trust.

1. Booking Protocols

Contractual Arrangement:

- We have a template contract between Dog NZ- Manfeild Trust which is signed by both parties for each event hiring and details a “standard package” of event facilities.
- The Club hosting the event will need to complete (and sign) an attached schedule that details their facility requirements which are outside of the “standard package”.

Event Hire Payments:

- Manfeild Trust invoice Dogs NZ for the “standard event package” as detailed in the signed contract plus (in an attached separate invoice) any requested additional “Club” requirements.
- Dogs NZ will pay Manfeild the total of both invoices.

- Dogs NZ will invoice the host club the “subsidised” hire fee plus the additional “Club” facility requirement invoice.

With this process:

- Dogs NZ retains control over the process of Clubs wanting to book events at Manfeild - so Manfeild only needs to deal with one point of contact at Dogs NZ regarding booking schedule and payments.
- Dogs NZ National Office have control over the subsidy budget.
- Manfeild Trust have only one invoice party on payment of the ‘standard event hire’ + additional “club” facility requirements for all Dogs NZ bookings.
- Dogs NZ National Office is responsible for collecting all club payments.
- It is very clear to clubs what venue expenses they are responsible for paying outside the subsidy deal with Dogs NZ.

2. Dogs NZ / Manfeild Trust Contract

Key Contract Terms:

- 5 Years: 1 Jan 2024 – 31 Dec 2028.
- Nov deadline for Club bookings for next show season.
- All bookings via Dogs NZ National Office.
- Yearly review of Hire Pricing rates (By 31 Oct).
- Must abide by Manfeild H&S guidelines. (which are attached to contract).

Payment Terms:

- 50% deposit on confirmation of event dates (30 Nov) for all events booked for the period January – June.
- 50 % deposit to be paid by 30 April on all events booked between July – December.
- Invoices to Dogs NZ / Clubs for balance of “standard fee” & club event costs upon completion of event. Payment date 20th of following month.
- Dogs NZ will invoice Clubs the standard hire package to be paid by 20th of the month prior to the show being conducted.

Termination:

- 6 months written notice.
- Event bookings with deposits paid will be honoured.

Standard Show Package Costs:

- Payable by Dogs NZ.
- No pack out day – clubs expected to pack up rings etc after final show day.

Costs (ex gst)	One Day Show	Two Day Show
Arena + Pack-in day +Judges Room hire	\$1500+gst	\$2600+gst
On chargeables & Consumables (Security, Pwr, Cleaning, Consumables, Rubbish removal)	\$1276+gst	\$2247+gst
Set up / pack down labour (max 6 hours) + forklift (max 2 hours)	\$375+gst	\$375+gst
TOTAL COSTS	\$3151+gst	\$5222+gst

3. Subsidise Club Rental Fees

To incentives clubs we have offered a standard hire package at:

All Breed Club (Championship & Open Shows)	\$750+gst per day
Agility Club (Championship Events)	\$700+gst per day
Dog Training Club (Championship Tests)	\$700+gst per day

- All rates ex GST.
- Annual review of subsidise rates.
- Package detailed in contract schedule.
- Max 6 ring internal setup.
- Breed Shows: Max of 4 rings when combined with group etc Clubs.
- Does not included items which are direct cost to Clubs.

4. Co Hosting Breed + Specialist Shows

Arrangements for Group / Speciality & Multi-breeds who wish to use Manfeild for shows:

Combined Multiple Club Shows (Up to 8 Rings available)	\$700+gst per day
Joint Shows with Breed Club (Max 2 rings available where a minimum of 4 events are co-ordinated to occur on a single day)	\$100+gst per show

- Based on 6 ring internal setup.

5. Current 2024 Pencil Bookings

Event: Dogs NZ 2024		
Club	Proposed Date	Notes
Ruahine KC / Dogs NZ FCI Show (Federation Cynologique Internationale)	20/21 April	Championship & Open show on Saturday / FCI on Saturday / Sunday
Wellington Kennel Centre / Wellington Ladies KC	2/3 June 2024	2 x Championship shows on each day
Central Dog Obedience Region - for Benefit Obedience and Rally-O show	6/7 July	Date shifted due to ACOD
Feilding Dog Training Club	20/21 July 2024	Includes Benefit Show
Upper Hutt KA / Pencarrow KC	9 to 11 August	3-day show involving speciality & group clubs
National Dog Show (NDS)	2 to 8 Sept	Not included under special Dogs NZ subsidy Rate card
Hutt Valley KC/Kapi Mana KS	27/28 Nov	2 Champ shows 27 Nov & 1 Champ Show 28 Nov

6. Draft Subsidy Budget

Show Weekends	Standard Show Package Cost	Club Hire revenue	Net Subsidy
5 x 2 day show weekends	\$26,110+gst	\$7,250+gst	\$18,860+gst
1 x 3 day show weekend	\$7,293+gst	\$2,250+gst	\$5,043+gst

TOTAL	\$33,503+gst	\$9,500+gst	\$24,003+gst
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- Does not include any potential subsidy income from Specialty / Group show ring hire during All Breed Clubs show weekends.

Discussion:

ST expanded on the report, confirmed that the final contract has been signed and handed over when attending a site visit on the 24 November 2023. The next step is to collate the contracts for the relevant clubs and confirm dates.

Moved: SM Seconded: CM - Report Received

ACOD 2024 REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

1. ACOD 2024 Venue Survey

An ACOD survey was conducted via survey monkey to establish a venue preference for 2024, the results of the survey are below:

ACOD to be held at:

- Te Papa Wellington Convention Centre, Cable Street, Wellington – 35.71%
- Brentwood Hotel, Kilbirnie Wellington – 35.71%
- Different venue – i.e., Rydges Hotel, Featherston Street, Wellington – 28.57%

Delegates also had the opportunity to provide feedback / recommendations which included the following:

- To be held somewhere that enables staying at the location without additional travel needed as this allows people/groups to connect and make use of time for other discussions.
- Great opportunity to bring people together. Please book all attendees in the same location. Disjointed not having everyone in the one location, Overnight stayers to be in one place so we can have a social gathering or dinner.
- Prefer to have rooms for ALL delegates and EC at the same venue and preferably same venue as the conference.
- Requires a larger room so that all delegates can see each other and have clear vision of presentations screens.
- Te Papa venue it was a little on the small side and the layout was compromised.
- A central city location in Wellington is preferred as it is good for socialising pre and post conference.

After considering the above feedback various venues were taken into consideration.

2. Venue available for ACOD 2024:

Accommodating ACOD is not easy as it is too large for most “boardroom style meeting rooms” and too small for the larger conference/ballroom style rooms. Other issues include minimum hotel room booking requirements and date availability of suitable conference rooms.

It is recommended that to secure suitable hotel accommodation / conference room facilities that Executive Council consider moving ACOD to the weekend of 29-30 June.

Motion:

The Executive Council considered the above information and the updated information presented by ST and resolved to have the 2024 ACOD meeting on Saturday 29 June 2024 and the EC meeting on Friday 28 June 2024.

Moved: MH Seconded: KM – Carried

3. Recommended Travel Equalization & Club Levy for 2024 ACOD

For 2023 we applied the following levies:

- Travel Equalization Levy \$460 (incl gst)
- Attendance Levy \$123 (incl gst)

Even with the 48% increase in the travel equalization levy in 2023 Dogs NZ still subsidize ACOD costs by \$5,500.

To hedge against expected inflation in accommodation and travel costs we are recommending an 5% increase in levies for 2024:

- **Travel Equalization Levy \$480 (incl gst)**
- **Attendance Levy \$130 (incl gst)**

Motion:

The Executive Council approved the 5% increase for the Equalization and Club levies.

Moved: MH Seconded: KM – Carried

4. Key Timelines

To ensure that we can confirm the best rates for flight and accommodation bookings we are recommending the following dates allow Clubs to confirm the nomination of delegates to ACOD.

Key Dates: 2023 -2024:

- 1 Dec: Notice of Travel Equalization / Attendance levy to clubs and published in Dog-iE news / Dec – Jan NZ Dog World.
- 4 to 8 Dec: Delegate notice to Clubs & published in Dog-iE news & Feb NZ Dog World.
- 12 Dec: Opening of online ACOD Booking Portal.
- 11 February: Deadline for Clubs to nominate delegates.
- 8 March: Completion of all required hotel & travel bookings.
- 2 to 5 April: Mail out of Travel Equalization / ACOD Levy Invoice to clubs.

- 27 May: Final deadline for Club/Delegate payments of Travel Equalization / Attendance Levy.

- Report Received

NATIONAL SHOWS 2024/25

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

RE: National Shows 2024/2025

1. NDS 2024 Show

- We have booked the Manfeild Stadium to host NDS 2024 during the week 2 - 8 September 2024.

National Dog Show Committee:

- We have called for show volunteers in Dog-iE news.
- The following members have volunteered:
Merenia Donne, Rosemary & Bob Weaver, Tim Delany, Morgan Edgecombe, Lynley Bray (camp mother), Dennis Rodgers (Local funding support), Kathryn Dixon, Amanda Calman.
- We need to appointment a Show Committee Chair, Show Manager and Show Treasurer.

Motion:

- The Executive Council approved Steve Tate as the Show Manager and the National Office Finance Manager as the Show Treasurer for the NDS Show 2024.

Moved: FH Seconded: JB – Carried

Judging Appointments:

- Brian Harris & Steven Meredith will present potential judges' appointments for ratification at the November E.C. meeting.

Motion:

The Executive Council approved 5 judges to be sent contracts for NDS 2024.

Moved: SM Seconded: CR – Carried

The appointment of international judges for 2025 is to be placed on the agenda for the February Executive Council meeting.

NDS Sponsorship Partners:

- Together with our partnership reps from Purina & PD Insurance I will be making a site visit to Manfeild Stadium on Friday 24 Nov to look at the options we have for dressing the venue, especially with the aim of attracting more public attendance.

2. FCI Show 2024

- Ruahine KC have agreed to move their Championship / Open Shows to Manfeild and combine with the April 20/21 FCI show.

3. NDS 2025

- We have received interest from two group of members/clubs to host 2025 NDS in Canterbury.

Motion:

- The Executive Council considered and approved the 2025 National Dog Show to take place from 25 September to 28 September 2025 at the Mainpower Stadium, 238 Coldstream Road, Rangiora.

Moved: SM Seconded: LD – Carried
MH abstained

- Report Received

4. REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Proposed new regulations (changes in red):

Show Regulation (new)

19.22 Harsh Handling - Any allegation of harsh handling shall require that a complaint be laid of a breach of New Zealand Kennel Club Discipline and Settlement of Disputes Regulations and shall be dealt with in accordance with those Regulations. This clause shall not necessarily apply to a judge who whilst judging exercises discretionary powers, in conjunction with the show manager and/or the disputes committee, to penalise or disqualify for harsh handling, any dog and handler.

19.23 Any breach of DogsNZ regulations (of any code) shall require that a complaint be laid of a breach of New Zealand Kennel Club Discipline and Settlement of Disputes Regulations and shall be dealt with in accordance with those Regulations.

Moved: FH Seconded: JB – Carried

Show Regulation (alteration)

19.3 Dogs Owned Or Shown By Judges

19.3.1 A dog may not be exhibited ~~at a show if a judge in any ring at that show had~~

(i) At a show if a judge in any ring at that show has owned or co-owned and/or bred or jointly bred the dog within a period of nine months prior to the date of the show.

(ii) ~~Under a judge who~~ has shown the dog in the judging ring at a show, or received, or become entitled to receive any monetary or other reward for grooming, trimming or tending the dog (with the exception of veterinary treatment) within a period of three months prior to the date of the show.

Moved: FH Seconded: JB – Carried

Discipline and Settlement of Disputes Regulation

13. DISQUALIFICATION OF A DOG

Change to the part of this regulation as below to bring it into line with the neuter classes.

(vii) Any dog is castrated (**except in classes or shows where expressly permitted under the show regulations**); or

(viii) Any bitch is spayed (**except in classes or shows where expressly permitted under the show regulations**); or

Moved: FH Seconded: CR – Carried

SCENT WORK REGULATIONS

All changes in **red**.

➤ **Alteration of Cover**

(Reprinted with Additions & Amendments effective from ~~05 December 2022~~ **1 January 2024**)

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

Rationale:

In accord with it bi-annual effective regulation changes

➤ **Alteration of Regulations 1.1 – 10.3 inclusive**

1.1; 1.1(c); 1.1(d); 2.2(a); 2.2(d); 2.2(e); 3.1; 3.2.2; 3.3; 3.9; 3.12; 4.3; 4.4(x3); 4.6(x3); 4.7; 5.1.2; 5.3; 5.4.2; 5.4.2.1(x2); 5.4.3; 5.4.4; 5.4.5; 5.5.1; 5.5.2; 5.5.1.2(b)(e)(f)(g); 5.6.2.2; 5.6.3.1(c)(e)(f)(g)(h); 6.1(x2); 6.3.2; 7.4.1(x2); 7.4.2(x4); 10.2; 10.3(x3)

DNZ and Dogs NZ being re-written as **Dogs New Zealand**

Rationale:

Standardization of terminology.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Addition of Regulations 2.1.3 and 2.1.4**

2.1.3 Quorum

A quorum of the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee shall be five members.

2.1.4 Lapse of meeting

If no quorum is present the meeting shall lapse, and the chairperson shall fix the time and place of the next meeting. All business on the agenda of the lapsed meeting shall be included on the agenda of the next meeting and shall take precedence over the new business.

Rationale:

Establishes parameters for Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee governance.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Alteration of, and addition to, Regulation 3.1**

3.1 Dogs New Zealand Membership

Handlers wishing to gain Scent Work Titles and Awards must be members of Dogs New Zealand prior to participation. Qualifications obtained prior to ~~DNZ Dogs New Zealand~~ membership shall not be recognized retrospectively for the issuing of Titles and Awards.

Non-members may enter a maximum of two days of Scent Work Trials before being required to join Dogs New Zealand.

Rationale:

Clarification of Scent Work Trials Entry eligibility.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Alteration of Regulation 3.2.1**

3.2.1.1.1 At all times in the Immediate Search Area, the dog must be under the firm control of the handler by means of lead attached to a collar or harness. Should the handler not be able to hold the lead, a pre-approved designated person, who ~~may~~ **must** not be a registered entry for the Scent Work Trial, and who shall not be permitted to communicate with the registered participant for the duration of the search, may be permitted for the duration of the search to hold the lead.

Rationale:

Clarification of Scent Work Trials Entry eligibility.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Addition to Regulation 4.1**

4.1 Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations Apply

Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations apply to the conduct of Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trials. In the event of a conflict between the Scent Work Regulations and Dog Obedience or Show Regulations, Scent Work Regulations shall take precedence. If a matter is not mentioned in the Scent Work Regulations, **Dogs New Zealand Show Regulations** apply.

Rationale:

Clarity of alternate applicable Dogs New Zealand Regulations in the event a matter is not covered in the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Alteration of Regulation 4.8**

4.8 Harsh Handling

Any allegation of harsh handling shall require that a complaint be laid of a breach of **Dogs New Zealand ~~Kennel Club Rules Regulations~~** and shall be dealt with in accordance with those Rules, provided however that this clause shall not necessarily apply to a judge who whilst judging exercises discretionary powers to penalize or disqualify for harsh handling any dog or handler.

Rationale:

Correction of Regulation reference.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Alteration of Regulation 4.9**

4.9 Aggressive Behaviour

Any dog that attacks or displays aggressive behaviour towards any person or another dog shall be reported to the Trials manager disqualified and ~~be required to be immediately removed from the grounds for the remainder of the day dealt with according to Show Regulation 19.13 Exclusion of Dogs.~~

Rationale:

Greater accuracy of actions required in the event of a dog displaying aggressive behaviour during a Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trial.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Alteration of Regulation 4.10.1**

4.10.1 Conditions of selection are to be specified in the Scent Work Trials Schedule, and handlers advised of entry acceptance or denial within forty-eight hours.

Rationale:

Provision of specific action to be taken in the event of excess entries for a Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trial being received.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Addition to Regulation 5.1.2**

5.1.2 Listing on Panels

Only a Scent Work Judge qualified to judge the Level and Class of Trial and listed on the current Scent Work Panel may judge an official ~~DNZ Dogs New Zealand~~ Scent Work Trial where Scent Detection Certificates are awarded.

~~For each class, Scent Work Judges may judge at, or any level below, that which they are on the panel for.~~

Rationale:

Allows for the condensing of subsequent regulations, limiting excessive repetitive content.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Addition to Regulation 5.2.1 (d)**

5.2.1 The Judge shall:

d) When the competitor calls "Alert" accompanied by a raising of the hand, confirm with a "Yes" or "No"

Rationale:

Clarity of timing and indication required to establish the cessation of a Scent Work Trial search.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Revision of wording for Regulation 5.4.1.1**

5.4.1.1 Exceptional Circumstances

~~Although the following procedures and conditions are a guide, they will generally be strictly applied and be departed from in exceptional circumstances only with the express approval of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee or Executive Council of Dogs New Zealand.~~

The following are the normal requirements for appointment to the panels. They may be deviated from only with the written approval of Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee and Dogs New Zealand Executive Council.

Rationale:

Establishing a greater clarity regarding the circumstances of this regulation being invoked.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Amendment to Regulation 5.4.8**

5.4.8 Decision Final

The decision of the Executive Council and the Dogs ~~NZ~~ New Zealand Scent Work Committee is final, and no correspondence will be entered into, and no reasons need be given for the Executive Council and the Dogs New Zealand ~~Scent Work~~ Committee's decision in these matters provided where an applicant at the time of application held a current appointment to a Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Judges Panel and is not reappointed to those panels, they shall have a right of appeal to the Executive Council.

Rationale:

More precise identification of authorities.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Amendment to Regulation 5.5.3**

5.5.3 Contents of Examination

The examination paper shall be of a duration appropriate for the number of questions being asked. Each examination shall consist of 8 (eight) multi choice answer of a general knowledge nature pertaining to the Dogs New Zealand ~~Kennel~~ Scent Work Regulations, and 2 (two) specific questions for each Class Panel being applied for.

Rationale:

Correction in identifying the source from which examination questions are sourced from.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Alteration to Regulations 5.6.3.1 (a); 5.4.5.1 (a); 5.5.6.1 (a)**

5.6.3.1 Criteria

Applicants for appointment to the Advanced Scent Work Panels must be listed as being currently eligible to judge all Novice Scent Work Classes and have:

- a) ~~Had experience in the setting up, assisting and~~ Time stewar**ded** for a minimum of ~~five~~ **one** Advanced Scent Work Trials of the Scent Work Class the applicant is applying for.

5.6.4.1 Criteria

Applicants for appointment to the Excellent Scent Work Panels must be already listed as being currently eligible to judge all the Advanced Scent Work Classes applied for and have:

- a) ~~Had experience the setting up, assisting and~~ Time stewar**ded** for a minimum of two one Excellent Scent Work Trials of the for each Scent Work Class the applicant is applying for.

5.6.5.1 Criteria

Applicants for appointment to the Master Scent Work Panels must be listed as being currently eligible to judge all the Excellent Scent Work Classes applied for and have:

- a) ~~Had experience in the setting up, assisting and~~ Time stewar**ded** for a minimum of two One Master Scent Work Trials of the for each Scent Work Class the applicant is applying for.

Rationale:

By the time applicant judges have reached these levels of promotion, it is recognized that they have already established most of the skills required that Time Stewarding would have enabled. Emphasis instead shall be diverted to specific Scent Work Class training.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 1 October 2023

➤ **Revision of wording for Regulation 5.6.6**

5.6.6 First Appointment and promotion Criteria Exemptions

~~Given that Dogs NZ Scent Work is a new and developing discipline, exemptions can be given, upon application to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, for the requirement to undertake criteria's (a); (b) and (c), providing such application is made within twelve months of a Class and Level being formally adopted by Dogs New Zealand.~~

Exemptions may be given upon application to the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee for the requirement to undertake the criteria listed below providing such application is made within twelve months of a Class and Level being formally adopted by Dogs New Zealand.

- a) Be listed as being currently eligible to judge all previous level Scent Work Classes.
- b) Had experience in the setting up, assisting and time stewarding for a minimum of five Scent Work Trials at the Level and Class which the applicant is applying for.
- c) Carried out two Master probationary appointments in the Class applied for under two different Scent Work Judges permitted to judge at the same level or higher, involving at least twenty dogs, and have been the subject of a favourable report to the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee by the Scent Work Judge who had supervised in each case.

Rationale:

Establishing a clearer and more consistent progressive pathway for candidates seeking to gain appointment or promotion utilizing this exemption regulation clause.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Revised wording of Regulations 6.3.1 – 6.3.3**

6.3.1 Scent Work Novice (SN)

In order to obtain Scent Work Novice (SN) a dog must have attained the Award of NCS and a further four (4) Qualifying Certificates. ~~from at least two (2) of Novice Interior, Novice Exterior and/or Novice Vehicle Searches, under at least two (2) different judges.~~

These additional four certificates are to comprise of two from at least two other Novice Classes. This being two from Interior and/or Exterior and/or Vehicle, under at least two different Judges, e.g.

- NCS + 2 Interior Certificates & 2 Exterior Certificates OR:
- NCS + 2 Interior Certificates & 2 Vehicle Certificate OR:
- NCS + 2 Exterior Certificates & 2 Vehicle Certificates

6.3.2 Scent Work Advanced (SA)

~~Any dog having obtained two Class Awards in addition to four Scent Detection Certificates from a minimum of two other Advanced Classes under at least two different judges, may on endorsement by Dogs NZ add the letters SA after its name.~~

When a dog has been awarded two Advanced Class Awards in addition to two Qualification Certificates from each of the two remaining Advanced Classes, under at least two different judges they may on endorsement by Dogs New Zealand, add the letters SA after its name.

6.3.3 Scent Work Excellent (SE)

~~Any dog having obtained three Class Awards in addition to two Scent Detection Certificates from the remaining Excellent Class may on endorsement by Dogs NZ add the letters SE after its name.~~

When a dog has been awarded three Excellent Class Awards in addition to two Qualification Certificates from the remaining Excellent Class, they may on endorsement by Dogs New Zealand add the letters SE after its name.

Rationale:

There has been a consistent lack of understanding eligibility for the bestowing of Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Titles. It is hoped that a revision of the current wording will provide greater clarity and further negate misunderstanding.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 2 July 2023

➤ **Revised wording of Regulation 6.4**

6.4 Application for Title

Application for Scent Work Titles must be made in writing to Dogs New Zealand submitting the required **original** Scent Detection Certificates supporting the application.

Rationale:

There is no longer a requirement to provide a hard copy of qualifying certificates for Title endorsement by Dogs New Zealand

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Amended and added wording for Regulations 7.4.1 – 7.4.1.6**

7.4.1 Dogs New Zealand Approved

For each separate Class of search and their level of difficulty, a **DNZ Dogs New Zealand** approved Essential Oil must be used for **DNZ Dogs New Zealand** qualification purposes. These are:

~~7.4.1.1 — Novice Container Search — Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil~~

~~7.4.1.2 — Novice Interior Search — Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil~~

~~7.4.1.3 — Novice Exterior Search — Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil~~

~~7.4.1.4 — Novice Vehicle Search — Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil~~

~~7.4.1.5 — Advanced Container Search — Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) Oil~~

~~7.4.1.6 — Excellent Container Search — Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) Oil and/or Bergamot Oil~~

7.4.1.1 Novice Searches – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil

7.4.1.2 Advanced Searches – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) Oil

7.4.1.3 Excellent Searches – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) Oil and/or Bergamot Oil

7.4.1.4 Master Searches – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) Oil and/or Bergamot Oil and/or Clary-Sage Oil

Rationale:

Addition of previously missing information and truncation of content.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amended order and additional wording for Regulation 7.7**

7.7 Competitors' Briefing

~~a) If there is an on-line option.~~

- a) Number of Hides in the Search Area (if Handlers are permitted to be given this information).
- b) Maximum height (where applicable) of ~~heights~~ hides.
- c) Number of different search areas (where applicable).
- d) Maximum time for the Search and whether a 30 second time remaining will be provided.
- e) A reminder to call "Alert", **accompanied by a raising of the hand** to indicate that the location of the Hides has been identified or "Finish" upon completion of finding all the Hides.
- f) Basic review of the rules pertaining to the Class being conducted.

Rationale:

All Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trials are conducted "on line". It being an option is therefore void.

Removal of this wording necessitates a re-ordering of the subsequent alphabetical ordering. Clarification of what is required to indicate to the Scent Work Judge that a handler believes their dog has located the target odour(s).

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amended wording for Regulation 8.4**

8.4 Must Progress

- 8.4.1 Once your dog has **gained the required Scent Work Qualifying Certificates for achieved** an Award in one Class, you are required to enter the next level Class, if available, at a Scent Work Trial
- 8.4.2 Eligibility to enter a Scent Work Class Level **for any Scent Work Trial, is the level the dog is eligible for at occurs after** midnight **the day prior to the of the preceding** day specified in the Schedule for the closing of entries.
- 8.4.3 **If the higher-level class is not available, at a Scent Work Trial, the team may enter, at the Societies discretion, as a non-competitor entry.**

Rationale:

Adding greater clarity concerning qualification status and eligibility to enter.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 1 October 2023

➤ **Amended and additional wording for Regulation 9.6.1**

9.6.1 Timing

Timing commences when **the** handler or dog passes over a visibly marked start line and concludes when the handler indicates that they believe their dog has found the correct sample, indicated by visual **(raised hand)** and audible signal to the judge (as per 9.7.3 and 9.8) **and a Judge's response (as per 9.7.4) is given.**

Rationale:

Providing greater clarity concerning commencement and concluding of a Scent Work Search Trial.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amended wording for Regulation 9.7.2**

a) 9.7.2 – Indication Parameters

The Judge may use their discretion to allow for environmental factors. ~~such as wind, but the following size parameters should be applied in ideal conditions:~~

~~(a) For Novice and Advanced classes, the competitor may indicate an area up to 15 cm, on any axis (a vertical 15 cm, a horizontal 15 cm, or a diagonal 15 cm).~~

~~(b) For Excellent and Master classes, the competitor may indicate an area up to 5 cm, on any axis.~~

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 1 October 2023

➤ **Amended and additional wording for Regulation 9.7.3**

9.7.3 Participant Indication

The competitor shall confirm the dog's indication of the odour source with the word "Alert" accompanied by a raising of the hand (or another clear visual signal) when the dog indicates a find. If **either** a verbal or visual confirmation is not possible due to environmental factors or a competitor's ability, the competitor may inform the judge of an alternate confirmation such as an obvious hand signal.

Rationale:

Providing greater clarity concerning commencement and concluding of a Scent Work Search Trial.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amended and additional wording for Regulation 9.7.4**

9.7.4 Scent Work Judge Confirmation

When the competitor calls ~~and visually indicates~~ "Alert", the Judge shall confirm with a "Yes" or "No". If the dog is clearly indicating the source of the odour, the Scent Work Judge should respond "Yes" when the competitor calls **and** signals Alert.

Rationale:

Providing greater clarity concerning commencement and concluding of a Scent Work Search Trial.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amended order and additional wording for Regulation 9.8**

9.8 Finish

9.8.1 Search Finish: The "Finish" call is used in classes that contain **an unknown number of hides** and is required to stop the timing of the search.

9.8.1.1 The competitor is required to call "Finish" when **they believe all** hides have been located for the search area.

If the competitor fails to correctly call "Finish" prior to the expiration of the search time, the team will receive a non-qualifying score (NQ)

Rationale:

Grammatical correction.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Amended order and additional wording for Regulation 9.8.1**

9.8.1 Search Finish Call

Rationale:

Greater reflection of the regulation's following content.

Regs reword Scentwork meeting 5 Nov 2023

Replace with email text.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Revision and rewording of Regulations 9.9 – 9.21.4 inclusive.**

~~9.9 Novice Container search~~

~~9.9.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position, which shall be 3.5 metres from the search area.~~

~~9.9.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.~~

~~9.9.3 Teamwork~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.9.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

~~9.10 Novice Interior Search~~

~~9.10.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

~~9.10.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.~~

~~9.10.3 Teamwork~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.10.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

~~9.11 Novice Exterior Search~~

~~9.11.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

~~9.11.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.~~

~~9.11.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.11.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

9.12 Novice Vehicle Search

~~9.12.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position, which shall be 3.5 metres from the immediate search area.~~

~~9.12.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.~~

~~9.12.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.12.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

9.13 Advanced Container Search

~~9.13.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

~~9.13.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.~~

~~9.13.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.13.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

9.14 Advanced Interior Search

~~9.14.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

9.14.2 Timing

Dog must find the Target Odour within four minutes.

9.14.3 Teamwork

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

9.14.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

9.15 Advanced Exterior Search

9.15.1 Start line

A visibly marked line will denote the start position.

9.15.2 Timing

Dog must find the Target Odour within four minutes.

9.15.3 Teamwork

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

9.15.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within four minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

9.16 Advanced Vehicle Search

9.16.1 Start line

A visibly marked line will denote the start position, which shall be 3.5 metres from the immediate search area.

9.16.2 Timing

Dog must find the Target Odour within four minutes.

9.16.3 Teamwork

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

9.16.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within four minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

9.17 Excellent Container Search

9.17.1 Start line

A visibly marked line will denote the start position.

9.17.2 Timing

Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.

~~9.17.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.17.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

9.18 Excellent Interior Search

~~9.18.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

~~9.18.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within five minutes per area.~~

~~9.18.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.18.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within five minutes per area and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

9.19 Excellent Exterior Search

~~9.19.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

~~9.19.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within five minutes.~~

~~9.19.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.19.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within five minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

9.20 Excellent Vehicle Search

~~9.20.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

~~9.20.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within five minutes.~~

~~9.20.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.20.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within five minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

~~9.21 Master Container Search~~

~~9.21.1 Start line.~~

~~A visibly marked line will denote the start position.~~

~~9.21.2 Timing~~

~~Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.~~

~~9.21.3 Teamwork.~~

~~The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.~~

~~9.21.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.~~

~~Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).~~

9.8 Search Setup

9.9.1 Start line.

A visibly marked line will denote the start position.

For Container and Vehicle searches the marked line shall be 3.5 metres from the search area.

9.9.2 Timing

Dog must find the Target Odour within the time outlined for the Level and Class of Trial.

- All Novice Levels and Classes – Three minutes.
- Advanced Container – Three minutes. All other Advanced Classes - Four minutes.
- Excellent Container – Three minutes. All other Excellent Classes - Five minutes.
- Master Container – Three minutes.

9.9.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within the time requirements for the Class being judged, and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

9.9.5 Not Accessible.

The handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Target Odour. The Target Odour must be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (Scent Receptacle), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pin-size holes or a singular 56mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released or scent odour straw.

9.9.6 Target Odour Receptacles.

The Target Odour container may be magnetic or have magnets attached to it, or be secured using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure scent holes).

9.9.7 Target Odour Receptacle Placement.

All Target Odour Receptacles should be placed in the desired location no less than 15 minutes before commencement of a Search trial. This applies also to any replacement samples/containers.

Rationale:

Abridgement of current regulations to minimise excessive repetition.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 10 May 2023

➤ **Additional penalty listing for Regulation 9.22.1**

9. 22.1 Penalty points may be applied for:

- Poor lead handling including unnecessary dropping of the line, detaching the dog from lead when in the opinion of the presiding judge this was unnecessary and tangling of the line.
- Impeding the dog while it is searching.
- Placing the dog in an unsafe situation.
- Handler accidentally touching an object in the search area. No penalty shall apply however if the dog touches the container or article to either seek for or indicate the Target Odour location.
- Dog knocking over or retrieving a container.
- Dog picking up and mouthing of the Scent Receptacle.
- Not calling “Alert” or “Finish” after a participant’s dog indicates the location of a Target Odour within the time requirements for the Class being judged.
- **Handler not giving both audible and visual alert.**

Rationale:

Provides clarity of an action already required and ensuing penalty if it does not occur.

- Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amendment to Regulation 10.4**

10.4 Entry Fees

Entry Fees, as set by each ~~Region~~ **individual hosting society**, shall be charged for Scent Work Trials.

Rationale:

There is no direct regional control of Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trials. Responsibility of entry fee levels therefore becomes the function of individual Societies hosting Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trials.

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➤ **Amendment to Regulation 10.8**

10.8 Contamination of the Search Area

10.8.1 Any dropping of food or toy within a ~~15~~2m radius of the search area, while rewarding a dog shall be considered a contamination of the search area and its immediate surrounds.

10.8.2 Contamination of the search area or its immediate surrounds (~~15~~2m radius of search area) is regarded as a disqualification.

Rationale:

Many handlers prepare their dogs in an assigned area just outside the immediate search area and on occasion food rewards may be accidentally dropped. "Contamination" in this area does not however has no effect on any subsequent searches within the designated search area which at maximum consists of a two-metre perimeter around vehicles or is contained within artificial barriers (such as walls or fencing). Disqualifying as handler/dog team before they even commence a search is considered too harsh and unnecessary.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 1 October 2023

➤ **Amendment to Regulation 11.4.2.2 & 11.5.2.2**

11.4.2.2 Distractions. Two non-food ~~or food~~ distractions must be placed in separate containers (but not any containing a Scent Receptacle).

11.5.2.2 Distractions. Up to three non-food ~~or food~~ distractions must be placed in separate containers that do not contain a Scent Receptacle.

Rationale:

Removal of the option to use food distractions. Use of food distractions may have negative impact on dogs who have suffered previous trauma associated with food (or lack thereof). Has minimal impact on other Searches. A wide variety of non-food distractions is currently available.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amendment to Regulation 11.5.1.2**

11.5.1.2 Unknown (~~10-4~~) Scent Receptacles. There shall be ~~10-4~~ Target Odours for each Master Container Scent Work Trial.

Rationale:

In Master searches, "blank" searches are permissible. Current wording does not reflect this appropriately.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amendment to Regulation 11.11.1.2**

11.11.1.2 – Scent Receptacles. There shall be ~~up to~~ three scent receptacles for each Excellent Exterior Scent work Trial.

Rationale:

Correction of content intent. In Excellent Searches there are no less than three scent receptacles.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 11 June 2023

➤ **Amendment to Regulation 11.11.1.4**

11.11.1.4 Not accessible. The Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the ~~Scent Aid~~ Target Odour.

Rationale:

Correction of content intent. Dogs may touch the Scent Aid, but not the Target Odour contained within for safety reasons.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 19 April 2023

Amendment to Regulation 11.14.1.8

11.14.1.8 – Excellent Vehicle – Scent Receptacle Placement. Scent Receptacles may only be placed on the vehicle frame (bumper, seams, & number plate), wheel (hubcaps/spokes), or in the wheel wells of the vehicles. NEVER in the interior of a vehicle, or on its roof or bonnet. Neither should it be placed greater than 5cm under a vehicle or higher than ~~90~~120cm above ground level.

Rationale:

Correction of incorrectly stated specification.

Endorsed by Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee 6 August 2023

Motion:

The Scent Work Regulation with recommended changes were reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

Moved: CR Seconded: FH – Carried

AGILITY REGULATIONS

All changes in red.

Removal of the word trainee as probationary appointments are available to other panels.

Adding the exemptions upon application so that in the situation of a games show where there is less demand for probationary appointments, there is no issue with 1 judge doing more than 1 appointment.

7.8.7.6 Number of Probationary Appointments

A maximum of one probationary judging appointment can be held per day. A ~~trainee~~ judge can do a maximum of one probationary appointment per weekend. **The AC will consider exemptions upon application.**

It was decided earlier in the year and was changed in the Standing Orders, but was missed out of the regulations, so will now have to be for next year.

9.2.4 Eligibility to Compete in Inter-Zone Team Trials

9.2.4.1 Dogs

Dogs must be eligible to compete in the appropriate class on 1 ~~June~~ August each year. This regulation is not intended to prevent dogs with turn 18 months old subsequent to this date from competing in the Zone Teams Selection process. Dogs must be 18 months or older on the day of the first day of the Selection Trials for their Zone.

To allow clubs that don't want to hold shows to be affiliated as agility clubs and conduct agility training, but still be governed by agility equipment health and safety and training measures.

2.1.5 Training Only Agility Societies.

Group, Multi-breed, Specialist Breed or Dog Training Societies affiliated to the NZKC pursuant to NZKC Rule 8, or associated to the NZKC pursuant to NZKC Rule 9 or 10 can be registered pursuant to Agility Regulations as a: registered Training Only Agility Society.

2.1.5.1 Compliance with Agility Equipment Specifications and Certification

All societies registered under this clause must comply with all current Agility Equipment Specifications for equipment used in training. Certificates of Fitness will be required on all training equipment on an annual basis, and an administration fee may apply for this.

2.1.5.2 Compliance with Agility Training Regulations

Societies registered under this clause must abide by the Agility Committee training regulations.

2.1.5.3 Eligibility for Financial Assistance

Societies registered under this clause will not be eligible for financial assistance from the Agility Committee.

Specifies that they are not permitted to hold shows as a training only society.

2.2.3 Training Only Agility Societies

2.2.3.1 Societies registered as Training Only Agility Societies pursuant to Agility Regulations 2.1.5 are not permitted to hold Agility Ribbon Trials or Championship Shows.

Typos, spelling mistakes.

10.1.2.4 500 Dogs

Dogs exceeding 430mm but not exceeding 520mm in height are eligible to compete ~~ast~~ 500 Dogs.

For safety reasons we want tunnels to be non-slip.

12.2.4 Rigid Tunnel

Diameter 600mm minimum throughout the length of the tunnel; Length 3m minimum. Circular, of rigid or bendable construction. All forms of fixation throughout the length of the tunnel must be safe, which includes fitting apertures and padding tunnel cradles.

All new tunnels purchased from January 2024, must be non-slip.

Rationale: Clarification for clubs running training classes of mixed height dogs.

10.1.1.1 The Agility Committee will permit Clubs to train dogs less than 18 months of age provided that they follow “Code of Practice for training agility dogs under 18 months”.

10.1.1.2 Code of Practice for Training Agility Dogs Under 18 Months.

1. Mixed classes. Where a class is comprised of mixed ages, all dogs must train on the minimum recommended level for all obstacles, **relevant to their height**. In addition to age, consideration should also be given to the dog’s fitness for agility in relation to its weight and Breed type.

7.4 Judging Overseas / International Judges

7.4.1 No person may accept any appointment to judge Agility overseas without prior approval of the **NZKC** Agility Committee.

7.4.2 International Judges – No club may accept any appointment from an overseas judge without prior approval from the Agility Committee. Approval must be sought for each event the judge is contracted for.

7.4.2.1 Australian Judges

7.4.2.2.1 – Judges resident in Australia and listed on the latest Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) Official Judges Listing, shall be approved to judge at Championship Agility Events in New Zealand.

7.4.2.2.2 – Judges not listed on the above, must seek specific approval by applying in writing to the Agility Committee at least eight months prior to the show. In exceptional circumstances late applications may be considered.

7.4.2.2 Other Overseas Judges

7.4.2.2.1 – Approval for all other overseas judges must be sought by applying in writing to the Agility Committee at least eight months prior to the show. In exceptional circumstances late applications may be considered.

Clarification of long jump reg. and tidy up of wording be consistent with the others.

Refusals

- If the dog makes no attempt to jump and walks, or continuously steps on or in between the elements it will be judged as a refusal.

- If the dog enters the long jump from the side, ~~sidesways a refusal will be assessed it will incur a refusal.~~
- If the dog jumps parallel to the long jump, it will incur a refusal.

Clarification that no refusals will be incurred in Elementary.

13.7.9 Weaving Poles

The dog must weave through the entire line of poles in a continuous forward motion, which begins by passing between poles #1 and #2 from right to left. The dog must then pass between poles #2 and #3 from left to right and continue this weaving pattern until it passes between the last two poles.

Clarification that no refusals will be incurred in Elementary.

- 13.7.9.1** In Elementary A, Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes a maximum of one fault may be awarded.
- 13.7.9.2** In Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes up to three refusals may be awarded resulting in mandatory disqualification. **Refusals will not be incurred in Elementary A.**
- 13.7.9.3** In Games classes, scoring of the weaving poles may vary depending on the nature of the game and the scoring basis must be outlined within the rules of each Games class.

Renumbered and added missing words.

13.4 Refusals

13.45.1 Points for Refusals

Each refusal **incurs** 5 points.

13.45.2 Elimination by Refusal

Three refusals during the round means elimination.

13.45.3 General Definition of Refusal

When a dog once put at the obstacle then backs off or goes past and must be put at the obstacle again. If the dog refuses it must re-attempt that obstacle before it can go on (see "Disqualifications").

13.45.3.1 Rule of thirds

To help judges determine when a spin, a hesitation, or a deviation off line is considered a refusal, the rule of thirds is used.

Visualize the path of the dog between 2 (two) obstacles and break it into 3 (three) approximately equal sections:

- In the first two-thirds the dog is landing or leaving the prior obstacle and orienting toward the next obstacle. A refusal cannot be called in these sections. In the final approximate one-third, closest to the next obstacle and the final approach, a spin, significant hesitation, or significant deviation off line is a refusal. For clarity - A significant hesitation is a pause which lasts as long as it takes the judge to say the words, "significant hesitation."

13.5.4 General Faults

13.5.4.1 Touching the Dog

13.5.4.1.1 Physical contact between the handler and dog shall incur a fault if, in the opinion of the judge, the instance of making contact was

- (a) a deliberate action by the handler; or
- (b) accidental but resulted in the dog receiving an advantage that it would not have otherwise received.

13.5.4.1.2 Accidental physical contact between the handler and dog shall not be faulted where the judge deems that no advantage was received as a result of the contact.

13.5.4.23 Handler interacting with Equipment

A fault shall be incurred if the handler deliberately or accidentally.

No longer used in Agility or Games.

~~12.6 — Obstacles Approved for Use in Games classes~~

~~In addition to the obstacles outlined in Agility Regulation 16.2 the following obstacles are approved for use in Games classes:~~

~~12.6.1 Table~~

~~Surface 900mm square (Micro, Mini and Midi 760 square), Height 760mm maximum (micro, mini and midi 380mm maximum). To be of stable construction with a non-slip surface.~~

12.3 Standard Obstacles Approved for Use in Novice, Intermediate, ~~and Senior~~ and Games Classes Only:

12.3.1 Dog Walk

Height 1.0m; Width 300mm; - length of ramps, 3.60m, - length of middle section 3.60m. The ramps are to have non-slip surface Both ramps are to be marked with a line 1m from ground, below this line to be known as the "contact area". Dog walk ramps may require additional support to ensure that they do not flex excessively.

5.4.7 Event Area

The event area must measure not less than 40m x 30m and have a non-slip surface, to the satisfaction of the judge on the day. ~~The ring must be demarcated by a rope or fence which must be off the ground on all 4 sides with two separate gateways provided through which the dogs are to enter and exit. The integrity of the ring rope must be maintained through the duration of each class.~~

~~Event organisers may apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for an exemption to the minimum ring size should the physical characteristics of their venue so require.~~

~~An assembly area will be set up along one whole side (or end) of each ring. The assembly area must be 3-5m wide, roped or fenced off and will be used to accommodate the dog which has just run the course as well as the next dog to start. Food and toys will be permitted in the assembly area.~~

~~Personnel and equipment that pertain to the running of any class may be located within the assembly area but must be located in such position so as to not impede upon the entry and exit of the dog to and from the assembly area.~~

~~A Dog must be on lead when it enters the assembly area prior to its run and must also be on lead prior to exiting the assembly area at the completion of its run. Exiting the course in any place other than the finish gateway is not permitted. It is the responsibility of the Event Management to ensure that leads are available to the handler at the completion of their run.~~

Event organisers may apply to the Agility Committee for an exemption to the minimum ring size, demarcation and/or assembly area set up, should the physical characteristics of their venue so require.

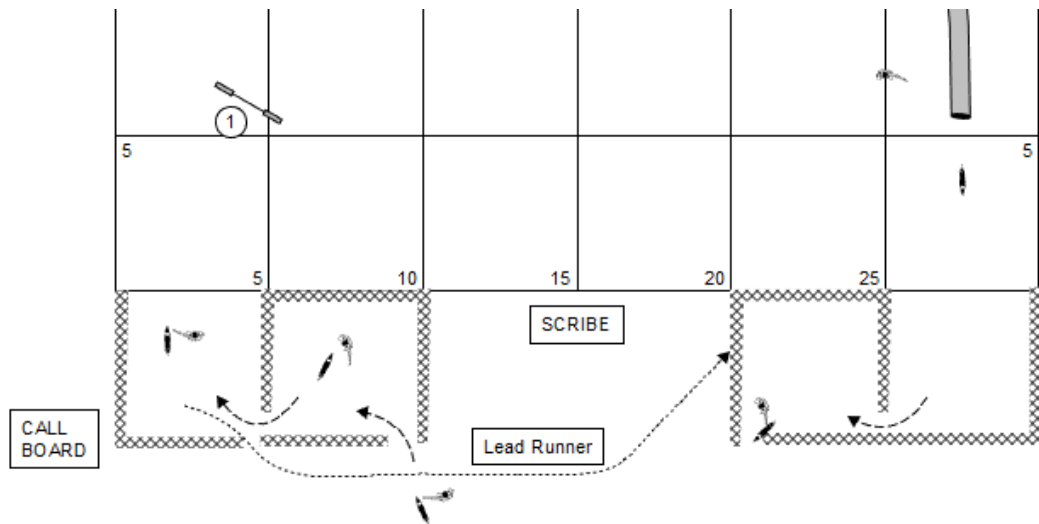
5.4.7.1 The ring must be demarcated by a rope which must be off the ground on all sides, or a temporary fence (safety plastic mesh, shade cloth or material of similar soft/flexible construction that is well-supported and upright). The integrity of the ring ropes and fencing must be maintained throughout the duration of each class.

5.4.7.2 Two separate gateways must be provided through which the dogs are to enter and exit the ring.

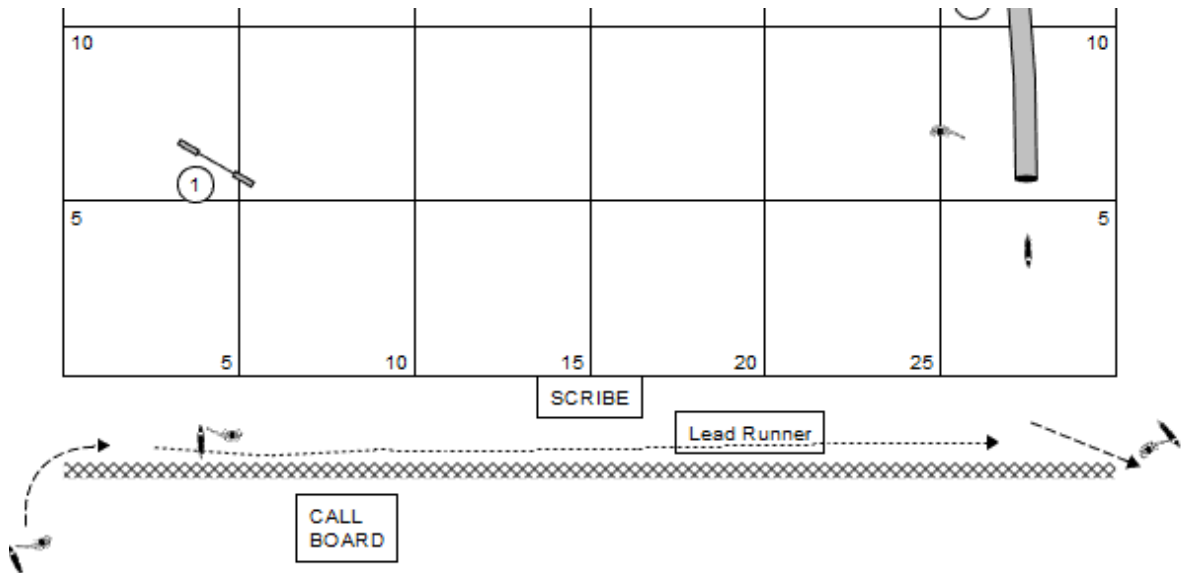
5.4.7.3 An assembly area must be set up along one whole side of each ring. The entry and exit areas must be 3-5m wide.

5.4.7.3.1 Assembly Areas

Best Practice (Diagram 1) holding areas 5m, x 5m made with mesh netting and used to accommodate handler and dog. Area 1, dog next to start, plus a dog in area 2. Food and toys will be permitted in the assembly areas.



Minimum Standard (Diagram 2) no mesh holding boxes. Food and toys will be permitted in the assembly areas.



- 5.4.7.4** A minimum of 6m clear space must be provided between any two adjacent rings and in any instance where this cannot be achieved, a physical barrier (eg plastic mesh netting, shade cloth or similar material) must be in place between the rings. A single rope is not allowed. There will be no loitering within the exclusion zone or any walkway between the rings.
- 5.4.7.5** Personnel and equipment that pertain to the running of any class may be located within the assembly area but must be located in such a position so as not to impede upon the entry and exit of the dog to and from the assembly area. Only the lead runners and ring managers are to move between start and finish.
- 5.4.7.6** A dog must be on lead when entering the assembly area and must also be on lead prior to exiting the assembly area at the completion of its run. Competitors are also reminded of the regulation “a dog can be subject to mandatory disqualification for leaving the ring whilst not under control”.

5.4.7.7 The Event Management/Ring Management must ensure that the lead is available for the handler at the completion of their run.

5.4.7.8 All dogs must leave the ring from the designated finish area.

5.4.8.1 ~~The first and last obstacles must be placed to allow a minimum of a 5m run up within the ring and at least a 5m run out within the ring. The first and last obstacles must be at least 6m apart. All dogs must commence their runs from inside the ring proper.~~

The start and Finish line must be clearly designated. The first and last obstacles must be placed to allow a minimum of 7m run up within the ring and at least a 7m run out within the ring. The first and last obstacles must be at least 6m apart. The course should be designed so that the dog's natural path on exiting the course directs it towards the finish holding area.

All dogs must leave the ring from the designated finish area.

Rationale: People often withdraw because they don't want to put their dog at a particular piece of equipment (eg: haven't finished training the see-saw but too the change on an intermediate entry) or weather or ground conditions at that point of time or they end up with a clash that's most easily manageable by scratching one dog – things might not be an issue in the following class. Also with the number of random withdrawals means it's impractical for the SM to be notified each and every time. The handlers "notify" the call board person.

6.7 Withdrawal and Dismissal from Competition

6.7.1 Exclusion or Removal from Competition

~~Show Regulations governing the exclusion or removal of dogs~~ The Show Manager shall have the power to exclude or remove from the show grounds any dog which ~~are~~ is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, unfit for competition ~~apply to all Agility fixtures.~~ not fit for competition, owing to disease, menacing disposition, or any other cause.

6.7.2 Exclusion by Judge

An officiating judge shall have the power to exclude or remove from the ring any dog which in their opinion is deemed not fit for competition due to lameness, obesity or other physical impairment, has a menacing disposition, or any other cause. Any such exclusion is to be immediately reported to the Show Manager for investigation, and an incident report filed with the Agility Committee.

6.7.32 Withdrawal ~~with Permission~~ by Competitor

A dog may be withdrawn from a class or part thereof ~~with permission of the Show Manager~~ and may be permitted to compete in a subsequent class at the same fixture.

6.7.43 Judge May Stop Judging

A judge may ask a competitor to leave the ring if in the opinion of the judge the competitor is not competing seriously.

16 GAMES GRADES AND GRADUATION

16.1 Standard Games Classes

Standard Games classes are: Gamblers, Snooker, Jumpers Pairs, Strategic Pairs and Blackjack. A Club may offer one or more Games classes at a fixture. Standard games classes will be offered in three grades – C, B and A, with A being the highest grade.

16.2 Games Obstacles

~~16.2.1 Grade C obstacles~~

16.2.1 Grade C obstacles

~~Hurdle, hoop, rigid tunnel, long jump, brush fence, weave, wings, dog-walk and A-frame may be used, depending on the game. All obstacles outlined in 'Standard Obstacles' and 'Standard Obstacles Approved for Use in Novice, Intermediate, Senior and Games Classes Only' Jumpers Pairs may only use obstacles outlined in 'Standard Obstacles' with the exclusion of the weave.~~

16.2.2 Grade B obstacles

Standard obstacles defined for Grade C may be used. In addition, the asymmetric spread and Multiple Bar Ascending Spread jumps and seesaw may also be used, ~~with the prior approval of the officiating judge.~~

16.2.3 Grade A obstacles

Standard obstacles defined for Grade C and B may be used. ~~In addition, the wishing well and multiple bar ascending spread jump may be used, with the prior approval of the officiating judge.~~

16.2.4. Combination obstacles.

Combination obstacles may be used in Snooker, Blackjack and Gamblers, except that in Grade C combination obstacles are not permitted. A combination may be formed by combining two or more obstacles into a sequence.

16.2.4.1 Use of weaving poles and contact obstacles in combinations.

Only one of the following may be used in combination:- weave, A-frame, dog-walk, seesaw

16.4 Graduation in Games Classes

Wins and points will count for graduation purposes only if a Qualifying Certificate was also awarded. Once a dog has met the criteria for graduation from a grade, it will then be considered to have advanced out of that grade for ALL Games classes.

16.4.1 Graduation from Grade C

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade B classes when it has achieved one of the following:

~~16.4.1.1~~

~~• 23 wins (or 21 wins and 13 points, or 1 win and 6 points) in Grade C Games classes. They must gain at least 1 qualifying certificate in at least threewo (32) different Standard Games Classes, or~~

~~16.4.1.2~~

- gained an award or title at Senior agility, or
- gained an award or title at Jumpers A, or
- gained 25 qualifying certificates (GD title). Graduation is optional in this case.

16.4.2 Graduation from Grade B

17.1.2 Points Accumulation Period (PAP)**17.1.2.1 Obstacles Used and Value**

Obstacles listed for each grade in 16.2. ~~Maximum n~~Number of contact obstacles to be used:- 1 for Grade C, 2 for Grade B and 3 for Grade A. Value: Jump 1pt, tunnel, hoop, long jump 3pts, 6 pole weave, contacts 5 pts, 12 pole weave, combinations 7 pts

17.1.2.2 Start and finish of PAP.

The dog negotiates the scoring or non-scoring start obstacle from either direction as defined by the judge and continues completing obstacles as desired until the end of the ~~Points Accumulation Period~~PAP. A sound at 30 seconds denotes the end of the opening sequence.

17.1.2.3. Negotiation of obstacles during PAP.

The dog may negotiate an obstacle from any direction (except for the seesaw or long jump) any number of times, but can only score each obstacle twice. Obstacles may not be taken scored back to back, and another obstacle must be attempted. Obstacles taken after the gamble horn has sounded, on the way to the gamble, are not scored.

17.1.2.4 Negotiation of gamble obstacles during the ~~Points accumulation period~~ (PAP).

The dog may negotiate one obstacle in the gamble at a time, from any direction. This does not impact the team's negotiation of the gamble section for that run for points, unless an obstacle cannot be scored due to a displaced jump pole. During the PAP the handler may go inside the gamble area. If the horn sounds to signal the start of the gamble period, the handler must exit the Handler restriction area before beginning the gamble sequence.

17.1.3.7 Time for Gamble.

The maximum time for dogs to complete the gamble is calculated by measuring the closest obstacle before the gamble to the last scoring obstacles for the gamble plus the take-off distance (approximately 2m for jumping obstacles) and dividing by the ROT for that class. Eg: 20.m for the gamble plus 7.7m for the closest obstacle gives a gamble time of 13 seconds.

17.1.3.7.1 Grade C: the rate of travel from the gamble is to be calculated at a minimum of 2.5m/s.

17.1.3.7.2 Grade B: the rate of travel from the gamble is to be calculated at a minimum of 2.75m/s.

17.1.3.7.3 Grade A: the rate of travel from the gamble is to be calculated at a minimum of 3m/s.

Qualification Table

Level	Time allowed for PAP (sec) max	<u>Minimum</u> Points to be gained in PAP max <u>min</u>	Gamble distance max	No. of obstacles in Gamble max	Obstacles permitted in gamble	Points to be gained in Gamble
C	30	20	3	3	16.2.1. m No weave or contacts	<u>All</u>
B	30	25	5	4	16.2.2. m Maxm 12 weave and one contact	All
A	30	30	7	5	16.2.3. m Maxm of 12 weave, one contact	<u>All</u>

17.2.2 Opening Sequence

The opening sequence involves the handler directing the dog to negotiate a “red” obstacle, followed by a “colour” obstacle in sequence until all of the red obstacles have been negotiated. e.g. Where there are 3 reds, the opening sequence goes red-colour-red-colour-red-colour. Successfully negotiating a red earns you the right to negotiate a colour.

17.2.2.1 Start and finish of the opening period.

To commence the opening sequence, the judge may use a non-scoring jump, or a red. If the jump is non-scoring, teams will not incur any consequence for taking this obstacle again during the run.

17.2.2.2 Negotiation of the red jumps.

The red jumps should be clearly distinguishable from any other jumps. A red can be taken from either direction. A red must be taken successfully before a colour is attempted. If a red is knocked down, the handler may not carry on to a colour, but must take another red obstacle. Each red can be taken only once. If the last red is knocked down the handler must proceed to the closing sequence.

17.2.2.3 Negotiation of the coloured obstacles.

Coloured obstacles can be taken from any direction (except seesaw and long jump). Only one colour obstacle may be completed between each red obstacle. The handler may direct the dog to perform the same coloured obstacle each time.

17.2.2.4 Combination obstacles.

17.2.2.4.1 Use of combination obstacles.

Combination obstacles are not to be used in Grade C. In Grades B and A, coloured obstacles may be combination obstacles. In Grade B two (2) obstacles may be paired to form a combination. In Grade A up to four (4) obstacles may be combined. The direction of the obstacles within a combination is determined by the judge and may be different in the opening and closing sequence.

17.2.2.4.2 Number of combination obstacles.

In Grade C no combination obstacles are to be used. In Grade B one (1) combination may be used. In Grade A two (2) combinations may be used.

17.2.2.5 Scoring of the opening sequence.

Only obstacles correctly negotiated will score points. The red jumps will score 1 point. The other coloured obstacles will score the points allocated to them by the judge.

17.2.2.6 Judging the opening sequence.

17.2.2.6.1 There are no refusals.

17.2.2.6.2. Faulted are judged as usual.

17.2.2.6.3 Disqualification will result where the sequence is taken incorrectly. causing the team's score to become zero. Disqualification will also occur if any instances outlined in 'Mandatory Disqualifications' happen during the run.-

17.2.2.7 Faults during the opening sequence. Dogs that fault a 'colour' obstacle must proceed to the next red or commence the closing sequence if no reds are available. If a team has attempted a colour obstacle but cannot be faulted, they may choose to perform another red or reattempt the same colour.

17.2.4 End of the Game

A signal is given when the time given by the Judge has elapsed, and scoring will then cease. The Game ends when the dog crosses the finish line and stops the clock. If the time elapses while the dog is still negotiating an obstacle, the obstacle will be scored if the dog has reached a point on the obstacle where the obstacle could no longer be faulted (e.g., dog is on contact point). The game will also end, and the dog must be taken to the finish.

17.2.4.1 any obstacle is taken out of sequence (in either opening or closing sequence)

17.2.4.2 any fault or refusal is made during the closing sequence.

17.2.4.3 should the dog not complete the finish jump and therefore not obtain a time for the run, a disqualification is given and the team's score will become zero (0).

17.3.7 Judging Considerations

Standard judging as regards refusals, faults and disqualification applies.

17.3.7.1 Any rails displaced during the round will not be replaced. If that hurdle is required to be negotiated subsequently, it must be performed even if the performance is simply to send the dog through the jump uprights.

17.3.7.2 Where the second dog starts before the first dog finishes their last obstacle, which is defined as any part of the body exiting the obstacle, the team will be disqualified.

17.4.2. Obstacles used in Black jack.

Obstacles that may be used for each grade are listed in 16.2 'Games Obstacles'. The maximum number of contact obstacles to be used is:- one (1) for Grade C, two (2) for Grade B and three (3) for Grade A.

- 17.4.4 Negotiation of obstacles.** Obstacles may be taken in any order and from either direction, with the obvious exception of the seesaw and ~~collapsible tunnel~~ long jump. Obstacles ~~may are~~ not to be done scored back to back, another obstacle must be attempted.
- 17.4.5 Scoring**
Each obstacle can be scored a maximum of twice, with further attempts not scoring.. Bars are not replaced during the round and those jumps cannot be scored. If during the round the dog takes the denoted finish obstacle, the run is ended and the dog is credited with the points gained up to that time.
- 17.4.6 Judging**
Refusals are not judged in Blackjack. Missed contacts and knocked rails result in that obstacle not being scored but the dog may reattempt the contact straightaway to gain points for that obstacles. Errors in the weave are not faulted however the weaves must be completed correctly in order to be scored. The judge calls the value of each obstacle correctly completed which are noted by the scribe. If an obstacle is not scored the judge will call "No".
- 17.4.7 Qualification**
The judge will define an appropriate course length based on the shortest possible course which can gain 21 points. A qualifying time will be calculated according to the course length, using the rate of travel as outlined for agility at each grade (2.5m/s for Blackjack C, 2.75m/s for Blackjack B and 3m/s for Blackjack A). This time must not exceed 650.000 seconds.
All dogs which gain 21 points within the time set by the judge will be awarded a qualification certificate.
- 17.4.8 Defining the Class Winner**
The winner of the class is the dog which accumulates 21 points in the shortest time. If no dog collects 21 points, then the highest score less than 21 with the fastest time will win. Any dog accumulating more than 21 points will be disqualified.

Discussion:

The Executive Council requested the following:

- 7.4.2.1.1 Delete the wording "of they are" at the end of the sentence.
- 7.4.2.2 Addition of the words "late applications" before the word 'may'.
- 13.7.3 Seesaw judging to be reconsidered by the Agility Committee.
- 6.14 Process for exclusion of dogs to be reconsidered by the Agility Committee.
- 17.4.7 Time must not exceed 60 seconds

Motion:

The Agility Committee regulations with the relevant changes were reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

Moved: CR Seconded: JB – Carried

HOOPERS REGULATION

Motion:

The Executive Council requested the “Membership and Registration” section of the regulations are to be reconsidered by the Agility Committee with the following recommended change:

2.1.1

All Dogs NZ Affiliated, Associated and Recognised clubs, pursuant to NZKC Rules 7-9 can hold Championship Hoopers Events.

Delete 2.1.2/3/4

Motion:

The Hoopers Regulations governed by the Agility Committee with the relevant changes were reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

Moved: CR Seconded: JB – Carried

LRL REGULATIONS – MINIATURE POODLES

New Litter Registration Limitation Regulations – Miniature Poodles

Rationale:

Following the successful vote survey of Miniature Poodle breeders and owners, Executive Council approved the adoption of the following LRL Regulations at its November meeting. These minimum standards of health testing will apply from 1 July 2024 onwards.

SECTION 4: Litter Registration Limitations

24.11 Miniature Poodles

For all Miniature Poodle litters born after July 1st 2024, as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I or II, the following shall apply:

24.11.1

The Sire and Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided, including where frozen semen is used, from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen collected prior to 1 January 2023 is excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

24.11.2

The Sire and Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA Progressive Retinal Atrophy progressive rod cone degeneration (PRA prcd) and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

Motion:

LRL Regulations for Miniature Poodles were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Moved: LD Seconded: JB – Carried

LRL REGULATIONS – STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER

Litter Registration Limitation Inclusion in Registry Regulations

Rationale

Following the successful vote survey of Staffordshire Bull Terrier breeders and owners, Executive Council approved the adoption of the following LRL Regulations at its November meeting. These minimum standards of health testing will apply from 1 July 2024 onwards.

New Registry Regulations

SECTION 4: Litter Registration Limitations

24.12 Staffordshire Bull Terrier

For all Staffordshire Bull Terrier litters born after July 1st, 2024, as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I or II, the following shall apply:

24.12.1

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ." Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

24.12.2 The sire AND dam of every litter must be tested, and either the sire OR dam must test clear by DNA testing of HC (Hereditary Cataract) and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

24.12.3 The sire AND dam of every litter must be tested, and either the sire OR dam must test clear by DNA testing of L2HGA (L2-Hydroxyglutaric acid) and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

Motion:

LRL Regulations for Staffordshire Bull Terrier were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Moved: LD Seconded: JB – Carried

LRL REGULATIONS – AMERICAN HAIRLESS TERRIER

Litter Registration Limitation Inclusion in Registry Regulations

Rationale

The American Hairless Terrier was introduced as a new breed and an LRL was created for the breed by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee. The proposed LRL was sent to the person introducing the breed for approval and then advertised in two consecutive editions of Dog World (July and August).

No submissions were received; therefore, Executive Council at their November meeting ratified the following Registration Regulation:

Registry Regulation:

SECTION 4: Litter Registration Limitations

24.13 American Hairless Terrier

For all American Hairless Terrier litters born after July 1st, 2024, as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I or II, the following shall apply:

24.13.1

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) collected by an independent, authorised sampler from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested from Dogs NZ after supplying laboratory issued evidence that the DNA profile failed.

24.13.2

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for hip dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1st, 2014, may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

24.13.3

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for Legg-Calve-Perthes and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1st, 2014, may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

24.13.4

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a Dogs NZ Patella Certificate completed by any registered veterinarian at a minimum age of 12 months old and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before July 1st, 2014, may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

24.13.5

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a Dogs NZ Cardiac Certificate completed by any registered veterinarian at a minimum age of 12 months old and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before July 1st, 2014, may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested prior to mating.

Motion:

LRL Regulations for American Hairless Terrier were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Moved: LD Seconded: KM – Carried

DOG TRAINING REGULATIONS

Regulation changes from the successful items in the April 2023 Voting Round

General Item 1 Voting on regulations changes regarding judging matters

Proposed by the Obedience Judges Association

Amend regulation 5.1.6 as follows:

5.1.6 Where the Dog Training Committee determines that a proposed regulation change is predominantly administrative and likely to be of interest to a small minority, **or is a matter relating to judging promotion or pathway requirements for Obedience and Rally-O Judges**, a decision may be made to not distribute the item for discussion and voting (as per regulations 5.1.3 and 5.1.4). Notification of the existence of such proposed regulation changes will be made at the time of the distribution of the discussion items and the details will be available on the Dog Training Committee website. **Judging matters will be referred to Obedience Judges Association for a vote among relevant judges, requiring a two thirds majority from at least 50% of eligible voters. For other items, if** the Dog Training Committee does not receive any significant objections from at least 15 eligible voters, the proposed changes will be adopted along with the successful voting items from the April and October voting rounds each year.

General Item 3 Change to DTC Secretary regulation

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulation 3.1.4 as follows:

3.1.4 Secretary of the Dog Training Committee

The Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club, ~~or~~ their nominee **or a nominee of the Dog Training Committee** shall be Secretary of the Dog Training Committee.

General Item 4 Addition of Treasurer regulation

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Add regulation 3.1.5 as follows and renumber existing regulations 3.1.5 to 3.1.10 to 3.1.6 to 3.1.11:

3.1.5 Treasurer of the Dog Training Committee

The Treasurer of the Dog Training Committee will be appointed by the Dog Training Committee, either from within its ranks or from suitable people in the Dog Training community. If a suitable treasurer cannot be found the role will revert to the Treasurer of Dogs New Zealand.

Obedience Item 2 Removing one of the heelwork exercises from Test A

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Delete regulation 12.3.3.2 (Heel free)

Amend regulation 12.3.3.1 as follows:

12.3.3.1 Heel **free** ~~on-lead~~.

Course as in Beginners. Combination turn, about turn right turn, only permitted. One right- or left-hand circle may be used. Handler permitted to give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for dog to sit at each halt and when moving into a circle. When moving from each halt handler may give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for dog to heel.

Renumber regulations 12.3.3.3 to 12.3.3.7 to 12.3.3.2 to 12.3.3.6.

At the end of regulation 12.3.3.6 (previously 12.3.3.7), change the total points for Test A from 145 points to 125 points:

Total: ~~125~~ ~~145~~

Amend regulation 6.5.1.3 as follows:

6.5.1.3 Calculation of Qualification

In Championship Obedience Tests, Obedience Open Trials or Obedience Ribbon Trials the result shall not be reckoned in the qualification of a dog if the dog is awarded less than 96% of the total marks rounded to the nearest whole point (equivalent to 72 points for Beginners; 96 points for Novice; ~~139~~ ~~120~~ points for Test A and 216 points for Test B).

Obedience Item 4 Awarding a Test C challenge for 3rd place if on 295 points or more

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

This item would allow the awarding of a challenge certificate to a third placegetter in Test C provided the dog has achieved at least 295 points.

Amend regulation 11.4.1.4 as follows:

11.4.1.4 Challenge Certificates

Two New Zealand Kennel Club Obedience Challenge Certificates must be offered for competition, one for the winner and one for the second place getter in Test C provided that the dog must score at least 290 points. **A third challenge certificate shall be awarded to a dog placed third in Test C provided that dog has scored at least 295 points.**

Club secretaries or an officer authorised by the show committee are responsible for the provision of Challenge Certificates.

Regulation changes from the August 2023 Notification items

General Notification Item 1: Correction to Harsh Handling regulation to refer to the Complaints and Settlement of Disputes Regulations

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulation 6.4.1 as follows:

6.4.1 Harsh Handling

Any allegation of harsh handling shall require that a complaint be laid of a breach of New Zealand Kennel Club Rules **and regulations** and shall be dealt with in accordance with ~~those Rules~~ **the NZKC Discipline and Settlement of Disputes Regulations**, provided however that this clause shall not necessarily apply to a judge who, whilst judging, exercises discretionary powers to penalise or disqualify for harsh handling any dog or handler.

Rally-O Notification Item 1: Removal of the word “approximately”

Proposed by the Rally-O Subcommittee

Remove the word “approximately” in the following regulations:

25.5.13 Spiral Right (Dog Outside). (sign #21) This exercise requires three cones or posts placed in a straight line with spaces between them **(of approximately)** 2-3 metres apart. Spiral Right indicates the handler must turn to the right when moving around each cone or post, placing the dog on the outside of the turns. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first cone or post where the spiral is started.

25.5.14 Spiral Left (Dog Inside). (sign #22) This exercise requires three cones or posts placed in a straight line with spaces between them **(of approximately)** 2-3 meters apart. Spiral Left indicates

the handler must turn to the left when moving around each cone or post, placing the dog on the inside of the turns. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first cone or post where the spiral is started

25.5.15 Weave Twice. (sign #23) This exercise requires four obstacles (cones, posts or people) placed in a straight line (approximately) 2-3 metres apart. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first obstacle where the exercise is started. Entry into the weaving pattern is with the first obstacle on the team's left side.

25.5.16 Weave Once. (sign #24) This exercise requires four obstacles (cones, posts or people) placed in a straight line (approximately) 2-3 metres apart. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first obstacle where the exercise is started. Entry into the weaving pattern is with the first obstacle on the team's left side. Note that in this exercise, the team does not weave back through the obstacles.

25.15.16 Weaving With Distractions. (sign #259) This exercise requires four "distractions" placed in a straight line (approximately) 2-3 metres apart. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first obstacle where the exercise is started. Entry into the weaving pattern is with the first obstacle on the team's left side. Note that in this exercise, the team does not weave back through the obstacles. Distractions must be no bigger than 30cm square and may include toys, balls or food in a sealed container

25.15.18 Weave Twice With Distractions (sign #261) This exercise requires four "distractions" placed in a straight line (approximately) 2- 3 metres apart. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first obstacle where the exercise is started. Entry into the weaving pattern is with the first obstacle on the team's left side. Distractions must be no bigger than 30cm square and may include toys, balls or food in a sealed container.

Regulation changes from the successful items in the October 2023 Voting Round

General Item 1 Addition to responsibilities of the Working Trials Subcommittee

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulation 3.6.2 as follows:

3.6.2 Responsibilities

Recommend to the Dog Training Committee

- Setting of Trials Judges' examinations
- Consideration of applications for advancement to Judging Panels
- Recommendations of judges to the Dog Training Committee
- Any remit or recommendation pertaining to Working Trials which has been ratified by the Working Trials Subcommittee.
- The adoption or amendment of any regulation of the N.Z.K.C. pertaining to Working Trials.
- Provide support and assistance for Working Trial Judges
- Receive submissions on Working Trials matters.
- Coordinate Working Trials dates.
- Consider ways in which Working Trials can be promoted, developed and supported in order to grow the discipline and to make recommendations to the Dog Training Committee on how this might be achieved.

General Item 2 Addition to responsibilities of the Rally-O Subcommittee

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

3.7.2 Responsibilities

The Rally-O subcommittee shall be responsible for the administration of Rally-O nationwide on behalf of the Dog Training Committee. Responsibilities include the following:

- Consideration of submissions on any Rally-O matter
- Review of any recommendations for amendments to the Rally-O regulations
- Guidance to clubs on the running of Rally-O events
- Provision of regular reports to the Dog Training Committee highlighting any matters of concern
- Consider ways in which Rally-O can be promoted, developed and supported in order to grow the discipline and to make recommendations to the Dog Training Committee on how this might be achieved.

General Item 3 Change to expand the ability for non-dog training clubs to run Rally-O shows

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulation 2.2.1 as follows:

2.2.1 Championship Obedience Tests and Rally-O Events

All Breed Societies Affiliated to or Associated with the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to New Zealand Kennel Club Rules 7 or 8 which are not registered Dog Training Societies may, with the approval of New Zealand Kennel Club, hold up to two Championship Obedience Tests and Rally-O Events per annum ~~provided such tests are held in conjunction with All Breeds Championship Shows~~. Any such shows must also be approved by the relevant Region Representative on the Dog Training Committee for inclusion on the region calendar (as per regulation 7.2.1).

Rally-O Item 2 Clarification of penalties for touching course equipment

Proposed by the Rally-O Subcommittee

Amend the following regulations relating to penalty reductions:

27.2.3.3 3-Point Deductions

3-points will be deducted for each of the following:

- Repeat of a station (only one (1) retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels)
- ~~Cone/post knocked over on Figure Eight, Spiral, and Serpentine~~
- Knocking over any course equipment excepting items used as measurement markers
- Lack of control
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Handler passing closer than 1 metre markers parallel to the jump
- Handler passing closer than 1 metre markers to the pole
- Pole knocked over on any Pole stations

Working Trials Item 1 Tracking Trials L1, 2 and 3 Panels – Appointment and Promotion

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

Add new regulations as follows:

8.13.4 Procedure for Appointment to the Tracking Trials L1 Panel

8.13.4.1 Criteria

Judges may apply for appointment to the Tracking Trials Level One Panel after they:

- i. Have trained and qualified a dog up to one TT3A;
- ii. Have had experience organising Tracking Trials at all three levels
- iii. Have had experience track laying at all three levels in at least three trials.
- iv. Have carried out at least three probationary TT1 trial judgings under at least two different judges involving at least 10 dogs and been the subject of favourable reports to the Working Trials Subcommittee by the senior judges who have supervised in each case.
- v. Have the approval of the DNZ Dog Training Committee.

8.13.5 Procedure for Appointment to the Tracking Trials Levels 2 and 3 Panel

8.13.5.1 Criteria

Judges may apply for appointment to the Tracking Trials Levels Two and Three Panel after they:

- i. Have trained and qualified a dog TTX
- ii. Are listed on the Tracking Trials Level One panel
- iii. Have carried out at least three probationary trial judgings under at last two different judges involving at least 10 dogs probationary at TT2 or TT3 level
- iv. Have judged at least three TT1 trials with a minimum total entry of 10 dogs
- v. Have the approval of the DNZ Dog Training Committee.

Renumber current regulations 8.13.4 and 8.13.5 to 8.13.6 and 8.13.7

Working Trials Item 2 Appointment to the Utility Dog Panel – additional criterion

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

Add new criterion to regulation 8.13.1 as follows:

8.13.1 Procedure for Appointment to the Utility Dog Panel

8.13.1.1 Criteria

Applicants for appointment to the Utility Dog Panel must have:

8.13.1.2 Trained and qualified a dog two UDXs and one WDX or two WDXs or one TD.

8.13.1.3 Had instructional experience at trials training clubs or seminars conducted by a club recognised under regulation 2.1.4 hereof.

8.13.1.4 Had experience at working trials in tracklaying and stewarding in at least three trials.

8.13.1.5 Had experience organising working trials at all three levels.

8.13.1.56 Carried out at least two probationary utility dog trial judging's under at least two different judges involving at least 10 dogs and been the subject of favourable reports to the Dog Training Committee by the senior trials judges who have supervised in each case.

8.13.1.67 Sat a written examination supervised by a Region examination supervisor and attained a pass mark of a minimum of 80%, the paper to be pertaining to the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Regulations and judging questions to be at Utility Dog trials level.

8.131.78 Approval of the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee.

Working Trials Item 3 Mock Trials Regulation for judging probationaries

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

Add new regulation 8.13.4.4 as follows:

8.13.4.4 Mock trials for the purpose of judging probationaries

Mock trials may be run by Trials Clubs at UD, WD, TD, TT1 and TT2/TT3 levels allowing handlers and dogs to participate that may not necessarily be eligible for entry in a proper trial. Thus, for the single purpose of giving aspiring judges the chance to gain the necessary probationary experience. These trials would be run with all standard exercises at each level included and would be carried out in the presence of a Senior Working Trials judge for the level being run, to correctly provide an assessment for the aspiring judge. No working trials qualifications, prizes, sashes or other awards would be given at these trials for dogs and handlers.

Motion:

The Dog Training Regulations were reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

Moved: GC Seconded: FH – Carried

Late Papers Regulations

Amend regulation 6.5.1.3 as follows:

8.10.2.6 Applicants for promotion must also have trained and competed a dog to the following standard at Championship Obedience Tests

For promotion to:-

Beginners./Novice Panel ~~135~~ 116 points in Test A

Test A Panel 210 points in Test B

Test B Panel 210 points in Test B

Test C Panel 290 Points in Test C

Or if applicant is unable to provide above competition standard for promotion to:

Beginners / Novice Panel:

Two Beginner and two Novice Ribbon trial appointments or Assessment Trials must be assessed by two different assessors at each level and receive favourable assessments. At least a total of 30 dogs must be judged at each level.

Test A Panel:

Two Test A Ribbon Trial appointments or Assessment Trials must be assessed by two different assessors and receive favourable assessments. At least a total of 30 dogs must be judged at the Test A level.

Test B Panel:

Two Test B Ribbon Trial appointments or Assessment Trials must be assessed by two different assessors and receive favourable assessments At least a total of 30 dogs must be judged at the Test B level.

Motion:

The late Dog Training Regulations were reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

Moved: GC Seconded: CM – Carried

5. COMPLAINTS / DISPUTES

RECOMMENDATION FOR SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES FOR BREACH OF REGISTRY REGULATIONS.

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

Under Registry Regulation 6.5, a number of number of kennel names were recommended for to be suspended for failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1 after receiving the final 28-day late warning.

Motion:

The Executive Council considered and approved the suspension of 8 kennel names submitted to the November 2023 Executive Council meeting.

Moved: FH Seconded: MH – Carried

COMPLAINTS & DISPUTE REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

The Executive Council discussed the report, including an impending appeal to Judicial Review. ST provided an update on a dispute which is now heading to a trial in the District Court after both parties failed to reach a settlement.

- Report Received

REGISTRATION DECISION REVIEW

Application to Review Registry Decision

Regulation 6.7 transfer registration

Motion:

The Executive Council under Registry Regulation 6.7 approved the transfer of the registration of a dog.

Moved: MH Seconded: CM – Carried

Regulation 6.7 transfer registration

Motion:

The Executive Council under Registry Regulation 6.7 approved the transfer of the registration of a dog.

Moved: SM Seconded: CR – Carried

Regulation 6.7 transfer registration

Motion:

The Executive Council under Registry Regulation 6.7 approved the transfer of the registration of a dog.

Moved: LD Seconded: SM – Carried

Regulation 6.1 registration/application for registration

The Executive Council noted that no permission for the mating was given in advance by both co-owners and the bitch should have been transferred in sole ownership before the matting occurred. Executive Council declines registration on Part 1 of the registry without all the sire owners signatures.

Motion:

That the litter/puppies be registered on Part II with no 3 generation papers.

Moved: LD Seconded: FH– Carried

Regulation 6.1 registration/application for registration

Executive Council discussed the registration of a litter in which the use of the bitch for breeding contravenes the advice provided in the Dogs NZ letter of 25/11/2020 which recommended that puppies from a sire or dam affected by cleft palate should not be bred to related dogs.

Motion:

That the puppies from the litter bred on 11/11/2020 be registered with the endorsement “not to be bred from” and a letter be sent to the breeder stating that as per the recommendation from Dr Tempest, E.C. do not want to see puppies from a sire or dam affected by cleft palate be bred to related dogs.

Moved: SM Seconded: JB – Carried

Abstained: MH / BH

BREEDERS CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES

Report presented by Canine Health & Welfare Officer Rhea Hurley.

Motion:

The Executive Council considered and approved the suspension of one kennel name in breach of Registry Regulations (3 litters in 18 months).

Moved: SM Seconded: JB – Carried

6. OFFICE REPORTS

DIRECTOR SECRETARY NOVEMBER 2023 REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – FY 2023-24

The Dogs NZ Strategic Plan focuses on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporated into our annual business plans and this report will focus on what initiatives we have underway to achieve our 10-year goals.

The key focus of the National Office is on the following current projects

Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs

Major Membership / Club Projects

We have currently underway the following major member/club projects which are detailed in other reports:

- Introduction of a new improved show program
- Provision of an indoor facility for shows in Lower North Island (Manfeild)
- Club amalgamation strategy and private show licences protocols
- Automation of membership & kennel name applications and renewals
- National Show Steward Training Program

National Show Steward Training Program

Anne Deery is reviewing the training material for our national steward program which will include a module on FCI Shows and an exam booklet which will be the last part of the course.

I have attached an overview presentation of the proposed show steward training program which will be over two days and include mock scenarios on completing the different steward's sheets and a final ½ hour exam. Day 2 of the course will consist of a practical exercise using a ribbon parade.

Partnership Programs – Planning Meetings

As part of the budget / Business planning cycle for FY24-25 I have scheduled the following workshops with our partners:

- Nestle Purina: Auckland 21 November
- PD Insurance: Auckland 28 November

Strategic Priority: Registry Development

New Registry / Membership Platform

We have moved the entire office to the new Registry / Membership platform & administration interface. The old platform has been retired from daily use but we retain it as there are still some report functions that we use for finance which we have yet to transfer to the new administration interface.

Staff are dealing with any “bugs” in the new administration interface and assisting staff to come up to speed on using the new system.

IT Scope of Work Planning

We have an IT Scope of Work meeting on 23 November to plan and priorities our next major IT projects which include:

- Reformat of on-line registry forms for 2-part registry.
- Database management of titles, awards and endorsements (we have 2,846 awards + 553 titles combinations!).
- Member / kennel name automation projects.
- Development of CGC Database (this is currently run from an XL Spreadsheet that is close to collapse) and automation of certificates.
- Integration of new Show Manager program

None of these projects are small but the new platform allows greater flexibility for development work.

Strategic Priority Expanding Dog Training

Karen Sadler is planning a series of “Train the Trainers” workshops in the new year which are supported by budget allocation from the Purina Partnership funding. This will include workshops at Ardmore, McLeans Island and in Wellington (venue TBC).

Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health

Continued progress has been made in the roll-out of the nationwide RFG testing scheme. We have good coverage in the North Island with a total of 30 trained vet Assessors and another Assessor Training course is scheduled in January, in Christchurch.

Strategic Enablers - Strategic Stakeholder Relations

Companion Animals NZ (CANZ)

I have been appointed Chair of CANZ for the next 12 months during which we will undertake a governance review of board appointments. Current focus of CANZ is on the establishment of the Good Life Centre (with a focus on companion animals research and education) and the hosting of our research conference in March.

Discussion:

Executive Council discussed the report and made the following comments regarding the project work outlined in the report:

- Include Exclusion of Dog Show Regs in the National Show Steward Training program
- Online examination process (utilising NZDJA online exam program) to be included in new Kennel Name registration process.

- Prompt to update breed information during Kennel Name renewals.
- Impact of new Dog-iE news platform on opening rates.

The appointment of the Director Secretary to the role of chair of CANZ was discussed and concern expressed about potential for excessive workload and if it constitutes a conflict of interest for Dogs NZ. ST believes that issue of workload and conflict of interest is manageable and would not hesitate to step down from the chair role if it became an issue.

Moved: Chair: - Report Received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

Report by Rhea Hurley.

External Meetings - Recent Meetings

20th September – MPI Meeting

I was invited to a meeting with MPI (as a dog behaviourist rather than my role at Dogs NZ) to discuss indicators of distress due to prolonged tethering and confinement. It was attended by nine members of MPI, three members of the SPCA science and legal teams, two members of NZVA, three dog behaviourists, and five welfare scientists. The purpose of the meeting was to get input from experts before finalizing any indicators or policies.

Dr Kat Littlewood (Massey University) gave a presentation on the scientific approach to validation of welfare indicators in the context of the five domains model. Distress is a negative mental experience and needs intervention in domain 5, the agency domain. Intervention in the other domains can only provide neutral welfare at best. Animals subjective mental experience cannot be measured directly so measurement needs to be via animal-based or non-animal-based indicators.

The relevance to Dogs NZ is that MPI will develop these indicators into infringement regulations. Prolonged confinement will be looked at after tethering.

13th October – Massey University

After a request by academic staff, I delivered a tutorial style lecture to animal science students on the welfare consideration of brachycephalic breeds.

My main objective in the lecture was to increase awareness of Dogs NZ as a source of canine information and show how health testing is more valid and prevalent in pedigree dogs.

Discussion points relevant to Dogs NZ included:

- How have extreme conformations come about?
- What are breed standards, how do they get changed, and why are they important?
- What is health testing for breeding dogs and how can veterinarians help?
- How do we improve health outcomes?

18th October – Animal Welfare Network Aotearoa

AWNA is a stakeholder group of organisations with an interest in animal welfare of whom Dogs NZ has been a member since 2017. Members include several of our key stakeholders such as SPCA, NZVA, MPI, CANZ, NAWAC, as well as NAEAC, VCNZ, Racing Integrity Board, and over twenty national groups.

The meeting focused on *Social License* with regards to Animal Welfare, a very pertinent topic for Dogs NZ. Social license is relevant to Dogs NZ as breeding can be seen as a contentious practice by the public due to unease about in-breeding, inherited disease, AI/embryo transfer, exaggerated features, husbandry, and containment.

This was discussed across a range of species both farmed, companion, and pest animals. The solutions were similar across all industries – transparency & accountability, evidence & science-based welfare decisions, understanding community concerns, and engagement with stakeholders – the most important being the public.

Upcoming Meetings

February – NAWAC Meeting

Due to a crowded November meeting schedule (with a number of code reviews) we have agreed to postpone our presentation to NAWAC until 2024 at a date to be confirmed.

The aim of this presentation is for the Canine Health and Welfare Chair, Director Secretary and I, to update NAWAC on the health and welfare initiatives by Dogs NZ which include:

- 10-year Strategy and the importance of promoting canine health and welfare and effective advocacy for pedigree breeds as a strategic priority.
- The rollout of a nationwide RFG program, offering a scientifically validated test to provide guidance to breeders on how they lower the risk of affected puppies.
- Compulsory minimum health testing (LRLs),
- Judges Breed Observations,
- Regular reviews of the Breeders Code of Conduct and increasing use of DNA profiles to improve our validity.
- Investment into the registry system to enable improved reporting and tracking of Breeders Code of Conduct breaches which is an essential component for maintaining our social license.

Discussion:

ST briefed Council on his meeting with the Chair of NAWAC. The briefing presentation to NAWAC Committee should be based on our response to the 2027 NAWAC report. The earliest the Canine Code review will happen will be in the second half of 2024. Executive Council would like CH&W Committee to work on updating Dogs NZ position statements. The draft reviewed position statements are to be presented to the April Council meeting for ratification.

Moved: FH Seconded: LD - Report Received

MEMBERSHIP & CLUBS REPORT

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager).

Annual Accounts for Clubs

All Clubs have now paid the annual subscription.

The Terrier Club – Application for Re-Association

An application has been received to re-associate The Terrier Club. This Associated club was placed into recess in 2020 by the club and the assets of the club forwarded to Dogs NZ in accordance with their rules.

The club advises that they have held an AGM, have appointed officers for the club and have a committee of a further 7. The club has a bank account.

The club has a membership of 19 individuals and 7 family memberships that have joined to date. Further that “we have a number of new terrier people keen to be a part as well as many that have been members for many years.”

They plan on holding a match day in conjunction with the Cambridge Kennel Association Benefit Show on the 1st of January 2024.

They advise that they operate under the previous rules of The Terrier Club for now but will be updating these in line with the new requirements of Incorporated Societies.

Note that this is not an application for recognition but for association.

Recommend that The Terrier Club be approved to be an Associated Club with Dogs NZ.

Motion:

Executive Council reviewed and approved the application from The Terrier Club as an Association Club with Dogs NZ.

Moved: JB Seconded: CM – Carried

CHANGE OF PERMANENT SHOW DATE – WAIKOUAITI KENNEL ASSOCIATION AND PURINA PRO PLAN FORRESTER PARK EXHIBITION CENTRE, DUNEDIN

Colleen Begg presented a report on which outlined the request for a date change to Kings Birthday by an All Breeds Club and the Forrester Park Management Committee. The report included the key show regulations regarding the granting of show dates and a summary of the submissions received from the membership notification process.

Discussion:

Executive Council discussed the request for new show dates by the Breed Club and the impact it would have on the Speciality Club which currently uses the date / venue.

The Director Secretary is to write to the Breed Club and the Forrester Park Management Committee that the Executive Council is of a mind to grant the new Kings Birthday date for 2025 onwards but want details on what arrangements have been made to accommodate the speciality club show with a dedicated show ring / non-conflicted judging time.

All three parties are to be included in correspondence and a final decision on show dates will be made by email vote prior to 15 December 2023.

Report Received:

DOGS ON REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager).

There are a number of dogs on report resulting from shows held during the National Dog Show week.

1. **CH Webyln Rogue For a Reason 04767-2016 Gordon Setter owned by R Anderson**

- This male Gordon Setter was placed on report by the show manager at the Curtain Raiser Show held on 2 October 2023 after it showed aggression towards another dog owned by the same owner.
- The owner advised that she was grooming the dog on the table and the younger dog was taken for a walk by someone else. On its return from its walk, the older dog grabbed the younger dog's ear. The owner was injured when she intervened between the two dogs.
- Her injury to her hand required stitches which have now been removed.
- The dog's records have been endorsed and the owner advised.

2. **Gr Ch Tsarjolan Bright Star Gazer 07124-2021 Chow Chow owned by J Jenkins-Piggott**

- This male Chow Chow was placed on report following an incident at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show involving a German Shepherd Dog puppy.
- After consideration of all witness reports and information provided, the dog was placed on report with 7 day stand down. The dog's records have been endorsed and the owner advised.
- The dog has subsequently been shown and observed at Tauranga Kennel Association's Championship shows with no problems reported.
- Dog is being shown at Taupo Kennel Association's Championship Shows as well and observers have been appointed.

3. **Miss Rozy of Bavaria 08024-2021 Rottweiler owned by S Storey**

- This female Rottweiler was excused from the ring by the judge at the National Dog Show after it showed aggression towards him whilst being judged.
- The dog's records have been endorsed and the owner advised.
- The dog has been exhibited and observed at Tauranga Kennel Association's Championship shows with no problems reported.
- Is being shown at Taupo Kennel Association's Championship Shows as well and observers have been appointed.

4. **Blackhills Running Free 01957-2022 Labrador Retriever owned by R Baker-Treblico & M Baker**

- Show Manager at Bay of Plenty Gundog Show Society reported that this female Labrador Retriever was involved in an incident with another Labrador Retriever whilst waiting to be judged.

- Witness reports advise that another dog (a female yellow Labrador Retriever) in the lineup sniffed the dog and that the dog reacted to this.
- The dog's records have been endorsed and the owners advised.

5. Stonewall Silver Knight 07625-2022 Bulldog owned by F Muncey

- This male Bulldog was involved in an incident at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show. The owner of the Bulldog advises that she was walking her dog outside in the same area that a young woman was toileting her dog.
- The Bulldog owner noticed that one of her young female Bulldogs was running towards her (her owner), she managed to grab the lead of this dog. The owner of the other dog picked her dog up, the male Bulldog jumped up at the dog held in her arms. The owner of the Bulldogs managed to control both dogs quickly.
- The other person left the area before the owner of the Bulldogs could speak to her or check on her dog.
- This was reported to the show manager by the owner of the dog who had a minor scratch on her arm and dog slobber.
- The owner of the Bulldogs was identified and spoken to by the show manager. Owner confirmed that it was her dog involved but that the dog was not aggressive.
- The male Bulldog was placed on 7 day stand down. The dog's records have been endorsed and the owners advised.

6. SPR CH Lanascol Was This The Answer 04658-2017 Irish Setter Owned C Cederman

- This male Irish Setter was placed on report by the show manager of the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show after an incident with an English Setter. There were no incident or witness reports received however, the owner of the Irish Setter advises that the English Setter puppy was in the holding ring (and shouldn't have been), it jumped up at the face of the Irish Setter who bit the lip of the puppy. It appears that no veterinary treatment was required.
- The dog was stood down for 7 days, the dog's records have been endorsed and the owner advised.
- The dog has been shown and observed at Tauranga Kennel Association's Championship shows and Bay of Plenty Show Dog Society's Championship shows with no problems reported.
- The dog is also being shown at Taupo Kennel Association Championship Shows and observers have been appointed.

7. Lusanne Jailhouse Rock 07527-2022 St Bernard owned by G Neal & S Jobey

- Show manager of Tauranga Kennel Association's Championship show held on 22 October 2023 advises that this female St Bernard was excused from the ring by the judge after it snapped and attempted to bite him.
- The owners have been advised that the dog is on report and the dog's records endorsed.

8. Passchendael Black Pearl JD 01317-2021 Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael) owned by A Karpova

- Show Manager of Taieri Canine Training Club's Championship Agility and Jumpers Event held on 24 September 2023 that this female Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael) showed aggression towards the judge.
- The report received advised that the dog entered the weave, popped out of the weave and when asked to repeat the weave, the dog barked at the owner and rushed towards the judge barking and growling. No contact was made with the judge and the owner regained control of the dog.
- The dog's records have been endorsed, the owner advised.
- Agility Committee will be arranging for observers.

9. Takoda Rattle And Hum At Chasewood 03799-2023 Staffordshire Bull Terrier owned by S Vermeer

- The show manager of Waimakariri Kennel Association's Championship show held on 23 October 2023 reported that this male Staffordshire Bull Terrier was excused from the ring after the dog bit the judge on her hand.
- The owner advised that the dog did not bite the judge but snapped at her hand because his mouth was sore due to teething.
- When contacted, the ring steward confirmed that the dog made contact, that there was no blood but the judge said her finger was sore.
- The dog has been placed on 2 months stand down, the owner advised and the dog's records endorsed.

Report Received

7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

STRATEGY WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Executive Council discussed and approved the Terms of Reference for the following Strategy Committee Working Groups:

Governance Working Group

- Martin Hewitt (Chair) John Green, Tony Kessler, Rosemary Cleator (Dog Training), Reece Smith (Agility), Fiona Hodgson.

Club Amalgamation Working Group

- Steven Thompson (Chair) Susan van de Pol, Rob Ellis, Lavina Diamanti, Angela Dryden & Martin Hewitt.

Both working groups have held their first meetings and developed a timetable for reporting back to Executive Council with final recommendations.

Moved: SM Seconded: LD- Report Received

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

Karen McIntyre presented a verbal report on the H&S review they are doing with the National Office. ST to ensure the Health & Safety Committee is included on list for Council Reports.

Report Received

CAININE HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT

Report from Lynley Drummond (LD) Chair, Canine Health & Welfare Committee.

Key initiatives of the Canine Health & Welfare Committee include Minimum Breed Health Test requirements (LRL's) and the Respiratory Functional Grading Scheme (RFG).

It is great to see the increasing interest from clubs and breed groups in establishing LRL's. At the time of writing, we have successful outcomes - subject to approval by CHWC – for Staffordshire Bull Terriers (2 health parameters, DNA profile and agreement for LRL), and for Miniature Poodles (1 health parameter, DNA profile and agreement for LRL). These may be presented as late papers for ratification, together with the LRL for the American Hairless Terrier. The voting for Bearded Collies is in progress at time of writing, and English Springer Spaniels, Rhodesian Ridgeback, and Golden Retriever now at the post submission phase with progress to the voting stage once submissions review by CHWC. Schemes for Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, Bavarian Scent Hound and St. Bernards at early-stage review by CHWC. Progress has been delayed due to postponement of CHWC meetings.

The RFG scheme is in progress with 2 further vet training days planned for early November (Auckland) and December (Christchurch).

Finalisation of minor changes to the Breeders Code of Conduct, development of a framework to consider potential Harsh Handling regulations and establishment of a subgroup to recommend a refreshed Accredited Breeders Scheme will be progressed at the next CHWC meeting.

With the Code of Welfare: Dogs (CoW) being progressed through the early stages it is crucial that DogsNZ clarifies and ratifies its positions on key Health and Welfare issues covered by the Code

that are of importance to the membership. As noted at the September meeting EC were unable to establish if membership opinion was aligned with any DNZ position on Health and Welfare issues. Therefore by proactively establishing EC ratified DNZ positions on the topics, based on thorough review and consultation, then any response to public consultation rounds for Code review can be completed with focus and confidence as the direction is clear. Given much of the information and evidence required for any submissions will already have been gathered and reviewed during the position establishment phase this means that focused responses are manageable within the relatively tight timeframes. Early preparation affords full transparency and involvement across all disciplines and groups within DNZ.

CHWC continue to have the CoW as a discussion topic and given its importance CHWC will prepare a recommendation to EC the way forward strategically. Once the process is agreed, then it is an easy path forward and responsibilities and timelines for delivering the necessary output can be identified. This will prevent any last-minute pressured preparation, confusion on DNZ positions and subsequent EC approval. Given the timing and postponement of CHWC meetings, it is proposed that a plan to develop the Health and Welfare positions for DNZ is presented into EC for approval at the February 2024 meeting.

Discussion:

Executive Council discussed the unsuccessful LRL votes for Bearded & Border Collies. All future LRL surveys are to be setup for compulsory answers to all health test questions.

LD discussed the AU ORCHID health testing database which is an option for Dogs NZ to join and share aggregated health test data on NZ dogs,

Moved: LD Seconded: CM - Report Received

AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by Paul Taylor (Chair)

AC committee Meeting

The last AC meeting was held at DNZ Ardmore facility over the 28th and 29th of October 2023.

Topics for Executive Council meeting:

Financial Matters.

Amending the kiwibank access authorities for our Treasurer and Chair remains outstanding, with DNZ staff involved in trying to get this resolved. Although no financial report was submitted due to Treasurer travelling to/from NZDAC a verbal report was presented and accepted with the proviso that the report be prepared for the end of October. The NZDAC accounts will be provided by the Zone 1 committee in due course. The bank balance continues to be favourable and expenses are tracking as budgeted and income remains above budget.

New Zealand Dog Agility Championships.

This event was held over 20 -23 October at Morrinsville with more than 650 DNZ members in attendance. It was a real shame that DNZ was not officially represented during this event, especially as part of the opening ceremony. The event was a great success, a Gazette article will be printed in the Dec/Jan edition.

Regulation Updates

As this is one of two occasions when EC ratifies changes to the agility regulations for inclusion from 1 January 2024 regulation amendments were a major part of our last meeting with the following topics being agreed:

- General changes to correct errors in current regs.
- A review of the games regulations to bring them into line with other codes.
- The introduction of Hoopers regulations.

The complete document package of regulation changes and justification document will be provided by our EC rep intime for inclusion in the late papers.

Judges Sub Committee

Following the voting process, we have 3 casual vacancies that the AC and JSC are currently working on filling IAW Standing Orders processes.

Judges' promotions

The following judges are recommended for promotion:

- Liz Barlow to Senior panel.
- Tim Conolly to senior panel.
- Sarah Ridley to senior panel.

Moved: CR Seconded: GC - Approved

Discussion:

BH asked if any of the new senior panel judges were interested in joining the FCI Panel. The outstanding Judges Sub Committee vacancies have been filled. A dedicated email on Harsh Handling based on the article by Fenzi will be sent to all Agility percipients and published in NZ Dog World.

Moved: CR Seconded: JB - Report Received

DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE NOVEMBER REPORT

Report presented by Geoff Collins (Chair)

1. Dog Training Committee Meetings

The next Dog Training Committee meeting will be held by Zoom on Thursday 16 November (after the deadline for this report).

2. Judge Appointments and Promotions

a. Appointments/Promotions:

- i. Jo Donachie promotion to Test B panel
- ii. Sue Richardson appointment to CD panel
- iii. Nicole Robinson appointment to Rally-O Novice panel
- iv. Joanne Hammond promotion to Rally-O Excellent Panel
- v. Jan Walter promotion to Rally-O Encore panel
- vi. Rosalind Walkington promotion to Rally-O Encore panel
- vii. Rob Mosen appointment to Obedience Ribbon Trial panel

Moved: GC Seconded: LD - Approved

3. October Voting Round

The current voting round is due to close at the end of October. The item that would allow clubs not registered as dog training clubs to run Rally-O shows, without having to do so in conjunction with an all-breeds championship breed show, looks very likely to pass.

October 2023 Voting Round – Results

General

- b. Item 1: Addition to responsibilities of the Working Trials Subcommittee (3.6.2): **PASS** (93.96 %)
- c. Item 2: Addition to responsibilities of the Rally-O Subcommittee (3.7.2): **PASS** (91.93 %)
- d. Item 3: Change to expand the ability for non-dog training clubs to run Rally-O shows: **PASS** (75.30 %)

General notification item: Correction to Harsh Handling regulation to refer to the Complaints and Settlement of Disputes Regulations

Working Trials

- a. Item 1: Working Trials Tracking Trials L1, 2 and 3 Panels – Appointment and Promotion **PASS** (84.38 %).
- b. Item 2: Appointment to the Utility Dog Panel – additional criterion: **PASS** (84.38 %).
- c. Item 3: Mock Trials Regulation for judging probationaries: **PASS** (84.38 %).

Rally-O

- a. Item 1: Reducing the qualifying score for Rally-Excellent A from 100 to 95: **FAIL** (39.37 %)
- b. Item 2: Clarification of penalties for touching course equipment: **PASS** (82.11 %)

Rally-O Notification item: Removal of the word “approximately” in several Rally-O sign descriptions.

4. National Dog Show 2023 – Obedience and Rally-O

- These invitational events went very well, and we received a lot of positive comments about bringing dog training back to the National.
- Facebook Live was used to provide live streaming of the Obedience and Rally-O events and this was very much appreciated by those who weren't able to be there in person.
- I would especially like to thank the National organising team and show manager, Steve Tate, for their support to help the dog training events run so smoothly.

5. National Dog Training Assembly 2023 (Levin, Labour weekend)

- It was an exhausting weekend for the organisers, but we were very pleased with how well the event went. There were initial concerns about the venue (including having a wooden floor and being split into two halls) but the Horowhenua Events Centre turned out to be a great place to hold the NDTA.
- There was a very good atmosphere over the weekend with many positive comments and this was helped by the nice weather.
- Live streaming was used for the first time at an NDTA, principally for the inter-region team event on the Saturday, and this was very well received by those watching at home. Southern Region won the Obedience and Rally-O trophies and Central won the Working Trials trophy.

- It was pleasing to have representatives of both Purina PRO PLAN and PD Insurance (Miranda and Jacqui) attend the team event on the Saturday along with Steven Thompson. See attached photo of Miranda and Jacqui with the region mascots.
- Fiona Hodgson attended on Sunday (including for the Disney-themed function) and on Monday, taking part in the presentations.
- We were pleased to be able to present a Take the Lead award to one of the Horowhenua Club members, Aynslie Goldsmith, for her superb attitude and helpfulness over many years.

6. National Dog Training Assembly 2024 (Christchurch, Labour weekend)

- This will be held at the Riding for the Disabled venue in Christchurch with a theme of Dogwarts School of Magic.

Discussion:

GC updated Executive Council on the resignation of the Southern delegate for the Dog Training National Committee. Nominations will be called for by 15 January 2024 with elections if required in late January.

Moved: GC Seconded: CM - Report Received

CAININE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

Report presented by Arend van den Bos (Chair)

Dogs NZ CGC Committee meeting

Since the last EC report, Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings via Zoom were held on Wednesday August 30th and 24th September 2023. Next two meetings' Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings are scheduled for Sunday October 29th and Sunday 26th November 2023.

Café Exercise

All registered Dogs NZ CGC Assessors have been invited to provide feedback on the Bronze Café Exercise. To date, all responses received have been acclamatory regarding the adoption of this exercise. Only point of negativity so far conveyed (and this from only two), was the requirement for dogs to remain in a down position for two minutes. A position (excuse the pun) not supported by all (but one) member of the Dogs NZ CGC Committee and vast majority of those CGC Assessors who have provided feedback. That is, there remains a significant majority supporting a retention of the requirement for dogs to remain in a down position.

CGC Assessment Management

As stated in the last CGC report, a request has been made for registered CGC Societies to describe how they manage Assessment days. Particularly when large numbers of applicants were involved. Regrettably, my wording in the last report appears to have been misinterpreted, so that there was some concern that perhaps Dogs NZ Management plans were being investigated. I wish to assure the EC that this is NOT the case. Particularly since Dogs NZ Management is well outside the scope of the Dogs NZ CGC Committee.

My own personal apologies if an incorrect conclusion had been reached by any individuals of the Dogs NZ EC.

What was asked for is how each individual CGC registered Society manages their own CGC Assessment days, and this has produced some very useful feedback which will be collated and presented so that CGC registered Societies might glean useful tips on how to manage their own Assessment days.

CGC Assessment Notifications

Nil feedback has yet been received from Dogs NZ regarding what actions may be taken should a Dogs NZ registered CGC Societies failed to advise Dogs New Zealand of their intent to host a CGC Assessment.

ECAP: EC feedback on any action to be taken regarding a society's failure to comply with a CGC Manual requirement. That is, notification of an impending CGC Assessment.

Online Examinations

Issues of who funds and administers the programme are still to be resolved.

Urban Program

The proposed Urban Program, which will be conducted concurrent with the Dogs NZ CGC program has reached a critical point where it is now sufficiently developed to consider the writing of an associated manual.

Applications and Appointments

One application to become a CGC Assessor, and two applications to become recognized Private CGC Trainers were received. However, the committee has reserved their approvals for EC endorsement pending queries as to a possible lack of association with a registered Dogs NZ CGC Society.

Further investigation is occurring.

Discussion:

A notice is to be placed in Dog iE News notifying Clubs that they must advise the National Office of any impending CGC Assessment so that it can be placed on the Dogs NZ website. A pdf document of the CGC manual is to be made available for download on the website CGC pages.

A dedicated CGC email address is also to be created for use by the CGC Committee.

Moved: CM Seconded: LD - Report Received

SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

Report presented by Arend van den Bos (Chair).

1. Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee

At the time of writing this Dogs New Zealand Scent Work report, there have been two Scent Work Committee meetings conducted through "Zoom." September 3rd and October 1st, 2023.

The next two scheduled meetings are November 5th and December 3rd, 2023.

Joanna Upton has replaced Shiree Brockie.

2. Scent Work Committee Administration

Because the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee has been advised that the Dogs NZ EC wishes Dogs New Zealand Scent Work to become a more autonomous Code, administered by an elected committee, a submission to enable this and previously presented by an EC member was discussed by the committee at their last meeting. Several concerns were raised regarding what had been presented, and following extensive discussion, alternative courses of action proposed. These have been drafted and submitted to the EC through the Dogs NZ President and Director/Secretary, with a request that they be treated as a discussion paper. The discussion paper is written as a first-person response with a concluding alternative process. However, each of the

points raised was extensively discussed at the October Committee meeting and unanimously supported.

3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations

In accord with an agreement that proposed additions and alterations to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations is only presented to the Dogs NZ EC in November and April; a separate document has been forwarded for inclusion in the Regulations Section of the November EC Meeting Agenda.

4. Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Judges Appointment/Promotions

EC endorsement is sought for the following, having completed all regulated pre-requisite requirements:

Jo Miller – Advanced Interior.

Karen Parnell – Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle.

Moved: FH Seconded: CR - Approved

5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members

Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register indicates a roll of 592 of which 82% are current Dogs NZ Members. Almost two thirds of those on the current Scent Work Register are also active participants in Dogs NZ Qualifying Scent Work Trials.

Discussion:

Executive Council discussed the report and the upcoming Committee elections. FH is drafting election regulations which will be ratified by Executive Council in the first quarter of 2024.

A dedicated Scent Work email address will be created for use by the Scent Work Committee.

Moved: JB Seconded: CR- Report Received

NZDJA COMMITTEE

Report presented by Nigel Trainor (President).

Oct 2023

Since the last communication with the Executive Council NZDJA has gone out to members of both NZDJA but also Dogs NZ on the proposed changes to the Judges Regulation, the consultation closes on the 7 Nov 2023.

The significant proposed changes are:

- Aspiring judges can judge Ribbon Parades
- Aspiring judges that are meeting the criteria can apply to sit the exams to move to the Open panel
- Stewarding at 2 shows is part of the mandatory requirements for promotion
- Being on the Executive or Committee of a Club is part of the mandatory requirements for promotion
- All dogs' judged will count towards the minimum number for advancement
- Once a candidate has passed the theory exam this will not need to be re-sat if the candidate fails their practical
- Judges once passed a group at Championship level can accept appointments from anywhere

- Practicing Certificate is suspended at this stage
- The Specialist panel requirements had been re-instated.

The majority of the changes were suggested by the membership at the last AGM and to date the responses have been very positive.

We will meet mid Nov to consider the sub – missions and make decision to confirm the changes and work on an implementation date and transition period.

Discussion:

Executive Council discussed the significance of the proposed changes and the impact of the recommendation of Judges who pass a group at the championship level being able to accept appointments from anywhere on Show Regulation 4.1.3(c).

The short consultation period was noted and it was hoped that the recommendations would be brought back to the next AGM for discussions.

Report Received

NZDJA APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATION OF DOGS NZ (NZKC)

Executive Council discussed the application letter for association status with Dogs NZ so that NZDJA can hold championship shows alongside examinations in each Island so they can attract enough dogs for practical examination.

Motion:

That the NZDJA be granted Association status of Dogs NZ (NZKC).

Vote: 3 - Yes, 4 – No, MOTION LAPSED

While Executive Council understand the desire for associated status, they do have concerns about the move and would like NZDJA to explore the option of working in partnership with Breed Clubs to hold combined shows / judges practical exams. Executive Council would like to invite the NZDJA to join the February 2024 Council meeting by zoom to have a discussion on the best way forward.

REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Report presented by Fiona Hodgson (Chair).

The first meeting of this new committee was held Thursday 26 October.

Five topics had been sent to the committee and after discussion, 3 regulations changes were agreed and are forwarded for EC consideration. Two topics were put on hold due to other changes which may be in the wind.

It was discussed that the committee will likely meet every two months or so with dates which allow plenty of time to write findings up and get them agreed before the next EC meeting.

Provisional plan for next meeting is 7 Dec.

Discussion:

Executive Council discussed the committees work and agreed that the committee will propose a Remit for a rule change at ACOD 2024.

Moved: FH Seconded: SM- Report Received

BREED STANDARD COMMITTEE

Report presented by Martin Hewitt (Chair).

1. Chihuahua

A member has requested that we consider two amendments to the Chihuahua standard.

A: Adding Merle not being permitted

B: Increase the weight to 3kg. This could help reduce health issues in the breed, definitely whelping issues in the breed.

Currently our Standard is silent on the colour Merle and the weight range is “Up to 2.7 kg (6 lbs) with 0.9 to 1.8 kg (2 - 4 lbs) preferable.”

Our Standard is the same as the Dogs Australia and the Royal Kennel Club Standards. Which both use the same weight definition as we currently have. As far as the colours are concerned both the DA and RKC standards have “Any colour or mixture of colours - but never merle (dapple)”

The Breed Standards considered the submissions received following the advertisement in the NZ Dog World and agree that there was no reason to change the original recommendations 1 and 2 in the report of 15 May 2023.

Recommendation 1

That the colour definition in our current Standard be amended by adding the words “but never merle (dapple)”.

Recommendation 2

That the request to change the weight Standard be declined.

Moved: FH Seconded: KM - Approved
Report Received

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Microchip Registrations

- ST briefed Executive Council on the issues of compliance of the Registry Microchip Regulation. Any application for Registration after 1 January 2024 that does contain a microchip number will not be processed.

Ramps v Tables

- A notice is to be placed in Dog-iE news calling for members submissions for those breeds wishing to be shown on the ramp. Members have until 18 December for submissions which will be reviewed by Breed Standards Committee.

Take the lead Nominations

- Executive Council discussed how to encourage more “Take the Lead” nominations and who should process applications for conformation clubs.
 - South Island Conformation Clubs nominations will be reviewed by E.C. South Island Councillors.
 - North Island Conformation Clubs nominations will be reviewed by E.C. North Island Councillors.
 - Application Link to be profiled on the Dogs NZ Website and included in Dog iE news.

Committees

- List of Committees / Sub Committees to be included on Dogs NZ website
- Central document drive to be available for committees to access
- Executive Council protocols to be placed on Dogs NZ website

Lower North Island Venue Proposals

- Members that wish to present any proposal for consideration by Executive Council for the development of an indoor facility in the Lower North Island are to forward the proposal to the Director Secretary.

Dog Training

- Southern Scent Work Club listing to be relocated in the club list published in the NZ Dog World.
- A Dog Training representative to be appointed to NDS 2024 committee.

NDS 2023 (Verbal Report from SM)

- SM will be presenting a full written report on the learnings from NDS 2023 which will include:
 - Strong AEC relationship
 - Judges contract & Liaison
 - EC representation and event roles
 - National Office Staff involvement
 - Sponsor recruitment and retention

9. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP/EVALUATION OF MEETING/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

CONFIRMED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

- 24 and 25 February (meetings in Wellington)
 - 27 and 28 April (meetings in Wellington)
 - 28 June (ACOD - 29 June) (meetings in Wellington)
 - 27 July (meeting in Christchurch)
 - 28 and 29 September (meetings in Auckland)
 - 23 and 24 November (meetings in Wellington)
- Martin Hewitt requested meeting leave for 24/25 February.
 - Karen McIntrye requested meeting leave for 27/28 April.

Moved: Chair - Approved

BH closed the meeting at 2.45pm on 26 November 2023.