



**MEETING OF THE WORKING TRIALS LIAISON COUNCIL TO
BE HELD AT 10.30 AM IN THE BOARDROOM, THE KENNEL
CLUB, CLARGES STREET ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023 -
AGENDA**

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

ITEM 2. KENNEL CLUB RESEARCH PROJECT

The Council is invited to receive a presentation from Mr M Bermingham (Head of Strategy, Planning and Insight) and Ms L Smith (Education and Training Portfolio Manager) which will provide an update on the research project into 'Organisers and Participants of Dog Activities'.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council is invited to note that paragraph 54 of the minutes from its meeting held 7 June 2022 should read:

'The Council noted that a display of the PD Stake and the way in which dogs were trained for it had been organised by the Panel. This would assist any societies with an interest in running PD stakes as well as potential competitors. The display would take place in July and would be hosted by Iceni Working Trials Club.'

Subject to this, it is requested to approve the minutes of the meeting (copies previously distributed).

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING/RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. The Board, at its meeting on 13 September 2022, approved the following amendments to regulations:

Regulation I(B)8

TO:

~~Steadiness to gunshot.— No gun test will be held in buildings, or other confined areas, nor will shotguns be used at working trials. Guns used must be constructed to fire blanks only. Prior warning must be given to the handler, who will be instructed to work the dog 'heel free', or leave the dog within a controlling distance and where the handler has sight of their dog. The dog must not be provoked by excessive display of the gun, nor should the gun be pointed at the dog or handler except in Group IV Patrol. Any sign of fear, aggression or barking must be penalised. This test must not be incorporated into any other test.~~

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(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I(B)10.g

TO:

- g. Jumping heights and lengths:

(2) CD and UD stakes:



(b) Long Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder ~~2.743m (9ft)~~ **2.438m (8ft)**

(3) WD, TD and PD stakes:

(b) Long Jump ~~2.743m (9ft)~~ **2.438m (8ft)**

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(Effective 1 January 2023)

Regulation I(B)10.g

TO:

g. Jumping heights and lengths:

(2) CD and UD stakes:

(c) Scale—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder ~~1.828m (6ft)~~ **1.677m (5ft 6in)**

(3) WD, TD and PD stakes:

(c) Scale ~~1.828m (6ft)~~ **1.677m (5ft 6in)**

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(Effective 1 January 2023)

Regulation I(B)10.(b)

TO:

The Clear Jump ~~should~~ **must** be so constructed that it will be obvious if the dog has exerted more than slight pressure upon it. **All poles or bars must be easily displaced by the dog.** ~~The rigid top bar may be fixed or rest in cups and the space below may be filled in but the filling should not project above the bottom of the top bar.~~ **There must be a further removable pole or bar approximately halfway below. No further pole or bar is required if the jump is lower than 3ft.** Appreciable pressure exerted by the dog on the clear jump shall be considered to be a failure.

(Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through)

(Effective 1 January 2023)

Regulation I25.d.

TO:

d. Societies must be satisfied that the following minimum conditions have been met for the first appointment of judges for C.D., U.D. and W.D. stakes at a championship working trial:

(1) For C.D. Stake—Must, **as a minimum**, have judged all groups in ~~at least two open working trials~~ **a C.D. open or U.D. open trial or above**, and have as a

handler qualified a dog **C.D.** 'Excellent' ~~in a Championship C.D. Stake or higher stake above~~.

(2) For U.D. Stake – Must, **as a minimum**, have judged all groups in ~~U.D., W.D., P.D. or T.D. stakes at two Open Working Trials~~ **a U.D. open trial or above**,

have judged C.D. **Excellent**, ~~stake at a championship working trial and have as a handler qualified a dog U.D. 'Excellent' in a Championship U.D. stake or above~~.

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(Effective 1 January 2023)

Note: It was subsequently noted by the office that due to incorrect transcription the wording above contained an error and did not accurately reflect the correct requirement for judges' qualifications. Accordingly, following consultation with the chair and vice chair of the Activities Committee, and the chair and vice chair of the Working Trials



Liaison Council, the following revised version of the regulation was approved by the Board at its meeting on 22 November 2022:

d.(2) For U.D. Stake – Must, **as a minimum**, have judged all groups in ~~U.D., W.D., P.D. or T.D. stakes at two Open Working Trials~~ **a U.D. open trial or above**, have judged **C.D.** at a championship working trial and have as a handler qualified a dog **U.D.** 'Excellent' ~~in a Championship U.D. stake~~ or above.

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(Effective 1 January 2023)

b. Kennel Club Working Trials Championships

(i) The Board approved the following judges for the 2024 Championships:

TD: Mr G Martin

PD: Mr D Olley

(ii) The Activities Committee, at its meeting on 12 July 2022, noted an offer from Essex Working Trials Society to host the 2024 Kennel Club Working Trials Championships. It agreed that in the interest of fairness, applications would be sought from other societies who may wish to host the Championships, knowing who the judges would be. An update will be provided at the meeting.

c. Gun test

As noted above, the amendment to Regulation I(B)8, which removed the gun test from the list of exercises, was approved by the Board at its meeting on 13 September 2022. The amendment will come into effect on 1 January 2024.

The Council is invited to note that proposals in respect of how the points should be reallocated have been submitted by the Equipment and Progression Panel, and appear on the agenda under item 9.c.

d. Long jump and scale

At its previous meeting, the Council recommended amendments to regulations in respect of the length of the long jump and the height of the scale. As noted above, these amendments were subsequently approved by the Board and will come into effect on 1 January 2023.

The Council is requested to consider further amendments which were formulated by the office subsequent to the Council's meeting, in conjunction with Mrs Cottier, member of the Council's Equipment Panel, in respect of the length of the long jump, and the height of the scale, for those dogs below 10ins and 15ins at the shoulder. The proposals were considered by the Activities Committee at its meeting on 12 July 2022, but it was of the view that the proposed amendments should be presented to the Council for discussion to ensure they were suitable, and to ensure that there was no implication that small dogs were being excluded.

Regulation I(B)10.g

TO:

g. Jumping heights and lengths:

(2) CD and UD stakes:

(b) Long Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder ~~4.219m (4ft)~~ **1.092m (3ft 7in)**

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder ~~4.828m (6ft)~~ **1.626m (5ft 4in)**

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(Effective 1 January 2024)



Regulation I(B)10.g

TO:

g. Jumping heights and lengths:

(2) CD and UD stakes:

(c) Scale—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder ~~914.4mm (3ft)~~ **0.838m (2ft 9in)**

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder ~~4.219m (4ft)~~ **1.118 m (3ft 8in)**

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(Effective 1 January 2024)

- e. Proposed amendment to Regulation I(C)1 Bloodhound Working Trial Certificates
The Activities Committee, at its meeting on 12 July 2022, considered an amendment to the above regulation which was recommended by the Council, taking into account the views of the Bloodhound community that it was not possible for a handler to interfere in the identification before the last five metres, and that from that distance it was possible for the judge or assistant to see and hear whether there was interference from the handler by voice, leash or manoeuvres, whether the hound was still on a leash or not. Other minor amendments were also proposed in the interests of clarity.

However, the Committee noted that while the amendment had been recommended by the Council, there was a lack of knowledge regarding the issue on the part of the working trials representatives, and further only one representative of the Bloodhound clubs was present at that point in the Council meeting. It therefore did not recommend the amendment for approval but requested that it be referred back to the two Bloodhound clubs for a consensus.

- f. Voting rights
The Activities Committee noted concerns raised by the Council in respect of the way in which Bloodhound Trials were governed, noting concerns regarding representatives from Working Trials, and from Bloodhound Working Trials, voting on each other's proposals. It accepted the Council's views that despite both disciplines being covered by the I regulations, they were very different and there was often little mutual understanding of the issues affecting each.

It agreed that that the issue should be reviewed and requested that its views be highlighted both to the strategy group, as part of its ongoing review, and to the Board.

ITEM 5. ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE SUB-GROUP

The Council is invited to note that the Sub-Group discussed the following issues at its meeting on 15 September 2022:

- a. Heat mitigation
The Sub-Group noted that heat mitigation had been a key issue at events over the course of the summer, with some events experiencing very high temperatures.

It undertook to formulate a document which would offer guidance for all disciplines as to the way in which issues relating to extreme temperatures (high or low) should be addressed, and mitigated. This would provide a 'toolkit' which event organisers could use to ensure the welfare of all concerned.

- b. Working Trials Research



The Council is invited to note that, following the Working Trials Liaison Council meeting held on 7 June 2022, the Sub-Group considered a proposal from the Council that further research should be conducted, with the purpose of obtaining data in relation to impact and joint stress experienced by working trials dogs. This data could be used to determine if the design or structure of the scale or long jump should be altered or replaced to adequately protect the health and welfare of the dogs.

The Sub-Group noted concerns raised by the Council's Equipment Panel regarding the working trials research which had already been carried out, as it had not replicated real-life conditions at working trials, particularly in respect to the surface on which the measuring sensor had been placed. The Panel was therefore keen for further research to be carried out on a more realistic surface and it wished to propose that research be undertaken to obtain data in relation to impact and joint stress experienced by working trials dogs.

Objectives of the suggested research would be as follows:

- Determine the forces experienced by the hindlimbs when ascending the scale and agility A-ramp.
- Determine the forces experienced by the forelimbs on landing on grass from:
 - The scale
 - The A-ramp (KC agility & IGP versions)
- Determine the range of motion experienced at the following joints when landing from the scale and the two types of A-ramp:
 - Carpus
 - Glenohumeral joint
 - Spine – cervical, thoracic, lumbar, lumbosacral
- Determine the peak vertical force experienced by the forelimbs on landing over the long jump at differing lengths.
- Determine the range of motion experienced at the following joints when traversing the long jump at each length:
 - Carpus
 - Glenohumeral joint
 - Spine – cervical, thoracic, lumbar, lumbosacral
- Discussion and likely metanalysis could be carried out in respect of the risks of a scale with a slope descent or platform.

The Sub-Group noted that although the individual elements were achievable, overall it would be a large project involving a considerable amount of research. A significant amount of resources would be required to carry out the initial gathering of data, with further input of time for analysis.

In respect of the purpose of the proposed research, the Sub-Group noted that there was some discussion within the working trials community as to whether the scale was injurious to dogs, there having been some anecdotal evidence that some dogs were obliged to retire early due to long-term injuries incurred by negotiating the scale. There was also an opposing view that fit and well-trained dogs were not at any risk from the scale. However the Sub-Group accepted that research was unlikely to provide a definitive answer to support either view.

A suggestion was made that as an initial step it would be possible to carry out research to assess the range of motion of the dog involved in negotiating the scale.

The Sub-Group concluded that it may be helpful to undertake research along the same lines as had already been carried out, but involving dogs of the two smaller height categories as defined within working trials dogs (not exceeding 10ins and 15ins



respectively) although there may be practical difficulties in locating an adequate number of suitable dogs to take part. It was agreed that the Working Trials Liaison Council, via Mr Gilbert, would be requested to provide details of forthcoming competitions or training days at which it may be possible to undertake gathering of data.

ITEM 6. ACTIVITIES JUDGES SUB-GROUP

The Council is invited to note a verbal report from Mr Gilbert following the Activities Judges Sub-Group meeting on 24 November 2022.

ITEM 7. FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

The Council is requested to review the strategy document.
(Annex A refers)

ITEM 8. REPORT FROM THE PD STAKE PANEL

The PD Stake continues to meet at regular intervals, but at the time of agenda issue, has no specific matters to submit to the Council. However the Panel is happy to consider any issues the Council wishes to refer to it.

ITEM 9. REPORT FROM THE EQUIPMENT AND PROGRESSION PANEL

The Council is invited to consider a number of proposals submitted by the Panel.

a. Proposal to progress jumps through the stakes

The Panel proposes to progress the jumps through the stakes, thus reducing them in Introductory, CD and UD stakes.

Note: a proposal to progress the jumps through the stakes by reducing them in CD and UD stakes has been submitted by the Scottish Working Trials Society and is included on the agenda under item 10.c. It is suggested the two proposals are considered at the same time.

All dog sport activities progress their tests through the levels from the lower level to the ultimate, top level. The working trials jumps have no progression – there is the ability to deduct marks and give a second attempt but from CD to TD/PD, they are of the same difficulty.

This proposal is to have them reduced in CD (to the same as Introductory Stake) and progressively increased in UD to as they are currently in WD & TD/PD. Small dogs would be reduced accordingly.

The proposal would reduce the jumps as follows:

Clear jump

From: Introductory – 2ft 6” CD, UD, WD, TD, PD – 3ft

To: Introductory/CD – 2ft 6” UD – 2ft 6” WD, TD, PD – 3ft



Long jump

From: Introductory – 6ft CD, UD, WD, TD, PD – 8ft
To: Introductory/CD – 6ft UD – 7ft WD, TD, PD – 8ft

Scale

From: Introductory – 5ft CD, UD, WD, TD, PD – 5ft 6”
To: Introductory/CD – 5ft UD – 5ft WD, TD, PD – 5ft 6”

Rationale

The Kennel Club working trials 5-year strategy has two topics that are relevant to this proposal: ‘To develop Kennel Club working trials as a more attractive product to newcomers, increase numbers in the sport, as well as looking after its customer base, specifically looking at the early stakes for consideration of changes that would encourage newcomers to compete.’ and ‘To ensure the health, fitness, safety and welfare of dogs taking part in WT are at the forefront of the discipline.’

1. The current format requires new dogs in the early stakes to do the same height and length of jump as dogs that are in the ticket stakes. It is usually accepted that dogs should not be jumping until bones, growth plates etc are developed, i.e. at least a year old. With an entry age of 18 months old, have they, in those 6 months, developed an ability and technique to traverse safely such jumps at full height?
2. The recent WT research referred to a study by Cullen et al. (2013) where a retrospective survey of injury risk in 3081 agility dogs found that there were increased odds of injury associated with less experienced dogs. Research by Sohnel et al (2020) assessed the jumping of 10 beginner dogs and 10 advanced dogs in agility over a hurdle. It found that beginner dogs were not as good at optimising jumping techniques as advanced dogs thus making them more vulnerable to injury than a dog that has mastered the technique over time. As the research shows, the fact that less experienced dogs manage the jump does not remove the finding of increased odds of injury.
3. Reduced heights of jumps in the earlier stakes might encourage more people to train and compete in WT, knowing that they are not jeopardising their young dog’s health and giving them time through the stakes and in their training to gain the ability, confidence and technique required to manage the full-size jumps safely. This proposal can make Working Trials more accessible and inviting for more people; if it is made more achievable in the early stages, people might be encouraged to become involved.

Full details of the proposal are as follows:

Regulation I(B)10.g Jumping heights and lengths

TO:

(1) Introductory Stake and CD Stake:

- (a) Clear Jump –
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10”) at shoulder 381mm (1ft 3”)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15”) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6”)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15”) at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6”)
- (b) Long Jump –
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10”) at shoulder 990.6mm (3ft 3”)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15”) at shoulder 1.524m (5ft)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15”) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)
- (c) Scale –
Dogs not exceeding 254mm 910”0 at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6”)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15”) at shoulder 990.6mm (3ft 3”)



Dogs exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 1.524m (5ft)

~~(2) CD and UD Stakes:~~

~~(a) Clear Jump—~~

~~Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10") at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6")~~

~~Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 609.6mm (2ft)~~

~~Dogs exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)~~

~~(b) Long Jump—~~

~~Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10") at shoulder 1092.2m (3ft 7")~~

~~Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 1625.6m (5ft 4")~~

~~Dogs exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 2438.4 (8ft)~~

~~(c) Scale—~~

~~Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10") at shoulder 838.2mm (2ft 9")~~

~~Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 1117.6m (3ft 8")~~

~~Dogs exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 1676.4 (5ft 6")~~

(2) UD Stake:

(a) Clear Jump –

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10") at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6")

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 508mm (1ft 8")

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6")

(b) Long Jump –

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10") at shoulder 939.8mm

(3ft 1")

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 1422.4mm

(4ft 8")

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 2133.6 (7ft)

(c) Scale –

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10") at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6")

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 1016mm

(4ft 4")

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15") at shoulder 1524mm (5ft)

(3) WD, TD and PD Stakes:

(a) Clear Jump 914.4mm (3ft)

(b) Long Jump 2.438m (8ft)

(c) Scale 1.677m (5ft 6")

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b. Proposals for the Down Stay to have progression through the stakes

The Panel proposes for the Down Stay exercise to have progression through the stakes.

A topic on the Kennel Club working trial 5 year strategy is: To develop Kennel Club working trials as a more attractive product to newcomers, increase numbers in the sport, as well as looking after its customer base, specifically looking at the early stakes for consideration of changes that would encourage newcomers to compete.'

Based on feedback received from societies and individuals, there are **three** proposals:

OPTION 1

Proposal to progress the Down Stay exercise through Introductory, CD and UD Stakes



Regulation I(B)4

TO:

~~DOWN (Introductory and CD Stake 5 minutes, other stakes 10 minutes)~~

Introductory Stake, 2 minutes (handlers in sight)

C.D. Stake, 5 minutes (handlers in sight)

U.D. Stake 5 minutes (handlers out of sight)

W.D., T.D. & P.D. Stakes 10 minutes (handlers out of sight)

~~Handlers must be out of sight of the~~ **The** dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Steward will give the command 'Last Command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the 'down' position throughout the test until the Judge or Steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The Judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause a dog to move. The Judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.

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Rationale

To allow progression of the Down stay exercise through the stakes by increasing its difficulty; in the same way that most other exercises increase their difficulty through the stakes, thus making the entry levels in Working Trials less daunting, and hopefully attract newcomers as well as maybe those who have done trials in the past. This option was recently agreed by the Irish Kennel Club and is now implemented.

OPTION 2

Proposal to create a graded marking system in the Down Stay exercise in Introductory, CD, UD and WD Stakes

Regulation I(B)4

TO:

DOWN (Introductory and CD Stake 5 minutes, other stakes 10 minutes)

Introductory and CD Stakes stay – 2 points per minute

UD and WD stay – 1 point per minute

Handlers must be out of sight of the dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Steward will give the command 'Last Command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the 'down' position throughout the test until the Judge or Steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The Judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause a dog to move. The Judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.

In Introductory, CD, UD and WD Stakes, the timing of the stays shall commence when the handlers have been instructed to leave their dogs. Marks must be graduated in accordance with the Kennel Club's specimen stay chart.

(Insertions in bold)

Rationale

A graded marking system would allow a more accurate marking system of the stay which reflects on how the dog has worked throughout the exercise, rather than be an



“all or nothing”. By confining it to the earlier stakes, it allows progression of the stay exercise through these stakes. There would be no change to TD and PD.

OPTION 3

Proposal to create a graded marking system in the Down Stay exercise in Introductory, CD, UD and WD Stakes

Regulation I(B)4

TO:

DOWN (Introductory and CD Stake 5 minutes, other stakes 10 minutes)

Introductory Stake & CD - 5 points for 3 minutes, 10 points for 5 minutes

UD & WD graded stays – no points awarded until at least 50% of the test has been completed. Subsequently, points would be allocated as follows: 1 point for 6 minutes, 2 points for 7 minutes, 3 points for 8 minutes, 4 points for 9 minutes and 10 points for 10 minutes.

Handlers must be out of sight of the dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Steward will give the command 'Last Command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the 'down' position throughout the test until the Judge or Steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The Judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause a dog to move. The Judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.

In Introductory, CD, UD and WD Stakes, the timing of the stays shall commence when the handlers have been instructed to leave their dogs. Marks must be graduated in accordance with the Kennel Club's specimen stay chart.

(Insertions in bold)

Rationale

This graded marking system would allow a more accurate marking system of the stay which reflects on how the dog has worked throughout the exercise, rather than be an 'all or nothing'. It is started about half way through the stay on the basis that it will encourage handlers to ensure their dog is trained for the full length of time. By confining it to the earlier stakes, it allows progression of the stay exercise through these stakes. There would be no change to TD and PD.

Note: a proposal to create a graded marking system in the Down Stay exercise has also been submitted by the Scottish Working Trials Society and is included on the agenda under item 10.b.

c. Proposal for reallocation of Steadiness to Gunshot marks

The Panel has received feedback from some societies and individuals in respect of the replacement of the Steadiness to Gunshot's 5 marks.

The most popular suggestions are now put forward by the Panel as proposals for the way in which the 5 marks may be allocated.

NOTE: The Panel has proposed three options for reallocation of marks in UD/WD stakes, and TD/PD stakes. The Chair has requested that representatives give careful consideration prior to the meeting as to which option they would prefer for UD/WD stakes, and for TD/PD stakes, so as to focus the discussion on the day.

UD and WD Stakes



OPTION 1

New exercise – Stop on Recall

Proposal to reallocate Steadiness to Gunshot 5 marks in UD and WD to UD & WD – stop on a recall (5 marks):

New regulation (location within regulations to be agreed)

TO:

The dog should be recalled from the ‘down’ or ‘sit’ position. The handler should be approximately 14 paces from the dog when they halt and face the dog. The dog should return at a smart pace and on the judge’s signal will be stopped about halfway, in any position, by the handler. The dog must remain until given the signal or command to return and sit in front of the handler, afterwards going smartly to heel on command or signal. Handler to await commands of the judge or steward.

(Insertion in bold)

OPTION 2

Speak on Command

Proposal to reallocate Steadiness to Gunshot 5 marks in UD and WD to UD – speak to be maximum of a series of no more than 5 barks (5 marks) and WD – speak to be maximum of 1 series of no more than 10 barks (5 marks)

Regulation I(B)9. Speak on Command

TO:

~~The judge will control the position of the handler in relation to the dog and may require the handler to work the dog walking at heel. If the dog is not required to walk at heel, the handler may place the dog in the stand, sit or down. The dog will be ordered to ‘speak’ and cease ‘speaking’ on the instruction of the judge or steward who may instruct the handler to make the dog ‘speak’ again. “Speaking” should be sustained by the dog whilst required with the minimum of commands and/or signals. Continuous and /or excessive incitements to “speak” must be heavily penalised. This test must not be incorporated with any other test.~~

In TD and PD, the number of barks is at the judge’s discretion and after the cease ‘speaking’ the handler may be instructed to make the dog speak again.

‘Speaking’ should be sustained by the dog with the minimum of commands and/or signals. Continuous and/or excessive incitements to ‘speak’ must be heavily penalised. This test must not be incorporated with any other test.

The judge will control the position of the handler in relation to the dog. In UD Stake and WD Stake, this position should be near and in sight of the dog. The dog may be in the stand, sit or down.

In TD and PD, the handler may be required to work the dog walking at heel. If the dog is not required to walk at heel, the handler may place the dog in the stand, sit or down.

In UD the number of barks should be a maximum of 5, in WD a maximum of 10 barks.

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TD & PD Stakes

OPTION 1:

Additional criteria to heel work exercise - ‘Down on the move’ during heel work in TD and PD (10 marks)

Proposal to reallocate Steadiness to Gunshot 5 marks to an additional criteria, a down on the move, within heel work in TD & PD (adding the 5 marks onto the current 5)

Regulation I(B)2

TO:



The judge should test the ability of the dog to keep its shoulder reasonably close to the left knee of the handler who should walk smartly in a natural manner at normal, fast and slow paces through turns and among and around persons and obstacles. The halt, with the dog sitting to heel and a 'figure of eight' may be included at any stage.

Any act, signal or command or jerking of the lead which in the opinion of the Judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. Extra commands shall be permitted in the introductory stake.

Where required the lead should be attached to a close fitting smooth collar. Retractable leads or head collars are not to be used.

In TD and PD Stakes, at some time during the test, while working at normal pace, the dog shall be required to be left in the down position when directed by the judge. The handler shall continue forward alone, without hesitation, and proceed as directed by the judge until upon reaching the dog, both shall continue forward together in accordance with the instructions given.

(Insertion in bold)

OPTION 2

Additional criteria to heel work exercise – A Recall during heel work in TD and PD (10 marks)

Proposal to reallocate Steadiness to Gunshot 5 marks to an additional criteria, an A Recall, within heel work in TD & PD (adding the 5 marks onto the current 5)

Regulation I(B)2

TO:

The judge should test the ability of the dog to keep its shoulder reasonably close to the left knee of the handler who should walk smartly in a natural manner at normal, fast and slow paces through turns and among and around persons and obstacles. The halt, with the dog sitting to heel and a 'figure of eight' may be included at any stage.

Any act, signal or command or jerking of the lead which in the opinion of the Judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. Extra commands shall be permitted in the introductory stake.

Where required the lead should be attached to a close-fitting smooth collar. Retractable leads or head collars are not to be used.

In TD and PD Stakes, at some time during the test, the handler will be instructed to leave the dog in the sit or down position (handler's choice of position) and walk away from the dog. Upon further instruction, whilst the handler is walking away from the dog, the handler shall command the dog to come to the heel position and continue the heelwork until instructed to stop. The point at which the dog is called to heel and the halt point shall be the same for all dogs. After calling the dog to heel at no time shall the handler walk directly towards it.

(Insertion in bold)

OPTION 3

Marks to be added on to current control exercises of Speak, Sendaway and Heel work in TD and PD

Proposal to reallocate Steadiness to Gunshot 5 marks to be added on to current TD & PD exercises

Speak - 2 marks

Sendaway - 2 marks

Heel work - 1 mark

Rationale for each proposal

Each proposal has been put forward by several different sources and fits the criteria given that the marks must be reallocated within the Control section.

- d. Proposal to allow extra commands in CD heel work, retrieve and recall.



The Panel proposes that extra commands are permitted in CD heel work, retrieve and recall.

Regulation I(B)2

TO:

Heel work – The judge should test the ability of the dog to keep its shoulder reasonably close to the left knee of the handler who should walk smartly in a natural manner at normal, fast and slow paces through turns and among and around persons and obstacles. The halt, with the dog sitting to heel, and a 'figure of eight' may be included at any stage. **Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory and CD Stake.**

Any act, signal or command or jerking of the lead which in the opinion of the judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. ~~Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory stake.~~

Where required the lead should be attached to a close fitting smooth collar.

Retractable leads or head collars are not to be used.

(Insertion in bold. Deletion struck through)

Regulation I(B)5.

TO:

Recall to handler – The dog should be recalled from the 'down' or 'sit' position. The handler being a reasonable distance from the dog at the discretion of the judge. The dog should return at a smart pace and sit in front of the handler, afterwards going smartly to heel on command or signal. Handler to await command of the judge or steward. **Extra commands shall be permitted in the introductory and CD stakes.**

(Insertion in bold)

Regulation I(B)6.

TO:

Retrieve a dumb-bell

The dog should not move forward to retrieve nor deliver to hand on return until ordered by the handler on the judge or stewards' instructions. The retrieve should be executed at a smart pace without mouthing or playing with the dumb-bell and the dog should sit in front of the handler. After delivery the handler will send the dog to heel on the instruction of the Judge or Steward. **Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory and CD Stakes.**

(Insertion in bold)

Rationale

CD heel work has both types (on lead and off) in the first (qualifying) stake of Working Trials. It is supposed to be the easiest of these stakes but beginner dogs are expected to carry out twice as much heel work as in later stakes, without any assistance to them. Extra commands would ensure this is a more positive experience for a beginner dog and more in line with early levels of obedience.

Allowing extra commands in the heel work, retrieve and recall would allow for an encouraging and positive experience for a handler and new dog and acknowledge CD as the first qualifying stake, allowing the degree of difficulty to increase in UD.

Whilst Introductory Stake allows for extra commands, this stake has no qualifying purpose. Very few Societies, for a variety of reasons, do not host this stake meaning for the vast majority of competitors, CD is the first stake they will enter.

This proposal is relevant to a topic on the Kennel Club working trials 5-year strategy: 'To develop Kennel Club WT as a more attractive product to newcomers, increase numbers in the sport, as well as looking after its customer base, specifically looking at



the early stakes for consideration of changes that would encourage newcomers to compete.'

e. Proposal to allow small dogs reduced jump heights in WD and TD Stakes

The Panel proposes that the reduced heights/lengths of the clear jump, long jump and scale, currently shown for small dogs in CD and UD Stakes, are also shown in WD and TD Stakes.

If the proposal is agreed, it is suggested that working trials would implement measuring procedures, similar to those used in agility in respect of officially measuring small dogs. Regulation I(B)10.g.

TO:

Jumping heights and lengths:

(2) ~~CD and UD stakes:~~ **CD, UD, WD and TD stakes**

(a) Clear Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6ins)

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 609.6mm (2ft)

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)

(b) Long Jump—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 2.743m (9ft)

(c) Scale—

Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)

Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)

Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)

(3) ~~WD, TD and PD stakes:~~

(a) Clear Jump 914.4mm (3ft)

(b) Long Jump 2.743m (9ft)

(c) Scale 1.828m (6ft)

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)

Rationale

Following discussion at a previous Council meeting and subsequent consultation with WT enthusiasts, there has been a great deal of support and little opposition with regards small dogs working through to TD on reduced jumps.

More people choose to have smaller dogs these days than larger dogs, many of which have huge potential to enjoy dog sports. Being limited to the lower stakes is disincentivising for many people who are enjoy training their dogs for competition. Ultimately, it is likely to encourage handlers of small dogs to compete in working trials.

Note: the above amendment would need to reflect the revised jumps heights/lengths included in the proposal listed on the agenda under item 9.a., if this is recommended for approval.

f. Proposal to alter the Sit Stay to be 'In Sight'

The Panel proposes to change the Sit Stay to make it part of the progression of the stay exercises (including the down stay) and more realistic of how it is usually conducted.

Regulation I(B)3

TO:

SIT Introductory – 1 minute CD – 2 minutes **In sight**

Dogs may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Steward will give the command 'Last Command' and handlers should then instantly give their final



commands to the dogs. Any further commands or signals will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. ~~In the Introductory Stake, these positions should be in sight, but in the CD stake, where possible, such positions should be out of sight for the dogs but bearing in mind the short duration of the exercise this may not be practical.~~ Dogs must remain in the sit position throughout the test until the Judge or Steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. The judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause a dog to move.

(Insertion in bold. Deletion struck through)

Rationale

It is currently stated that in the Introductory Stake, the sit stay should be in sight, but in the CD stake, where possible, it should be out of sight for the dogs but bearing in mind the short duration of the exercise this may not be practical.

It is felt that it is rarely practical for the sit stay to be out of sight and consistency of what is required will be of benefit to beginner handlers and dogs especially.

This proposal was recently agreed by the Irish Kennel Club and is now implemented.

g. Proposal to amend track lengths

The Panel proposes that the lengths of tracks currently shown are amended as follows:

Regulation I(B)12.b

TO:

Track.—The descriptions below should be followed for the track:

b) The track shall be a single line and may include turns. ~~It shall be approximately 0.8046km (half a mile) long and should be laid as far as possible by a stranger to the dog.~~ **In UD, it shall be approximately 600 yards long, in WD and PD 700 yards and TD 880 yards long and should be laid as far as possible by a stranger to the dog.**
(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)

Rationale

½ mile is 880 yards. Most UD, WD and PD tracks are less than this. This proposal would set a more realistic length of track and give clarity to judges, as well as the trials managers who have to source the land.

h. Encouragement of new competitors - proposal to allow dogs to enter at 12 months of age

The Panel wishes to propose two pre-CD stakes in order to facilitate new dog/handlers to start competing in trials by allowing dogs to enter at 12 months of age.

Rationale

These stakes are to introduce and encourage new competitors to Working Trials. With so many other sports available, the Panel feels allowing dogs to enter these stakes from 12 months of age will attract newcomers in to the activity and also extend their interest to progress to the higher stakes. Other KC activities allow dogs to compete from 6 months of age (e.g. Rally, Competitive Obedience).

Regulation I1. Eligibility.

(c) Add: **12 months for the Beginner and Novice stake.**

Regulation I18. Working Trial Certificate.

(c) Add: **Beginner, Novice stake**

Regulation I25. Approval of judges.



(f) Add: **Beginner & Novice**

Regulation I(A)5 Definition of Stakes, Eligibility and Exercises.

Open Working Trials

(a) Add: **Beginner & Novice.**

Regulation I(A)6 Championship Working Trials.

(a) Add: **Beginner & Novice**

Regulation I(A)8 Add: **Beginner and Novice Stake.**

Regulation I(A)9. Schedule of Exercises and Points.

(a) Add: **Beginners & Novice**

Add:

a. BEGINNER STAKE

	Maximum	Group marks	Qualifying total mark
1. Heel on leash (normal pace)	10		
2. Heel free	10		
3. Recall to handler	10		
4. Sending the dog away	10		
5. Sit 1 minute (in sight)	10		
6. Down 2 minutes (in sight)	10		
7. Retrieve a Toy/article (handlers choice)	10		
8. Elementary search	20	90	72

Minimum qualifying mark 80%

Add:

b. NOVICE STAKE

	Maximum	Group marks	Qualifying total mark
1. Heel on leash	10		
2. Heel free	10		
3. Recall to handler	10		
4. Retrieve a dumb-bell	10		
5. Sending the dog away	10		
6. Sit stay 1 minute (in sight)	10		
7. Down stay 2 minutes (in sight)	10		
8. Elementary search	20		
Track (60) Articles (10+10=20)	80	170	136

Minimum qualifying mark 80%

Regulation I(B) Description of Exercises and Guidance for Judges

2. Heel work - Add: **Beginner, Novice.** Extra commands shall be permitted

3. Sit- Add: **Beginner and Novice stake. 1 minute in sight.**

4. Down- Add: **Beginner and Novice stake. 2 minutes in sight.**

5. Recall to handler. Add: **Beginner and Novice. Extra commands permitted**

6. Retrieve a dumb-bell. Add: **Beginner stake a dumb-bell or toy may be retrieved.**

(Handlers choice) Extra commands permitted.

Add: **Novice stake. Extra commands permitted.**

7. Sending the dog away. Add: **Beginner, Novice and** Introductory stake.

11. Search



Add: **Beginner, Novice and Introductory stake Track.**

12b. Add: **Novice stake. approximately 0.2286 (250 yards)**

12c. Add: **Novice stake**

12g. Add: **The Novice stake shall be not less than 15 minutes old and shall include 2 articles one of which must be recovered to qualify.**

(Insertions in bold)

ITEM 10. PROPOSALS FROM SOCIETIES/PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS

- a. Scottish Working Trials Society Mrs L Cottier
Proposal to add the element of recall to the sendaway
The society wishes to propose that the sendaway rule includes reference to the recall part of the exercise.
- Regulation I(B)7 Send away and directional control
TO:
The minimum distance that the judge shall set for the send away shall be 18.288m (20 yds) for the Introductory Stake and the CD Stake and 45.72m (50 yds) for all other stakes. In the Introductory stake the maximum distance that the judge shall set for the send away shall be 45.72m (50 yds). The TD and PD Stakes shall also include a change of direction or directions of a minimum of 45.72m (50 yds). When the dog has reached the designated point or the judge is satisfied that after a reasonable time the handler cannot improve the position of the dog by any further commands the dog should be stopped in either the stand, sit or down position at the discretion of the handler. At this point in the TD or PD stakes the judge or steward will instruct the handler to redirect the dog. **The dog will thereafter be recalled by the handler on instruction of the judge or steward.** In all stakes, whilst the judge should take into account the number of commands used during the exercise, importance should be placed upon the handler's ability to direct the dog to the place indicated.
(Insertion in bold)
- Rationale
The above amendment would allow the judge to take the recall into account when marking the sendaway.
- b. Scottish Working Trials Society Mrs L Cottier
Proposal to create a graded marking system in the Down Stay exercise
The Society wishes the Council to consider a proposal for the down stay exercise to be graded through the stakes.
- Regulation I(B)4
TO:
~~DOWN (Introductory and CD Stake 5 minutes, other stakes 10 minutes)~~
Introductory Stake & CD - 5 points for 3 minutes, 10 points for 5 mins
UD, WD, TD & PD graded stays – no points awarded until at least 50% of the test had been completed. Subsequently, points would be allocated as follows: 1 point for 6 minutes, 2 points for 7 minutes, 3 points for 8 minutes, 4 points for 9 minutes and 10 points for 10 minutes.
Handlers must be out of sight of the dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Steward will give the command 'Last Command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the 'down' position throughout the test until the Judge or



Steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The Judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause a dog to move. The Judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.

The timing of the stays shall commence when the handlers have been instructed to leave their dogs. Marks must be graduated in accordance with the Kennel Club's specimen stay chart.

Rationale

This graded marking system would allow a more accurate marking system of the stay which reflects how the dog has worked throughout the exercise, rather than be an 'all or nothing'. It is started about half way through the stay on the basis that it will encourage handlers to ensure their dogs are trained for the full length of time.

- c. Scottish Working Trials Society Mrs L Cottier
Proposal to reduce jumps in CD and UD and thus progress jumps through the stakes
Scottish Working Trials Society proposes to progress the jumps through the stakes by reducing them in CD and UD stakes.

All dog sport activities progress their test elements through the levels from the lower level to the ultimate, top level. The WT jumps have no progression from CD.

This proposal is to have them reduced in CD and UD Stakes as follows:

Scale

CD/UD – 5ft, WD/TD/PD – 5ft 6"

Long

CD/ UD – 7ft, WD/TD/PD – 8ft

Clear

CD/UD – 2ft 6", WD/TD/PD – 3ft

Jump heights/lengths for small dogs would be reduced accordingly.

Rationale:

Reduced heights of jumps in the earlier stakes might encourage more people to train and compete in WT, knowing that they are not jeopardising their young dog's health and giving them time through the stakes and in their training to gain the ability, confidence and technique required to manage the full size jumps safely.

- d. Southern Alsatian Training Society Ms L Marlow
Proposed amendment to Regulation I(B)4
Southern Alsatian Training Society wishes to propose the following amendment to regulations:

Regulation I(B)4

TO:

Down (Introductory and CD stake 5 minutes. Other stakes 10 minutes).— Handlers must be out of sight of the dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The judge or steward will give the command 'last command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the judge or steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the 'down' position throughout the test until the judge or steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The judge however may use discretion should interference by another



dog cause the dog to move. ~~The judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.~~

Rationale

Distractions are rarely used these days.

If a dog is caused to move by a distraction it could interfere with another dog, the judge would then be in a difficult situation.

It is difficult to apply a distraction equally to all dogs in a line-up.

Some distractions such as showing a ball would have a greater effect on some dogs than others.

ITEM 11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Mrs L Cottier
Working Trials Warrant

Mrs Cottier requests that the Council discuss a suggestion that an application should be made to The Kennel Club for the introduction of a Working Trials warrant, similar to the Junior Warrant (available within breed showing) and the Obedience and Agility Warrants.

In 2019, 706 Junior Warrants, 19 Obedience Warrants, and 966 Agility Warrants were awarded by The Kennel Club.

In 2021, The Kennel Club announced the introduction of the Rally Warrant (RW), hoping that the introduction of this new award would encourage new competitors into the discipline, as well as encouraging existing competitors to work at every level.

An Obedience Warrant is issued for a dog that has obtained a specific number of points which are gained at Championship, Premier or Open shows, out of a variety of specific classes.

An Agility Warrant is awarded in respect of a dog that has obtained a specific number of points in standard agility and jumping classes. There are five levels of Agility Warrant, from Bronze to Diamond.

In both disciplines, the title (OW or AW, and level achieved) may be used after the name of the dog on entries and in catalogues.

It is anticipated that the introduction of a Working Trials Warrant would encourage newcomers and give them something to aim for.

It is recognised that qualifying in the Working Trials Championship stakes allow for letters of that stake to be used, so it may be that the Working Trials Warrant would focus on Open Trials and Introductory Stake and any pre CD stakes if they were subsequently introduced.

The Council is reminded that competitors may use titles such as CDEx/ WDEx etc after their dog's name and these may be added to the dog's record if a copy of the certificate awarded at the trial is sent to the office.

Mrs Cottier seeks constructive feedback from the Council.



b. Mrs L Cottier

Societies' involvement in contributing to Working Trials Info website

The activity of Working Trials relies on the Working Trials Info website, run by Mr M Skillin, to ensure relevant information regarding individual working trials and events is available, such as trial results and photographs, judges' reports, trial details, training articles etc.

The original magazine is much missed but proved not to be sustainable due to the costs, and a lack of input by those involved in working trials – whether it was articles or judges' reports. Despite it often being part of a judge's contract, there are many judges who do not bother to send a report in. There is also a lack of consistency within societies making the effort to submit results.

Mrs Cottier is of the view that this is something that every society can assist with. At each of their trials, a member or another individual could be given the 'PR' role, of taking photos of the presentations/qualifiers alongside any others; of compiling the results and submitting them directly to WTI. They could then chase up the judges for the reports if need be. Photographs of track and search square patterns, plus articles, also create interest, especially for newcomers. This is all easily done.

A little bit of effort goes a long way with encouraging people to visit the website and learn more about the activity, as well as obviously being of great interest to current trialists.

Feedback from representatives of each society is sought, in the hope that agreement may be reached that such an arrangement should be put into place.

ITEM 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please give at least two weeks' advance notice of matters to be raised under Any Other Business as this assists the office if research is required. These items are discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

ITEM 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council's next meeting take place on 13 July 2023. All agenda items must be submitted by 14 April 2023.

NOTES:

1. The Kennel Club will reimburse standard rail fares to all representatives attending the meeting, from their addresses as recorded at The Kennel Club. Claim forms will be available at the meeting.
2. Those resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland may apply in advance for authority to substitute shuttle air travel for standard rail fare, although it is requested that tickets are booked well in advance to take advantage of any reduction in fares.
3. Please give advance notice of matters to be raised under Any Other Business. This assists the office if research is required. These items are discussed at the discretion of the Council Chairman.



4. Kennel Club Liaison Council Regulations state that The Kennel Club will bear the cost of all reasonable and externally incurred costs connected with a Council, if agreed in advance. Therefore, representatives should apply to The Kennel Club for approval of any costs they may wish to claim prior to the expense being incurred.

THE KENNEL CLUB'S STRATEGIC AIMS

- *Champion the wellbeing of dogs*
- *Safeguard and enhance the future of pedigree dogs, addressing breed-associated health issues*
- *Protect the future of dog activities together with our grassroots network*
- *Become relevant to more dog owners to increase our impact*
- *Deliver an excellent member experience and widen our community*
- *Ensure we are financially secure and sustainable*



Liaison Societies for Non-Championship Working Trials Societies

Working Trials Society

Australian Shepherd Club of the United Kingdom
 Aveley Obedience & Working Trials Society
 Avon Working Trials Training Society
 Aylesbury Canine Training Society
 Banbury & District Dog Training Society
 Billingshurst Dog Training Club
 Birmingham & District German Shepherd Dog Association
 Central Bernese Mountain Dog Club
 Chipping Norton & District Dog Training Club
 Cynllan Lodge Dog Training Club
 Deveron Dog Training Club
 Donyatt Dog Training Club
 East Riding Working Trials Society
 Grampian Gundog Club
 Haslemere & District Dog Training Club
 High Peak Dog Training Society
 Hucknall & District Canine Training Society
 Lochaber & District Canine Society
 Midlands Border Collie Club
 Mid Wales Working Gundog Society
 National Australian Shepherd Association
 Newlands Working Dog Society
 North of England Weimaraner Society
 Northants & Bedfordshire Working Trials Dog Training
 Northern Alsatian & All Breeds Training Society
 Northern Newfoundland Club
 Portland Dog Training Club
 Rough & Smooth Collie Training Association
 Scottish Kennel Club
 Six Counties Working Trials Society
 Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer Club (Provisional)
 South Devon Agility & Dog Training Club
 South Leeds Working Trials Dog Training Club
 Spanish Water Dog Club (Provisional)
 Spey Valley Dog Training Club
 Sporting Irish Water Spaniel Club
 Stonehouse Dog Training Club
 Wakefield Dog Training Club
 Weimaraner Club of Great Britain
 Weimaraner Club of Scotland
 Working Belgian Shepherd Dog Society
 Ynys Mon Dog Training Society

Representative Society

Yorkshire Working Trials Society
 Essex Working Trials Society
 Wessex Working Trials Club
 ASPADS Working Trials Society
 Leamington Dog Training Club
 Southern Alsatian Training Society
 Leamington Dog Training Club
 ASPADS Working Trials Society
 British Association for German Shepherd Dogs
 Welsh Kennel Club
 Scottish Working Trials Society
 Wessex Working Trials Club
 Yorkshire Working Trials Society
 Scottish Working Trials Society
 Surrey Dog Training Society
 North West Working Trials Society
 Midland Counties German Shepherd Dog Association
 Scottish Working Trials Society
 Midland Counties German Shepherd Dog Association
 Welsh Kennel Club
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 Surrey Dog Training Society
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 Poole & District Dog Training Society
 Leamington Dog Training Club
 Scottish Working Trials Society
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 Lincolnshire German Shepherd Dog & All Breeds
 Scottish Working Trials Society
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