



THE KENNEL CLUB

PD Stake Panel Progress Report

- A draft Risk Assessment specifically for the Patrol round was put forward and approved.
- A proposal has been put forward through EAWTTS and approved. It states:
Patrol Dog stake judges must, before their patrol dog tests, provide working trials managers with sufficient detail of the tests, for the risks arising from them and measures to manage those risks, to be included within risk assessments completed in respect of the events. that the Judge must ensure that the Trials Manager to be aware of the test before it commences
- Insurance cover; enquiries were made at two insurance companies. A detailed description of the Patrol round exercises were forwarded to the companies, stating that Risk assessments will be undertaken before the Patrol round exercises. Both insurance companies confirmed that they would be happy to cover the trial.
- Having looked at the matter of Lock outs, the PD working party has put forward a proposal though Surrey stating:
Judges must not prevent competitors from watching others in the Patrol round (exercises described by regulations I(C) (13-17)), with the exception of Quartering the ground (regulation I(C)(13)), which may be a 'lock-out'. However, where a competitor is working more than one dog, other competitors must be allowed to watch the entire Patrol round.
- The PD working party has been considering the equipment used during protection and has proposed changes that will make the equipment safer.
- The PD working party is looking at the marking of exercises, and while not wishing to take away the judge's ability to mark how he sees fit and not make marking too prescriptive, the working party believes that some rules could be made clearer and less open to interpretation.
- Over 70 PD stakeholders were interviewed over the phone, these were Trials managers, PD judges, Judges' trainers, Protected Stewards, PS's trainers and PD competitors. They gave their opinions and suggestions on a wide range of PD issues. The interview summaries were emailed back to all that took part and further consultation is encouraged. This data will form a large part of the PD party's future work
- Eighteen protected stewards, PS trainers, judges and stewards from a large geographical area will contribute to formulating the national Protected Steward's training days/weekends which will be rolled out across the country. The basic format will suggest what a training session should include and what the outcomes ought to be. Any format will recognise and take into account that there are many different styles and methods of training but will offer a means to ensure that all protected stewards fully understand and are prepared for each of the roles they might be asked to fulfil during a patrol round. The working party will encourage trials managers, judges, stewards and competitors to attend these training sessions.
- A first, test, PD Helpers weekend had been arranged for early summer but it was cancelled to Covid 19.