



## HEELWORK TO MUSIC - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS from The Kennel Club Working Party Meeting 1 December 2020

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	The Kennel Club Academy	In response to a query, the Working Party noted that access to the Kennel Club Academy was currently free for everyone. Access to the Academy was via the user's own Kennel Club account.	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.
2.	Medicated Collars	<p>The Working Party considered whether dogs should be permitted to wear a medicated collar when competing, in addition to a half-check or smooth collar. At present, Regulation L10.e. stated:</p> <p>'Dogs may only wear a half/check collar or a smooth collar which may be decorated.'</p> <p>The Working Party noted a matter raised by a competitor that dogs competing in obedience were permitted to wear a medicated collar as well as a half-check or smooth collar, when in the ring. However the Working Party was not of the view that there was any necessity for a similar provision to be made for dogs competing in Heelwork to Music.</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.
3.	Qualification for Crufts	<p>The Working Party considered correspondence received, which suggested that the current system for qualification for Crufts Heelwork to Music and Freestyle was flawed and unfair and that the introduction of qualification via a points system would be preferable.</p> <p>It noted that the issue had previously been discussed by the Working Party at its meeting on 13 December 2016.</p> <p>Having reconsidered the matter, the Working Party concluded that it would not be appropriate to introduce any changes to the qualification system at present.</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.



	Heelwork to Music Team GB	<p>The Working Party noted that Heelwork to Music Team GB had withdrawn from participating in the 2020 Championships, which were due to be held in October in France, due to Covid-19.</p> <p>No decisions would be made on overseas competitions in 2021 until such time as the position on Covid-19 and travel was clarified.</p> <p>Guidance regarding pet passports was issued by DEFRA on 10 December 2020 and may be viewed at: <a href="http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/ov/Briefing-Note-3920.pdf">http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/ov/Briefing-Note-3920.pdf</a></p>	Competitors to note.
7.	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 May 2021. Any agenda items should be submitted to a member of the Working Party by 20 April 2021.	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.