

**American Kennel Club Obedience Classic Invitation**

The Kennel Club is pleased to announce that the American Kennel Club (AKC) has extended an invitation for teams of one to three dogs to compete in the two-day AKC Obedience Classic event to be held in December 2014.

To participate in this event dogs must be of an AKC recognised breed however crossbreeds are welcomed into AKC Companion Event Competitions. There will be four classes offered with two runs per day for each team. The classes offered are as follows:

<p><b>Novice</b> - Exercises are:          1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight          2. Stand for Examination          3. Heel Free          4. Recall          5. Long Sit          6. Long Down</p>	<p>Basic level obedience exercises.           Similar to FCI Class 1</p>
<p><b>Open</b> – Exercises are:          1. Heel Free and Figure Eight          2. Drop on Recall          3. Retrieve on Flat          4. Retrieve over High Jump          5. Broad Jump          6. Long Sit          7. Long Down</p>	<p>Intermediate level obedience exercises.           Similar to FCI Class 2</p>
<p><b>Utility &amp; Masters</b> – Exercises are:          1. Signal Exercise          2. Scent Discrimination Article # 1          3. Scent Discrimination Article # 2          4. Directed Retrieve          5. Moving Stand and Examination          6. Directed Jumping</p>	<p>Advanced level obedience exercises.          Dogs that have obtained the Obedience Championship or the equivalent should be entered in the Masters level.           Similar to FCI Class 3</p>

International dogs entered at this event will be required to be measured during exhibitor check-in. Dogs may not jump lower than the official AKC jump height as described below.

**Standard Jump Heights:**

The actual height of the dog at the withers shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4 inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4 inch jump height must be less than 7 1/2 inches at the withers. Handlers may choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height.

<b>Standard Jump Height Table</b>	
<b>Measured height of dog at withers</b>	<b>Minimum height to be jumped</b>
Less than 7 ½"	4"
7 ½" to 9"	8"
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

Information on the 2013 event can be found on the AKC website here: <http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/classic/> and the AKC Obedience Regulations can be found here: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

Competitors wishing to attend the event must arrange their own funding. To register your interest in participating please contact the Kennel Club via [cat@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:cat@thekennelclub.org.uk) by **Friday 9 May 2014**.