

## Proposal for a Border Terrier Working Class

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1. Proposal for a Working Class at Crufts dog show and general champ shows.
2. Reason for this proposal is that it is educational both to the public plus Border Terrier owners.
3. This proposal is also beneficial to the Kennel Club as a form of revenue in attracting overseas competitors. This also applies to dog show committees.
4. This proposal is submitted by me, Charmaine Khatchikian, via the Breed Liaison Council Representative, It is aimed at the Border Terrier breed. "Essentially a Working Terrier"
5. This proposal in theory does not have to be limited to Border Terriers but can incorporate other terrier breeds that are earthdogs.
6. This proposal is presented with the idea that the European/FCI working certificates are the qualification for inscription to the class, and dogs do not require a breed Crufts qualification class accreditation, Open to male/neuter and female working dogs.
7. This proposal highlights the BASC Gamekeepers Classes and the Working Gundog Classes. Former confined to dogs owned by employed/retired keepers. Latterly dogs active in the working field and signed off as regularly part of a working/picking up team. Overseas dogs also compete at Crufts in this classification, This is educational and also revenue generating,
- 8 This proposal draws on the precedent that the Gundog Group is made up of recognised working breed/s and that the Border Terrier should also be recognised as a working breed before it is lost to the judge's table
9. This proposal draws on the Kennel Club overseas qualification Crufts classes and demonstrates that the Kennel Club is open to widening the inscription for Crufts which not only generates a revenue, but also is of interest to the various breeds and wider public in general "Crufts Qualified" cards are issued, <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/.../crufts-2026.../>
10. This proposal highlights the precedent set by the Border Terrier Centenary dog show 2020 where the 7 single breed clubs advertised the Working Class as open to overseas Border Terriers on presentation of the respective country's Working Certificate. Therefore the 7 single breed Border Terrier clubs acknowledged the existence of European/FCI Working Class Certificates. The show was on video. Five minutes into the tape the author states the breed has lost direction. That the breed has become reactive due to lack of working and comprehension of morphology by present day persons.  
<https://vimeo.com/783981981/3e4eb93306>
11. This proposal draws on the reality that the UK provides limited access to working a Border Terrier to ground. Presently the terrier men are licensed (by the M.F.H.A) and have written permission of the landowners. The control of foxes in many areas has to continue, and has continued by using alternative methods due to hunting with hounds as a full pack being made illegal in England since 2004 and now in Scotland, except under license and a license that has proved to be unworkable. Shooting and the use of terriers is now the only legal option in Scotland.
12. This proposal presents the reality that competence lies with the European terrier clubs who actively encourage working trials in fox, badger, wild boar, rabbits, coypus, deer, both natural earth

and TANA earth dens, blood tracking. The breeds awarded certificates are the Scottish breeds of Airedale, Scottish, West Highland, Cairn, others Bedlington, Border Terriers, Fox Terrier, Parson and Jack Russell Terrier, Welsh, Lakeland, Norwich, Norfolk, Irish, Kerry, Sealyham, plus breeds such as Cesky. These breeds are given a Working Class at the national and international dog shows. Their inscription relies on prior submission of the Working Class certificate.

13. This proposal states that the competence lies with the kennel clubs of the respective countries and the appointed licensed working judges who validate the dog's ability to hunt,, Sample certificate attached and is valid for CAC/CACIB dog shows world wide, It is legally binding.

14.This proposal validates that competence lies with experts who are approved. These breeds should be given the choice to enter Working Class at Crufts and general champ shows. There is a significant number of overseas exhibitors at Crufts and the general champ shows and this would generate revenue and educational interest,

15. UK Resident dogs can easily work their dogs at the European terrier clubs and maintain their morphology. This preservation of the terrier breeds is much needed and is evident particularly in Border Terriers. The breed has lost direction and become a table dog only used in the show ring.

16.Submission of 2014 judges report

#### **Sat 6th Sep 2014 - Richmond Championship Dog Show**

Judge: **Mr W Gray (Pontbeck)**

"Since the hunting bill I 've been concerned how the breed would keep to the line in the breed standard " Essentially a working terrier " as the opportunities for work have been reduced and the spin off as to why we require a double coat and the dog to be narrow all through may be lost to some exhibitors who haven't the opportunity to work or know someone who does or has worked their dogs. There was evidence today that we may have lost sight of the fact that this is a working breed. I'm not suggesting that all Borders should work but that all Borders should be capable to work and those who are closest to the breed standard should be able to do the job required of them. There were a few exhibits with single coats today, look very smart but would soon pay the price on a cold wet winters day if they had to be out in the elements for any length of time" END

17. Presently Hunt Terrier shows include a class entitled "Entered to Fox". Fell and Moorland Club Shows include a class entitled "Entered to Fox". Prestigious agricultural shows such as Great Yorkshire include a class entitled "Entered to Fox". Hunt Terrier shows are more aligned to the morphology of working terriers.



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### ATTESTATION CLASSE TRAVAIL INTERNATIONALE

**Nom du chien** - Name of the dog - Name des Hundes - Nombre del perro  
JRASAMUYR MARCUS AURELIUS

**Race** - Breed - Rasse - Raza  
BORDER TERRIER

**Sexe** - Sex - Geschlecht - Sexo  
MALE

**Date de naissance** - Date of birth - Wurfdatum - Fecha de nacimiento  
07/03/2024

**Livre des Origines et n° d'enregistrement** - Studbook and registration number - Zuchtbuch und Zuchtbuchnummer - Libro de orígenes y número de registro  
KC BB24244701

**N° de tatouage ou de microship** - Tatoo or microship number - Tätowier oder microshipnummer - Numero del tatuaje o del microship  
941000019769035

**Propriétaire** - Owner - Eigentümer - Propietario  
Madame Charmaine KHATCHIKIAN

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**Le chien sus-cité a passé avec succès l'épreuve exigée l'autorisant à être inscrit dans la classe travail de toutes les expositions FCI (selon la décision de l'Assemblée Générale de la FCI à Madrid 1983).**  
This dog has successfully taken the required working trial and is entitled to be entered in the working class at all FCI shows (according to the decision taken by the General Assembly of the FCI in Madrid, 1983).  
Der genannte Hund hat die erforderliche Arbeitsprüfung bestanden und ist damit berechtigt, bei allen FCI-Ausstellungen in die Gebrauchshundeklasse gemeldet zu werden (gemäß Beschluss der FCI-Generalversammlung in Madrid 1983).  
Este perro ha efectuado con éxito la prueba exigida para poder inscribirse en la clase trabajo de todas las exposiciones de la FCI (según resolución de la Asamblea General de la FCI en Madrid en 1983).

**Lieu (ville, Pays) et date de l'épreuve** - Place (town, COUNTRY) and date of the trial - Ort (Stadt, LAND) und Datum der Prüfung - Lugar (ciudad, PAIS) y fecha de la prueba  
VICQ EXEMPLET (FRANCE) - 30/03/2025

**Type d'épreuve** - Type of the trial - Prüfungstyp - Tipo de prueba  
BROUSSAILLAGE SUR ONGULES

**Qualifications/points** - Qualifications/points - Qualifikation/Punktzahl - Calificación/puntos  
TRES BON 170,00 PTS

**Nom du (des) juge(s)** - Name of the judge(s) - Name des (der) Richter(s) - Nombre del juez (de los jueces)  
M. MERCIER

**Date** - Date - Datum - Fecha  
15/04/2025

**Le président de la SCC** - The President of the SCC - Der Präsident der SCC - El presidente de la SCC

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Signed Council Representative:

Border Terrier Representative - Sally Leslie – 4 August 2025