

Prestige Events Qualifier Review 2025

FEEDBACK, REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT
PRESTIGE EVENTS WORKING PARTY



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1.0 Introduction

Prestige Events Qualifiers (PEQs) have been an integral part of the Agility calendar for many years. Kennel Club registered societies have the opportunity to host qualifier heats throughout the year at Premier Shows. A number of qualifier heats have been hosted by registered societies for several years and, as societies have ceased to exist or opted to relinquish their qualifiers, heats have been reallocated. Whilst there have been numerous changes to agility rules and regulations with changes to height classifications and introduction of an intermediate height, reallocation of heats over the years has sought to try to ensure a spread across the country but there are some disparities on regional splits and the quantity of heats often hosted on the same weekend.

In March 2023, an online Agility Survey was released asking for competitor, judges and show organisers to provide feedback on all topics relating to Agility. A summary of feedback is contained in [Section 2.0](#).

In addition to the agility survey, individual reports relating to poor ground conditions, low entry numbers and other issues relating to the running of PEQs were brought to the attention of the Prestige Events Working Party (PEWP). Feedback from competitors and Team GB management highlighted that national and international qualifications and competitions now take place 12 months of the year which did not allow dogs and handlers any time off and relief from competing. This, coupled with the cost of living crisis and the requirement for a competitors to travel up and down the country, accumulating points, to qualify for PEQ Semi/finals in Novice, Crufts Singles, Crufts ABC Agility Stakes and small/mixi pairs has resulted in the PEWP being given approval to analyse the existing qualifier heats, propose changes to address key issues, and to carry out the first ever full review and reallocation of all Prestige Events Qualifiers*.

*NB: The review excludes Championship classes and YKC events. The International Agility Festival Teams has been removed from the agility calendar after The International Agility Festival 2023 due to the lack of support.

2.0 Agility Survey Feedback

The online agility survey is the largest survey conducted to date on the requirements and wishes of the agility community and included, in addition to Prestige Events questions, an overview and breakdown of those completing the survey to ensure commentary was received from a broad spectrum of the agility community.

Number of responses received – **401** individuals.

Of the 401 individuals, the split of competing dogs (first 4 competing dogs if applicable) shows that very few true beginners (Grade 1) responded to the survey with the majority being Grade 7 and Grade 2 (56.7%).

	No. of Dogs	%
Grade 1	10	1.2
Grade 2	212	25.4
Grade 3	105	12.6
Grade 4	70	8.4
Grade 5	82	9.8
Grade 6	94	11.3
Grade 7	261	31.3
Total	834	100

The split of these dogs across the heights suggests that there is a fairly good range of responses representative of each height group

	No. of Dogs	%
Small	156	18.7
Medium	210	25.2
Intermediate	190	22.8
Large	278	33.3

The range of breed competing is varied with over 57 breeds named.

	No. of Dogs	%
Border Collie	290	34.8%
Crossbreed	131	15.7%
Cocker Spaniel	115	13.8%
WSD	35	4.2%
Mini American	24	2.9%
Shetland Sheepdog	23	2.8%
Labrador	15	1.8%
Malinois	12	1.4%
Mini Poodle	11	1.3%
NSDTR	10	1.2%
Others	168	20.1%

Of all respondents a large proportion had aspirations to compete internationally

	No. of Handlers	%
Aspirations	243	60.6
No Aspirations	158	39.4

Prestige Events specific Questions

When asked where qualifier heats should be allocated responses very much favoured Registered Societies.

	No. of Handlers
Registered Societies only	299
Listed Status only	91
Both	11

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When asked if competitors would travel between qualifier heats held on the same weekend, the majority said they would not or would prefer not to (79.1%).

	No. of Handlers	%
Would travel	84	20.9
Would not travel	168	41.9
Prefer not to	149	37.2

The biggest determining factors when selecting which Prestige Events qualifier heats to attend were:

Determining Factors
Distance to travel
Show Location / Venue
Judge
Qualifiers on Offer
Championship also offered
Equipment

Responses to which Prestige Events rules competitors would most like to see changed were:

Rule Changes
Spouses rule
BIS at all shows
ABC Restricted breeds
Points accumulator removed
Starter and novice for true novices
ABC for large and intermediate
Novice cup to go back to Crufts
Same rules for all heights

If additional time slots at Crufts and The London International Horse Show at Excel were available, the following were favoured:

Additional Crufts Events
Teams Final
British Open Final
Starters Cup
Pairs
Intermediate ABC

Additional London International Horse Show Events
Intermediate ABC
Novice
Juniors
Teams
Medium ABC

A key summary of the feedback received was presented to PEWP as follows:

- *Cost of living crisis and requirement to travel length and breadth of the country for qualifier heats was an issue for some competitors.*
- *Points accumulators for prestige qualifier heats exacerbated the requirement to travel. **
- *Three of each breed to only qualify in ABC events results in a lower standard of dogs at finals as well as being unfair to those with popular breeds who often have to incur greater expenses to enter qualifier heats in order to qualify in the top three of their breed. **
- *The Agility season now lasts 12 months. **
- *Qualifier heats held on the same weekend for the same heights at different shows encourages chasing of qualifier heats.*
- *Qualifier heats clashing with other qualifier heats at Championship shows results in some smaller entry numbers for the non-champ show qualifier heats.*
- *Split heights/grades of qualifier heats on offer i.e.: where a show is predominantly aimed at a specific height and has only one qualifier heat for a completely different height.*
- *Poor selection of judges at particular shows for PEQs.*
- *Poor ground conditions.*
- *Shows moving dates and locations causing clashes with other shows holding similar qualifier heats.*
- *Poor standard of, or unpopular, equipment on offer.*
- *Show management teams and lack of experience running PEQs.*
- *Regional coverage of qualifier heats.*
- *Low numbers of entries in some qualifier heats. (Research of all 2022/23 season prestige qualifier heats highlighted shows/regions of above average entries. Also highlighted shows/regions where entries were considerably below the average i.e.: Cornwall ABC qualifier where 3 dogs ran, Scotland ABC qualifier where 8 dogs ran).*

*Points highlighted in red, have already been addressed and agreed to be implemented for the 2024/2025 season.

3.0 Current Prestige Events Qualifier Heats

The PEQs and location have evolved over a long period of time. The number of heats has remained fairly consistent, and the rules are largely unchanged. The current Prestige Events calendar accommodates 231 heats spread across the whole 12 month calendar. The current PEQs, number of heats and general qualification criteria are detailed in [Appendix A](#) and existing Prestige Events regulations in [Appendix B](#) but are summarised below.

- *The Kennel Club Small Dog Agility Stakes - 20 heats*
- *The Kennel Club Medium Dog Agility Stakes - 20 heats*
- *The Kennel Club Intermediate Dog Agility Stakes - 19 heats*
- *The Kennel Club Large Dog Agility Stakes - 18 heats between*
- *The Kennel Club Large Dog ABC Agility Stakes - 18 heats*
- *Crufts Singles Small Agility - 11heats*
- *Crufts Singles Medium Agility - 11 heats*
- *Crufts Singles Intermediate Agility - 11 heats*
- *Crufts Singles Large Agility - 11 heats*
- *Crufts Novice Cup Small Dog Agility Stakes - 13 heats*
- *Crufts Novice Cup Medium Dog Agility Stakes - 13 heats*
- *Crufts Novice Cup Intermediate Dog Agility Stakes - 14 heats*
- *Crufts Novice Cup Large Dog Agility Stakes - 15 heats*
- *Crufts Medium ABC Agility Stakes - 10 Heats*
- *Crufts Intermediate Novice ABC Agility Stakes - 9 Heats*
- *Crufts Large Novice ABC Agility Stakes - 10 Heats*
- *Discover Dogs Small/Mixi Pairs Challenge – 8 Heats*

A review was also carried out to ascertain the number of dogs that actually competed at all PEQs in 2022/2023. These numbers are readily and publicly accessible from the major show processors that maintain online results of the shows that they process, except for First Place Processing where results are no longer available. These shows were given the average entry numbers for that qualifier heat to allow for analysis of data.

The review covers all PEQs and the numbers of entries are shown in different ways. The first two sets of graphs show the number of entries on a regional basis compared to the total number of entries.

- Horizontal bar charts show the percentage of dogs that competed in that qualifier heat, in that region, compared to the national total. (i.e., In the South East, 25% of the total number of all national ABC agility stakes dogs that competed in 2022/23 ran in this region)
- Vertical bar charts show the average number of dogs per class from that region (Yellow bar) against the national average for that qualifier heat (Green bar).

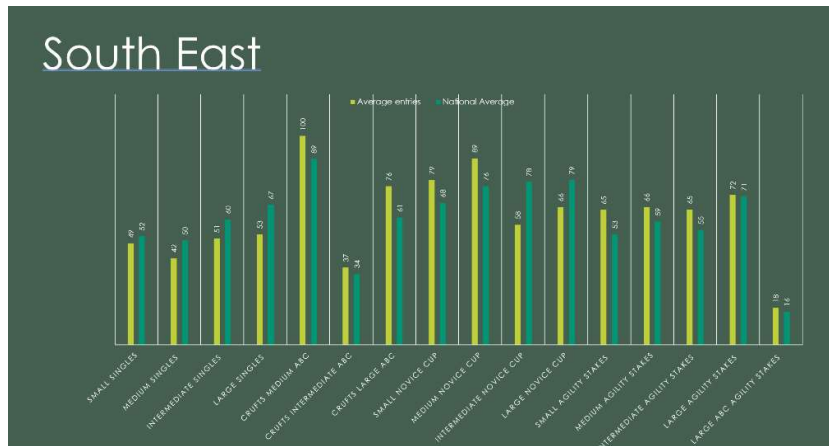
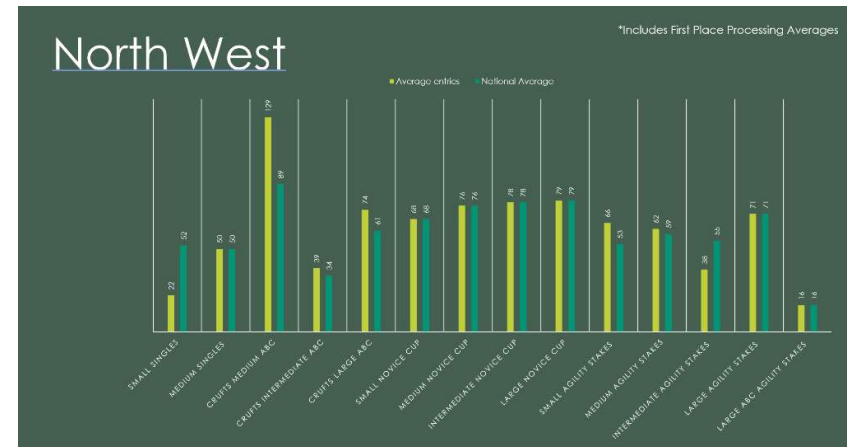
The full set of graphs can be seen in [Appendix C](#).

A key summary of the findings from this analysis is as follows:

- Where shows also hold Champ classes, entries into the correlating Singles and Agility Stakes qualifier heats are above average.
- Where shows hold more than one qualifier heat for the same height, of the same level, entries are generally higher than average.
- For qualifier heats that are held in more remote regions, where the eligible dog numbers are lower (i.e.: Large and Intermediate ABC), entry numbers are considerably lower than the average.
- Most regions have at least one show where entry numbers are significantly greater than the average.

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- Some regions have a greater percentage of the total number of qualifier heats available and yet still have lower percentages of entries, showing less support for those qualifier heats in those regions.
- Data showed a potential correlation between low entry numbers and shows where equipment, venue and or judges were less popular.

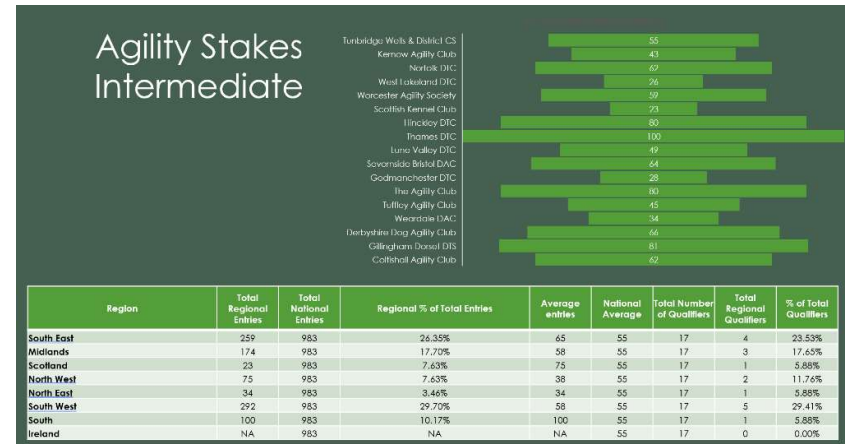
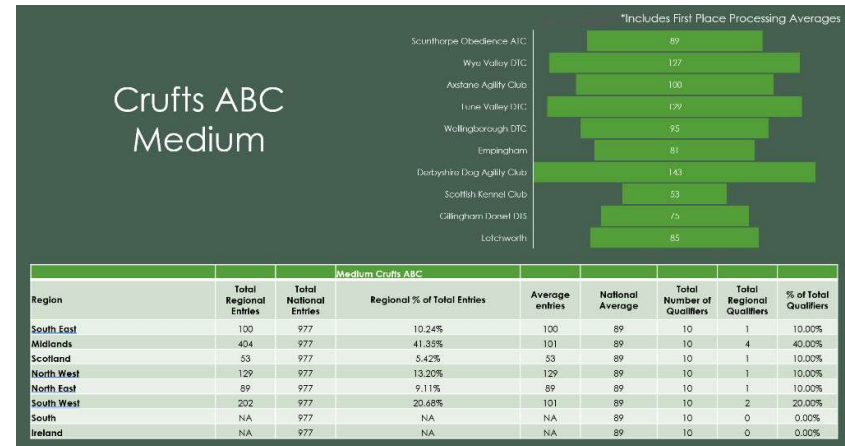
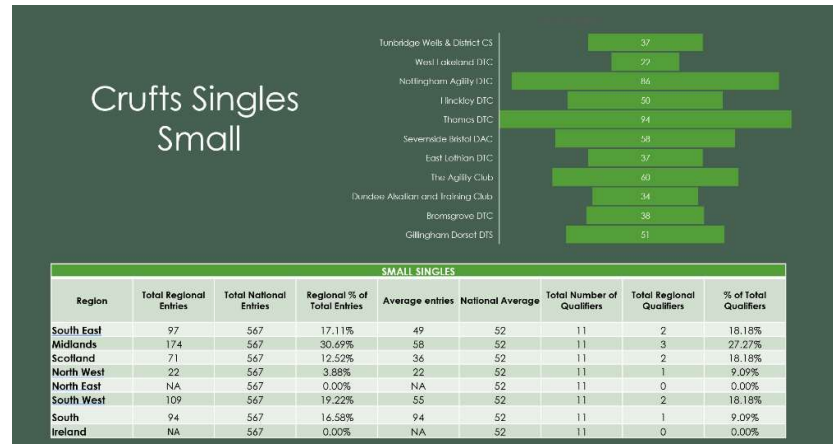


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The review also looked at each qualifier heat to assess the entries on a competition by competition basis. An example for each height is shown below.

- Graphs demonstrate comparative numbers of dogs actually competing (not entries) as publicly available from all show processors (excluding First Place as no longer available).
- Tables split individual classes by regions and provide data comparing total number of dogs run against the national averages and the total number of qualifier heats across each region.

The full set of graphs can be seen in [Appendix D](#).



4.0 Changes to Prestige Events Qualifier Heats

Following the PEWP meeting held on Thursday 23rd March 2023 the following changes were proposed and are to be integrated into the event rules. Changes to the rules are highlighted in ***bold italics with deletion lined through and greyed out***.

- From 2025 there will be an agility season in which qualifier heats take place. This will be between 1 March until 31 October. Within this period there will be specific timescales for each event (for instance KC Agility Stakes qualifier heats need to finish in July, as the Semi-final from 2025 will be held at The International Agility Festival)
- A set of criteria is to be written which explains how we expect clubs to run their qualifier heats. They will be required to sign up to this. If clubs run their qualifier heats against the criteria, then the PEWP have the authority to remove qualifier heats from these clubs.
- PEQs shouldn't be held on the same day. If they need to be held on the same day, then clubs need to be 200 miles apart from each other based on travel distances between postcodes taken from Google maps.
- The PEWP have said that they would like to review clubs holding qualifier heats every 3 years (this needs to be added to the contract that clubs sign).
- Points accumulators for all events are to be removed and replaced with automatic qualifications from each heat.
- The restriction in ABC to a maximum of 3 breeds is to be scrapped with immediate effect (All 2023 qualifier heats)

A summary table of the reallocated PEQs, number of heats and general qualification criteria are detailed in [Appendix E](#)

Event Specifics

Each of the PEQs rules, regulations and formats are to be tailored to address feedback received from the agility questionnaire and to modernise each event, making them relevant to a modern sport and ensure the ability to qualify is open to all.

The Kennel Club Agility Stakes

Generally

- The Quarter and Semi-finals will return to The International Agility Festival in 2025.
- The large set of equipment used at the finals will be required for the Quarter & Semi-finals held at The International Agility Festival.
- The main ring at The International Agility Festival will need to be bigger – at least 45 x 30 metres – to replicate the existing Semi-finals and Finals held at The London International Horse Show.
- There will be 10 qualifier heats for each class, throughout the country, which will be held from 1 March until 31 July.

Small & Medium events

- Top five unqualified dogs from each qualifier heat (50 dogs in total for each event, from the 10 qualifier heats) go through to the Semi-final at The International Agility Festival.
- The top 10 from each Semi-final will qualify for the final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December

Large & Intermediate events

- Top five unqualified dogs from each qualifier heat (50 dogs in total for each event, from the 10 qualifier heats) go through to the Quarter-finals at The International Agility Festival.
- Top 20 from each Quarter-final will go through to the Semi-final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.

ABC

- There will be both an Intermediate and a Large ABC competition.
- There will be ten qualifier heats for each competition (ten for each height).
- The top three unqualified dogs from each qualifier heat will go through to Semi-final (30 dogs). The Intermediate and Large ABC will be held as separate Semi-finals at The International Agility Festival.
- The top five from each Semi-final will go through to the final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.
- The ten competitors in the final will be competing on the same course. Heights will be changed, and separate awards will be given.
- From 2023 the breed restriction will be removed.

The Kennel Club Dog Agility Stakes Held at the London International Horse Show supported by Skinner's

General Rules

The following regulations apply to all Agility stakes qualifying Agility heats and finals.

All events must be judged under the appropriate Kennel Club Regulations H & H(1) in force at the time of the event.

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations.

There will be ten heats held at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country between 1st March and 31st July.

Qualifier course design should reflect that expected in the International Arena at The London International Horse Show at ExCel.

Dogs entered in any heats must be eligible for the competition entered and judges retain the right to check the height of any dog or ask to see the height stated in the Kennel Club Agility Record Book.

Once a dog has qualified for The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Final at one height and subsequently changes height, the qualification is removed and the dog will need to re-qualify

at the new height. The next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified will be invited to the Quarter-Final / Semi-Final. If a height change occurs after the Quarter-Final / Semi-Final, the next placed dog from the Quarter-Final / Semi-Final will be invited to the Semi-Final / Final at The London International Horse Show.

The handler that qualifies a dog for the Quarter-Final / Semi-Final / Final will be the handler that competes, handler substitutions are not allowed.

Dogs cannot compete in more than one competition at The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Finals. If a dog qualifies for more than one Quarter-Final or Semi-Final the first successful qualification will take precedence and the dog will be withdrawn from any further Quarter/Semi-Finals and replaced by a reserve.

Once a dog has qualified for The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Final, or as a reserve the handler is deemed to have accepted an offer to compete at The Kennel Club Agility Stakes final, it invalidates any reserve places in any other competition. If the first invitation to compete is declined it invalidates any reserve places in any other competition.

All winners of The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Finals will be invited to compete in the following year's Quarter-Final or Semi-Final without qualifying through the usual procedure via heats.

Note for show societies: All results from these heats **must** be sent to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show date.

(These rules will be amended if any changes are made to Kennel Club Agility Regulations during the course of the competition year).

The Kennel Club Small Dog Agility Stakes

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined class for grades 5 to 7. Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Small Dog Agility Stakes are those measuring 350mm or under at the withers.

Qualifying

The first five previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Semi-final to be held at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival. The first ten dogs from this Semi-final will qualify for the Kennel Club Small Dog Agility Stakes Final held at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for The Kennel Club Small Dog Agility Stakes Final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the semi-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified. If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, the reserve will be the next placed dog from the semi-final.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Semi-Final at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival and for the Final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel. Car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club at ExCel in December.

The Kennel Club Medium Dog Agility Stakes

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined class for grades 5 to 7. Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Medium Dog Agility Stakes are those measuring over 350mm and those measuring 430mm or under at the withers.

Qualifying

The first five previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Semi-final to be held at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival. The first ten dogs from this Semi-final will qualify for the Kennel Club Medium Dog Agility Stakes Final held at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for The Kennel Club Medium Dog Agility Stakes Final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the semi-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified. If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, the reserve will be the next placed dog from the semi-final.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Semi-Final at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival and for the Final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel. Car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club at ExCel in December.

The Kennel Club Intermediate Dog Agility Stakes

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined class for grades 5 to 7. Those dogs eligible to compete in Intermediate Dog Agility competitions are those measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers.

Qualifying

The first five previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Quarter-finals to be held at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival.

The first twenty dogs from this quarter-final will compete in a Semi-final held at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December. The top ten highest placed dogs in the Semi-final will qualify for The Kennel Club Intermediate Dog Agility Stakes evening Final at The London International Horse Show.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Quarter-finals. However, only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Quarter-finals will qualify for the Semi-final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Quarter-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Quarter-final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the quarter-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified. If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the semi-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog from the Quarter-final.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Quarter-Final at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival and for the Semi-Final / Final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel. Car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club at ExCel in December.

The Kennel Club Large Dog Agility Stakes

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined class for grades 5 to 7. Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Large dogs are those measuring over 500mm at the withers.

Qualifying

The first five previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Quarter-finals to be held at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival. If the heat is split, then three dogs will be taken from each part.

The first twenty dogs from this Quarter-final will compete in a Semi-final held at The London International Horse Show at Excel in December. The top ten highest placed dogs in the Semi-final will qualify for The Kennel Club Large Dog Agility Stakes evening Final at The London International Horse Show.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Quarter-finals. However, only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Quarter-finals will qualify for the Semi-final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Quarter-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Quarter-final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the quarter-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified. If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the Semi-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog from the Quarter-final.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Quarter-Final at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival and for the Semi-Final / Final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel. Car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club at ExCel in December.

The Kennel Club Intermediate and Large Dog ABC Agility Stakes

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a special combined class for grades 5 to 7 in both intermediate and large dog heights. This competition is a special agility competition open to all intermediate dogs and large dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. Any concerns regarding a dog's eligibility should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to The Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Intermediate are those measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers and Large dogs are those measuring over 500mm at the withers.

Qualifying

The first three previously unqualified intermediate placed dogs and the first three previously unqualified large placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Semi-final to be held at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival.

The first five intermediate and first five large dogs from this Semi-final will qualify for the Final held at The London International Horse Show at Excel in December. There will be no restriction as to the number of each breed that may qualify for the Final.

The ten competitors in the final will be competing on the same course. Heights will be changed, and separate awards will be given.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for The Kennel Club Intermediate ABC and Large ABC Dog Agility Stakes Final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the semi-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified. If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, the reserve will be the next placed dog from the semi-final.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Semi-Final at The Kennel Club International Agility Festival and for the Final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel. Car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club at ExCel in December.

Crufts

Prestige Events confirmed that British Open and Team events would not return to Crufts as the programme does not have the time due to the addition of Intermediate finals at the event.

Crufts Singles

- From 2025 the points based system will be removed. Highest places previously unqualified dogs will automatically win onto the final. Results will work on a roll down basis to find unqualified dogs to invite to the final at Crufts. There will be ten dogs in each height (S/M/L) invited to the final.
- There will be ten qualifier heats across the country between 1 March and 31 October.
- Each qualifier heat will consist of two rounds (1 agility, and 1 jumping round).
- Each round will be run as combined 6-7 class.
- Both rounds must take place on the same day of the show.
- Both rounds will have a random running order produced in advance.
- The winner will be the dog and handler from the combined results from both rounds. The winner will be the dog and handler with the fastest time, with the least number of faults.

Crufts Medium ABC/Intermediate ABC/Large ABC

- All events will be run as a combined 1-7 class.
- Course design should be set at Grade 5 level.
- Novice will be removed from the event titles.
- There will be ten heats across the country between 1 March and 31 October.
- The top two unqualified dogs will go through to the Semi-final (20 dogs for each event). The Semi-final will be held alongside at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.
- The top ten from each Semi-final will qualify for the final at Crufts.

Crufts Agility

General Rules

The following regulations apply to all qualifying agility heats and finals.

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations.

There will be ten heats for each height, held at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country between 1st March and 31st October.

All heats must take place at Kennel Club licensed shows and the class name in the schedule should replicate exactly the name of the competition as stated in these rules and regulations.

Course design should reflect that expected in the main Crufts arena.

Dogs entered in any heats must be eligible for the competition entered. Judges have the right to check the dog's Kennel Club Agility Record Book to ensure the dog is running in the correct height category.

The handler that qualifies a dog in the heats will be the handler that competes in the Crufts Final, handler substitutions are not allowed.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified.

An entry fee will be charged for each dog at Crufts.

Note for show societies: All results from these heats **must** be sent to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show date

(These rules will be amended if any changes are made to Kennel Club Agility Regulations during the course of the competition year).

Crufts Singles

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined class for grades 6 and 7. There will be a separate qualifying competition for each height category small, medium, intermediate and large.

Qualifying

There will be ten qualifying heats throughout the year. The first placed unqualified dog in each heat will automatically qualify and be invited to compete in the Crufts Singles Finals at Crufts for each height category small, medium, intermediate and large.

The qualifying heats will consist of two rounds, one jumping and one agility. Both rounds must take place on the same day at the show. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fasted combined time calculated over the two rounds. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round faults followed by time will take precedence.

If a dog has already qualified, then results from that qualifier will roll down to find the next unqualified dog to invite to the final at Crufts.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, the reserves will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Final at Crufts and car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

Crufts Medium, Intermediate and Large Dog ABC Agility (Special)

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a special combined class for grades 1 to 7 in medium, intermediate and large dog heights.

Courses will be set at Grade 5 level.

This competition is a special agility competition open to all intermediate dogs and large dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. Any concerns regarding a dog's eligibility should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to The Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for in medium dog competition are those measuring over 350mm and those measuring 430mm or under at the withers, Intermediate are those measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers and Large dogs are those measuring over 500mm at the withers.

Qualifying

There will be ten qualifying heats throughout the year for each height, medium, intermediate and large. The first two unqualified placed dogs in each heat at each height will automatically qualify for the Semi-final to be held at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.

The Semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fasted combined time calculated over the two rounds of the semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round faults followed by time will take precedence.

The first ten placed dogs in each height at the Semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham the following March.

The final will consist of one round of jumping and one round of agility competition. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fasted combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round faults followed by time will take precedence.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heats and Semi-Final but can only qualify one dog for the final. The highest placed dog will qualify for the final and places will roll down to the next placed eligible dog.

There will be no restriction on the number of dogs from each breed that are eligible to compete in the final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the Semi-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified. If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the Final, the reserve will be the next placed dog from the Semi-final.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Semi-Final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel and at the Finals at Crufts. Car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

Crufts Novice Cup

- From 2025, the Semi-final will move from The International Agility Festival and will be held at The London International Horse Show at Excel in December.
- The final will still take place at Crufts.
- Dogs will need to be either grade 3, 4 or 5 at the time of qualifying.
- Due to the potential timescales between qualifying at a heat, the Semi-final in December and the final in March, it is appreciated that some dogs will progress through the grades and may not be in Grades 3, 4 or 5 at the time of the Semi-final or final. Dogs have progressed to Grades 6 or 7 at the time of the Semi-final or final **are** eligible to compete in those finals.
- Any dog that has qualified for the Semi-final or final and subsequently progresses out of Grades 3, 4 and 5 and wins a Championship Agility Certificate (is eligible to compete in the Championship Agility Finals at Crufts) will be withdrawn from the Novice Cup and the next placed dog from the qualifier of the dog removed will be invited to the Semi-final / final.
- There will be ten qualifier heats across the country between 1st March and 31st October.
- The top two in each height (S/M/I/L) (20 in each height), will be invited to the Semi-final in December. The top 8 in each height will qualify for the final at Crufts.

Crufts Novice Cup Dog Agility

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category. There will be ten heats for each height, held at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country between 1st March and 31st October. Course design should reflect that expected in the finals for the competition.

Eligibility

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined agility class for grades 3 to 5. There will be a separate qualifying competition for each height category small, medium, intermediate and large.

Any dog that has qualified for the Semi-final or final and subsequently progresses out of Grades 5 is still eligible to compete in the Semi-final / final.

Any dog having qualified for the Semi-final or Final that wins a Championship Agility Certificate (i.e. is eligible to compete in the Championship Agility Finals at Crufts) immediately becomes ineligible to compete in the Novice Cup Semi-final / Final and shall be withdrawn. The next placed dog from the qualifier of the withdrawn dog will be invited to the Semi-final / Final (assuming they are also still eligible).

Qualifying

There will be ten qualifying heats throughout the year. The first two unqualified placed dogs in each heat will automatically qualify for the semi-final to be held at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.

Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for the Crufts Final.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the Semi-final, the reserve will be the next placed dog at the qualifier at which the withdrawn dog qualified. If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the Final, the reserve will be the next placed dog from the Semi-final.

The top eight dogs in each height category small, medium, intermediate and large from the Semi-final round of the Kennel Club Novice Cup will be invited to compete in the Final at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham the following March.

Please note that there will be an entry charge for the Semi-Final at The London International Horse Show at ExCel and at the Finals at Crufts. Car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

The Kennel Club Small / Mixi Pairs Challenge (Special)

- All events will be run as a combined 1-7 class.
- Course design should be set at Grade 3-5 level.
- There will be 10 heats across the country between 1 March and 31 October.
- The first placed unqualified pair will go straight through to the Final (10 pairs). The Final will be held at The London International Horse Show at Excel in December.

The Kennel Club Small / Mixi Pairs Jumping Challenge (Special)

Competition Rules

The competition is open to small dogs, partnering a medium dog, intermediate dog or a large dog, and heats will be scheduled as a Special combined class for grades 1 to 7.

There must be a minimum of 12 obstacles and a maximum of 15 obstacles for each height and at least one height must have a set of weaves.

This is a relay competition with a baton change taking place either in a box or behind a line at the judges' discretion.

No part of the next dog/handler must be over the start line at the changeover; failure to observe this will incur a penalty of 20 faults. A dropped baton or baton on the floor at any time during the run will incur a penalty of 20 faults.

An elimination will incur a penalty of 100 faults. Once a dog has been eliminated it cannot incur further faults. However, if either member of the pair fail to complete the course correctly or either of the dogs foul the ring the pair will be disqualified.

The competition will involve changes of height of the obstacles being jumped by the medium/intermediate/large dogs during the class. The judge will decide which height of dog to start with and will announce the changes of height when relevant. It is the competitors' responsibility to be available accordingly. The course will be walked by everyone before the beginning of the class.

Eligibility

The competition is open to two dogs with separate handlers. One dog must be a small dog, 350mm or under at the withers, the partner can be a medium dog, over 350mm but 430mm or under at the withers, or an intermediate dog over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers, or a large dog over 500mm.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying heats throughout the year. The first unqualified placed pair in each heat will automatically qualify for the final to be held at The London International Horse Show at ExCel in December.

Handlers with more than one dog may enter in more than one pair. However, they may only qualify with one dog for the final. No substitute handlers will be allowed in the final.

The final will consist of two rounds of jumping competition. The winners of The Kennel Club Small / Mixi Pairs will be the pair with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final.

If a qualified pair, handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, no substitutes will be allowed. The reserves will be the next placed pair at the qualifier at which the withdrawn pair qualified.

Please note that there will be an entry charge, and car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

Overview of number of Heats

- The Kennel Club Small Dog Agility Stakes - 10 heats between 1st March and 31st July (21 weekends).
- The Kennel Club Medium Dog Agility Stakes - 10 heats between 1st March and 31st July (21 weekends).
- The Kennel Club Intermediate Dog Agility Stakes - 10 heats between 1st March and 31st July (21 weekends).
- The Kennel Club Large Dog Agility Stakes - 10 heats between 1st March and 31st July (21 weekends).
- The Kennel Club Intermediate Dog ABC Agility Stakes - 10 heats between 1st March and 31st July (21 weekends).
- The Kennel Club Large Dog ABC Agility Stakes - 10 heats between 1st March and 31st July (21 weekends).
- Crufts Singles Small Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Singles Medium Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Singles Intermediate Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Singles Large Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Novice Cup Small Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Novice Cup Medium Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Novice Cup Intermediate Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Novice Cup Large Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Medium ABC Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Intermediate ABC Agility - 10 heats.
- Crufts Large ABC Agility - 10 heats.
- The Kennel Club Small / Mixi Pairs Challenge – 10 heats

Qualifier Summary Table

Event	Dog Grade	Dog Heights	No. of Heats	No. Qualify from each heat	Quarter-final		Semi-final		Final	
					No. Qualify	Location	No. Qualify	Location	No. Qualify	Location
Crufts Singles Agility	6-7	Small	10	1					10	Crufts
		Medium	10	1					10	Crufts
		Intermediate	10	1					10	Crufts
		Large	10	1					10	Crufts
Crufts ABC	1-7	Medium	10	2			20	LIHS – London Arena	10	Crufts
		Intermediate	10	2			20	LIHS – London Arena	10	Crufts
		Large	10	2			20	LIHS – London Arena	10	Crufts
Crufts Novice Cup	3-5	Small	10	2			20	LIHS – London Arena	8	Crufts
		Medium	10	2			20	LIHS – London Arena	8	Crufts
		Intermediate	10	2			20	LIHS – London Arena	8	Crufts
		Large	10	2			20	LIHS – London Arena	8	Crufts
The Kennel Club Agility Stakes	5-7	Small	10	5			50	KC IAF	10	LIHS – International Arena
		Medium	10	5			50	KC IAF	10	LIHS – International Arena
		Intermediate	10	5	50	KC IAF	20	LIHS	10	LIHS – International Arena
		Large	10	5	50	KC IAF	20	LIHS	10	LIHS – International Arena
		Intermediate ABC	10	3			30	KC IAF	5	LIHS – International Arena
		Large ABC	10	3			30	KC IAF	5	LIHS – International Arena
KC Small/Mixi Pairs	1-7	Small / Mixi	10	1					10 Pairs	LIHS – London Arena

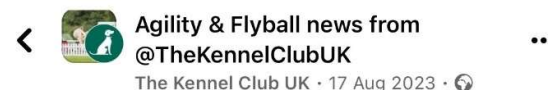
5.0 Application process

In August 2023, notification that the PEWP were reviewing the format and allocation of all PEQs was followed up by requesting all interested Registered Societies to submit their interests via an online form.

The online form specifically requested key details of:

- Society name
- Location, postcode and dates of the 2025 shows
- Key personnel involved in the running of the show.
- Equipment supplier to be used.
- Heats wishing to apply for and specifically what heights for each.

The deadline for applications was 4th September 2023. After this date all applications were collated and are summarised in [Section 6.0](#).



Kennel Club Agility Qualifiers From 2025

We would like to announce that The Kennel Club has decided to conduct a review of the allocation of all Kennel Club Agility qualifiers from 2025 onwards. This means that all Kennel Club fully registered agility clubs, whether they already hold qualifiers or not, will need to apply to host KC agility qualifiers from this date as these will be redistributed across the country. This is also an opportunity for clubs who do not currently hold qualifier to apply.

It has also been agreed that an agility season for prestige event qualifiers will be put into place from 1 March until 31 October (except for The Kennel Club Agility Stake qualifiers which will be from 1 March until 31 July due to the quarter and semi-finals).

If your club is interested in submitting an application to host one or more agility qualifiers from 2025 then please submit an online application at <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/forms/agility-qualifier-application-2025/> by Monday 4 September

We hope to be able to confirm which clubs have been awarded qualifiers in September.

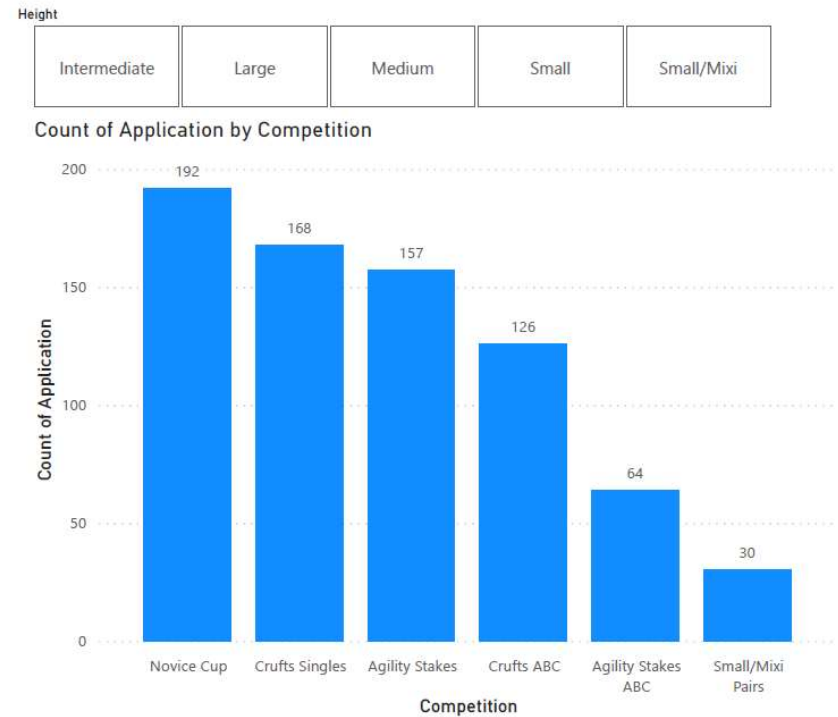
If you have any questions, please direct these to agility@thekennelclub.org.uk

6.0 Returns Analysis

There were a total of 737 applications from 59 registered societies for the 180 heats on offer from across the whole country. The applications covered a total of 27 of the 35 weekends available during the agility calendar season of 1st March to 31st October.

Of the applications, the most applications (192) were received for the Novice Cup qualifier heats where a total of 40 heats were available. The table below shows the number of applications for each competition.

Number of Clubs applying for PE Qualifiers	Number of Applications for the Heats	Number of weekends during the agility season applied for (35weeks in season)	Number of qualifiers to allocate (10 heats for each)
59	737	27	18



First Club name, First Date of show and First week of season by Postcode



7.0 Criteria and Rationale for shortlisting

Based on the feedback from the competitor Agility Questionnaire and application process, the following points were developed as key drivers for the selection process of the registered societies to hold the limited number of heats on offer.

Key drivers for Decisions

- The number of qualifier heats is considerably reduced for most competitions leaving fewer qualifier heats to split fairly across the regions and clubs (24% fewer qualifier heats).
 - Singles classes alongside Championship shows typically showed above average entries –some considerably higher.
 - Ensuring regional accessibility to all major qualifier heats without the requirement to travel significant distances throughout the season (Whilst ensuring regions are not over allocated/overlooked).
 - Combining complementary qualifier heats at shows where entry numbers are consistently high / well supported.
 - Try to maintain 200 miles separation between shows hosting the same PEQs on the same weekend, acknowledging that some qualifier heats of differing grades/dogs (Novice and ABC) have a different attraction to Championship/Singles/Agility Stakes.
 - Some shows are not eligible for all qualifier heats due to the agility season (Agility Stakes qualifier heats after 31st July).
 - Ensuring a spread of qualifier heats to as many clubs meeting the criteria as possible whilst respecting the number of shows held on each weekend during the agility season.
- Where championship classes only cater for 1 or 2 heights, preference of those heights have been given to those qualifier heats (Axstane Small/Medium and Scunthorpe Intermediate/Large).
 - Matrix developed to assess quality of shows based on a similar remit to championship show allocation and additional criteria highlighted as key factors when competitors choose shows to attend and key factors that they see as important for a prestige event – **see matrix chart over**.

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Score	Consistency of use of venue – Last 5 years pre/post covid	Quality of Venue / ground conditions	Camping and Parking Provision	Ease of Access	Show Processor	Results / Live Data	Equipment	Show Management
1	Venue changes location every year	Poor quality field. Unmown/unprepared, not befitting a prestige event [Farmers fields, unkempt]	Sloped or difficult camping. Very minimal facilities for camping and day parking. Parking and camping a distance from the rings. Limited water supply. No showers. No dedicated routes around the site	Poor and restricted access difficult for larger vehicles. Considerable distance from major road network	No online processing. Paper entries	No live results/data	Home made or mix and match of personal and borrowed equipment	Management team and show management team change yearly with no consistency
3	Consistent use but has changed a couple of times	Undulating or sloped venue/rings [General fields but not flat]	Basic facilities provided including adequate and distributed toilets for camping and day parking. No Showers. Parking and camping reasonably close to rings. No dedicated routes around the site but some tracks	Major road access but ingress and egress difficult due to road layouts or difficult turning			Equipment manufactured by known supplier but maybe old specifications or designs	
5	Same venue used for years but always suffers from previous/future events or weather due to time of year	Reasonably flat but not prepared specifically for sports. Longer or unprepared grass/sand [Flat general fields , Estates etc with ground management]	Basic facilities provided including adequate and distributed toilets for camping and day parking. Showers possible. Close access to rings. Roadway or tracked access to most areas to minimise issues with ground	Minor road access but ingress and egress is very good with minimal impact on the road network	Online entries by uncommon processor	Results/Live Data but limited phone signal restricting access	Well known equipment supplier able to provide basic equipment required	Management team running events on behalf of a registered society
7	Same venue used for years but experienced at least one poor year due to prior event or weather due to time of year	Good quality flat venue. Minor imperfections accepted and prepared for a sporting event, prepared grass/sand surface. [Prepared field, general showgrounds]	Enhanced facilities provided including adequate and distributed toilets for camping and day parking. Showers possible. Close access to rings. Roadway or tracked access to most areas to minimise issues with ground	Major road access and near major infrastructure. Easy ingress and egress. Limited overspill with possible queuing on public highways		Full results/live upto date data but issues with processing results	Well known equipment supplier able to provide full sets of modern equipment to all rings	
10	Same venue used for years with no issues other than freak weather conditions	Top quality flat venue ideal for sporting activities. Prepared surfaces and (potentially) drained – sports pitches. [Primarily sports pitches, high quality showgrounds]	Full permanent facilities for toilets, showers, washing. Permanent roadways and access for parking vehicles including heavier vehicles (Permanent caravan site, top quality showgrounds, dedicated sports venue	Major road access and near major infrastructure. Easy ingress and egress. Overspill and ability to prevent queuing on public highways	Full online entries with one of the major processors	Full results/live upto date data	Modern, upto date and well know equipment supplier able to provide full sets of equipment to all rings	Experienced registered society show management team with numerous years of experience of both running shows and competing
Notes	Time of year when known expected weather conditions (snow, cold etc). Freak weather for a one off extreme – severe flooding, heat etc	2 points to be deducted if a venue fits a category, but previous 2-3 years experience have demonstrated that previous events or uses immediately before have left poor conditions	Basic facilities – portable toilets Enhance facilities – portable but fully contained and proper flushing. Permanent facilities – purpose built shower and toilet facilities	Major road access – Motorway and A roads to the site entrance. Minor access – A road within 2 miles but access off B roads. Poor access – directly off unregistered roads with A roads more than 2 miles away	Major processors – Agility Plaza, ASO, Showtime	Appreciated phone signal – checked using https://www.signalchecker.co.uk/	Modern upto date includes, soft walls, soft long jumps, anti slip tunnels, more than bare minimum requirements for tunnel straps etc	

8.0 Recommendations

Based on all the information gathered to date - the questionnaires, previous qualifier regional analysis, PE applications, key drivers for decisions and show matrix, recommendations have been made for all qualifier heats to be allocated for the season commencing March 2025. Due to the reduction in number of heats from 231 to 180 (22% less), reduction in number of weekends available (52 to 32) and number of applications (approx. 4.1 applications for every heat), the PEWP appreciate that decisions made have not been easy ones, but the recommended allocations have been thoroughly reviewed and attempt to address as many of the points and key drivers raised as possible.

Notes for allocation

- The allocation has been based on a completely impartial, non-biased basis, ensuring that as many of the drivers and issues have been addressed.
 - Shows highlighted in green are Championship Shows. Several other Championship Shows did not apply for any qualifier heats.
 - Several shows applied for qualifier heats at multiple shows and dates. Qualifiers are only awarded to one show/date for each club.
 - Clubs in orange have been identified as potential 'Super Shows'. In order to achieve a regional spread in the reduced agility calendar, as well as reducing travel and expenditure for competitors to attend multiple qualifier heats, these shows tend to have considerably higher than average entries within their region. Most are larger championship shows allowing competitors to keep travel and accommodation expenses to a minimum whilst still maximising qualifier opportunities.
 - Mapping shows the regional spread of qualifier heats across the country and demonstrates a good spread and access to a good number of qualifier heats for competitors in all regions. See [appendix F](#).
- A large number of shows requested qualifier heats in the middle of the season (weeks 19 to 27 – July and August) – equivalent to 42% of all club applications.

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Allocation of Prestige Events qualifier heats for 2025 onwards

			Championship				Crufts Singles				ABC			Small/ Mixi	Novice				Agility Stakes					
2025		Grades	7				6-7				1-7			1-7	3-5				5,6,7					
Date (W/E commencing)	Agility Season Week	Show	Crufts Champ Class Small	Crufts Champ Class Medium	Crufts Champ Class Intermediate	Crufts Champ Class Large	Crufts Singles Small	Crufts Singles Medium	Crufts Singles Intermediate	Crufts Singles Large	Crufts Medium ABC Stakes	Crufts Intermediate ABC Stakes	Crufts Large ABC Stakes	KC Small/Mixi Pair s	Crufts Small Novice Cup	Crufts Medium Novice Cup	Crufts Intermediate Novice Cup	Crufts Large Novice Cup	KC Agility Stakes Small	KC Agility Stakes Medium	KC Agility Stakes Intermediate	KC Agility Stakes Large	KC Agility Stakes Intermediate ABC	KC Agility Stakes Large ABC
01/03/2025	1	Tunbridge Wells & District CS	X	X	X	X																	X	X
22/03/2025	4	Derbyshire Dog Agility Club			X	X																		
29/03/2025	5	Wyre (Lancs) Agility Club	X	X	X	X																		
12/04/2025	7	Scottish Border Collie Club	X	X	X	X																		
12/04/2025	7	Scunthorpe Obedience ATC			X	X															X	X	X	X
12/04/2025	7	Wye Valley DTC	X	X																				
18/04/2025	8	Kernow Agility Club																	X	X	X	X		
19/04/2025	8	Norfolk DTC												X										
26/04/2025	9	Ribble Dog Agility Training													X	X	X	X						
26/04/2025	9	Wallingford DTC									X	X	X				X	X						
05/05/2025	10	Vyne Agility Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	X
03/05/2025	10	Woodside DAC	X	X	X	X																		
10/05/2025	11	Fair City Dog Training Club												X										
17/05/2025	12	High Peak DTS															X	X						
17/05/2025	12	Worcester Agility Society																	X	X			X	X
24/05/2025	13	Nottingham Agility DTC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	X
24/05/2025	13	Scottish Kennel Club	X	X	X	X								X	X	X					X	X	X	X
01/06/2025	14	Hinckley DTC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X	X	X	X		
31/05/2025	14	Wye Valley DTC									X	X	X	X										
07/06/2025	15	Otley DTS													X	X	X	X						
07/06/2025	15	Thames DTC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X											X	X	X	X
21/06/2025	17	Axstane Agility Club	X	X							X			X					X	X				
21/06/2025	17 / 18	Lune Valley DTC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
28/06/2025	18	Sevenside Bristol DAC															X	X					X	X
04/07/2025	19	East Lothian DTC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X	X	X	X		
04/07/2025	19	The Agility Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X	X	X	X		
05/07/2025	19	Tuffley Agility Club	X	X	X	X																		
05/07/2025	19	Wellingtonborough DTC												X	X	X								
12/07/2025	20	RVA Cambs DTC	X	X	X	X																	X	X
18/07/2025	21	Caerphilly and District Agility Club									X	X	X	X	X	X								
18/07/2025	21	Empingham									X	X	X											
19/07/2025	21	Weardale DAC	X	X	X	X													X	X	X	X		
26/07/2025	22	Derbyshire Dog Agility Club	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X									X	X
02/08/2025	23	Kingdom of Fife DAC	X	X	X	X					X	X	X											
09/08/2025	24	The International Agility Festival	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Quarter / Semi Finals held at The IAF					
16/08/2025	25	Dogs in Need Agility Society	X	X	X	X						X	X		X	X								
16/08/2025	25	Dundee Alsatian and Training Club	X	X	X	X																		
16/08/2025	25	Welsh Kennel Club	X	X	X	X																		
30/08/2025	27	Gillingham Dorset DTS			X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X								
29/08/2025	27	Letchworth												X										
06/09/2025	28	Gleniffer DTC	X	X	X	X											X	X						
13/09/2025	29	North Derbyshire DAC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X											
21/09/2025	30	South Downs AC									X	X	X				X	X						
20/09/2025	30	Wyre (Lancs) Agility Club													X	X	X	X						
27/09/2025	31	Lisburn and District DTC	X	X	X	X																		
04/10/2025	32	Castlereagh & District DTC	X	X	X	X																		
04/10/2025	32	Coltishall Agility Club													X	X	X	X						
TOTAL			26	26	27	27	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

9.0 Further work and Reviews

It is important that the quality and standard of all PEs is maintained. Customer feedback is key to this. To obtain feedback, online questionnaires from a broad range of stakeholders will need to be captured. Whilst competitor feedback is important as the end customer, it is also important to gain feedback from show organisers, judges and field officers to ensure a fair and balanced response is received.

The feedback is key in helping the PEWP review the standards and quality expected and signed up to by the shows in the Prestige Events Contract and this working party should therefore be responsible to both setting the assessment criteria as well as the questionnaire and should be responsible for analysing responses as part of ongoing reviews into PEQs throughout the year. All responses will be reviewed at the quarterly PEWP meetings.

An online questionnaire will be compiled and be readily accessible which is to be completed after each heat covering the main points below. It is important to note that whilst open comments are important, compiling these as feedback is difficult and therefore each item will be scored out of 10 with a comment section for individual points to be made.

Feedback to be reviewed after each heat.

- Show – pull down list.
- Date – calendar selector
- Event – Agility Stakes, Singles pull down list.
- Name – Although this will be kept confidential, it's important to track responses.
- Area of the country you live in – by ALC region so we can review trends in travel to shows.
- Weather – is it important as this can have many contributing factors to the feedback received.
- Organisation - score 1 to 10 (1 Extremely Poor to 10 Exceptional)
- Ground Conditions - score 1 to 10 (1 Extremely Poor to 10 Exceptional)
- Camping and other facilities - score 1 to 10 (1 Extremely Poor to 10 Exceptional)
- Equipment supplied - score 1 to 10 (1 Extremely Poor to 10 Exceptional)
- Course design relevant to competition and final – not aimed at judge bashing or any judging decisions made, purely, was the course design typical of the type expected in the semi/final – yes or no.
- Other comments – open text box with maximum word count

10.0 Prestige Events Contract

Prestige Events Agility Qualifying Competitions held under Kennel Club Premier Agility Show License

Prestige Events Agility Qualifying Competitions will be held under a Premier Agility licence issued by the Kennel Club and subject to Kennel Club H Regulations. In addition, clubs hosting Prestige Events Agility Qualifying heats need to meet the aims and objectives set out below.

Aims

To ensure the highest possible standards are maintained by clubs hosting the Kennel Club's prestige event qualifiers we have introduced some objectives and conditions for holding such qualifying heats.

Objectives

Venues

To ensure:

1. The venue used is suitable for the level of competition.
2. The venue and surrounding environment is safe for dogs, handlers, stewards, volunteers and judges.
3. There are adequate facilities for exercising dogs.

Ground Conditions

To ensure:

1. The ground used is well maintained, level and is of suitable standard for Agility competitions.
2. The ground is maintained to and is sufficiently well kept to accommodate all but the most extreme weather conditions.
3. The surface used is adequately prepared, for example the grass covering is consistent and cut to an appropriate height, sand surfaces are well

maintained and regularly harrowed to ensure consistency across the competition.

Facilities

To ensure:

1. Camping and parking provision meets the needs of the expected entry.
2. Camping and parking facilities allow access as close to competition rings as the venue and entry permits.
3. Basic facilities include toilets, showers (for events longer than two days/nights) are provided and these facilities are kept clean during the event.
4. Roadways are well kept and are sufficient for the level of movement anticipated across the venue site.

Ease of Access

To ensure:

1. Access to the venue is safe and well maintained, ingress and egress does not pose an unnecessary risk and prevents queuing on public highways.

Show Processing & Results

To ensure:

1. Online entries are available and that the show processor has a reliable effective system.
2. A full online results service is available and accessible, with live data capabilities where possible.

Equipment

To ensure:

1. Agility equipment used is up to date, well maintained and conforms to current KC Regulations.
3. Where new / improved equipment is being introduced this has been given prior approval by the ALC Equipment Panel.

Judges & Course Design

To ensure:

1. That judges appointed to the heats and qualifying competitions have the appropriate degree of experience.

2. The show management are confident that the chosen judge(s) have the capability to / capacity to design and set courses for the correct level for the heat(s) / qualifying competition for which they have been selected.

Show Management

To ensure:

1. The show management is of sufficient experience to run the event / heats granted to them, and that the aims and objectives of the agreement with the Kennel Club are being met.
2. That any changes to the date of the competition, venue or significant issues relating to the heats and qualifying competitions, or changes to the show management are notified to the Kennel Club immediately. Where dates and or venues are subject to change - approval must be sought from the Kennel Club.

Agreement

On behalf of (Registered Show Society) I / We agree to conform to and abide by the above aims and objectives, as may be amended from time to time, for the following qualifying heats granted by the Kennel Club:

1. [Insert list heats, etc]

Fees

The Kennel Club, subject to Board approval and confirmation, may impose a levy of £1.00 per dog, per class entered. The Registered Society is obliged to remit the total funds to the Kennel Club within one month of the closing date of the show, together with a summary of the dogs entered for each class where the fee is payable.

This agreement is valid for three Prestige Events calendar agility seasons, commencing March 1st 2025, and may be subject to review earlier, or, before the end date, October 31st 2027, if necessary.

The Kennel Club reserves the right to withdraw any such heats and or qualifying competitions should any or all of the above aims, objectives and conditions are deemed not to have been met by the Registered Society.

Signed on behalf of (Registered Society)

Date of signature

Signed on behalf of The Kennel Club

Date of signature

Appendix A – Current PE Qualifier Heats and Qualification Criteria

Competition	Event	Dog Grade	Dog Heights	No. of Heats	No. Qualify from each heat	Quarter Final		Semi Final		Final		Notes
						No. Qualify	Location	No. Qualify	Location	No. Qualify	Location	
Crufts	Crufts Singles	6-7	Small	11						8	Crufts	The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will be awarded: 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point
			Medium	11						8	Crufts	
			Intermediate	11						8	Crufts	
			Large	11						8	Crufts	
	ABC	1-7	Medium ABC	10				20	Discover Dogs	8	Crufts	The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will be awarded: 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point
			Intermediate									
		1-5	Novice ABC	9				15	Discover Dogs	8	Crufts	
			Large Novice ABC	10				15	Discover Dogs	8	Crufts	
	Novice Cup	3-5	Small	13	2			26	KC IAF	6	Crufts	
			Medium	13	2			26	KC IAF	6	Crufts	
			Intermediate	14	2			28	KC IAF	6	Crufts	
			Large	15	2			30	KC IAF	6	Crufts	
The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Finals at The London International Horse Show	The Agility Stakes	5-7	Small	20	3			60	Vale View	10	LIHS	
			Medium	20	3			60	Vale View	10	LIHS	
			Intermediate	19	5	95	Vale View	20	LIHS	10	LIHS	
			Large	18	5	90	Vale View	20	LIHS	10	LIHS	
			Intermediate ABC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
			Large ABC	18	3			54	Vale View	10	LIHS	
Discover Dogs	Small / Mixi Pairs	1-7	Small / Mixi	8						15 pairs	LIHS	The first 15 placed pairs in each heat will be awarded: 1st place = 15 points, 2nd place = 14 points etc. down to 15th place = 1 point

Appendix B – Existing PEQ Regulations

The Kennel Club Dog Agility Stakes Held at the London International Horse Show supported by Skinner's

The Kennel Club Small Dog Agility Stakes

This competition will be classified as Small Dog combined Grades 5-7 and judged under the Kennel Club Regulations for standard classes.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Grand Final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final / Final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final / Finals.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Small Dog Agility are those measuring 350mm or under at the withers.

The first three previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Semi-final. The first 10 dogs from this Semi-final will qualify for the Final held at The London International Horse Show (subject to the above).

The Kennel Club Medium Dog Agility Stakes

This competition will be classified as Medium Dog combined Grades 5-7 and judged under the Kennel Club Regulations for standard classes.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Grand Final. Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final/Final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final/Final.

The first three previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Semi-final. The first 10 dogs from this Semi-final will qualify for the Final held at The London International Horse Show (subject to the above).

Those dogs eligible to compete in Medium dog competition are those measuring over 350mm and those measuring 430mm or under at the withers.

The Kennel Club Intermediate Dog Agility Stakes

This competition will be classified as combined Grades 5-7 and judged under the Kennel Club Regulations for standard classes.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Quarter-finals. However, only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Quarter-finals will qualify for the Semi-final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Quarter-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Quarter-finals/Semi-final.

The first 5 previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Quarter-finals. If the heat is split then three dogs will be taken from each part. The first 20 dogs from this Quarter-final will qualify for the Semi-final held at The London International Horse Show.

The 20 dogs who qualify for The Kennel Club Intermediate Dog Agility Stakes will compete in a Semi-final held at The London International Horse Show. The top 10 highest placed dogs in the Semi-final will qualify for the evening Grand Final held at The London International Horse Show (subject to the above).

Those dogs eligible to compete in Intermediate Dog Agility competitions are those measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers.

The Kennel Club Large Dog Agility Stakes

This competition will be classified as combined Grades 5-7 and judged under the Kennel Club Regulations for standard classes.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Quarter-finals. However, only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Quarter-finals will qualify for the Semi-final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Quarter-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Quarter-finals/Semi-finals.

The first 5 previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Quarter-finals. If the heat is split then three dogs will be taken from each part. The first 20 dogs from this Quarter-final will qualify for the Semi-final held at The London International Horse Show.

The 20 dogs who qualify for The Kennel Club Large Dog Agility Stakes will compete in the Semi-final held at The London International Horse Show. The top 10 highest placed dogs in

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the Semi-final will qualify for the evening Grand Final held at The London International Horse Show (subject to the above).

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Large dogs are those measuring over 500mm at the withers.

The Kennel Club Large Dog ABC Agility Stakes

This competition will be classified as combined Grades 5-7 and judged under the Kennel Club Regulations for standard classes.

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. Any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Large dogs are those measuring over 500mm at the withers.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for the Grand Final. Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final/Final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final/Final.

The first three previously unqualified placed dogs from each heat will go forward to the Semi-final. The first 10 dogs from this Semi-final will qualify for the Final held at The London International Horse Show (subject to the above).

Crufts Qualifiers

Crufts Singles Agility Competition

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined class for grades 6 & 7. There will be a separate qualifying competition for each height category (small, medium, intermediate and large) with 11 heats for each height, held at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country.

Eligibility

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the final.

Qualifying

The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th. The top 8 dogs from each height with the highest accumulation of points will be invited to compete in the Crufts Singles Agility Finals at Crufts 2025. Please note that there will be an entry charge, and car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

Crufts Large Novice ABC Agility Stakes (Special)

Eligibility

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. In the event of any dispute regarding the parentage of a dog competing in the ABC Agility competition, any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for large dogs are those measuring over 50cm at the withers.

Dogs should be eligible to compete at Grade 1 - 5 at the time of qualifying for the Semi-final. Any subsequent wins gained by the dog will not alter its eligibility to compete in the Semi-final or final.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

The Semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition; the top 8 dogs qualifying for Crufts will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the Semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

The final will consist of one round of jumping and one round of agility competition. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying shows throughout the year. The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

The top fifteen dogs, with the most points, will be invited to a Semi-final at Discover Dogs 2024 which is being held alongside The London International Horse Show at London, ExCel in December. There will be a charge per dog. Car parking will not be provided by The Kennel Club.

The first eight highest placed dogs at the Semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham in March 2025. Please note that there will be an entry charge, and car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

Crufts Intermediate Novice ABC Agility Stakes (Special)

Eligibility

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. In the event of any dispute regarding the parentage of a dog competing in the ABC Agility competition, any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for intermediate dogs are those measuring over 43cm and measuring 50cm or under at the withers.

Dogs should be eligible to compete at Grade 1 - 5 at the time of qualifying for the Semi-final. Any subsequent wins gained by the dog will not alter its eligibility to compete in the Semi-final or final.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

The Semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition; the top 8 dogs qualifying for Crufts will be those with the least combined faults in

the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the Semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

The final will consist of one round of jumping and one round of agility competition. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying shows throughout the year. The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

The top fifteen dogs, with the most points, will be invited to a Semi-final at Discover Dogs 2024 which is being held alongside The London International Horse Show at London, ExCel in December. There will be a charge per dog. Car parking will not be provided by The Kennel Club.

The first eight highest placed dogs at the Semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be

held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham in March 2025. Please note that there will be an entry charge, and car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

Crufts Medium ABC Agility Stakes (Special)

Eligibility

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. In the event of any dispute regarding the parentage of a dog competing in the ABC Agility competition, any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in Medium dog competition are those measuring over 35cm and those measuring 43cm or under at the withers and eligible to compete in combined Grades 1 to 7 for Medium dogs.

Competition Rules

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The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

The Semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition; the top 8 dogs qualifying for Crufts will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the Semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

The final will consist of one round of jumping and one round of agility competition. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying shows throughout the year. The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

The top fifteen dogs, with the most points, will be invited to a Semi-final at Discover Dogs 2024 which is being held alongside The London International Horse Show at London, ExCel in December. There will be a charge per dog. Car parking will not be provided by The Kennel Club.

The first eight highest placed dogs at the Semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be

held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham in March 2025. Please note that there will be an entry charge, and car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

Crufts Novice Cup Dog Agility Stakes

This is a combined 3-5 class. Dogs should be eligible to enter a Grade 3, 4 or 5 class at the time of qualifying for the Semi-final. Any subsequent wins gained by the dog will not alter its eligibility to compete in the Semi-final or Final.

There will be up to 14 separate heats for large, intermediate, medium and small height dogs at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country, plus an additional heat at the International Agility Festival.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the Semi-final at the International Agility Festival, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the Semi-final will qualify for the Crufts Grand Final.

Once a dog has qualified for the Semi-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the Semi-final.

Qualifying

The first 2 previously unqualified dogs from each heat will go forward to the Semi-final at the Kennel Club International Agility Festival. If the heat is split then 2 dogs will be taken from each part. There will also be a Novice Cup heat at the Kennel Club International Agility Festival, where the first 5 previously unqualified placed dogs (from each part if the class is split) will also go forward to the Semi-final.

If a competitor does not take up the invitation to compete in the Semi-final, the invitation will be rolled down to the next applicable dog from the relevant heat. No reserves will be invited after the running orders for the Semi-final have been generated.

The top 6 large dogs, 6 intermediate, 6 medium dogs and 6 small dogs from the Semi-final round of the Kennel Club Novice Cup will be invited to compete in the Final at Crufts 2025. Please note that there will be an entry charge, and car parking won't be provided by The Kennel Club.

Discover Dogs Small / Mixi Pairs Challenge (Special)

This is a competition consisting of eight heats of jumping. The competition is open to small dogs, partnering a medium dog, intermediate dog or a large dog, and heats will be scheduled as a Special combined class for grades 1 to 7.

Eligibility

The competition is open to two dogs with separate handlers. One dog must be a small dog, 35cm or under at the withers, the partner can be a medium dog, over 35cm but 43cm or under at the withers, or an intermediate dog over 43cm and measuring 50cm or under at the withers, or a large dog over 50cm.

Handlers with more than one dog may enter in more than one pair. However, they may only qualify a maximum of two dogs for the final. No substitute handlers will be allowed in the final.

Should a qualified dog or handler within a pair be unable/unfit to enter the final that pair will not be able to compete. Their place in the final will be offered to the next available pair with the highest points who have not qualified.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and

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regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

This is a relay competition with a baton change taking place either in a box or behind a line at the judges' discretion.

No part of the next dog/handler must be over the start line at the changeover; failure to observe this will incur a penalty of 20 faults.

An elimination will incur a penalty of 100 faults, a dropped baton will incur a penalty of 20 faults. Once a dog has been eliminated it cannot incur further faults. However, if either member of the pair fail to complete the course or either of the dogs foul the ring the pair will be disqualified.

The competition will involve changes of height of the obstacles being jumped by the medium/intermediate/large dogs at two stages during the class. The judge will decide which height of dog to start with and will announce the changes of height when relevant. It is the competitors' responsibility to be available accordingly. The course will be walked by everyone before the beginning of the class.

The final will consist of two rounds of jumping competition. The winners of the Discover Dogs Small / Mixi Pairs will be the pair with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. Discover Dogs will be held alongside The London International Horse Show at London, ExCel in December. Car parking will not be provided by The Kennel Club.

Qualifying

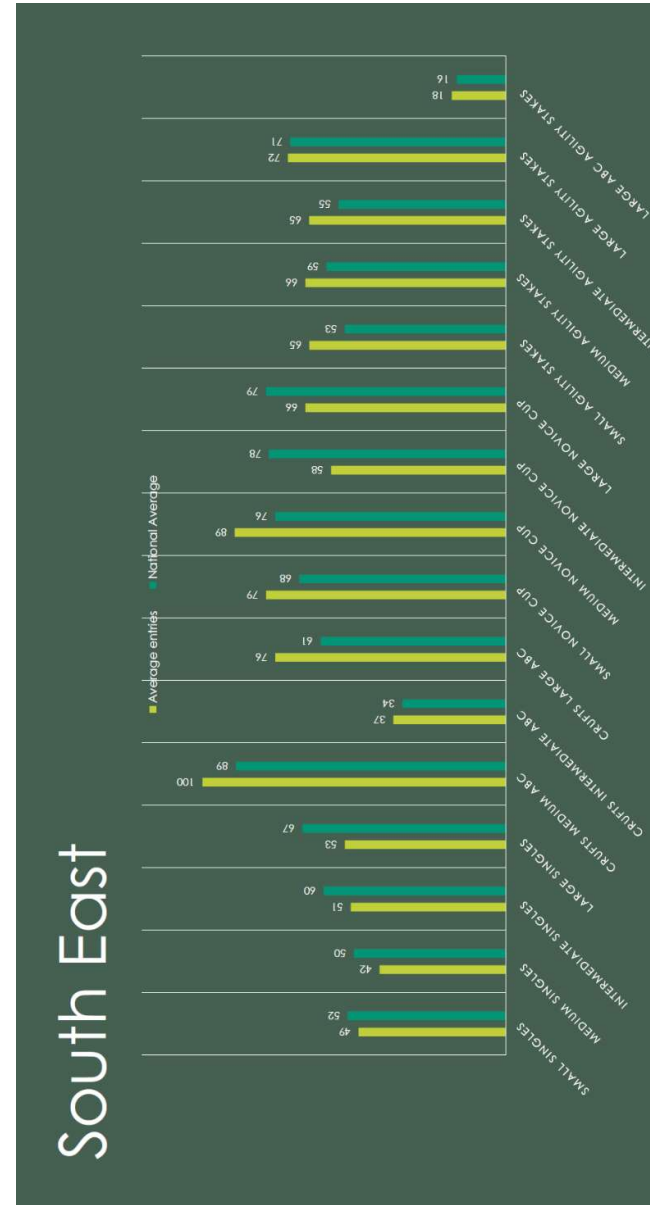
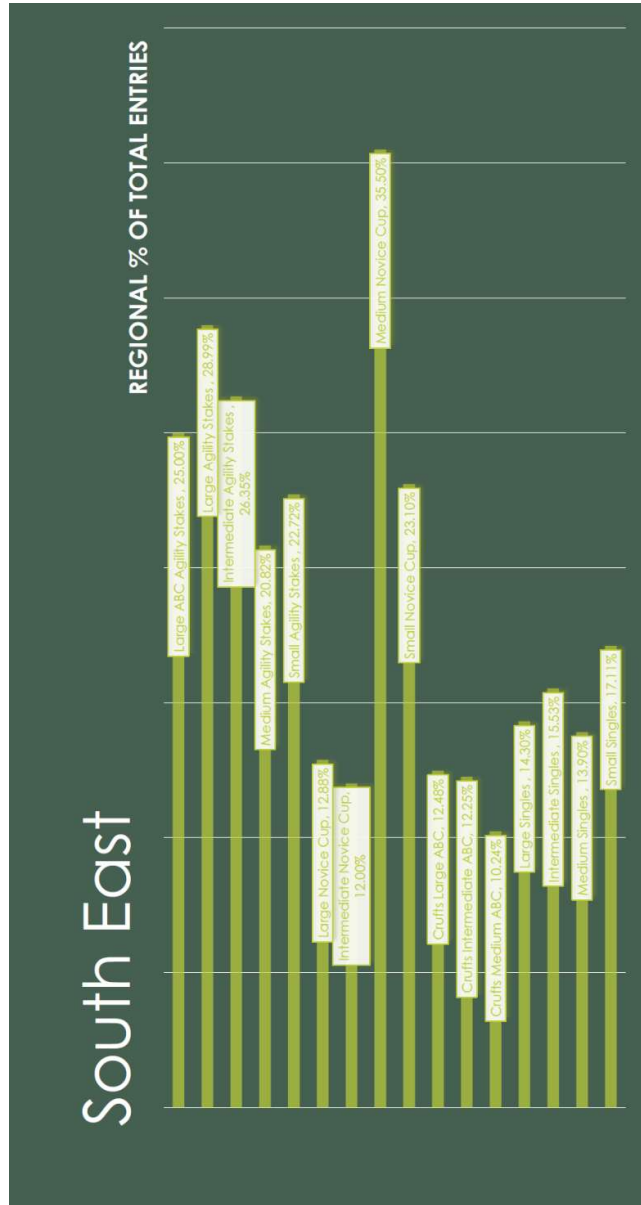
Points will be awarded to the specific pair (consisting of two handlers with their dogs) which competes at the heat. Points are not transferable between different pair combinations.

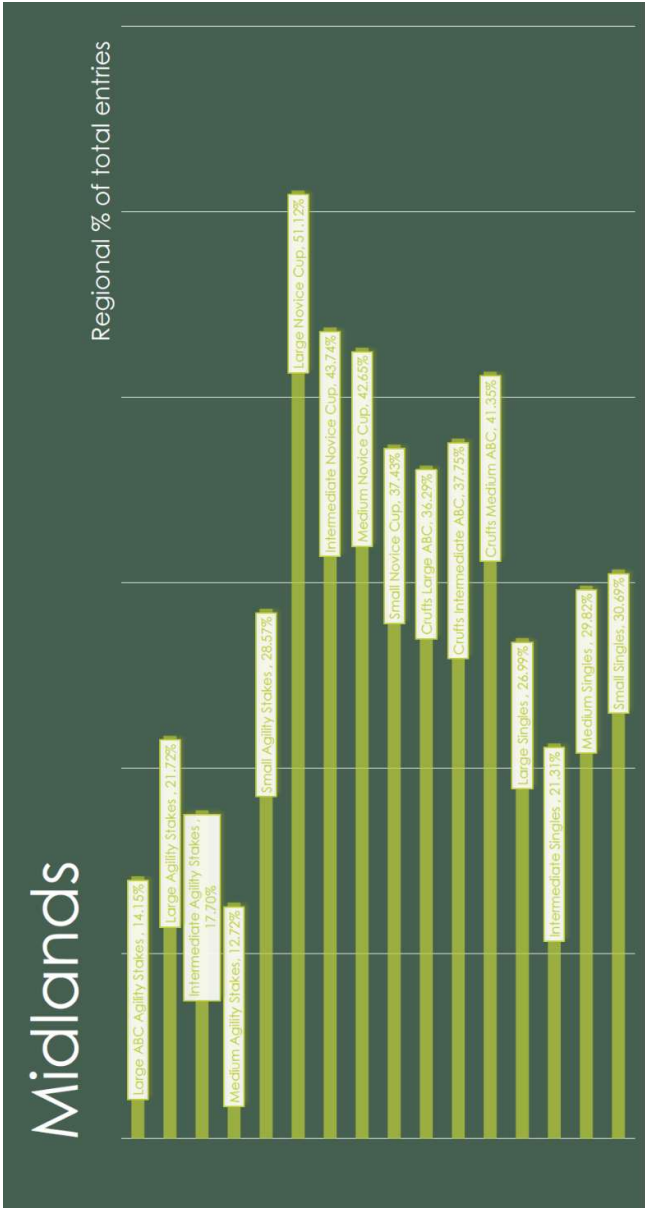
Pairs will score 15 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 15th place. Points will be accumulated over all eight heats and the 15 pairs with the most points will go through to the final at Discover Dogs held alongside The London International Horse Show at London, Excel in December 2023.

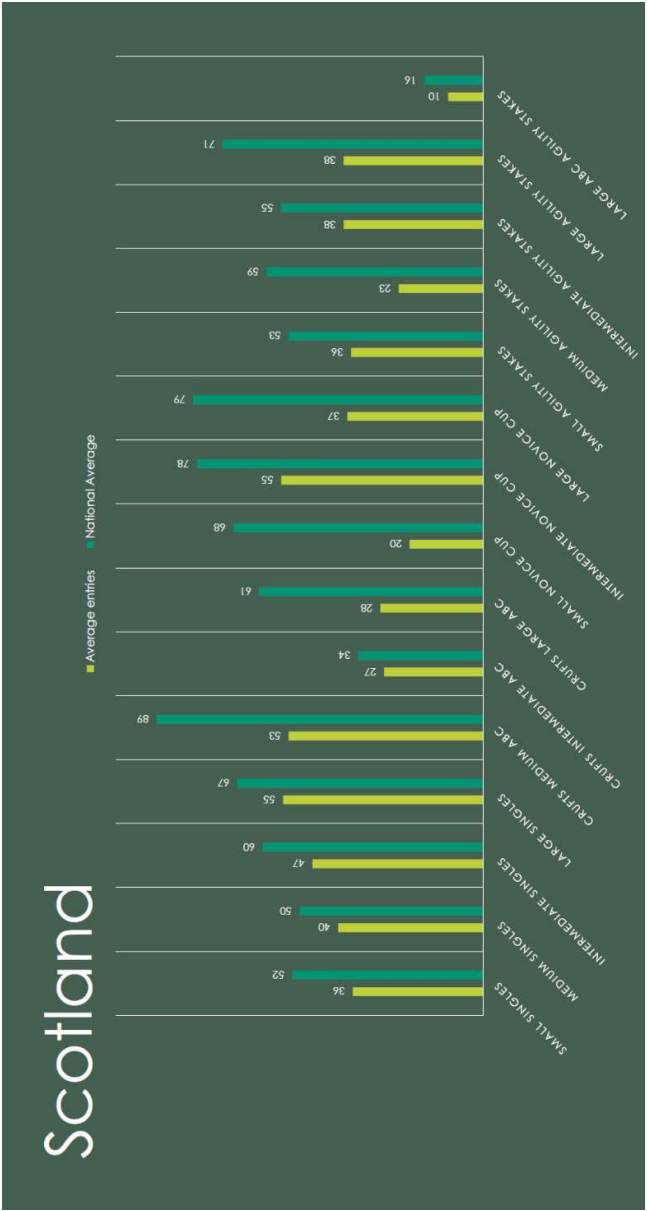
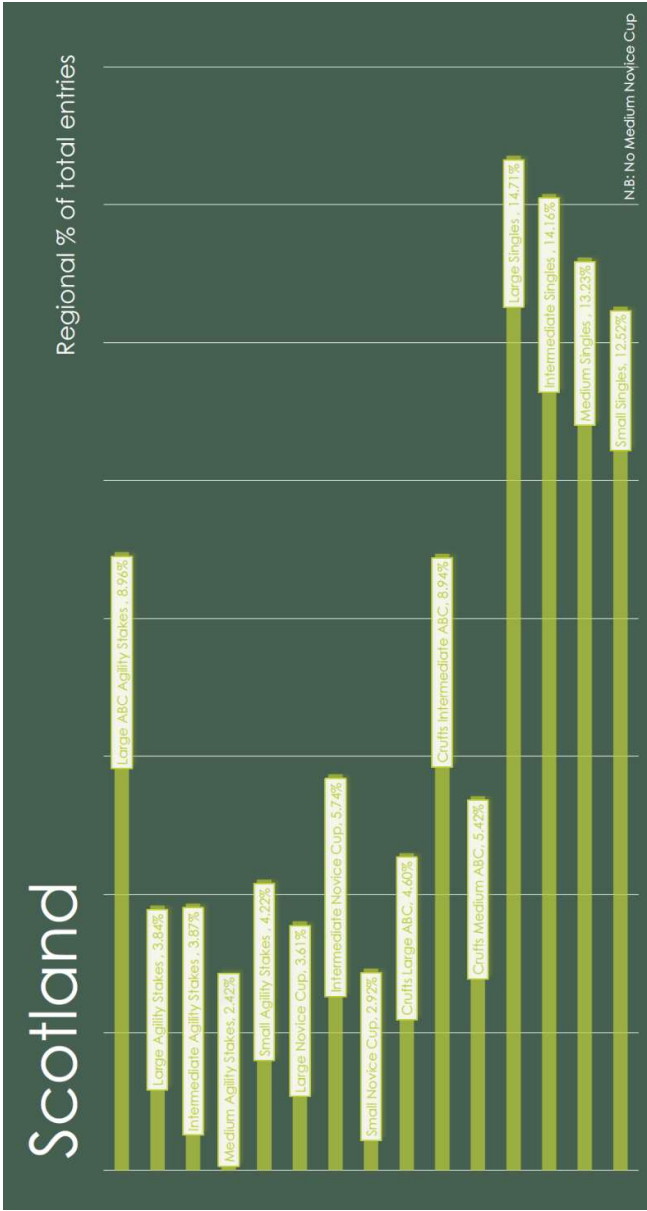
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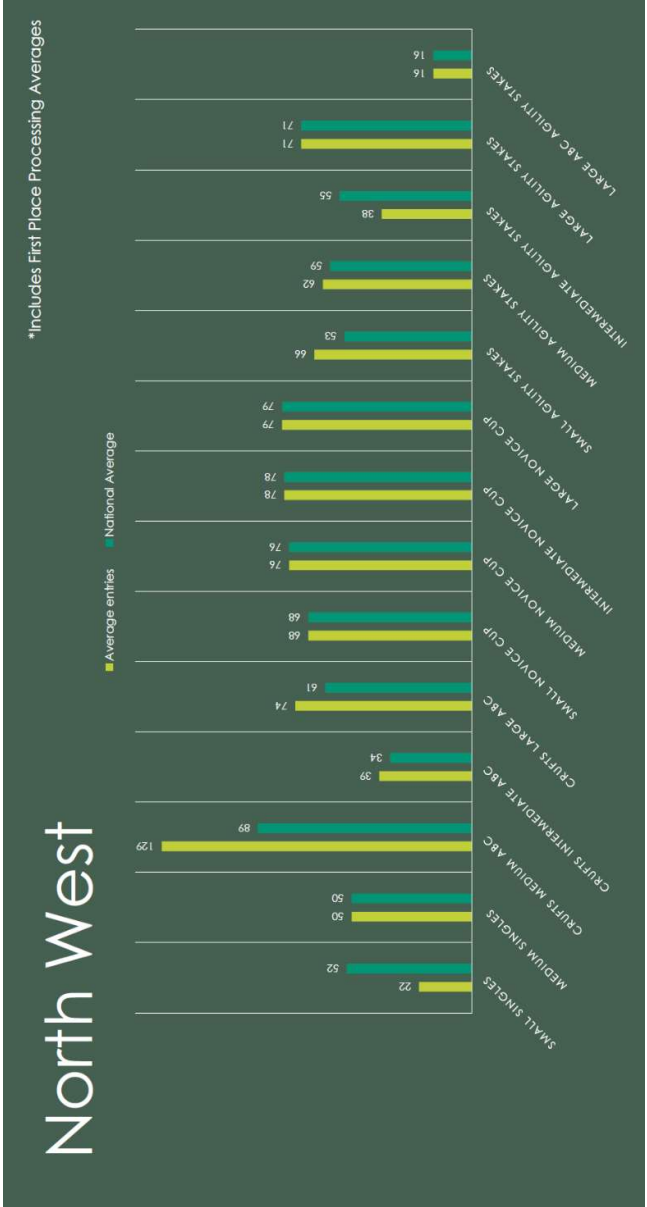
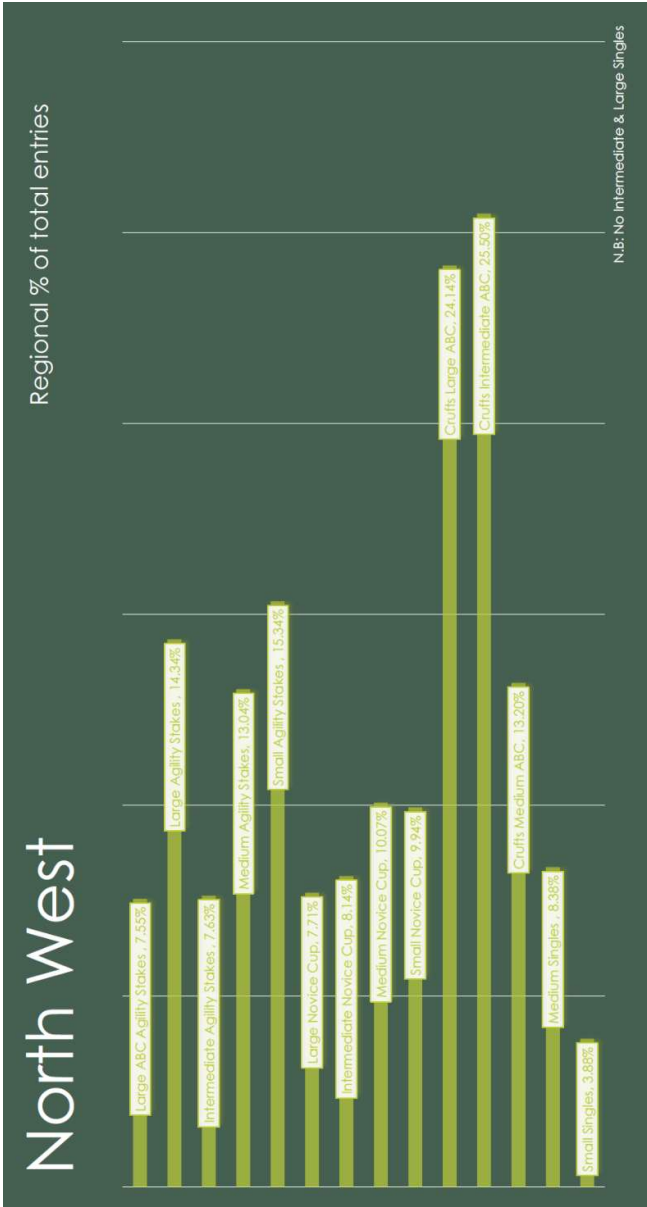
Note to show societies: In the event of awards at the show not going down to 15th place the Show Secretary must still record the top 15 placed pairs and send the results (along with the dogs heights) to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show

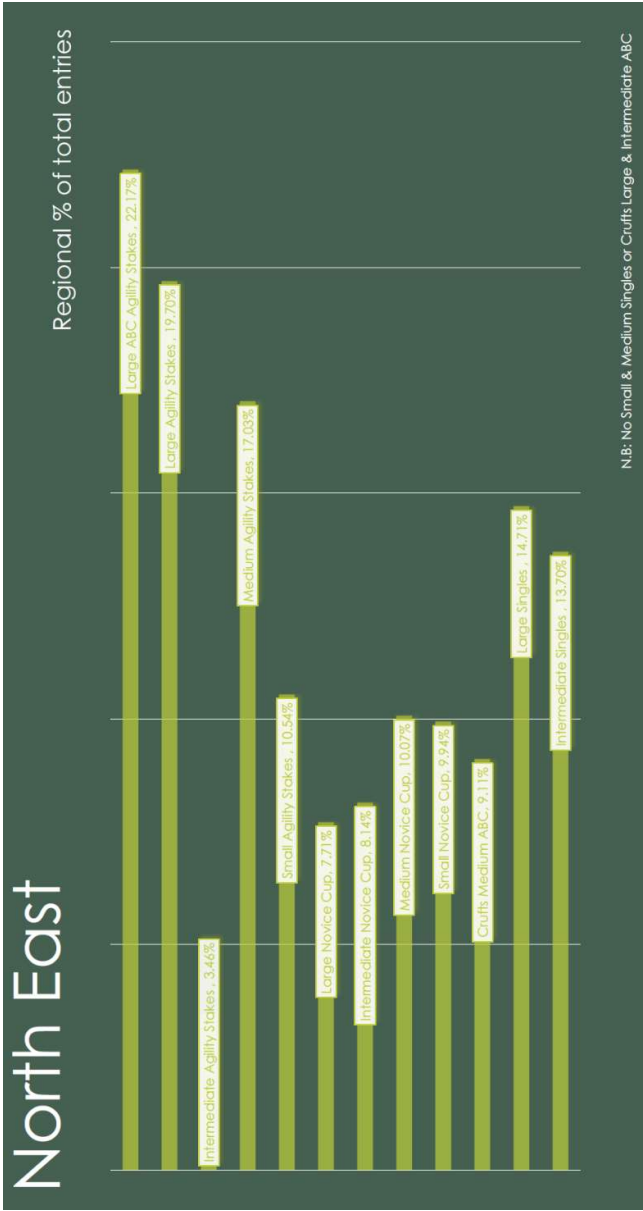
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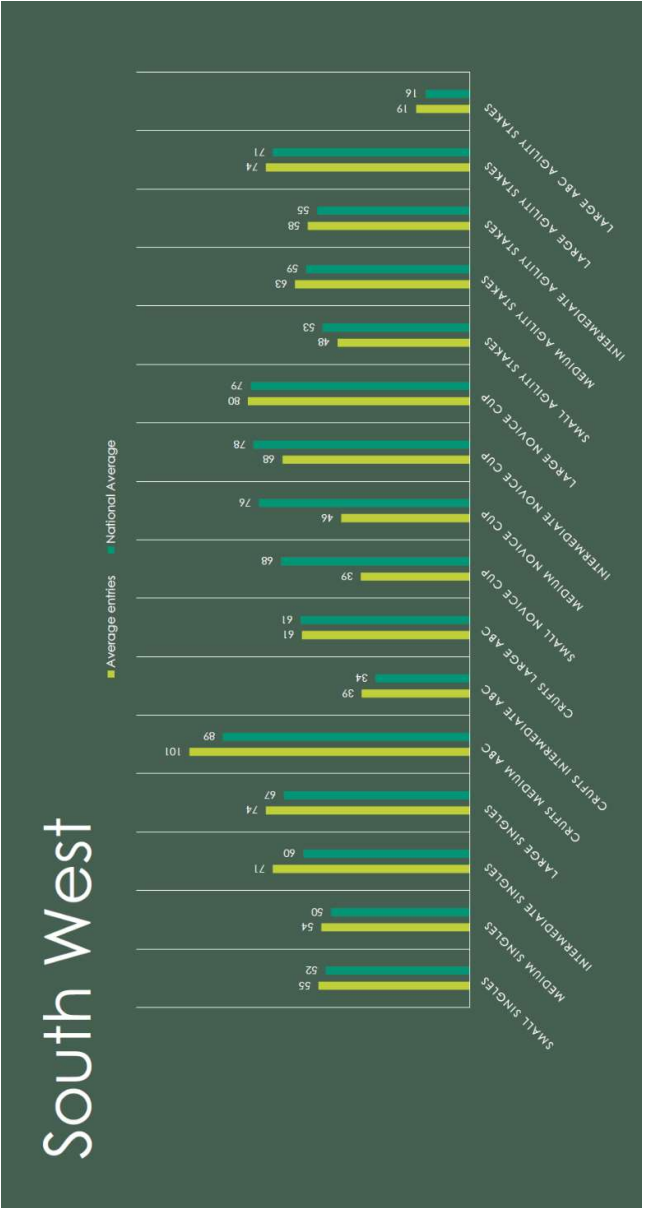
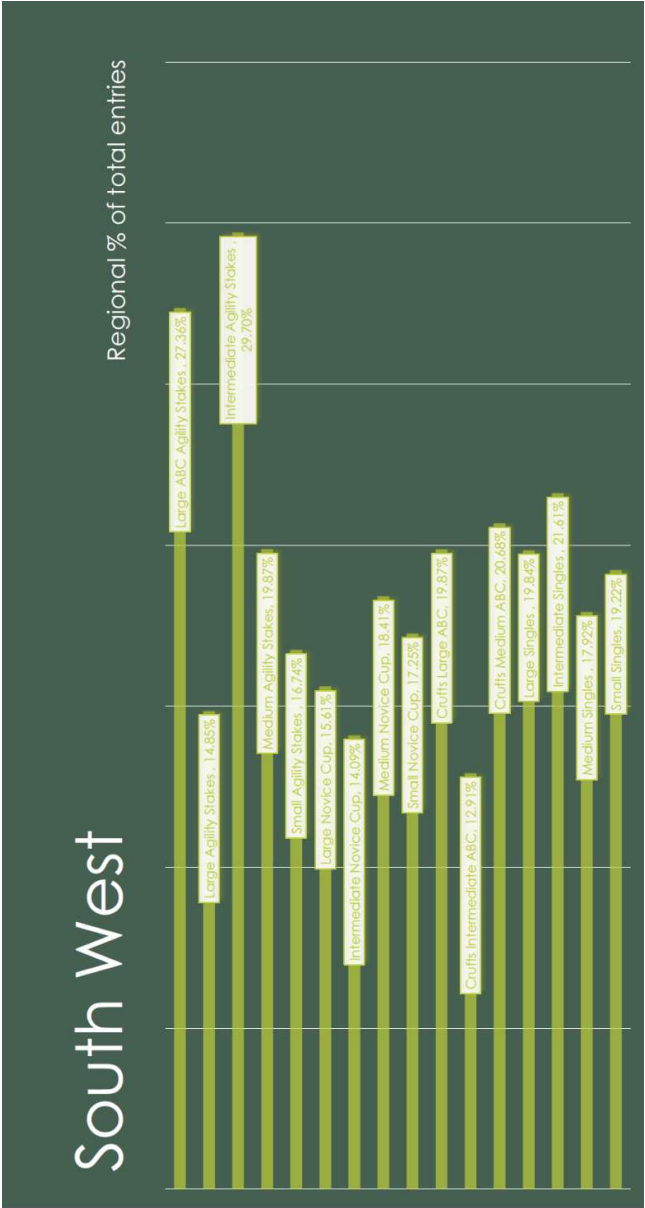


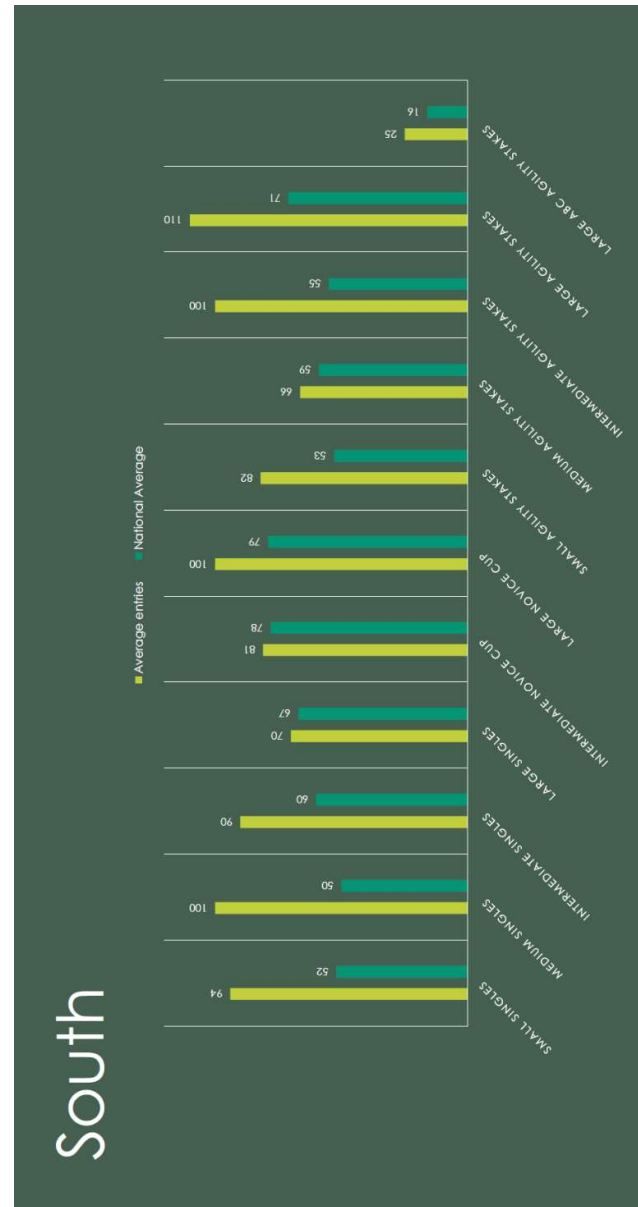
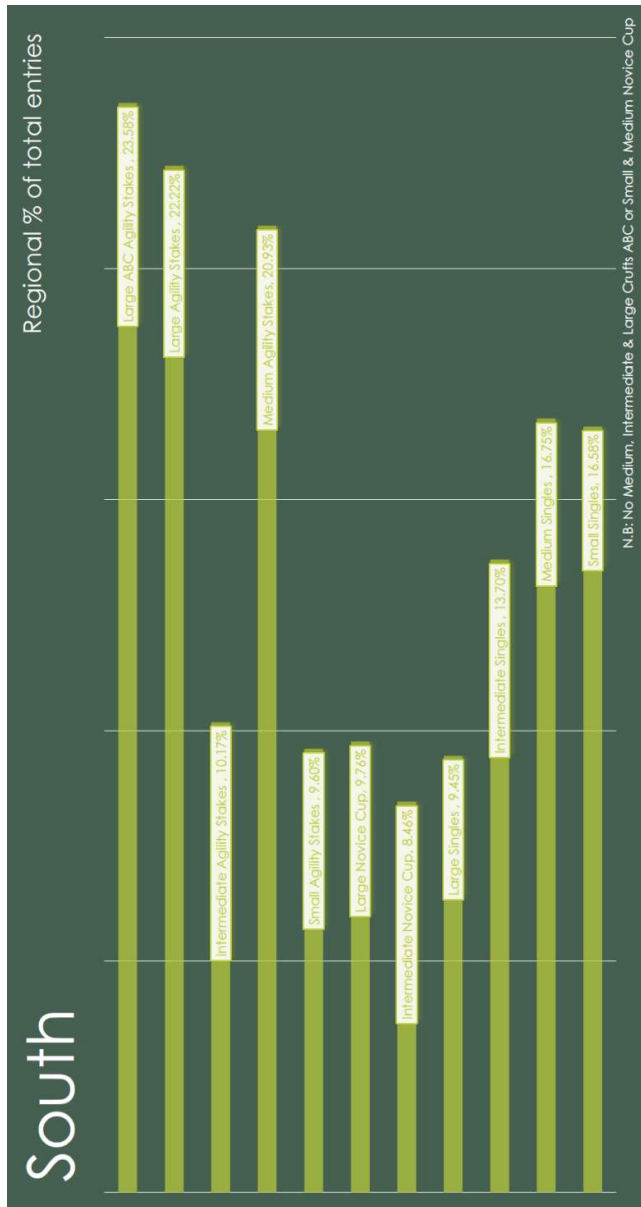


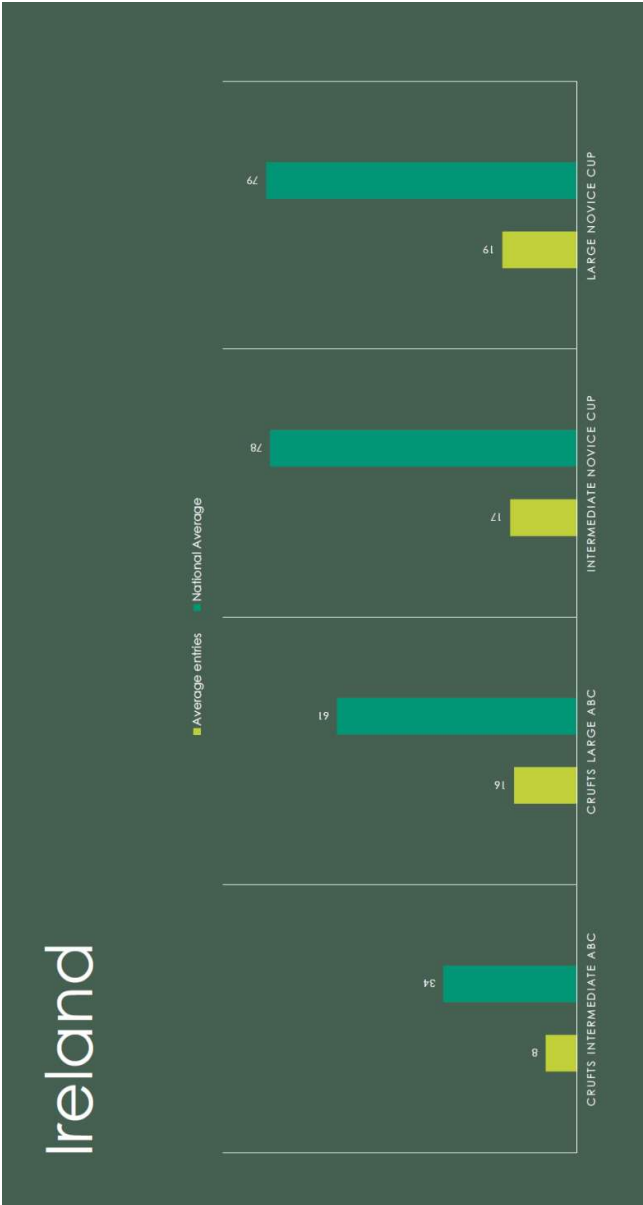
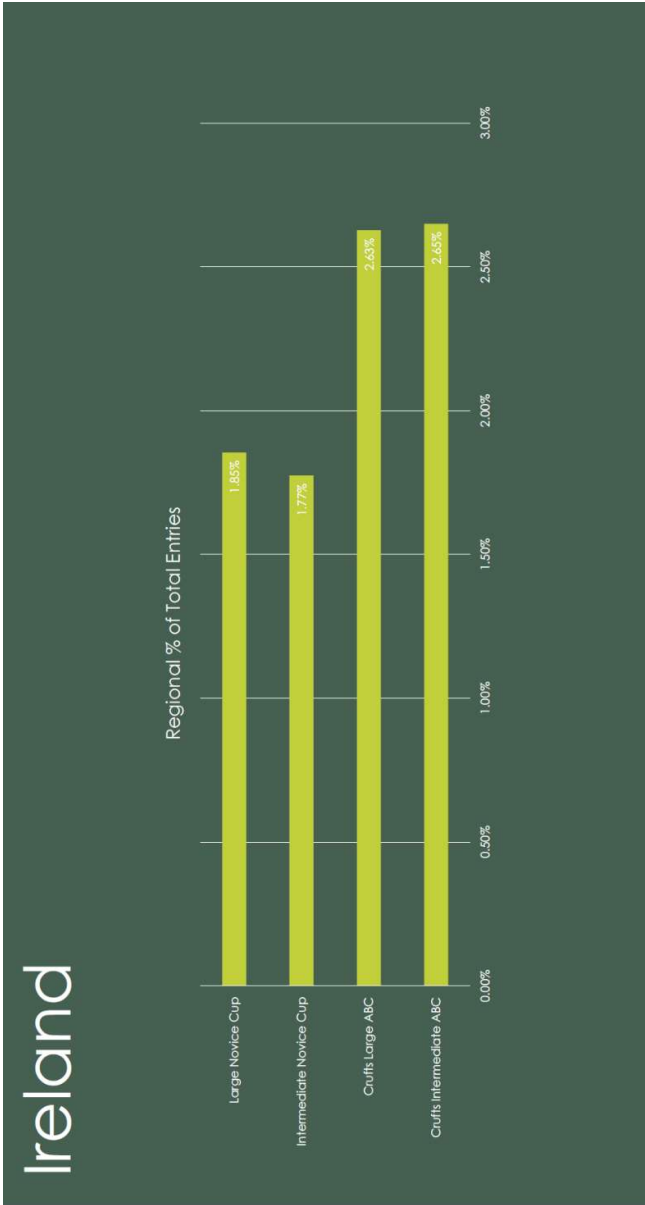












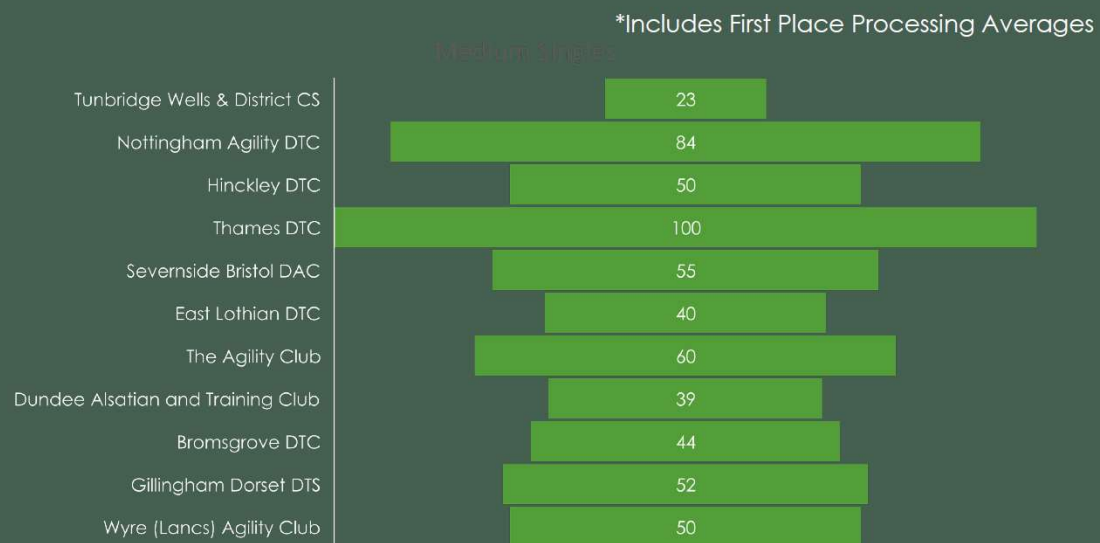
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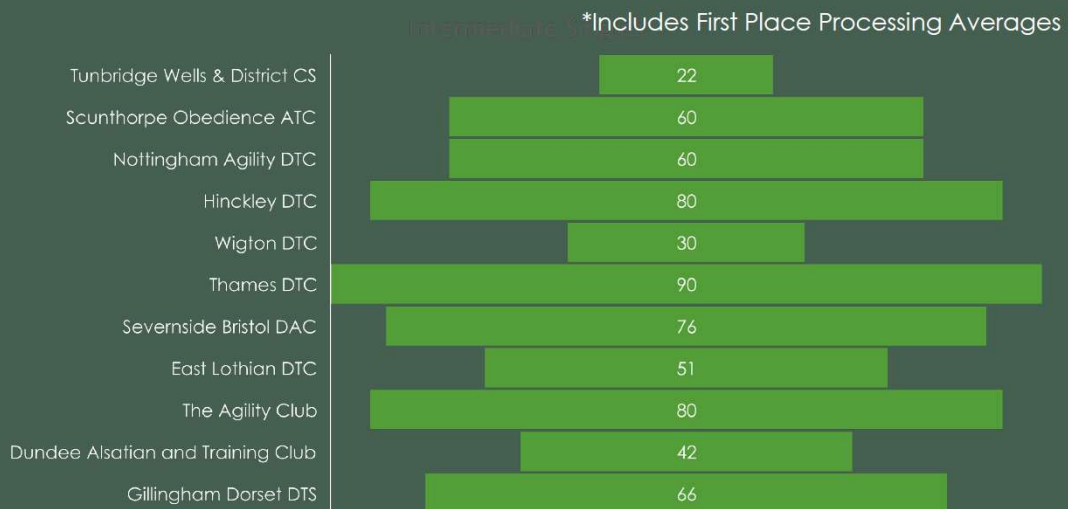
SMALL SINGLES								
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South East	97	567	17.11%	49	52	11	2	18.18%
Midlands	174	567	30.69%	58	52	11	3	27.27%
Scotland	71	567	12.52%	36	52	11	2	18.18%
North West	22	567	3.88%	22	52	11	1	9.09%
North East	NA	567	0.00%	NA	52	11	0	0.00%
South West	109	567	19.22%	55	52	11	2	18.18%
South	94	567	16.58%	94	52	11	1	9.09%
Ireland	NA	567	0.00%	NA	52	11	0	0.00%

Crufts Singles Medium



MEDIUM SINGLES								
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	83	597	13.90%	42	50	11	2	18.18%
Midlands	178	597	29.82%	59	50	11	3	27.27%
Scotland	79	597	13.23%	40	50	11	2	18.18%
North West	50	597	8.38%	50	50	11	1	9.09%
North East	NA	597	0.00%	NA	50	11	NA	0.00%
South West	107	597	17.92%	54	50	11	2	18.18%
South	100	597	16.75%	100	50	11	1	9.09%
Ireland	NA	597	0.00%	NA	50	11	NA	0.00%

Crufts Singles Intermediate



INTERMEDIATE SINGLES								
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	102	657	15.53%	51	60	11	2	18.18%
Midlands	140	657	21.31%	70	60	11	2	18.18%
Scotland	93	657	14.16%	47	60	11	2	18.18%
North West	NA	0	0.00%	NA	60	11	NA	0.00%
North East	90	657	13.70%	45	60	11	2	18.18%
South West	142	657	21.61%	71	60	11	2	18.18%
South	90	657	13.70%	90	60	11	1	9.09%
Ireland	NA	657	0.00%	NA	60	11	NA	0.00%

Crufts Singles Large



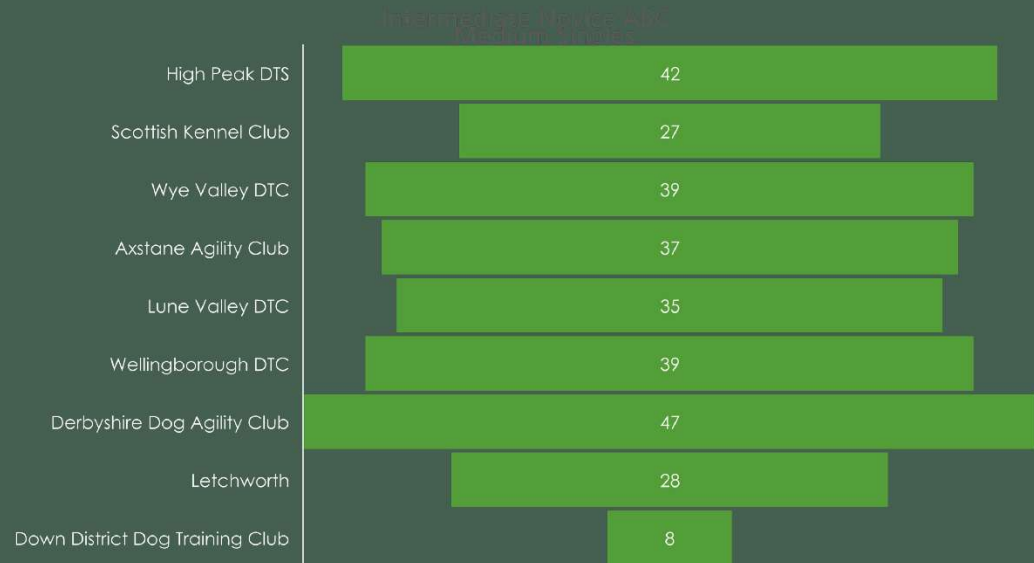
LARGE SINGLES								
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	106	741	14.30%	53	67	11	2	18.18%
Midlands	200	741	26.99%	100	67	11	2	18.18%
Scotland	109	741	14.71%	55	67	11	2	18.18%
North West	NA	741	NA	NA	67	11	0	0.00%
North East	109	741	14.71%	55	67	11	2	18.18%
South West	147	741	19.84%	74	67	11	2	18.18%
South	70	741	9.45%	70	67	11	1	9.09%
Ireland	NA	741	NA	NA	67	11	0	0.00%

Crufts ABC Medium



			Medium Crufts ABC					
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	100	977	10.24%	100	89	10	1	10.00%
Midlands	404	977	41.35%	101	89	10	4	40.00%
Scotland	53	977	5.42%	53	89	10	1	10.00%
North West	129	977	13.20%	129	89	10	1	10.00%
North East	89	977	9.11%	89	89	10	1	10.00%
South West	202	977	20.68%	101	89	10	2	20.00%
South	NA	977	NA	NA	89	10	0	0.00%
Ireland	NA	977	NA	NA	89	10	0	0.00%

Crufts ABC Intermediate



Intermediate Crufts ABC								
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	37	302	12.25%	37	34	9	1	11.11%
Midlands	114	302	37.75%	38	34	9	3	33.33%
Scotland	27	302	8.94%	27	34	9	1	11.11%
North West	77	302	25.50%	39	34	9	2	22.22%
North East	NA	302	NA	NA	34	9	0	0.00%
South West	39	302	12.91%	39	34	9	1	11.11%
South	NA	302	NA	NA	34	9	0	0.00%
Ireland	8	302	2.65%	8	34	9	1	11.11%

Crufts ABC Large

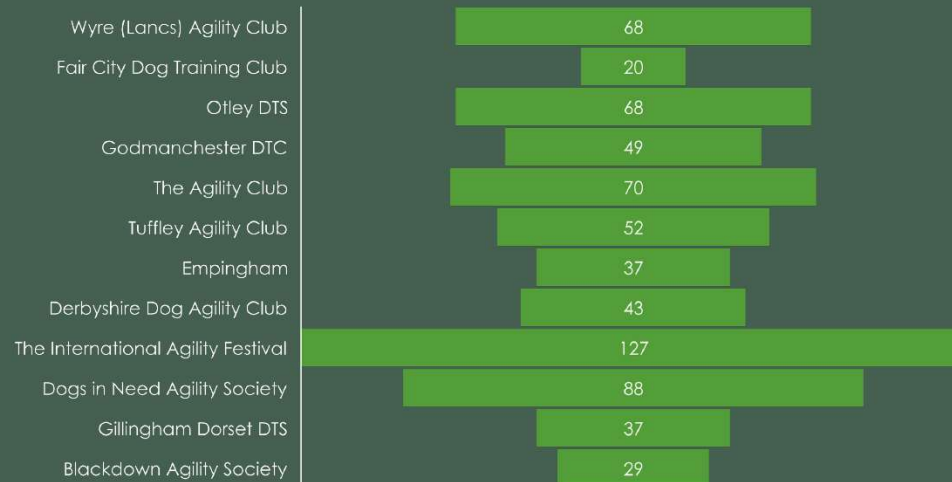


			Large Crufts ABC					
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	76	609	12.48%	76	61	10	1	10.00%
Midlands	221	609	36.29%	74	61	10	3	30.00%
Scotland	28	609	4.60%	28	61	10	1	10.00%
North West	147	609	24.14%	74	61	10	2	20.00%
North East	NA	609	NA	NA	61	10	0	0.00%
South West	121	609	19.87%	61	61	10	2	20.00%
South	NA	609	NA	NA	61	10	0	0.00%
Ireland	16	609	2.63%	16	61	10	1	10.00%

Crufts Novice Cup Small

*Includes First Place Processing Averages

Small Novice



Small Novice Cup								
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	158	684	23.10%	79	68	12	2	16.67%
Midlands	256	684	37.43%	64	68	12	4	33.33%
Scotland	20	684	2.92%	20	68	12	1	8.33%
North West	68	684	9.94%	68	68	12	1	8.33%
North East	68	684	9.94%	68	68	12	1	8.33%
South West	118	684	17.25%	39	68	12	3	25.00%
South	NA	684	NA	NA	68	12	0	0.00%
Ireland	NA	684	NA	NA	68	12	0	0.00%

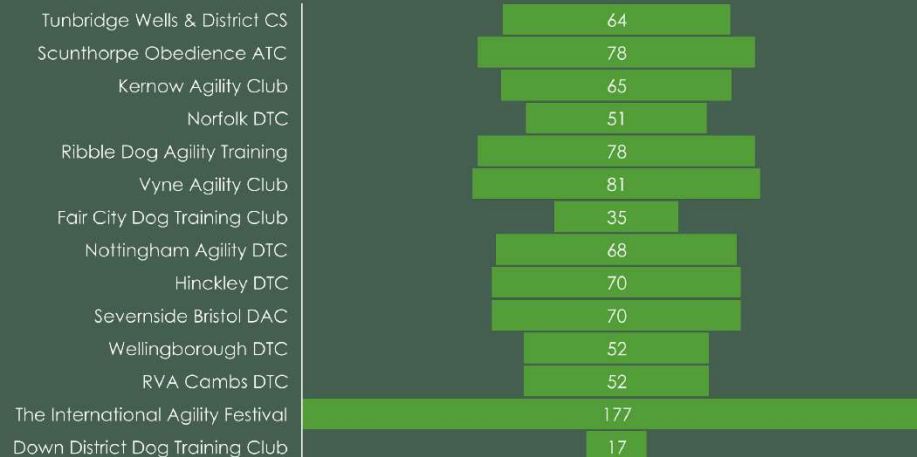
Crufts Novice Cup Medium



Medium Novice Cup								
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	268	755	35.50%	89	76	12	3	25.00%
Midlands	322	755	42.65%	81	76	12	4	33.33%
Scotland	NA	755	NA	NA	76	12	0	0.00%
North West	76	755	10.07%	76	76	12	1	8.33%
North East	76	755	10.07%	76	76	12	1	8.33%
South West	139	755	18.41%	46	76	12	3	25.00%
South	NA	755	NA	NA	76	12	0	0.00%
Ireland	NA	755	NA	NA	76	12	0	0.00%

Crufts Novice Cup Intermediate

*Includes First Place Processing Averages



Intermediate Novice Cup								
Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	115	958	12.00%	58	78	14	2	14.29%
Midlands	419	958	43.74%	84	78	14	5	35.71%
Scotland	35	958	8.14%	78	78	14	1	7.14%
North West	78	958	8.14%	78	78	14	1	7.14%
North East	78	958	8.14%	78	78	14	1	7.14%
South West	135	958	14.09%	68	78	14	2	14.29%
South	81	958	8.46%	81	78	14	1	7.14%
Ireland	17	958	1.77%	17	78	14	1	7.14%

Crufts Novice Cup Large

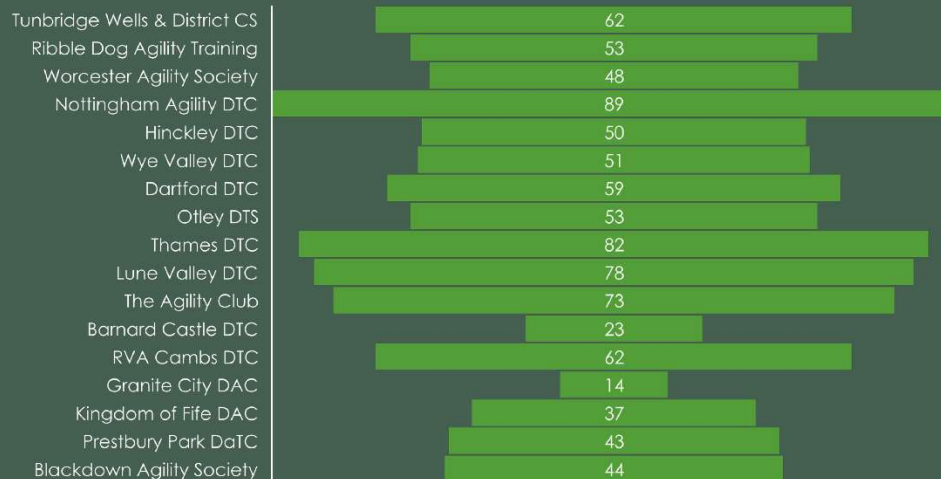


Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	132	1025	12.88%	66	79	14	2	14.29%
Midlands	524	1025	51.12%	105	79	14	5	35.71%
Scotland	55	1025	7.71%	79	79	14	1	7.14%
North West	79	1025	7.71%	79	79	14	1	7.14%
North East	79	1025	7.71%	79	79	14	1	7.14%
South West	160	1025	15.61%	80	79	14	2	14.29%
South	100	1025	9.76%	100	79	14	1	7.14%
Ireland	19	1025	1.85%	19	79	14	1	7.14%

Agility Stakes Small

*Includes First Place Processing Averages

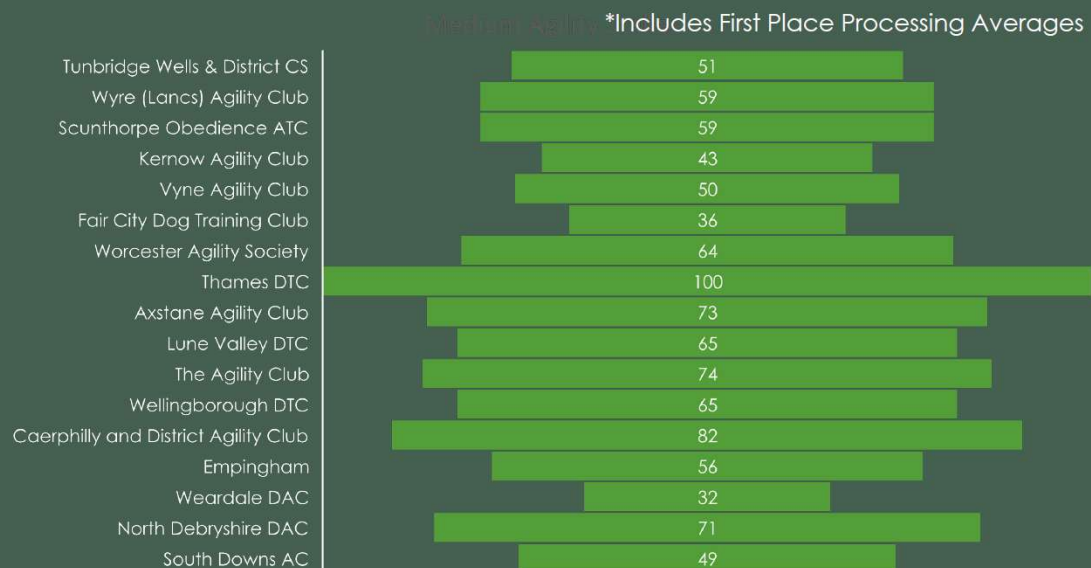
Small Agility Stakes



Small Agility Stakes

Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	194	854	22.72%	65	53	16	3	18.75%
Midlands	244	854	28.57%	61	53	16	4	25.00%
Scotland	37	854	15.34%	131	53	16	1	6.25%
North West	131	854	15.34%	66	53	16	2	12.50%
North East	90	854	10.54%	30	53	16	3	18.75%
South West	143	854	16.74%	48	53	16	3	18.75%
South	82	854	9.60%	82	53	16	1	6.25%
Ireland	NA	854	NA	NA	53	16	0	0.00%

Agility Stakes Medium

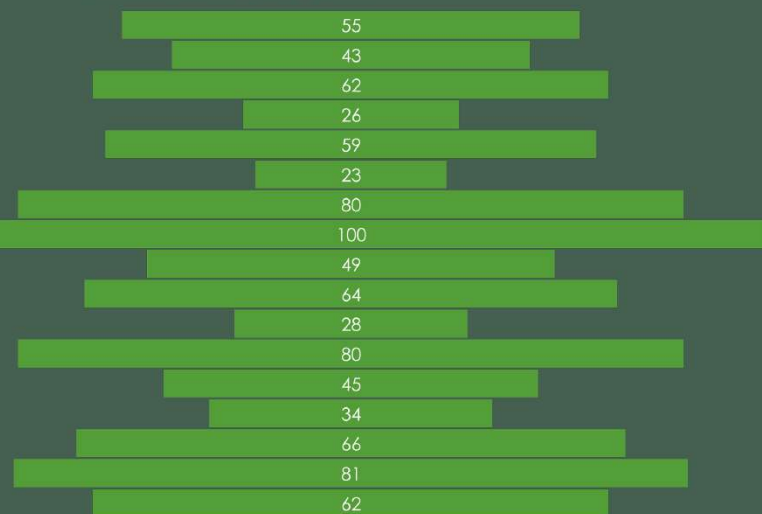


Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	198	951	20.82%	66	59	17	3	17.65%
Midlands	121	951	12.72%	61	59	17	2	11.76%
Scotland	36	951	13.04%	124	59	17	1	5.88%
North West	124	951	13.04%	62	59	17	2	11.76%
North East	162	951	17.03%	54	59	17	3	17.65%
South West	189	951	19.87%	63	59	17	3	17.65%
South	199	951	20.93%	66	59	17	3	17.65%
Ireland	NA	951	NA	NA	59	17	0	0.00%

Agility Stakes Intermediate

Tunbridge Wells & District CS
Kernow Agility Club
Norfolk DTC
West Lakeland DTC
Worcester Agility Society
Scottish Kennel Club
Hinckley DTC
Thames DTC
Lune Valley DTC
Sevenside Bristol DAC
Godmanchester DTC
The Agility Club
Tuffley Agility Club
Weardale DAC
Derbyshire Dog Agility Club
Gillingham Dorset DTS
Coltishall Agility Club

Intermediate Agility Stakes

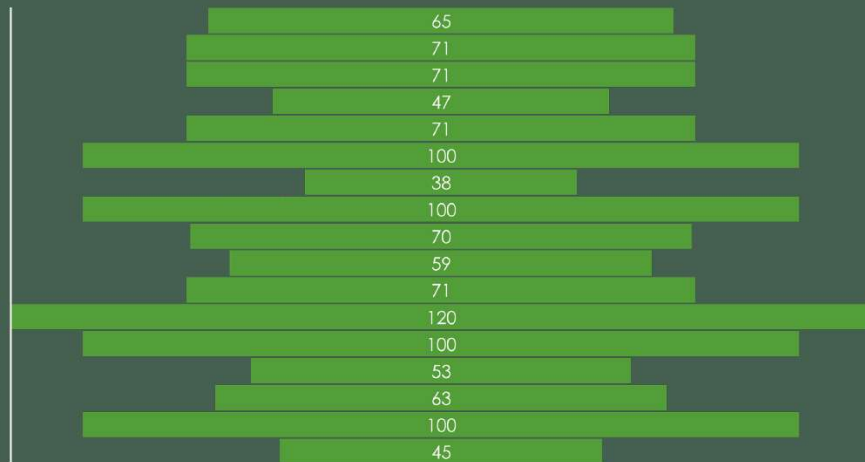


Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	259	983	26.35%	65	55	17	4	23.53%
Midlands	174	983	17.70%	58	55	17	3	17.65%
Scotland	23	983	7.63%	75	55	17	1	5.88%
North West	75	983	7.63%	38	55	17	2	11.76%
North East	34	983	3.46%	34	55	17	1	5.88%
South West	292	983	29.70%	58	55	17	5	29.41%
South	100	983	10.17%	100	55	17	1	5.88%
Ireland	NA	983	NA	NA	55	17	0	0.00%

Agility Stakes Large

Tunbridge Wells & District CS
Wyre (Lancs) Agility Club
Scunthorpe Obedience ATC
Kernow Agility Club
Ribble Dog Agility Training
Vyne Agility Club
Fair City Dog Training Club
Nottingham Agility DTC
Hinckley DTC
Dartford DTC
Otley DTS
Thames DTC
The Agility Club
Weardale DAC
Dogs in Need Agility Society
Gillingham Dorset DTS
Prestbury Park DaTC

Small Stakes
Large Agility
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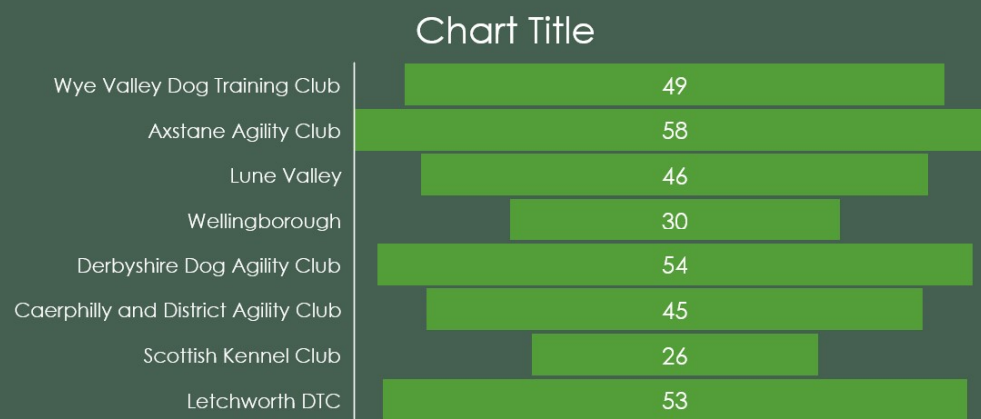
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South East	287	990	28.99%	72	71	17	4	23.53%
Midlands	215	990	21.72%	72	71	17	3	17.65%
Scotland	38	990	3.84%	38	71	17	1	5.88%
North West	142	990	14.34%	71	71	17	2	11.76%
North East	195	990	19.70%	65	71	17	3	17.65%
South West	147	990	14.85%	74	71	17	2	11.76%
South	220	990	22.22%	110	71	17	2	11.76%
Ireland	NA	990	NA	NA	71	17	0	0.00%

Agility Stakes Large ABC



Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
South East	53	212	25.00%	18	16	16	3	18.75%
Midlands	30	212	14.15%	15	16	16	2	12.50%
Scotland	19	212	8.96%	10	16	16	2	12.50%
North West	16	212	7.55%	16	16	16	1	6.25%
North East	47	212	22.17%	16	16	16	3	18.75%
South West	58	212	27.36%	19	16	16	3	18.75%
South	50	212	23.58%	25	16	16	2	12.50%
Ireland	NA	212	NA	NA	16	16	0	0.00%

DD Small/Mixi Pairs Challenge



Region	Total Regional Entries	Total National Entries	Regional % of Total Entries	Average entries	National Average	Total Number of Qualifiers	Total Regional Qualifiers	% of Total Qualifiers
<u>South East</u>	58	361	16.07%	58	45	8	1	12.50%
Midlands	137	361	37.95%	46	45	8	3	37.50%
Scotland	26	361	7.20%	26	45	8	1	12.50%
<u>North West</u>	46	361	12.74%	46	45	8	1	12.50%
<u>North East</u>	0	361	0.00%	0	45	8	0	0.00%
<u>South West</u>	94	361	26.04%	47	45	8	2	25.00%
South	0	361	0.00%	0	45	8	0	0.00%
Ireland	0	361	0.00%	0	45	8	0	0.00%

Appendix E – 2025 onwards Qualifier Heats and Qualification Criteria

Competition	Event	Dog Grade	Dog Heights	No. of Heats	No. Qualify from each heat	Quarter Final No. Qualify	Location	Semi Final No. Qualify	Location	Final No. Qualify	Location	Notes
Crufts	Crufts Singles	6-7	Small	10	1					10	Crufts	
			Medium	10	1					10	Crufts	
			Intermediate	10	1					10	Crufts	
			Large	10	1					10	Crufts	
	ABC	1-7	Medium	10	2			20	Discover Dogs	10	Crufts	
			Intermediate	10	2			20	Discover Dogs	10	Crufts	
			Large	10	2			20	Discover Dogs	10	Crufts	
	Novice Cup	3-5	Small	10	2			20	Discover Dogs	8	Crufts	
			Medium	10	2			20	Discover Dogs	8	Crufts	
			Intermediate	10	2			20	Discover Dogs	8	Crufts	
			Large	10	2			20	Discover Dogs	8	Crufts	
The Kennel Club Agility Stakes Finals at The London International Horse Show	The Agility Stakes	5-7	Small	10	5			50	KC IAF	10	LIHS	Qualifiers between 1 March and 31 July. Quarter and Semi Finals will return to The International Agility Festival in 2025 The larger set of equipment will be used for the Quarter & Semi Finals
			Medium	10	5			50	KC IAF	10	LIHS	
			Intermediate	10	5	50	KC IAF	20	LIHS	10	LIHS	
			Large	10	5	50	KC IAF	20	LIHS	10	LIHS	
			Intermediate ABC	10	3			30	KC IAF	5	LIHS	
			Large ABC	10	3			30	KC IAF	5	LIHS	
Small/Mixi Pairs	KC Small/Mixi Pairs	1-7	Small / Mixi	10	2					20 Pairs	LIHS – London Arena	

Appendix F – 2025 onwards Qualifier Maps

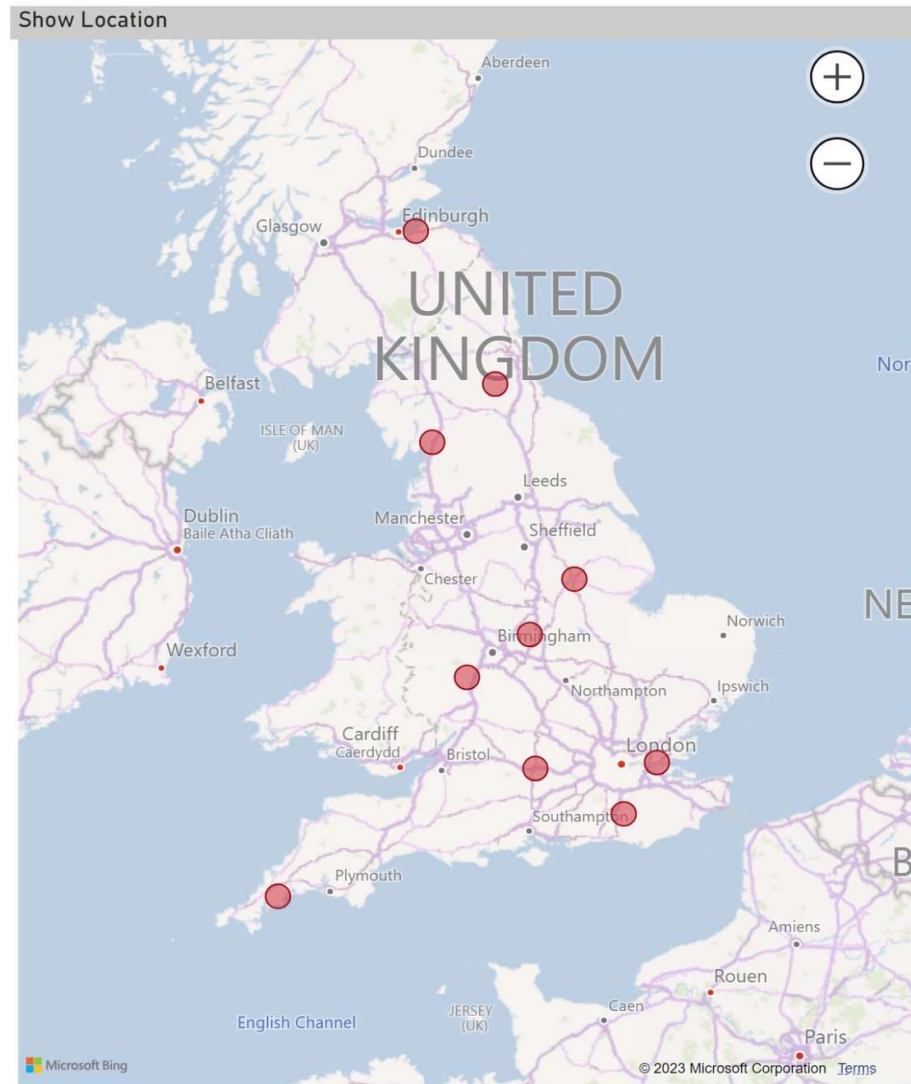
The Kennel Club Small and Medium Dog Agility Stakes



Supershow

☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
8	18/04/2025	Kernow Agility Club
10	05/05/2025	Vyne Agility Club
12	17/05/2025	Worcester Agility Society
13	24/05/2025	Nottingham Agility DTC
14	01/06/2025	Hinckley DTC
17	21/06/2025	Axstane Agility Club
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
19	04/07/2025	East Lothian DTC
19	04/07/2025	The Agility Club
21	19/07/2025	Weardale DAC



The Kennel Club Intermediate and Large Dog Agility Stakes



Supershow
☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
7	12/04/2025	Scunthorpe Obedience ATC
8	18/04/2025	Kernow Agility Club
10	05/05/2025	Vyne Agility Club
13	24/05/2025	Nottingham Agility DTC
14	01/06/2025	Hinckley DTC
15	07/06/2025	Thames DTC
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
19	04/07/2025	East Lothian DTC
19	04/07/2025	The Agility Club
21	19/07/2025	Weardale DAC



The Kennel Club Intermediate and Large Dog ABC Agility Stakes



Supershow

☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
1	01/03/2025	Tunbridge Wells & District CS
7	12/04/2025	Scunthorpe Obedience ATC
10	05/05/2025	Vyne Agility Club
12	17/05/2025	Worcester Agility Society
13	24/05/2025	Scottish Kennel Club
15	07/06/2025	Thames DTC
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
18	28/06/2025	Sevenside Bristol DAC
20	12/07/2025	RVA Cambs DTC
22	26/07/2025	Derbyshire Dog Agility Club



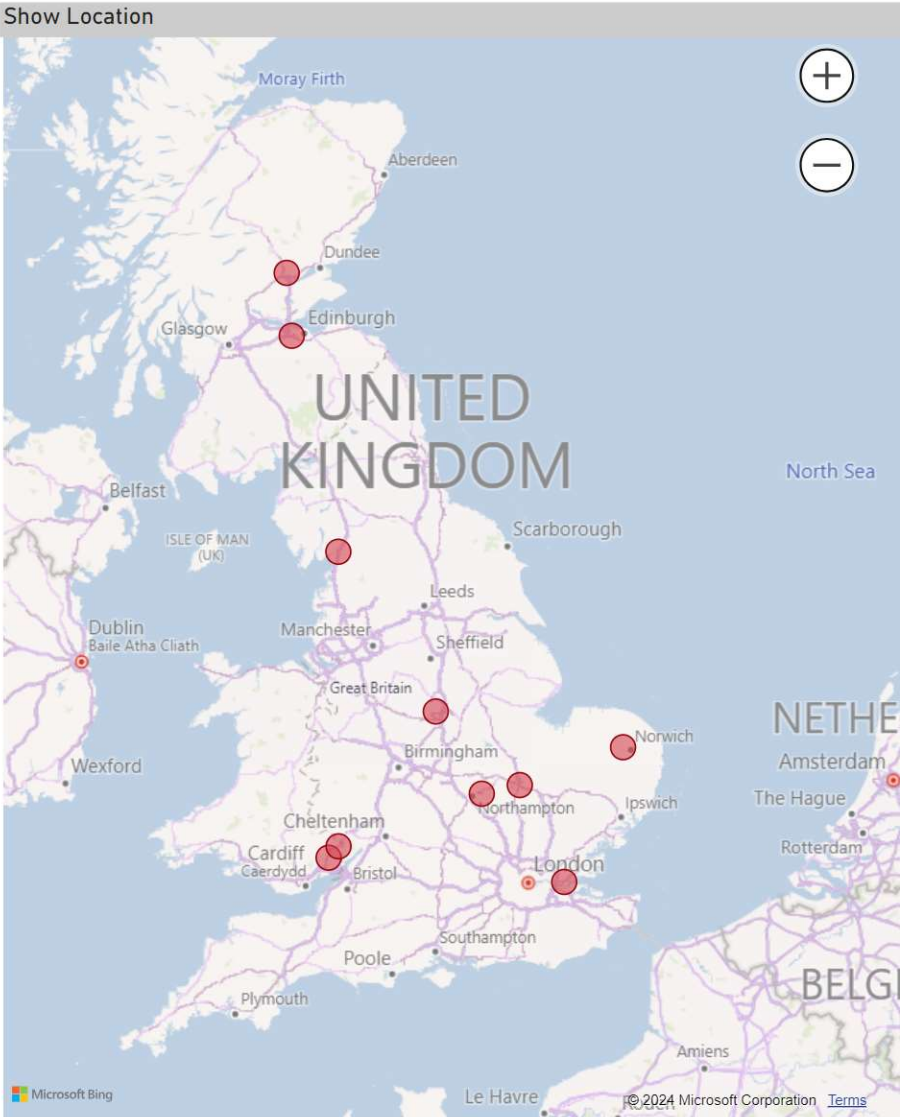
The Kennel Club Small / Mixi Pairs Jumping Challenge



Supershow 

☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
8	18/04/2025	Norfolk DTS
11	10/05/2025	Fair City DTC
13	24/05/2025	Scottish Kennel Club
14	31/05/2025	Wye Valley DTC
17	21/06/2025	Axstane Agility Club
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
19	05/07/2025	Wellingborough DTC
21	18/07/2025	Caerphilly and District Agility Club
22	26/07/2025	Derbyshire Dog Agility Club
27	30/08/2025	Letchworth



Crufts Small and Medium Singles Agility



Supershow
☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
10	05/05/2025	Vyne Agility Club
13	24/05/2025	Nottingham Agility DTC
14	01/06/2025	Hinckley DTC
15	07/06/2025	Thames DTC
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
19	04/07/2025	East Lothian DTC
19	04/07/2025	The Agility Club
24	09/08/2025	The International Agility Festival
27	30/08/2025	Gillingham Dorset DTS
29	13/09/2025	North Debryshire DAC



Crufts Intermediate and Large Singles Agility



Supershow
☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
10	05/05/2025	Vyne Agility Club
13	24/05/2025	Nottingham Agility DTC
14	01/06/2025	Hinckley DTC
15	07/06/2025	Thames DTC
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
19	04/07/2025	East Lothian DTC
19	04/07/2025	The Agility Club
24	09/08/2025	The International Agility Festival
27	30/08/2025	Gillingham Dorset DTS
29	13/09/2025	North Debryshire DAC



Crufts Medium ABC Agility



Supershow
☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
9	26/04/2025	Wallingford DTC
14	31/05/2025	Wye Valley DTC
17	21/06/2025	Axstane Agility Club
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
21	18/07/2025	Empingham
22	26/07/2025	Derbyshire Dog Agility Club
23	02/08/2025	Kingdom of Fife DAC
24	09/08/2025	The International Agility Festival
29	13/09/2025	North Debryshire DAC
30	21/09/2025	South Downs AC



Crufts Intermediate and Large ABC Agility



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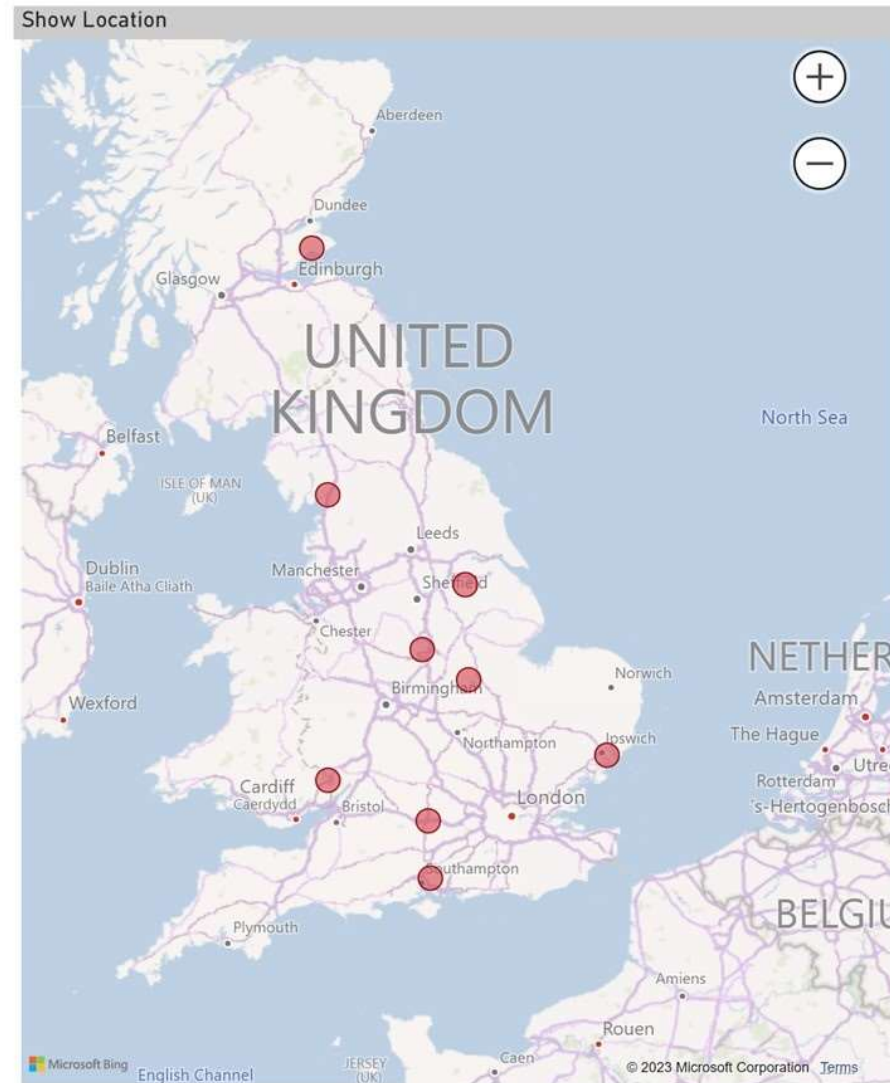
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Supershow

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Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
9	26/04/2025	Wallingford DTC
14	31/05/2025	Wye Valley DTC
17	21/06/2025	Lune Valley DTC
21	18/07/2025	Empingham
22	26/07/2025	Derbyshire Dog Agility Club
23	02/08/2025	Kingdom of Fife DAC
24	09/08/2025	The International Agility Festival
25	16/08/2025	Dogs in Need Agility Society
29	13/09/2025	North Debryshire DAC
30	21/09/2025	South Downs AC

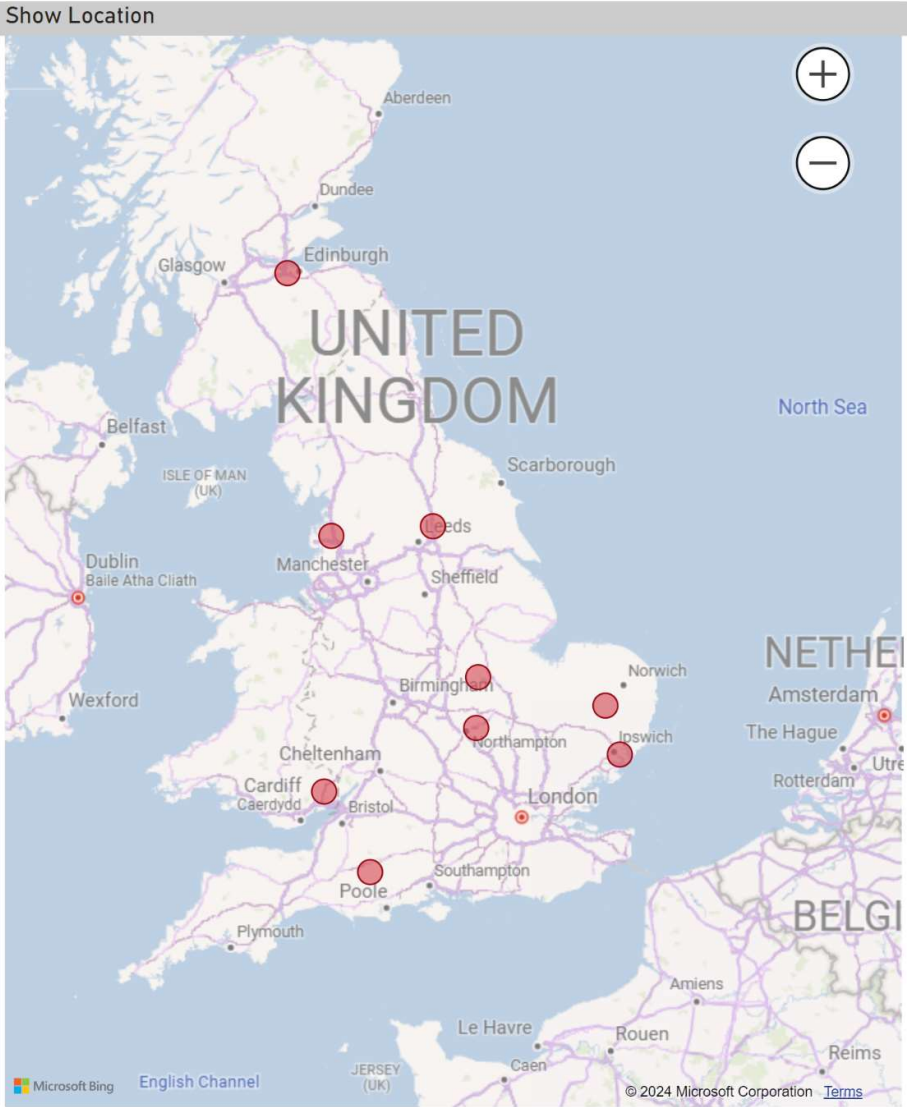


Crufts Small and Medium Novice Cup Agility



Supershow 
☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
9	26/04/2025	Ribble Dog Agility Training
13	24/05/2025	Scottish Kennel Club
15	07/06/2025	Otley DTS
19	05/07/2025	Wellingborough DTC
21	18/07/2025	Caerphilly and District Agility Club
24	09/08/2025	The International Agility Festival
25	16/08/2025	Dogs in Need Agility Society
27	30/08/2025	Gillingham Dorset DTS
30	20/09/2025	Wyre (Lancs) Agility Club
32	04/10/2025	Coltishall Agility Club



Crufts Intermediate and Large Novice Cup Agility



Supershow 
☐ Yes

Agility Season Week	Date	Show
9	26/04/2025	Ribble Dog Agility Training
9	26/04/2025	Wallingford DTC
12	17/05/2025	High Peak DTS
15	07/06/2025	Otley DTS
18	28/06/2025	Sevenside Bristol DAC
24	09/08/2025	The International Agility Festival
28	06/09/2025	Gleniffer DTC
30	20/09/2025	Wyre (Lancs) Agility Club
30	21/09/2025	South Downs AC
32	04/10/2025	Coltishall Agility Club

