

PD Stake Panel Report

The Kennel Club Liaison PD Stake Panel continues our regular online meetings; there have been three since the July Council meeting.

Just to remind everyone that our PD Helper Training guidance is now complete and available for anyone wishing to run a Protected Steward training course. Many experienced PD protected stewards took the time to contribute to this leaflet.

The PD Stake Panel have submitted a proposed amendment to Regulation 1.27f to the next Liaison Council meeting. The Regulation amendment would allow Lockouts for the Quartering the ground and Search and Escort exercises only.

Since the last Liaison Council meeting, another PD Open Judge has been assessed and deemed suitable to judge the PD stake at Championship level. Arrangements have been made for 1 more Judge to be assessed in February 2025.

There has been one PD Judging Practical seminar held with further PD training days planned later in 2025 for the same club.

There are plans to hold a PD helper training day in the Midlands during summer 2025, with a Dog/handler PD training day running alongside.

Several organised PD training weekends will be run during the spring/summer.

The PD Stake Panel are very pleased to note that the entries for PD have increased to a healthy level, particularly PD Open. These dogs will filter up into PD Championship trials. In addition, there are several young dogs/pups coming on. This bodes well for the future of this stake.

More trials managers are running an open PD stake alongside their TD stake and also there are more double ticket Championship trials going ahead. The extra entries all help with trial expenses.

The panel has been very pro-active in advising/helping anyone who asks for assistance, whether it is to run a stake or to find training.

We wish to remind everyone that we remain available to discuss any queries/issues in relation to the Patrol Stake.