

ADDITIONAL RULES

1. Non ADTC Members may apply for membership; thereby the reduced entry fees will be applicable.
2. If the event is oversubscribed, entries may be limited to 100 routines per day.
3. The committee and organisers reserve unto themselves the right to refuse entries.
4. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
5. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
6. Should a judge be unable to fulfill their appointment to judge, the organisers reserve the right to appoint an alternative judge.
7. No handler shall impugn the decision of the judges.
8. It is entirely the competitor's responsibility to be available for their Class and running order.
9. Should unforeseen circumstances so dictate the organisers, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to the Kennel Club.
10. Only dogs of 12 calendar months and over are eligible to be entered for competition.
11. All dogs are entered at this event at their owner's risk and while every care will be taken the organisers will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or injury, however caused to dogs, person or property while at the event.
12. In the event of circumstances making it necessary that the event is cancelled, Aberystwyth Dog Training Club reserve unto themselves the right to defray expenses from the entry fees received.
13. For safety reasons, the Organisers reserve the right to refuse admission to any person/dog as necessary.
14. Not for Competition entries will be accepted free of charge for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the Entry Form and must be Kennel Club registered.
15. All entered dogs must be kept under control.
16. No dogs are allowed in the first row of seats by the ring.
17. No food is allowed in the first row of seats by the ring.
18. A separate Entry Form should be completed for each routine/dog entered.
19. No amendment may be made to an entry after the closing date of entries.

BOOKING IN

Handlers must book in and lodge their music with the event organisers before 11:00am. A running order will be drawn and competitors will be notified of their running order/s prior to the day of competition. Details will be printed in the catalogue, which may be ordered with your entry.

THE RING

The event will be held on a solid floor surface with a carpet covering. The ring will be approximately 16 x 13 metres. The judges will be positioned together on one of the shorter sides.

PRIZES

A Trophy will be presented for first place in all judged classes. Rosettes will be presented to the first 8 places in each class. Award Cards will be presented to those placed 1st to 4th.

THE VENUE

Plascrug Leisure Centre, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 1HL

ENTRY PASSES

Each handler should bring their running order letter for entry to the competition.

REFRESHMENTS

Light refreshments will be available for purchase at the venue for most of the day.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING

There is no overnight camping at the venue. Please contact the organisers for a list of local campsites or visit www.tourism.ceredigion.gov.uk.

WELFARE OF DOGS

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Warning: Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

Aberystwyth Dog Training Club



Schedule of OPEN HEELWORK TO MUSIC and FREESTYLE COMPETITION

(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations L)

To be held at Plascrug Leisure Centre, Llanbadarn Fawr,
Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 1HL

on **SATURDAY 14th November 2009**

Show opens at 8.30 am Judging commences at 9.00 am

Judges: Margaret Booth, Linda Glover, Michelle Hubbard, Maggie Jarman, Annette Leslie, Mary Muxworthy, Mary Ann Nester, Lesley Neville and Chris Whitehead.
Additional Judges may be appointed as necessary

CLASSES

Class 1 Starters Freestyle	Class 4 Starters Heelwork To Music
Class 2 Novice Freestyle	Class 5 Novice Heelwork To Music
Class 3 Intermediate Freestyle	Class 6 Intermediate Heelwork to Music

Additional Classes

These two classes will not be judged – use of food and toys is allowed in these classes only

Class 7 – The Debutantes – Open to those who have never entered a HTM event before (maximum time limit up to 2 1/2 minutes)

Class 8 – Let's Dance – Open to all - Singles, Pairs, Braces or Groups

GUARANTORS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

Chairman: Mrs J Storey, 27 Cefn Esgair, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, SY23 3JG

Secretary: Miss A Sintern, Llety'r Fran, Tre'r Ddol, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 8PL

Treasurer: Mr C Hull, The Post Office, Bontnewydd, Aberystwyth, SY23 4JH

Show Secretary: Mrs Sheila Waller, Troedrhwiwfron, Cwmrheidol, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3NB **Telephone:** 01970 880272 or 07870 652221

ENTRIES CLOSE: 19th October 2009 (POSTMARK)

VET on call for the event Ystwyth Veterinary Group, Glyn Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3QU

ENTRY FEES: KC Licensed classes - £10 per class (£8 ADTC members)
Fun classes - £5 per single handler entry (Groups £5 per handler - maximum of £10)
Catalogue £2 prepaid or £2-50 on the day - Spectators - Free

JUDGING AND MARKING

There will be 3 judges for each class, except in exceptional circumstances when the KC will be notified as soon as possible. Each judge will mark all three sections of the Judging Criteria as follows:

a. Programme Content - 10 marks

- (1) The programme content conforms to the definitions for Heelwork to Music or Freestyle.
- (2) The programme should be varied with no excessive repetition of moves.
- (3) The movements of the dog should have a greater impact than those of the handler.
- (4) Movements should be appropriate to the structure and conformation of the dog.
- (5) Degree of difficulty of movements should be taken into account.

b. Accuracy and Execution of Movement – 10 marks

- (1) Movements are accurately and smoothly executed.
- (2) The accuracy of heel work must be taken into account.
- (3) The bearing and deportment of the handler is appropriate to the routine.
- (4) The dog should work in a natural and willing manner.
- (5) The dog responds promptly and appropriately to the cues given.
- (6) Handler and dog should work as a team.
- (7) Any props used should be appropriate to the routine.

c. Musical Interpretation - 10 marks

- (1) Interpretation of the music, rhythm and phrasing is apparent.
- (2) The programme flows and is not a series of disjointed movements.
- (3) Movements are complimentary to the programme's concept.
- (4) Handlers dress is applicable to the programme.
- (5) Emphasis of interpretation is on the dog's movements although the handler may be expressive.
- (6) Choreography should be apparent and flowing. The routine should include balance, structure and making best use of available space.
- (7) The harmony and relationship should show the strength of the dog and handler partnership.
- (8) Handler and dog should work as a team.
- (9) Choice of music should suit the team.

Please note Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Competition Regulations paragraphs:- 10, 11, 15 & 17.

Excessive barking must be penalised and a maximum of 4 marks can be deducted from the overall score at the judge's discretion. This is the maximum to be deducted by each judge and it should be adjusted accordingly.

In the event of dogs obtaining equality of marks in Heelwork to Music competitions, the Accuracy and Execution of Movement mark will decide the result. In a Freestyle Competition, the Musical Interpretation mark will decide the result. Where there is still equality of marks the order shall be decided at the discretion of the lead (head) judge.

MUSIC

The duration of the routine should be a maximum length as detailed below:

Starters maximum time limit up to 2 1/2 mins

Novice maximum time limit up to 3 1/2 mins

Intermediate maximum time limit up to 4 mins

Advanced maximum time limit up to 4 mins

An over-run of 5% is permitted, but 2 marks will be deducted from the final score for any time taken in excess of this. The routine starts when the music begins and ends when the music finishes.

Each handler should provide their own music, which should be of a high quality. The handler should provide a back-up copy of the music.

If the music stops during a routine the competitor must be given an opportunity to complete the routine. The handler's back-up music may be used and/or alternative equipment, if this was the reason for failure.

The Judges should continue marking from the point at which the music stopped. If the competitor chooses to withdraw from the class, no marks will be awarded.

PERFORMANCE RULES

- a) No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
- b) Food/training aids shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst being judged.
- c) Dogs may only wear a collar, which may be decorated
- d) Props appropriate to the routine may be used. The use of firearms is prohibited nor must any simulated gunshot be used.
- e) No activity shall be conducted which may be injurious to the dog.

f) If a dog fouls in the ring, the competitor must stop immediately and the judges must exclude the dog from the ring.

g) If a dog leaves the ring and ceases working it should be eliminated from the competition but allowed to continue and complete its routine, as long as the music is still playing. If a dog accidentally steps outside the ring during a routine it will not be penalised.

h) Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.

i) The decision to withdraw is entirely at the discretion of the competitor, however, a competitor may not withdraw once a routine has been completed and scored.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

1. **HEELWORK TO MUSIC** –The principle element of the Heelwork to Music category will be a dog working off lead in the heel work position, on the left or right hand side of the handler, facing forward or backward, across the front or back of the handler, moving in any direction, at any pace. The dog's shoulder should be approximately level with, and reasonably close to the handler's leg. All other positions are defined as Freestyle. A minimum of two thirds of the routine should consist of heel work.

2. **FREESTYLE** – A Freestyle routine will be the dog working off lead and contain movements in any position. Heel work as described above is acceptable although such movements must not exceed one third of the routine.

3. In the following definitions of classes all points must be gained in official classes only.

NOTE The points system started 01/01/07 and points must not be claimed retrospectively

4. The following points will be awarded in all Kennel Club standard classes:

1st place: 10 points, 2nd place: 6 points,

3rd place: 4 points, 4th place: 2 points

On entrance to the next level of classes, the points will return to zero.

5. **Official Classes.** For one dog and one handler only. When assessing eligibility to enter a competition, wins in one official category will not count for the other official category. At the discretion of the competition organisers dogs may be entered in eligible classes in both categories, however a different routine must be worked.

6. A dog cannot be entered in the same class more than once.

7. A dog must only be entered in a class for which it is eligible in each category.

8. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the date of closing of entries shall be counted when entering any class.

9. Once a dog has progressed to the next class it is entitled to use the previous class award after its name on entry forms and printed in catalogues; only the highest award may be used. Separate awards should be indicated for Heelwork to Music and Freestyle as follow: HTM St., HTM N., HTM I. For different classes of Heelwork to Music. FS St., FS N., FS I, for the different classes in Freestyle. Once a dog has gained 24 points in Advanced classes it will be entitled to have HTM.A or FS.A after its name as appropriate.

10. **Excellent Qualifications.** If a first place has been won at a particular level, when the required level of points have been gained, the dog will also be awarded an excellent qualification and can use the title "Ex" after its class title, such as : HTM St Ex.

11. All dogs must be in possession of a Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Record book detailing the points gained and where each award was gained. It is the handler's' responsibility to keep a full and accurate account of the points their dog is awarded.

12. Qualifications obtained prior to 1 July 2002.

Handlers who have entered demonstrations prior to 1st July 2002 and have previously been accepted into classes higher than Starters must enter licensed competitions at the level and in the category for which they previously qualified. Thereafter, once a qualification for class advancement is achieved, further entries must be made in accordance with these Regulations.

The following class definitions apply to both Heelwork To Music and Freestyle Classes as applicable.

a. **Starters.** For dogs and handlers which have not gained 14 points or more in official starters classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.

b. **Novice.** Open to dogs or handlers which have gained 14 points or more in official starters classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.

c. **Intermediate.** Open to dogs which have gained 16 points or more in official novice classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.

d. **Advanced.** Open to dogs which gained 20 points or more in official intermediate classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.