



**Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting**

**Held on 19-20 November 2022**

**At Canterbury Kennel Association  
701 McLean Island Road, McLeans Island  
CHRISTCHURCH 8051**

**1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)**

Brian Harris (BH) President  
Jill Brooker (JB)  
Donna Hailes (DH)  
Martin Hewitt (MH)  
Fiona Hodgson (FH)  
Chris Richardson (CR)

Stephen Meredith (SM)  
Lynley Drummond (LD)  
Catherine McManus (CM)  
Steve Tate (STT)  
Geoff Collins (GC)

**STAFF**

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

**APOLOGIES**

Phil Johnson

**WELCOME**

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 9am and Geoff Collins (GC) and Chris Richardson (CR) as Council representatives for Dog Training and Agility.

**Moved:** That Martin Hewitt be appointed to Executive Council as a South Island representative following the resignation of Nigel Trainor

Moved: STT; Seconded FH; – Carried

**MOVED:** That Catherine McManus be appointed as South Island Vice President

Moved JB Seconded STT – Carried

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The E.C adopted the agenda with the addition of a verbal JBH report by JB

Moved: Chair; – Carried

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

The E.C noted the list of deceased members: Denise Corson (Invercargill); Ian Smith (Cambridge); Lloyd Hatton (Levin) Shirley Hick (Levin).

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

New Agility representative to complete after new EC representative is elected at first meeting of new committee.

**SEPTEMBER 2022 / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The E.C confirmed the 17-18 September 2022 meeting minutes as true and correct record subjected to changes on P35 / 54 / 73.

Moved: FH; Seconded: CM – Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 MINUTES**

None as all dealt with in Agenda.

**RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES**

The following email votes by Executive Council were held in the period 31 August – 7 November 2022:

<b>Executive Council Email Vote:</b>	<b>Ratified by:</b>
Dispensation for Dog Training Regs 10.3.1	6 Votes
Promotion of J Burke to Non-Sporting Panel	6 Votes
Judges Practical Exams Promotion – Gundogs/Working/Utility	8 Votes
Judging Dispensation for NDS Encore Show	7 Votes
Judges Promotion of A Bray to JDH Panel	6 Votes
Judges Promotion of R Saunders to Agility Ribbon Trial panel	9 Votes
Judges Promotion of Tolly & Hanson to JDH Panel	8 Votes
Processing Fee for FCI Championship Certs \$49.50	7 Votes
Judges Promotion of K Price to Working Panel	5 Votes

Moved: SM; Seconded: LD; - Carried

<b>2. FINANCE</b>
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**TREASURERS REPORT: 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 ACCOUNTS**

Report provided by Clive Phillips.

**NZ Kennel Club**  
**Financial Update for September 2022**

**Operational Financial Results**

***September – Operating Surplus for month******September Actual Operating Revenue greater than Budget by \$89.1k.***

*NZKC \$15.4k, AEC \$17.5k, Gazette \$4.1k, Agility \$4k, YDT/S \$4.1k \$1k recorded monthly revenues favourable to budget while Dunedin (\$0.4k), and CGC (\$0.04k) had revenue slightly under budget.*

*Although AEC's revenue is favourable it is largely a timing difference due to invoicing the NDS in September when it is budgeted in October. NDS (National) had income recorded in September of \$43.6k against nil budget income. This income was recognised in September solely to offset NDS expenses processed during September. It is a timing difference only. The final NDS result will appear in October alongside the budget for this event.*

**September Actual Operating Expenditure *Unfavourable* compared to budget by (\$65.5k)**

*Agility \$1.4k, and Dog Training (3 Regions combined) \$2.7k were the main favourable activities to budget.*

*Dogs NZ head office (\$13.3k), AEC (\$7.2k), Gazette (\$2.1k), Dunedin (\$2.8k), NDS (\$43.1k) and JDS (\$1.6k) were unfavourable to budget.*

*NDS expenses are a timing difference only.*

**Actual Year to Date Operating Revenue favourable compared to budget by \$200.2k.**

Operations with Actual Revenues greater than Budget Revenue Year to date are:-

*Dogs NZ head office \$74.2k, AEC \$5.7k (timing difference), Dunedin \$4.3k, Gazette \$36.8k, NDS \$53.2k (timing difference only), Agility \$4.3k, YDT/S \$15.3k & Dog Training (3 regions combined) \$6.7k.*

*CGC (\$0.5k) is the only activity to have ytd Revenue less than budget*

*Dogs NZ head office favourable revenue due to registry, membership, Show Levies and Sundry Income. Gazette's due to Subscriptions & Sales, advertising and Schedule Income. YDT/S relates fund raising activities.*

**Actual Year to Date Operating Expenditure *Unfavourable* compared to budget by (\$29.6k)**

*Operations favourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD*

*Dogs NZ head office \$12.8k, Dunedin \$10.9k, FCI \$6.8k and Agility \$14.1k.*

*AEC (\$2.7k), Gazette (\$12.7k), NDS (\$52.3K) (timing Difference), JDT/S (\$5.4k), Dog Training (all regions) (\$0.1k) and CGC (\$0.6k) all have ytd expenditure that exceeds budget.*

**Balance Sheet *STRONG* - Cash and Property rich**

Total cash to end of September \$8.295m, up \$165.6k since end of last financial year (March 2022).

**Summary of Group Financial Results: – Operating Income minus Operating Expenditure****Monthly Operating Results:-** Surplus favourable compared to Budget and Last Year's Actual deficits.

<u>September Month:- Income less Expenditure</u>				
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>		
\$20,315	(\$3,287)	(\$36,035)		
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2022-2023</u>	
<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
\$197,968	\$27,434	\$85,495	\$3,301	\$174,171
<u>Year to Date Operating Result adjusted by UNREALISED Midyear Market to Market Valuation of Investment Portfolio and Depreciation</u>				
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure, Unrealised midyear market to market Investment Gain/(Loss) and Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2022-2023</u>	
<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
(\$45,369)	(\$3,239)		(\$58,046)	(\$99,840)

**Actual YTD Operating results:-**

- Favourable compared to Budget By:- \$170,534
- Favourable compared to Last Year Actual By:- \$112,473

**Registry Activity**

The table clearly reflects Registry numbers are down on last year but revenue is ahead.

	<b><u>Analysis YTD SEPTEMBER 2022</u></b>					
	<b><u>Number</u></b>			<b><u>Income</u></b>		
	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>		<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	
Litter Notification	935	942	-1%	36,488	32,562	12%
Registrations	4,814	4,915	-2%	148,391	128,689	15%
Transfers	3,600	3,811	-6%	69,754	65,475	7%
Imports	153	158	-3%	14,706	14,956	-2%
Exports	170	129	32%	17,733	11,682	52%
Overall Total	<u>9,672</u>	<u>9,955</u>	-3%	<u>287,072</u>	<u>253,364</u>	13%

**Detailed Operating Analysis**

**Dogs NZ (NZKC):- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$87k**

**Income** \$74.2k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

**Expenses** \$12.8k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

**CGC:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$1.1k).**

This represents purchases which should be recovered during the year

**AEC:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$3k**

**Income** \$5.7k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses** (\$2.7k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Dunedin:- :- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$14.5k.**

**Income** \$4.3k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses \$10.9k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**Gazette:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$24k**

**Income \$36.8k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses (\$12.7k) UNFAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**FCI FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$6.8k.**

**Agility:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$18.4k**

**Income \$4.3k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses \$14.1k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**YDT:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$3.8k.**

**YDS:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$6.1k.**

**Dog Training (all regions):-**

**Dog Training Northern Region:- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$1.6k.**

**Income \$4.2k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses (\$2.6k) UNFAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**Dog Training Central Region:- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$2k**

**Income (\$0.2k) UNFAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses \$2.3k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

**Dog Training Southern Region:- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$3.1k.**

**Income \$2.8k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

Overall activity levels greater than budgeted

**Expenses \$0.3k FAVOURABLE** compared to budget YTD.

## **Non Operational Adjustment**

The September Financial Statements include the mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments as at 30 September 2022. The adjustment includes both UNREALISED gains and losses. These adjustments are shown in aggregate after the year to date Operating Surplus and after depreciation.

Unrealised Gains or losses are non-operational hence the reason this figure appears after The Operational Surplus/ (Loss) and Depreciation. It allows meaningful analysis of how the organisation is performing operationally.

It is important to understand unrealised gains or losses only become actual if the investments are liquidated.

Much the same as unrealised gains or losses on people's homes only become actual if one sells.

The net movement of the unrealised gains and losses arising from mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments resulted in an unrealised loss of \$212.1k.

The investment markets have displayed high volatility this year and this market volatility is likely to remain for the near future.

The fund is currently at a Defensive / Conservative setting which means that it predominantly consists of "income" assets such as fixed interest with a small component of "growth" assets such as shares, intended to maintain a low overall volatility in value.

85.5% of the Forsyth Barr investment fund is in cash and fixed interest with only 14.5% in property & equities.

## **Balance Sheet & Cash Flow**

Cash balances INCREASED \$165.6k since 31 March 2022. This was after the unrealised adjustment resulting from the market to market valuation at 30 September 2022.

- Debtors \$45.2k less than at the end of last financial year. There is \$4.2K in the 3 month overdue category and \$0.2k in the Four month and older balances.
- Prepayments \$78.6k (expenses paid in advance)- \$57.4k greater than end of last financial year. This is comprised of Sybiz (financial computer system) licence fees for 22/23 years \$2.3k, Annual Insurance Premiums \$29.8k, a 2talk deposit of \$0.3k, NZDAC deposits and judges expenses of \$8.9k, NDS Oct 22 Grandstand part payment, Marquee and Judges Travel \$32.7k and NDTA Oct 22 deposit \$4k.
- Non-Current Assets reduced by \$28.9k from the balance at 31 March 2022. This is the net movement resulting from the current year depreciation charges in the Fixed Asset register and a computer purchases of \$2.3k.
- Accrued Staff Benefits \$62.6k represents the annual leave owing to staff. This has increased \$20.5k since 31 March 2022.
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$267.5k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$227.5k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$40k



The main items comprising the Receipts in Advance total are:-  
 Purina Sponsorship \$40k to be released into accounts this financial year.  
 Dog Training Regions NDOA monies \$36.8k - \$9.9k Nthn, \$17.3k Centrl, \$9.6k Sthn to be held until their next respective NDOA event.  
 Bequest received by AEC \$50k – planned to be used for unbudgeted expenditure.  
 NZDAC Oct 2022 Revenues \$57.2k.  
 NDS Oct 2022 Revenues \$78.1k

Executive Council discussed the Treasures report and noted the increase in accrued staff benefits. ST outlined the leave planning and one week leave payment discussions with staff to bring this balance sheet liability down. E.C. requested a P&L for each of the three National Events to be presented at the February meeting. ST briefed E.C. on the latest financials for 31 October which have just gone for review by RAF Committee. The importance of our venues spending their allocated Capex budget in this financial year was stressed.

Executive Council discussed the importance of communication to members on the six month Investment Report result. The use of pie charts to explain the split of funds in conservative cash / fixed interest and those in shares was recommended.

Moved: CM; Seconded: JB –; Report Received

## **RISK AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report provided by Chair John Green.

### **Meetings:**

The RAF Committee received the August accounts back in September but waited to receive the September accounts before convening 27 October.

The meeting addressed:

- Financial Accounts to September
- Investment Portfolio performance summary prepared by Forsyth Barr
- Information received to date on the Proposal to Purchase National Office

### **1. Financial Performance**

The Treasures commentary again provides a good explanation of the financial performance and financial position of the organisation for the first six months with insightful comments to support any variances.

We have no questions or concerns at this stage but will work with the Treasurer to gain an understanding of the forecast to year end process.

## **2. Notifiable and/or Material Transactions**

The Committee did not identify any notifiable or material transactions to review.

## **3. Investment Portfolio**

The Committee discussed the Investment Portfolio report and were of the view that the performance of the portfolio was in line with or better than might have been expected in the current financial environment.

It was noted that the heavy cash component provided a good buffer against short term investment losses should there be a need to access cash in the short to medium term should the proposed purchase of National Office go ahead.

It was also noted that the investment of \$7.0m was made up of two components – the proceeds from Prosser Street (\$5.99m) and existing funds. Something that needs to be kept in mind when considering capital expenditure.

Some care will need to be taken with communication to ensure that the Investment Portfolio results are clearly understood and explained that they do not impact on either the Lower NI Exhibition Centre project or the membership in general at this time.

## **4. Proposal to purchase National Office**

The Committee are in the process of reviewing the various Due Diligence (DD) information provided by the Secretary and had a brief discussion on the role of RAF in the considerations. It was agreed that we would focus on process, risk, and put forward those items that we believe EC needs to take into consideration.

We have identified a list of questions and areas to seek more information on and this is being discussed with the Secretary prior to being able to provide a report which is due to be completed early w/c 7 November.

## **5. Future Work**

The RAF Committee has the following future work to address and will look to schedule this once their review of National Office proposal is completed.

- i. Review of Risk Register when this comes to hand
- ii. Developing Dashboard reporting for visualising key numbers & ratios to track trends and effectiveness of strategy
- iii. Review of DNZ Financial Policies within the current fiscal year.

Report Received: CM ; Seconded JB:

## **DNZ REPORT TOTTENHAM HOUSE PURCHASE**

Report from:

Steve Tate, Chair CAPEX Committee & Steven Thompson, Director Secretary

Additional Report John Green, Chair of Risk Audit & Finance

Executive Council, together with RAF Chair John Green (via Zoom) meet “in committee” to discuss both reports regarding the proposal to purchase our National Office Building.

### **Motion:**

Executive Council authorize the continuation of the process of investigation into the purchase of Tottenham House (Unit 6 titles) to include the following:

- The attainment of a favorable building report
- Completion of a cash-flow forecast for the next 12 months
- Legal opinion on the best set up to ensure that the ownership of the building titles do not impact our tax free status;
  1. If the building ownership is held by DNZ
  2. If the building ownership is held by a newly formed entity
- That a communications strategy is developed to keep our members advised

Proposed: CR, Seconded MH - carried

CM and STT to draft members communications including FAQ . It should be noted that the above permission does not authorize an offer to purchase to be made without final approval from E.C.

## **LOWER NORTH ISLAND CLUB SURVEY RESULTS**

The Director Secretary updated Executive Council on the club survey which has been extended to make sure all clubs contacted participate in the survey. A full survey report with attached feedback letters from clubs will be presented to E.C. once the survey is closed.

<b>3. IMPORTANT ITEMS</b>
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**INSURANCE PARTNERS PROPOSAL & SUMMARY REPORT**

Three insurance partnership proposals were discussed by Executive Council.

**Motion:**

Approve the appointment of Insurance Partner for a term of 5 years.

Moved: CM ; Seconded: LD; - Carried

**PROPOSED MOU WITH SPCA**

Report by Steven Thompson, Director Secretary

**1. Recent Meetings with SPCA Inspectorate Team**

On October 6<sup>th</sup> Rhea Hurly and I meet with the Auckland Inspectorate Team and on October 26<sup>th</sup> I meet with the new National Inspectorate Manager. Both meetings were extremely positive and they are impressed that we made the investment in employing a full time qualified vet as our Canine Health & Welfare Officer.

They have signed a number of recent MOU's with key animal welfare partners and see a MOU with Dogs NZ as offering benefits for both parties. There is increasing society and media attention on companion animal breeding practices and we need to be on the front foot to deal with any animal welfare issues involving our members.

Having a formal working relationship with the SPCA Inspectorate team is one of the most effective way of dealing with societal concern and keeping our members from court prosecution. It complements the work we have started with Breeders Code of Conduct and will be well received by a number of our other strategic partners.

**2. Outline of Proposed MOU**

We discussed the guiding principles of a MOU which are collaborative and incremental:

- Dogs NZ want to be involved at the early stage of any inspectorate action regarding our breeder members.
- Dogs NZ are prepared to volunteer our CH&W Officer to accompany any Inspectorate team that has a court order to remove animals from the property of Dogs NZ members.
- Dogs NZ are prepared to use its club network to help with rehoming any pedigree dogs that are subject to court removal orders.
- Dogs NZ are willing to work with the SPCA to develop a guideline on what a "good breeding" operation / setup looks like.
- SPCA would like in the future to have our involvement with improving standards of cross-breed breeders. This could be a source of future membership and registry growth.

### 3. Next Steps

I have provided Alan Wilson with a draft MOU template based on our Massey University MOU. We would like to bring a full draft MOU for Executive Council feedback and/or approval to sign at the February 2023 meeting. Subjecting to signing approval the MOU would start in March 2023 with annual reviews.

Executive Council discussed the MOU report and emphasized the importance of member support to make the MOU work and communication to members on the benefit of a MOU with the SPCA Inspectorate Team.

### ACOD 2023 TRAVEL EQUALISATION & CLUB LEVY

Report by Steven Thompson, Director Secretary

#### ACOD 24 June 2023 Travel Equalization & Club Levy

##### 1. Recommended Travel Equalization & Club Levy for 2023 ACOD

Attached is a financial summary of the true costs for hosting ACOD in 2022. Costs for hosting Executive Council / Agility / Dog Training meetings which were recharged to the appropriate Dogs NZ account (\$8,360) are not included in the \$31,957 (ex gst) summary.

For 2022 we applied the following levies:

- Travel Equalization Levy           \$310 (incl gst)
- Attendance Levy                     \$120 (incl gst)

To better recover costs and hedge against expected inflation in accommodation and travel costs we are recommending the following levies for 2023:

- **Travel Equalization Levy           \$460 (incl gst)**
- **Attendance Levy                     \$123 (incl gst)**

Even with the 48% increase in the travel equalization levy we still expect that Dogs NZ will be subsidising ACOD costs to an est \$3k-5k.

##### 2. Key Time lines

To ensure that we are able to confirm the best rates for flight and accommodation bookings we are recommending that we bring forward the dates we traditionally allow Clubs to make a decision about nominating attendees to ACOD.

*Key Dates: 2022 -2023*

- 1 Dec: Notice of Travel Equalization / Attendance levy to clubs and published in Dog-iE news / Dec – Jan NZ Dog World.
- 5-9 Dec: Delegate notice to Clubs & published in Dog-iE news & Feb NZ Dog World.

- 8 Dec: Opening of online ACOD Booking Portal.
- 10 February: Deadline for Clubs to nominate delegates.
- 24 Feb: Completion of all required hotel & travel bookings.
- 3-7 April: Mail out of Travel Equalization / ACOD Levy Invoice to clubs.
- 28 May: Final deadline for Club/Delegate payments of Travel Equalization / Attendance Levy.

**Motion:**

Executive Council approved the following 2023 ACOD fees:

- Travel Equalisation Levy \$460 (incl GST).
- Attendance Levy \$123 (incl GST).

Moved: STT; Seconded: MH; - Carried

**NDS 2022 POST EVENT REPORT – INFORMATION ONLY**

Report by Paul Robinson, NDS 2022 Event Director

Event Summary

With NDS 2022 behind us it gives me enormous pleasure to provide a post event report which is based upon having delivered an event that my management group and I believe has delivered a highly efficient, exhibitor focussed, enjoyable environment that has delivered a financially sound NDS. During and after the event we have been delighted with the level of positive feedback and comments we received from our exhibitors, our judges, our sponsors, show officials and the Dog world in general. I have personally received messages of thanks and congratulations from a vast array of people from within New Zealand and a number from overseas viewers. Numerous exhibitors have also taken the opportunity to personally convey thanks to me and my management team and this combined with the huge volume of positive social media comments confirm that hosting this event at our Ardmore facility is not only possible but warmly reviewed and widely enjoyed. There is no doubt that we have proved that our Auckland venue can deliver an NDS and that when managed efficiently it meets our members expectations.

Budgeting and Finances

Throughout the event planning we have maintained a considerable focus on managing the event within tight financial boundaries. Whilst the final profitability is not yet confirmed the event will deliver to DNZ a considerable profit. Our preliminary figures indicate a surplus of in the range of 12K - 15K. At the time of writing this report the draft P&L provided by the Treasurer (26th Oct) forecasts a higher profit although communications are continuing to finalise the profitability. During the event we were able to enhance the event we delivered, based upon the exceptional entries, through increasing show prize money, providing enhanced facilities such as covered walkways and alleyway flooring and food vouchers as random giveaway food vouchers. We also allocated revenue to enhancing both the venue facilities and the official's hosting area. Given the recent EC condoned announcement that Auckland would host NDS 2023 the event profitability provides the opportunity to utilise this surplus to permanently enhance areas of the Ardmore venue as a means of future proofing the management of this event at Ardmore. I would be pleased to provide a separate report with detailed recommendations that could be provided to remove costs from future Nationals at Ardmore.

### Post Event Review

The NDS 2022 management team are scheduled to meet to discuss and develop an Ardmore event management overview document. Whilst the blueprint we developed delivered an excellent series of events there are modifications that could be implemented to enhance the event that was delivered and enable future events to be refined. A comprehensive report will be developed and provided to DNZ, by this team, to enable the event management team for 2023 the ability to understand the process that was used to deliver the 2022 NDS. This report will include detailed planning information and layout plans including supplier details.

### Major Event Take Out's

1. Ardmore has the capacity, only just, to manage the volume of vehicles needed to house both exhibitor vehicles and officials and sponsors needing parking. With the wet weather during and in the lead up to the event the grass areas are not available to be used. If public attendance is sought the event timetable would need to be extended.
2. A detailed parking management plan and dedicated daily management are an essential element of enabling Ardmore to be operationally functional. The options for members to pre-book parking, including mobility parks or elect to use the free carparking provided the right balance to fully utilise the available parking. Hosting all outdoor specialty shows on the free carparking side of the property enabled the parking load to be spread across both carparks.
3. Live Streaming is an essential element of giving our sponsors and exhibitor's the viewership of the event that is necessary in today's environment. We had initial technical issues related to Wi-Fi overloading and future streaming will require a dedicated server or equivalent. Total views to date have been 7671, as at 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022, which confirms the viewership demand.
4. A close working relationship is necessary between the event management and the relevant DNZ staff. Whilst the relationships worked very well the workload for both parties can be eliminated through closer and clearer communications. We experienced issues with accommodation bookings and parking payments and booking information which could have been avoided through better information being exchanged and the use of existing automation. The co-operation and support we received from DNZ staff were outstanding at all stages.

Awesome Auckland NDS 2022 was an outstanding success. I am personally indebted to the level of commitment and support that my management team gave to the event and for their dedication, skill, knowledge, and willingness to commit and to contribute. I am indebted to every member of this team without whom it would not have been possible to deliver this event in the way it was provided.

I wish every success to the next management team, and I am personally willing and able to share my management knowledge and event experiences with whomever EC appoint to manage NDS 2023.

Executive Council discussed the report and the issues of photography, car parking, public attendance and judges work load.

### **MOVED:**

That Executive Council write to Paul Robinson and the 2022 NDS Committee and thank them for their hard work that resulted in a great show that was enjoyed by exhibitors and our sponsor partners.

Moved: FH; Seconded: BH; - Carried

### **NDS 2023 (VERBAL DISCUSSION)**

Updated report from the President on the Auckland meeting with Ardmore Committee, participation in the NDS 2022 Committee de-brief meeting and proposed judges panel.

Executive discussed and agreed that:

- NDS 2023 will be held at Ardmore Exhibition Centre between 4 – 7 October.
- Stephen Meredith (SM) will be the Chair of the organising committee.
- Steve Tate (STT) will be Show Manager.
- Jill Brooker (JB) will be Show Secretary.
- Full involvement of Executive Council at NDS with extensive support from National Office.
- SM to contact all current NDS 2022 Committee members to engage interest to serve on 2023 NDS Committee. Objective is to have a full committee selected within the next month.
- GC to discuss with Dog Training re: appointing a Auckland based representative to work with the 2023 NDS Committee to ensure that there is a Dog Training / Obedience presence at NDS 2023.

Executive Council discussed the judging line-up for NDS 2023:

- The NDS Judging Sub-Committee has recommended 3 international judges which should be sent contracts and if signed, travel arrangements confirmed.
- The Judging Sub-committee is still to confirm a fourth judge.

### **MOVED:**

That Louise Harris be confirmed as the Stakes Judge for NDS 2023.

Moved: SM; Seconded: STT; - Carried

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussion requested by Fiona Hodgson on how best to manage external and internal Executive Council communications so that there is full disclosure and clear communication between all of Council and more regular communication of important issues to the membership.

### **SHOW MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DISCUSSION PAPER**

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary

Executive Council discussed the report and the proposal from an Australian Show Management provider and a motion was passed to instruct the Director Secretary to undertake more investigation of the options available to Dogs NZ.

Moved: STT; Seconded: JB; - Carried



4. REGULATIONS
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## Obedience Regulation Changes for 1 January 2023

### Regulation changes from the successful items in the April 2022 Voting Round

#### **Rally-O Item 1 Amend regulation 25.10.25 regarding figure 8 pole height**

Proposed by Rally-O Subcommittee

##### **Amend regulation 25.10.25 to align with 26.10 as follows:**

25.10.25 Figure 8 Poles. (sign #154) While heeling, the handler stops at the judge's mark at the centre of the poles and sends the dog around the back of the right pole and then around the back of the left pole. Dog then resumes heel position as the team heel forward between the poles to the next station. The poles will be ~~approximately 900mm~~ **at least 750mm** high and will be spaced a minimum of two metres apart. The handler must stay in the centre of the poles and one metre out at a point marked by the judge. The handler may move their feet in this exercise but not in front of the judge's mark. The dog must not sit at any stage of the exercise.

#### **Rally-O Item 2 Amend Encore Regulation 28.9.2 to exclude stations with Downs**

Proposed by the Rally-O sub-committee.

##### **Amend Regulation 28.9.2:**

28.9.2 In Rally-O Encore, except for spirals, jumps and pole stations, all stations not requiring the dog to sit **or lie down** may be used up to four times each.

#### **Rally-O Item 3 Change to eligibility for Novice to limit to 30 Novice Qualifying Rounds after the Novice title is achieved**

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee.

##### **Amend regulation 25.3 as follows:**

#### **25.3 RALLY-O NOVICE B**

##### Eligibility

**25.3.1** For dogs that have not achieved a qualifying score in a Rally-O Advanced class in any official Rally-O event, prior to midnight of the closing entry date.

**25.3.2** For dogs that are not entered in Rally-O Novice A in the same Rally-O event

**25.3.3** ~~For dogs that have achieved no more than 30 Novice qualifying certificates after achieving their Novice title.~~

#### **Working Trials Item 1 Change to UD Leash Track regulations regarding track length**

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

##### **Amend Regulation 22.2.4.6**

#### **22.2.4.6 Leash Track**

30 minutes old. Length of tracks ~~should be between 600–800 metres~~ must be a minimum of 450 metres and a maximum of 600 metres.

(No change to the remainder of the regulation.)

### **Working Trials Item 2 Change to TD Free Track regulations regarding track length**

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

#### **Amend Regulation 22.2.4.6**

##### **22.4.4.1 Free track**

Thirty minutes old, ~~500m~~ 450 metres (minimum length).

(No change to the remainder of the regulation.)

### **Working Trials Item 3 Delete definition of Working Area**

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

#### **Delete Regulation 22.1.10.2 Definition of Working Area:**

##### ~~22.1.10.2 Definition of Working Area~~

~~The working area must be defined by the judge prior to the commencement of the Down Stay exercise.~~

#### **Amend regulations 22.2.4.4 (UD Down Stay):**

##### **22.2.4.4 Down Stay**

Down 10 minutes, handler out of sight. As in Test B except for length of stay. Dog must remain in down position for the first 5 minutes to qualify. ~~and dog must remain in the working area to qualify.~~ Dogs which remain down for at least the first 5 minutes and do not move more than one body length in any direction, but do not complete the full 10 minutes of the stay, will be awarded half points. In extreme weather conditions judge may reduce the time, ~~but to be~~ no less than 5 minutes. ~~but if the time is reduced to 5 minutes then the dog must remain down the entire time.~~

### **Working Trials Item 4 Rules for conduct of NDOA inter-region Working Trials competition**

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

#### **Amend Regulation 10.3.1**

##### **10.3.1 Composition of Team**

The teams shall consist of three handlers and dogs, with allowance for one handler to have two dogs in a team in different trials if there is not another handler and dog combination available to the region. ~~one selected to compete in UD, one in WD and one in TD,~~ The team shall consist of one entry in each of the UD, WD and TD trials unless exemption has been granted as below.

If an exemption is given to allow less than the 3 trials to be run then the team will consist of 2 dogs, one in each of the two trials if two are run, or 2 dogs in the one trial if only one trial is run.

[Note: The purple text was added at the suggestion of the Executive Council]

### **Rally-O Item 1 Remove the penalty for the dislodging the jump bar**

Proposed by Dog Training Committee (preferred option from April 2022 voting round)

Amend regulation 27.2.3.3 to remove the three-point penalty for dislodging the jump bar:

#### **27.2.3.3 3-Point Deductions**

3-points will be deducted for each of the following:

- Repeat of a station (only one (1) retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels)
- Cone/post knocked over on Figure Eight, Spiral, and Serpentine
- Lack of control
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- ~~Dislodging the jump bar.~~
- Handler passing closer than 1 metre markers parallel to the jump
- Handler passing closer than 1 metre markers to the pole
- Pole knocked over on any Pole stations

### **Rally-O Item 2 Option for judge to omit the jump in Advanced and Excellent**

Proposed by the Rally-O sub-committee.

Amend regulation 25.6 (Advanced) and regulation 25.11.1. (Excellent) as follows.

#### **25.6 Rally-O Advanced Courses**

Rally-O Advanced A and B courses must have between twelve to seventeen stations (not including “Start” and “Finish”) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall also contain a minimum of three Advanced level stations, of which no more than two can be pole exercises ~~plus one jump.~~ **Courses shall contain either one jump or a pole exercise.**

#### **25.11.1 General**

Rally-O Excellent A and B courses must have between fifteen to twenty stations (not including “Start” and “Finish”) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall also contain a minimum of three Advanced level stations, of which no more than two can be “pole” exercises, a minimum of three Excellent level stations, plus **either two jumps, ~~or~~ one jump and one “pole” exercise, or two pole exercises.**

### **Rally-O Item 3 Add a mandatory penalty for leaving or entering the ring without a lead**

Proposed by the Rally-O sub-committee.

Add penalty to regulation 27.2.3.4:

#### **27.2.3.4 5-Point Deductions**

5 Points will be deducted:

- if the dog competing in Rally-O Encore takes multiple steps forward when left in a stand position at the “Lead” or “Wait” sign.
- if the dog is brought into the ring or leaves the ring without being on the lead being held by the handler

### **Rally-O Item 5 Rally-O Encore Champion Title**

Proposed by the Christchurch Dog Training Committee.

Add new regulation 9.4.14 as follows:

#### **9.4.14 Rally-O Encore Champion Title**

After a Dog has gained Encore Platinum 2 and upon gaining a further five (5) Encore qualifications with a score of 100 in each, it shall be awarded the Title of Rally-O Encore Champion.

Once the Rally-O Encore Championship certificate is issued by the New Zealand Kennel Club, the prefix RO En Ch may be placed before the dog’s name.

### **Rally-O Item 6 Rally-O Encore Grand Champion Title**

Proposed by the Christchurch Dog Training Committee.

Add new regulation 9.4.14 as follows:

#### **9.4.15 Rally-O Encore Grand Champion Title**

After a Dog has gained Encore Platinum 5 and upon gaining a further five (5) Encore qualifications with a score of 100 in each, it shall be awarded the Title of Rally-O Encore Grand Champion.

Once the Rally-O Encore Grand Championship certificate is issued by the New Zealand Kennel Club, the prefix RO En Gr Ch may be placed before the dog’s name.

### **Rally-O Item 7 Allow clubs to run more Encore classes if they wish**

Proposed by the Christchurch Dog Training Committee.

Amend regulations 24.7.3 and 24.8.1 as follows:

**24.7.3** Registered Obedience Societies, Clubs and Organizations may host one Rally-O Encore Class per **day event** in conjunction with any official Dogs New Zealand Championship or Ribbon Trial Rally-O Event.

### **Rally-O Item 8 Changes to procedure for promotion from Excellent to Encore panel**

Proposed by the Christchurch Dog Training Committee.

Amend regulation 8.14.5 as follows:

#### **8.14.5 Procedure for Rally-O Judges to progress from the Excellent Panel to the Encore Panel**

##### **Criteria**

The Applicant must:

~~8.14.5.1 Have been on the Rally-O Excellent Panel for no less than two years.~~

8.14.5.2 Have judged Championship Rally-O Excellent on a minimum of ~~ten~~ four separate occasions.

8.14.5.3 Have successfully completed ~~2~~ four probationary appointments within a twelve-month period under two different Dogs New Zealand Rally-O Excellent Panel Judges.

8.14.5.4 Submit at least one original Rally-O Encore course.

8.14.5.5 Complete open book exam pertaining to Encore Class with 90% correct.

### **Rally-O Item 11 Change to eligibility for Novice B (requiring three Advanced qualifications before moving out of Novice B)**

Proposed by the Christchurch Dog Training Committee.

Amend regulation 25.3 as follows:

#### **25.3 RALLY-O NOVICE B**

Eligibility

25.3.1 For dogs that have not achieved an RA award ~~a qualifying score in a Rally-O Advanced class in any official Rally-O event, prior to midnight of the closing entry date.~~

25.3.2 For dogs that are not entered in Rally-O Novice A in the same Rally-O event.

### **Regulation changes from the Notification items in the February 2022 Discussion Round**

#### **General Notification Item 1: Consequential changes to regulations as a result of the name changes to Dog Training Committee and Dog Training Regulations**

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

In addition to the changes from Dog Obedience Committee to Dog Training Committee and from Dog Obedience Regulations to Dog Training Regulations (as voted on in the April 2021 voting round) it is proposed that the following changes also be made:

1. **Change from Dog Obedience Society/Societies or Obedience Society/Societies to Dog Training Society/Societies** (Regulations 2, 2.1, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.2, **2.2.1, 2.2.2**, 2.3, **2.4.1, 2.4.1.1, 2.4.1.2, 2.4.2, 2.4.2.1, 2.4.2.2, 2.4.2.3, 4.13.2**, 5.2.1, 6.2.3, 9.4.1, 10.5.1.2, **11.2**, 11.4.3.1, 11.4.3.12, 11.4.4.1, 18.1.4, 24.4, 24.4.1, **24.7, 24.7.1, 24.7.3**, 24.16 plus any references in the Contents and Index). Note this change has no impact on the names of individual clubs.
2. **Change from Dog Obedience Region or Obedience Region to Dog Training Region** (Regulations 4, 4.3, 4.4.1, **24.7.2** plus any references in the Contents and Index)
3. **Change from National Dog Obedience Assembly and NDOA to National Dog Training Assembly and NDTA** (Regulations 3.4.9, 6.1, 8.13.4.3, Section E, 10, 10.1.1, 10.1.2, 10.1.3, 10.1.4, 10.1.5, 10.1.6, 10.1.7, 10.1.8, **10.2.2, 10.2.3**, 10.2.7, **10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.4.2, 10.4.3**, 10.4.7, **10.5**, 10.5.1.1 plus any references in the Contents and Index)

## Regulation changes from the Notification items in the August 2022 Discussion Round

### Working Trials Notification Item 1: Clarification of process for recommendations for Working Trials judge appointments and promotions

Proposed by the Working Trials Subcommittee

#### Amend regulation 8.6.4.2.1 as follows:

Recommendations made by the Working Trials Subcommittee regarding applications for new appointments to, or promotions within the New Zealand Kennel Club Working Trials Judges Panel shall be considered at the meetings of the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee.

### Rally-O Notification Item 1: Clarification of regulations for judge probationaries for appointments and advancements

Proposed by the Rally-O Subcommittee

#### Amend regulations 8.14.3, 8.14.3.2, 8.14.4.2, 8.14.5.3 and 8.14.5.4 as follows:

**8.14.1.3** have successfully completed 4 ~~separate~~ probationary appointments under a minimum of 2 NZKC Rally-O ~~Advanced or higher panel judges, within a twelve-month period,~~ and will include the submission of ~~at least~~ 1 original Rally-O course for ~~at least one probation~~ each probationary. A minimum of six dogs must be judged at each probationary appointment.

**8.14.3.2** have successfully completed 4 ~~separate~~ probationary appointments under a minimum of 2 NZKC Rally-O ~~Excellent or higher panel judges permitted to judge the same level or higher within a twelve-month period,~~ and will include the submission of ~~at least~~ 1 original Rally-O course for ~~at least one probation~~ each probationary. A minimum of six dogs must be judged at each probationary appointment.

**8.14.4.2** have successfully completed 4 ~~separate~~ probationary appointments under a minimum of 2 NZKC Rally-O ~~Excellent panel judges permitted to judge the same level or higher within a twelve-month period,~~ and will include the submission of ~~at least~~ 1 original Rally-O course ~~for at least 1 probation~~ each probationary. A minimum of six dogs must be judged at each probationary appointment.

**8.14.5.3** Have successfully completed 2 probationary appointments within a twelve-month period under two different NZKC Rally-O Excellent Panel Judges. A minimum of six dogs must be judged at each probationary appointment

**8.14.5.4** Submit ~~at least one~~ an original Rally-O Encore course ~~for each probationary.~~

### Rally-O Notification Item 2: Change of responsibility for Rally-O judge applications, recommendations and setting of examinations

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulations 3.7.2, 8.6.4 and 8.9

#### 3.7.2 Responsibilities

The Rally-O subcommittee shall be responsible for the administration of Rally-O nationwide on behalf of the Dog Training Committee. Responsibilities include the following:

- ~~–Setting of Rally-O judges’ examinations~~
- ~~–Consideration of applications for judging appointments~~
- ~~–Recommendations of judges to the Dog Training Committee~~
- Consideration of submissions on any Rally-O matter
- Review of any recommendations for amendments to the Rally-O regulations
- Guidance to clubs on the running of Rally-O events
- Provision of regular reports to the Dog Training Committee highlighting any matters of concern

#### 8.6.4 New Applications and Promotions

##### ~~8.6.4.1 Rally-O Judges Considered By Rally-O Subcommittee~~

~~The Rally-O subcommittee shall consider applications for new appointments at their following meeting subsequent to the receipt of an application.~~

##### ~~8.6.4.2 Considered By Dog Training Committee~~

###### ~~8.6.4.2.1 Working Trials~~

~~Recommendations made by the Working Trials Subcommittee regarding a~~Applications for new appointments to or promotion within the New Zealand Kennel Club Working Trial Judges Panel shall be considered at the meetings of the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee.

###### ~~8.6.4.2.2 Obedience and Companion Dog Trials~~

Applications for new appointments to or promotion within the New Zealand Kennel Club Obedience and Companion Dog Trials Judges Panel shall be considered at the meetings of the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee.

###### ~~8.6.4.2.3 Rally-O Judges~~

Applications for new appointments to or promotion within the New Zealand Kennel Club Rally-O Judges Panel shall be considered at the meetings of the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee.

~~Recommendations made by the Rally-O subcommittee regarding applications for new appointments to, or promotions within the New Zealand Kennel Club Rally-O Judges Panel shall be considered at the meetings of the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee.~~

#### 8.6.4.3 Form of Application

~~8.6.4.3.1~~ Application for Obedience, Companion Dog Trial, Rally-O or Working Trial panel is made by completing the New Zealand Kennel Club application form and lodging it with the New Zealand Kennel Club before the closing date for applications accompanied by any fee payable. All applications must clearly state all qualifying criteria.

~~8.6.4.3.2~~ Application for Rally-O Panel is made by completing the New Zealand Kennel Club application form and lodging it with the Rally-O subcommittee. All applications must clearly state all qualifying criteria.

#### 8.6.4.4 Recommendations to Executive Council

Upon considering the applications, the results of the examinations and the recommendation of the Obedience Judges Association (with regard to Obedience and Rally-O Judges) ~~and the Rally-O Subcommittee with regard to Rally-O judges~~, the Dog Training Committee will recommend to the Executive Council all amendments to the Obedience, Companion Dog Trial, Rally-O and Working Trial Panels for the ensuing year. The Executive Council of the New Zealand Kennel Club will appoint the Obedience, Companion Dog Trial, Working Trial and Rally-O Judges Panels for the ensuing year.

#### 8.9 Judges Examinations (Rally-O)

### 8.9.1 Coordinator

The ~~Rally-O Subcommittee shall act as Secretary of the Obedience Judges Association~~ is the coordinator of the New Zealand Kennel Club Rally-O Judges Examinations.

#### MOTION:

Ratification of the above Obedience Regulations changes effective 1 January 2023.

Moved: Chair; - Carried

Executive Council discussed the proposed changes to the composition of the Dog Training Committee and did not approve the changes as they stood with the inclusion of a CGC representative, as it was not clear that the inclusion of an elected representative who sat outside the existing CGC committee would necessarily result in improved communication between the committees.

GC outlined that if the CGC position was to be omitted, he would like to withdraw the changes in their entirety at this time and take them back to the Dog Training Committee for reconsideration.

Options on how the Dog Training Committee could be structured (using Agility Committee as an example) was discussed and could be included in any proposed changes brought to the February E.C. meeting. GC emphasized the importance of better communication between the CGC / Dog Training Committees and BH was happy for CGC Meeting Minutes to be distributed to Dog Training Committee.

## PROPOSED SCENT WORK REGULATION CHANGES

### 4.1 Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations Apply

Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations apply to the conduct of Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trials. In the event of a conflict between the Scent Work Regulations and Dog Obedience or Show Regulations, Scent Work Regulations shall take precedence.

*If a matter is not mentioned in the Scent Work Regulations, Show Regulations apply.*

#### *Rationale*

*Enables a coverage of regulation matters not otherwise addressed in the Dogs NZ Scent Works Regulations in a manner consistent with other Dogs NZ Codes.*

**11.2.1.8 Containers.** For Novice Container Searches, twelve five-litre plastic or metal containers are to be used. These are to be weighted with an approximate weight of 1kg (with sandbags for example) to prevent dogs from nudging them over. ~~For Advanced, Excellent and Master Container Searches, a variety of odour permeable container types and sizes may be used.~~ Surplus containers for replacement must also be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated.

#### *Rationale*



*Deletion of surplus wording which is already stated in the appropriate regulations for each Class level.*

**11.2.1.9 Identical.** For Novice Container Searches, all the containers must be identical in shape and size, with a minimum height of ~~between~~ 20cm. Each container must have a covered/fitted lid with 8 – 10 holes of 5mm diameter to allow the dog to smell the scent but not access it.

*Rationale*

*Grammatical correction.*

**11.3.1.8 Containers.** Sixteen containers of various types and sizes **and weighted, but of no less than 2 litre capacity.** Identical surplus containers for replacement must also be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated. Whenever cardboard boxes are used, the bottoms of the boxes must have no opening or be taped shut.

*Rationale*

*Provision of specifications discussed and agreed upon at the annual Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges conference (attended by 75% of all Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges).*

**11.3.2.5 Container placement.** Containers are placed in either two parallel lines of eight, each row being 1.5 – 2 metres apart; ~~in~~ in a 2.5m diameter circle, **square; “C”; “L”; “n” “U” or “V”** shape formation that has at least 50cm spacing between ~~them~~ **each container.**

*Rationale*

*Provision of patterns and specifications discussed and agreed upon at the annual Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges conference (attended by 75% of all Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges).*

**11.4.1.8 Containers.** For Excellent Container Searches, twenty-one containers of various types and sizes **and weighted., but of no less than 1 litre capacity.** Identical surplus containers for replacement must also be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated. Whenever cardboard boxes are used, the bottoms of the boxes must have no opening or be taped shut.

*Rationale*

*Provision of specifications discussed and agreed upon at the annual Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges conference (attended by 75% of all Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges).*

**11.4.2.5 Container placement.** Containers are placed in either three parallel lines of seven, **each row being 1.5 – 2metres apart;** in a 3.4m diameter circle, **square; “C”; “L”; “n”; ~~or~~ “U” or “V”** shape formation that has at least 50cm spacing between ~~them~~ **each container.**

*Rationale*

*Provision of patterns and specifications discussed and agreed upon at the annual Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges conference (attended by 75% of all Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges).*

### **11.11.1. Hide Steward**

The Hide Steward, under the direction of the Judge, shall undertake the physical placement of the hides and any adjustment to the hides. The Hide Steward should wear latex or nitrile gloves when setting the hides. To minimize contamination, the Hide Steward is the only person who may handle the scent vessel or container, and the Hide Steward shall not handle any other objects in the search area. The Hide Steward should not be in the area when the team is searching.

**In the event of a Hide Steward not having been appointed by the hosting Society, the presiding Scent Work Judge may act as their own Hide Steward.**

#### *Rationale*

*It has become increasingly common practice for reasons of practicability, that presiding Scent Work Judges act as their own Hide Steward. This amendment simply allows this to be a regulated capability.*

#### **MOTION:**

Approval of Scent Work Regulation changes from 1 January 2023.

Moved: JB; Seconded: SM; - Carried

### **AGILITY REGULATION CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2023**

*Rationale: Somewhere along the line the definitions for shall, should and must have been removed from the regulations, so we want to add those back in along with a few other definitions for clarity.*

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**“Show”, “Event”, “Trial” and “Fixture”** includes Agility Championship Show, Open Show, Agility Ribbon Trial.

**“Competitor” and “Handler”** for the purpose of the regulations means the person who takes the dog into the ring or working area for all or part of the run, and for all other purposes should include any person who is physically in control of the dog.

**“Owner”** is the person(s) in whose name the dog is registered with the New Zealand Kennel Club.

**“Class”** is defined as an individual activity within the event, eg: Starters within an Agility event, or Jumpers B within A Jumpers event.

**“Menacing Disposition”** is defined as threatening, intimidating or aggressive behaviour.

**“Aggression”** is defined as hostile or violent behaviour and or a readiness to attack.

**“Attack”** is defined as hostile or violent behaviour to include physical contact and/or biting.

**“Shall”** means there is a statutory requirement

**“Should”** means a strong recommendation

**“Must”** indicates a minimum standard

**“Championship Agility Event”** is defined as having at least one full set of Agility classes. (Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior)

**“Championship Jumpers Event”** is defined as having at least one full set of Jumpers classes. (Jumpers C, Jumpers B and Jumpers A)

**“Agility Ribbon Trial”** is defined as having at least one full set of Agility classes (Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior), as well as one full set of Elementary classes (Elementary C, Elementary B and Elementary A)

**“Jumpers Ribbon Trial”** is defined as having at least one full set of Jumpers classes. (Jumpers C, Jumpers B and Jumpers A)

### 1.1 Agility Fixture Regulations

Agility Regulations cover the structures and procedures governing the conduct of the Agility section committee of the NZKC, and its activities including the conduct of Jumpers, Games and other Novelty classes.

### 1.2 Responsibilities of the Agility Section Committee

**Rationale: AD/ADX classes are no longer allocated by the AC, they can be decided by the club holding the show as to which Novice class will host the AD and which Intermediate will host the ADX.**

**3.3.11** Allocate ~~AD and ADX Class dates, and~~ Agility Ribbon Trial dates, and liaise with other dog training committees on Championship and Open Agility Event dates and set the Agility calendar.

**3.3.12** Delegate authority to a sub-committee for any purpose that is Agility related.

**Rationale: Individual AD/ADX fixtures are no longer allowed, AD/ADX are awarded based on the handlers run in Novice / Intermediate.**

## 5. AGILITY FIXTURES - GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 5.1 Agility Fixture Defined

"Agility Fixture" includes

- New Zealand Dog Agility Championship,
- Championship Agility, Jumpers or Games event,
- Open Agility, Jumpers or Games event,

- Agility, Jumpers or Games Ribbon trial,
- ~~AD Class, ADX Advanced Class,~~
- Agility, Jumpers or Games Interclub or Club Day.

*Rationale: tidy up and removal of references to AD/ADX.*

### 5.1.3 Fixture Approvals

Prior approval of the NZKC Agility Committee is required for all Championship and Open events. The Agility Committee also approves the dates for all ~~AD Classes, ADX Advanced Classes~~ and Ribbon Trials. Any alteration to the number of sets of classes to be run at Championship Events must be approved by the Agility Committee.

### 5.2.2 New Zealand Kennel Club Membership

Competitors at a Championship event, Open event, ~~AD Class, or ADX Advanced Class~~ must be members of the NZKC.

### 5.2.3 Handlers

Handlers of any dog at a Championship event, Open Event, ~~AD Class, or ADX Advanced Class~~ must be members of the NZKC.

### 5.2.6 Registration of Dogs

All dogs entering in a Championship event, Open event, ~~AD Class or ADX Advanced Class~~ must be registered with the NZKC in the name of the competitor on either Part I (the purebred register) or Part II (the Dog Training register) of the NZKC Register of dogs but not both.

### 5.2.8 Official Entry Form

**5.2.8.1** Entries for a Championship or Open event must be on an official NZKC entry form or by online entry if the club is using this format for the taking of entries.

~~**5.2.8.2** Entries for AD or ADX Advanced classes must be on an official NZKC entry form, online, or on the day into a computerised entry system that contains the NZKC registration details of the dog and handler.~~

### ~~6.5.2 AD and ADX Class Levies~~

~~NZKC levies are payable on all AD Class and ADX Advanced Class entries.~~

### 6.5.4.2 NZKC Agility Committee Event Levy

The NZ Agility Committee Event levy is payable to the NZKC Agility Committee on all entries in any class at all Championship Events, Open Events, ~~ADX and ADX Advanced Classes~~ and Ribbon Trials. The rate for these levies will be set annually by the Agility Committee.

### ~~6.2.3 AD Class and ADX Advanced Class Dates~~

~~Dates for, AD Classes and ADX Advanced Classes are set by the Agility Committee and published in the NZ Dog World. AD and ADX Advanced classes which are to be held at Ribbon trials, must also be advertised in a NZKC Publication.~~

## 6.12 Records to be Retained.

For all Championship events, Open events, ~~AD and ADX Advanced Classes~~ the entry forms, scribe sheets and result sheets must be retained for one year from the date of the event.

### 7.1.2 Listing on Panels

Only a judge qualified to judge the class and listed on the appropriate Agility Judges Panel may judge any Championship or Open Event, ~~AD Class, ADX Advanced Class~~ or Ribbon Trial.

~~7.5.2.4 Agility Ribbon Trial Judges are not permitted to judge AD or ADX Advanced Classes.~~

~~7.5.2.5~~ Agility Ribbon Trial Panel Judges can conduct probationary appointments, under the supervision of a Senior Agility Judge who has been on the Senior Judges Panel for no less than 2 years, at any level with the exception of Senior and Jumpers A at a Championship Event

### 7.5.3 Agility Panel

7.5.3.1 Judges listed on the Agility Panel may judge any Championship class excepting Senior, Jumpers A and Grade A games. They may judge any class at an Open event or Ribbon Trial ~~including AD or ADX Advanced Classes.~~

### 8.1.5. Agility Awards

The following awards can be conferred on dogs for Agility:

#### 8.1.5.1. Agility Dog (AD)

To qualify AD dogs must obtain two Clear Rounds on official AD nominated Novice courses;

~~OR: Graduate from Starters/Novice to Novice/Intermediate.~~

#### 8.1.5.2. Agility Dog Excellent (ADX)

To qualify ADX dogs must obtain four clear rounds on official AD nominated Intermediate courses;

~~OR: Graduate from Novice/Intermediate to Intermediate/Senior.~~

### 9.1.5 Format of NZDAC

The agility programme for every NZDAC shall include:

- . An- Inter-Zone competition
- . An interclub agility competition

- . Championship agility event/s (including ONE AD nominated Novice class and ONE ADX nominated Intermediate class)
- . Championship Jumpers event/s
- . Finals for all levels of agility and jumpers events.
- . ~~Such AD and/or ADX Advanced classes as the NZDAC Committee may decide.~~

*Rationale: after surveying the membership there is more than a 70% majority in favour of 5 way splits so we would like to implement that.*

#### 11.1.2.1 Standard Classes Split by Height Groups.

There are ~~four~~five types of competition:

- a) Unsplit competitions where (as a minimum) at least one group of either the 600, 500 or the Small group have failed to reach 15 or more.
- b) Two Way (Variable) Split competition where the largest group of dogs (either smalls (240's 320s' 380s' combined), 500's, or 600's) containing 15 or more dogs will form a group, and the remaining groups combine to form a second group containing 15 dogs or less. In the event where the variable split results in a tie for which height the smalls would combine with, they are to be combined with the 600s, not the 500s. (Refer to table below)
- c) Three Way Split competition where a 600, a 500 and a Small group is formed of 15 or more in each height group and.
- d) Four Way Split competition where a 600, a 500, a 300s and a 240 group of 15 or more are formed in each height group.  
Five Way Split competition where a 600, a 500, a 380, a 320 and a 240 group of 15 or more are formed in each height group.

**Rationale: to ensure that if competitors enter a class on the basis that they are entering the AD/ADX class, it cannot be changed once they have entered to a different class.**

#### 11.4.2 AD NOMINATED NOVICE CLASSES

**11.4.2.1** Clubs are to nominate ONE Novice class per agility championship show which will be deemed the AD class for that show.

**11.4.2.1.1** In the event that a club does not nominate a specific class, the first Novice course of the show will be deemed the AD nominated course.

**11.4.2.1.2** The class must be nominated prior to entries opening for the show and cannot be changed once entries have opened.

*This is a completely new regulation to allow the inclusion of Strategic Pairs as a recognised game.*

## 17.5 Strategic Pairs

Strategic Pairs is a pair's relay where two dog and handler teams are on the course at the same time.

Teams are free to move anywhere on course as they see fit. The teams can switch as many times as is necessary or is strategically planned. They can switch at any time, regardless of faults.

The team not performing the current “active” obstacle is not judged but may cause disqualification to both teams if the judge considers a performance to be unsafe or the team incurs the appropriate penalty.

A whistle or similar device should be used to signal faults or maximum course time.

### 17.5.1 General Description

- 17.5.1.1** The course must be completed in numerical order by either team. The judge watches the current “active” obstacle. Either dog may take inactive obstacles out of sequence and not be penalised.
- 17.5.1.2** If the current “active” obstacle is performed correctly then the judge’s attention switches to the next obstacle, and it becomes the current “active” obstacles.
- 17.5.1.3** If a team faults the current “active” obstacle, the judge will signal the fault either verbally or by using a whistle or similar device. At this signal the teams must exchange, and the new team must attempt the current “active” obstacle.
- 17.5.1.4** Exchange is undertaken by one team taking over the current “active” obstacle from the other.
- 17.5.1.5** If both teams fault the same current “active” obstacle, they must continue alternately attempting the obstacle until it is correctly performed before resuming the course. Only after the obstacle has been successfully performed can the course be resumed, and no penalty will be recorded.
- 17.5.1.6** If one team drops a bar on the current “active” obstacle, the other team must perform that obstacle even though the performance is simply to send the dog through the hurdle uprights. The bar does not need to be reset and no penalty will be recorded.
- 17.5.1.7** Handlers may talk to each other during the run.
- 17.5.1.8** Communications between handlers on the course must be by natural voice using no devices.
- 17.5.1.9** The course must be completed within the Maximum Course Time.
- 17.5.1.10** Obstacle Performance Standards for all obstacles must be observed.

### 17.5.2. Obstacles used in Strategic Pairs.

Obstacle	Approved for grade
Hurdles	All Grades
Spread Jump	Grade B and Grade A only
Long Jump	All Grades

Brush Jump	All Grades
Dog Walk	All Grades
A-Frame	All Grades
See-saw	Grade B and Grade A only
Tyre/Hoop	All Grades
Weave Poles	All Grades

The MAXIMUM number of contact obstacles to be used is: - one (1) for Grade C, two (2) for Grade B and three (3) for Grade A.

- 17.5.2.1 In Grade C, a total of between 15-18 obstacles must be used.
- 17.5.2.2 In Grade B, a total of between 15-20 obstacles must be used.
- 17.5.2.3 In Grade A, a total of between 20-25 obstacles must be used

### 17.5.3 Start and finish.

Electronic timing gates may be used under the same conditions as Agility Events.

- 17.5.3.1 After the handlers have taken the initial positions on the course, and the judge has indicated you may start, timing starts as the active team crosses the Start line and starts the timers.
- 17.5.3.2 Timing will finish when the active team crosses the finish line.
- 17.5.3.3 Timing will also finish if the Maximum Course Time has been exceeded.

### 17.5.4 Negotiation of obstacles.

The order and direction of performance of the obstacles is decided by the judge and the course will be numbered accordingly.

- 17.5.4.1 If judge specifies the direction in which the obstacles must be negotiated, the active dog will be faulted if performed in the wrong direction.
- 17.5.4.2 The course should not be flowing in design. It should be somewhat disjointed with 180° turns and variable distances – some of them very long – between obstacles. However, the course should not be so disjointed that it completely dictates the transitions between the teams. A lot should be left to strategy of the competitors.
- 17.5.4.3 Minimum distances and contact approach regulations must be observed.

### 17.5.5 Scoring



Strategic Pairs is scored by time.

A qualifying score is achieved by the team/teams successfully completing the course within the Standard Course Time.

The team with the fastest time wins. The nature of the game penalises the teams with time spent exchanging.

### **17.5.6 Judging**

There are no off-course penalties with exception of 17.5.4.2 Obstacles must be correctly performed once started.

A whistle or similar device will be sounded to signal a fault, thus forcing the teams to exchange.

A penalty will not be recorded if the active team correctly performs the obstacle. Both teams will be disqualified if:

- a. The judge considers any performance on the course is unsafe
- b. The rules are breached warranting a disqualification
- c. A team completes the course without successfully performing an obstacle
- d. The Maximum Course Time is exceeded
- e. The handlers use any method other than natural voice to communicate with each other during the competition
- f. The handler interferes with any obstacle
- g. Once a contact obstacle has been started, the dog should complete the obstacle or be disqualified for unsafe performance.

### **17.5.7 Qualification**

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| <b>17.5.7.1</b> | Both teams must participate   |
| <b>17.5.7.2</b> | All obstacles must be performed correctly within the SCT                                      |
| <b>17.5.7.3</b> | Fallen bars are not to be reset, but the alternative team's dog must run between the uprights |
| <b>17.5.7.4</b> | No disqualification penalties have been incurred  |
| <b>17.5.7.5</b> | No penalties have been incurred for misbehaviour and/or reprimands                            |
| <b>17.5.7.6</b> | The judge will define an appropriate course length based on the prescribed route to be taken. |

### **17.5.8 Team members**

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| <b>17.5.8.1</b> | Both dogs in the team must be in the same Games Grade. No mixed grade teams are allowed.  |
| <b>17.5.8.2</b> | Both dogs in the team will jump at the same height. To determine this, team members must only be within one height group of each other, and both dogs will jump at the lowest of the two heights. Refer to table below for combinations that are allowed and not allowed. |

Dog 1	Dog 2	Height Jumped
240	320	240
600	380	Not allowed
600	500	500
380	320	320
380	500	380
240	320	240
240	500	Not allowed
240	380	Not allowed

### 17.5.9 Restraining of Dog

- 17.5.9.1** In Grade C once the run has started by the first dog, the 'inactive' dog may be restrained by the collar but may not move. The dog must be released before the team can continue the course.
- 17.5.9.2** In Grade B and Grade A, once the run has started by the first dog, neither dog can be physically restrained in any way. Physical restraint of either dog will result in disqualification.

### 17.5.10 Number of strategic exchanges

- 17.5.10.1** Grade C there must be a minimum of two (2) strategic exchanges – Each team must complete one segment of the course.
- 17.5.10.2** Grade B there must be a minimum of three (3) strategic exchanges – One team must complete one (1) segment of the course and the other team must complete two (2) segments of the course.
- 17.5.10.3** Grade A there must be a minimum of four (4) strategic exchanges – Each team must complete two (2) segments of the course

### 17.5.11 Rate of Travel

Grade C: Rate of travel must be calculated at between 2.5m/s and 3m/s

Grade B: Rate of travel must be calculated at between 2.75m/s and 3.25m/s

Grade A: Rate of travel must be calculated at between 3.5m/s and 4m/s

**17.5.12 Maximum Course Time**

Maximum course time is obtained by multiplying the Standard Course Time by Two (2).

**17.5.13 Defining the Class Winner**

The winner of the class is the team which completes the course correctly with the fastest time, and no penalties and not disqualified.

**MOTION:**

Approval of Agility Regulations from 1 January 2023.

Moved: CR; Seconded: LD; - carried

**ADDITIONAL AGILITY REGULATION CHANGES – LATE PAPERS****14.1.5 Senior****14.1.5.4 Rate of travel for QCT.**

A qualifying course time will be set for the purpose of awarding challenge certificates. A **base** qualifying course time (QCT) will be calculated using rate of travel.

**14.1.5.4.1** Where the class is not split, a base QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.25-3.75 m/s and adding 7.5%.

**14.1.5.4.2** In the event of a 3-way split or 4-way split, two QCT's will be used. The base QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.25-3.75 m/s. The small dog QCT will be calculated by adding 7.5% to the base QCT. All other height groups will use the base QCT.

~~**14.1.5.4.2** Where the class is split, two QCTs will be calculated—a large dog QCT (for 600 and 500 dogs) and a small dog QCT (for 240, 320 and 380 dogs). The large dog QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.25-3.75 m/s. The small dog QCT will be calculated by adding 7.5% to the large dog QCT.~~

**14.1.5.4.3** In the event of a 2-way variable split, two QCT's will be used. The base QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.25-3.75 m/s. The combination including the small dogs will have a QCT that will be calculated by adding 7.5% to the base QCT. The remaining height group will use the base QCT.

**14.1.5.5** Standard course time (SCT). The SCT is determined by adding 20% ~~to the large dog~~ **base QCT**

**15.1.3 Grade A**

## 15.1.3.4 Rate of Travel

A qualifying course time will be set for the purpose of awarding challenge certificates. A **base** qualifying course time (QCT) will be calculated using rate of travel.

**15.1.3.4.1** Where the class is not split, a **base** QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.75-4.25 m/s and adding 5%.

~~**15.1.3.4.2** Where the class is split, two QCTs will be calculated—a large dog QCT (for 600 and 500 dogs) and a small dog QCT (for 240, 320 and 380 dogs). The large dog QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.75-4.25 m/s. The small dog QCT will be calculated by adding 5% to the large dog QCT.~~

**15.1.3.4.2** In the event of a 3-way split or 4-way split, two QCT's will be used. The base QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.75-4.25 m/s. The small dog QCT will be calculated by adding 5% to the base QCT. All other height groups will use the base QCT.

**15.1.3.4.3** In the event of a 2-way variable split, two QCT's will be used. The base QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.75-4.25 m/s. The combination including the small dogs will have a QCT that will be calculated by adding 5% to the base QCT. The remaining height group will use the base QCT. 1

**15.1.3.5** Standard course time (SCT) The SCT is determined by adding 15% to the ~~large dog~~ **base** QCT.

#### **MOTION:**

Approval of Agility Regulations from 1 January 2023.

Moved: CR; Seconded: FH;- carried

#### ADX Nominated Intermediate Classes

**11.4.3.1.2** The class must be nominated prior to entries opening for the show and cannot be changed once entries have opened.

*Rationale: The results from the survey was in favour of making graduation optional upon gaining AD and ADX, and we did not include this in the regulation changes.*

#### **14.2.1 Graduation from Starters/Novice to Novice/Intermediate**

##### **14.2.1.1 Criteria for Graduation**

A dog will only be eligible to enter Novice/Intermediate classes when they have achieved:

- 2 **first place** wins with clear rounds in Starters and/or Novice Agility classes or,
- 1 **first place** win with a clear round in Starters and/or Novice Agility classes plus a further 3 points gained in such classes or,
- the award of the AD title.
- ~~By gaining 25 clear rounds in Championship Starters and/or Novice classes. Graduation is optional in this case.~~

#### 14.2.1.2 Optional Graduation

A dog will become eligible to enter Intermediate classes:

- By gaining 25 clear rounds in Championship Starters and/or Novice classes.
- By being awarded AD

In these cases, graduation is optional until such time as it becomes required, by the criteria above.

### 14.2.2 Graduation from Novice/Intermediate to Intermediate/Senior

#### 14.2.2.1 Criteria for Graduation

A dog will only be eligible to enter Intermediate/Senior classes when they have achieved:

- 3 first place wins with clear rounds in Novice and/or Intermediate Agility classes or,
- 2 first place wins with clear rounds in Novice and/or Intermediate classes plus a further 3 points (or ADX) gained in such classes or,
- 1 first place win with a clear round in Novice and/or Intermediate classes plus a further 6 points (or 3 points plus ADX) gained in such classes.

#### 14.2.2.2 Optional Graduation

Upon being awarded ADX, a dog will become eligible to enter Senior classes. In this case, graduation is optional until such time as it becomes required by the criteria above.

#### MOTION:

Approval of Agility Regulations subject to amendment 14.2.1.1/14.2.1.2 from 1 January 2023.

Moved: FB; Seconded: GC - carried

### REGISTRY REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS

Report from Steven Thompson Director Secretary and Fiona Hodgson Executive Council

#### Registry Regulation Amendments

##### 1. Registration of Dog

#### Background:

Following on from discussion at the September EC meeting and an agreement from quite a while ago that was not actioned regarding the requirement for all puppies to be microchipped prior to registration, the following amendment is proposed:

#### Proposed Amendment:

##### 9. REGISTRATION OF DOG

##### 9.1 General

Add:

9.1.7 Microchip numbers are required to be provided when registering puppies on all registers.

**MOTION:**

Approval of Registry Regulation 9.1.7 from 1 January 2023.

Moved: LD; Seconded: STT;- carried

## 2. LRL Schedules

**Background:**

At the September meeting Executive Council, concerned about the growing size of Registry Regulation 10, asked for the creation a separate Schedule to contain the LRL regulations. The proposed amendment moves all current LRL regulations from Regulation 10 to a Schedule 4, Regulation 24 etc.

**Proposed Amendment:**

# SECTION 4

## 24. Litter Registration Limitations

### 24.1 Labradors

For all Labrador Retriever litters born after 01/06/2017, as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the NZKC Register I or III, the following shall apply:

- 24.1.1 The Sire and Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by an approved scheme for hip and elbow dysplasia as applies for the Accredited Breeders Scheme and results supplied to NZKC. Any parent whelped before January 1st 2000 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 24.1.2 The Sire or Dam of every litter must test clear/homozygous non-mutant by DNA testing of PRA-PRCD and results supplied to NZKC.
- 24.1.3 The Sire and Dam of every litter must hold a current annual eye certificate from an approved eye examiner and results supplied to NZKC. Any parent whelped before January 1st 2000 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 24.1.4 The Sire or Dam of every litter must test clear/homozygous non-mutant by DNA testing of EIC and results supplied to NZKC.

The Sire or Dam of every litter must test Dilute (D) Locus D, D Not carrying Dilute by DNA testing and results supplied to NZKC

### 24.2 Rottweilers

For all Rottweiler litters born after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I OR III, the following shall apply:

- 24.2.1 The Sire **AND** Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for hip and elbow dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 24.2.2 The Sire **AND** Dam of every litter must be tested, and either the sire **OR** dam must test clear by DNA testing of JLPP and results supplied to Dogs NZ.
- 24.2.3 The Sire **AND** Dam of every litter must have a Dogs NZ Rottweiler LRL Eye Certificate completed by any registered veterinarian at a minimum age of 12 months old and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 24.2.4 The Sire **AND** Dam of every litter must have a Dogs NZ Rottweiler LRL Dental Certificate completed by any registered veterinarian at a minimum age of 12 months old and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 24.2.5 The Sire **AND** Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

### **24.3 Pugs**

For all Pug litters born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I OR III, the following shall apply:

- 24.3.1 The Sire **AND** Dam of every litter must be assessed by the Dogs NZ Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFG Scheme) **OR** whole-body barometric plethysmography (WBBP) after 12 months of age and within the 24 months prior to mating. Results of such grading are to be supplied to Dogs NZ.
- Any parent whelped before May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 will be excluded from Regulation 20.3.1. Frozen semen dispensations may be provided at the discretion of Dogs NZ. Written approval of the dispensation must be granted by Dogs NZ prior to mating. All dispensation requests will be addressed by Dogs NZ on a case by case basis.
- 24.3.2 The Sire **AND** Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine their susceptibility to Pug Dog Encephalitis (PDE) and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Once generation low susceptibility (NN), by DNA parentage is accepted.
- 24.3.3 Frozen semen collected prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 will be excluded from the Special Conditions for Registration which are detailed in Regulation 20.3

*Because of delays in introducing the RFG Scheme Registry Regulation 10.16.2 will be suspended until a 4 month notice is published in NZ Dog World once the scheme has been rolled out in NZ vet clinics.*

#### **24.4 German Shepherds**

For all German Shepherd (Stock and Long Coat) litters born after 1st January 2023 as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I OR III, the following shall apply.

24.4.1 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for hip dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1st 2015 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.

24.4.2 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for elbow dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.

24.4.3 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

#### **24.5 Dachshund (Long Haired)**

For all Dachshund (Long Haired) litters born on or after 1st January 2023 as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I OR III, the following shall apply.

24.5.1 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

#### **24.6 Dachshund (Min. Smooth Haired)**

For all Dachshund (Min. Smooth Haired) litters born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I OR III, the following shall apply.

24.6.1 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

24.6.2 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA merle (dapple) status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.



24.6.3 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA Cord1 Progressive retinal atrophy (CORD1 PRA) status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

24.6.4 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine Sarcoglycan Deficient Muscular Dystrophy (SDMD) status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

## **24.7 Bouvier Des Flandres**

24.7.1 For all Bouvier Des Flandres litters born on or after 1st July 2022 as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I OR III, the following shall apply:

24.7.2 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

24.7.3 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ-approved scheme for hip and elbow dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.

24.7.4 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must hold a current annual eye certificate from an approved eye veterinarian and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating.

24.7.5 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must hold a current bi-annual gonioscopy certificate from an approved eye veterinarian and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating.

24.7.6 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must undergo one Echocardiogram by a Specialist Cardiologist or Radiologist veterinarian from 12 months of age, and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating.

### **MOTION:**

Approval of Section 4: 24.1 Labradors, 24.2 Rottweilers, 24.3 Pugs, 24.4 German Shepherds, 24.5 Dachshund (Long Haired, 24.6 Dachshund (Min. Smooth Haired), 24.7 Bouvier Des Flanders

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH; - carried

## REGISTRY MATTERS

Report from Colleen Begg Membership Manager

### MOTION:

1. Approval that permission is given to register frozen semen from the Basenji Neth Ch Suaralayn Royal First Flish.  
Moved: FH; Seconded: STT; - carried
2. Approval re registration of Shiba Inu puppies from Japan.  
DECLINED: as does not have 3 generation papers from a recognised registry.  
Moved: STT; Seconded: FH; - carried
3. Approval that "Amaya" be registered with Dogs NZ as a Miniature American Shepherd.  
DECLINED: Under our current Breed Standards this is a cross-breed. Recommend that the owner waits until the Canadian Kennel Club changes its Breed Standards regulations and is able to provide a suitable export pedigree for it to be registered in NZ.  
Moved: Chair; - Carried

## SHOW REGULATION PROPOSALS

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary

### 1. Neuter Grand Champion

#### Proposal from Member Gloria Geraghty (074702)

After discussions with several members and their approval I would like to request that we have a Neuter Grand Champion title and even a Neuter Supreme Ch title as they do with the non desexed breeds.

Most of the dogs shown in Neuter are pre Neuter champions and many are multiple group and In show winners. This would give another title to work for after gaining their Neuter Championship. It may also help keep some dogs in the ring longer with more entries.

The Neuter Grand Ch title has been available in Australia for quite some time and would be great to have it here as well.

#### Show Regulation Implication:

- This will need a separate Show Regulation 22.12 Neuter Grand Champion with the subsequent renumbering of existing regulations 22.12 – 22.17

#### MOVED:

That FH draft Show Regulation changes to allow the award of Neuter Grand Champion

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB; - carried  
2 Votes Against

## 2 Show Regulation 4 – Judges & Judging Appointments

### **Proposal from Member Mike Bradley: President of Southland German Shepherd Dog Club**

I am writing on behalf of the Southland German Shepherd Dog Club to request the Executive Council to send on to the New Zealand Judges Association this email requesting a possible addition to the current Show Regulations concerning peer Judges.

In regard to Judges Regulation 4.5.1 (h). which states '*Any member is restricted to adjudicating as a peer judge in any one breed twice in any three year period, in New Zealand only.*'

Clearly due to the Covid situation in NZ this was introduced and in our breed, the German Shepherd, it was extremely beneficial in offering additional Judges at that time. But this initiative was highly successful and hence our request to view our suggested change to the regulation that *any member is restricted to adjudicating as a peer judge in any one breed to once per year in any three year period, in New Zealand only.*

So in effect an additional extra chance for specialist clubs and our members to avail themselves to the outstanding foresight by those who introduced the scheme. Furthermore, it was very successful throughout the country and well received by allowing these people to officiate and in all the cases that I have seen and I have viewed all contributed with distinction and acquitted themselves well. To be fair all had been in our breed for many, many years and were very good breeders and contributed to our breed development here in NZ.

The added advantage is that some are keen to view the specialist breed panel and develop further which is also heartening. Let's build on that original initiative and expand the opportunity to promote fellow kiwi peer judges and aid specialist clubs here in New Zealand.

### **Show Regulation Implication:**

- This will require a change to Show Regulation 4.5.1 (h) and Judges Regulation 9 (h).

Executive Council discussed the proposal and will make the following recommendation to NZDJA and seek their input:

*Any member is restricted to adjudicating as a peer judge in any one breed to once per year in New Zealand only*

### **NZ DOG JUDGES ASSOCIATION INC LETTER**

Executive Council discussed NZDJA concerns about clubs not adhering to the requirement to have one NZ Judge officiate at All Breed Championship shows and the need to consult with NZDJA before any new regulations are adopted that affect Judges. E.C. believe that the new Show Regulations 4.1.3 addresses that concern and agrees that there should be timely consultation between both parties regarding any regulation changes.

The Director Secretary to send letter of reply to NZDJA.

### **SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES REPORT**

Report from Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

**MOTION:**

E.C. approved the suspension of one kennel names for the failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1 and one kennel name for failure to abide by Registry Regulation 15.1.1.

Moved: SM; Seconded: STT; - carried

**COMPLAINTS & DISPUTES REPORT – INFORMATION ONLY**

Report from Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

Executive Council discussed a recommendation from the Chair of Disputes Committee and passed a motion to refer the complaint appeal to the Judicial Review Committee.

Moved: Chair; - Approved

**MOTION:**

That Martin Hewitt and Geoff Collins be appointed to the Judicial Review Committee.

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH; - Approved

<b>6</b>	<b>OFFICE REPORTS</b>
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**DIRECTOR SECRETARY NOVEMBER 2022 REPORT**

Report presented from Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

**1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – FY 2022-23**

The Dogs NZ Strategic Plan focuses on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporated into our annual business plans and this report will focus on what initiatives we have underway to achieve our 10 year goals.

In the current financial year our focus is on building new membership service delivery models and potential new revenue streams. Attached is a chart of the 19 key projects we aim to implement in FY 2022-23.

***Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs***

***Launch of Club Tool Kit & Take the Lead Programme***

We have finally completed all the required club manual, promotional graphics and connection to the Club Pages on our website required to launch the Club Tool Kit programme. Attached is the launch advertorial which will be a two page spread in the December NZ Dog World.

The Club Tool Kit portal will also host all our Take the Lead collateral which is now available for ALL Dogs NZ clubs to adopt. A one page spread promoting the programme and how to access the material will feature in the December NZ Dog World.

*New Members & Breeders Edm*

Focus is now on the development of the new members and new kennel name Edm programme which will incorporate any new insurance partnership.

***Strategic Priority: Registry Development***

*Registry IT Projects*

Sue Connor and her small team completing the last of the work required to launch the Frozen Semen online programme which will pre-xmas. This will complete our online registry work and we will be able to retire the old platform.

*Membership IT Projects*

Planning on this programme is now underway and it will be a priority to complete this work in 2023.

***Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training Programmes***

I look forward to the opportunity at the Dog Training Conference to outline what support Dogs NZ and its partners are planning to offer Dog Training Clubs which will include "Train the Trainer" programme support for those members that participate in the CANZ dog training accreditation programme and complementary graduation packs for Clubs which participate in building a data base of the public attending dog training courses.

The Dogs NZ Support package will also include financial support for future Dog Training conferences and seminars.

***Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health / Effective Advocacy & Strategic Stakeholder relations***

*Canine Health & Welfare*

A report from Rhea Hurley on her trip to Europe which included time with UK Kennel Club and Swedish Kennel Club Health & Welfare teams as well as completing her RFG assessor training is attached.

*Strategic Stakeholder Advocacy*

Rhea and I are scheduled to meet with the outgoing and new incoming chair of NAWAC as well as the new MPI Officer in charge of the committee. It will be a chance to introduce Rhea and discuss our health and welfare programs,

Rhea has continued to be involved in discussions with MPI over the confinement and tethering legislation. In both our discussions with MPI and SPCA there is a clear signal that government is starting to address the issue regarding legislation of Dog Breeding.

Rhea and I meet with Jo Murry (Saunders Unsworth) to map out a work schedule to develop a Dogs NZ position statement on what good canine breeding legislation should look like.

- We will use the SPCA Recommendation Paper to the Minister as the basis of our position paper clearly articulating what we like (and don't like) about their recommendations and proposing practical alternative's.
- A draft of the Position Paper will go to CH&W Committee for review and feedback in the New Year.
- A draft document will be presented to the February Executive Council Meeting.

## 2. National Office

### *National Office Purchase Proposal*

This has occupied a considerable amount of Clive Phillips and I time and a report from Capex / RAF committee is included in the Financial Reports.

Executive Council discussed the report and the launch of the Tool Kit project. LD recommends a letter plus supporting material to all Club Sectaries. CR will discuss options with ST for Take the Lead nomination material to be hosted on the Tool Kit site. GC raised concerns about Dog Training Clubs willingness to support a dog training data base due to privacy concerns. ST said any such database would have to meet the Dec 2020 Privacy Act but it was important that we had an opportunity to market our dog sports & breeding activities to general dog owning public who use our dog training programmes

ST updated E.C. on the meeting with MPI/NAWAC. Dogs NZ will have an opportunity in 2023 to present to the full committee on recent progress with our CH&W initiatives.

Report Received: Chair; - Carried

## MEMBERSHIP & CLUBS REPORT

Report from Colleen Begg Membership Manager

### CLUB REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2022

#### OUTSTANDING CLUBS

The below clubs have still not paid the annual subscription. All have had 2 previous reminders, 1 by post and 1 by email as well as the original emailed invoice. Have sent a copy of the invoice by mail and asked if there is a reason for the non-payment. Several of them have shows scheduled in the show calendar and payment will be required before the shows.

Auckland Bulldog Club

Dominion Poodle Club

Chow Chow Club

Central North Island Non-Sporting & Utility Dog Assn

South Island Boxer Club

The Pomeranian Club

South Island Shetland Sheepdog Club

Wanganui Toy Dog Centre

Auckland Pug Dog Club

### **The Irish Wolfhound Club – Change in Status to Recognised**

The secretary of the club has advised that they wish to apply for their Club Status to be downgraded from an associated to a Recognised Club.

They say that “The majority of our club members are Pet people who have no interest in Holding, Running or Participating in Championship Shows, Open Shows.

As our show numbers are dwindling every year it is an expensive exercise to be holding shows for a handful of dogs. Our last shows held earlier this year we only managed a total entry of 11 Dogs of which on the day only 2 of the 3 dogs entered turned up and only 6 of the 7 bitches entered turned up on the day. Since these shows were held 1 has died, and 4 are no longer being shown due to their age and ability to get around a ring. (Dogs and Owners) With fewer people breeding and or showing these days it is impracticable to keep holding shows.”

#### **MOTION:**

That the Irish Wolfhound Club be recognised by Dogs NZ

Moved: FH; Seconded: DH; - Carried

### **South Island Hound Club – Application to become Lure Coursing Club**

South Island Hound Club has applied to be recognised as a Lure Coursing club/provider. They wish this recognition by Dogs NZ as they would like to hold judged events.

The club has been holding fun days for which they charge a nominal amount. After the fun day the club sends a report to Carole Tipler which is published in NZ Dog World.

The fun days have included a variety of the hound breeds and a number of non-hounds. However if the club is recognised the competition will be open to sight hounds only.

The club has been using Mandeville sports grounds for the fun days and they have found that these ground have proved ideal. Chris Jordan has the lure which he runs.

#### **MOTION:**

That the South Island Hound Club be recognised as a Lure Coursing Club

Moved: LD; Seconded: CR; - Carried  
MH abstained due to conflict of interest

### **Miniature American Shepherd Club**

An application has been received for recognition of this club with Dogs New Zealand.

- They have forwarded a copy of their rules, which are standard, contain nothing unusual.

- they confirm that they have a bank account.
- have a committee.
- 25 members to date.
- Held two committee meetings with a third planned to finalise LRL requirements and testing.
- Set up a club facebook page. Members of the group have been posting photos and videos of their dogs and are enjoying seeing how litter mates have turned out. They advise that there are plans for some of them to meet up in person.
- The committee advises that “ is in the process of completing a Health Submission form as currently there is no mandatory testing protocol for the breed which is very concerning as we know of issues with the breed including PRA, CDDY, and others”. They feel that it is vital to limit and preferably stop these from affecting NZ bred dogs.
- They also advise that they are in contact with InfogeneNZ who, once the club has decided on the tests required, will set up an NZ Breeders pack specific for the Miniature American Shepherd and source the tests from VHL Genetics in the Netherlands. They advise that InfogeneNZ has the equipment needed to carry out the tests so this will mean that the tests can all be done in NZ rather than some having to be sent abroad.

They further mention that there was a lot of interest around the Miniature American Shepherd from judges at shows held in Dunedin recently as there were four entered but only two turned up.

They believe that the numbers in the breed ring will climb slowly this season as there are now a number of Miniature American Shepherds in show homes.

**MOTION:**

Recommend that Miniature American Shepherd Club be recognised by Dogs NZ

Moved: CM; Seconded: LD; - Carried

**Auckland Provincial German Shepherd Dog League Inc – Application to hold a third championship show in 2023**

Application has been received to hold an extra Championship show at Kings Birthday weekend 2023 as this is the club’s 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Show. They propose to hold an open show and championship show in their usual weekend in October 2023.

The June 2023 date would be approved.

**MOTION:**

That Auckland Provincial German Shepherd Dog League Inc be approved to hold a third championship show in 2023.

Moved: STT; Seconded: JB; - Carried

**CLUBS APPLYING FOR AN EXEMPTION NOT TO HAVE A NEW ZEALAND JUDGE AND/OR AN OPEN SHOW**

Report from Colleen Begg Membership Manager



### **Application For Exemption Requiring A New Zealand Judge For All Breed Championship Shows - Gore & District Kennel Association**

"An application for an exemption has been received from the President of Gore & Districts KA. They have also proved a budget for this show.

In 2023 the Gore & Districts Kennel Association is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To mark this important milestone the Club is looking to hold its allocated two All Breeds Shows and one Benefit Championship show scheduled for the weekend of 4/5 February 2023 (Waitangi weekend) as a significant celebratory event. These shows will be the highlight events of the show calendar for early 2023, and a significant event for Gore.

For the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary shows the Club is looking to attract increased entry numbers, the key driver being three international judges of standing that have not judged in NZ previously. To achieve this, and work within the budget limitations of the Club, the Club is requesting an exemption from the requirement that at least one NZ domiciled judge is actively judging at least one group per show.

Compared to all breeds shows in larger metropolitan centres, the shows in Gore are historically small. Typical entry numbers, for example, are in the vicinity of 220-250, and consequently show budgets are relatively limited. The geographical isolation of Gore is always challenging in attracting competitors. However, in previous years when notable international judges have been present, there is a significant increase in show entries. We believe having an "international judges" only event will raise the profile of the show weekend to that appropriate for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Running shows in Gore requires relatively complicated travel arrangements. International judges are required to fly into Queenstown, overnight and then travel to Gore the following day. They are committed to then staying the night following the shows, prior to return travel. Travel and accommodation costs therefore are disproportionate compared to many larger metropolitan centres. For NZ judges the travel is also long and expensive with the need to fly into either Invercargill or Queenstown followed by road travel to Gore.

A working budget has been prepared and subject to final confirmation of the judging panel we are hopeful that some of the international travel fees will be off-set.

We are fully aware of time restraints to submit a show schedule to DogsNZ for our February 2023 shows and the time involved contracting judges equally from New Zealand or internationally.

The Club appreciate your consideration of this genuine request. The support of Executive Council is now sought towards making the Gore & Districts Kennel Association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary shows of 2023 a memorable and successful event."

#### **MOTION:**

DECLINED: Executive Council will consider any application from Gore & District KA for the New Zealand Judge to Judge Groups in two shows and stakes in the third show.

Moved: JB; Seconded: CR; - Carried

### **Application for Exemption NOT to Hold an Open Show**

Application has been received from Wellington Ladies Kennel Association NOT to hold an Open Show in 2022. They say -

“Wellington Ladies Kennel Assn. have over the past few years run two Open Shows on the last Sunday of May.

Unfortunately this year we were unable to secure an inside venue for this date but continued looking for most of the winter months without success.

With the warmer weather hopefully coming an outdoor venue would be suitable, but we have found that there is virtually no dates on the show calendar available before the end of the year.

Wellington Ladies would respectfully ask that the Executive excuse our Club from holding an Open Show this year.”

**An explanation of why they did not apply for the free weekend of 12/13 November 2022 was sought and the response is below -**

“Wellington Ladies like most Clubs are held together by a very, very small Committee.

The reason we did not look at 12th - 13th November, was that as Secretary I am the Committee member who takes the entries and works as Show Secretary on the Day. I had already signed a Contract to Judge in Christchurch the 11th and 12th November. I personally felt it was too much pressure on me to be able to run an Open Show on Sunday possibly in Ashhurst.

Also my Committee were working hard to ensure that we fulfilled our requirements by holding a Championship Show in the year which is now being held in December mid-week.”

**MOTION:**

That the Wellington Ladies Kennel Association be approved NOT to hold an Open Show in 2022 but they do need to hold an Open Show in 2023.

Moved: JB; Seconded: LD; - Carried

**Application for Exemption NOT To Hold an Open Show - Mastiff Breeds Club**

They advise -

“As yet, our club has not held the mandatory Open Show for the current year.

Last year, we were able to join the Giant Breeds Open Show to qualify for holding a show.

We've just held our Champ Show which had 16 entries, which is average for our club.

If we were to hold an Open Show, I'm guessing we'd be lucky to get half those numbers.

That is very expensive for a small club, just for the sake of holding an Open Show.

Is there any dispensation for clubs like ours, now that the COVID restrictions have ended?

In the past, we have concentrated on running one Champ Show a year to get sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile for us.

I hope we can return to that way of operating.”

**MOTION:**

That the Mastiff Breeds Club be approved NOT to hold an Open Show in 2022 but they do need to hold an Open Show in 2023.

Moved: FH; Seconded: LD; - Carried

#### **APPLICATION FOR INAUGURAL NZ DACHSHUND NATIONAL SHOW**

Executive Council discussed the application from Lynley Bray to host the inaugural NZ Dachshund National Show at NDS 2023 which is supported by the Auckland Dachshund Club, Canterbury Dachshund Club and The Dachshund Club Inc.

#### **MOTION:**

That the application to hold the inaugural New Zealand Dachshund National Show at NDS 2023 be approved.

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH; - Carried  
MH abstained due to conflict of interest

#### **MOLOSSER CLUB APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATION STATUS**

Executive Council discussed the application from the Molosser Club together with correspondence from various clubs both in support and non-support of the application for Association status. Sean Deery made a brief presentation to Council on behalf of the Molosser Club which provided information on how the club was started, the processes of contacting clubs about their application and why they have limited the number of Molosser breeds in their proposal.

E.C. discussed the issues of restricted number of Molosser breeds in the proposal (including the implication of the Club name) and if Recognition status was preferable to Association status for the current stage of the clubs development.

#### **MOTION:**

That the Molosser Club be granted Recognition status by Dogs NZ

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB; - Carried

#### **MOTION:**

That when the Molosser Club applies for Association status it must include all Molosser breeds as recognised by FCI.

Moved: Chair; - Carried

#### **DOGS ON REPORT**

Report by Colleen Begg Membership Manager

A number of new dogs added to the list from both breed and agility since the last report with both aggression towards another dog and/or persons with several of them making contact and therefore resulting in the 2 month stand down period being invoked.

**Dogs on Report Appeal:**

**Mondial Hullabaloo 05895-2022 Japanese Spitz owned by S Howard**

Executive Council discussed the appeal and passed the following:

**MOTION:**

That the appeal be declined and supported offer re: handling training from suitable experience handlers in the Auckland region.

Moved: FH ; Seconded: JB ; - Carried

**The Genie's Magic OB/9231 Miniature Schnauzer/Jack Russell owned by T Bayly**

Executive Council discussed the appeal and passed the following:

**MOTION:**

That the appeal be upheld due to the lack of clear evidence that the dog was involved in the incident.

Moved: FH; Seconded: CR ; - Carried

**Basil OB/9549 Border Collie/Heading Dog owned by P Mooyman**

This dog has been placed on report for rushing at other dogs, growling and with his hackles raised on both days of Otago Canine Training Club's Championship Jumpers Event and Championship Agility Event on 10/11 September 2022.

Owner has been advised, endorsement put on dog's records and Agility Committee informed to arrange observations.

**Max OB/9265 Collie X owned by C Robson**

Report received from Otago Canine Training Club that at their Championship Jumpers Event and Championship Agility Event held 10/11 September 2022 one of the judges reported that whilst competing, the dog biting or nipping at the wrists and thigh of the owner. This was also confirmed in writing by two further witnesses.

Spoke to the owner of the dog and was advised that the dog was not biting or nipping but was holding or mouthing the hand in what the owner has described as frustration with the handler or himself.

After conversations with the judge, the witnesses, owner of the dog and with an Agility Committee member, the dog was placed on 7 day stand down and 6 observations required. Agility Committee have been advised to arrange observations. Dog's records have been noted. The owner has been advised in writing that this

behaviour is unusual and that it would be wise to find out the cause of the dog's frustration. That his actions came to the attention of the judge and the witnesses and they rightly brought it to the attention of the show secretary on the day and to Dogs NZ.

**Hollie OB/9382 Border Collie X Golden Retriever owned by G McFall**

This dog was placed on report after an incident at Cambridge Dog Obedience Club's Championship Agility & Championship Jumpers Events held on 24 April 2022.

The dog has completed 2 observations with favourable reports. However, the owner has decided not to enter her for the time being in any further events. Will advise Agility Committee in due course when they are to begin again.

**CH El-Toro Popcorn 08222-2021 Chihuahua (Long Coat) owned by Y Tester**

This female Chihuahua (Long Coat) was placed on report after being excused from the ring at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show by the judge, Ms McGhie of Australia for aggressive behaviour.

The owner has been advised, the dog's records updated to show that it is on report. Dog is entered as shows over Canterbury show week and observers will be appointed.

**Delgado Keep The Faith 01484-2021 German Shepherd Dog (Long Coat) owned by R Townsend**

This male German Shepherd Dog (Long Coat) was placed on report after being excused from the ring at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show by the judge, Ms Rickard of Australia for aggressive behaviour.

The owner has been advised and the dog's records updated to show that he is on report.

**Topshelf Big Boss Man At Heavyfuel 01443-2022 American Staffordshire Terrier owned by C Turbitt**

This male American Staffordshire Terrier was placed on report after being excused from the ring at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show by the judge, Ms Walsh of Australia for aggressive behaviour.

The owner has been advised and the dog's records updated to show that he is on report.

**Exmoor Outlaw On The Run 07891-2019 Schipperke owned by L Hughes**

This male Schipperke was placed on report for showing aggression towards another dog whilst competing at Feilding Dog Training Club's Championship Jumpers Event on 10 October 2021. After the dog left the ring it also showed aggressive behaviour towards another dog.

The owner of the dog engaged the services of a trainer to help with the dog. Subsequently the dog has been observed at 6 events with observers organised by the Agility Committee. All observations have been favourable and the owner has been advised that the dog no longer needs to be observed. The endorsement has been removed from the dog's records.

**Southridge Waxing Lyrical AD JDX 06758-2018 Border Collie owned by S Robertson**

This female Border Collie was placed on report at Central Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club's Agility Jumpers Event on 11 June 2022 following an incident outside the ring when it attacked another dog.

Whilst the dog was on 2 month stand down the owner undertook extensive training with the dog.

The dog has now completed 6 observations arranged by the Agility Committee with favourable reports from all observers. The endorsement has been removed from the dog's records and the owner advised.

**Ohutu Hez The Ace Of Clubs 02877-2019 Border Collie owned by J Mulholland**

This male Border Collie has been placed on report following an incident at NZDAC on 23 October 2022. Dogs NZ was advised that whilst competing he lunged at a Border Collie with no contact made, than at a Boxer, again with no contact made and then twice at the ring manage with no contact made.

The report did outline possible mitigating circumstances as the dog was following another dog and was asked by the handler of that dog not to come into the chute as her dog was reactive and needed space. It could have meant that Ohutu Hez The Ace of Clubs (Ace) and the handler didn't have a safe space themselves and ended up around the call board area longer than necessary.

The owner has been advised of 7 day stand down, the dog's records noted and Agility Committee advised.

**Orry OB/9547 Border Collie owned by A Bujokova**

This male Border Collie has been placed on report following an official complaint laid at NZDAC on 23 October 2022. Dogs NZ advised that this dog ran up to a male German Shepherd Dog and grabbed it by the neck. The owner of the German Shepherd and the partner of Orry's owner. The owner of the German Shepherd confirmed that his dog was not injured in the incident.

Orry has been placed on report with a 2 month stand down period, his records noted and owner advised. Agility Committee have been advised and will arrange future observations.

There were 2 other incidents reported over the course of the NDOA 2022. One was a loose dog and no further action is required, one dog took too long in the finish area/box and the competitor has been advised of this with no further action to be taken.

Report Received: Chair ; - Carried

<b>7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE &amp; COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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**Canine Health & Welfare Report – October 2022**

Report by Chair: Lynley Drummond

A steady stream of dispensation requests under the BCOC continued for September and October. CHWC are conscious that these requests also offer an opportunity for breeder education via dialogue during consideration and the provision of informative replies.

The CHWC meeting scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> November will focus on planning for RFG scheme, LRL and AB initiatives for 2023, including how a review of how the schemes fit and complement each other and a communication plan for DNZ members.

Rhea has now completed training in the UK and has been appointed the Chief Assessor for NZ. The Respiratory Functional Grading Scheme (RFG) is a high priority for DNZ to have in place for brachycephalic breeds. Plans are underway to develop and roll out training courses for vets who wish to become qualified to assess dogs under the RFG scheme. CHWC will work with appropriate breeds to adopt RFG into any new LRL's and co-ordinate formal adoption of the scheme for pugs once assessment becomes available in the regions.

Several clubs approached Rhea & I regarding LRL's over the course of the National Dog Show, and there was a keenness expressed for in person meetings with clubs to foster understanding. Several new breeds are working to draft up requirements and breeders of some of the breeds that did not get over the line expressed interest in trying again. It appears there is quite a bit of misinformation circulating, both by word of mouth and as written facts for club members. CHWC is continuing to work to through some accessibility issues for health tests and veterinary bodies. At the September zoom meeting CHWC proposed to help breeds revisit any proposals that did not meet the 75% threshold to pass during at first attempt with an aim to have the clubs resubmit proposals by March / April 2023.

CHWC would like to propose to EC that in conjunction with Breed Standards undertaking their reviews of proposed new breeds to be registered, the CHWC with with the applicants and Breed Standards to develop LRL's at the same time. This will require some changes to the LRL process as it is not club driven but is a positive step to ensure health testing of breeds new to NZ is understood prior to any potential importation of the breed occurs. Details of any procedural or registry changes can be worked through and presented formally at the first EC meeting of 2023, if EC approve this proposal in principle.

#### Proposed Regulation

At the time of any applications for new breed registrations with DNZ, that a LRL is developed in conjunction with the applicants and is approved at the time that breed registration is approved.

Executive Council discussed the importance of ensuring that we maintain progress in establishing a minimum standard of health test (LRL) for our pedigree breeds and a desire that minimum health testing is in place for all breeds. CHWC to look at a program for the development of minimum health tests for all breeds and identify an achievable timeline. CHWC to report back on this at February 2023 EC meeting with recommendations to ACOD.

E.C. noted concerns expressed by some breed clubs that once an LRL in is in place that E.C. may arbitrarily impose further health tests or limits on the breed.

#### **MOTION:**

That CH&W draft a recommendation to ACOD 2023 that:

1. DNZ has in place minimum health test requirements (LRL's) for ALL breeds by a nominated date (yet to be determined)
2. That no changes can be made to established LRL's unless approved by 75% vote of eligible breeders and owners.

Moved: LD; Seconded: JB ; - Carried

**AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2022**

Report by Chair: Chris Richardson

The agility committee doesn't have a lot to say this month, except that after a two-year sabbatical it was great to have such a successful NZDAC, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian and Catherine for coming to prizegiving over the weekend, it was great to have an EC presence doing the presentations. I would also like to thank all the other EC members, and to the members of the other codes that visited over the weekend – there was a really good vibe on the grounds.

We do have some more regulation changes that we would like ratified please, these are the final bits of tidy up around the changes to AD/ADX, the addition of 5-way splits, and just some general tidy up. Once these have been ratified and put into our master copy, I will send the final master copy to DNZ, but we do ask that these regulations don't get published on the DNZ website until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, as they don't come into effect until then and the copy that is currently online is the one that should be used until next year.

Report Received: CR; Seconded: FH; - carried

**DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2022**

Report by Chair: Karen Sadler

**1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings**

A meeting was held via Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

**2. National Dog Obedience Assembly**

The 2022 NDOA went ahead and was very successful and ran very smoothly, with all seeming to have a very good time.

**3. Judge Appointments and Promotions**

The following people have been approved for appointment or promotion on the judges' panels by the DTC:

- Appointment of Mary McNulty to the Obedience Ribbon Trial Panel
- Promotion of Sheelah Stevens to the Rally-O Encore Panel

Both have met the requirements and been approved by DTC

**MOTION:**

That the promotion of judges Mary McNulty (Obedience Ribbon Trial Panel) and Sheelah Stevens (Rally-O Encore Panel ) be approved.

Moved: GC; Seconded: CM; - Carried



#### 4. October Voting Round Results

##### General

Change to the composition of the Dog Training Committee: **Pass** (76.98%)

##### Obedience

Alternative Pathway for promotion from the Test B to the Test C Judging Panel: **Fail** (65.38%)

##### Rally-O

Item 1: Remove the penalty for the dislodging the jump bar: **Pass** (76.92%)

Item 2: Option for judge to omit the jump in Advanced and Excellent: **Pass** (76.92%)

Item 3: Add a mandatory penalty for leaving or entering the ring without a lead: **Pass** (85.71%)

Item 4: Deletion of Moving Down (sign 131) and replacement with Stop and Down: **Fail** (62.64%)

Item 5: Encore Champion Titles: **Pass** (69.23%)

Item 6: Encore Grand Champion Titles: **Pass** (68.13%)

Item 7: Allow clubs to run more Encore classes if they wish: **Pass** (69.23%)

Item 8: Changes to procedure for promotion from Excellent to Encore panel: **Pass** (85.52%)

Item 9: Add Rally-O Rapid as optional class: **Fail** (51.65%)

Item 10: Add Rally-O Rapid Awards: **Fail** (49.45%)

Item 11: Change to eligibility for Novice B (requiring three Advanced qualifications before moving out of Novice B): **Pass** (70.33%)

#### 5. Composition of the Dog Training Committee: Report for discussion

The October General voting item regarding the composition of the Dog Training Committee passed with just under 77% of the vote. Under this change the Dog Training Committee would be composed of up to nine people as follows:

- Chairperson
- Three region representatives (Northern, Central and Southern)
- An Obedience representative
- A Working Trials representative
- A Rally-O representative
- A CGC representative

The chairperson and the three region representatives will continue to be elected for a two-year term (due for nomination/election in April/May 2023). The Obedience, Working Trials, Rally-O and CGC representatives will be elected for a one-year term. The deputy region representatives (currently on the Dog Training Committee) would still exist but would revert to being elected by the regions at their annual general meetings and would only attend Dog Training Committee meetings in the absence of the region representatives.

#### 6. Regulation changes for 1 January 2023 as per April and October voting rounds:

See attached document (Obedience Regulation Changes for 1 January 2023.docx)

Executive Council discussed the report and GC commented on NDOA , noting that there was no presence by Purina or E.C. 2023 NDOA will be held in Levin on Labour weekend. Dog Training wish to update their website in 2023 and ST is coordinate with Sue Connor to ensure that GC has access to make the required changes.

GC discussed the opening of the new Dog Training account and the need to have a revenue source to fund Dog Training Committee activities. E.C. recommend that Dog Training Committee explore the Agility funding

option where a small levy is placed on top of the levy to Dogs NZ which covers the operation of the Dog Training Committee.

GC tabled a letter requesting changes to the April/May minutes which included statements about unethical behavior which are unfounded. ST to action changes.

Report Received: GC; Seconded: CR; - Carried

## **CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE EC REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**

Report by Chair: Arend van de Bos

### **Dogs NZ CGC Committee meeting**

Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings via Zoom were held on Sunday's August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Dogs NZ CGC Committee**

Following the standard annual request by Dogs NZ, for nominations of placement in Dogs NZ Committees, seven applications, for two vacancies, were received for the Dogs NZ CGC Committee.

Successful candidates were Kat Thorstrand and Chris Tews.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the Dogs NZ EC for their continued confidence in myself, having survived a considerably tumultuous year, at having been re-appointed as the Dogs NZ CGC Committee Chairperson for a further twelve months.

### **Revision of the CGC Manual**

CGC Manual, has had its final proof-reading and is in the hands of the Dogs NZ Director/Secretary, to be actioned for printing and distribution.

A "Café Exercise", replacing the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Stay Exercises is currently being developed, with a basic outline having already been drafted and presented to the Dogs NZ CGC Committee.

### **CGC Webpage Reconstruction**

In developing a rewrite of the introductory pages for CGC and CGB, it was "discovered" that the CGB Webpage had been incorrectly placed within the Obedience Website. This has now been remedied, with the CGB Webpage being included as part of the CGC Website.

Drafts for both the CGC and CGB Introductory pages had been written and submitted and returned for editing purposes. At the time of writing this report, this is being actioned.

### **Domestic/ CGC Conference**

Irma Harris has been appointed by the Dogs NZ CGC Committee to act as liaison between the Dogs NZ CGC Committee and the Dog Training Committee Chairperson.

CGC topics suggested that be included in the conference were:

- Alterations/Additions of the revised CGC Manual.
- Introduction of a Café Exercise.
- Collateral CGC/DOC Wildlife programme.
- Collateral CGC/Urban Environment programme.

### **Applications and Appointments**

An application from Merenia Doone to become a CGB Assessor was presented to the Dogs NZ CGC Committee and approved.

An application from Recruit Dog Training to be recognized as a CGC training provider was received by the Dogs NZ CGC Committee and approved pending the correct application form be re-submitted (since an incorrect one had been initially sent).

Report Received: SM; Seconded: CM; - carried

## **SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2022**

### **1. Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee**

Since the last Dogs NZ Scent Work report, there have been two Scent Work Committee meetings, conducted through "Zoom," on September 11<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **2. Scent Work Committee Administration**

Following a suggestion from the EC that Sonya Needs be placed ex officio on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee and the Dogs NZ EC Representative becoming a non-voting member, two vacancies became available to be filled from Dogs NZ Members applying for a position on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, after nominations were called for all Dogs NZ EC Committees in May 2022.

Subsequently, Amerillis Farmer and Claire Groom were appointed onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

Fiona Hodgson has replaced Jill Brooker as the Dogs NZ EC representative.

On a personal note, I want to thank the Dogs NZ EC for their continued confidence in myself, having been re-appointed as the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Chairperson position for a further twelve months.

Mechanisms involved in the institution of allocating permanent numbers for those participating in Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials has currently become the responsibility of Fiona Hodgson, given her experience of this having already become established in Dogs NZ Agility.

### **3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations**

In accord with an agreement with Dogs NZ EC to present Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulation changes only at their April and November meetings, a number of Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations has been submitted for endorsement. These are presented as part of the Regulations Section of the November EC Agenda.

All Regulation changes presented have been discussed and endorsed by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee and where appropriate, by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges and participants.

Those Regulations that are endorsed will become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

It was noted that at the last Dogs NZ EC Meeting that agreement was reached to allow non-Dog NZ Members to enter a singular Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial as a Novice Container participant, without any right to use any result obtained for a future recognition of any Dogs NZ Scent Work Title or Award.

While the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee unanimously accept the decision made by the EC, it was pointed out that some participants may (as is permitted) request an initial entry for another Scent Work Class instead of Containers. It is requested therefore that any Regulation established by the EC regarding the permitting of non-Dogs NZ members to participate at a Qualifying Scent Work Trial allow for an initial introductory entry to be made at any one of the four available Novice Scent Work Classes.

As suggested by the Dogs NZ EC, contemporizing of the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations is still in progress.

#### **4. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges.**

Having fulfilled all pre-requisite criteria for a first appointment onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges panel, and received approval from the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, endorsement for the following is requested:

- Matilda van Rijnberg. Novice Containers. (First Appointment)
- Amerillis Farmer to Advanced Interior and Advanced Containers scent judges panels

#### **MOTION:**

That the promotion of Scent Work judges Matilda van Rijnberg (Novice Containers) and Amerillis Farmer (Advanced Interior and Advanced Containers) be approved.

Moved: FH; Seconded: CM ; - Carried

There are currently twenty-two Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges distributed throughout various Scent Work Class Judges Panels. Of these, only one is yet to receive a first appointment to judge at a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial.

#### **5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.**

After the last Scent Work report being submitted to the Dogs NZ EC, applications to host a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial have been received from:

- North Shore Dog Training Club (6 November 2022).
- Gisborne Dog Training Club (3 December 2022).
- Southland Dog Training Club (6 February 2023).
- Canterbury Kennel Association (11/12 February 2023).
- Gisborne Dog Training Club (14/15 July 2023).

- Canterbury Kennel Association (19/20 August 2023).

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee have approved all.

Again, the absence of Dogs NZ Scent work activity in the Central Region is extremely apparent (for reasons expressed in my last report).

## 6. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.

Complete restoration of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Members Register has now been completed.

In conjunction with the restoration process, an allowance for additional information was accommodated so that greater detail (for e.g., Membership details; Award/Title entitlement; Participation, and Dogs worked with is now available for historic and statistical purposes.

Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register indicates a roll of 481 of which 80% are current Dogs NZ Members.

Executive Council discussed the report and noted that Scent Work trials had recently been held in the central region. JB explained the need to make an amendment to the proposed Scent Work regulation regarding the participation of non-Dogs NZ members in Novice classes at scent Work Trials.

### **Motion:**

That non-Dogs NZ members be allowed to enter Novice searches at up to two Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials before becoming a Dogs NZ member.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB; - Carried

Report Received: FH; Seconded: CM;- Carried

## **NZDJA REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2022**

Report by Chair: Ray Geer

### MEETINGS:

The current committee has met twice f2f since the AGM in CHCH. We felt this type of meeting was important due to the large turnover of personal this year. However, the costs of travel ect is placing severe financial restraints on the association. Zoom meetings continue to problematic due to some members having connections issues, including yours truly. Frequent Zoom type meetings under ideal conditions are preferred, we are working on individual circumstances to improve.

### ONLINE TRAINING:

The JOLTED sub committee is working diligently on this project. It is certainly proving to be a bigger job than initially envisaged. The amount of individual member data inputting is considerable and is slowing our progress down. The new breed open book exams are progressing well but with more requests for the hard copy version than I would have thought. There is an intention to add a \$10 cost to the hard copy version as there is a postage cost to us and hopefully be an incentive to use the electronic version. There has also been

an influx of new breeds recognised by DNZ, and once a new breed exam is written and everyone has sat it, it then become obsolete.

The JDH and aspiring modules are progressing well and will be a bit more enduring once completed. The requests for hard copies of these exams is virtually nil.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS:

At this point in time we anticipating that applications will revert back to pre-covid levels, and that will place less strain on our resources. Consideration is being given a second NI panel in case, and also to accelerate our bank of examiners.

GENERAL:

Behavioural within our fraternity continue to be of concern to us. NZDJA are of the opinion that once you are qualified to be called a judge, your behaviour at all events must be of a standard that you would adhere too if you were judging. Sadly this is not the case. We have set up a sub committee to deal with letters of concern as opposed to full complaints in an effort to rectify this sort of behaviour at an early stage. Currently our disciplinary rules do not mirror that of DNZ in all aspects, something that we will be looking at.

We look forward to continuing our role to provide a stable and workable platform for our conformation judges.

Report Received: JB ; Seconded: LD - Carried

**JDH REPORT - VERBAL**

JB informed Executive Council on the progress of the production of the TV programme on the JDH competition. Lynley Bray is reviewing the TV film and soundtrack to ensure that any potentially controversial material is removed. The production company is impressed with the results and is thinking about a show focusing on dog training. After the JDH review of the finals at NDS, they would like the option to choose their own photographer.

Report Received: JB; Seconded: STT; - Carried

<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE</b>
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**CEYLON KENNEL CLUB**

A letter was received from the Ceylon Kennel Club requesting affiliation to Dogs NZ and developing a reciprocal agreement. Executive Council discussed the report from Colleen Begg which outlined that the Kennel Association of Lanka is the recognised national body for pure breed dogs on Sri Lanka.

Executive Council instructed the Director Secretary to write back to the Ceylon Kennel Club respectively declining the offer to recognise them and develop a reciprocal agreement.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM BETH WARMAN: NAMING OF AUSTRALIAN BOSDOG**

Executive Council discussed the letter from Beth Warman which objects to the name of the Australasian Bosdog as the breed was solely developed in Australia, with no participation from New Zealand.

### **Motion:**

That a letter be sent to the Australian National Kennel Club with the recommendation that they re-name the Australasian Bosdog to Australian Bosdog as the development of the breed has no association to New Zealand.

Moved: MH; Seconded: FH; - Carried

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

FH reported on her current work to update the Executive Council Protocols which will be brought back to the February meeting.

JB requested that a list of approved DNA samplers be available on the website for breeders to access. JB also asked for review of Benefit Show Protocols for review at the February Council meeting.

BH discussed the background CV's of the judges proposed for NDS 2023.

## **10. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP/EVALUATION OF MEETING/NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2022/2023 term)**

Next Meeting  
25-26 February (Wellington)

#### **2023 Dates:**

- 29-30 April (Wellington)
- 23 June (Wellington)
- 22 July (Zoom)
- 16-17 September (Auckland)
- 25-26 November (Wellington)

BH closed the meeting at 2.15pm on 20 November 2022.