



**Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting**

**Held on Saturday 27 April and Sunday 28 April 2024**

**Dogs New Zealand Boardroom  
Tottenham House, 7 Kilkerran Place, Porirua 5022**

## 1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President

Jill Brooker (JB)

Catherine McManus (CM)

Fiona Hodgson (FH)

Stephen Meredith (SM)

Martin Hewitt (MH)

Lynley Drummond (LD)

Karen McIntyre (KM)

Chris Richardson (CR)

Geoff Collins (GC)

Steve Tate (STT)

### STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

Victoria Nelson (VN) - Treasurer

### APOLOGIES

Karen McIntyre (KM)

Linda Ford - (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies accepted.

**Moved: JB / CR – Carried**

### WELCOME

Brian Harris welcomed all in attendance to the Executive Council meeting.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Executive Council adopted the agenda for the meeting of 27 and 28 April 2024.

**Moved: STT, Seconded: SM – Carried**

### ORBITUARIES

The E.C noted the list of deceased members: Loraine Humphrey, Stratford; Shirley Brown, Albany; Diane Kimber, Hawkes Bay; Dulcie (Robin) Ashley, Christchurch and Wendy O' More, Levin. Barbera Tate, New Plymouth; Lesile Emms, Christchurch; David Hardwick, Waikato.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Executive Council members to send any changes/updates to the Executive Administrator.

**RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES**

<b>Executive Council Email Vote:</b>	<b>Ratified by:</b>
Dog Training Regulation Changes: <b>9.1.5.4 Test A Obedience Award</b> A dog having achieved six qualifying scores in Test A championship obedience tests of 138 points or more (for tests prior to 1 January 2024) or 119 points or more (for tests from 1 January 2024) <del>in a Test A championship obedience tests</del> under a minimum of two separate judges is entitled to be awarded the suffix OA after its name.	10 votes
Promotion of Jessica Burgess as a Junior Handler judge.	8 votes
Evelyn Williams promotion to the Novice Containers Scentwork panel.	9 votes
Approval to hold the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dachshund National at NDS 2025 in Canterbury.	9 votes 1 abstain
Promotion of Agility Judges Catherine Brennan to Agility Panel. Hayley Rohde to Ribbon Trial Panel. Kat Sutton to Ribbon Trial Panel.	9 votes
Waimate Kennel Society application for 3rd Championship Show.	Deferred to E.C. April meeting

**Moved: LD, Seconded: STT– Carried**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Executive Council confirmed the 24 and 25 February 2024 meeting minutes as true and correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY 2024 TASK LIST**

- Scent work email on “About Us” Web Page
- Agility will not have a championship event at NDS but are keen to participate with a Hoopers Demonstration event. CR as contact coordinator.
- Correct numbering and dates on CGC Gold & Silver Assessment Docs
- Correct spelling of Kaninchen (P.52). Breeds Standards to review measurement recommendations and include effective start dates for future new breed adoption recommendations.
- Awards protocols for next E.C. meeting.

**Moved: FH, Seconded: CR, – Carried**

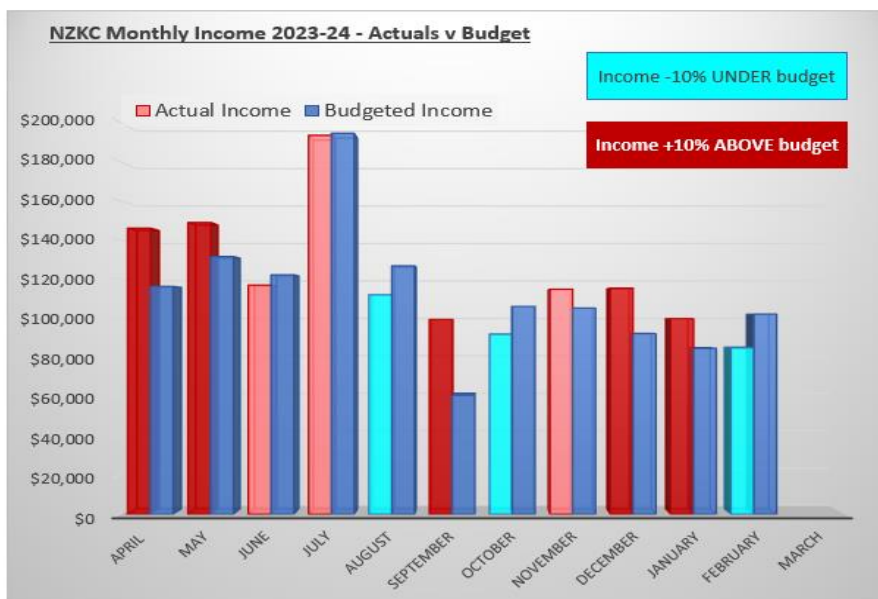
## 2. FINANCE

### TREASURERS REPORT: FEBRUARY 2024 ACCOUNTS

Report provided by Victoria Nelson – Treasurer.

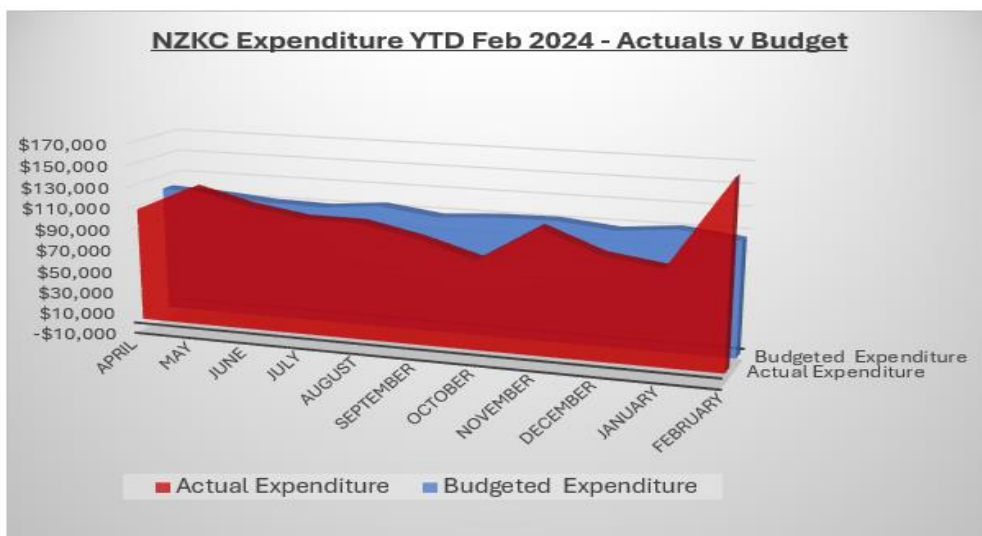
#### Group Income:

Overall group income for February was \$132K – this was \$12K under budget (-8.5%). This shortfall was attributable to lower income received for NZKC against budget expectations.



#### Group Expenditure:

Overall group expenditure for February was \$185K – this was \$35K above budget (24%). This was attributable to \$27.5K for unbudgeted staff recruitment costs, and \$7K for additional R&M grounds expenditure in Auckland.



#### Overall Group Position – Year-to-date

For the year ended February 2024, overall group income is **\$2.21M**, positive to budget by \$96K, and expenditure is \$2.050M, under-budget by \$70K, equalling an YTD surplus of \$166K for Dogs NZ.

This is attributable as follows:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Net YTD actual \$</u>	<u>Net YTD budget \$</u>	<u>Variance – YTD Actuals v Budget \$</u>
NZKC	\$123,899	\$17,090	\$106,809
AEC	-\$8,857	-\$32,835	\$23,978
Dunedin	\$1,042	-\$20,480	\$21,521
Gazette	\$48,466	\$78,627	-\$30,162
National	-\$23,193	-\$4,853	-\$18,340
FCI	-\$794	-\$6,175	\$5,381
NDTA	\$3,169	-\$5,210	\$8,379
Agility	-\$14,697	-\$27,550	\$12,853
NZDAC	\$3,818	\$82	\$3,736
JDT	\$14,952	-\$6,100	\$21,052
JDS	\$3,458	-\$223	\$3,681
Obedience North	-\$39	-\$80	\$41
Obedience Central	\$5,749	\$2,261	\$3,488
Obedience South	-\$6,162	-\$2,621	-\$3,542
CGC	\$10,837	-\$440	\$7,622
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,647</b>	<b>-\$4,850</b>	<b>\$166,497</b>

### ***Balance Sheet***

Total cash to 29 February 2024 is \$8.285M, up \$80k since end of last financial year (March 2023).  
Total Net Assets = \$8.538M

**Dogs New Zealand**  
**Statement of Financial Position**

	<u>to 29 February 2024</u>	<u>31 March 2023</u>	<u>31 March 2022</u>	<u>31 March 2021</u>	<u>31 March 2020</u>	<u>31 March 2019</u>	<u>31 March 2018</u>	<u>31 March 2017</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>								
Bank Deposits	555,217	655,555	655,043	632,528	706,488	567,701	529,653	577,827
Cash on Hand	209	509	1,159	1,159	1,159	1,159	609	869
Prepayments	52,307	70,129	21,156	37,134	43,209	61,441	41,348	52,052
Receivables	95,609	90,794	93,528	94,909	109,037	39,455	102,625	33,254
Other Debtors	2,234	5,765	1,119	2,508	3,594	10,328	11,227	14,432
Term Deposits & Investments	<u>7,579,365</u>	<u>7,381,995</u>	<u>7,472,915</u>	<u>1,028,301</u>	<u>752,236</u>	<u>771,754</u>	<u>679,136</u>	<u>729,135</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>8,284,944</b>	<b>8,204,748</b>	<b>8,244,914</b>	<b>1,796,539</b>	<b>1,615,724</b>	<b>1,451,838</b>	<b>1,364,599</b>	<b>1,407,570</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>								
Property, Plant and Equipment	745,036	759,336	804,706	1,173,327	1,261,435	1,324,218	1,384,202	1,422,651
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>9,029,981</u></b>	<b><u>8,964,083</u></b>	<b><u>9,049,620</u></b>	<b><u>2,969,866</u></b>	<b><u>2,877,158</u></b>	<b><u>2,776,056</u></b>	<b><u>2,748,802</u></b>	<b><u>2,830,220</u></b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>								
Accrued Staff Benefits	62,050	61,684	42,123	43,900	37,204	24,508	32,702	24,447
Payables & Accruals	132,063	184,449	170,874	201,726	184,155	108,948	135,231	88,419
Deferred Revenue	197,431	197,431	191,147	190,737	168,896	174,930	173,388	162,499
Receipts Received in Advance	<u>100,444</u>	<u>114,388</u>	<u>163,918</u>	<u>96,666</u>	<u>165,815</u>	<u>53,235</u>	<u>50,708</u>	<u>33,163</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>491,989</b>	<b>557,951</b>	<b>568,061</b>	<b>533,029</b>	<b>556,070</b>	<b>361,621</b>	<b>392,029</b>	<b>308,528</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>491,989</u></b>	<b><u>557,951</u></b>	<b><u>568,061</u></b>	<b><u>533,029</u></b>	<b><u>556,070</u></b>	<b><u>361,621</u></b>	<b><u>392,029</u></b>	<b><u>308,528</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>8,537,992</u></b>	<b><u>8,406,132</u></b>	<b><u>8,481,559</u></b>	<b><u>2,436,837</u></b>	<b><u>2,321,088</u></b>	<b><u>2,414,434</u></b>	<b><u>2,356,772</u></b>	<b><u>2,521,692</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>								
General Funds	8,537,992	8,406,132	8,481,559	2,436,837	2,321,088	2,414,434	2,356,772	2,521,692
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>8,537,992</u></b>	<b><u>8,406,132</u></b>	<b><u>8,481,559</u></b>	<b><u>2,436,837</u></b>	<b><u>2,321,088</u></b>	<b><u>2,414,434</u></b>	<b><u>2,356,772</u></b>	<b><u>2,521,692</u></b>

<b><u>Dogs New Zealand</u></b>		
<b><u>Cash Flow to 29 February 2024</u></b>		
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		131,638
Add Back Depreciation		51,110
Cash Surplus		182,748
<b><u>Decrease/(Increase) in Current Assets</u></b>		
Prepayments	17,822	
Receivables	(4,815)	
Other Debtors	3,531	
<b><i>Decrease/(Increase) in Current Assets</i></b>		16,538
<b><u>Increase/(Decrease) in Current Liabilities</u></b>		
Accrued Staff Benefits	367	
Payables & Accruals	(52,386)	
Receipts Received in Advance	(13,943)	
<b><i>Increase/(Decrease) in Current Liabilities</i></b>		(65,963)
<b>Increase/(Decrease) from Working Capital</b>		<b>(49,425)</b>
Sale / (Purchase) of Fixed Assets		(36,774)
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>		<b>96,550</b>
<b>Opening Cash Balances</b>		<b>8,038,059</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balances</b>		<b>8,134,609</b>

**Discussion:**

The Treasurer discussed the new finance information presentation docs and is looking for feedback from Councillors on what further information they would like to see. Management will continue to work with RAF to refine the presentation of financials / graphs to help guide decision making.

The Treasurer also presented draft accounts for end of FY23-24 which is positive to budget and show a financial surplus after depreciation. There is likely to be some audit adjustment before final accounts are included in the Year Book. The Director Secretary made the point that our investment fund is working for the benefit of all of Dogs NZ and our current financial position provides a strong platform to fund the projects in the FY24-25 Business Plan.

Executive Council discussed the presentation of the FY accounts and performance of the Investment Fund at ACOD. The chair of RAF will be involved in the development and presentation of our financial result and investment fund performance in the Year Book and at ACOD.

**Moved: CM, Seconded: STT - Report Received**

## RISK AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report by RAF Chair: John Green

### 1. Financial Performance

The February accounts have been received and reviewed. These continue to reflect the trends that have become familiar reading during the year with the ongoing impact of depressed Registry activity and increased costs in the distribution of Dog World being offset by Investment Fund income and timing of planned projects.

While it is disappointing to see February come up short against the monthly budget, the shortfall can essentially be attributed to three specific items:

- Investment Fund revenue is down \$20,000 on budget despite being well ahead of budget for the year. Whether this is a timing issue is unclear at the time of writing.
- Expenditure in DNZ Office is \$28,000 over budget as a result of extraordinary expenses for recruitment (\$27k) and Legal (\$7k over budget).

Fortunately, the YTD performance remains strong on the back of the Investment Fund performance. Provided there are no surprises in March, the FY24 results will reflect a positive year despite the challenges with registry activities.

We would anticipate that with a change in Treasurer there will be some minor impacts on the accounts from changes in how certain transactions are treated and timing issues that will wash out with the formulation of the annual accounts and audit.

### 2. Changes to Reporting Formats

We note the changes in the Treasurer's report and the introduction of graphs to provide a picture of how the organisation is tracking. While welcoming these initiatives we would caution that there is a risk of losing visibility of performance measures that provide insights



into underlying changes taking place within the various activities within the organisation and levels of membership activity.

While a reduction in the overall volume of information disseminated, it would be useful to workshop with E.C. what information they want to see and to ensure there is no loss of visibility of information essential to understanding overall organisational performance.

**3. 2024/25 Budgets**

We look forward to receiving the budgets to be considered by E.C. and having an opportunity to make any final contribution to this process before these are finalised.

**4. Notifiable and/or Material Transactions**

The Committee has not identified any notifiable or material transactions to review.

**5. Review of Financial Policies**

This remains a work in progress to involve the Treasurer in once the FY24 accounts have been completed.

Continuing.

**6. Other Projects**

- i. Review of Risk Register when this comes to hand.
- ii. Developing Dashboards remains a work in progress.

**Discussion:**

CM briefed Executive Council on the latest RAF projects.

**Moved: CM Seconded: FH - Report Received**

### 3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

#### FY 2024-2025 BUDGET

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

FY2023-24 Budget process was explained by Director Secretary. Budget has gone through 3 version and review by RAF committee and Management would like to have adoption by Council.

#### Discussion:

The Director Secretary briefed the Executive Council on the reduction of \$100k in costs from the draft budget mainly in the IT / Salary cost centres. The final budget version included no changes in forecasted revenue as management is confident in the numbers.

#### MOTION:

That the FY 2024-2025 Budget be adopted.

**Moved: STT Seconded: -CR Carried**

#### FY 2024-2025 BUSINESS PLAN

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

Executive Council discussed the Business Plan.

#### Discussion:

The Executive Council discussed the proposed "Train the Trainers" program in the Business Plan. GC explained the program and his desire to see it lead to accreditation with CANZ Training Accreditation scheme. E.C. would like to see documentation on the training framework and manual. GC is in discussion with NZ Dog Training Assn which is in the process of disestablishment and has asked for all their training documentation which can be incorporated in the Train the Trainers program.

The Executive Council also discussed the Resource Consent project for Ardmore Exhibition Centre and its desire to see quicker progress on securing approval to host non-dog events at the property. ST briefed E.C. on the allocation of funding in the 3-Year Capex Plan for the Resource Consent and kitchen/carparking/ toilet upgrades that would be required to host commercial event hire if Ardmore was successful in securing consent.

SM expressed the desire for Dogs NZ to work on a project plan for the Resource Consent and a business plan to maximise the commercial potential of non-dog sports event hire. The business plan should investigate the option of Ardmore being the home of the National Office and what professional management would be required to operate the commercial venue.

**MOTION:**

That the FY 2024-2025 Business Plan be adopted.

**Moved: STT Seconded: MH- Carried**

**BREEDERS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

Executive Council voted to present one Breeders Hall of Fame award at ACOD 2023.

**LIFE MEMBER / CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION NOMINATIONS**

Executive Council made a decision to award no life Memberships or Certificate of Appreciations at the April meeting.

**ACOD SUMMARY REPORT**

**ACOD 2024 Remits & Recommendations**

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

**Background:**

We have received 11 Remits and Recommendations for ACOD 2024. There is one proposed presentation and a Draft Agenda is attached.

**Remits:**

- Remit from the Agility Committee to amend Rule 15 (e).
- Remit from the Executive Council Committee to amend Rule 3 (v), 4 (d), 31 (h).
- Remit from Executive Council to amend Rule 20 (d).
- Remit from Executive Council to amend rules 4, 22, & 25, to meet requirements of the Registered Societies Act 2022.
- Remit from Dog Training Committee to amend List of Rules and Rule 20(d).

**Recommendations & Discussion Papers:**

- Recommendation from Geraldine County Kennel Association to amend Show Regulations 20.11 & 7.5 Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches.
- Recommendation from Geraldine County Kennel Association to amend Show Regulation 4.1.1 Judging and Judging Appointments.
- Recommendation from Waikouaiti Kennel Association to amend Show Regulation 2.1.2 Granting of Show Dates.
- Recommendation from Irish Setter Club to amend Show Regulations 2.2.1 Approval of Format of Show.

- Recommendation from Geraldine County Kennel Association to amend Registry Regulations 12.2.1 Breeder and Owner Endorsements.
- Recommendation from Geraldine County Kennel Association to amend Registry Regulations 12.2.5 Breeder and Owner Endorsements.

**Presentation:**

- Governance Road Show Presentation.

**Discussion:**

Executive Council discussed the remits and recommended a number of amendments to the Remits proposed by E.C. and decided who should present the remits at ACOD.

Executive Council also discussed the recommendations and noted that one of the recommendations will be resolved by planned Show Regulation changes but it would be useful to hear members views On the issue.

Executive Council also discussed the ACOD Draft Agenda and CR requested the opportunity for Agility to undertake a presentation on the new Hoopers sport if time allows.

**Moved: FH Seconded: STT - Report Received**

## ACOD DRAFT MEETING AGENDA

**The 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Delegates**  
of  
**The NZ Kennel Club (Inc) trading as Dogs New Zealand**  
will be held in the level 4 Members Lounge, Sky Stadium, Wellington  
on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
commencing at 10.00 am

### Business

1. Roll call
2. Obituaries
3. Minutes of 2023 Annual Conference of Delegates
4. Breeders Hall of Fame Award
5. Reports
  - President's
  - Financials (year ending 31 March 2024) / Capex Committee Report
6. Annual Subscription Approval
7. Remits (5)
8. Recommendations (6)
9. Announcement of Votes Recorded (NI Executive Council)
10. Announcement of Votes Recorded (SI Executive Council)
11. Election of Vice Presidents (NI and SI) and Senior Vice President
12. Presentation of badges
13. Auditor and solicitor approval
14. Authority to borrow
15. Presentation

- Governance Road Show Presentation
  - New Hoopers Sports
16. General Business

## 2024/25 FEE'S & SHOW LEVIES

Report to Executive Council

### RE: 2024/2025 Fees and Show Levies

Consumer Price Index change for the year to 31 March 2024 (as forecast by the Reserve Bank) is 4.7% rounded to the nearest 50 cents.

#### Membership Fees (Incl GST)

Affiliated Societies	\$268
Associated Clubs	\$179
Recognized Clubs	\$61.50
Individual Membership (Includes 2 <sup>nd</sup> member in household)	\$39.50
Joining Fee	\$27.50
NZ Young kennel Club Joining Fee	\$32.50

#### Renewal Fees (Incl GST)

Membership – NZYKC	\$25
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#### Rule 8A.3 (Incl GST)

Gazette Fee	\$61.50
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#### Rule 35 Levies

##### (a) Show Levies

Show levies shall be payable to the New Zealand Kennel Club by all societies at the rates payable on 1 July 2024 as follows:

- (i) All Championship Shows, **Championship Obedience Tests, Championship Rally-O Events, Working Trials and Companion Dog Trials** – \$1.23 plus GST per entry for the first 250 entries, \$2.35 plus GST per entry for all entries over 250.
- (ii) Championship Agility Events (**including Jumpers, Hoopers and Games Events**) - \$0.89c plus GST per **entry**.
- (iii) Open Shows, **Obedience Open Trials** and **Open Agility Events (including Jumpers and Games Events)** - \$0.68c plus GST per entry.
- (iv) Scent Work - \$1.04 plus GST per entry.

- (v) Lure Coursing and Coursing Ability Tests Events - \$1.10 plus GST per dog entered.

**Discussion:**

Show levies (ii) to include Hoopers.

**Motion:**

That the agreed changes to Rule 35 Levies and membership fees be adopted.

**Moved: STT Seconded: FH- Carried**

## FCI AGREEMENT UPDATE REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

**RE: Amended FCI Contract**

**1. Correspondence Between Dogs NZ & FCI**

***Y.De Clercq: FCI Executive Director***

*Please find attached the amended version of our associate membership agreement. The amended article is nr 6.*

*On another note, I wish to insist on Art.2 and Art.4 where important deadlines regarding FCI breed nomenclature/standards and number of FCI-CACIB shows are indicated.*

***Brian Harris: President NZKC***

*Thank you for the signed copy of the agreement.*

*With regards to Art. 2. We have been holding a least two CACIB shows per year and this year we will have three.*

*Next year we will need to find another club to host a fourth to comply.*

*Art. 4. From the very first CACIB show the shows have been held under FCI standards and FCI regulations (unlike our neighbours).*

*As new breeds are introduced to New Zealand, they are almost exclusively adopting the FCI standard for the breed.*

*I believe we are fully compliant with the agreement at this time and we look forward to future CACIB shows and our first A2O show in November.*

**Discussion:**

The Executive Council discussed the amended FCI contract and what happens with the Agreement post 2025. The importance of having an agreement with FCI was emphasised which allows NZ to access international judges and facilities the import / export of pedigree dogs to FCI countries.

The potential future status of Australia as a full FCI member was discussed and BH is to contact the ANKC President to discuss and report back to Council.

**Report Received**

## 4. REGULATIONS

### SCENT WORK REGULATIONS REVIEW

**Note:** ALL the following Scent Work Regulation corrections, additions and proposed changes were tabled at Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Meetings over the past twelve months, where they have been discussed and endorsed either unanimously or by majority vote.

#### Regulation Move & Amended Numbering

#### **3.14 Previews are not permitted.**

To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

#### **~~3.14~~3.15 Videotaping/Photography**

Videotaping/photography of a ~~competitor handler~~ may be undertaken on behalf of a participant for their own personal use. No photograph or video footage may however be used to challenge a Scent Work Judge's decision. Neither shall any photographs or video footage be made available for viewing at any time till after completion of the trial.

#### ***Rationale***

Clarification of regulations pertaining to spectating.

Grammatical corrections.

**Approved:**

#### Regulation Amendment

#### **3.6.1 Restricted Trial**

**Declined:**

#### Regulation Change

#### **6.5 Scent Work Awards**

##### **6.5.1 Novice Container Scent Detection Award**

After a dog has attained ~~two~~ **three** qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for each of the two Novice Container patterns (i.e., both patterns must have been achieved ~~twice~~ **three times**) under at least two different judges, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of NCS after its name.

#### ***Rationale***

Currently, the ability to progress from Novice to Advanced has become easily obtainable within a singular weekend. In turn, participants are being asked to enter an Advanced Class they are not yet adequately prepared for. Increasing the pre-requisite criteria addresses the current situation.

**Approved:**

Regulation Addition**9.1 Consistent Hide Location**

For classes in the Odour Search Division the hide must remain in the same location for each competitor, unless the hide location is contaminated or circumstances arise which, in the opinion of the Judge, otherwise require relocating the hide.

If the Judge determines that a hide, **vehicle or other item** must be relocated during the running of a class, it should be moved to a location that presents the same challenges as at the original location. The location of the original hide should be wiped and the scent vessel or container must be left to stand in the new hide location for 15 minutes before the next dog is run. At least one other area of similar size, should also be wiped with an Enzymic cleaner.

**Rationale**

Greater clarification of regulation intent.

Approved:

Regulation Change/Relocation**9.9.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within the time outlined for the Level and Class of Trial.

- All Novice Levels and Classes – Three minutes.
- Advanced Container – Three minutes. All other Advanced Classes - Four minutes.
- Excellent Container – Three minutes. All other Excellent Classes – **Five Four** minutes.
- Masters Container – Three minutes. **All other Masters Classes – Four minutes**

Approved:

**9.9.3 Teamwork**

**The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dogs as direction or praise, but may not guide the dog.**

**Rationale**

Accommodation of introduced Master Classes.

Clarification of regulation reference to Handler/Dog Teamwork.

Approved:



New Regulation – under 9.9 Search Set-up

**9.9.8** If a Vehicle, Interior or Exterior search area must be reused and the hide was placed on an item that cannot be removed, the previous placement area must be clearly indicated.

***Rationale***

Clarity as to actions required in instances of fouling.

**Approved:**

Regulation Addition

**9.10 Penalties**

**9.10.1 Penalty points may be applied for:**

- . Poor lead handling including unnecessary dropping of the line, detaching the dog from lead when in the opinion of the presiding judge this was unnecessary and tangling of the line.
- . Impeding the dog while it is searching.
- . Placing the dog in an unsafe situation.
- . Handler accidentally touching an object in the search area. No penalty shall apply however if the dog touches the container or article to either seek for or indicate the Target Odour location.
- . Dog knocking over or retrieving a container.
- . Dog picking up and mouthing of the Scent Receptacle
- . ~~Not calling “Alert” or “Finish” after a participant’s dog indicates the location of a Target Odour within the time requirements for the Class being judged.~~
- . Handler not giving both audible and visual alert.
- **An alert is called on a previous found hide**
- **More than once, the food or toy reward is used to reset/refocus the dog in the search**

***Rationale***

Additional penalties applied for searches.

**Approved:**

Regulation addition**9.10.3 A disqualification will be recorded if:**

- ☐ Any handler or dog is found in any of the search areas before their search.
- ☐ A dog defecates or urinates in the search area.
- ☐ A container is destroyed (i.e., the judge deems the container unusable).
- ☐ A handler or dog shows aggression to others.
- ☐ Excessive corrections are displayed.
- ☐ Any person, other than the Judge, introduces scent samples into the search area.
- ☐ **Any dropping of food or toy in the search area.**

**Rationale**

Clarity as to the action required for fouling a Search Area.

Approved:

Regulation addition & amended numbering**10.7 Rewards**

**10.7.3 A handler is permitted to use food or a toy to reset/refocus their dog within the scent area on one occasion only without incurring any penalties. Subsequent resets/refocusing will however incur penalties.**

~~10.7.3~~ **10.7.4** If a toy is used, it must not be of a type that can make a noise, and it must always stay in contact with the ~~competitor~~ **handler** (i.e., toys may not be thrown).

**Rationale**

Clarity of current regulation intent.

Approved with small changes:

Regulation amendment**11.1.1.2 Preparation Table.**

Where possible, a small, elevated platform may be located at no less than ~~ten (10)~~ **two (2 m)** metres prior to the actual Search Area start line. At this station, handlers will be permitted to place ~~one~~ **their** reward item (including food, **which must be in a closed container**, or toy) for the purpose of post search reinforcement. However, at no time must the reward article (including food, **or container**) be permitted to contact the floor or ground surface.

**Rationale**

Clarity of current regulation intent. Correction of an existent error.

Approved with small changes:

Regulation condensing /rewrite & amended numbering

**Delete existing 11.2 Novice Container Search**

**Delete existing 11.3 Advanced Container Search**

**Delete existing 11.4 Excellent Container Search**

**Delete existing 11.5 Master Container Search**

**Delete existing 11.6 Novice Interior Search**

**Deleting existing 11.7 Advanced Interior Search**

**Delete existing 11.8 Excellent Interior Search**

**Delete existing 11.9 Novice Exterior Search**

**Delete existing 11.10 Advanced Exterior Search**

**Delete existing 11.11 Excellent Exterior Search**

**Delete existing 11.12 Novice Vehicle Search**

**Delete existing 11.13 Advanced Vehicle Search**

**Delete existing 11.14 Excellent Vehicle Search**

Replacement Regulations**11.2 Equipment (New)**

**11.2.1** Provision of equipment. Except for Scent Receptacles, which must be provided by the Scent Work Judge, all containers and other equipment used (such as Velcro), must be provided by the host organisation along with additional containers and equipment should this become necessary for replacements such as contaminations.

**11.2.1.1 Container Searches.**

**Novice** - Twelve five-litre opaque plastic or metal containers, weighted with an approximate weight of 1kg to prevent dogs from nudging them over.

All containers are to be identical in shape and size, with a minimum height of 20cm, with each container having a covered/fitted lid with 8 – 10 holes of 5mm diameter to allow the dog to smell the scent but not access it.

**Advanced** - Sixteen containers of various types and sizes, each being of no less than 2 litre capacity, and weighted to prevent dogs from nudging them over.

**Excellent** - Twenty-one containers of various types and sizes, each being no less than 1 litre capacity, and weighted to prevent dogs from nudging them over.

**Master** - Twenty-eight containers of various types and sizes, each being no less than 1 litre capacity, and weighted to prevent dogs from nudging them over.

All container searches must be conducted on a level surface such as grass, concrete, or asphalt.

Identical surplus containers for replacement must also be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated.

**11.2.1.2 Target Containers.** Target Containers (i.e., the ones containing a Scent Receptacle) and containers containing non-food distractions should remain in the same position for all participants. However, the presiding Scent Work Judge may choose to move the Target Container, Distraction Container, or all containers if they deem this to be necessary (for example, a dog has fouling **fouled** near the containers).

**11.2.1.3 Container placement.**

**Novice** - Either in a single straight row of 12 (twelve) containers (known as ‘Configuration A’, a metre apart, and a metre on each side as well as at the end of the row or, two rows of 6 (six) containers (known as ‘Configuration B’), each row being 1.5 – 2 metres apart, as well as a 1 metre spacing on each side and end of the rows.

**Advanced and Excellent** - Placed in **equal rows**; with each row being 1.5 – 2 metres apart or, in a 2.5m diameter circle or, square or, ‘‘C’’ or, ‘‘L’’ or, ‘‘n’’ or, N or, ‘‘U’’ or, ‘‘V’’ shape formation with at least 50cm spacing between each container.

**Master** - Containers are placed in a random order with at least 50cm, but no greater than 2m spacing between them, within a regulation scent work area.

**11.2.1.4 Additional Items**

For Interior and Exterior Searches, the Presiding Scent Work Judges may also add to the Search Area, props to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.2.1.5 Vehicle Searches**

For Novice Vehicle searches, there shall be one vehicle. For Advance Vehicle searches, there shall be two – three vehicles. For Excellent and Master Vehicle searches, there shall be three – four vehicles.

All vehicles must be thoroughly checked prior to a Scent Search Trial for fuel/ oil leaks and fumes, and that they are not hot (from recent use). Neither should they have any sharp or protruding parts that could harm the dog.

**11.3 Scent Receptacles**

**11.3.1 - Scent Receptacle Number** in each Scent Work Class Trial shall be:

**Novice Level** – One Scent Receptacle

**Advanced Level** – Two Scent Receptacles

**Excellent Level** – Three Scent Receptacles

**Master Level** – One - Four Scent Receptacles

For Container Searches, no more than one Scent Receptacle or distraction may be placed in a single container.

**11.3.2 – Scent Receptacle Placement**

Maximum height of Scent Receptacles placement above the Search Area level is:

All **Novice** Classes – 60cm.

All **Advanced** Classes – 90cm.

All **Excellent** Classes – 120cm

All **Master** Classes – 150cm

**11.3.2.1** - A scent receptacle can be accessible or inaccessible at any level as long as the placement is consistent with the level of difficulty at that level.

**11.3.3** Scent Receptacles are to be constructed and supplied by the presiding Scent Work Judge, using only the approved Essential Oils for Dogs New Zealand Qualification purposes (refer 7.4.1)

**11.3.4** Scent Receptacles may be magnetic or be secured, providing the scent holes are not obscured).

**11.3.5** All Scent Receptacles should be placed in the desired location no less than 15 minutes before commencement of a Search Trial. This also applies to any replacement samples/containers.

**11.3.6** For Container searches, the Scent Receptacle should be placed inside the container.

For Interior searches, Scent Receptacle(s) may be hidden on, under, or in an Object, solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area, no less than 15 minutes before commencement of a Search Trial.

For Vehicle Searches, Scent Receptacles may only be placed on the vehicles frame (bumper, seams, and number plate), wheel (hubcaps/spokes), or in the wheel wells of the vehicles. NEVER in the interior of a vehicle, or on its roof or bonnet. Neither should it be placed greater than 5 cm under a vehicle.

For all searches, a Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Aid.

#### **11.4 Distractions**

**11.4.1** Except for Advanced, Excellent and Master Containers, NO intentional distractions are permitted in any other Level or Class.

For Advanced Container, one non-food distraction is to be placed in one of the containers (not containing a Scent Receptacle).

For Excellent Container, two non-food distractions are to be placed in separate containers (not containing a Scent Receptacle).

For Master Container, **up to** three non-food distractions are to be placed in separate containers (not containing a Scent Receptacle).

#### **11.5 Search Area Size**

##### **11.5.1 Container**

**Novice** - 40-50 m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 2.5m x 15.5m – 5m x 9.5m).

**Advanced** - 50 – 80m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 6m x 8m – 10m x 8m).

**Excellent** - 80 – 90 m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 10m x 8m – 10m x 9m).

**Master** - Minimum of 80m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 10m x 8m).

#### 11.5.2 Interior

**Novice – One area** 45 – 70m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 7m x 7m – 8.5m – 8.5m). Areas may include an entire or partial area of a room. If a room is not fully utilized, the Search Area boundaries must be clearly defined.

**Advanced – One – Two adjoining areas** 50 – 90m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 7m x 7m – 9.5m x 9.5m).

**Excellent** - One - Two **adjoining** areas, total Search Area size is a minimum of **70 m<sup>2</sup>**, but not exceeding 130m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 7m X 10m– 11.5m x 11.5m).

**Master - Two – Four adjoining areas**, total Search Area size is a minimum of **110 m<sup>2</sup>**, but not exceeding 170m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 10.5m x 10.5m – 13m x 13m).

#### 11.5.3 Exterior Search

Exterior Search Areas may be in a covered area but should have no more than two walls. Search Areas are required to be clearly defined.

**Novice** – 45 – 70m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 7m x 7m – 8.5m – 8.5m)

**Advanced** – 50 – 90m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 7m x 7m – 9.5m x 9.5m).

**Excellent** – 90 – 155m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 9.5m x 9.5m – 12.5m x 12.5m).

**Master** – 155 - 215m<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 12.5m x 12.5m – 14.5m x 14.5m).

#### 11.5.4 Vehicle Search

Size of the Search Area will vary, depending upon the number and size of vehicles used. For Search Area designation purposed, the Search Area shall consist of a perimeter of 2m around the side of the vehicle. Vehicles must however be no less than 1.5m, and no greater than 2m apart.

Total Search Area is required to be clearly defined using markers.

#### **Rationale**

Incorporation of Scent Work Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle Scent Work Classes. Establishing conciseness of current Regulations without altering definition. (11 pages is condensed to three).

#### **Glossary**

**Scent aid**”: A cotton ball or cotton bud that is permeated with the target odour. These are then hidden in the search area.

**“Scent Receptacle**”: A receptacle for holding the scent aid. This may be any small object that prevents the scent aid from coming into direct contact with any object or surface in the search area but allows the scent to escape. For safety reasons, scent vessels may never contain glass.

**“Restricted Trial** “The **restricted trial will be conducted under the same conditions i.e. Containers, Vehicle and search areas (Interior or Exterior) by the same or a different judge.**

**“Vehicle”** The vehicle provided must be able to be driven or towed. If driven – no smaller than a ride on mower or golf cart. If towed no smaller than a standard six (6) X four (4) garden trailer (e.g. 1.8m X 1.2m) The vehicle provided must have suitable areas available for hide placements.

**Rationale**

Clarity of current descriptions.

Additional definitions to enhance clarity of meaning.

Approved:

## SHOW REGULATIONS

### Show Regulation 1.1

1.1 “Show” and “Fixture” includes Championship Show, Open Show, Ribbon ~~Event Parade,~~ ~~Field-or~~ Trial, **held in any Dogs New Zealand discipline and run under the relevant code’s regulations.**

~~Water Trial, Championship Obedience Test, Obedience Open Trial, Obedience Ribbon Trial, Companion Dog Trial, Utility Dog Trial, Working Dog Trial, Tracking Dog Trial, Ch a m p i o n s h i p Agility Events, Open Agility Events Agility Ribbon Trials, Field Trial and Water Trial Training Classes, Qualifying Scent Work Trials, and Scent Work Ribbon Trials.~~

**Motion:**

**That the approved changes to the Scent Work & Show Regulations be adopted.**

Moved: MH Seconded: STT- Carried

### Show Regulation 7.5

Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches at Championship Shows. A Neutered Dog or Spayed bitch can be exhibited.

- In any stake class for which they are eligible at any Championship Show.
- ~~Breed classes~~ At any Specialist Breed, Multibreed or Group club championship show **where they must be exhibited in specific Neuter/Spay Breed Classes only where these are scheduled, or may be exhibited in standard breed classes where specific Neuter/Spay Breed Classes or not scheduled.**
- In specific Neuter/Spay Breed Classes where such a class is provided at any All Breeds Championship show
- This clause shall not permit the exhibition of Neutered Dogs or Spayed Bitches in any other Breed Class at any other Championship Show.

**Discussion:**

Executive Council decided to place the proposed regulation on hold until the issue debated at ACOD 2024.

## Show Regulation 10

### Show entries

#### 10.1.1 Mandatory Entry Conditions

- All entries for Championship and Open Shows must be on or in one or a combination of the following forms: by online if the club is using this format for the taking of entries, or, on a standard basic official entry form, that maybe a photocopy, scan copy, download or print of an official **NZKC Dogs New Zealand** issued entry form.
- All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee
- A club cannot accept any entry later than **14 7** days prior to the first day of the show
- Late entries not accepted must be returned to the exhibitor immediately.

#### ~~10.1.2 Optional Entry Conditions~~

- ~~• A club may at its discretion set a policy applicable to all exhibitors for:~~
- ~~• the acceptance of late entries~~
- ~~• the acceptance of informal, incomplete, and partly paid entries provided however a correctly completed and fully paid entry must be received on or before time of exhibition. If such entry is not received upon the terms set by the club then exhibition will not be permitted~~
- ~~• permitting the alteration of classes or substitution of one entry for another~~
- ~~• setting a premium fee payable for all or any category of entry accepted under these conditions. Advertising in the schedule for the show of any premium payable is optional.~~

~~The exhibitor of any entry made under these conditions is liable for payment in full of all entry fees including any premium charged whether the exhibit is exhibited or not.~~

#### 10.1.3 Entry by New Members

- Entries by new members can be accepted **with the letter "MAF" (Membership Applied For)** by the payment of a casual entry fee **stated** in lieu of a membership number, provided that the exhibitor must produce to the secretary a confirmed membership number on or before time of exhibition. If such number is not received, then exhibition will not be permitted.

#### ~~10.1.4 Refunds~~

- ~~• The club shall refund in full any entry withdrawn before the closing date for entries stated in the schedule~~
- ~~• With the exception of a dog withdrawn pursuant to Show Regulation 19.15.1 No refunds shall be made on any entry withdrawn after that date~~



## 10.2 Ownership

A dog, when entered for a show, must be solely and unconditionally the property of the exhibitor or exhibitors and except when specifically exempted, must be registered at ~~the New Zealand Kennel Club Dogs New Zealand~~ in the exhibitors name or names, but it may be sold with its engagements and exhibited by the new owner or owners subject to the new owner or owners being a member or members of ~~the Dogs New Zealand Kennel Club~~ or having applied for membership of ~~the Dogs New Zealand Kennel Club~~ and the transfer being registered previous to the show. In this case the new owner or owners are deemed to have undertaken to abide by the rules and conditions on the original entry form of the show.

## 10.3 Separate Entry Forms

**10.3.1** Separate entry forms for each exhibit must be completed in accordance with the provisions specified thereon and signed by at least one current owner. ~~That owner's signature shall~~ Entry of the dog shall be deemed to bind all owners of the dog to the terms and conditions of entry and the Rules and Regulations of the New Zealand Kennel Club. ~~The New Zealand Kennel Club Dogs New Zealand~~ membership number of each and every owner must always be stated.

### ~~10.3.2 — Double Shows~~

~~10.3.2.1 — Where an exhibit is entered into the same class in both shows held by a recognised Club either on the same day or in consecutive days, Clubs may advertise in their schedule that one entry form shall suffice for both shows, provided the entry is completed as set out above, and appropriate fees paid.~~

~~10.3.2.2 — Separate entry forms shall be required when the exhibit is entered into a different class at each show OR if an exhibit moves from one class to another due to birth dates.~~

**10.4** In Obedience and Agility where the handler is not the owner of the dog (or in the case of a jointly ~~19~~ Owned dog one of the owners) the handler's name and ~~New Zealand Kennel Club Dogs New Zealand~~ membership number must be given. The handler can be changed on the day, provided the name and New Zealand Kennel Club registered number of the new handler are given to the Secretary prior to the dog entering the ring for competition. The handler's name and New Zealand kennel Club number must be entered in the New Zealand Kennel Club copy of the marked catalogue.

**10.5** No dog shall be eligible to complete in any class unless the date of birth is stated on the entry form. On the day of the show any entry entered in an incorrect class may be transferred to the Open Class

**10.6** Subject to the provisions of any agreement between ~~the New Zealand Kennel Club Dogs New Zealand~~ and a recognised overseas Society and the exceptions provided for Ribbon Parades in Show Regulations and in 10.6.1 below only the current owner(s) as recorded in the ~~New Zealand Kennel Club Dogs New Zealand~~ Registers who are then members of the New Zealand Kennel Club may enter a dog for a Recognised Show.

**10.6.1** Members of the ~~New Zealand Kennel Club Dogs New Zealand~~ Specialist Breed and Multibreed Clubs, who are not ~~New Zealand Kennel Club Dogs New Zealand~~ members, may enter a New Zealand Kennel Club registered dog in their clubs

Recognised Show where offered by way of a casual entry, with it noted on the entry form as such. A casual entry levy is paid, as set by the ~~New Zealand Kennel Club~~ Executive Council, and is payable to ~~the New Zealand Kennel Club~~ Dogs New Zealand at the time of payment of the show levies.

~~10.6.2~~ Casual membership may also be utilised by any prospective Dogs New Zealand members who have applied for membership but such membership has not yet been granted.

~~10.7~~ It is the responsibility of all owners of dogs registered with the ~~New Zealand Kennel Club~~ Dogs New Zealand to comply with the law regarding registration of the dog with local authorities. Any club organising a show may accept as sufficient evidence of compliance, a declaration on the official Entry Form, signed by an owner (made at the time the entry is made) certifying that the dog named in the entry form is currently registered with a local authority as required by law. The declaration must be signed before the entry can be accepted by the club. In the case of an online entry, the IP address will serve as the signature.

~~10.8~~ A dog may be entered in one breed class only at Championship Shows conducted by All Breed and Group Clubs. Unless otherwise stated in the schedule a dog may be entered in more than one class at Championship Shows conducted by Multi-Breed and by Specialist Breed Clubs, or at Open Shows and Ribbon Parades conducted by any club.

~~10.9~~ Levy: Show Levies shall be collected by all Societies at time of receiving general entries; the total amount of levies received shall be forwarded to the ~~New Zealand Kennel Club~~ Dogs New Zealand no later than one calendar month from the date the show is held and be accompanied by the New Zealand Kennel Club Show Levy Calculation Form. In the case of a Championship Show the total number of dogs scheduled to be judged by each judge in breed classes must be shown.

~~10.9.1~~ Any society which has not paid its show levies one month after the required date will have a 10% penalty applied.

~~10.10~~ Dogs entered or exhibited at unrecognised shows, with the exception of a dog exhibited at a Match Competition held in accordance with clause 28 hereof, may be disqualified from entry at any Dogs New Zealand recognised shows ~~held under permission of the Executive Council.~~

~~10.11~~ ~~The names and addresses of exhibitors defaulting on payment of entry fees may at the request of the club conducting the show be published in the New Zealand Kennel Gazette.~~

~~10.12~~ ~~10.11~~ The entry forms for all neutered dogs and spayed bitches at any Open show or Championship Show shall be endorsed with the letter D (denoting d-sexed) after the ~~NZKC~~ Dogs New Zealand Registered number.

~~10.13~~ ~~DELETED NAF/RAF~~

**Motion:**

**That the proposed changes to Show Regulations 10 be adopted.**

**Moved: JB Seconded: LD - Carried**

### Show Regulation 20.13

Removal of requirement to stand down for 7 days for Level1 and Level 2 reports.

20.13.4.4.1 Level 1 & Level 2 - ~~After seven days~~ For instances where the dog is excluded by the judge, the dog will be stood down for 7 days.

For any other report under this section no stand-down period is required. From the date of exclusion, the dog may be exhibited with the relevant show manager(s) responsible for organising an observer for the rest of the day/show/weekend. Written reports from these observations must be submitted with the original incident report to Dogs New Zealand as soon as possible.

After the show at which it was reported, the dog may be exhibited at any recognized fixture subject to meeting the conditions as set out under ~~19-20.13.5~~.

**20.13.4.3** ~~Any dog so~~ Dogs excluded under Level 3 or Level 4 criteria above shall not be eligible for exhibition at any recognized fixture for a period of seven days from and including the date of exclusion and until such time as permission is granted by the New Zealand Kennel Club.

### Show Regulation 33

Recommend Deletion

#### ~~33. CATS~~

~~The New Zealand Kennel Club may approve the inclusion of classes for cats upon application.~~

#### Motion:

That the proposed changes to Show Regulations 20.13 & 33 be adopted.

Moved: FH, Seconded: JB- Carried

## SHOW REGULATION 14.4 (BREED STANDARDS COMMITTEE – RAMP BREEDS)

Following the call for submission on ramp breeds the committee has met via zoom and email to discuss this issue.

### **Current Situation:**

As Appendix 1 to the Show Regulations a list of Ramp Breeds, including some optional breeds are listed. This list was adopted quite a few years ago and was taken from the breeds then listed by the AKC.

Appendix 2 sets out the dimensions of any ramps used.

Show Regulation 14.4 sets out the rules regarding when the ramp can be used, and this is at the sole discretion of the judges.

In addition, in Appendix 1 there are some guidelines as to when ramps may be used in an Emergency.

It is also noted that under the Show Regulation 14.4 the implication is that Clubs do not necessarily have to supply a ramp.

There is also nothing to say that all exhibits in a particular breed must be ramped if one is.

### **Feedback from submissions:**

The feedback from the submissions was varied and included:

- Some made a strong case for their breed to be included as a ramp breed.
- One asked for the breed to be removed from the list.
- Some suggested that due to the aging nature of our exhibitors that many of the table breeds should be shown on a ramp.
- Others pointed out the cost to clubs of additional ramps could be high.

### **Implications for extending the list of ramp breeds:**

There are several outcomes:

- Each club would require a ramp for every judging ring, the cost of which could be high.
- Alternatively, the movement of ramps between rings would need to be managed far better than it is currently.
- Judges would need to agree to ramp all of the breeds which are listed so it no longer becomes a question of the judges discretion.
- The list of breeds in Appendix 1 should be updated and wider consultation had for the specific breeds to be added e.g. if we add Corgis then the Corgi Clubs would need to be consulted.

### **Other issues to consider:**

The ANKC have recently issued an updated list of ramp/table/ground judged breeds (Copy attached). Given that most of our judges come from Australia or New Zealand should we consider adopting this list?

There is already a provision for people to be helped with dogs they cannot lift.

Should the use of ramps be compulsory for those breeds on the list?

Whose responsibility is it to ensure that the ramp is in the ring for those breeds on the list?

Whilst technically not a Breed Standards issue is this the best committee to deal with this matter?

**Discussion:**

Executive Council discussed the Ramp Breeds recommendations and decided to:

- Adopt the Dogs Australia Ramp Table List.
- It will be compulsory that Judges adhere to the list.
- That Ramp table List be sent out to Clubs/Membership for consultation.

**Report Received:**

## LURE COURSING SUB-COMMITTEE

### Requested amendments to Regulations.

**Show Regulations:**

- 1.1 Add the words “Lure Coursing Meet,” following “Tracking Dog Trial”.

**Moved: Seconded: - Carried**

**New sub-clause**

2.1.4 Lure Coursing Fixtures

All Affiliated and Associated All Breeds Clubs and all Associated Group Clubs catering for Hound Breeds will be allocated event dates and granted licences to hold Lure Coursing Event Trials and Meets.

Application for Lure Coursing Meets can be made at any time up to three months before the date of the Meet. All Meets also require the consent of the Lure Coursing sub-committee of Executive Council.

All Lure Coursing Meets may also include Coursing Ability Tests (CATs) as set out in Appendix A of the Lure Coursing Regulations

- 4.1.5 Add the following at the end “Lure Coursing Judges: Lure Coursing Regulations set out the terms and conditions of the New Zealand Kennel Club Lure Coursing Judges panel.”

**Registration Regulations:**

5.2 Part II. Sports Dog Register

5.2.1 (amend to read as follows)

Any dog not registered on, or eligible to be registered on, Part 1 may be registered on the Sports Dog Register and upon registration. any dog so registered shall be eligible to compete in all Dogs New Zealand sanctioned Trials, Meets, Tests and Events. They shall also be eligible for all Titles and Certificates able to be awarded at these Trials, Meets, Tests and Events.

**Motion:**

That the proposed changes to Show Regulations & Registration Regulations be adopted.

Moved: MH, Seconded: CR - Carried

<b>5. COMPLAINTS / DISPUTES</b>
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**RECOMMENDATION FOR SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES FOR BREACH OF REGISTRY REGULATIONS.**

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

**Motion:**

The Executive Council considered and approved the suspension of the kennel name submitted to the April 2024 Executive Council meeting for failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1 after receiving the final 28-day late warning..

Moved: Chair: – Carried

**COMPLAINTS & DISPUTE REPORT**

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

The Executive Council discussed the report, including the recommendation from the Chair of Disputes of two official complaints. ST provided an update on the judicial mediation hearing which failed to reach agreement between both parties and is no scheduled for a full court hearing in front of a judge. All legal costs are covered by our liability insurance.

Report Received

**REGISTRATION DECISION REVIEW**

Complaint Case – Registration Regulation 12.1.4 endorsement on a dog registration

### Complaint Case – Registration Regulation 15.2.4 registration ruling on transfer of ownership and 9.3.16 semen registration.

The Executive Council discussed both registration decisions reviews and made a number of decisions which the Director Secretary will communicate to both parties.

## 6. OFFICE REPORTS

### DIRECTOR SECRETARY APRIL 2024 REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

#### 1. Staffing Restructure FY2024/25

I would like in this report to quickly update Council on the key staffing restructure activities as we enter into a new financial year and business plan.

##### **Registry Manager**

Sue Conner has settled quickly in the new role and all registry processing tasks are now united under her control. Key projects she is working on include:

- Review of registry processes to ensure that we have integrity with our regulations.
- Revise the dog registration process to remove unnecessary manual input and align with the Litter registration process.
- Revamp loading of health tests to increase speed.
- Automation of Sports Dogs registration and loan of bitch/stud agreements.

The FY24-25 budget retains Mark Signal services to continue to work 10-15 hrs per week on the Registry projects / fixes for the next 6 months before handing over all registry IT projects to Matt Levens. Matt's first Registry project will be working on the Automation of Sports Dogs registration and loan of bitch/stud agreements.

##### **Database & Web Development**

Matt Levens is working at a pace that I am struggling to keep up with. His current focus is on:

- Integration of Show Manager
- Automation of Membership / Kennel Name process
- CGC / Dog Training databases
- Awards automation

The last two projects will have a big impact on the success of the Membership Services role. If we can reduce the current processing workload with automation then that role as a FTE looking after our various membership services becomes achievable.

##### **Membership Services**

I have revamped Suzy Moreno receptionist role into a 0.9FTE Membership Services role with Suzy working an additional 5 hours per week (which will take her to 35 hours per week). Her new PD includes responsibility for:

- Current Reception duties

- Award Certificate processing
- CGC Program administration
- Membership leave support

If we have made enough progress in automating part of the Awards / CGC processing then we have the potential to include Canine Health Committee support as well.

### ***CH&W Roles***

#### ***RFG Program***

I have met with vet technician Kat Cross (ex-Massey University) and are contracting her as our RFG Assessor as she is certified in the role by Cambridge University. We are currently planning a schedule of assessor training sessions for the year as I still receiving strong interest from the Vets who want to be part of the scheme.

#### ***CH&W Advisory Role***

I have drafted a PD and part-time contract for the role and are working through the appointment process with the Staffing Committee and will involve the Chair of CH&W Committee in the appointment of a suitable candidate. The role will be advisory only to the CH&W Committee and not a voting member which removes the conflicts of the past.

## **1. Business Plan Key Projects FY2024/25**

### ***Show Manager Program:***

The basic show program has been built and tested with two experienced show secretaries and Brian Harris to ensure that is being built complies with our Show Regulations. The API links between Show Manager and our registry/membership databases have been built and tested.

The next step is to test the show programme with both a dummy show run and in a “live show environment.” This testing will start in May and will involve the wider show secretary beta testing group.

### ***Membership / Kennel Name Edm Project:***

The automated links in the membership database have been built by Matt and Purina are currently building the relevant edm’s with input from PD Insurance. This project will be live in May.

### ***CGC / Dog Training Database***

Matt is conducting a review of our CGC process with Suzy to identify tasks that we can automate and is transferring the CGC list which is currently on an XL spreadsheet into a new dog training database. This will enable us to create automated Edm campaigns to the public who complete our dog training courses to consider taking up dog sports.

### ***Website Refresh***

The timetable for this project has been advanced. PD Insurance marketing team are doing some design work on “look & feel” and Matt has built a new platform as the existing platform is no longer supported. We are using the new platform to house the Show Manager Program for the dry test runs.

In June we will start detailed scope planning for the Website architecture with new build starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr of FY24-25.



**Discussion:**

Executive Council discussed the report and look forward to receiving a paper on the Award protocols and office processes at the June Meeting. The proposed CH&W Advisory Role was also discussed together with the required office admin support for the CH&W Committee. Director Secretary to forward proposed position description to CH&W Chair.

The use of Board-books and timely preparation of E.C. documents was discussed. STT will review the Committee report list with LF to ensure that no committee chairs are missing and will review the current report deadlines to allow more time for up-to-date reports. Any reports received are to be formatted and immediately loaded onto Board-books. The objective is to have a confirmed agenda and all documents loaded by the Monday, two weeks prior to the Council meeting.

Target Dates for 2024 E.C. Meeting Document packs are:

- 17 June:
- 15 July
- 16 September
- 11 November

**Report Received****CLUBS REPORT**

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager).

**There are two clubs applying for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Championship show in 2024 and decision is required for both.**

**There is a further club applying for a third show in 2025 and an A2O show.**

**CENTRAL TOY DOG ASSOCIATION - Third Championship Show in 2024**

Letter received from secretary of Central Toy Dog Association as below. The date would be fine and Tauranga KA have confirmed that they would welcome the club holding their show in conjunction with them. Tauranga KA have also advised that they would be able to provide them with a Toy Dog specialist judge if necessary

“Our Central Toy Dog Association Committee wishes to apply for a 3rd Championship show this year. This would be for October 2024. As a supportive show for the FCI, and Tauranga KA being held at Katikati.

We have noticed that our shows are well supported by exhibitors, and that they also enter the other shows we are in conjunction with. Our recent show having 106 entries, and the CKA show receiving 104 entries the Saturday we shared. Entries were much lower on the Sunday at the All breed show for Toy group, as it was only CKA.

Could this 3rd show please be considered by Executive Council at their next meeting.

We are asking to support these shows in the hope of the FCI show will gain extra toy entries”.

**Motion:**

**The Central Toy Dog Association be approved a 3<sup>rd</sup> Championship show for October 2024.**

**Moved: STT Seconded: CM– Carried**

#### **Waimate Kennel Society - Application for Third Championship show in 2024**

The club recently applied to amend the date of their usual championship shows (notice in February 2024 NZ Dog World) to 9/10 November 2024. No objections were received by 10 March 2024 and the new dates were added to the show calendar on 11 March 2024 and the club advised.

An application has now been received and granted for Museum Trust Association to hold a championship show in conjunction with Waimate Kennel Society on 9 November 2024.

“I am writing on behalf of the Waimate Kennel Society to request a third Championship Show to be held in conjunction with our normal two Championship shows in November. Our club has been offered a chance to have an additional two international judges that have either not been here before or not in the past 10 years. This opportunity is too good to miss, particularly when combined with our current lineup of judges which would provide a full panel of judges from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South America currently; the additional judges would integrate with this panel nicely and provide great options for our show fraternity to participate in. In this financial climate it benefits clubs to be able to work in together and provide greater options for entrants to our shows whilst also being able to reduce individual club costs by sharing the flight and accommodation expenses. Unfortunately, due to Financial constraints being felt by our fraternity we need to be proactive in providing choice for our exhibitors and promote clusters as able to ensure the maximum benefit is obtained with entries. Due to the judges offered to our club from Australia clusters we have asked to move to the week prior to CKA and we would keen to activity promote both our weekend of shows and CKA’s as a combined cluster and the Museum shows midweek if these occur.

Please note some of our committee members have also offered to assist with the Museum shows if these occur and on a personal note, I already have annual leave booked in and approved to ensure my help is available. Our NZ judge has not been in the South Island for the last 12 months and would be available to cover a third show as well as she has all seven groups, and she is flexible with group allocation. Ideally, we would have liked to have had a benefit show, with money being used at CKA grounds for further shade sails or further ramp equipment; our club has already paid for an additional ramp table for CKA, but we were advised that the entitlement for this year had already been allocated. However, our committee would like to ensure that a portion of the third show could be used to benefit CKA grounds or equipment purchase if we are able to go ahead with this additional show; particularly in view of the fact that we use CKA grounds for our shows.”

#### **Motion:**

**That the application for a 3<sup>rd</sup> show be declined due to the number of consecutive shows at CKA Grounds that week and related concern for dogs welfare.**

**Moved: SM Seconded: MH – Carried**

### **Kumeu Kennel Association – Application for third show in 2025 and an A20 show**

An application has been received from Kumeu Kennel Association as below. The requested change of dates (ie 08/09 March 2025) is the same weekend as Buller Kennel Association. There are also championship shows already in the show diary for the same weekend for Dominion Collie Club, Taranaki Working Dog Association and Central Welsh Corgi League all to be held at the Manawatu Canine Centre, Ashhurst.

“Kumeu Kennel Association are celebrating their 70th anniversary in 2025.

We would like to make the following application for consideration by Executive Council

1. We request approval to hold the first New Zealand FCI A20 show. This would be the third show of our anniversary weekend. We understand that the A20 format is becoming popular in Australia and provides additional awards for dogs while maintaining the traditional DNZ groups and formats. We believe this show will be popular with our current exhibitors.
2. We wish to apply to hold a third Championship show in 2025. This show would be held on the same weekend as our anniversary shows.
3. Holding three shows over a weekend does require us to change our show date to a summer month. We would like to request a change of date for Kumeu Kennel Association from 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 to the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
4. We also ask that the dates of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 be changed in the show calendar from Kumeu Kennel Association championship shows to KKA Open Shows.

If this application is successful, we would appreciate receiving from DNZ the official A20 format and advice regarding the additional fees which are paid the FCI”.

#### **Discussion:**

Executive Council discussed the application and would like clarification on the process for the change to summer dates in 2025. While E.C. are supportive of a third show they are concerned about the effect that the proposed change of dates will have on other club shows.

#### **Motion:**

**That the Kumeu KA report back to Dogs NZ on any effect that change of show dates may have on other club shows.**

**Moved: SM Seconded: LD – Carried  
Abstained: FH**

#### **Club Annual Accounts**

This have been emailed to all clubs on 5 April 2024 for the 2024/2025 financial year. 108 clubs have already paid to date.

## **DOGS ON REPORT APRIL 2024**

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager).

Another extensive list of dogs placed on report since the February 2024 Executive Council meeting.

### **CH KOLGUER MORNING SUN 06008-2018 Dobermann owned by R Thomas**

This female Dobermann has been placed on report following an incident at North Canterbury Kennel Associations' championship show on 29 March 2024.

The dog was reported to have lunged at a Schipperke. No contact was made. Owner has been advised and the dog's records endorsed.

### **CH LUSANNE THAT'S RIGHT I AM 08921-2021 St Bernard owned by T Chesmar and S Neal**

This female St Bernard has been placed on report after an incident at North Canterbury Kennel Association's championship show on 29 March 2024 when it bit a man on the nose. Report advises that the man was talking to the owner and patting the dog. he then bent down and put this face right up to the dog's nose. The dog made contact with the nose of the person causing an injury.

The man was taken to afterhours and required 12 stitches in his nose. The show manager advises that he bears no ill-will to either the dog or the owner and that he has said that he should take some responsibility for the incident.

The dog has been placed on 2 months stand down, the owner advised and the dog's records endorsed. The owner has advised that the dog may not be shown again.

### **MONTOPOLI KUDA 03658-2023 Italian Cane Corso owned by J Young**

This male Italian Cane Corso was excused from the ring by the judge at Buller Kennel Association's Championship show on 9 March 2024. The judge advises that the dog made contact with her leg and hand when it swung around when she was going over the dog. The dog did not bite her but his mouth collided with her hand and leg with some force.

The dog has been placed on 2 months stand down, the owner advised and the dog's records noted.

### **DELANE EDWARD THE BEAR 06949-2022 Bullmastiff owned by A & C Reeve**

Show Manager of Buller Kennel Association advised that the male Bullmastiff was involved in an incident with a Golden Retriever puppy outside the ring. Witness reports advise that the Bullmastiff was walking on a lead when it lifted the Golden Retriever puppy that was ahead of them, off the ground by holding it in its mouth by its head. The owner of the Golden Retriever managed to loosen the Bullmastiff's grip and release it. The owner of the puppy received marks on their hand that didn't break the skin but the hand/wrist was swollen.

The dog has been placed on 2 months stand down, the owners and advised and the dog's records noted.

**OTTADALE RIVER TWEED STAR ADXS JDX 03069-2015 Border Terrier owned by R Baker**

Report received from the Test Manager of Napier Dog Training Club's Championship Agility and Jumpers Event held on 16 March 2024 advising that whilst competing the dog ran out of the ring barking at another dog that was outside the ring.

No contact was made with the other dog and that the Border Terrier returned to the ring when called back by its owner.

The dog's records have been endorsed, the owner advised. Agility Committee will be arranging for observers.

**BAYPARQUE MARY ANN BUGG AT KTIRO 04826-2022 Basset Hound owned by L Price**

Show Manager of New Plymouth Kennel Centre's Championship show held on 17 March 2024 advises that the dog was excluded from the ring by the judge. The judge advised that as they approached the dog's head, she pulled back, growled and moved forward. The dog did not make contact as the owner had a firm hold on her.

The dog's records have been noted and the owner advised. The owner has advised that she will not be shown again that it was too stressful for the dog. They advised that the dog was adopted as an older dog. They reported that they had received amazing support from her breeder.

**KENNETHWAY RENO 09704-2021 Border Collie owned by Y Gattung**

Report received from the Test Manager of Waikato Agility Group's Championship Jumpers Events held on 9 March 2024 advising that this male Border Collie, whilst competing, ran into another ring and ran towards another dog competing in that ring.

Witnesses report that no contact was made with the other dog and that the Border Collie returned when called back.

The dog's records have been noted and the owner advised. Agility Committee will be arranging for observers.

**CH HEZZA MAVERICK OF CHARIZELLE AD JDX 01287-2019 Parson Russell Terrier owned by J Rennell**

Show Manager of Queenstown Dog Agility Club's Championship Agility and Jumpers Events held on 2 March 2024 advised that this male Parson Russell Terrier ran into the ring whilst exercising in an off lead area some distance from the ring. The owner of the dog could not catch it and the dog didn't respond to her calls.

The dog ran up to a dog that was competing, sniffed at the other dog and started snarling at it. The owner of the other dog stopped running her dog and picked it up. The Parson Russell then rang out of the ring and was finally caught by the owner.

The dog's records have been endorsed and the owner advised. Agility Committee will be arranging observers

**CRUZ OB/9793 Poodle (Miniature) owned by T Large**

Show Manage advises that at, Tauranga Dog Training Club's Championship Agility Events held on 2 March 2024, this male Poodle (Toy) ran out of the ring whilst competing and barked at someone outside of the ring. The owner called the dog back and they continued. The dog then ran up to the judge barking. The judge advises that she stood still, the owner called the dog back and continued on with the course. The dog then ran out of the ring again, came back in when called and they finished the course.

The dog's records have been endorsed, the owner notified. Agility Committee will be arranging observers.

**MIKASA OB/9884 Staffordshire Bull Terrier owned by S Abbott**

Show Incident report received from the Test Manager of Tauranga Dog Training Club that at their Championship Agility Events held on 3 March 2024, the dog was involved in an incident with another dog.

Report advises that the dog was in an off lead area and ran towards a group of 5 dogs with their handlers, the dog came back to its owner when called and then ran towards a separate group of 3 other dogs with their owner. One of the dogs was on a long lead, the other 2 off lead but close to the owner. The Staffordshire Bull Terrier ran up to the older dog on the lead (which the owner says is deaf), growled at it and bared its teeth.

The dog's records have been endorsed, the owner advised. Agility Committee will be arranging observers.

**TREUHUNDE QUEEN AALIYAH 00263-2023 Rottweiler owned by M & T Jaffari**

This female Rottweiler was excused from the ring by the judge at Hamilton Kennel Association's championship show held on 2 March 2024. The judge advises that the dog was unsettled and turned on her whilst being examined. The judge allowed the handler to reset the dog however it growled at the judge

The dog's records have been endorsed and the owners advised

**CH GUARDIANO KAOS IN KATTEGAT 04105-2022 Neapolitan Mastiff owned by I Redman.**

The show secretary for Kapi-Mana Kennel Society advises that she posted details of an incident involving this dog at Kapi-Mana Kennel Society's Championship show held on 6 December 2023. This has never been received by Dogs NZ.

A report was hand delivered. The report advises that an incident occurred in the assembly area at the show where all the dogs were gathered for Best Of Group. The Neapolitan Mastiff sniffed the rear of an Italian Corso Dog and when that dog turned around, the Neapolitan Mastiff bit the muzzle of the other dog causing a small injury.

The show secretary advises that she spoke to the owner after the incident and advised that the dog was not permitted to shown for 7 days and, as the dog made contact with the other dog, would be stood down for 2 months.

When contacted, the owner of the Neapolitan Mastiff confirmed that the dog had not been shown at any shows in that period. Confirmed that the dog was required to be observed, letter sent and the dog's records noted.

The dog was observed at Hamilton Kennel Association and Mastiff Breeds Association's championship shows on 2 March 2024 with observers reporting no problems.

#### **KORTMAR SKYS THE LIMIT (IMP-AUST) 2100579544 Shiba Inu owned by A Rickerby & C Pike**

Incident report received from show manager of Hawkes Bay Kennel Association's Championship show on 25 February 2024 advising that this female Shiba Inu was excused from the ring by the judge. The report advises that the dog did not appear to be happy on the table, the judge offered to go over the dog on the ground but this was declined by the handler. The dog then spun on the table requiring the judge to react quickly.

The dog's records have been endorsed, the owners advised.

#### **Discussion:**

Executive Council discussed the report and noted that three of the dogs have now appeared twice on report. Membership Manager to write to the three owners warning that any future appearance on Dogs On Report could risk more severe sanctions.

**Report Received**

## **7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BREEDS STANDARD COMMITTEE**

Report from Marin Hewitt, Chairperson.

A member has requested that we allow the registration of the Biewer Terrier with the colour Chocolate Tan and White.

The American Kennel Club website has been checked for the current standard for the Biewer Terrier and it is noted that the one published has not been updated since 2019.

However, under the Colors drop down on the web page regarding the Biewer Terrier <https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/biewer-terrier/> the colour Chocolate Tan and White is a recognised colour with the Registration Code of 270. It is however not ticked as a "Breed Standard Color".

Whether they intend to add this to the Standard is not clear but what is clear is we could see a Registered Biewer Terrier imported with the USA with the Chocolate Tan and White as its recognised colour. The dilemma is if we do not recognise this colour, we would not be able to register the dog here and this could cause problems with the AKC.

#### **Recommendation 1**

That the colour Chocolate Tan and White be added to the list of recognised colours for the Biewer Terrier.

## Recommendation 2

That the Standard is not altered at this stage pending an update from the AKC.

**Moved: MH Seconded: CM - Report Received**

## DOG TRAINING REPORT

Report by Geoff Collins Chairperson (GC)

### 1. Dog Training Committee Meetings

A meeting of the Dog Training Committee was held via Zoom on 6 March. The next meeting will be on the Sunday after ACOD (30 June).

### 2. Nominations and Elections for DTC Deputy Region Representatives & Rally-O reps

A call for nominations has gone out for the following (due in by 16 April):

- Northern, Central, and Southern Deputy Region Representatives
- Central Region Rally-O subcommittee representative
- Northern Region Rally-O subcommittee representative remaining on-year term due to casual vacancy)

### 3. Judge Appointments and Promotions

The following people have been approved for promotion or appointment:

- Katrina Roebuck – promotion to the Test C panel.
- Jenny Burn – promotion to the Test A panel.
- Stephanie Pountley – appointment to the Companion Dog (CD) panel.
- Jeff Walkington – appointment to the Companion Dog (CD) panel.
- Kenn Windly - appointment to the Companion Dog (CD) panel.

It is pleasing that we have recently received several applications to carry out probationary judging appointments to go on the CD panel.

**Moved: GC Seconded: CR – Carried**

### 4. April Voting Round

There is a small number of items in the April voting round which are aimed at clarifying the obligations of registered dog training societies and also clarifying the definitions of the terms Show, Event and Trial.

### 5. Application to become a Registered Dog Training Society

We have received an application from the Canterbury Kennel Association to become a registered dog training society. This was approved in principle at the March Dog Training Committee meeting. However, there are some issues to resolve before this can happen



including a change to the Dog Training Regulations to allow Affiliated clubs to become Dog Training Societies (currently only Associated and Recognised clubs are catered for).

#### **6. National Dog Show 2024 – Obedience and Rally-O**

- Judges have been confirmed and contracts have been sent.
- Obedience Judges are Bernadette Thompson (Christchurch) and Sue Richardson (Shannon).
- Rally-O judge is Fiona Scott (Christchurch).

#### **Discussion:**

GC updated the Executive Council on the results of the elections and the CKA application.

**Moved: GC Seconded: CR - Report Received**

#### **CAININE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 2024**

Report from Arend van den Bos, Chairperson.

Since the last EC report, Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings via Zoom was on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

At the time of writing this report, the next Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings is scheduled for Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### **Café Exercise**

The EC's endorsement to allow for the introduction of the Silver and Gold Café in June 2024 has been enthusiastically applauded and is much looked forward to.

#### **CGC Assessment Notifications**

Appreciation has been expressed by the Dogs New Zealand CGC Committee to the EC for addressing the matter of Societies not publishing their intent to host assessment days, which is in contravention of the Dogs NZ CGC Manual.

It is appreciated that Societies will be reminded of this obligation in future editions of the Dog-iE News.

#### **Online Examinations**

A response is still awaited from the EC with respect to what, if any, commitment will be made by Dogs New Zealand to undertake funding and administration of online examinations for CGC Assessors.

### **Urban Program**

A proposed Urban Program that will be conducted concurrent with the Dogs NZ CGC program continues to progress.

### **Applications and Appointments**

There has recently been a considerable (and pleasing) increase in the number of persons applying to be CGC Basic Assessors from throughout the country. At the last CGC Committee meeting, nine applicants were approved.

Also received at the last CGC Committee meeting were three applicants to become CGC Assessors.

Each has been advised of the process to follow prior to their being listed on the Dogs New Zealand CGC Assessors Foundation/Bronze Panel.

### **Note**

I shall myself be overseas during the months of April, May, and June. A report for the EC June meeting may therefore not be presented.

### **Discussion:**

ST briefed the Executive Council on the planning day that Arend van den Bos will spend with National Office staff to discuss both CGC and Scent work support work and databases.

**Moved: MH Seconded: CR - Report Received**

## **SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 2024**

Report from Arend van den Bos, Chairperson.

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

At the time of writing this Dogs New Zealand Scent Work report, there have been three Scent Work Committee meetings. Two (February 4<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>), were conducted via "Zoom", along with a face-to-face meeting on the day following the Annual Scent Work Judges Conference (March 17<sup>th</sup>).

The date of the next Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee Meeting is still to be advised.

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

Following on from my previous report, the EC will be aware that Regulations have now been established to enable elections to be held in May 2024 for appointed positions of the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee.

Some work is still required to establish a Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Voting Register to enable a more robust election and voting process, but given the urgency demanded for the

current situation, a substitutive process has been established for this year's elections. This has included, with assistance given by Colleen Begg, a more accurate and detailed register of eligible Scent Work voters.

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

Sincere appreciation from the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee to the EC for having allowed submitted corrections to the Scent Work Regulations first presented to the November 2023 Meeting, to be reviewed and supported.

In line with the established regimen of presenting Scent Work Regulation changes on a biannual (April & November) basis, a smaller than usual number of Scent Work Changes has been submitted to this EC Meeting as a separate document in the Regulation Section of the EC Agenda.

The smaller than usual presentation reflects a completion of introducing the established International Scent Work Classes, in a format consistent with a current aim to present the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations in a consolidated format without altering original and current definition.

In addition to the regulations pertaining to the introduction of the Master Classes, there is also a request to have the EC endorse regulation changes that were submitted to the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee following the Annual Scent Work Judges Conference held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

All Regulation change submissions now presented were extensively discussed at the Annual Scent Work Judges Conference and were subsequently supported by a majority of the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee.

### **4. Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Judges Appointment/Promotions**

EC endorsement is sought for the following Scent Work Judges Appointments/Promotions.

All have fulfilled the pre-requisite requirements and have been approved by the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee.

Karen Magorian – Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle.

Amerillis Farmer – Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle.

Jim Wyeth – Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle.

Shiree Brockie – Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle.

Jo Searle – Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle.

Arend van den Bos – Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle.

Lyn Clearwater – Master Interior, Exterior and Vehicle.

Matilda van Rijnberk – Excellent Container, Advanced Interior, Advanced Exterior and Vehicle.

Joanna Upton – Advanced Interior.

**Moved: CR Seconded: CM – Carried**

**5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.**

Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register indicates a roll of 643 of which 85% are current Dogs NZ Members.

In accordance with the current criteria for Scent Work participant voting, there are 415 persons eligible to do so.

**6. Note**

I shall be overseas for the months of April May and June. A report should be able to be submitted for the April EC meeting but not for the June EC Meeting.

**Discussion:**

The Executive Council discussed the report and would like clarification on the current voting numbers.

**Moved: MH Seconded: CR - Report Received**

**FORRESTER PARK**

Report from Simon Monson, Chairperson.

Judith Hislop has resigned from FPMC so can we please remove her. I also have two new members I'm hoping to get ratified.

Martin Trent he is a past FPMC member and President of South Otago Kennel Association and a retired retail business owner.

Kevin Box is also a past FPMC member and a member of Otago Kennel Association working in construction.

**Moved: CR Seconded: LD- Report Received**

**NDS COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORTS**

**NDS 2024 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

**1. Manfeild Meeting 20/21 April:**

The NDS 2024 Committee held a number of meetings and walk arounds during the Ruahine / FCI show weekend at Manfield, in which a number of committee members served as stewards.

The show weekend was a good test run on the camping / carparking systems, ring setup and developing a closer working relationship with the Manfield operations team. We are in incorporating a number of learnings into the NDS Operational Plan.

One of the major learnings from the weekend is that the size of the venue will allow future Manfield NDS to be condensed to 3 day shows. This will result in a better show cost structure and lower participation expenses for exhibitors.

## 2. Show Schedule:

*Best in Show Format:*

The NDS Committee would like E.C. to consider an amendment to the BIS Judging day so that we keep a larger number of exhibitors involved in the BIS day.

### **At group level**

Best of group 1-4

Then age in group (for those that aren't covered in the best of group 1-4 placings)

Neuter in group (Class 18/18a show 1-4)

### **At best in show level**

BIS 1-4

Each age in show (for those that aren't covered in the best in show 1-4 placings)

Neuter in show (Class 18/18a show 1-4)

Neuter reserve of group are not required for BIS judging.

The other format of just BIS and PIS means you only need 14 exhibitors at the end which we want to avoid.

*Additional Show Day:*

The NDS Committee is considering the option of staging an All Breeds show on the Sunday to try and keep as many exhibitors as possible involved in BIS day. This will depend on budget risk, require a club to manage the show and line-up of fresh judges.

## 3. Current Focus of NDS Committee:

*Show/Ring Decoration Theme:*

Rural Theming:

- Source native plants from MRC Council Nursery for center piece between the rings.
- Bringing a bit of the Feilding rural theme into the venue, e.g. rustic farm gates, or other smallish farm-oriented things etc into the plant display.
- Local coach house museum display in entry foyer.

*Sponsorship / Fundraising*

- Prize Sponsorship opportunities:
  - Review 2023 sponsorship list.
  - New prospect list.
- Funding grant opportunities:
  - Application for regional event grant.
  - Any Pub Charity funding opportunities.

*Marketing / PR Opportunities*

- Town / Show promotional activities.
- Potential Dog Sports Promotion Events.
- Live Streaming BIS Day (budget decision).
- Utilising Purina / PD Insurance promo channels.

#### 4. Draft Budget:

A draft budget is being worked on which is attached. The importance of additional sponsorship / grant money and controlling Judges/E.C. expenses is clear.

#### Discussion:

The Executive Council discussed the report and made the following comments:

- Approve the change to BIS format recommendation.
- Are not keen on a Sunday show as it places more stress on the NDS Committee and judges.
- Dog Training are to be incorporated into NDS as full partner with incorporation in the show budget and operational show plan.
- Geoff Collins will be Dog Training Representative on NDS Committee

Confirmed E.C. available for volunteer work during NDS week are STT, SM, MH, GC, MH. Travel and accommodation arrangements are to be confirmed with Linda Ford.

**Moved: STT, Seconded: SM - Report Received**

### NDS 2025 JUDGES APPOINTMENTS

Report by Brian Harris, President

#### 1. Recommendation from National Judges Committee for Appointment to NDS 2025

#### Motion:

That four international judges named in the report judges be approached to confirm their availability to be contracted for NDS 2025.

**Moved: BH, Seconded: SM - Carried**

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

### Proposal to establish an Australian Animal Distinguished Service Award Medallion

The Executive Council discussed the letter requesting support for the establishment of an Australian Animal Distinguished Service Award Medallion and agreed that the Director Secretary should draft a letter of support.

Moved: LD, Seconded: CR - Carried

### CANZ Trust Report

BH Briefed Council on the recent funding round by the CANZ Trust which resulted in over \$100k being distributed to various canine charities.

### Governance Road Show

MH updated Council on the Governance Road Show which has seen members from all our sports participate in a number of meetings which has provided the following feedback:

- Requests for online / webinar presentation for those who cannot make the
- Desire for one member, one vote
- The need for Show schedule revamp (too many shows chasing too few exhibitors)

The focus on show schedule has implications for the granting of third shows / benefit shows. The requirement of clubs providing benefit show results & audit of project expenditure should be enforced before granting of benefit shows in the 2024 application round.

### Dogs NZ Facebook Page

Executive Council would like to see a more active Dogs NZ Facebook with regular posts of interest to members.

### Auckland Pet Expo

JB would like to see more clubs use the opportunity of a stand at the Auckland Pet Expo to promote pedigree dogs ownership to 20,000 attendees. Dogs NZ will have a stand promoting our dog sports and dog training programs in partnership with PD Insurance. Use Dog iE news to promote of participation in the Pet expo to clubs.

### CH&W Committee Update

LD updated Executive Council on the recent work on LRL / Dispensation templates and surveys. A new google drive has been established to enable the committee to better share documents. The Committee is looking at strengthening the application process for kennel names.

### Ardmore Working Group

SM proposed the establishment of a working group to investigate the opportunities of driving more non dog event revenue that can be invested back into maintaining and upgrading the Ardmore Exhibition Centre. This investigation should include the opportunity to relocate the National Office to Ardmore.

Executive Council discussed the need to develop a Terms of Reference for the working group and discussed potential members who could be approached to join the working group.

**Motion:**

That a Working Group be established to investigate additional revenue opportunities from the operation of the Ardmore Exhibition Centre.

**Moved: SM, Seconded: FH - Carried**

**Dogs NZ Clubs Charitable Status**

GC raised the issue of charitable status of Dogs NZ clubs with new changes to the Charities Act.

<b>9. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP/EVALUATION OF MEETING/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS</b>
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**In Committee**

The Executive Council went in committee at 2pm. ST left the meeting.

BH closed the meeting at 3pm on Sunday 28 April 2024.

**Next Meetings:**

- 28 June
- 27 July (Christchurch)
- 28/28 September (Auckland)
- 23/24 November