



Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Held on Friday 28 June 2024

**Atura Hotel, 24 Hawkestone Street,
Thorndon, Wellington
Boardroom: Mansfield 2**

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)

Karen McIntyre (KM)

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) - Director Secretary

Victoria Nelson (VN) - Treasurer

Linda Ford (LF) - Minutes Secretary

APOLOGIES

Apologies accepted.

Moved: BH - 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 28 June 2024.

Moved: BH - Carried

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

- Show Regulation
- Terms of Reference for Auckland Exhibition Center Working Group.

Moved: BH - Carried

ORBITUARIES

The E.C noted the list of deceased members: Bev McIver, Paeroa; Shirley Cheshir, Christchurch; Murray Smithson, Marton; Ruth Havler, Dunedin; Pam Peters, Tuakau; Pat Hedges, Auckland; Carol Black, Ashburton; Mark Anderson, Silverdale, Heather Tee, Pleasant Point, David Phipps, Cambridge.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES

Executive Council Email Vote:	Ratified by:
Scent Work Judges Promotion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adele Williams – Advanced Containers • Evelyn Williams – Novice Exterior / Novice Vehicle 	8 votes
<u>Scent Work Regulations</u> <u>10.7 Rewards</u> 10.7.3 A handler is permitted to use food or a toy in the scent area without incurring any penalties on <u>one</u> occasion only, in addition to those detailed above relating to rewarding after correct hide identification. Subsequent use of food or a toy will incur penalties.	8 votes
Withdraw the Agility Regulation changes that were ratified at the April meeting Regarding the change of election process and remove them from the April minutes.	8 votes
Promotion of Anja Borchardt to the Aspiring Judge Panel	6 Votes
After approval vote by Agility members, EC re-approves the Agility regulations as they were agreed upon at the April EC meeting to go into the July 2023 regulation update.	9 Votes

Moved: JB, Seconded MH - Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Executive Council confirmed the 27 and 28 April 2024 meeting minutes as true and correct record with the amendment to page 39 Show Regulation 7.5 "Breed Classes are not scheduled".

Moved: JB, Seconded FH - Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 27 AND 28 APRIL 2024 TASK LIST

- The email address for scent work to be added onto the scent work website page.
- The signing authority for the President to be added to the new ANZ account.

Moved: JB, Seconded FH - Carried

2. FINANCE

TREASURER’S REPORT: APRIL 2024 ACCOUNTS

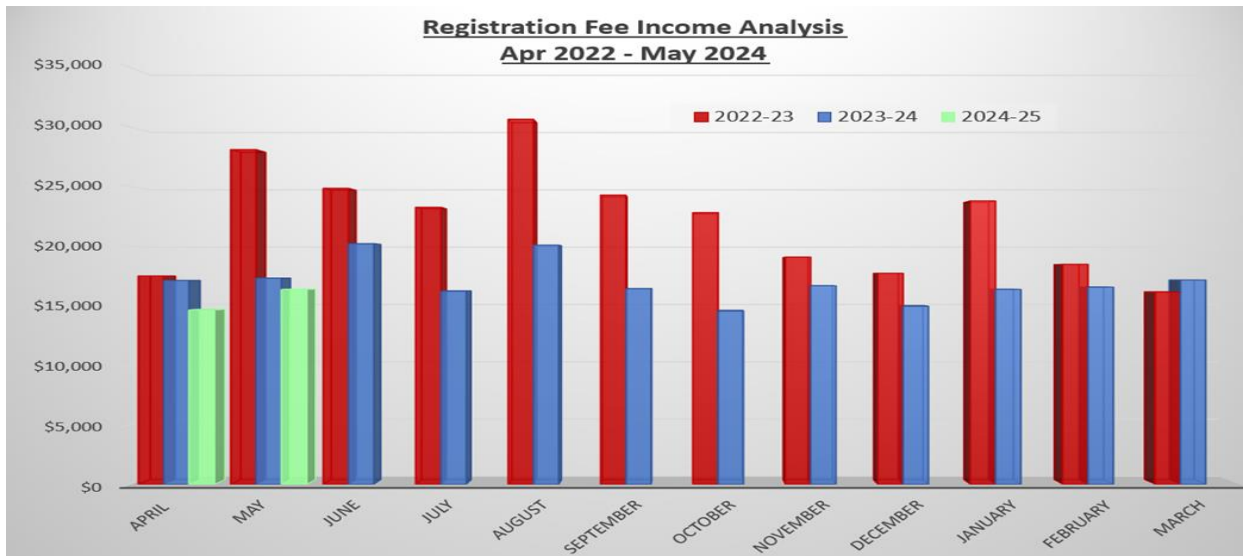
Overall Group Position – 30 April 2024

Current operating surplus (before depreciation and investment movements) to 30 April 2024 is \$64,762 – this is a +10% increase on the results for the same period last year. The table below shows the breakdown across the various disciplines.

Dogs New Zealand					
Group Financial report to 30 April 2024					
	April 2024			April 2023	2024 v 2023
	Income	Expenditure	Surplus/(Loss)	Surplus/(Loss)	Variance
NZKC	146,207	102,673	43,534	31,417	12,117
AEC	25,190	14,474	10,716	14,617	(3,901)
Dunedin	4,219	1,266	2,953	22	2,931
Gazette	26,200	22,611	3,589	0	3,589
National	0	0	0	5,793	(5,793)
FCI	2,207	4,341	(2,134)	0	(2,134)
NDTA	35	0	35	2,112	(2,077)
Agility	10,075	4,591	5,484	0	5,484
Agility NZDAC	0	0	0	4,893	(4,893)
JDT	559		559	0	559
JDS	205	0	205	525	(320)
Dog Training All	475	589	(114)	0	(114)
CGC	1,153	1,218	(65)	0	(65)
	216,525	151,763	64,762	59,483	5,279

Due to the priorities of the audit, the yearbook and ACOD, I still have to upload budgets into the system and also re-design some of the management workbooks that are becoming unstable due to the fact that they encompass ten years of financial results. This process will take a while to recalibrate.

Registration Income Analysis to May 2024



Registration Income													
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
2022-23	17,493	28,105	24,851	23,255	30,645	24,285	22,819	19,084	17,724	23,792	18,471	16,134	266,658
2023-24	17,119	17,320	20,209	16,220	20,083	16,422	14,550	16,666	14,957	16,366	16,558	17,154	203,624
2024-25	14,639	16,368											31,007

Balance Sheet

Total cash to 30 April 2024 is \$8.393M, up \$116K since end of last financial year (March 2024).

This is mainly in respect of the sponsorship payment received from Nestlé Purina.

Total Net Assets = \$8.5M

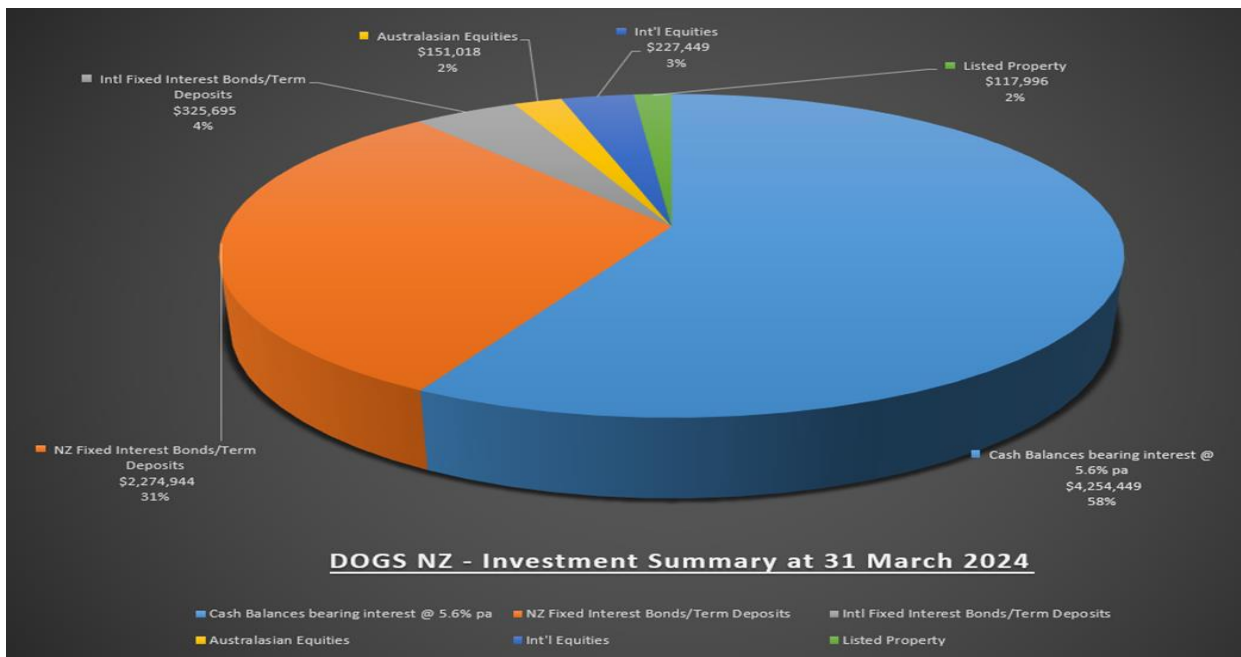
Dogs New Zealand						
Statement of Financial Position						
	<u>to 30 April 2024</u>	<u>to 31 March 2024</u>	<u>31 March 2023</u>	<u>31 March 2022</u>	<u>31 March 2021</u>	<u>31 March 2020</u>
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current Assets						
Bank Deposits	608,286	494,637	655,555	655,043	632,528	706,488
Cash on Hand	209	209	509	1,159	1,159	1,159
Prepayments	41,302	60,606	70,129	21,156	37,134	43,209
Receivables	59,354	101,367	90,794	93,528	94,909	109,037
Other Debtors	4,242	4,242	5,765	1,119	2,508	3,594
Term Deposits & Investments	7,784,966	7,782,498	7,381,996	7,472,910	1,028,301	752,236
Total Current Assets	8,498,359	8,443,559	8,204,748	8,244,914	1,796,539	1,615,724
Non-Current Assets						
Property, Plant and Equipment	742,132	745,741	759,336	804,706	1,173,327	1,261,435
Total Assets	9,240,491	9,189,300	8,964,083	9,049,620	2,969,866	2,877,158
Current Liabilities						
Accrued Staff Benefits	48,554	43,495	61,684	42,123	43,900	37,204
Payables & Accruals	144,040	158,690	184,449	170,874	201,726	184,155
Deferred Revenue	266,396	269,721	197,431	191,147	190,737	168,896
Receipts Received in Advance	35,395	36,053	114,388	163,918	96,666	165,815
Total Current Liabilities	494,385	507,959	557,951	568,061	533,029	556,070
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Net Assets	8,746,106	8,681,341	8,406,132	8,481,559	2,436,837	2,321,088
Equity						
General Funds	8,746,106	8,681,341	8,406,132	8,481,559	2,436,837	2,321,088
Total Equity	8,746,106	8,681,341	8,406,132	8,481,559	2,436,837	2,321,088

No investment revaluation has been carried out to 30 April 2024, due to time constraints of the audit. The investment fund had only moved by \$3K to the end of May 2024. I am now receiving monthly reports from our Forsythe Barr Fund managers.

Cash Movement to 30 April 2024

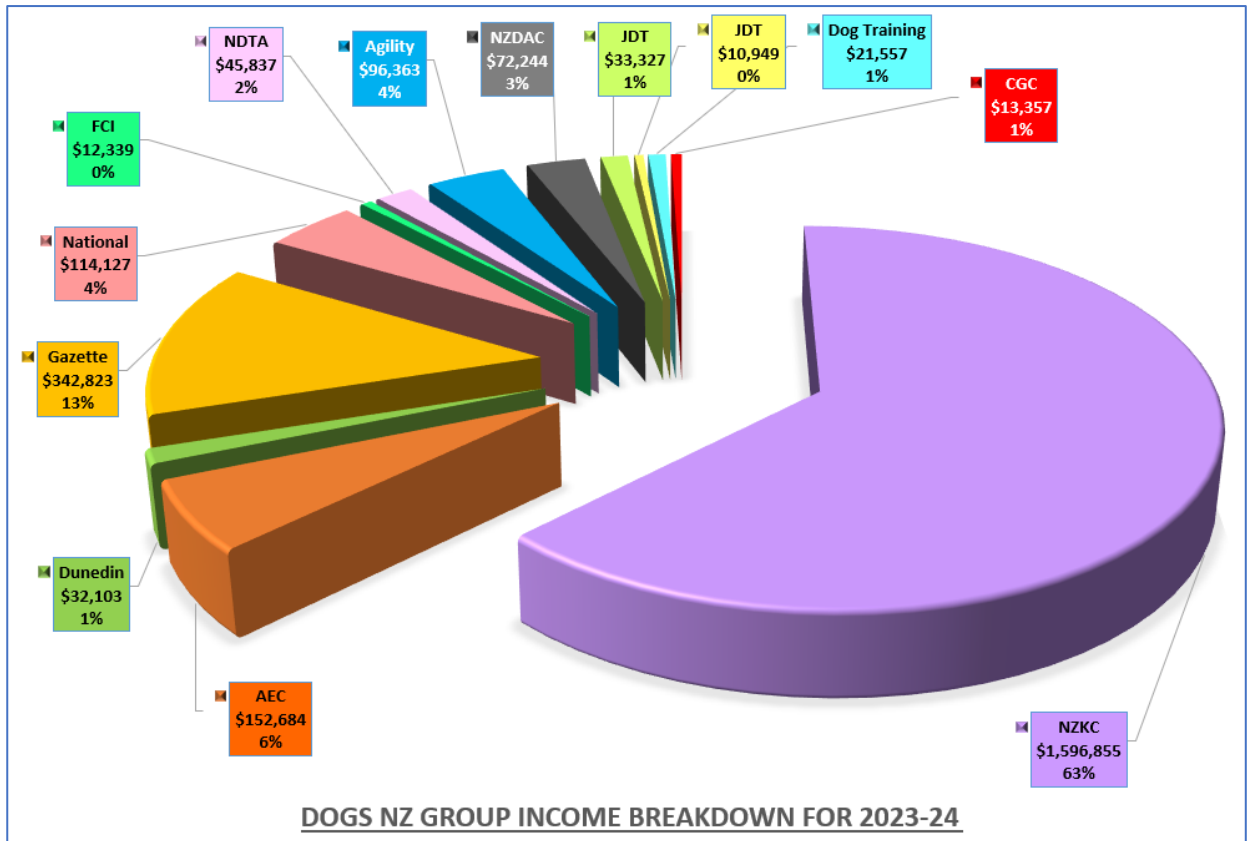
Cash Flow to 31 March 2025			
Net Surplus/(Deficit)			64,764
Add Back: Depreciation			3,609
Cash Surplus			68,373
Prepayments		19,304	
Receivables		42,014	
Other Debtors			
Decrease/(Increase) in Current Assets			61,318
Accrued Staff Benefits		5,059	
Payables & Accruals		(14,650)	
Receipts Received in Advance		(3,983)	
Increase/(Decrease) in Current Liabilities			(13,574)
Increase/(Decrease) from Working Capital			47,744
Sale / (Purchase) of Fixed Assets			0
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash			116,117
Opening Cash Balances			8,277,344
Closing Cash Balances			8,393,461

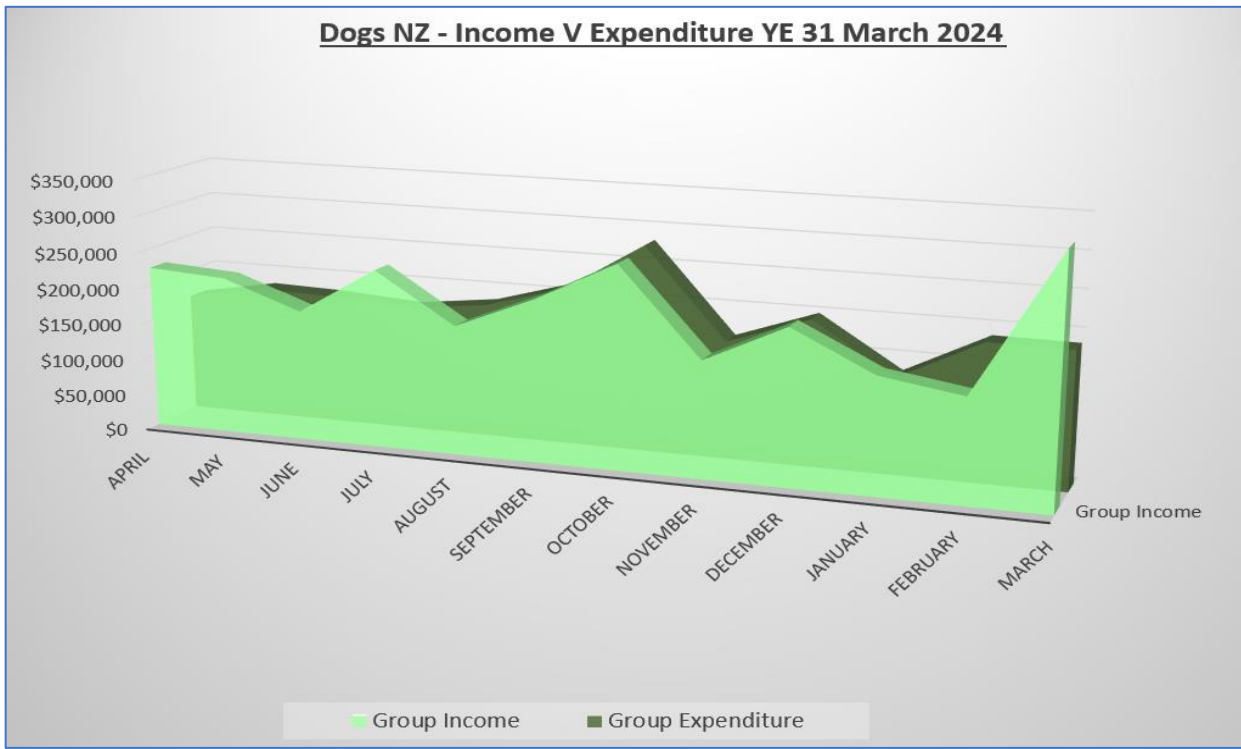
Investment Fund Analysis as at 31 March 2024



Audited accounts to 31 March 2024

The 2024 audit was relatively straightforward, post the departure of the previous Treasurer. Deloitte’s issued an untagged audit report that has since been signed off and published in the yearbook, which you hopefully have a copy of. Below are a few graphs summarising some features of the year – such as an analysis of group income, the comparison of income to expenditure and a breakdown of the investment fund as at 31 March 2024.





Discussion:

The Treasurer briefed the Executive Council on the submitted finance information which included expanded range of graphs and tables. The Treasurer outlined the current work focus on retiring the legacy spreadsheet format for budgeting and requested any further suggestions be emailed as there will be more developmental work on the account presentation graphs over the next few months.

Executive Council discussed the requirement for the “report to budget” to be included in the group financial reports and split between Pedigree (Part 1) and Sport Dog (Part 2) registrations in the Registration Fee Income graph.

Motion:

The Executive Council approved the investigation of accounting packages to ensure the correct software is being used for the role of the Treasurer.

The Executive Council approved the use of electronic signatures as long as there is suitable security when using electronic signatures.

Moved: CM, Seconded KM – Carried

Report Received:

Moved: LD, Seconded: JB - Report Received

ACOD EQUILISATION LEVY PAPER

Report by Director Secretary (ST) and Treasurer (VN).

1. Background

Several clubs are looking to raise their concerns about the Travel Equalisation (TEQ) at ACOD. The Director Secretary has been contacted by the Kumeu KA and the North Canterbury KA enquiring about the method and costs used to calculate the Travel Equalisation fee they paid each year. We believe that their contention is that they do not accept that clause 7(g) states that accommodation costs should be factored into the TEQ.

2. What do the Rules say?

ACOD Travel & Accommodation levies feature in two sections of NZKC Rules.

7. AFFILIATION OF SOCIETIES

- (g) All Affiliated Societies pay to the New Zealand Kennel Club annually 28 days prior to the Annual Conference of Delegates a Compulsory Travel Equalisation levy to **meet the costs of travel for one delegate from that club to attend the Annual Conference**. This levy is to be set by the Executive Council by 31 December in the preceding year. Any surpluses generated from the levy are to be carried forward to the following year.

15. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (e) Delegates may be appointed to an annual conference or special general meeting as follows:
 - (ii) By the New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee, four delegates, who shall be the chairperson of the committee ex officio, and the three regional representatives, and where such delegates attend such annual conference or special general meeting, **they shall be paid reasonable travelling and accommodation expenses by the New Zealand Kennel Club**. The deputy regional representative shall take the place of any regional representative unable to attend the conference or any special general meeting.
 - (iii) By the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee, four delegates who shall be the Chairperson of the committee ex officio and the three regional representatives, and where such delegates attend such annual conference or special general meeting, **they shall be paid reasonable travelling and accommodation expenses by the New Zealand Kennel Club**. The deputy regional representative shall take the place of any regional representative unable to attend the conference or any special general meeting.

3. How have we interpreted the Rules when setting the Levy?

When Management presented the recommendation to the November 2022 Executive Council meeting which included a 48% increase in TEQ it included delegate accommodation costs as part of the wider travel costs.

This is because we have to meet the costs of a number of delegates who due to flight booking schedules have no choice but to stay 1-2 nights. We continue to face escalation in both flight and accommodation costs – the re-set in the 2023 levy was to future protect Dogs NZ from unbudgeted deficits.

Attached is a Financial Summary of the costs of ACOD 2023 which include the recharges to E.C. / Agility / Dog training cost centres.

4. Recommendations

Management would appreciate confirmation from Executive Council on the interpretation of Rule 7 (g) and a clear formula that would be used each year to calculate the TEQ levy and prepare costs and revenue budgets that would make the process transparent for all.

The ongoing costs of ACOD is a wider issue which the Governance Review may eventually address. At present any cost recovery is borne by the 53 affiliated All Breed Clubs with the “recharges” to the above cost centres.

As the cost of hosting ACOD continues to increase (venues costs are also accelerating) the sustainability of this arrangement is open to question.

Discussion:

The setting of the Travel Equalisation (TEQ) at ACOD was discussed in detail. E.C. confirmed that when the TEQ was established it was for flights only and did not include accommodation or any other travel expenses which have “crept in” under the scheme. The requirement for a hard cutoff date for when flights will be booked and paid under the scheme was also discussed.

Motion:

The Treasurer is to complete a financial analysis of the ACOD 2024 which allow Executive Council to reset ACOD 2025 TEQ and Club levy.

Moved: FH, Seconded GC – Carried

Report Received:

Moved: LD, Seconded: JB - Report Received

RISK AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report by John Green, Chairperson.

1. Financial Performance

Final Accounts for FY24

There were no surprises in the end of year accounts with the trends that had been emerging during the year flowing through to the end of year wash up. Accruals and end of year adjustments had very little impact on the audited accounts which have now been circulated via the annual yearbook.

Commentary on the financial performance for the year appears on pages 6 – 11 of the yearbook.

April 2024

At the time of writing, we have received only a high-level summary of April results and will need to see the detail before we can make any informed comment. On the surface however the results are consistent with April 23. We expect to have both April and May accounts available for the review prior to the July meeting.

2. Audit

RAF was not involved in the annual audit process other than to check with management what if any issues have been raised and completed the auditors Fraud questionnaire.

In our RAF report of July 2023, we suggested that there be an opportunity for some involvement at both the beginning and completion of the audit process as part of an open audit communication process.

3. ACOD/Yearbook

It is pleasing to see the majority of the recommendations made in our July 23 RAF report re presentation of the annual report and report to ACOD conference adopted for ACOD 24. No doubt there will be feedback both for and against the changes which we can be evaluated in due course.

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 the Executive Council on the latest RAF projects.

Action: The Treasurer is to develop a risk register.

Moved: CM, Seconded: STT - Report Received

AUDIT LETTER FY 2023/2024

Deloitte's Report to the Executive Council Members for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Discussion:

The report from Deloitte was received with no major concerns and the need to complete the required Kiwi Bank authority forms for Agility was discussed.

Moved: STT, Seconded: CM - Report Received

TREASURY COMMITTEE – INVESTMENT FUND RECOMMENDATION

Report by Director Secretary (ST).

1. Background:

In March 2022 Dogs NZ established an Investment Fund with Forysth Barr (FB) which included \$5.99m net proceeds from the sale of Prosser St and \$1.01m in excess working capital.

The rationale for the establishment of the fund was agreed by Executive Council at the November 2021 meeting:

With the sale of Prosser St, Porirua facility Dogs NZ will in December have a balance sheet with over \$8.2m in cash. Roughly \$800k is in various accounts that are used by our committees and \$400k is required as part of working capital. The remainder \$7m in cash assets are available for managed investments that benefit all Dogs NZ members while we explore any future property assets acquisitions that we may want to make.

The establishment of a Dogs NZ Investment portfolio should be an ongoing part of our balance sheet asset mix and while the size of the investment fund may fluctuate as we draw on funds for facility asset purchases we should retain a healthy investment portfolio for the following reasons:

- *It is a prudent way of protecting the value of our cash reserves.*
- *It provides an ongoing source of income for Dogs NZ projects.*
- *It assists in building a resilient balance sheet that will support the organization during times of financial difficulty.*

The Investment Fund current setting is Defensive / Conservative with 93% of assets in cash or bonds & fixed term investments.

2. Potential Call on Funds:

In the past 18 months Executive Council has made two major decisions regarding potential CAPEX investments:

- Decided to not to exercise their right to purchase the National Office unit titles and we will enter into a new 3 year lease agreement in September 2024.
- Entered into a 5 year hire agreement for the use of Manfeild Stadium as an indoor dog sports venue for the lower North Island.

The Manfeild Trust agreement means that it is unlikely that any future major investment will be considered for Lower North Island Indoor venue until 2028 when the current arrangement comes to an end.

However, in the next five years we may have the requirement for major investment in the Ardmore Exhibition Centre.

- If we are successful in securing Auckland Council “Change of Use Consent” for Ardmore that allow us to market the venue for commercial hire we will face the requirement to upgrade entry access / parking / toilets / commercial kitchen & meeting rooms.
- We will not be able to fund these significant CAPEX projects from working capital and it will require funding drawdowns from the Investment Fund.

- In the longer term we will have to plan for a roof replacement which will require \$1m plus funding commitment.

We may also require major capex funding for any expansion of our dog registry operation.

Any future investment in Forrester Park Exhibition Centre to ensure that it continues meets Health & safety standards and dog event requirements can be funded from working capital.

3. Recommended Proposal:

It is the wish of the membership (as expressed at ACOD) that the net proceeds from the sale of Prosser St is retained in the Investment Fund with accumulated investment returns.

To fund any potential CAPEX investment, the recommendation from the Treasury Committee is to split the current FB fund:

Proposal One:

- That FB Investment Fund One be composed of the original net income from the sale of Prosser St (plus accumulated investment returns) – estimated value (31 March 2024) \$6,290,826 or 85.57% of the original fund capital.
- That FB Investment Fund Two be composed of the original working capital investment (plus accumulated investment returns) – estimated value (31 March 2024) \$1,060,725 or 14.43% of the original fund.

Proposal Two:

- That both funds are invested in the current Defensive / Conservative setting.
- That investment returns from Fund One be continued to be re-invested into the fund.
- That the performance result of both Investment Funds be reported to members every six months.
- That Executive Council will consider recommendations for draw down from Investment Fund Two for funding of major Capex projects.

Moved: STT, Seconded: JB - Report Received

3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

ACOD 2024 UPDATE AND PRESENTATIONS

Report by Director Secretary (ST).

RECOMMENDATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Motion:

A certificate of appreciation be awarded to Shirley Rolfe which is to be presented at ACOD meeting of 29 June 2024.

Moved: STT, Seconded: KM - Carried

Financial / Capex Presentation Paper:

Discussion:

Executive Council discussed the draft Financial / capex presentation and made some small recommended changes to the section on the Investment Fund.

The 2025 Yearbook format was discussed. ST suggested that the 2025 Yearbook should include a section following the Financial Report on what has been achieved within the 5 key strategic priorities during the previous FY. An updated photograph of Ardmore and Forrester Park was requested.

Moved: SM, Seconded: CR - Report Received

AWARDS REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST).

1. Background

When NZKC rebranded as Dogs NZ a presentation was made to Executive Council / ACOD by Management which outlined the branding protocols across all NZKC assets including our awards and certificates.

The key branding protocols agreed (see attached PPP) were:

- NZKC Logo Seal (Collar artwork) will be kept as an official seal and used on documents pertaining to Breeding, Kennel Name. Registration and sale of Pure Bred Dogs.
- Certificates and Awards have Dogs NZ colour coded branding (but no seal logo).

Since the establishment of the Dogs NZ Branding Protocols, we have experienced “official seal” creep with certificates and awards.

2. Current Award Office Protocols

We are applying the official seal (Gold or Silver) to the following Conformation Award Certificates

Conformation Awards	NZKC Seal Colour
Supreme Champion	Gold
Grand Champion	Gold
Speciality Grand Champion	Gold
Neutered Grand Champion	Gold
Champion	Silver
Neutered Champion	Sliver

The National Office does not attach NZKC Seals to any Dog Training or Agility sports awards.

3. Recommendation

Application of NZKC Seals

The National Office is facing increasing pressure from members demanding NZKC Seals on Agility / Dog Training Awards.

It would therefore like Executive Council to confirm the current protocols for the placement of seals on award certificates.

In doing so, Executive Council need to take in account the cost and processing demands on the National office.

- The coloured seals we use are not cheap, costing \$287 for a roll of 200 seals.
- With the expansion of Rally-O / Scent Work trials the volume of Award Certificate processing has escalated, with one staff member exclusively focused on Awards.

If Executive Council wish to expand the number of Awards that feature NZKC Seal we would advise that the seal is pre-printed on the certificate card.

We are looking at the opportunities to try and automate the Awards processing once we complete re-coding of the awards in the Dog Registry.

Recording Awards on Pedigree Papers

With the proliferation of awards, we are starting to have issues with fitting some dog names plus their awards letter string on our documents. This is mainly an issue with Agility and Dog Training dogs.

Once we have completed re-coding of the awards in the registry database, we will present a report to Executive Council on the recommends regarding the recording of awards on registration documents.

4. Attached Documents

- Dogs NZ Branding Power Point Presentation – Certificates (2016)

- Current Listing of Titles & Awards

Discussion:

ST briefed the Executive Council on the process of the awards within National Office and work being done to re-code the way awards are recorded in the Dog Registry as with the current legacy system we have over 2800 combinations of award codes.

A major project is underway to code a process were once the office receives any award confirmation, they are automatically loaded against the dog's records and any award/certificate that the dog is eligible for is created as a pdf loaded against the dogs records.

Members will have the choice to download the pdf or request a printed copy from the office for a fee.

Executive Council confirmed that to resolve the issue of space to record all the cumulative awards on pedigree papers that senior tiles override minor tiles on any issued papers.

Executive Council also discussed the award/certificates which are eligible for photos and the NZKC seals.

Motion:

NZKC Seals are to be attached to any titles with the word "champion" as follows:

- Gold seal for grand, supreme and grand neutered champion titles.
- Silver seals for champion, speciality and neutered champion titles.

A \$20 per certificate fee will be charged for any photograph requests from Dog Training and Agility.

Moved FH, Seconded: JB - Carried

4. REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Report from Fiona Hodgson, Chairperson.

Committee going well – a bit on the horizon but nothing major to report at present.

Format of regulations requested (ie section for recent changes as a separate doc and a set of clean regs all in black with no index at the end) not yet put in place.

Motion:

The Executive Council discussed and resolved that all published regulations will be the final unmarked version of the regulations in black text. A precis document showing each change with the rationale will be uploaded alongside.

Moved: FH, Seconded JH: - Carried

Abstained; GC:

SHOW REGULATION 20.11

20.11 Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches (Show Regulations)

Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches may be exhibited breed classes at any Specialist Breed, Multibreed or Group club Championship Show ~~where the acceptance of entry from spayed and neutered dogs has been published in the schedule for the show.~~

Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches are disqualified from being shown in Breed Classes other than specific Neuter/Spay classes at All Breeds Championship Shows.

A certificate of a veterinary inspector appointed by the show committee will be accepted as conclusive evidence in the event of a protest being lodged.

Motion:

That the above approved changes to the Show Regulation 20.11 be adopted subject to the decision of the ACOD meeting of 29 June 2024.

Moved: FH, Seconded: JB - Carried

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN MANUAL

Changes proposed on issuing the revised manual after incorporating the Silver & Gold Cafe Exercises on July 1, 2024

Proposed Differences between Silver and Gold Stop the Dog

- **Silver** requires the dog to be stopped as it is running towards the handler. This is to simulate an emergency stop for something between the dog and the handler (such as a road).
- **Gold** requires the dog to be stopped as it runs away from the handler. This is to simulate an emergency stop from something in the distance that the dog is running towards.
- **Silver** allows the handler two Stop commands, and two Stay/Wait cues.
- **Gold** allows the handler two Stop commands, but only one Stay/Wait cue.
- **Silver** allows the exercise to be done in a dog-controlled area.
- **Gold** requires the exercise to be done in a public space.

Proposed changes to Acceptable and Not Acceptable items

Silver Acceptable

Added - 'Verbal praise allowed when reattaching the lead'. This is allowed in Gold so should also be allowed in Silver.

Added - Two commands allowed to Stop the dog. This is allowed in Gold so should be allowed in Silver.

Gold Acceptable -

it is mentioned that needing to hold the dog while clipping on the lead is not acceptable - this detail has been deleted and moved to the Not Acceptable table

Items on jumping and feeding have also been removed (unnecessary)

Added - items on verbal praise, allowed both while the dog is staying in place and when the handler rejoins the dog and clips on the lead. These actions are allowed in Silver, and it is reasonable that they are also allowed in Gold.

Gold Not Acceptable -

the item Display of fear... etc. has been removed (it is covered in Requirements for all Assessments)

Added - Needing to hold the dog while clipping on the lead

Added - Failure to comply immediately to a stop on command. In line with Silver Not Acceptable.

SILVER

Exercise 23 - Stop the Dog

Purpose: To ascertain that the handler's dog, while on the move **towards the handler**, and at a distance from the handler, promptly obeys a command to stop and remain in place, until the lead is reattached by the handler.

*This exercise is intended to simulate an emergency situation where **the dog is running towards a hazard between the handler and the dog.***

At a distance of no less than 30 metres, there is to be a person walking a dog on a lead. No other distractions are required.

The dog is either

- held by another person 15 metres away and called by the handler facing the dog
- left in a Stay/Wait position, handler walks away 15 metres, turns around and calls the dog
Upon instruction from the assessor and when the dog is no closer than 10 metres from the handler, the handler is to command the dog to stop and stay, in any position. The dog must be seen to respond promptly to the command to stop.

The dog must remain in the stopped area for at least 30 seconds, then the handler goes over to the dog and reattaches the lead.

Handler and dog are then to walk forward a further 6 paces.

Acceptable

If the dog is moving...	Verbal Praise....
Dog changes posture...	Up to two stay or wait commands...
Up to two commands for the dog to stop in any position (or as directed).	Upon reattaching the lead, verbal praise and a pat allowed.

GOLD

Exercise 34 - Stop the Dog in a Public Area

Purpose: To ascertain that the dog, while on the move **away** from the handler and at a distance from the handler, will stop immediately on command and remain in place until the handler reaches the dog and reattaches the lead.

*This exercise is intended to simulate an emergency situation **where the dog runs away from the handler towards a (distant) hazard.***

With the dog off the lead, the handler is to encourage their dog to leave their side and move away at least 10 metres. This may be done using play methods or directing their dog towards another person or object of interest.

While the dog is moving away from the handler and at least 10 metres away, upon instruction from the assessor, the handler will command the dog to stop, and stay, in any position. The dog must be seen to respond immediately.

The dog must remain in the stopped area for at least 30 seconds, then the handler goes over to the dog and reattaches the lead.

Handler and dog are then to walk forward a further 6 paces.

Acceptable

Up to two commands...	Only one extra stay or wait command once the dog has stopped. Verbal praise is allowed.
Dog changes posture...	If the dog is moving at speed...
Upon reattaching the lead, verbal praise and a pat allowed.	

Not Acceptable

Dog moves away...	Dog fails to leave...
Needing to hold the dog while clipping on the lead	Failure to comply immediately to a stop on command

SILVER

Exercise 27 Cafe Exercise

Exercise 27 for Canine Good Citizen Silver will be conducted in a public area. The preferred area would be a local cafe or bar that has a good-sized outside area where guests are allowed to bring dogs. The dog must be on a lead throughout this exercise. All Local Authority conditions must be observed.

Purpose: Demonstrates...or seated as a group on the ground (picnic setup).

Handler shall approach... Alternatively, the handler shall approach an area of ground where three other persons may already be sitting, or simultaneously be approaching.

All persons... from a receptacle and place in the centre...

Following a further one minute, all persons are to leave the group either individually or simultaneously and walk away six paces. [Deleted 'with their dogs on lead']. (It is previously stated that dogs must be on a lead throughout the exercise, see above)

Acceptable

Shows a mild...	Slight startle...
Wriggling while down, shifting hips, or changing from sphinx to lie-on-the-side, or vice-versa	

GOLD

Exercise 35 Cafe Exercise

Exercise 35 for Canine Good Citizen Gold will be conducted in a public area. The preferred area would be a local cafe or bar that has a good-sized outside area where guests are allowed to bring dogs. The dog must be on a lead throughout this exercise. All Local Authority conditions must be observed.

Purpose: Demonstrates...or seated as a group on the ground (picnic setup).

Handler shall approach... Alternatively, the handler shall approach an area of ground where three other persons may already be sitting, or simultaneously be approaching.

Participants are required...

At the completion of one minute [delete 'with all persons sitting at the table'], a stranger...

Once all food...participants are to both continue conversation and partake of the food...

During the 5 minute conversation and food consumption...

After the stranger...

No less than ... simultaneously or individually and walk away 6 paces.

Acceptable

Shows a mild...	Slight startle...
Wriggling while down, shifting hips, or changing from sphinx to lie-on-the-side, or vice-versa	

Motion:

That all the above approved changes to Canine Good Citizen be adopted.

Moved: GC, Seconded: FH - Carried

PROPOSAL TO AMEND REGISTRATION REGULATION 9.8

The current Registration Regulation 9.8 reads:

9.8 Health Results

9.8.1 All health results which are to be recorded on pedigrees must have the dog's microchip number recorded on the results sheet submitted.

From 1 July 2022 all dogs applying for registration on Part 1 of the register must be microchipped and the microchip number must be recorded on the registration by the age of 6 months of age.

The Canine Health and Welfare Committee has noted that while the dog's microchip number are required on health tests forms, the regulation does not stipulate the dogs NZKC registration number must also be on the form. Both numbers are required to ensure identification of the dog.

The CHWC therefore proposes the following amendment:

9.8 Health Results

9.8.1 All health results which are to be recorded on pedigrees, **or submitted to Dogs NZ**, must have the dog's **NZKC Dogs NZ registration number and**, its microchip number recorded on the result sheets submitted.

From 1 July 2022 all dogs applying for registration on Part 1 of the register must be microchipped and the microchip number must be recorded on the registration by the age of 6 months of age.

Motion:

That the above approved changes to Registration Regulation 9.8 be adopted.

Moved: LD, Seconded: SM - Carried

BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN SCENT HOUND COMPULSORY MINIMUM HEALTH TESTING

24. Litter Registration Limitations

24.13 Bavarian Mountain Scint Hound

For all Bavarian Mountain Scint Hound litters born after 1 January 2025, as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on Part 1 of the New Zealand Kennel Club Register, the following shall apply:

- 24.13.1** The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) collected by an independent, authorised sampler from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested from the Canine Health and Welfare Committee.
- 24.13.2** The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for hip dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2015 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested from the Canine Health and Welfare Committee prior to mating.
- 24.13.3** The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for elbow dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2015 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested from the Canine Health and Welfare Committee prior to mating.
- 24.13.4** The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested by an independent, authorised sampler, to determine Progressive Retinal Atrophy progressive rod cone degeneration (PRA-prcd) status and either the Sire OR Dam must be clear, from an approved laboratory, and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested from the Canine Health and Welfare Committee.

Motion:

That the proposed LRL Registration Regulations for Bavarian Mountain Scint Hound be adopted.

Moved: LD, Seconded: KM - Carried

AGILITY REGULATIONS

Rationale: This is covered in greater detail in 3.7.

~~1.2 Responsibilities of the Agility Committee~~

~~The Agility Committee of the NZKC is responsible to the Executive Council of the NZKC for all activities related to Agility Competitions under the NZKC structure.~~

2. AGILITY SOCIETIES

2.1 Registered Agility Societies

~~Except for an Agility fixture conducted pursuant to Agility Regulation 2.2, to~~ To conduct any Agility fixture or regular training class a society must be registered as an Agility society pursuant to these regulations.

~~2.1.1 Associated All Breed Championship Agility Societies~~

~~All Breed Societies affiliated or associated to the NKZC Dogs NZ pursuant to The Rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club NZKC Rule 8 or associated to the NZKC pursuant to NZKC Rule 9 can be registered pursuant to Agility Regulations as a~~ Championship Agility Society.

~~• A registered Championship Agility Society or a registered Non Championship Agility Society.~~

2.1.1.1 Obligation to Conduct Agility Training

~~• Societies registered pursuant to this rule must be registered as a Championship society for either Obedience or Agility. All societies registered under this clause Societies Registered as Championship Agility Societies must conduct regular Agility training classes.~~

2.1.1.2 Obligation to Conduct Agility Fixtures

Societies registered as Championship Agility Societies must conduct at least one Championship Agility Event per year and must conduct at least one Agility Ribbon Trial per year.

~~2.1.2 Recognised All Breeds Societies Non Championship Agility Societies~~

~~All Breed, Group, Multi-breed or Specialist Breed Societies affiliated, associated or recognised by the NZKC Dogs NZ pursuant to NZKC Rule 11 The Rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club can be registered pursuant to Agility Regulations as a~~ Non Championship Agility Society.

2.1.2.1. Obligation to Conduct Agility Training

Societies Registered as Non Championship Agility Societies must conduct regular Agility training classes.

2.1.2.2 Obligation to Conduct Agility Fixtures

2.1.2.2.1 All Breed Societies

All Breed Societies registered as Non Championship Agility Societies must conduct at least one Agility Ribbon Trial per year.

2.1.2.2.2 Group, Multi-breed, or Specialist Breed Societies

Group, Multi breed or Specialist Breed Societies registered as Non Championship Agility Societies must conduct at least one Agility Ribbon Trial or one Open Agility Event per year.

~~• registered Non Championship Agility Society. All societies registered under this clause must conduct regular Agility training classes.~~

2.1.3 Associated Group, Multi-Breed, or Specialist Breed Societies

~~Group, Multi-breed, or Specialist Breed Societies affiliated to the NZKC pursuant to NZKC Rule 8 or associated to the NZKC pursuant to NZKC Rule 9 or 10 can be registered pursuant to Agility Regulations as a:~~

~~▲ registered Non Championship Agility Society. All societies registered under this clause must conduct regular Agility training classes.~~

2.1.3 Training Only Agility Societies

All Dogs New Zealand affiliated, associated and/or recognised clubs can be registered pursuant to Agility Regulations as a Registered Training Only Agility Society.

2.1.3.1 Compliance with Agility Equipment Specifications and Certification

All societies registered under this clause must comply with all current Agility Equipment Specifications for equipment used in training. Certificates of Fitness will be required on all training equipment on an annual basis and an administration fee may apply for this.

2.1.3.2 Compliance with Agility Training Regulations

Societies registered under this clause must abide by the Agility training regulations.

2.1.3.3 Eligibility for Financial Assistance

Societies registered under this clause will not be eligible for financial assistance from the Agility Committee.

2.1.3.4 Societies registered as Training Only Agility Societies pursuant to Agility Regulation are not permitted to hold agility ribbon trials or championship shows.

2.1.4 Agility Judges Associations

~~Societies recognised by the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to NZKC Rule 11 can be registered pursuant to Agility Regulations as an Agility Judges Association.~~

An Agility Judges Association can be formed pursuant to The Rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club "Register of Other Canine Associations".

~~2.2 Obligation to Conduct Agility Fixtures~~

~~2.2.1 Championship Agility Societies~~

~~Societies registered as Championship Agility Societies pursuant to Agility Regulation 2.1 must conduct regular Agility training, must conduct at least one Championship Agility Event per year and must conduct at least one Agility Ribbon Trial per year.~~

~~2.2.2 Non Championship Agility Societies~~

~~2.2.2.1 Dual Discipline Societies—Societies registered as Non Championship Agility Societies pursuant to Agility Regulation 2.1.1 must conduct regular Agility training and must hold at least one Agility Ribbon Trial per year.~~

~~2.2.2.2 Recognised All Breed Societies—Societies registered as Non Championship Agility Societies pursuant to Agility Regulation 2.1.2 must conduct regular Agility training and must hold at least one Agility Ribbon Trial per year.~~

~~2.2.2.3 Associated Group, Multi Breed, or Specialist Breed—Societies registered as Non Championship Agility Societies pursuant to Agility Regulation 2.1.3 must conduct regular Agility training, may conduct Open Agility Events and Agility Ribbon Trials and must hold at least one Open Agility Event or Agility Ribbon Trial per year.~~

~~2.2.3 Training Only Agility Societies~~

~~2.2.3.1 Societies registered as Training Only Agility Societies pursuant to Agility Regulation 2.1.5 are not permitted to hold agility ribbon trials or championship shows.~~

Rationale: Needed to add Hoopers into here.

3.7 Responsibilities of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee

The Agility Committee shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Agility Section of the NZKC and all matters concerning agility ~~and hoopers, and shall~~, including but not restricted to:

Rationale: Reinstate regulation removed in error. At the time this was originally taken to EC for ratification, EC said to remove the reg entirely as levies are set at ACOD – however, we need the remainder of the reg, just need to remove the part around setting the levies.

3.8 Procedure of the Agility Committee

3.8.1 Policy Matters Referred to Agility Registered Members

All matters affecting the ~~setting of levies and the~~ governance structure of the Agility Committee shall be referred to the Agility registered members who shall discuss and vote on the matter as requested.

3.8.2 Considering Matters Without Referral to Registered Agility Members

Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the Agility Committee from acting without referring a matter to the Agility Registered Members in an emergency, if such referral is not warranted, or if a majority of Agility Committee members shall so decide.

Rationale: Removal of references to specific regulation numbers to avoid issues if regulations are subsequently removed or renumbered.

4.1. Clubs may group together to form regional groups.

A regional group may or may not reflect an area defined ~~in Agility Regulation 9.1.2.1 by Zone boundaries as described in these regulations~~, but in the event that it does, the regional group should be referred to as a Zone and the appropriate Zone number.

Rationale: This definition isn't correct.

5.2 General Conditions of Entry

5.2.1 Competitor

The competitor is defined as being the ~~owner~~ handler of the dog. ~~The handler may or may not be the owner of the dog.~~

5.2.2 New Zealand Kennel Club Membership

~~Competitors at a Championship event, Open event must be members of the NZKC.~~

5.2.2.1 Owners

The owner of any dog entered at a Championship event or Open event must be a financial member of Dogs NZ. If a dog is registered with Dogs NZ with more than one owner, all owners must be financial members of Dogs NZ.

5.2.2.2 Handlers

~~The Handlers~~ of any dog entered at a Championship event ~~or~~, Open event must be a financial member ~~s~~ of ~~the NZKC~~ Dogs NZ.

Moved this from 5.2.6 to 5.2.3 so it follows on more logically from the previous clauses. Updated to reflect new naming of part 2 register.

5.2.3 Registration of Dogs

All dogs ~~entering~~ entered in a Championship event, or Open event must be registered with ~~the NZKC~~ Dogs NZ in the name of the ~~competitor~~ owner(s) on either Part I (the purebred register) or Part II (the ~~Dog Training~~ Sport Dog register) of the NZKC Register of ~~d~~ Dogs, but not both.

5.2.7 renumbered to 5.2.6, 5.2.8 renamed to 5.2.7 etc.

Approved:

Rationale: The original wording of this regulation did not give clubs adequate guidance around non-competitive entries, and this could lead to underage dogs entering, and other regulations not being followed.

5.2.12 Non-Competitive Entries

Non-Competitive entries may be accepted at any Ribbon Trial, Inter-club or Club day. The acceptance and conditions of any non-competitive entries will be at the discretion of the club holding the fixture, **provided all regulations are adhered to, with the exception of requiring a measurement and permanent number.**

5.2.12.1 Unmeasured dogs must jump at the jump height that is no higher than the dog's shoulder height.

Rationale: The table is no longer used. While the premise of the regulation remains the example isn't relevant.

5.4.6 Walking the Course.

5.4.6.1 Provision must be made for competitors to walk the course before the competition begins when the judge should explain any necessary features of the course **e.g., performance of the table in Games classes.**

Rationale: This clarifies which levies are set at ACOD, and which levies can be added to entries and set by the Agility Committee, as there has always been confusion around this. Also removes references to numbered regulations.

6.5.3 Agility Committee Levies

6.5.3.1 NZKC Agility Committee Annual Agility Levy

The Agility Committee may set an annual levy payable to the Agility Committee by all registered Agility Societies. The amount shall be decided at the ~~bi~~annual elections, the quantum being proposed by the Agility Committee, and voted upon by individual agility voters. No recognised activity may be held thereafter until payment is received.

6.5.3.2 NZKC Agility Committee Event Levy

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

6.5.4 Levy Administration

For the purposes of administration, ~~the NZKC, all levies detailed in 6.5.1 and 6.5.2 above along with the levies payable to the Agility Committee under 6.5.4.2~~ will be ~~combined and~~ payable as one sum to the NZKC Agility Committee using the official form.

Rationale: We are introducing a new judges' panel called the International Agility Panel. Currently our system allows that any judge listed on the Senior panel can accept overseas contracts. The introduction of an International Agility Panel will ensure that NZ Agility Judges are represented in the best light, and we have some control over this. The new panel will require that Dogs NZ change the agreement that currently allows Senior panel judges to judge overseas, to only allow judges on the International Panel instead. The changes below are to reflect changes required for this new panel.

7.4 Judging Overseas / International Judges

7.4.1 No person may accept any appointment to judge Agility overseas **unless they are listed on the International Agility Panel, and** without prior approval of the Agility Committee.

7.5.6 International Agility Panel

7.5.5.1 Judges listed on the International Agility Panel may accept contracts to judge internationally at all levels.

7.6.3 Reappointments

7.6.3.1 Judging Licence Fee

A judge will be reappointed to the appropriate Agility Judges Panels already held for a further year upon payment of the annual Judging Licence Fee. Initial appointees to the Agility Judges Panel shall pay a judging licence equal to the annual judging licence fee for the period concluding on 31st December of that year. Senior Agility Judges are required to pay the Judging Licence fee every year regardless of whether or not they are due for reappointment to the Senior Agility Panel.

7.6.3.2 Senior Agility Judges will be reappointed every 2 years subject to meeting the conditions outlined in ~~Agility Regulation 7.8.5~~ **"Maintaining Senior Agility Panel Status"**.

7.6.3.3 Any judge wishing to apply for inclusion on the Retired Judges Roll or a leave of absence for a period of up to one year can do so at any time.

7.6.3.4 Any Senior Agility Judge that has not met the minimum requirements outlined in ~~Agility Regulation 7.8.5~~ **"Maintaining Senior Agility Panel Status"** can apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for special consideration to waive the minimum standard for that term.

7.6.3.5 Any Senior Agility Judge who has not met the minimum requirements to maintain status on this panel, will be advised of any requirements that need to be met before they may accept any Senior or Jumpers A or Grade A games contracts for Championship Events.

7.6.3.6 Any Senior Agility Judge who has not met the minimum standard within 6 months of being advised of the outstanding requirements by the NZKC Agility Committee will be demoted to the Agility Panel. Any subsequent request for reinstatement to the Senior Agility Panel will require satisfaction of the conditions for promotion under ~~Agility Regulation 7.8.4~~ **"Criteria for Promotion – Senior Agility Panel"**.

7.6.3.7 International Agility Judges will be reappointed annually subject to meeting the conditions outlined in "Criteria for Promotion and Reappointment – International Agility Panel".

7.6.3.78 Disciplinary Action

A judge can be removed or suspended from any judging panel by ~~a Regional Disputes Committee~~ the Agility Committee as a disciplinary measure pursuant to NZKC Rules.

7.6.4

New Applications and Promotions

7.6.4.1 The NZKC Agility Committee shall periodically consider applications for new appointments to, or promotion within, the NZKC Agility Judges Panels.

7.6.4.2 Form of Application

Application is made by completing the NZKC Application Form and lodging it with the NZKC Agility Committee Secretary. All fees payable and evidence that all criteria have been met to support the claim for any promotion, must accompany the application.

7.6.4.3 Recommendations to Executive Council

7.6.4.3.1 The NZKC Agility Committee will consider each application for promotion by its merits based where applicable, on Mentor reports and or any official communication received by the NZKC Agility Committee regarding the applicant.

7.6.4.3.2 For promotion onto the Senior Agility Panel, International Agility Panel or Mentor Panel, the applicant must have demonstrated behaviour and integrity beyond reproach, both in and out of the ring.

7.6.4.3.3 Applicants for new appointments and promotions that are assessed by the NZKC Agility Committee as meeting all requirements will be presented ~~biannually~~ to an Executive Council. Meeting for recommendation that the applicant is appointed to or promoted within the NZKC Agility Judges Panels.

7.8.2 Criteria for Appointment – Agility Ribbon Trial Panel

For promotion to the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel the applicant must have:

7.8.2.1 Conducted a minimum of four probationary judging appointments, ~~conducted in terms of Agility Regulation 7.8.7 in accordance with the regulations for Probationary Judging Appointments~~, and be subject to a favourable report to the NZKC Agility Committee by the Agility Senior Panel Judge who supervised each case.

7.8.2.2 Judged a minimum of 200 dogs total at Agility Fixtures.

7.8.2.3 Sat and passed the Ribbon Trial Panel examination set by the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.2.4 The approval of the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.2.5 If the applicant does not qualify for promotion in that year, the NZKC Agility Committee will support that applicant to help with future success for promotion.

7.8.7 Criteria for Promotion and Reappointment - International Agility Panel

Senior Agility Judges who wish to apply to join the International Agility Panel must meet the criteria below, however acceptance and reappointment to this panel is not guaranteed. The Agility Committee reserve the right to decline any appointment to this panel.

7.8.7.1 Have spent a minimum of five years active duty on the Senior Panel, with a minimum of four appointments per year in New Zealand, with at least one appointment from each island.

7.8.7.2 Should have judged Agility classes at either the National Dog Show or NZ Dog Agility Championships at least once.

7.8.7.3 Have no negative reports or disciplinary actions in the previous 12 months relating to course design, show behaviour or general conduct.

7.8.7.4 Be a financial member of both Dogs NZ and a Registered Agility Society.

7.8.7.5 Provide a public Judges profile for on the AC website.

7.8.7.8 Probationary Judging Appointments

7.8.7.8.1 – Eligibility to undertake a probationary appointment.

A Trainee Judge may only undertake a probationary appointment upon sitting and passing the Trainee Panel examination.

7.8.7.8.2 - Permission to conduct a probationary appointment.

A probationary judging appointment may only be carried out with the consent of the Club conducting the Fixture.

7.8.78.3 Officiating Judge.

The officiating judge must be from the Senior Agility Panel and must have been on the Senior Agility Panel for a period of no less than 2 years. The officiating judge remains in charge of the ring. As such they must remain in the ring at all times to assist the Agility Trainee or Agility Ribbon Trial Judge. The final decision on any judging matters rests with the officiating judge.

7.8.78.4 The officiating judge must send a report for every probationary class completed to the NZKC Agility Committee within 7 days of completion of the probationary appointment.

7.8.7.4.1 A report from the scribe outlining their interactions with the judge should be submitted along with the report from the overseeing judge.

7.8.78.5 Announcement of Probationary Appointments

Where an Agility Trainee or Ribbon Trial panel Judge is undertaking a probationary appointment at a Championship event, they must be listed either in the schedule for the event or in a notice on the NZKC Agility Committee website. The class in which they are to conduct their probationary must also be stated. The notice must be published at least one week before entries close.

7.8.78.6 Number of Probationary Appointments.

A maximum of one Probationary Judging Appointment can be held per day. A judge can do a maximum of one probationary appointment per weekend, and the AC will consider exemptions upon application.

Rationale: This is something that has just become a money grab. It is becoming more and more common not to hold social events, and competitors are already paying to enter the event via their entries.

~~9.1.8 Registration at NZDAC~~

~~Before any person can enter any competition or attend any social event at an NZDAC, they must be registered with that NZDAC. To affect such registration there will be a nominal fee of no more than \$5.00 single and \$10 family: (being 2 adults and children under 18 years).~~

Rationale: A lot of these heights were referring to the table which is no longer a legal piece of equipment, therefore the measurements needed to be adjusted appropriately.

10.1 Age and Height of Dogs and Measurement Certificates

10.1.1 Age of Dogs

Dogs under 18 months of age are not eligible to compete in Agility Fixtures.

10.1.1.1 The Agility Committee will permit Clubs to train dogs less than 18 months of age provided that they follow 10.1.1.2 "Code of Practice for training agility dogs under 18 months."

10.1.1.2 Code of Practice for training agility dogs under 18 months.

1. Mixed classes. Where a class is comprised of dogs of mixed ages, ~~all dogs must~~ each dog may train on the ~~minimum~~ recommended level for all obstacles, relevant to their height and age. ~~In addition to age,~~ It is the club's responsibility that equipment is adjusted for each dog as necessary. Consideration should also be given to the dog's fitness for agility in relation to its weight and Breed type.
2. The guidelines given are the maximum for each obstacle.
3. Tunnels. Any dog of any age is permitted to train on the tunnels.

4. Jumping

- a. For all dogs the height must be raised gradually over several months.
- b. For dogs less than 12 months the maximum Jumping height is the dog’s carpal height (wrist height).
- c. For dogs between 12 – 16 months the maximum height is the dog’s elbow.
- d. From 16 – 18 months the jump height can be gradually raised to the competition height.

5. Long jump

- a. For all dogs the length must be increased gradually over several months.
- b. For dogs less than 12 months the smallest Long jump unit must be used.
- c. For dogs between 12–16 months: 240s jump 1 unit, 320s jump 1-2 units, 380s jump 2-3 units, 500s and 600s jump 3-4 units.
- d. From 16–18 months the length can be gradually increased to competition length.

6. Elevated equipment

- a. For dogs under 12 months the maximum height is equivalent to ~~the small table~~1/3 of competition height.
- b. For dogs from 12-16 months the obstacles can be gradually raised to a maximum height equivalent to ~~the large table~~2/3 of competition height.
- c. From 16 months the obstacle may be raised to competition height.

7. Weave poles

- a. For all dogs, irrespective of the technique used, the progression towards 12 poles in a straight line must be done gradually over several months.
- b. For dogs under 12 months bending of the body must be minimised. They must not weave more than 4 poles in a straight line.
- c. For dogs aged 12-16 months: Irrespective of the technique used, the weaves may be moved towards 12 poles in a straight line, however this must be done gradually over a number of months.
- d. Dogs over 16 months of age may weave 12 poles in a straight line.

10.1.1.2 Code of Practice for training agility dogs less than 18 months of age.					
Age of dog	Recommendations for Obstacles (maximum)				
	Where there are mixed ages the min will apply	Jumping	Long Jump	Elevated equipment	Weave poles
<12 mths		Jump height max: Carpal (wrist) height	Max number of units, all heights: 1	Slightly elevated using mini table <u>or equivalent height to a maximum of 1/3 competition height.</u>	Bending of the dog is permitted over 4 poles max.
12-16 mths		Jump height max: Elbow height	Max no. of units: Micro: 1 unit, Mini: 1-2, Midi: 2-3, Maxi: 3-4	Slightly elevated using maxi table <u>or equivalent height to a maximum of 2/3 competition height.</u>	Gradually move to 12 poles in a straight line.

Rationale: to clarify what is to happen in the event that there is a tie for splits

11.1.2.1 Standard Classes Split by Height groups.

At every Agility and Jumpers Event an individual Standard Class must be split when, at the date for closing of entries, entry numbers are such that one of the combinations below is possible. There are five types of competition:

- a. Unsplit competitions where no single height group combination has reached 15 dogs or more.
- b. Two Way (Variable) Split competition where the largest group of dogs (either smalls (240s, 320s, 380s combined), 500s or 600s) containing 15 or more dogs will form a group. The remaining groups combine to form a second group containing 15 dogs or more. In the event where the variable split results in a tie for which height the smalls would combine with, they are to be combined with the 600s, not the 500s. In the event where the variable split results in a tie for which height the 500 or 600 groups will combine with, the 500s and 600s will combine to form a group, and the smalls will remain on their own. (Refer to the table below)
- c. Three Way Split competition where a 600, a 500 and a Small (240s, 320s, 380s) group is formed of 15 or more in each height group.
- d. Four Way Split competition where a 600, a 500, a 300s (320s, 380s) and a 240 group of 15 or more are formed in each height group.
- e. Five Way Split competition where a 600, a 500, a 380, a 320 and a 240 group of 15 or more are formed in each height group.

11.1.2.1.1 For the purpose of splitting by height, 380, 320 and 240 height groups may be combined to form a Small group of 15 or more.

11.1.2.1.2 For the purpose of splitting by height, 380 and 320 shall compete together as a 300's group.

11.1.2.1.3 Each height group where numbers exceed 15 will compete as a separate class for separate placings and prizes with the exception of the 320 and 380 height groups which will always compete together.

11.1.2.1.4 Height groups may compete under the same or different judges and on the same or different courses for that class with the exception of the 320 and 380 height groups which must compete under the same judge.

11.1.2.1.5 In the running orders when a Small group is formed, the 300's and 240 dogs must run directly after each other.

11.1.2.1.6 In the running orders 320 and 380 dogs will form a group called the 300's and must run directly after each other.

11.1.2.1.7 In a split class, when judging commences for a new height group, the previous height group is deemed to have been completed and no further dogs in the previous height will be judged. The only exception is where an officiating judge is permitted by the show management and the officiating judge of the aforementioned ring, to compete prior to the class commencing or at the end of the class, which may require the hurdle height to be changed.

Examples of how splits would occur with various different numbers in a class.

Number of dogs in each height					Type of split possible	Height groups formed				
240	320	380	500	600		Smalls	500s	600s		
5	6	5	30	26	3- Way	Smalls	500s	600s		
5	2	5	25	10	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 600s		500s		
3	2	5	10	15	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 500s		600s		
2	3	5	18	18	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 600s		500s		
5	5	5	8	7	Variable 2-Way	500s + 600s		Smalls		
<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Variable 2-Way</u>	<u>500s + 600s</u>		<u>Smalls</u>		
5	5	2	5	5	No Split	All Compete together				
16	8	7	29	18	4-Way	240s	300s	500s	600s	
15	16	15	52	30	5-Way	240s	320s	380s	500s	600s

Rationale: This is just a removal of numbered reference.

11.3.3 Standard Classes Split by Height groups.

At every Ribbon Trial an individual Standard Class must be split in the same manner as outlined in ~~Regulation 11.1.2.1~~ for Agility and Jumpers Events above.

Rationale: to ensure that dogs in novelty events are still abiding by agility regulations and allowing dogs between 12 and 18 months to run in tunnellers events as they are allowed to train tunnels at that age and removes clubs having to find any loophole to allow this.

11.3.4 Novelty Classes

Special classes may be held in addition to the classes laid down in these Regulations. The course shall be approved by an Agility Judge as suitable for the standard of competition. The conditions to govern any Special class are to be decided by the society conducting the trial, **provided all regulations are adhered to**, and must be displayed for all competitors.

11.3.4.1 Dogs must be a minimum of 18 months old to participate in any novelty event that involves jumping obstacles, weaving obstacles or elevated equipment.

11.3.4.2 Dogs aged 12 to 18 months may participate in novelty events that involve tunnels only.

Rationale: These changes are all to facilitate removal of number references.

12.1.4 Championship Agility Clubs are required to have available a full set of equipment.

All Clubs conducting Championship Agility Events should have available all the **standard** obstacles listed in ~~Agility Regulations 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4~~ for use in Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior agility classes for all heights.

12.2 Standard Obstacles Approved for Use in Starters Classes

Rationale: All weaves are now required to be standardised, therefore no need to exemptions for older equipment anymore.

12.2.5 Weaving Poles

An even number of vertical poles secured in a straight line. The distance between one pole and the next is 600mm (measured from centre to centre). Height of poles 900mm. Base supports are required at each pole extended outward from the weave base and must be placed on the opposite side to where the dog would normally put its feet. ~~Note for weaving pole sets manufactured prior to 1 February 2009, the distance between poles may be measured as the distance between the outside edge of one pole and the inside edge of the next pole until 1 July 2021 when the centre-to-centre measurement must be met.~~

~~New wWeave sets manufactured from 1 July 2020 onward~~ must have poles which measure a nominal 26mm outside diameter (21mm inside diameter). The support for the poles must fit snugly inside the poles and must rise above the base between 140mm and 150mm to provide rigidity to the pole.

The base must be either 75mm wide, 5mm thick with base supports 200mm long, or 50mm wide and 5mm thick with 250mm long base supports.

Base support lengths are measured from the outside edge of the weave base where they are attached.

Where pegging of the weave is possible ALL base supports must be pegged to avoid twisting of the base.

It is recommended that the flat base be rubber chipped.

The poles shall have bands, stripes or spirals of contrasting colour throughout its length. It is recommended that these bands shall be formed either by painting or by using heat shrink.

~~All weave sets must meet all above regulation requirements by 1 July 2021 in order to be used in competition after this date.~~

Rationale: This has simply been removed from 'Standard Equipment' and moved into 'Optional Equipment for Starters Classes' as clubs are required by regulation to have a full set of standard equipment, and most clubs don't have a bi-directional long jump, and it is rarely used.

This is now 12.5.1

12.4 Standard Obstacles Approved for Use in Intermediate and Senior Agility Classes Only:

Rationale: This has been moved into optional equipment for Novice, Intermediate and Senior.

12.4.1 Asymmetrical Spread Jump

~~Consists of front and rear supported bars which are displaceable upon impact. Height of bar from ground (maximum): 240's 180mm front bar, 240mm rear bar with 200mm between, 320's 240mm front bar, 320mm rear bar with 250mm between, 380's 320mm front bar, 380mm rear bar with 300mm between, 500's 380mm front bar, 500mm rear bar with 450mm between, 600's 500mm front bar, 600mm rear bar with 500mm between. The distance between the front and rear bar is taken as a horizontal measurement, not ascending the spread. Where smaller dimensions are used the ratio between the height of the front bar and the height of the rear bar must be maintained as close as is practical to that produced above. Additional displacement bars may be added underneath the front and rear bars, but not solely under the rear bar~~

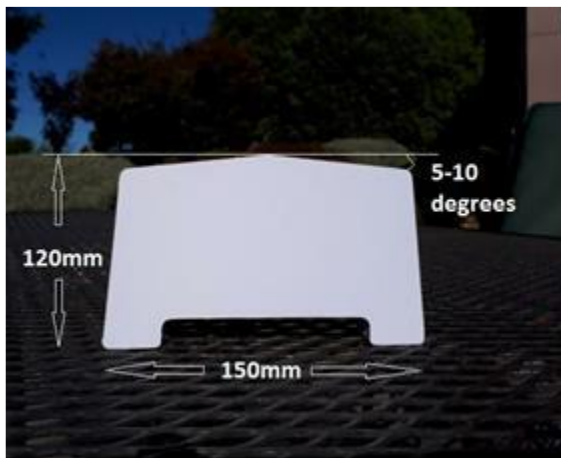
12.5 Optional Equipment Approved for Use in Starters and Jumpers C Classes.

12.5.1 Bidirectional Long Jump

Spread: 240: 300-400mm, 320: 400-500mm, 380: 600-700mm 500: 800-1000mm, 600: 1000-1200mm.

Number of elements: 240 & 320 = 2, 380 = 3, 500 = 4, 600 = 5.

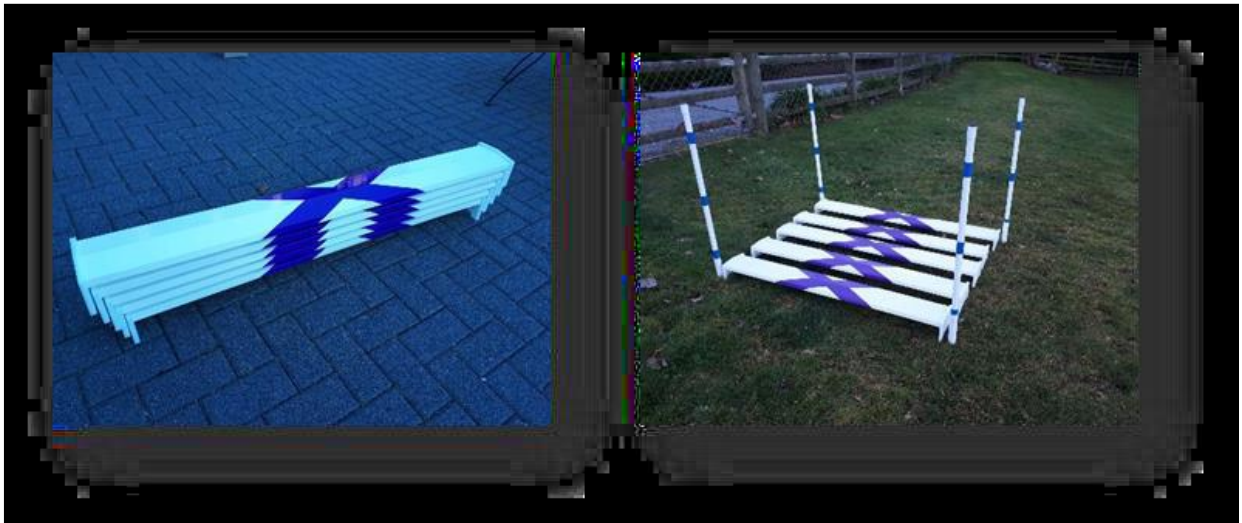
Corner poles at least 900mm high are mandatory.



All individual elements rise to a 'peak' which runs the length of the element. The 'peak' rises at an angle of 5-10 degrees, meeting on the centre line of each element.

All individual elements: height from ground at peak = 120mm. Depth = 150mm. Width = 1200mm. Subsequent elements may escalate in width to aid stacking.

All Elements to be coloured similarly for all dog heights and painted in a contrasting colour pattern. The elements must be designed so that they are displaceable.



12.56 Optional Equipment Approved for Use in Novice, Intermediate, Senior, Jumpers B and Jumpers A Classes

In addition to Optional Equipment approved for use in Starters and Jumpers C Classes the following equipment is approved for use in Novice, Intermediate and Senior Classes.

12.56.1 Multiple Bar Ascending Spread Jump

Consists of a series of supported bars, ascending in height, which are displaceable upon impact, with bars sitting on a pair of risers that span the spread (distance between front and rear bars – outside edge to outside edge).

Height of bar from ground (maximum)

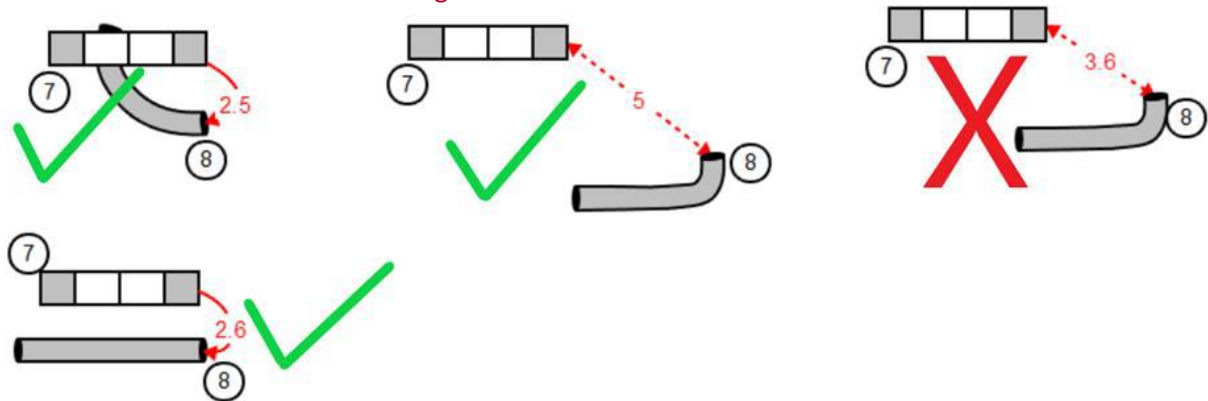
- 240 Dogs 80mm front bar, 240mm rear bar with 185mm between
- 320 Dogs 80mm front bar, 320mm rear bar with 260mm between
- 380 Dogs 80mm front bar, 380mm rear bar with 330mm between
- 500 Dogs 110mm front bar, 500mm rear bar with 430mm between
- 600 Dogs 110mm front bar, 600mm rear bar with 500mm between

12.6.2 Asymmetrical Spread Jump

Consists of front and rear supported bars which are displaceable upon impact. Height of bar from ground (maximum): 240's 180mm front bar, 240mm rear bar with 200mm between, 320's 240mm front bar, 320mm rear bar with 250mm between, 380's 320mm front bar, 380mm rear bar with 300mm between, 500's 380mm front bar, 500mm rear bar with 450mm between, 600's 500mm front bar, 600mm rear bar with 500mm between. The distance between the front and rear bar is taken as a horizontal measurement, not ascending the spread. Where smaller dimensions are used the ratio between the height of the front bar and the height of the rear bar must be maintained as close as is practical to that produced above. Additional displacement bars may be added underneath the front and rear bars, but not solely under the rear bar.

Rationale: it was voted on at the end of last year, with a majority in favour, to remove this exemption.

The distance between the exit edge of a contact obstacle and the entry to a tunnel where the dog is travelling from contact to tunnel is exempt from any minimum distance requirement provided that there is at least a 180 degree turn between the two obstacles.



Approved:

Rationale: Table is no longer used.

13.7.10 Table

~~Performance of the table in Games classes is at the discretion of the Officiating Judge, who may require the dog to assume a position on the table for a specified count. In this instance, the dog must be in the correct position before counting can commence. If the dog jumps off the table or changes position, the counting is repeated until the dog is back in the correct position, instead of continuing e.g. 5,4,3-3-2,1, Go. An electronic counter should be used as a guide for any specified count on the table.~~

14.1.1 Elementary A, B & C

14.1.1.1 Eligibility to Enter

14.1.1.1.1 Elementary C - Open to new handlers who are handling experienced dogs. A new handler is defined as the handler never having won an Elementary class on a clear round or having received a clear round in any other standard agility class with any dog. Open to any dog that is not excluded from competition.

14.1.1.1.2 Elementary B – Open to new handlers who are handling new dogs. A new handler is defined as the handler never having won an Elementary B or Elementary A class on a clear round, placed 1st to 3rd in any other standard agility or jumpers class on a clear round or attained the title of AD or JD with any dog. Open to dogs that have never won an Elementary class on a clear round, placed 1st to 3rd in any other standard agility or jumpers class on a clear round or attained the title of AD or JD.

14.1.1.1.3 Dogs winning Elementary B on a clear round are eligible for Elementary A.

14.1.1.1.4 Elementary A – Open to any handler with a dog that has never won an Elementary A class on a clear round, placed 1st to 3rd in any other standard agility class on a clear round or attained the title of AD or JD.

14.1.1.2 Exclusions

- Dogs may only be entered in one Elementary class per event. Either Elementary C or Elementary B or Elementary A.
- Dogs entered in Elementary B or Elementary A may also enter starters at the same event, but NOT the Novice class.
- The same dog and handler combination entered in Elementary C may not also be entered in any other standard class.

14.1.1.3 Obstacles

Elementary C: To be run on the same course as Elementary B. No changes to the course are allowed and must be judged by the same judge.

Elementary B: Standard Obstacles ~~defined in clause 12.2~~ approved for use in Starters classes only to be used, excluding the weave and hoop.

Elementary A: Standard Obstacles ~~defined in clause 12.2~~ approved for use in Starters classes only to be used excluding the hoop. All Elementary A courses must contain one set of either 4 or 6 weaving poles.

14.1.1.4 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Elementary classes must comprise a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

14.1.1.5. Rate of travel.

The standard course time for Elementary will be calculated using 2 /m/s as the rate of travel.

14.1.2 Starters

14.1.2.1 Eligibility to Enter

Only open to dogs which have not achieved the requisite win and/or points requirement ~~(as detailed in 14.2 below)~~ in classes at recognised Agility Fixtures with clear rounds.

14.1.2.2 Obstacles

Standard ~~Obstacles~~ obstacles ~~defined in clause 12.2~~ approved for use in Starters classes are to be used. ~~In addition, Optional Equipment approved for use in Starters classes may be used.~~ All Starter Agility classes must contain a full set of 12 weave poles.

14.1.2.3 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Starters classes must comprise a minimum of 13 and maximum of 18 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

14.1.2.4. Rate of travel.

The standard course time for Starters will be calculated using 2.5m/s as the minimum rate of travel.

14.1.3 Novice

14.1.3.1 Eligibility to Enter.

Open to all except Senior qualified dogs.

14.1.3.2 Obstacles

Standard obstacles ~~defined in clauses 12.2 and 12.3 to be used~~ approved for use in Starters and Novice classes may be used. In addition, ~~further obstacles defined in clause 12.5 may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge~~ any Optional Equipment approved for use in Novice Classes may be used. Weave poles, if used must be an even number from 6-12.

14.1.3.3 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Novice classes must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 18 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

14.1.3.4. Rate of travel.

The standard course time for Novice will be calculated using 2.5m/s as the minimum rate of travel.

14.1.4 Intermediate

14.1.4.1 Eligibility to Enter.

Open to all dogs except dogs eligible to enter Starters.

14.1.4.2 Obstacles

All Standard obstacles ~~defined in clauses 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 to~~ may be used. In addition, ~~further obstacles defined in clause 12.5 may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge any~~ Optional Equipment approved for use in Intermediate Classes may be used. Weave poles, if used, must be an even number from 6-12.

14.1.4.3 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Intermediate classes must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 20 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

14.1.4.4. Rate of travel.

The standard course time for Intermediate will be calculated using 2.75m/s as the minimum rate of travel.

14.1.5 Senior

14.1.5.1 Eligibility to Enter.

Open to all dogs that have achieved the requisite win and/or points requirement ~~(as detailed in 14.2 below)~~ in Novice and/or Intermediate classes at recognised Agility Events.

14.1.5.2 Obstacles

All Standard obstacles ~~defined in clauses 12.2, 12.3, and 12.4 to~~ may be used. In addition, ~~further obstacles defined in clause 12.5 may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge any~~ Optional Equipment approved for use in Senior Classes may be used. Weave poles, if used, must be an even number from 6-12.

14.1.5.3 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Senior classes must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 25 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run-in sequence.

14.1.5.4 Rate of travel for QCT.

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

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

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

14.1.5.4.3 In the event of a 2-way variable split, two QCT's will be used. The base QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.25-3.75m/s. The combination including the small dogs (eg: Smalls + 600s, or Smalls + 500s) will have a QCT that will be calculated by adding 7.5% to the base QCT. All other height groups will use the base QCT.

14.1.5.5 Standard course time (SCT).

The SCT is determined by adding 20% to the base QCT.

14.1.5.6 Maximum course time (MCT).

The MCT is calculated by multiplying the large dog QCT by 1.5.

Rationale: This is repeated – there is already a clause in 11.3.4 that covers this.

14.4 Novelty Classes

14.4.1 Novelty Classes

~~Novelty classes may be held in addition to the classes laid down in these Regulations. Novelty classes may be held at any agility fixture. The course shall be approved by an agility judge as suitable for the standard of competition. The conditions to govern any Novelty class are to be decided by the society conducting the class and must be displayed for all competitors.~~

14.4.2 Obstacles

~~Standard Obstacles shall be used. In addition, further approved obstacles may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge.~~

15.1 Standard Jumpers Classes

Standard jumpers classes are Jumpers C, Jumpers B and Jumpers A.

15.1.1 Grade C

15.1.1.1 Eligibility to Enter

Open to all dogs which have not achieved the requisite win and/or points requirement (as detailed in 15.2.1 below) in Grade C Jumpers classes at recognised Agility Fixtures with clear rounds. JDX qualified dogs are not eligible for this class.

15.1.1.2 Obstacles

~~Standard Obstacles defined in clause 12.2 approved for use in Starters classes are to be used. In addition, Optional Equipment regulated for use in Jumpers C classes may be used.~~

However, no weaves are to be used in any Jumpers classes.

15.1.1.3 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Grade C Jumpers must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 18 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

15.1.1.4 Rate of Travel

Grade C Jumpers course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 2.75 and 3.25 metres per second.

15.1.2 Grade B

15.1.2.1 Eligibility to Enter

Open to all dogs that have met the graduation criteria as detailed in 15.2.1 below and not yet met the graduation criteria as detailed in 15.2.2.

15.1.2.2 Obstacles

~~Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2 to be used approved for use in Starters and Novice classes are to be used. In addition, any Optional Equipment approved for use in Jumpers B Classes may be used. However, no weaves are to be used in Jumpers classes. In addition, further obstacles defined in clause 12.5 may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge.~~

15.1.2.3 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Grade B Jumpers must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 20 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

15.1.2.4 Rate of Travel

Grade B Jumpers course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 3.25 and 3.75 metres per second.

15.1.3 Grade A

15.1.3.1 Eligibility to Enter

Open to dogs who have met the graduation criteria as outlined in 15.2.2 below.

15.1.3.2 Obstacles

Standard obstacles ~~defined in clauses 12.2~~ approved for use in Starters classes are to be used. In addition, any Optional Equipment approved for use in Jumpers A Classes may be used. ~~further obstacles defined in clause 12.4.1 and 12.5 may also be used.~~ No weaves are to be used in any Jumpers classes.

15.1.3.3 Number of Obstacles

Courses for Grade A Jumpers must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 25 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

15.1.3.4 Rate of Travel

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

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

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

15.1.3.4.3 In the event of a 2-way variable split, two QCT's will be used. The base QCT will be calculated using the rate of travel of 3.75-4.25m/s. The combination including the small dogs (e.g.: Smalls + 600s or Smalls + 500s) will have a QCT that will be calculated by adding 5% to the base QCT. All other height groups will use the base QCT.

15.1.3.5 Standard course time (SCT)

The SCT is determined by adding 15% to the base QCT.

15.1.3.6 Maximum course time (MCT).

The MCT is calculated by multiplying the large dog QCT by 1.5.

17.1.3 Gamble.

17.1.3.1. Start and finish of the gamble. Following the sound to denote the end of the PAP, the handler must direct the dog to attempt the gamble. The dog will not be penalised for negotiating (non-gamble) obstacles when moving from the end of the PAP to the start of the gamble; however none of those obstacles negotiated will be scored. The timer is set on the last obstacle of the gamble., ~~which may be the table.~~ The start line and the gamble will usually be positioned further away from the highest point obstacles.

Motion:

That all the proposed Agility Committee changes submitted be adopted subject to amendments (when referring to heading needs a regulation number).

Discussion on the requirement for the National Office to have a record of the new International Panel and the agreements that are currently in place to allow "Senior Panel" judges to judges overseas being replaced with only "International Panel" or "FCI Judges" to judge overseas.

Moved: CR, Seconded: FH - Carried

HOOPERS REGULATIONS

4.4 Event Levies

4.4.1 Hoopers Levies

4.4.1.1 Dogs NZ Agility Committee Hoopers Event Levy

The Dogs NZ Agility Committee Event levy is payable to the Dogs NZ Agility Committee on all entries in any Hoopers event.

The rate for these levies will be set annually ~~by the Agility Committee and will remain in line with the levy that is set for all Agility and Jumpers Championship Events~~ at the Annual Conference of Delegates.

4.4.1.2 Dogs NZ Agility Committee Levy

The Dogs NZ Agility Committee may set an additional levy payable on entries to aid in the administering and ongoing development of Hoopers.

In the instance, the amounts received for this levy are to remain in a separate bank account and be used for this purpose only.

Rationale: to ensure that times are not recorded with results. Hoopers is a qualifying event and we do not want it to become competitive.

4.5 Hoopers Judging Records

Judging record sheets must be provided for all events. Judging record sheets can be paper or electronic. All judging records must be retained for 12 months after the completion of the event.

4.5.1 Results must not include a time for runs. The course time is for the sole purpose of establishing whether a dog completes the course within the prescribed time.

Rationale: Adds requirements for hoopers judges to sit and pass the examination, and ensures that moving forward new judges are ratified by EC before being officially appointed to the Hoopers Panel.

4.10 Approved Judges

Only Agility and Senior Agility Panel judges are eligible to judge Hoopers events.

4.10.1 Provision for Retired Agility Judges

4.10.1.1 – In the event that a retired agility judge, from either the Agility Judges Panel or Senior Judges Panel, wishes to become a Hoopers Judge, the Agility Committee has the right to grant an exemption for this.

4.10.2.2 – In this instance, the requirements to sit and pass the Hoopers examination as outlined in these regulations must be adhered to.

4.10.2 Hoopers Examinations

4.10.2.1 - For appointment to the Hoopers Panel, Judges must pass the Hoopers Exam with a pass mark of 100%.

4.10.2.2 - The Hoopers exam is an open book examination focussing on the course design aspects and general regulations for Hoopers. It is to be no more than 30 questions, and a duration of 30 minutes.

4.10.2.3 – Hoopers examinations will be written and conducted online by the Agility Committee. Judges wishing to become a hoopers judge must contact the Agility Committee for access to the examination.

4.10.2.4 – Upon completion of the examination with a 100% pass mark, the recommendation will be made to Executive Council, at the next EC meeting, to ratify the promotion to the Hoopers Judges Panel.

4.10.2.5 – Periodically, Hoopers Judges may be required to sit an updated examination to remain on the Hoopers Panel. This is to ensure that judges are keeping up to date with any changes made to regulations, equipment or course design practices.

Rationale: The current reg only allows for 2 hoops to be used which is not sufficient if the tunnel is any longer than 1m.

5.2.3 Tunnels

Must have a diameter of at least 800mm and must be between 1m and 3m in length, with a preference of 1m.

Tunnels must not have a bottom and should be constructed of a **minimum of two hoops** with PVC or canvas (or other non-flappable material) secured to form a tunnel. Items used to secure the tunnel should not obstruct the opening of the tunnel and should not pose a risk to the handler or dog.

Rationale: numbering was incorrect, and there are no weaves in Hoopers.

7.4 Refusals

7.54.1 Points for Refusals

Each refusal incurs 5 points.

7.44.2 Elimination by Refusal

Three refusals during the round results in elimination.

7.44.3 General Definition of Refusal

When a dog once put at the obstacle then backs off or goes past and must be put at the obstacle again. If the dog refuses it must re-attempt that obstacle before it can continue without disqualification.

7.5 Faults

7.5.1 General Faults

7.5.1.1 Touching the Dog

7.5.4.1.1 Physical contact between the handler and dog shall incur a fault if, in the opinion of the judge, the instance of making contact was.

- (a) a deliberate action by the handler; or
- (b) accidental but resulted in the dog receiving an advantage that it would not have otherwise received.

7.5.4.1.2 Accidental physical contact between the handler and dog shall not be faulted where the judge deems that no advantage was received as a result of the contact.

7.5.1.2 Handler interacting with Equipment.

A fault shall be incurred if the handler deliberately or accidentally.

- (a) interacts with any obstacle by touching, jumping or straddling or stepping over any part of it. or
- (b) places any part of their body within the aperture of a Hoop or Pipe Tunnel. or
- ~~(c) places any part of their body between any two weaving poles at any time; or~~
- ~~(dc)~~ goes under any part of any obstacle at any time; or
- ~~(ed)~~ breaks the start beam of an electronic timer (if used).

Motion:

That all the proposed Hoopers changes to be adopted.

Moved: JB, Seconded: SM - Carried

REGISTRY ENDORSEMENT REGULATION

Executive Council discussed the need to tidy up the Endorsement regulations with endorsement placed by breeders only when they transfer a puppy. Fiona Hodgson to forward recommended regulation to July meeting.

5. COMPLAINTS / DISPUTES

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 June 2024 Executive Council meeting for failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1 after receiving the final 28-day late warning.

Moved: CR, Seconded: CM - Carried

COMPLAINTS & DISPUTE REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

The Executive Council discussed the report, including the recommendation from the Chair of Disputes on one official complaint and the finding of Judicial Review committee on one complaint. ST provided an update on the preparation of discovery papers for District Court hearing which need to lodged by 26 July. A Kings Council has been appointed as our Senior Council and a Calderbank letter has been sent to the other party. All legal costs are covered by our liability insurance.

Moved: CM, Seconded: STT - Report Received

REGISTRATION DECISION REVIEW

Appeal to review a dispensation decision by Canine Health & Welfare committee regrading Registry Regulation 19.3 Breeders Code of Conduct.

Motion.

The Executive Council discussed the matter in detail and resolved to turn down the appeal.

Moved: CM, Seconded: STT – Carried

Abstained: KM /LD

8 OFFICE REPORTS

DIRECTOR SECRETARY JUNE 2024 REPORT

Report by Director Secretary (ST).

1. Staffing Restructure FY2024/25

Database & Web Development

Brendon Baker has joined the National Office as our Database & Website Development Officer following the resignation of Matt Leven. He is completing the work that Matt started on the following projects:

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

Website Redevelopment:

We have brought this project forward at the request of our sponsor partners. The website project will be divided into two sections:

- Public focus home page / front end to promote good dog ownership & pedigree dogs.
- Member focus back end to deliver membership / club services.

PD Insurance web development team (based in South Africa) are working on a look n feel design for the public focus section of the website. Together with Purina we are developing a scope of work that will guide our redevelopment of the website. The same look n feel and capability will be carried over to the Dog Training Website.

Registry Development:

Mark Signal is continuing to complete the last of the Part I registry and export / frozen semen automation fixes. He has started work on the Awards coding issue which is a mess. Once he has fixed the way we have coded Awards (with its current 2,800+ different codes) Brendon will look at projects to automate our production of the award certificates.

CH&W Roles

RFG Program

This program has stalled as Kat Cross has been dealing with family illness issues. Getting it back on track is a priority as we need to implement a schedule of assessor training sessions for the year.

CH&W Advisory Role

This position is on hold on the advice of the Staffing Committee and Chair of CH&W Committee.

Membership Development Officer

Colleen Begg will make a decision on her exact retirement date after ACOD. I am working on a revised Position Description which I will circulate to the Staffing Committee. We will start the recruitment process in July with an expected appointment in August and likely start date for the successful applicant in September.

2. Key Projects July – November 2024

As part of my exit planning, I am focusing on the following projects:

National Office & Staff Capability:

- 3 Year Lease Tenancy Agreement
- Recruitment of Membership Development Role
- RFG Assessor Role & training sessions

IT Database Projects:

- Launch of Show Manager
- Automation of Membership / Kennel Name process
- CGC / Dog Training databases

Website:

- Scope planning
- Look n Feel design
- Development and launch

Partnership:

- New Nestle Purina 5-year contact.

NDS 2024 Committee duties and preparing for the upcoming District Court case are also a current work focus.

Discussion:

ST briefed Council on the business development project work that he is focusing on and wants to have well developed by November. Executive Council discussed the various projects underway and look forward to receiving a pdf on the digital membership project.

Moved: JB, Seconded: GC - Report Received

CLUBS REPORT

Report by Colleen Begg, Membership Manager.

Club Accounts

All Breed Clubs have paid their annual subscription.

Irish Wolfhound Club

Advice has been received from the secretary of The Irish Wolfhound Club that, at their recent AGM, the members of the club voted to put the club into recess.

The annual invoice for the club has been cancelled and Dogs NZ records noted.

Application for Third Championship Show in 2024

Northern Staffordshire Bull Terrier have requested permission for a third championship show this year.

They have advised that their Patron, Mark Anderson of Challenger Kennels, passed away two weeks ago.

Further that "Mark was hugely respected throughout the Stafford community here and overseas. We would like to honour him with a memorial show".

They advise- that two breed specialist judges from the UK will be judging in Western Australia at the end of November 2024 and would approach them if permission is granted. The proposed show would be held at Ardmore.

Motion:

That the application for a third Northern Staffordshire Bull Terrier Championship Show in 2024 be approved however Northern Staffordshire Bull Terrier can only hold one championship show in 2025.

Moved: KM Seconded: JB - Carried

SM Abstained

DOGS ON REPORT APRIL 2024

Report by Colleen Begg, Membership Manager.

OTTADALE RIVERTWEED STAR ADXS JDX 03069-2015 Border Terrier owned by R Baker

This female Border Terrier has now completed the required observations undertaken by persons appointed by the Agility Committee,

The endorsement has been removed and the owner advised

GESUNDHEIT LOVETRUCK AT HAGEN 05257-2021 French Bulldog owned by M McDonald-Cistrone & E Tooth

This female French Bulldog has now completed 6 observations with no problems reported by any of the observers.

The endorsement has been removed and the owners advised.

LESTER BORDA AS HOT AS PEPPA 00904-2020 Border Terrier owned by N Rausch

This female Border Terrier has been placed on report following an incident at North Shore Dog Training Club's event on 18 May 2024.

The owner advises that she was running her dog and decided to finish early as her dog appeared to be tired. She walked the dog back to the start line where the dog stopped, Another dog was waiting at the line and was barking. The Border Terrier then attacked the other dog.

Witnesses advised that this lasted very briefly. The other dog was not injured.

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

AMOREFEROCE DELLA TERRO 06258-2023 Neapolitan Mastiff owned by T Cole

This male Neapolitan Mastiff has been placed on report after it lunged at and grabbed a Staffordshire Bull Terrier at Wellington Kennel Centre's Championship show on 1 June 2024.

The owner of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier advises that they had just finished competing in the ring and as they exited the ring, the Neapolitan Mastiff came from the right hand side and grabbed her dog by the left front leg. The owner of the other dog pulled their dog away (it was on a leash) . The owner of the Neapolitan Mastiff apologised and left the shows. The show manager was unable to locate them to advise them of the 7 day stand down period.

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

JAKE OB/9723 Border Collie owned by A Templeton

This male Border Collie is on report for running and barking at the judge at Dog Agility Wellington Group's Championship Jumpers Events held on 13 April 2024. The show manager's report advises that the judge was standing in the ring between jumps 3 & 4 and dressed in dark wet weather gear because of the bad weather on the day. The dog refused a jump and then ran toward the judge barking.

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

TAFF PRINCESS ABBY ADX JDX 089035-2021 Poodle (Miniature) owned by M Heijnen

This female Poodle (Miniature) has been placed on report following an incident at Hawkes Bay & Napier Dog Training Club's Championship Jumpers Events held on 21 April 2024.

The show manager's report advises that the dog, whilst completing, ran and barked at the judge. The judge was standing by the first jump and was dressed in dark wet weather gear because of the conditions on the day. When the owner took the lead off to begin competing, the dog rang to the judge barking and then ran out of the ring. No contact was made.

The dog's records have been endorsed; the owner has been advised.

CH NAKOA LOVE AFTER WAR 03726-2022 Italian Corso Dog owners by L Harvey & J Rutley

This female Italian Corso Dog was excused from the ring by the judge at Auckland Exhibition Centre's championship show held on 13 April 2024.

The report advised that whilst the judge, Rob Ellis, was going over the dog, she turned and lunged at him. No contact was made.

The owners were advised and the dog's records endorsed.

The dog has since been shown and observed with no adverse reports. The dog has now completed the required 6 observations. The endorsement has been removed from the dog's records and the owners advised.

Discussion:

The Executive Council discussed the report and resolved that regulations need to be developed for when dogs have a history of repeatedly being on report. Discussion also focused on developing a code specific (Agility, Dog Training & Conformation) decision flow chart to guide show managers on when a dog needs to be placed on report.

Moved: SM, Seconded: CM - Report Received

9 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGILITY COMMITTEE

Report from Paul Taylor, Chairperson.

AC committee Meeting

The last AC meeting was held at DNZ Ardmore on 31Mar 1 April 2024. We will be meeting the either side of the ACOD.

Topics for Executive Council meeting:

The committee continues to effectively manage the day-to-day oversight of Agility matters for DNZ. The only item requiring discussion and ratification by EC at the next meeting is the 6 monthly review of regulations to coincide with our 1 July regulation update.

Regulation Changes

The committee is preparing a document of minor regulations changes.

The majority of these are around references to incorrect obstacles for different classes, pieces of obsolete equipment still included in current regulations and guidelines for training of young dogs

A new judges panel for judges wishing to accept overseas appointments, refined procedures for judges applying for progression and reappointment to senior panel.

Clarification of variable split criteria for classes, setting requirements for non-competitive entries and novelty classes able to be offered by clubs.

Changes made to the election process by recently passed Agility Committee resilience of annual elections for half of the committee, clarification of levy setting and responsibilities of the Agility Committee.

A summary and rationale paper will be presented as late papers by Chris Richardson and he will be leading the discussion during EC meeting.

Discussion:

CR asked for approval for English judge Lea Gibson to again to be allowed to judge / compete in NZ during the 2025 summer. Collen Begg to process any judging request under our current regulations.

Moved: CR, Seconded: FH - Report Received

CAININE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Report from Lynley Drummond, Chairperson.

The Canine Health & Welfare Committee (CHWC) has been diligently working behind the scenes, processing 16 LRLs currently at various stages. Their efforts have focused on creating templates and processes to ensure a consistent and thorough approach, aided by new digital resources that help manage the substantial administrative workload.

After some delays the LRL's for Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, English Springer Spaniels, Golden Retrievers, and Saint Bernard's are currently open for owner registration to vote. Voting for all these breed LRL's is scheduled for 20 June to 13 July 2024.

Information sheets providing short overviews of the breed relevant health tests proposed in the LRL, together with a copy of the proposed LRL that will go to the vote, have been sent to all registered owners.

New LRL's that are due to be opened for submissions when published in NZ Dog World July / August 2024 include the Tibetan Spaniel, Airedale Terrier, Kleine Munsterlander, Chihuahua (long coat), Chihuahua (Short coat), and the 3 varieties of Kaninchen (long-haired, wire-haired, and smooth-haired). Review of the Bulldog and French Bulldog submissions is in progress and the committee is looking forward to working with the clubs and owners to resolve a range of topics that have been raised.

Dogs New Zealand acknowledges the critical role of artificial insemination in breeding practices to ensure a genetically healthy and diverse canine population.
Dogs New Zealand endorses the availability and use of various artificial insemination techniques, including insemination by catheter, transcervical insemination, and surgical insemination. Each method may offer distinct advantages depending on the circumstances, and the choice of technique should be determined by the veterinarian based on informed judgment.

the draft Code of Welfare circulated in 2023. It aligns with the recent addition to the breeders Code of Conduct on this topic. Additionally, the CHWC has consulted with Dogs Australia, which has recently prepared a well-aligned paper.

Discussion:

The Executive Council discussed the resignation of the NZVA representative from the CH&W committee and what vet specific input is required in the committee. Building a relationship with the Vet Council was an option that the committee will pursue.

Report Received

POSITION STATEMENT – ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Dogs New Zealand Position Statement
Artificial Insemination in Dogs

Canine Health & Welfare Committee - June 2024

9.6 Background

Dogs New Zealand encourages responsible breeding of dogs by its members by having in place a Breeders Code of Conduct (BCOC) and works with breed specialists to establish minimum health testing requirements that must be completed on both dam and sire prior to mating.

Artificial insemination (AI) is used in dogs for several reasons. Typically, AI is used for bitches that may not be able to mate with another dog physically. In some circumstances, the dog may be at a distance or overseas based, in which case AI may be the most practical option. Males and females can have fertility issues but still be genetically valuable to small gene pools. Alternatively, the dog may be physically incapable of mating the bitch. It can include bitches that have difficult internal anatomy (including congenital strictures) whereby normal mating is not possible, and other AI techniques are either less or not likely to be successful (including TCI). The semen may be fresh, chilled or frozen, depending on the circumstances and availability.

New Zealand, as an isolated island nation, relies heavily on the use of frozen semen to introduce new bloodlines and maintain genetically healthy and diverse dog populations. Transporting dogs, both within and to/from New Zealand, poses significant challenges. Long flights and immigration requirements severely restrict the ability to travel with live dogs, particularly for large and giant breeds. Additionally, many brachycephalic breeds are either banned or subject to strict limitations on air transport.

Frozen semen has been the main means of importing new bloodlines in most breeds for the last 30-40 years. Within the Dogs New Zealand pedigree dogs, old stores of semen are often used to bring forward older lines/traits that would otherwise be lost.

Frozen semen has a very short post-thaw lifetime (around 12 hours). Results of the use of frozen semen show that the thawed semen must be placed intrauterine for successful conception. The amount of frozen semen required is 100 million live sperm per breeding unit (straws or pellets). Coupling surgical insemination with the use of progesterone blood level testing of the bitch to identify conception has greatly enhanced the success when using frozen semen over the last 10-15 years.

9.7 Canine Anatomy and Follicle Maturation

It is important to recognize that the anatomy of a dog's cervix differs significantly from that of standard farm animals. When using fresh semen for artificial insemination, it is only deposited into the vestibule of the cervix. Direct deposition of semen through the cervix requires the use of rigid image scopes, and not all bitches can be successfully scoped.

Furthermore, unlike many other species, canine follicles require an additional 48-72 hours after ovulation to complete maturation and become fertilisable. This necessitates precise timing of insemination, especially when using frozen semen. Additionally, the variable

quality of semen provided can result in highly variable outcomes unless all individuals involved in the collection, storage, and insemination processes possess a high degree of skill in multiple areas.

9.8 Methods of Artificial insemination

3.1 Standard AI with fresh semen

The majority of standard AI's in dogs are carried out using catheters to deposit semen into the vestibule of the cervix. This technique is quick, takes about 5 minutes and is suitable for most bitches with the use of quality semen and correct timing.

Bitches with a history of infertility require further examinations as to the reasons for the apparent infertility. Poor semen from the dog may require the semen to be deposited directly into the uterus.

3.2 Transcervical Insemination (TCI)

Over the last 20 years, a more recent development, TCI, allows bitches to be inseminated while awake and standing. There are, however, restrictions to this technique.

1. The amount of live semen required is doubled (200 million live sperm per insemination)
2. Bitches may need sedation for this technique. Despite this, some bitches cannot be successfully inseminated and still require surgical insemination.
3. The equipment used for the insemination has been limited in its use in the smaller breeds.
4. Training courses for the correct technique have not been widely available in New Zealand. It requires a lot of experience to get increased success and reduced times.
5. Insemination times can vary from as short as 10 minutes to over 30 minutes by which time concerns over the continuing viability of the thawed semen increase. Semen is not usually thawed until after the catheter has reached the uterus.
6. Some bitches can become distressed and require heavy sedation to continue.

3.3 Surgical AI

Surgical AI requires general anaesthesia of the bitch.

1. Surgical AI can be performed within 10-15 minutes, much shorter than a standard spay operation.
2. The surgical site is minimal 1-2 inches maximum. Drugs can be given to minimise any pain.
3. The uterus and ovaries can be examined at the same time if required.
4. Half the amount of live sperm is required.
5. Semen that has been in cold storage for years has been purchased on the basis of needing 100 million live sperm per insemination.
6. Older stores of semen cannot be changed. Accordingly, if any restrictions are

imposed, a grandfather clause should apply to its use regardless of any newer restrictions on the use of surgical AI. (e.g. any such restriction does not apply to semen collected before 2024).

As can be seen from above, the reasons and methods for the use of artificial insemination depend on a range of factors. These must be considered when choosing the method of AI which can vary considerably depending on location, practicality, the best interests of the bitch (including breeding history) and the amount and quality of the semen available.

Conclusion

The veterinarian treating the bitch should have the flexibility to choose the most appropriate technique for successful insemination, taking into account all relevant factors and prioritising the animal's welfare. Options such as catheter insemination, transcervical insemination (TCI), and surgical insemination should be available to enable the veterinarian to make the most informed decision for both the bitch and the success of the procedure.

The availability of AI technique options is important for the health and welfare of the bitch as well as to in maintain genetic diversity, which may be critical in maintaining the health of certain breeds, particularly rare breeds.

Motion:

The Executive Council discussed in detail and resolved to approve the Position Statement of Artificial Insemination as tabled.

Moved: JB, Seconded: CM - Carried

DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE

Report from Geoff Collins, Chairperson.

1. Dog Training Committee Meetings

No Dog Training Committee meetings have been held since the last EC meeting. The next meeting will be on the Sunday after ACOD (30 June).

2. Judge Appointments and Promotions

The following people have been approved for promotion or appointment:

- Neil Weeds - appointment to the Obedience Ribbon Trial panel.
- Peri Spence - promotion to the Rally-O Excellent panel.

Motion:

The Executive Council approved the judging appointments of Neil Weeds and Peri Spence.

Moved: CG, Seconded: CM - Carried

3. April Voting Round

All items in the April voting round passed. These will be combined with the successful items in the October voting round and will become effective on 1 January 2025.

4. August Discussion Round

There are several items for the August discussion round that will go into the October voting round. Most of these are clarifications and corrections that will go out as notification items (not requiring voting) but the main ones are:

- Obedience Item 1: Allowing coats to be worn during stays
- General Item 1: Allowing affiliated breed clubs to become registered dog training societies

There will also be a couple of Rally-O items and we are expecting one proposed by the Obedience Judges Association stating that video recordings at any Dog Training event may not be used to challenge a judge's decision.

5. National Dog Show 2024 – Obedience and Rally-O

The schedule has been agreed but is subject to change depending on entry numbers.

6. Train the Trainers

The next Train the Trainers seminar is planned to be held in the Central Region by Karen Sadler at Ohau on Saturday 27th July.

Moved: CG, Seconded: CM - Report Received

SCENT WORK COMMITTEE

Report from Karen Magorian, Acting Chairperson.

1. Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee

With the current Chair of the Committee overseas there has been one Scent Work Committee held on the 19th of May via Zoom with another scheduled for 19th June also via Zoom

2. Scent Work Committee Administration

The elections for the one Northern Committee member position closed on May 20th. As stated in the April Scent Work Committee report there were 415 Dogs New Zealand member eligible to vote.

98 members voted which equals 23.6%. There were 5 invalid votes – 1 was a non Dogs New Zealand member and 4 were not on the current voting register. Further work will be required on the registry to ensure that the elections in 2025 accurately reflects those eligible to vote and to encourage those participating in this sport to have their say.

The successful nominee from the three individuals standing was Joanna Upton

The Scent Work Committee is thankful for and acknowledges the time and work given to the Committee by the two Northern members who will be standing down, Amerillis Farmer and Clare Groom.

3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations

The Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee greatly appreciates the support from EC with the recent request via email to urgently update an amendment to a reworded Regulation, for publication on the 1st July, that was causing considerable misunderstanding and concern within the Scent Work community. The Committee also appreciates EC endorsing on occasion Judges seeking promotions to the Judges Panel via email voting. This ensures we have a sufficient pool of Judges to undertake Judging appointments for an increased number of Trials that are taking place around the country.

4. Scent Work Judges Appointment/Promotions

EC endorsement is sought for the following Scent Work Judges Appointments/Promotions. They have completed the requirements and have been approved by the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee.

Jo Miller – Excellent Containers/ Interior / Exterior / Vehicle

Jane Morgan – Advanced Containers

Motion:

The Executive Council approved the appointments of Jo Miller and Jane Morgan.

Moved: FH, Seconded: SM - Carried

5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Member Members and Activities

Membership continues to grow with large numbers, often resulting in Judging capacity being reached, for those members entering Trials around the country.

This year there will be around 26 Scent Work Trials around New Zealand the majority of which are two-day events.

With the increased number of Trials and members, the Committee is looking at ways to develop a method of engagement from its members (not via social media) to allow for communication and feedback to the Scent Work Committee.

Moved: FH, Seconded: SM - Report Received

NDS SHOW 2024 (UPDATE AND BUDGET)

Report by Director Secretary (ST).

The Committee is now meeting weekly on a Monday night by zoom.

1. Current Focus of NDS Committee:

Having confirmed the show schedule and judges' contracts, launched the show Facebook and web sites and open exhibitor bookings, focus is on pulling together detailed operational plans.

Key Operational Planning:

- **Pre-planning**
 - Grooming spaces allocation
 - Trade Stands allocation
 - Camping allocation
- **Pack in Team Planning**
 - Marking out Trade Stand Spaces
 - Marking out Grooming Spaces
 - Ring Decoration – Museum gear & forest
 - Dressing grooming/ring barrier
- **Pack down Day**
 - Returning ring decoration – Museum gear & forest
 - Dressing grooming/ring barrier
- **Show Schedule Timings**
 - NDS / Prelude
 - Dog Training
 - Satellite shows
- **Contingency Planning**
 - Who are our back up for the following roles
 - Show manager
 - Show secretary

- Satellite show manager
- Grooming site manager
- Stewards (potential 2 backups)

Key Marketing / Sponsorship Planning

- **Demonstration Sports**

- Dogs NZ presence at Feilding Friday Market
- Planning for the following demonstration sports (Saturday):
- Lure Coursing - Outdoors
- Sled weight Pulling (Huskies) – Outdoors
- Agility Hoopers – Indoors
- Dog training (CGC?) – Indoors

- **Sponsorship / Prizes**

- Focus on improved prizes for Best/Reserve in Breed
- Partner Sponsor Prizes
- Purina food prizes
- PD Insurance prize packs
- Commercial sponsor prizes
- Animates

2. Show Budget:

We have refined the show budget with confirmation of venue costs and judges travel costs. We are currently finalising E.C. travel costs and show catering costs.

With no regional grant income, we are very dependent on achieving show revenue targets from exhibitor fees and grooming bookings to break even. To ensure that we manage show costs within our expected revenue, the committee has decided not to commit to a professional live streaming service.

3. Attached:

- NDS Event Budget June 2024.

Discussion:

The Executive Council discussed the report and show budget which is currently showing a small surplus with catering costs still to be confirmed. JDH Judges to be included in catering numbers.

Moved: FH, Seconded: CM - Report Received

NDS SHOW 2025 PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

PROPOSED TIMETABLE 2025	
<i>Thursday 25 September</i>	
NDS Terriers	Breeds and Group
Prelude Terriers	Breeds and Group
NDS Working Dogs	Breeds and Group
Prelude Working Dogs	Breeds and Group
NDS Stakes & Breeders Teams for above groups	
<i>Friday 26 September</i>	
NDS Toys	Breeds and Group
Prelude Toys	Breeds and Group
NDS Non-Sporting	Breeds and Group
Prelude Non-Sporting	Breeds and Group
NDS Stakes & Breeders Teams for above groups	
<i>Saturday 27 September</i>	
NDS Gundogs	Breeds and Group
Prelude Gundogs	Breeds and Group
NDS Utility	Breeds and Group
Prelude Utility	Breeds and Group
NDS Stakes & Breeders Teams for above groups	
<i>Sunday 28 September</i>	
NDS Hounds	Breeds and Group
Prelude Hounds	Breeds and Group
NDS Stakes & Breeders Teams for above group	
Junior Handler Final	
Stakes Finals	
Prelude Best in Show	
NDS Best in Show	

Motion:

The Executive Council approved the NDS Show 2025 provisional timetable which will feature a 6-ring layout.

Moved: MH, Seconded: JB - Carried

8. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP/EVALUATION OF MEETING/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**NZGDTA**

STT briefed Council on the recent dispute issues within the NZ Gun Dog Trial Association community. Executive Council discussed if NZGDTA as an association with voting rights at ACOD should pay the standard Club Affiliation fee.

OPTIMISATION OF REVENUE STREAMS FOR AUCKLAND EXHIBITION CENTER WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Establishment of a working group to explore additional revenue opportunities and assess National Office Relocation at Auckland Exhibition Center (AEC).

The discussion and the recommendation of the committee members have been deferred to the July 2024 meeting.

JBO SCHEME

Data is still being collected (due date 1 July 2024), the collated information will be shared with the Breed Clubs first.

NDS 2025 JUDGES

Urgency required to contract the proposed NDS 2025 judges. LF to issue draft contracts.

IN COMMITTEE

BH closed the meeting at 4.15pm on Friday 28 June 2024 and E.C. (Joined by John Green) went into committee.

NEXT MEETINGS

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