



Paws n Music Association

SCHEDULE OF PREMIER HEELWORK TO MUSIC (HTM) COMPETITION

(Held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations L and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited)

At **Ditton Community Centre, Oaken Hall, Kiln Barn Road,**

Aylesford, Kent ME20 6AH

On Saturday 7th October 2017

Show opens at 8:00am, Judging starts 8.30am

Classes	Judges
1. Starters Musical Dressage	J Preston & D Wallington
2. Novice Musical Dressage	L Ince & V Richardson
3. Intermediate Musical Dressage	J Debnam & M Dodson
4. Advanced Musical Dressage	G Pink & M Dodson
5. Starters Freestyle	G Pink & C Dodson
6. Novice Freestyle	S Waller & L Brocklehurst
7. Intermediate Freestyle	C Dodson & M Dodson
8. Crufts Advanced Freestyle Qualifier	V Richardson, L Ince & J Debnam
9. Starters Heelwork to Music	S Waller & D Wallington
10. Novice Heelwork to Music	M Dodson & C Dodson
11. Intermediate Heelwork to Music	L Brocklehurst & J Preston
12. Crufts Advanced HTM Qualifier	V Richardson, L Ince & J Debnam
13. Starters Dances With Dogs	G Pink & J Preston
14. Novice Dances With Dogs	L Ince & J Preston
15. Intermediate Dances with Dogs	M Dodson & G Pink
16. Advanced Dances with Dogs	G Pink & M Dodson

Judges must be qualified in accordance with the Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Regulations (L)

Reserve Judges: All Judges listed above will act as Reserves where necessary

Entry fees per class £10 Members; £12 Non-Members;
Prepaid Programmes £2; Spectators **FREE**

GUARANTORS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

Chairman: Mrs C Dodson, Forest Oak Farm, Purlieu, Lydney, Glos, GL15 4LN

Secretary: Mrs L Ballard, Severn Acres, Main Street, Fridaythorpe, Yorkshire, YO25 9RS

Treasurer: Mrs S Waller, Troedrhiwfron, Cwmrheidol, Aberystwyth, Ceridigion SY23 3NB

Miss M Dodson, Forest Oak Farm, Purlieu, Lydney, Glos, GL15 4LN

All show enquiries to Show Manager: Carole Dodson 07747 718932 (not after 9pm please)

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY Saturday 16th September 2017 (Postmark).

All entry fees are non-refundable.

**Post Entries to: Paws n Music, Show Manager, Forest Oak Farm, Purlieu, Lydney,
Glos GL15 4LN**

**Running orders are sent by email - Please enclose an A5 stamped addressed envelope if
you wish to receive by post**

Nearest Veterinary Surgery - Companion Care Vets, Inside Pets at Home Store, South Aylesford
Retail Park, Maidstone, Kent ME20 7TP tel. 01622 711363

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

Musical Dressage – (Additional Category) Movements of the dog will show a continuous natural rhythmic movement reflecting the timing of the music. It may be at more than one gait, i.e. walk, trot or canter and in any direction provided a balanced and continuous rhythm is maintained throughout each element, and elements are smoothly linked. Dressage moves should be performed off lead in both heel and free positions.

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

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

Dances with Dogs – (Additional Category) This routine must be recognisable as dancing on the part of the handler. The dog will carry out moves from heelwork, dressage, freestyle or a combination, in a range of positions. All movement for both partners should be appropriate for the music and chosen dance style. In this division the movement of the handler is as important as that of the dog and will be marked accordingly 50/50.

OFFICIAL CLASSES

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

Definition of Classes

The following points will be awarded in Kennel Club official classes. The same point system will apply to qualify out of PnM additional classes, with the exception of any scheduled fun classes.

In the following definitions of classes A First Prize win and all points must be gained in Kennel Club official classes only. To count towards class progression or an excellent qualification, a first place must have been won with an overall score of at least 55% (16.5 marks).

First Place -10 points; Second Place - 6 points;

Third Place - 4 Points; Fourth Place - 2 Points

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

It is the handler's responsibility to keep full and accurate account of the points their dogs are awarded.

The following definitions apply to both Heelwork to Music and Freestyle Classes and Paws N Music additional classes as applicable;

a. Starters. Neither the dog nor the handler must have gained 14 points or more in official Starters classes at Kennel Club Licensed Heelwork to Music competitions. Dogs or Handlers must progress to Novice once 14 points or more have been gained in starters classes. *NB Handlers are not eligible for this class if they have previously gained 14 or more points in official starters classes with any dog.*

b. Novice. The Dog or Handler must have gained 14 points or more in official Starters classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions. The Dog must progress to Intermediate once 16 points or more have been gained in Novice classes.

c. Intermediate. The Dog must have gained 16 points or more in official Novice classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions. The Dog must progress to Advanced once 20 or more points, including at least one first place, have been gained in Intermediate classes.

d. Advanced. The dog must have gained 20 points or more and at least one first place in official Intermediate classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.

In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the closing date of entries, Saturday 9th September 2017, shall be counted when entering any class.

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

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

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

All competitors must be in possession of a Kennel Club Heelwork To Music Record book for each competing dog detailing the points gained and where each award was gained.

Awards

Rosettes will be awarded for 1st to 8th place. Prize cards will be given 1st-4th place and a trophy for first place winners in all classes.

WELFARE OF DOGS

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

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

COMPETING

In all divisions:

1. Only dogs that are of 12 calendar months and over on the day of the competition are eligible to enter for competition. In Freestyle and Dances with Dogs classes only dogs of 18 months of age or over on the day of competition are eligible.
2. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
3. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 4 calendar months and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
4. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
5. The mating of bitches in season within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
6. The competition may be limited at the discretion of the organisers should the competition be over-subscribed above 120 routines per day.
7. Dogs cannot be entered in the same class more than once.
8. The entries for competition must be published in the programme.
9. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the Society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope submitted within 1 month of the show date.
10. Entries for the event must close at the time indicated on the Schedule, which must be no later than 14 days before the competition starts.
11. Entries received bearing the postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted subject to the conditions of Regulation L.12.c. (14).
12. Entries from competitors claiming that undelivered entries have been correctly posted must be accepted on the day of the competition, subject to the conditions of Regulation L12.c. (14). Such claims will have to be substantiated to the Kennel Club, which will request documentary evidence subsequent to the competition.
13. Separate entry forms must be completed by each competitor and must be signed by the competitor or his authorized agent. All entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees and a stamped addressed envelope if posted running orders are requested.
14. A dog must, at the time of entry for competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given.

Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.

A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Kennel Club before the competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

15. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition within the designated show area.
16. Costume appropriate to the routine is encouraged
17. No costume or routine should bring discredit to the sport.
18. Dogs may only wear a collar, which may be decorated.
19. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
20. After a dog has commenced competing in a Class no substitution of handler is permitted in that Class.
21. The dignity of the dog must be respected throughout the routine.
22. No activity shall be conducted which may be injurious to the dog.
23. Food and toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst being judged.
24. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
25. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.
26. Routines may start and end wherever the handler chooses provided both the handler and dog are in the ring.
27. Dogs will be marked for excessive barking and noise unless cued and obviously a part of the routine.
28. If the music stops during a routine the competitor must be given an opportunity to complete the routine. The handler's backup music may be used and/or alternative equipment, if this was the reason for failure. The Judges should continue marking from the point at which the music stopped. If the competitor chooses to withdraw from the class no marks will be awarded.
29. The decision to withdraw from competition is entirely at the discretion of the competitor. However, a competitor may not withdraw once a routine has been completed and scored.

30. Routines should make good use of the available ring space.

31. The music and routine must be suitable for a family audience and the spectator appeal of the programme should be apparent.

32. Props appropriate to the routine may be used and must remain in the ring and not intentionally removed until completion of the routine. The use of firearms is prohibited, nor must any simulated gunshot be used.

33. The use of voice and body language is encouraged; handlers may make contact with dogs.

34. The bearing and deportment should be appropriate to the routine.

35. Attention to competitors is drawn specifically to the Kennel Club Heelwork to Music competition regulations Paragraph 10, 11, 15 and 17.

JUDGING

Judges at Kennel Club licensed HTM competitions are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as

Judges' discretion prevails and Judges' decisions are final.

No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.

Organisers of HTM Competitions must ensure that those invited to judge are competent to fulfil their engagement taking into account the nature of the competition.

In the event of the handler physically disciplining the dog in the ring the Lead Judge must eliminate the dog from further competition in that class.

The Judge(s) must observe the dog at all times whilst it is in the ring, even after elimination from competition.

In the event of dogs obtaining equality of marks in Heelwork to Music or Musical Dressage competitions, the Accuracy and Execution of Movement mark will decide the result. In Freestyle or Dances with Dogs competitions, the Musical Interpretation mark will decide the result.

Where there is still equality of marks the order shall be decided at the discretion of the Lead (head) Judge.

If the overall score of the judge's criteria is below 55% (16.5 marks) the class points will be withheld for that routine. There shall be at least four awards on offer in every class and printed award cards and rosettes may be given but the associated points would be withheld.

The dog should work in a willing and natural manner. Excessive noise and barking will be penalised and a maximum of 4 marks can be deducted from the overall score at the Judge's discretion.

Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or a resident at the same address as a scheduled judge.

Any unnecessary physical assistance must be penalised with points deducted from Accuracy and Execution of the Movement section.

Any activity that may be injurious to the dog or is not permitted by virtue of regulation L.11.j will result in immediate elimination from the ring.

Should a Judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organisers reserve the right to appoint an alternative Judge.

Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to the Kennel Club.

There must be at least two judges in all Kennel Club classes apart from Crufts Semi-Final Qualifiers (where there should be three) and in exceptional circumstances, whereby the Society should notify the Kennel Club as soon as possible.

Each judge will mark all three sections of the Judging Criteria as follows:

Heelwork to Music & Freestyle Criteria:

a. Programme Content and flow - 10 marks

1) The programme content conforms to the definitions for Heelwork to Music or Freestyle and should be varied with no excessive repetition of movement and content being appropriate to the routine

2) All movement should be appropriate to the structure and conformation of the dog.

3) The content should flow naturally and be formulated in order to create an interesting routine that makes good use of the ring.

4) Degree of difficulty of movements should be taken into account.

b. Accuracy and Team Performance - 10 marks

1) Movements from the team including heelwork should be accurately and smoothly executed

2) The dog should work in a natural, willing and committed manner.

3) The dog should respond promptly and appropriately to cues given. Signals from the handler should be subtle and form part of the handler's movement.

4) The dog and handler should work as a team, presenting a captivating performance for the audience and judges, giving an overall appearance of harmony between dog and handler.

c. Musical Interpretation - 10 marks

1) Interpretation of the rhythm, phrasing and timing of the music should be apparent; the choice of music should suit the team

2) Choreography should be apparent with the story or theme being inspired from the music. The choice of moves by both handler and dog should be well represented by the chosen music.

Dances With Dogs Criteria (10 points per section: up to 5 points to the handler & up to 5 to the dog):

a. Programme Content

(1) The programme should conform to the definition I.e. be recognizable as a dance on the part of the handler throughout.

2) The handler should demonstrate a range of appropriate footstep patterns, arm and body movements.

3) The dog should perform a range of moves including synchronization and smooth transitions, all appropriate for its age, structure and conformation, with no

unnecessary repetition.

4) The degree of difficulty should be taken into account e.g. complexity and positioning.

b. Accuracy & Execution of Movements

(1) Handler footstep patterns, arm and body moves should be varied, show quality and fluidity and suit the style of dance.

2) Dog moves and sequences should demonstrate quality and be smoothly executed.

3) The dog should work in a willing and natural manner with the handler, responding to cues promptly and appropriately.

4) Both partners should be able to move freely, demonstrating balance and poise.

c. Musical Interpretation

1) Interpretation for both partners should reflect the timing, rhythm and phrasing of the music and its nuances e.g. change of mood or speed.

2) Choreography should be apparent throughout, demonstrating balance and structure, creativity and spatial awareness.

3) Props and costumes should be appropriate, enhancing interpretation of the dance.

4) The harmony and relationship of dog and handler should show the strength of the dance partnership and image of oneness with the music.

Musical Dressage Criteria:

a. Programme Content - 10 marks

1) The content conforms to the class definition i.e. the dog demonstrates flowing natural rhythmic movements, reflecting the musical timing.

2) A range of heel and free positions, directions of movement and speeds should be included, with no unnecessary repetition.

3) The programme should showcase the movements of the dog, appropriate for its age, structure and conformation.

4) The degree of difficulty should be taken into account e.g. complexity and distance.

b. Accuracy & Execution of Movements -10 marks

1) Movements of the dog should be accurate, rhythmical and flowing, with elements of the routine smoothly joined.

2) The dog should be focused, responding to cues promptly and appropriately.

3) It should work in a natural and willing manner, moving freely.

4) Both partners should demonstrate balance and poise, the handler's bearing and deportment being appropriate for the routine.

c. Musical Interpretation - 10 marks

1) Interpretation should reflect timing, rhythm, phrasing and nuances of the music.

2) Choreography should show balance, structure, variation and spatial awareness.

3) A strong partnership should be evident, between dog, handler and music, with emphasis on the dog's flowing rhythmic movement.

4) Props and costumes should enhance the programme and be appropriate.

HTM Competitions must include the organiser's choice of official categories and classes, which must be specified in the Schedule.

CLASS SPONSORSHIP

Anyone wishing to sponsor a class at this event should contact the Secretary. Contact Details are available on the front of this schedule. Class sponsors will be acknowledged in the Show Programme and with the published results on the PnM Website.

No modification may be made to the schedule once published except by permission of the General Committee for the Kennel Club, which must be followed by an advertisement in the Canine press if possible.

RING SIZE

The ring size area is approximately 15m x 20m. Judges will be sited along the short part of the ring. The ring will be located indoors and the ring surface will be covered in carpet.

REFRESHMENTS

Hot and cold drinks will be available all day on site. Catering arrangements will be confirmed with running orders. Judges lunches will be provided.

PARKING & EXERCISE AREA

There is ample car parking space outside the Centre, with a football fields adjacent, and a small country park to walk round.

NEAREST HOSPITAL

Maidstone Hospital, Hermitage Lane
Maidstone, Kent ME16 9QQ
TEL: 01622 729000

DIRECTIONS

From North and South:

M25 Jct 3 onto M20, remember to pay your Dartford Bridge Toll if coming from the North (search Dart Charge on the internet).
Exit M20 via Jct 4 and follow signs to Aylesford/Ditton

The nearest train stations are Aylesford and East Malling