



## **SCHEDULE OF OPEN HEELWORK TO MUSIC (HTM) COMPETITION**

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

**At Tadworth Community Centre, Epsom, Surrey, KT20 5FB  
On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Show opens at 8:30 am Judging starts 9:00 am**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Lead Judge</b>	<b>Judge</b>
Starters Heelwork to Music	Jill Davis	Barbara Bigg
Novice Heelwork to Music	Carole Dodson	Ali Buck
Starters Musical Dressage	Jo Preston	Jo Mayston
Intermediate Musical Dressage	Michelle Dodson	Jill Davis
Intermediate Heelwork to Music	Cathy Bates	Vee Richardson
Advanced Heelwork to Music	Gina Pink	Jo Preston

### **Lunch Break**

Starters Freestyle	Michelle Dodson	Barbara Bigg
Novice Freestyle	Di Morgan	Cathy Bates
Starters Dances With Dogs	Louise Ince	Jo Mayston
Intermediate Dances With Dogs	Alison Wilde	Louise Ince
Intermediate Freestyle	Vee Richardson	Carole Dodson
Advanced Freestyle	Ali Buck	Gina Pink

*Reserve Judges: Judges listed above will act as reserves where necessary*

**Entry fees per class:** South Of England Club Members £10, Non-Members £12

**Printed Programmes:** £2 **Spectators:** Free

### **GUARANTORS TO THE KENNEL CLUB**

SOCIETY CHAIRMAN Di Morgan, Waratah, Colwell Road, Haywards Heath, W Sussex, RH16 4HD

SOCIETY SECRETARY Alison Wilde, 157 The Greenway, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7JD

SOCIETY TREASURER Sally Armstrong, 55 Fairfield Road, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8DL

Competition Organiser: Louise Ince KCAI (HTM<sup>A</sup>), 32 Plantation Road, Hextable, Swanley, Kent BR8 7SB

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### **ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (Postmark)**

**Entries to: South Of England HTM Show, Louise Ince, 32 Plantation Road, Hextable, Swanley Kent BR8 7SB**

Cheques to be made payable to: 'South Of England HTM Club'

Hon. Veterinary Surgeons: Vets 4 Pets, 40 East Street, Epsom, KT17 1HQ

Tel: 01372 746510

## DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

**Heelwork to Music** – The principal element of the Heelwork to Music category will be a dog working off lead in the heelwork 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.

**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.

**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 (see definitions above). 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 and Points*

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

To count towards class progression a first place in Starters or Novice, or two first places in Intermediate, must have been won with an overall score of at least 60% (18 marks).

The following points will be awarded in all Kennel Club standard classes. The same point system will apply to qualify out of PnM additional classes:

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.

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.

Additional classes may be scheduled but only in conjunction with official classes.

The following class definitions apply to both Heelwork to Music and Freestyle official Classes, and Paws N

Music additional classes as applicable;

a. Starters. Neither the dog nor the handler must have gained 14 points or more including a win, nor have elected to progress on points (20 point 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 including a win have been gained in starters' classes but may, at the handles discretion, elect to progress on 20 points without a win. NB Handlers and dogs previously qualified out of Starters are not eligible for this class.

b. Novice. The Dog or Handler must have gained 14 points or more including a win, or have elected to progress on 20 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 including a win, or a total of 28 points or more have been gained in Novice classes.

c. Intermediate. The Dog must have gained 16 points or more including a win, or a total of 28 points or more in official Novice classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions. The Dog must progress to Advanced once at least two first places, have been gained in Intermediate classes.

d. Advanced. The dog must have gained at least two first places 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, Friday 5 July 2019, shall be counted when entering any class. A dog must only be entered in a class per day for which it is eligible in each category. A dog is only eligible for one level. HTM Competitions must include the Organiser's choice of official categories and classes, which must be specified in the Schedule. 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 in Starters or Novice or two first places at Intermediate or Advanced, 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. Wins, places and points gained in special classes will not count towards class progression or Excellent Qualifications.

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. 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.

## COMPETING

In all divisions:

1. Only dogs of twelve calendar months and over are eligible to enter for competition.

In Freestyle and Dances with Dogs classes only dogs of eighteen calendar months and over are eligible for competition.

2. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
3. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
4. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
5. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
6. The competition may be limited at the discretion of the Organisers to a specified number of routines. (If the competition be over-subscribed above 120 routines per day.)
7. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
8. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practicing prior to competition.
9. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the Society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the competition processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 month of the competition date, to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the competition date.
10. A dog must, at the time of entry for the 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).
11. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
12. Dogs may only wear a half-check collar or a smooth collar, which may be decorated. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars is not permitted at any Heelwork to Music event licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.
13. Food shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst being judged.
14. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
15. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further

practice may be carried out.

16. The attention of competitors is drawn specifically to the Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Competition Regulations Paragraph 11, 12, 16 and 18.

## **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 published from time to time. Judges must be qualified in accordance with the Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Regulations (L).

Judges' discretion prevails and Judges' decisions are final. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as a scheduled judge. This shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency. 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 fulfill their appointment the Organiser reserves 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.

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

### **Heelwork to Music & Freestyle Criteria:**

#### **a. 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 the content being appropriate to the routine.
- (2) All movements 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 the 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.

(3) Primary emphasis of musical interpretation should be on the dog's movements although the handler may be expressive.

(4) Handlers' dress and any props used should be suitable and applicable to the interpretation of the routine with all the props integrated into the performance.

Where applicable judges should mark to one decimal place.

**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.

**Welfare of Dogs**

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars is not permitted at any Heelwork to Music event licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.

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**MUSIC AND BOOKING IN**

Handlers should book in with the organizers upon arrival and lodge their music with them. Each Handler should bring two copies of their own music on CD (preferably on CD-R not CD-RW, one is for back up).

Length of Music

Starters: up to 2½ minutes

Novice: up to 3½ minutes

Intermediate: up to 3½ minutes

Advanced: up to 4 minutes

The duration of the routine should be a maximum length as detailed above. An over-run of 5% is permitted, but 2 marks will be deducted from the final score for any time taken in excess of this.

**CATERING**

An onsite cafe is available for hot and cold drinks, snacks and meals

**PARKING**

Parking will be situated immediately outside the Venue. All competitors will be issued with a Parking Pass upon entering the car park, which should be displayed at all times while on the grounds of the venue.

**RING SIZE**

The ring size area is approximately 15 metres x 16 metres. Judges will be sited along the long part of the ring. The surface will be covered in carpet.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

There is limited camping and overnight facilities available onsite at this show this year – Please contact Gary Ince for a Camping Booking Form – gary@canineperformers.co.uk

## **DIRECTIONS from the North & South**

M25 Jct 8 (search Dart Charge on the internet, if you have come over the Dartford Bridge.), then follow A217 exit to Reigate/Sutton/A240 Kingston. At the roundabout take the 4th exit onto Brighton Road/A217. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit and stay on the Brighton Road/A217. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Tadworth St/B2220, then turn right into Tadorne Way (in about 0.5miles), then left into Shelveys Way (in about 0.5miles). At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Shelveys Hill/B290, continue to follow B290 then turn right into Preston Lane. Preston Lane turns slightly left and becomes Merland Rise, then turn right into Preston Manor Road.

The nearest train stations are .

Tattenham Corner, or Tadworth or Kingswood, all operated by Southern Network.

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### **Please Note:**

The sports hall flooring is covered for the comfort and safety of your dogs however the sports floor itself **MUST NOT** become wet at any time; therefore, **ONLY** non-spill dog water bowls or human drinks in cups with lids can be permitted within the spectators area please.

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