

Heelwork to Music Regulation Change and Excellent Awards

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Regulation Amendment – Music Failure

At its recent meeting, the General Committee considered what should happen if a competitor's music stops in the middle of a Heelwork to Music routine and could not be restarted. The General Committee noted that back-up equipment was always supplied and handlers are required to provide back-up music.

The General Committee appreciated that it was a scenario that had not occurred to date and that it was the handler's responsibility to provide music for their routine. However, it also confirmed that if for any reason the music could not be played then the handler would not be able to continue with their routine. Therefore the following Regulation has been approved with effect from 1 January 2009.

Regulation L.10.p

If the music stops during a routine the competitor must be given an opportunity to complete the routine. The handler's back-up 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.

(Additional sub-paragraph underlined)

Heelwork to Music, Excellent Certificates and Awards

On a more positive note, and to complement the introduction of Excellent Certificates in Obedience, Excellent Certificates are now available to Heelwork to Music competitors. This award may be gained once a first place has been awarded together with the required number of points for that particular level. The dog will be awarded an Excellent Qualification and the title 'Ex' may be used after the dog's name, such as: HTM St Ex, HTM N Ex, HTM I Ex, HTM A Ex or FS St Ex, FS N Ex, FS I Ex, FS A Ex.

Those wishing to apply for an 'Excellent Certificate' should submit their Heelwork to Music Record Book to the Awards Department at the Kennel Club, 1-5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London, W1J 8AB detailing which certificate they are applying for. It is recommended that a copy of the record book is kept whilst the book is submitted to the Kennel Club, although the record book will be returned with the Certificate.

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