

# DOG DAYS AGILITY

## SCHEDULE OF OPEN AGILITY SHOW

Held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations H & H(1) and licenced by the Kennel Club Limited

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

at

**THE NORTHOP EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

**COLEG CAMBRIA – NORTHOP, HOLYWELL ROAD, NORTHOP FLINTSHIRE, CH7 6AA**

Show opens: 08:00am Briefing: 08.45am Judging commences: 09.00am

### JUDGES

Dawn Williams, Dave Deville

*(additional Judges will be appointed as necessary)*

**Entries close: Monday 22nd February 2016 (Postmark)**

(Qualifying date: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016)

### All Enquiries to Show Manager:

Sue Robinson: Email [smarshymarsh@sky.com](mailto:smarshymarsh@sky.com)

Telephone enquiries: 01352 781905 between 7:00 & 9:00pm ONLY

### Entries and fees to:

Enter on-line at [www.firstplaceprocessing.co.uk](http://www.firstplaceprocessing.co.uk)

or paper entries to:

**Dog Days Agility March 20<sup>th</sup> LONGHEDGE SHOW PROCESSING, LONGHEDGE HOUSE,  
THOROTON, NG13 9DS**

Email [paul.sensky@longhedge.co.uk](mailto:paul.sensky@longhedge.co.uk) Tel:07760252992

**Make Cheques Payable to Dog Days Agility**

Grade Changes can be made online via your First Place Processing account or can be submitted to Paul Sensky

### Guarantors to the Kennel Club:

Phil Robinson, Bryn Awel, The Catch, Halkyn, CH8 8DU

Sue Robinson, Bryn Awel, The Catch, Halkyn, CH8 8DU

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### DIRECTIONS TO VENUE:

**From the East (Chester):** take the Connah's Quay exit off the A55, Junction 33A. Turn left at the T junction, signposted Northop. Straight on at the traffic lights, signposted Coleg Cambria. After about 1/2mile take the first exit in to Coleg Cambria Equestrian Centre. Turn right immediately and drive down the track to the venue car parking.

**From the West (North Wales):** leave the A55 at Junction 33 signposted Northop/Flint. Turn right at the first roundabout. Straight on at the next roundabouts, signposted Mold, to the traffic lights in Northop Village. At the traffic lights turn right. After about 1/2mile take the first exit in to Coleg Cambria Equestrian Centre. Turn right immediately and drive down the track to the venue car parking.

### VETERINARY PRACTICE ON CALL

Celyn Vets, Brynford Road, Holywell, CH8 7RD Tel: 01352713319

We will be using First Contact Agility Equipment including rubber contacts at this show.



### CLASSES

Class No.	Class	GRADES					Judge
		1	2	3	4	5	
1	Small Combined Jumping	1	2				Dawn Williams
2	Small Graded Agility	1	2	3	4	5	Dave Deville
3	Small Combined Jumping	1	2	3	4	5	Dawn Williams
4	Small Combined Agility			3	4	5	Dave Deville
5	Medium Combined Jumping	1	2				Dawn Williams
6	Medium Graded Agility	1	2	3	4	5	Dave Deville
7	Medium Combined Jumping	1	2	3	4	5	Dawn Williams
8	Medium Combined Agility			3	4	5	Dave Deville
9	LARGE Graded Jumping	1	2				Dawn Williams
10	LARGE Graded Agility	1	2				Dave Deville
11	LARGE Combined Jumping	1	2	3			Dawn Williams
12	LARGE Graded Agility			3	4	5	Dave Deville
13	LARGE Graded Jumping			3	4	5	Dawn Williams
14	LARGE Combined Agility				4	5	Dave Deville

### DOGS MAY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF 3 CLASSES

A Running Order Will Be Drawn In Advance - Classes may be split if numbers warrant it.

**Please note: the judges named against all classes are provisional and may be altered once numbers of entries are confirmed. Confirmation of judges will be on the ring plan which will be sent out with running orders. Further judges will be appointed where necessary.**

### JUMP HEIGHTS

The heights of the jump obstacles will be as per rule H(1)(B)3a, 650mm for **large** dogs, 450mm for **medium** dogs, and 350mm for **small** dogs

### AWARDS

Trophies for at least 1<sup>st</sup> place in all classes, 2<sup>nd</sup> place if 30 dogs, 3<sup>rd</sup> place if 50 dogs or more  
 Placed rosettes to a minimum of 10% in all classes  
 Clear Round Rosettes for unplaced clear rounds available (to be collected on the day)

## ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSES

In the following definitions of classes First Prizes or other prize wins are those gained in standard classes at any Kennel Club licensed Championship Agility, Premier Agility, Open Agility or Limited Agility Shows (i.e. special classes and invitational events excepted). Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.

Standard classes may be scheduled for Agility Shows, as Agility Classes or Jumping Classes. All standard classes must contain the Weaving Poles obstacle, Standard Agility Classes must contain the following elements: 'A Ramp', Dog Walk and See Saw. With this proviso classes are defined as follows:-

**Class Structure.** A Class may either be held as a Graded Class or a Combined Class. A Graded Class may be scheduled for one or more consecutive Grades with separate results and awards issued for each grade. A Combined Class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results.

**Progression.** Progression from each grade will require one Agility win or three Jumping wins in standard classes at that grade, except that progression from Grade 5 will require 3 wins at Grade 5, one of which must be an agility class. Progression from grade 6 will require 4 wins at grade 6, two of which must be Agility classes. Results from combined classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.

**Points progression.** At the Handlers Discretion a dog may progress up to grade 4 by winning 100 points at each grade, using the Agility Warrant points scheme, (Regulation K3.c refers), except that there is no requirement for a minimum number of agility points. If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the Show Secretary signs the dog's Agility record book at the first show entered at the higher grade. There is no time limit on this progression, however, once a dog has progressed, it cannot return to a previous grade.

Progression on points must be done prior to the closing date of entries. It is not possible to change a grade on points once the entries have closed.

## STANDARD CLASSES

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. (A dog is only eligible for one grade). In defining the eligibility of the owner or handler for Grade 1, the three jumping wins and points progression referred to in the definition apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs.

### Grade 1 (Elementary)

For owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows. *N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1, (Elementary) are not eligible for this class.*

### Grade 2 (Starters)

Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grades 1,3,4,5,6,7, and have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, or elected to progress on points from Grade 1. *N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 2 (Starters) are not eligible for this class.*

### Grade 3 (Graduate)

Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or 2 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and dogs which are not eligible for Grade 4, 5, 6 or 7.

### Grade 4 (Novice)

Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 3 or elected to progress on points from Grade 3 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 5, 6 or 7.

### Grade 5 (Intermediate)

Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 4 and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 6 or 7.

### Grade 6 (Senior)

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 3 first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, one of which must have been gained in an Agility (not Jumping) Class, and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 5 or 7.

## **Grade 7 (Advanced)**

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 4 first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 2 first places must be gained in Agility (not Jumping) Classes.

## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

Societies may schedule classes other than those defined above as 'Special Classes'. The eligibility for 'Special' classes must be defined by the Society and included in the schedule. The word 'Special' must be included in the title of the class. Where special classes are classified for older and/or inexperienced dogs, the height of the hurdles and A-ramp, and the length of the long jump may be reduced below the dimensions specified in these regulations, in which case such dimensions must be included in the class definition in the show schedule.

Marking for special classes may deviate from marking for standard classes, but must be specified in the schedule. Wins, places and clear rounds in special classes will not count towards agility warrant points or grade progression at Kennel Club shows.

**In accordance with Kennel Club Rules, large dogs who have not competed before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 and ALL Small and Medium dogs MUST have been officially measured before competing at a Kennel Club licensed agility show.**

**Record books may be inspected at the request of the Judge or show management.**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B or else registration or transfer of registration must have been applied for. The registration number/Authority to Compete (ATC) number will be required for each entry.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete (ATC) number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without a Kennel Club Registration Number or an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. Entry fees: £3.00 per dog per class. No refunds will be given for incorrect entries, nor after closing date, unless covered by rule 22.
4. Internet entries will be accepted via [www.swap-live.com](http://www.swap-live.com)
5. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
6. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows.
7. Organisers of Open Agility Shows may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard or special class, and may decline entries received after the capping level has been reached. The capping level must be set at a minimum of 250 entries received. There is no maximum at which a cap may be set.
8. Not for Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their details recorded on the entry form.
9. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
10. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
11. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar ie not attached by a ring.
12. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
13. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
14. The Kennel Club standard marking regulations will apply for all standard classes.
15. The heights of the jump obstacles will be as per rule H(1)(B)3a, ie 650mm for **large** dogs, 450mm for **medium** dogs, and 350mm for **small** dogs. For Special Classes see under 'Jump heights'.
16. The Height limit for dogs: Large Dogs - those measuring over 430mm (1ft 5ins) at the withers; Medium Dogs - those measuring over 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) and measuring 430mm (1ft 5ins) or under at the withers; Small Dogs - those measuring 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) or under at the withers.
17. Judges at an Agility Show may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Show at which they are judging. Dogs may be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.
18. Removal of dogs from Competition:  
Following discussion between the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Show if it is:
  - a) A bitch which is in season.
  - b) Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease.

- c) Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
- d) Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- e) Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstance of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition/show Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.

19. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the date of the show ie 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016, shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, **it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show.** The dog will then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor will be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
20. Should circumstances so dictate the Club, in consultation with the Judges may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club.
21. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the club will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If entry was made online the refund procedure will be followed as per the website **at [www.firstplaceprocessing.co.uk](http://www.firstplaceprocessing.co.uk)** . The club will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within a month of the show date, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope submitted by the individual to the Show Secretary within 1 month of the show date together, with the competitor's running orders.
22. Except for mobility aids, nothing shall be carried in the hand while the dog is under test and food shall not be given to a dog whilst in the ring.
23. Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result and/or faults gained in the previous run must be discounted.
24. Separate entry forms must be completed by each owner and must be signed by the owner or his authorised agent in accordance with the provisions specified thereon. Entry forms must be accompanied with the appropriate fees.
25. Competition of dogs suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease - No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period 21 days prior to the competition may compete. Competitors infringing the Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.
26. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Competitors must run as close to their running order as possible. Failure to do so may be reported to the Kennel Club.
27. Animals in Event - No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee. However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted to the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.
28. A Pay on the Day class for any dog competing at the show may be run if time permits.
29. A practice ring may be available to dogs entered for competition at the show, if space allows. The ring must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge
30. Welfare of Dogs - A 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 dog's 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.
31. Handlers working more than one dog in a class must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
32. The owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at the Show must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the Licensed Venue including its environs, car parks and approaches. When not competing, dogs must be leashed at all times unless in a designated exercise or warm up area. When using the Warming up area please be considerate to other competitors and their dogs.
33. All dogs are entered at their owner's risk and, whilst taking every care, the Club cannot be held responsible for any damage, loss or injury caused to dogs, persons or property whilst at the show.
34. Competitors must follow the instructions of the Stewards with respect to parking and conduct within the show boundaries and any person directing abuse to Stewards or Officials will be asked to leave the venue immediately.
35. No smoking will be permitted in, or around, any of the covered areas at the show.
36. Any owner, handler or the person in charge of the dog is required to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) within the venue. Anyone failing to remove fouling will be asked to leave the venue immediately.

## **EXERCISE AREA**

Please exercise your dogs in the areas provided on site, anyone found not picking up after their dogs will be asked to leave the show site immediately. The exercise area will be clearly marked, please do not allow your dog off lead anywhere other than the designated exercise area. Only 3 dogs off lead at any time per person.

## **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS**

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at KC licensed events.

- When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
- If your vehicle is not air conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the show is a good idea at all.
- The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
- Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
- When at the show, never leave your dog in the vehicle.
- Keep the dog in the shade – take your own shade for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog always stays well hydrated.
- Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion, or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.

Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

**WARNING: IF YOUR DOG IS FOUND TO BE AT RISK FORCIBLE ENTRY TO YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE NECESSARY WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED.**

**Anyone 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 put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.**

## **DOGS MUST BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES**

**CHILDREN UNDER 16:** The duty of care remains with the parent(s) or other accompanying responsible adult(s) at all times.

**Dog Days Agility would like to thank all our Judges and helpers, without your help it would not be possible to run this show**

