

WEST SUFFOLK DOG TRAINING SOCIETY

SCHEDULE OF OPEN OBEDIENCE SHOW

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

WORLD HORSE WELFARE, HALL FARM, SNETTERTON, NORFOLK NR16 2LP

3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

SHOW WILL OPEN AT: **8:30 a.m.**

JUDGING WILL COMMENCE AT: **9:30 a.m.**

*except class 2 which will start after the completion of class 1 but not before 11am  
and class 9 which will start after the completion of class 7 but not before 11am*

THE SHOW WILL CLOSE HALF AN HOUR AFTER ALL JUDGING HAS BEEN COMPLETED

ENTRY FEES: **£6.00 per dog per class**

**Limited camping £6 per night - No Elsan facilities**

**from Friday mid-day (gates close 9pm) to Monday (must be gone by 11am)**

The officers and committee members of the society / or the licensee holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the show safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation G40. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the show and that this is a binding undertaking.

ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO:

**Sarah Connell, 9 Hickling Drive, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2PU; Tel: 07765 772862**  
**(cheques must be made payable to WEST SUFFOLK DTS)**

**Entries may also be made online via WithYourDog**



ENTRIES CLOSE: **30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

ELIGIBILITY – last qualifying date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

CHIEF STEWARD: Saturday: Sean Taylor; Sunday: Sarah Connell

*Rosettes & prize cards to 8<sup>th</sup> place for Introductory and Pre-Beginner classes, and to 6<sup>th</sup> place in all other classes. Trophy to 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. No prize money is on offer.*

Dogs may enter up to 3 classes for which they are eligible for this show.

**If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must follow Government advice and should consider whether it is appropriate that they attend the event.**

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations are to be read in conjunction with The Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations G under which this show is licensed. It is the responsibility of everyone entering this show to make themselves familiar with the Kennel Club G Regulations, available from The Kennel Club.

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed obedience shows must be registered at The Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club authority to compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an authority to compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. Only dogs of 6 calendar months of age and over are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed obedience shows.
4. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
5. Organisers of open obedience 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. State if specific classes are to be capped and the capping limit. The capping level must be set at a minimum of 35 entries received. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set.
6. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 4 calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their full details recorded on the entry form.
7. Running orders will be available on line (obedienceuk.net) and will only be sent to relevant competitors who have clearly stated they wish to receive their running orders by post.
8. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
9. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition i.e. **(9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)** 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 class at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary or the show processor at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog should then be moved into the appropriate class(es). The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower class. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next class the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
10. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
11. In classes without a full running order dogs will be received until one hour after the commencement of judging (**10:30 a.m., except class 2 and 9 only which are 12:00 noon**) after which no dogs may be received except under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances and by special permission of the show management.
12. For the duration of the show all dogs, including those in the exercise area, must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
13. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
14. **The dog should be led into the ring for judging with a smooth collar or, half-check collar, with lead attached (unless otherwise directed) and should be at the handler's side.**
15. Animals allowed 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 Board.

However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into 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.

16. Following discussion between the chief steward and 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 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 circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to The Kennel Club.

17. Dogs will 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. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.
19. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
20. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
21. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to The Kennel Club.

## 22. DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and **at risk** if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and 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.

## 23. 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 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 obedience show licensed by The Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the show.

24. Food and/or toys shall not be carried or given to a dog under test except in introductory class where silent toy and food rewards may be used between and after exercises and in a special class if specified in the class definition. Competitors must not distract other dogs when rewarding their dog with food, toy or play. (Refer to Obedience Code of Conduct)

## DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

In the following Definitions of Classes First Prize wins in limited show obedience classes and open shows confined to one breed do not count for entry in open and championship show obedience classes but do count for eligibility at limited obedience shows or open shows confined to one breed.

### INTRODUCTORY CLASS

To compete in the introductory class a handler or dog must not have gained a 1st place in any obedience class and have not elected to progress on points from Introductory.

### PRE-BEGINNERS

To compete in pre-beginners a handler or dog must not have won two 1st prizes in either pre-beginners or beginners nor gained a 3rd place or above in any other obedience class. (Introductory class excepted.) and have not elected to progress on points from Pre-Beginners

### BEGINNERS

To compete in beginners a handler or dog must not have won a total of two or more 1st prizes in beginners class, or one 1st prize in any other obedience class. (Introductory class and pre-beginners excepted) and have not elected

NOVICE	to progress on points from Beginners. For dogs which have not won two 1 <sup>st</sup> prizes in obedience classes. (Introductory class, pre-beginners and beginners excepted) and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Novice.
CLASS A	For dogs which have not won three 1 <sup>st</sup> prizes in class A, B and open class C in total and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Class A.
CLASS B	For dogs which have not won three 1 <sup>st</sup> prizes in class B and open class C in total and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Class B.
OPEN CLASS C	At open and premier shows, and in the open C classes held at championship shows, open to all dogs.

*Progression on wins.* Progression from each class will be determined by the eligibility for the class as referenced in Regulations G(A). To count for progression wins must be gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Open, Premier or Championship Obedience shows. A first place will count towards progression.

*Progression on points.* At the handler's discretion a dog may progress up to the next class, up to and including into Open Class C by gaining points at each level, using the Obedience Excellent scale of points scheme as follows:

- Ten points for first prize
- Four points for second prize
- Two points for third prize
- One point for fourth prize

If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the show secretary/chief steward signs the dog's Obedience Record Book at the first show entered in the higher class. There is no time limit on this progression, however, once a dog or handler has progressed, they cannot return to the class that they had progressed from. All wins and places to fourth since 1 January 2019 can be included when calculating points. Points are specific to a particular class and cannot be used against a lower or higher class.

Points required for progression on points are as follows:

- 10 points required for progression from Introductory
- 20 points required for progression from Pre-Beginners, Beginners and Novice
- 30 points required for progression from Class A and Class B

## CLASSIFICATION

***Judges must be qualified in accordance with the Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations (G)***

### SATURDAY

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>JUDGE</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
1. PRE-BEGINNERS (DOG & BITCH)	Nicky Cracknell	
2. BEGINNERS (DOG & BITCH)	Nicky Cracknell	
3. NOVICE (DOG & BITCH)	Karen Lacey	Bridgette Cameron
4. CLASS 'A' (DOG & BITCH)	Nina Whitnell	Sue Jagers
5. CLASS 'B' (DOG & BITCH)	Pat Handfield	
6. CLASS 'C' (DOG & BITCH)	Jessica Lewis	

### SUNDAY

<u>CLASS</u>		
7. INTRODUCTORY (DOG & BITCH)	Kathy Woodgreaves	
8. PRE-BEGINNERS (DOG & BITCH)	Mary Perry	
9. BEGINNERS (DOG & BITCH)	Kathy Woodgreaves	
10. NOVICE (DOG & BITCH)	Louise Petchell	Tina Keene
11. CLASS 'A' (DOG & BITCH)	Judy Harper	Wendy Coles
12. CLASS 'B' (DOG & BITCH)	Jane Bowman	
13. CLASS 'C' (DOG & BITCH)	Kamal Fernandez	