



Axe Vale DTC



4 Class Limit Agility Test

Held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations H&H(1)

on

Sunday 1st August 2010

at

Thorncombe Sports & Social Club, Thorncombe, Nr. Chard Somerset TA20 4PS

(Direction details on next page)

**Open to all breeds & crossbreeds
Limited to 225 Dogs (including medium and small)**

**Show Opens :
07.30**

**Briefing :
08.15**

**Judging commences:
08.30**

Judges :

Cynthia Brealey, Sam Chapman, Katherine Harding, David Laughton
Axe Vale DTC reserve the right to appoint substitute judges as necessary (Reg. 12)

Guarantors to the Kennel Club:

Chairman: Tony Foot,
Badgers Glory, Knowle Lane, Mosterton, Somerset
Secretary: Valerie Bamber,
4 Barrs Lane, Charmouth, Dorset
Treasurer: Lisa Gane,
Fieldgate Cottage, Roundham, Crewkerne, Somerset

Competition Manager: Tony Dickinson

Vets on call : Kingfisher Veterinary Practice, Tower Hill Rd.
Crewkerne Tel: 01460 72443

Entries close: 23rd June 2010.

Qualifying date: 6th July 2010 (see Rule 18)

Entries, with the appropriate fees, to

The Show Secretary,

Jill Hodgson, Manor Farm Cottage, Manor Farm Close,

Tatworth, Chard, Somerset, TA20 2SQ

Tel : 01460 221240

Late entries will be returned.

For telephone queries on the day of the Show only : 07721840279

www.axevaledogs.org

Directions to Venue (Postcode TA20 4PS)

From Chard. Take the sign post directions to "Forde Abbey". From the main entrance go uphill to a small junction approx 1/4 mile from the Abbey, turn right then 50 yards on, turn left. Continue up this lane for approx 1 mile and the club is situated on the right hand side.

From Lyme Regis. Take the B3165 in the direction of Crewkerne and just past Birdsmoorgate, on the brow of a hill, turn left, signposted Thorncombe. After approx 1 mile and at the small crossroads, proceed straight across and the club is situated on the left after approx 100 yards

From Crewkerne Take the B3165 in the direction of Lyme Regis and approx a mile or so after Clapton take a right hand turning on the apex of a left hand bend signposted "Thorncombe". Following the "Thorncombe" signs, pass through the village to a small cross roads where you turn right, signposted "Forde Abbey" and the club is approx 50 yards on the left.

CLASSES

Without exception, each dog is automatically entered in all 4 classes.

Large Dogs	Class 1	Agility Grades 1 & 2	Combined
	Class 2	Agility - Grade 3	
	Class 3	Agility - Grades 4 & 5	Combined
	Class 4	Agility - Grades 6 & 7	Combined
	Class 5	Jumping - Grades 1 & 2	Combined
	Class 6	Jumping - Grade 3	
	Class 7	Jumping - Grades 4 & 5	Combined
	Class 8	Jumping - Grades 6 & 7	Combined
	Class 9	Jumping - Grades 1 - 3	Combined
	Class 10	Jumping - Grades 4 - 7	Combined
	Class 11	Special Helter Skelter Grades 1 - 7	Combined
Medium Dogs	Class 13	Agility - Grades 1,2 & 3	Combined
	Class 14	Agility - Grades 4 & 5	Combined
	Class 15	Agility - Grades 6 & 7	Combined
	Class 16	Jumping- Grades 1,2 & 3	Combined
	Class 17	Jumping- Grades 4 & 5	Combined
	Class 18	Jumping- Grades 6 & 7	Combined
	Class 19	Jumping- Grades 1 - 3	Combined
	Class 20	Jumping- Grades 4 - 7	Combined
	Class 21	Special Helter Skelter Grades 1-7	Combined
Small Dogs	Class 22	Agility - Grades 1,2 & 3	Combined
	Class 23	Agility - Grades 4 & 5	Combined
	Class 24	Agility - Grades 6 & 7	Combined
	Class 25	Jumping- Grades 1,2 & 3	Combined
	Class 26	Jumping- Grades 4 & 5	Combined
	Class 27	Jumping- Grades 6 & 7	Combined
	Class 28	Jumping- Grades 1 - 3	Combined
	Class 29	Jumping- Grades 4 - 7	Combined
	Class 30	Special Helter Skelter Grades 1-7	Combined

JUMP HEIGHTS

650mm for **large** dogs, 450mm for **medium** dogs and 350mm for **small** dogs.
(See Regulation 34)

CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

Unless there are more than 10 dogs in medium and small classes, these will be judged as one class with the large dogs.

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Open Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. A dog is only eligible for one grade.

Progression. Progression from each Grade will require one Agility win or three Jumping wins at that grade, except that 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 handler's discretion, a dog may progress up to Grade 5 by winning 75 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 that 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 the dog has progressed, it cannot return to a previous grade.

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. NB owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1 (elementary) are not eligible for this class.

In defining the eligibility of the owner or handler for Grade 1, the three jumping wins and points progression apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs,

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. NB 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 or elected to progress on points from Grade 4 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3,4,6, or 7.

Grade 6 (Senior)

Open to dogs which have gained first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 5 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows 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.

AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to clear rounds only.

Up to 20 entries

Trophy to first place

20 - 40 entries

Trophies to 2nd place

Over 40 entries

Trophies to 3rd place

Placed rosettes to 10% of entry in all classes

Rosettes for all unplaced clear rounds in all classes

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. The Registration number or Authority to Compete Number will be required for each entry.
2. In accordance with Kennel Club Rules, large dogs who have not competed before 1st January 2006 and ALL Small and Medium dogs MUST have been officially measured before competing at a Kennel Club licensed Agility Show. (For height limits, see 15 below.)
3. Entry fees : £10 per dog. (non-members), £8 per dog (Axe Vale DTC members)
4. Dogs will automatically be entered in all four classes for the one entry fee applicable to the handler ie. Member or non-member.
5. The Organising Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
6. Puppies under 18 calendar months of age on the day of the Show are not eligible to compete for Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows..
7. "Not for Competition" entries will be accepted for dogs aged 4 calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their details recorded on the entry form.
8. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the Show is forbidden.
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 that 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 Organising 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 shall apply, except where specifically stated by the judges in their briefing.
15. The height limits for dogs are as follows :-
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.
16. 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.
17. A dog shall be withdrawn from competition and 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 hand 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.
18. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the Competition 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 should 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 should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
19. 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.
20. Should circumstances so dictate, the Organising Committee, 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. 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 Organising Committee.
22. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club "Authority To Compete" number before entry to the event can be made. All overseas entries without an "Authority to Compete" number will be returned to the competitor.
23. No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A42.
24. Food shall not be carried in the hand or given to a dog in the ring.
25. Separate entry forms must be completed by each Competitor and must be signed by the Competitor or his authorised agent in accordance with the provisions specified herein. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.
26. 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 and caravan parks and approaches. When not competing, dogs must be leashed at all times, unless in a designated exercise or warm-up area.

27. A competitors' briefing will be held prior to the start of each class, when they will be allowed to walk the course but without the dog accompanying them.
28. All dogs are entered at their owner's risk and, whilst taking every care, Axe Vale DTC cannot be held responsible for any damage, loss or injury caused to dogs, persons or property whilst at the show.
29. Handlers must display their ring numbers at all times whilst competing.
30. In the event of the show having to be abandoned, the Club reserves the right to deduct from the entry fees paid such amount as is necessary to defray expenses incurred.
31. 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
32. Any owner, handler or the person in charge of the dog is required to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dogs within the venue. Anyone failing to remove fouling will be asked to leave the venue immediately.
33. Dogs in cars on hot days - see below for the Kennel Club Schedule Annex A - a recent KC schedule requirement.
34. Jump Heights: The heights of the jump obstacles will be subject to the Judge's decision, but will be as per rule H(1) (B)3a, ie. 650mm for **large** dogs, 450mm for **medium** dogs and 350mm for **small** dogs.

• Annex A

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 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 any 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.

END OF SCHEDULE