



**Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting**

**Held on 29-30 April 2023**

**At Dogs New Zealand  
Level 1, Tottenham House  
7 Kilkerran Place  
PORIRUA**

<b>1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES</b>
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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)**

Brian Harris (BH) President  
Jill Brooker (JB)  
Karen McIntyre (KM)  
Martin Hewitt (MH)  
Geoff Collins (GC)  
Steve Tate (STT) (via Zoom)

Stephen Meredith (SM)  
Lynley Drummond (LD)  
Catherine McManus (CM)  
Fiona Hodgson (FH)  
Chris Richardson (CR)

**STAFF**

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary  
Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer  
Sharon Bosma (SB) – Executive Administrator

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**WELCOME**

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 08:55am

**MOVED:**

Moved: MH; Seconded: LD; – Carried

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The E.C adopted the agenda.

Moved: MH; Seconded: LD – Carried

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

The E.C noted the list of deceased members: Ann McAllister (Wellington); Val Davison (Waikanae); Paul Grbich (Auckland); Helen Upson (Dannevirke); Trevor Maitland (Paeroa); Colin McEvoy (Ashburton); Gael Bassett (Foxton); Ngami Prattley (Invercargill); Pamela Grigg (Auckland); Mark Strongman (Huntly); Shirley Gempton (Napier); Mick Chaplin (Featherston ); Kathy Cairn (Auckland); Jim Fraher (Christchurch); Wiki Te Tau (Invercargill)

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Several changes to be made. Updates to be sent to ST. GC noted spelling errors g– this has now been amended by SB.

**RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES**

The following email votes by Executive Council were held in the period 11 February 2023 – 14 April 2023:

<b>Executive Council Email Vote:</b>	<b>Ratified by:</b>
Judges promotion of Caroline Matheson to Working Dogs Panel	11 Votes
Regulation changes to 22.18 Neuter Grand Champion	6 Votes
Agility Committee Regulation Changes Approval	11 Votes
Approval for Norwegian Agility Judge to judge DAWG Show	9 Votes
Agility Judges promotion of C Brennan & R Shephard to Ribbon Trial Panel	9 Votes
Promotion of 5 Judges to Open Panel	11 Votes
Tim Delany, Anita Henderson, Angela Dryden, Jordyn O'Neil, Angela Murray	

Moved: CM; Seconded: GC; - Carried

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The E.C confirmed the 25-26 February 2023 meeting minutes as true and correct record.

Moved: JB; Seconded: CR; – Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY 2023 MINUTES**

FH noted that the review of the fee structure has not been done. This is to be completed post budget.

2. FINANCE
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## TREASURERS REPORT: 31 DECEMBER 2022 ACCOUNTS

Report provided by Clive Phillips. Treasurer

**Financial Results Operational For February 2023**

**NZ Kennel Club**  
**Financial Update for February 2023**

**Financial Results**

**Operational**

**February – Operating Deficit for month**

**February Actual Operating Revenue *less than* Budget by **(\$13.6k)**.**

*AEC \$2.3k, Agility \$2.3k and YDT/S \$1k recorded monthly revenues favourable to budget while Dogs NZ head office **(\$16.1k)**, Dunedin **(\$0.7k)**, Gazette **(\$2k)** and CGC **(\$0.4k)** had revenue under budget.*

*NZKC revenue shortfall due to Membership & Kennel renewals and registry revenue being slightly under budget and a large shortfall from investment income. Gazette recorded lower than budget membership subscriptions and non-member advertising. Dunedin rental income for the month was under budget. No assessment fees received from CGC in February.*

**February Actual Operating Expenditure *Unfavourable* compared to budget by **(\$17.9k)****

*Agility \$5.3k, and CGC \$0.1k were the favourable activities to budget.*

*Dogs NZ head office **(\$3.6k)**, AEC **(\$1.8k)**, Dunedin **(\$10.2k)**, Gazette **(\$6.5k)**, JDT **(\$0.3k)** and JDS **(\$0.9k)** were unfavourable to budget.*

*Dunedin's monthly overspend was due to the completion of some of the year's planned R & M projects. The Gazette monthly overspend is due to higher printing & distribution costs.*

**Actual Year to Date Operating Revenue favourable compared to budget by \$245.1k.**

Operations with Actual Revenues greater than Budget Revenue Year to date are:-

*Dogs NZ head office \$82.1k, AEC \$44.2k, Dunedin \$3.7k, Gazette \$55.6k, NDS \$8.4k, NDOA \$4.8k, Agility \$11k, NZDAC \$15.5k YDT/S \$15.4k & Dog Training (3 regions combined) \$4.5k.*

*Dogs NZ head office favourable revenue due to registry, membership, Show Levies and Sundry Income. Gazette's due to Subscriptions & Sales, advertising and Schedule Income. YDT/S relates fund raising*

activities. AEC & Dunedin due to improved venue rental and benefit show income. Agility due to higher club levy income.

### **Actual Year to Date Operating Expenditure *Unfavourable* compared to budget by **(\$33.8k)****

**Operations favourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD**

**Dogs NZ head office \$9.3k, Dunedin \$5.6k, NDS \$8.5k, FCI \$6.1k and Agility \$18.7k.**

**AEC (\$11.3k), Gazette (\$32.1k), NDOA(\$1.3K), NZDAC (\$20k), JDT (\$6.7k) and Dog Training (all regions) (\$7.2k) all have ytd expenditure that exceeds budget.**

**With the exception of the mid-year market to market valuation adjustment of the Investment fund, the operational results continue to be strong for the year.**

**The forecast is reflecting an operational surplus, inclusive of the market to market valuation write down, of \$2.4k before depreciation. This is in line with budget for the year.**

### **Balance Sheet *STRONG* - Cash and Property rich**

**Total cash to end of February \$8.097m, down **\$31.7k** since end of last financial year (March 2022).**

### **Summary of Group Financial Results: – Operating Income minus Operating Expenditure**

**Monthly Operating Results:- *Deficit unfavourable* compared to Budget and Last Year's Actual surplus.**

<u>February Month:- Income less Expenditure</u>				
Actual	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>		
<b>(\$24,664)</b>	\$6,897	\$19,147		
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2022-2023</u>	
This Year	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
\$200,144	<b>(\$11,170)</b>	\$126,392	\$3,201	\$214,515
<u>Year to Date Operating Result adjusted by UNREALISED Midyear Market to Market Valuation of Investment Portfolio and Depreciation</u>				
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure, Unrealised midyear market to market Investment Gain/(Loss) and</u>			<u>Full Year 2022-2023</u>	

<u>Depreciation</u>				
<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
(\$69,422)	(\$67,404)		(\$58,146)	(\$60,163)

**Actual YTD Operating results:-**

- Favourable compared to Budget By: \$211,314
- Favourable compared to Last Year Actual By: \$73,752

**Registry Activity**

The table clearly reflects Registry numbers are down on last year but revenue is ahead.

	<u>Analysis YTD FEBRUARY 2023</u>					
	<u>Number</u>			<u>Income</u>		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
Litter Notification	1,569	1,643	-5%	61,142	57,557	6%
Registrations	8,234	8,358	-1%	250,524	223,471	12%
Transfers	6,182	6,570	-6%	118,122	112,462	5%
Imports	267	270	-1%	26,940	25,416	6%
Exports	316	226	40%	31,017	20,317	53%
Overall Total	<u>16,568</u>	<u>17,067</u>	-3%	<u>487,745</u>	<u>439,223</u>	11%

**Detailed Operating Analysis**

**Dogs NZ (NZKC):- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$91.4k**

**Income** \$82k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

**Expenses** \$9.3k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

**CGC:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$4.5k)**

This represents purchases and assessment manual reprints which may be recovered during future years.

**AEC:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$32.9k**

Income \$44.2k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$11.3k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Dunedin:- :- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$9.3k.**

Income \$3.7 FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$5.6k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Gazette:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$23.5k**

Income \$55.6k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$32.1k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**NDS FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$16.9k.**

Overall surplus

**FCI FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$6.2k.**

Overall surplus

**NDOA FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$3.6k.**

Overall breakeven

**NZDAC UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$3.5k).**

Overall deficit

**Agility:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$29.8k**

Income \$11k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$18.7k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**YDT:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$1.5k.**

**YDS:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$7k.**

**Dog Training (all regions):-**

**Dog Training Northern Region:- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$1.4k.**

Income \$3.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$2.4k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Dog Training Central Region:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$1k)**

**Income** (\$1.9k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses** \$0.9k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Dog Training Southern Region:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$3.1k).**

**Income** \$2.6k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Expenses** (\$5.7k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

**Non Operational Adjustment**

The February Financial Statements include the mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments as at 30 September 2022. The adjustment includes both UNREALISED gains and losses. These adjustments are shown in aggregate after the year to date Operating Surplus and after depreciation. Unrealised Gains or losses are non-operational hence the reason this figure appears after The Operational Surplus/ (Loss) and Depreciation. It allows meaningful analysis of how the organisation is performing operationally.

It is important to understand unrealised gains or losses only become actual if the investments are liquidated.

Much the same as unrealised gains or losses on people's homes only become actual if one sells.

The net movement of the unrealised gains and losses arising from mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments resulted in an unrealised loss of \$212.1k.

The investment markets continue to display high volatility and the roller coaster ride continues.

**Balance Sheet & Cash Flow**

- Cash balances **DECREASED (\$31.7k)** since 31 March 2022.
- Debtors \$0.8k greater than at the end of last financial year. There is \$0.2K in the 3 month overdue category and \$0.3k in the Four month and older balances.
- Prepayments \$41.4k (expenses paid in advance)- \$20.2k greater than end of last financial year. This is comprised of Sybiz (financial computer system) licence fees for 22/23 years \$1.4k, Annual Insurance Premiums \$14.9k, a 2talk deposit of \$0.3k, NDTA 2023 prepaid exps of \$0.4k, NDS prepaid exps \$12.8k and ACOD airfares prepaid of \$11.4k
- Non-Current Assets reduced by \$44.3k from the balance at 31 March 2022. This is the net movement resulting from the current year depreciation charges in the Fixed Asset register and purchases of new fixed assets such as computer equipment and ride on mower for AEC.



- Accrued Staff Benefits \$56.6k represents the annual leave owing to staff. This has increased \$14.5k since 31 March 2022.
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$142.3k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$71.5k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$70.8k
  - The main items comprising the Receipts in Advance total are:-
  - Purina Sponsorship \$4.8k to be released into accounts this financial year and \$66k to be released in the next financial year.
  - Dog Training Regions NDOA monies \$35.1k - \$0.7k Nthn, \$24.8k Centrl, \$9.6k Sthn to be held until their next respective NDOA event.
  - Bequest received by AEC \$22.4k – planned to be used for unbudgeted expenditure.
  - National Dog Training \$12k
  - ACOD attendance fees \$1.6k

Note next year's deferred income Purina sponsorship is offset with a balance in the debtors. Dogs NZ will only receive the cash in the new financial year.

Executive Council discussed the Treasurer's report and the current draft end of year 31 March accounts which were tabled by the Treasurer:

- Questions regarding Credit Card transaction fees, Other Property expenses, Southern Dog Training income and expenses and bank requirements for club signing authorities .
- Investment shares portfolio is being sold down starting with shares that are showing a profit. Remaining shares will not be sold until the market improves. Members are updated six monthly on performance of Investment fund with the next report to be included in June NZ Dog World. (STT)
- Request that details of the capital and interest of the investment fund to be added to the ACOD presentation (FH).
- CP is to draft GST guideline report for NDTA income.
- Clarification regarding the Auckland bequest money showing on the balance sheet as deferred income (SM). CP explained that this is an going discussion with auditors regarding interpretation of current accounting rules.

**MOTION:**

Approval will be given by email vote for:

- That authorisation has been given to open the bank account for Dogs NZ Agility Committee. (This will be retrospective)
- That the signatories on the Agility Committee account be as advised in an email from the Committee.

Moved: SM; Seconded: FH; - Report Received

## **RISK, AUDIT, & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report by RAF Chair: John Green

### **1. Financial Performance**

The financial statements to February 23 have been reviewed along with the Treasurer's commentary which has since been received.

The RAF Committee are satisfied with the quality of the information received and the explanations provided. It is pleasing to see that the core income streams are holding up. There are no new areas of concern and the majority of the variations for the month can be attributed either timing or the areas highlighted previously, i.e.

- i. The increase in printing & distribution costs for the Gazette (Dog World) continue to impact on the overall performance of this profit centre. We are aware that steps are being taken to reduce costs and that these have been allowed for in the FY24 budget.
- ii. The shortfall in interest income of term deposits accounts for a substantial portion of the monthly shortfall.

### **2. Notifiable and/or Material Transactions**

The Committee did not identify any notifiable or material transactions to review however note that we would anticipate that any changes to the Forsyth Barr investment fund will represent a material transaction in due course. Similarly, progress on an LNI venue would fall within this domain.

### **3. Proposal to purchase National Office**

The RAF committee appreciated being informed of the decision not to proceed ahead of the advice to the wider membership. We believe that there are some good learnings from the project that can be applied going forward.

### **4. DNZ FY24 (2023/24) Budget Process**

RAF have had the opportunity to both review and contribute to the budget formulation for FY24 with the Chair providing feedback to management between the initial versions and version 3 which we now have.

The process appears to be robust with the various committees having an opportunity to contribute to the process.

Budgets are the numbers attached to a plan so it would be helpful to have well documented assumptions and planned actions to assess the budgets against. While those preparing budgets will have this information, it is less apparent to those reviewing them and ultimately required to sign off on the budget.

This will be especially important this year as the budget anticipates a loss in the vicinity of \$180,000 which in itself is not a problem but will require some clear communication focusing on the investment focus within the budget and the extraordinary items allowed for.

We would recommend that there is a well-considered narrative or commentary to accompany the publishing of the budget in the Year Book and/or Gazette.

## 5. Future Work

The National Office proposal and now budgets has pushed back work on other projects however we expect to make some progress on new work in the coming months.

- i. Review of Risk Register when this comes to hand
- ii. Developing Dashboard reporting for visualising key numbers & ratios to track trends and effectiveness of strategy.

The data provided in the budget workbook provides the majority of the data we need to get this underway and we will aim to have this in place from the start of FY24.

- iii. Review of DNZ Financial Policies within the current fiscal year.

The writer will be contacting each of the committee chairs to solicit any input they may wish to have in respect to financial policies prior to RAF undertaking the review. If any EC members wish to make a contribution to this process, we would welcome your input.

CM briefed E.C. on the work of the committee.

Report Received: CM; Seconded: MH; - Carried

## FY 2023-2024 BUDGET APPROVAL

FY2023-24 Budget process was explained by Director Secretary. Budget has gone through 3 version and review by RAF committee and management would like to have adoption by Council.

Executive Council discussed the following budget issues:

- SM discussed delayed Ardmore Capex projects including new Water Tanks which while not included in the budget will need to be completed before NDS. ST said that management will work with the Ardmore Management Committee to accommodate the \$22k in unbudgeted projects
- Discussion on establishing a separate Scent Work budget
- Discussion regarding increasing FCI entry fee. Christchurch April 2023 FCI Show was close to breaking even and it is important that all national events at least reach breakeven.

**MOTION:**

Entry fee for the FCI August 2023 Show to increase to \$25.

Moved: BH; Seconded: LD - Carried

**MOTION**

That the FY 2023-2024 Budget be adopted.

Moved: BH - Carried

**FY 2023-2024 BUSINESS PLAN APPROVAL**

Executive Council discussed the Business Plan

- The Dogs NZ Mission Statement should be more visible, and also on the website. Questioned whether it was a mission vs a vision statement (GC).
- Discussion regarding a full time IT staff member – permanent vs fixed term contract (CM).
- Government (MPI) National Dog Register/Breeder Register: create a Working Committee to get the framework / preparation of documentation commenced so that it's not last minute (JB).
- Dog Training Projects Milestone 1: Needs revision after discussions with the Dog Training Committee (GC).
- Document needs to be proofed before released to members.

**MOTION**

That the FY 2023-2024 Business Plan be adopted.

Moved: MH; Seconded: LD; - Carried

**ARDMORE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CREDIT CARD LIMIT**

**MOTION:**

That the limit of the Credit Card held by the Chair of the Ardmore Management Committee be increased from \$1,400 to \$4,000.

Moved: SM; Seconded: CM; – Carried

<b>3. IMPORTANT ITEMS</b>
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**3A: LOWER NORTH ISLAND VENUE DECISION**

Chair of the Lower North Island Working Group Lisa Slade (LS) joined the meeting by zoom as Executive Council discussed the following proposals and reports.

**Project Proposals:**

- Foxton Proposal Documents
- Ashhurst Proposal Documents
- Manfeild Proposal Documents

**Support Documents:**

- Spreadsheet of project costs presented by STT.
- Decision Making Framework Discussion document presented by ST
- CAPEX Committee Recommendation Report presented by STT
- Risk, Audit & Finance Committee Report prepared by Chair John Green

LS spoke on the work done by the working group and the process that they used to filter proposals to the project stage. BH discussed the key elements of each proposals and Council discussed each proposal in detail.

**MOTION 1:**

That Dogs NZ moved to sign a five year (2024-2028) preferential rental agreement with Manfeild Trust to provide an indoor venue for dogs sports in the Lower North Island.

Moved: CR; Seconded: LD; - Carried

Against: KM

BH spoke that the decision has secured the financial future of the organisation and commented that the \$6 million capital from the sale of Prosser St could be continued to be invested in cash/bond fixed term investments with the interest income available for all Dogs NZ operations. Executive Council also agreed that the decision to enter into an agreement with Manfeild did not rule out considering any future purchase / lease venue development that it may be in the best interest of Dogs NZ to enter into.

**MOTION 2:**

That Dogs NZ to pay for Paul Robinson to attend ACOD to answer questions re the Manfeild option.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB; - Carried

**3B: IMPORTANT ITEMS**

**ACOD 2023 Remits & Recommendations**

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

**Background:**

We have received 6 Remits and 4 Recommendations for ACOD 2023. There will be three presentations and a Draft Agenda is attached.

## Remits

- Remit from the North Harbour Kennel Association to amend Rule 15 (a)
- Remit from North Canterbury Kennel Association to amend Rule 31
- Remit from Horowhenua Kennel Association to amend Rule 20 (b) and Rule 4 (c)
- Remit from Horowhenua Dog Training Club to amend Rule 22(f)
- Remit from Executive Council to amend Rule 34
- Remit from Executive Council to amend Rule 31

## Recommendations & Discussion Papers

- Recommendation from Hamilton Kennel Association and The Great Northern Siberian Husky Club to amend Show Regulation 7.5 Neutered Dogs
- Recommendation from Waikato German Shepherd Dog Club to amend show regulation 22.13.2 Specialist Grand Champion
- Recommendation from the Selwyn Dog Training Club for the establishment of a self-governing Committee for the administration and development of the sport of Rally'O and the establishment of the Rally'O Regulations.

## Presentation:

- Lower North Island Venue Working Group Presentation
- PD Insurance Partnership

## ACOD DRAFT MEETING AGENDA

# The 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Delegates

of

## The NZ Kennel Club (Inc) trading as Dogs New Zealand

will be held at the Icon Room, Te Papa, Wellington

on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023

commencing at 10.00 am

## Business

1. Roll call
2. Obituaries
3. Minutes of 2022 Annual Conference of Delegates
4. Life Member Award
5. Certificate of Appreciation Award
6. Breeders Hall of Fame Award
7. Reports
  - President's

- Financials (year ending 31 March 2023) / Capex Committee Report
8. Remits (6)
  9. Recommendations (3)
  10. Presentation
    - Lower North Island Venue Decision Presentation
    - PD Insurance Partnership Presentation
  11. Announcement of Votes Recorded (NI Executive Council)
  12. Announcement of Votes Recorded (SI Executive Council)
  13. Confirmation of President
  14. Election of Vice Presidents (NI and SI) and Senior Vice President
  15. Presentation of badges
  16. Auditor and solicitor approval
  17. Authority to borrow
  18. General Business

Executive Council discussed the Remits have concerns regarding Remit 4 by Horowhenua Obedience Dog Training Club as it does not allow for Executive Council representation on the committees or accommodates the current elected committees such as Agility and Dog Training.

Council also agreed that a Remit 6 to be presented to ACOD 2023 proposing changed to Rule 31 to remove Part III Restricted Registry. If approval is granted by ACOD, E.C. at the July 2023 meeting ratifies the proposed Registry Regulation changes and proposed scale of fees.

## **COST OF LIVING MEMBERSHIP FEES ADJUSTMENT**

Report presented by Director Secretary

### **2023/2024 Fees and Show Levies**

Consumer Price Index change for the year to 31 March 2023 (as forecast by the Reserve Bank) is 7.5% rounded to the nearest 50 cents.

#### **Membership Fees (Incl GST)**

Affiliated Societies	\$256
Associated Clubs	\$171
Recognized Clubs	\$59
Individual Membership (Includes 2 <sup>nd</sup> member in household)	\$38
Joining Fee	\$26.50
NZ Young kennel Club Joining Fee	\$31

#### **Renewal Fees (Incl GST)**

Membership – NZYKC	\$24
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**Rule 8A.3 (Incl GST)**

Gazette Fee	\$59
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**Show Levies (Plus GST)**

Championship Rate I (fee per entry/dog)	\$2.25
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(Over 250 entries for Breed)

Championship Rate II (fee per entry/dog)	\$1.18
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(Frist 250 entries for Breed)

Open Shows, Dog Training, Open Trials & Rally-O	\$0.65
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Agility (per run)	\$0.85
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Scent work	\$1 per trial
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**Motion:**

That above membership fess be adopted for inclusion in the 2022/2023 Year Book and ratified at ACOD.

Moved: FH; Seconded: CM - Carried

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS**

Executive Council made a decision to award two Life Memberships and one Certificate of Appreciation to be presented at ACOD 2023

Moved: MH; Seconded: LD - Carried

**BREEDERS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

Executive Council voted to present one Breeders Hall of Fame award at ACOD 2023.

<b>4. REGULATIONS</b>
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**REGULATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**

Report by Fiona Hodgson (FH)

**RATIONALE**

I would like to propose the creation of a regulations sub-committee formed by EC much in the same way as other sub-comms belonging to EC.

**Terms of Reference:**



The regulations sub-committee would be responsible for helping to maintain consistency through rules and regulations pertaining to DogsNZ. Activities should include:

1. Sanity checks all regulation change proposals from all codes before they are presented to EC
  - \*Form of regs – consistent with DogsNZ regulations
  - \*Check for inconsistencies resulting from the reg changes or conflict with other relevant regulations
  - \*Recommends any wording changes
  - \*Can draft regulations for codes if the codes need assistance
2. Makes proposals for changes to Show and Disputes Regulations
3. Drafts proposals from EC for rule changes to ACOD
4. Take feedback from members on inconsistency and recommend updates to EC for regulations or back to relevant sub-committee for the codes to include but not limited to:
5. Assistance with theory exam writing for codes if they would like help?

FH spoke to her proposal paper. BH recommended that the committee be established in the June/July E.C. Committee review period. Review of proposed ACOD Remits from Clubs should be included in TOR.

Moved: FH; Seconded: KM - Carried

## REGISTRY RESTRUCTURE PROPOSAL

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST), Sue Connor IT/Projects Manager

### Background:

At the February Executive Council the National Office presented a recommendation paper to re-structure the current Part I/II/III Registry into a Part I (Full Register) for Pedigree Dogs and Part II (Limited Registry) for Non-Pedigree Dogs.

When Executive Council discussed the proposal concern was expressed that a key reason for the establishment of the Part III Restricted Registry was to protect breeders by preventing pet owners from using pedigree dogs for breeding.

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*Executive Council discussed the recommendation report to restructure the registry into two parts, Part I, Pedigree Dog registry, Part II Non-Pedigree dog registry and remove Part III The Restricted Registry. JB said that any change needed to include a lifetime "Not to be Breed from" endorsements that only can be removed by Breeders. ST to come back to April meeting with revised proposal including changes to Registry Regulation 12 that provides Breeders with a life time Not to be Breed from endorsement.*

Both Sue and I have looked at the original documentation regarding the establishment of the Restricted Registry and can confirm that it was done for commercial reasons, to encourage breeders to register all litters and puppies being sold to pet homes as noted in the below section taken from a report prepared by Peter Dunn.

### November 2016 E.C. Report

*Approximately, 8 years ago the Restricted Register (RR) was introduced and, for all intents and purposes, to cater for pets sold to the public. At that time there was no compulsion to notify all litters and register all progeny and the introduction of the RR, with reduced registration fees, was seen as a means of having NZKC breeders register pups they would not normally.*

We also believe that the existing Registry Regulations already provide sufficient protection for breeders for any removal of endorsements without having to create a “not to be bred from – life time” endorsement, thereby creating two “not to be bred from” endorsements.

### What existing regulations protect breeder’s endorsements?

Only Executive Council has the power to remove endorsements and can currently exercise that right for any current dogs on Part III Restricted Registry using its powers under Registry Regulation 6.

Registry Regulation 12.6 details the process for removing any existing endorsements. Regulations 12.6.1 / 12.6.2 are specific that any request to remove existing endorsements require the consent of the breeder which must be supplied by the current owner.

**12.6.1** The Executive Council in their absolute discretion can approve the cancellation of any endorsement, upon the application of the owner of the dog **with the written consent of the breeder of the dog.**

**12.6.2** Application is made in writing by the owner of the dog giving reasons why the endorsement should be lifted accompanied by **any consents required.**

We have recommended that Regulation 12.6.1 be strengthened to match the removed regulation 5.3.4 by inserting the word **written**.

### Recommendation:

1. That a Remit be presented to ACOD 2023 proposing changes to Rule 31 to remove Part III Restricted Registry.
2. If approval is granted by ACOD, Executive Council at the July meeting ratifies the proposed Registry Regulation changes and proposed scale of fees.

### Attached Documents:

- Proposed NZKC Rule 31 Changes for ACOD Remit
- Proposed Registry Regulation Changes
- Proposed Scale of Fees Changes

Executive Council discussion on the proposed Registry restructure. Key issues raised:

- How an “unrecognised” colour would be recognised across all breeds registering when dogs are transferred from Part III to Part I.

- A proposed name change of Part II from Limited to Sporting. Further discussion required regarding a name change.
- Proposed Registry Restructure changes to Rule 31 to be the 6<sup>th</sup> Remit at ACOD.
- If ACOD agree to Remit Changes to Rule 31, the proposed required changes to Registration Regulations will be brought back to the July Council meeting.

Moved: SM; Seconded: GC - Carried

## MOTION

Rule 31(g) wording change:

A Dog registered on Part 1 or Part 2 ~~or Part 3~~ may compete at any ~~agility, obedience or working trials events non conformation events~~, and is eligible for all titles in these disciplines.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB - Carried

## REGISTRY REGULATION 18: Status of Registry – Privacy Act

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

### Recommended Changes (In Red):

#### 18: STATUS OF REGISTER - PRIVACY ACT

*18.1 The New Zealand Kennel Club register of dogs is a public register and is available for inspection and copying at any time during office hours acceptable to the administration upon payment of the appropriate fee.*

*18.2 Unless a member of the New Zealand Kennel Club advises in writing they do not wish information supplied to be disclosed, it may be used to inform enquirers of the availability of dogs, the activities of breeders and/or for commercial purposes other than that for which it is supplied.*

*18.3 The ownership and details of a Kennel Name, associated **Litter Notifications, Dog Registration and Transfer of Ownership details** may be used for commercial purposes by **New Zealand Kennel Club partners Nestle Purina and PD Insurance to offer owner(s) of a kennel name and owners of NZKC registered dogs, pet food and pet insurance services** unless the owner (s) of the Kennel Name advise(s) the New Zealand Kennel Club in writing that they do not wish this information disclosed.*

### Rationale:

Registry Regulation 18 which pre-dates 2013, states that our registry is a public registry and unless members request privacy it can be used to inform the public of availability of dogs and/or *for commercial purposes other than that for which it was supplied*. Dogs NZ has sponsorship agreements with partners Nestle Purina and PD Insurance were they seek to have litter notification, Dog Registration and Transfer of Ownership information supplied to them from our registry system.

At present we ask for an *opt-in* tick box during the litter notification process before sending breeders information to our partners. I ask our lawyers Gibson Sheat for advice on the following key questions:

- Does Regulation 18.3 allow us to forward all litter notification information (other than members with privacy settings) without any *opt-in/out* box?
- Or does the Privacy Act Dec 2020 require us to have an *opt-in/out* function?
- If we are required to have a *opt in/out box* can we use an *opt out* function – i.e. they have to tick the box not to have their litter notification info sent to our partners.

Their response was that we needed to strengthen Registry Regulation 18.3 to ensure that it applies to Privacy Act Principal 3 and clearly informs members that their registry information will be shared with third parties. If we do this, then *opt in/out box* is not required.

We also need to ensure that all owners of Kennel Names are aware of our Registry Regulations and adequately informed that their registry information will be shared with our partners. We will do this by including Registry Regulations links with our New kennel Name / Kennel Name renewal Edm's and making the required changes in our online and paper litter notification and dog registration forms.

**MOTION:**

That proposed changes to Regulation 18.3 be adopted.

Moved: CR; Seconded: LD - Carried

**SHOW REGULATION 2.1.2.5 - Granting of Show dates**

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST), Colleen Begg Club & Membership Manager.

**Proposed Regulation Change:**

Sharing the same date by more than one club that otherwise conflicts will be permitted provided the consent in writing of any club ranking higher in priority in sub-clause 4 hereof is obtained and provided further that such consent shall not be unreasonably or arbitrarily withheld. Alteration of Show Date already approved.

2.1.2.5.1.1 Any Society may apply for the alteration of Championship Show Dates previously allocated as follows:

2.1.2.5.1.2 The prior consent in writing is obtained of all Societies approved to conduct a show involving all or any of the same breeds ~~in a reasonable geographic area within a radius of 325 kilometres~~ on the date(s) being vacated and the date(s) being applied for *in the same island*.

**Rationale:**

The National Office is dealing with an increasing number of conflicts between All Breed Clubs and Specialty Clubs who want to hold shows on the same Island and date but in different venues.

As the financial pressure goes on Breed Clubs to maximize exhibitor numbers and we face an show environment that any All Breed clubs in the North Island are heavily reliant on exhibitors traveling from the Auckland region and for South Island Clubs exhibitors from Canterbury, they are increasing reluctant to agree to any Specialist Show being held on the same date.

Specialist Clubs also want to maximize exhibitor numbers and are increasingly looking at partnerships with other clubs and Australia to attract top international judges. With these arrangements they have little flexibility in show dates (or venues) which leads to clashes with All Breed show Championship & Open Dates.

The current regulation of “in a reasonable geographic area” is open to a wide interpretation and of little help to the National Office when called upon to make a decision. The recommendation is that we adopt the radius in Show Regulation 4.8 for Judges Appointments which provides a reliable measure to make a decision and continuity on distance regarding show clashes in our regulations.

Executive Council had extensive discussion regarding rule 2.1.2.5.2 wording “within a radius of 325 kilometres.” and the fairness of other Specialist / Group Clubs to hold shows that might conflict with the 325 kilometres rule. It was agreed that any 325km radius should be confined to the same island with an amendment to the proposed regulation change.

Moved: FH; Seconded: LD - Carried

### **SHOW REGULATION 22.13.3**

#### **MASTIFF BREEDS ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND 22.13.3**

Executive Council discussed the proposed show regulation changes.

#### **MOTION:**

That the proposed changes to Show Regulation 22.13.3 be declined.

Moved: MH; Seconded: STT - Carried

### **CANINE GOOD CITIZEN BRONZE**

## **Purina Pro Plan Canine Good Citizen – Bronze**

*Effective from 1 June 2023*

### **Requirements for all assessments**

**AT ALL TIMES during the CGC exercises (at all levels) the dog MUST:**

✓ wear a <b>current</b> registration tag.	✓ Wear some form of correctly fitted restraint (e.g., flat collar, slip chain, head collar, body harness).
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✓ be attached to a lead held by the handler unless otherwise directed by an assessor, hosting club or as the exercises are described in this manual.

**The following behaviours ARE NEVER ACCEPTABLE (at all levels) during the CGC exercises:**

X Display of fear.	X Trying to run away.
X Display of aggression.	X Excessive vocalisation including barking, whining, or howling.
X Anxiety.	X Lunging towards any distractions, other dogs, strangers, or assessor.
X Over exuberance.	X Regular pulling on, or a constant tight lead, whether held by the handler, someone else or while being tied up.
X Jumping up (handler, stranger, assessor).	X Inappropriate fouling such as on more than one occasion or on personal property.
X Notable resentment or reluctance to walk steadily with the handler.	

**Note:** Food, clicker, toy rewards or lures will be allowed to be carried by the handler but must be fully hidden during exercises, unless specifically stated in “Acceptable”. Rewarding of the dog while it is not directly under assessment will be permitted, provided this does not interfere with the performance of another candidate.

## 18. Café Experience

**Purpose:** Demonstrates that the dog will remain in a set location beside handler while handler is seated at a table, **of sufficient size to comfortably accommodate all participants.**

Handler shall approach and sit at a table along with the other persons who may either **also** simultaneously approach the table or be already seated.

Handler is to command the dog to **adopt a down position beside where they are seated.**

**All persons** at the table are to engage in dialogue with one another for a minimum duration of **one** minute.

At the completion of **one** minute with all **persons** sitting at the table, a stranger is to **encircle the group** at the table **before placing an** item of food and a beverage for each **person seated in front of them and then leave.**

Once all food and beverages have been served, **those seated at the table** are to either continue with their dialogue and/or partake of the food and beverage delivered for a further **two** minutes.

At the completion of **two** minutes, each **person seated** may leave the table with their dog either simultaneously or individually.

Participants to walk away, with dogs on lead, from each other for a minimum of six paces.

### Point to Note:

- Multiple handlers, up to a maximum of four, undertaking this exercise, may at the discretion of the Assessor, do so simultaneously. **If there are greater than four dogs being assessed, then these must be conducted as individual groups not exceeding four, at individual times.**
- **Handlers are permitted to bring to bring a mat or dog bed for their dog to lie on if desired.**
- If any of the **persons sitting at the table** in this exercise are **not** being assessed, the inclusion of their dog is optional (and at the discretion of the Assessor).
- Assessor or appointed person shall indicate when a required minimum time has elapsed.

### Acceptable

✓ Shows a mild interest or curiosity in surroundings and/or distractions.	✓ Slight startle reactions but responding immediately to handler's command to remain with them.
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**Not acceptable**

X Jumping up at handler or any people.	X Jumping up or any movement as an attempt to take the food.
X Lunging towards any possible naturally occurring or engineered distractions, people, animals, or equipment.	X Regular correction being required from the handler to remain in position.

**Rationale for Alterations**

*Ensures consistency in the position the dog must adopt.*

*Clarity of identifying those involved in the exercise and their responsibilities.*

*Removes ambiguity of what "begging" may mean.*

Discussion led by GC regarding minimum/maximum people/dogs. Concern from (JB) regarding the cost of the manuals that were printed in December 2022 and distributed would now be out of date. Date effective from, should be 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 not 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

Recommendation:

- Minimum of 3 people at the table, and a maximum of 5 people in total for the Café Experience.
- Maximum of 2 dogs at the table for the Café Experience.
- That Bronze changes be resubmitted together with the recommend Silver / Gold changes to the June Council meeting.

**MOTION**

BH to take the recommendations to the CGC Committee Meeting on the evening of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Moved: BH; - Carried

**SCENT WORK REGULATION CHANGES:**

NOTE: ALL the following Scent Work Regulation additions and proposed changes have been tabled at Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Meetings over the past twelve months, where they have been discussed and endorsed either unanimously or by majority.

**3.8 Withdrawal of Entry**

A handler may withdraw their dog before or during judging. ~~However, such an action will also render them to be ineligible to participate any further in Scent Work for the remainder of the day.~~

### *Rationale*

Current Regulation, as worded is felt to be too harsh and does not accommodate dog or handler welfare issues. Handlers should have an expectation to be able to withdraw and re-enter whenever justified.

## ~~5.3 — Judges of Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials~~

### ~~5.3.1 — Container Panel~~

#### ~~5.3.1.1 — Novice Container Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Novice Container Panel may judge Novice Container Scent Work Searches.~~

#### ~~5.3.1.2 — Advanced Container Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Advanced Container Panel may judge Novice and Advanced Container Scent Work Searches.~~

#### ~~5.3.1.3 — Excellent Container Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Excellent Container Panel may judge Novice, Advanced and Excellent Container Scent Work Searches.~~

#### ~~5.3.1.4 — Master Container Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Master Container Panel may judge all levels of Container Scent Work Searches.~~

### ~~5.3.2 — Interior Panel~~

#### ~~5.3.2.1 — Novice Interior Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Novice Interior Panel may judge Novice Interior Scent Work Searches.~~

#### ~~5.3.2.2 — Advanced Interior Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Advanced Interior Panel may judge Novice and Advanced Interior Scent Work Searches.~~

### ~~5.3.3 — Exterior Panel~~

#### ~~5.3.3.1 — Novice Exterior Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Novice Exterior Panel may judge Novice Exterior Scent Work searches.~~

#### ~~5.3.3.2 — Advanced Exterior Panel~~

~~Scent Work Judges on the Advanced Exterior Panel may judge Novice and Advanced Exterior Scent Work Searches.~~

### ~~5.3.4 — Vehicle Panel~~



**~~5.3.4.1 Novice Vehicle Panel~~**

~~Scent Work Judges on the Novice Vehicle Panel may judge Novice Vehicle Scent Work Searches.~~

**~~5.3.4.2 Advanced Vehicle Panel~~**

~~Scent Work Judges on the Advanced Vehicle Panel may judge Novice and Advanced Vehicle Scent Work Searches.~~

**5.3 Judges of Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials**

A Judge appointed on a Specific Scent Work Panel & Class may also Judge the same Class of a lower level.

*Rationale*

Establishing conciseness of current Regulations without altering definition.

**5.6.4 Promotion to the Excellent Panels****5.6.4.1 Criteria**

Applicants for appointment to the Excellent Scent Work Panels must be already listed as being currently eligible to judge ~~all the~~ Advanced Scent Work Classes ~~applied for~~ and have:

a) Had experience in ~~the setting up, assisting and~~ time stewarding for a minimum of ~~five two~~ Excellent Scent Work ~~Trials of the~~ for each Scent Work Class the applicant is applying for.

~~b) Trained for and attained at least three complete Excellent Dogs NZ Scent Detection Certificates in the Panel Class the applicant is applying for.~~

eb) A history of having assisted with Scent Work training at club level.

ec) Carried out two Excellent probationary appointments in the Class applied for under two different Scent Work Judges permitted to Judge at the same level or higher, involving at least 10 dogs, and been the subject of a favourable report to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee by the Scent Work Judge who had supervised in each case.

ed) Passed the appropriate Dogs NZ Scent Work written examination.

fe) Approval from the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee

**5.6.4 Promotion to the Master Panels****5.6.5.1 Criteria**

Applicants for appointment to the Master Scent Work Panels must be listed as being currently eligible to judge ~~all the~~ Excellent Scent Work ~~Classes applied for~~ and have:

a) Had experience ~~in the setting up, assisting and~~ time stewarding for a minimum of ~~five two~~ Master Scent Work ~~Trials of the for each~~ Scent Work Class the applicant is applying for.

~~b) Trained and attained at least three complete Master Dogs NZ Scent Detection Certificates in the Panel Class the applicant is applying for.~~

~~eb~~ A history of having assisted with Scent Work training at club level.

~~ec~~) Carried out two Master probationary appointments in the Class applied for under two different Scent Work Judges permitted to Judge at the same level or higher, involving at least ~~ten~~ dogs, and been the subject of a favourable report to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee by the Scent Work Judge who had supervised in each case.

~~ed~~) Passed the appropriate Dogs NZ Scent Work written examination.

~~fe~~) Approval from the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

### *Rationale*

Removal of an unwarranted criteria. Given the significant amount of practical and theoretical training already required to gain appointment and promotion on the Scent Work Judges Panel, personal performance that might be attributed to personal circumstances beyond one's control or unexpected circumstances, has never been seen as minimizing an applicant's ability to become an outstanding Scent Work Judge.

Maintains a consistency of criteria across all Scent Work Classes and Levels.

### **6.3.3 Scent Work Excellent (SE)**

Any dog having obtained three Class Awards in addition to two Scent Detection Certificates from the remaining Excellent Class may on endorsement by Dogs NZ add the letters **SE** after its name.

#### **6.5.10 Excellent Interior Scent Detection Award**

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Excellent Interior Search, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of EIS after its name.

#### **6.5.11 Excellent Exterior Scent Detection Award**

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Excellent Exterior Search, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of EES after its name.

#### **6.5.12 Excellent Vehicle Scent Detection Award**

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Excellent Vehicle Search, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of EVS after its name.

#### **6.5.13 Master Container Scent Detection Award**

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Master Container Search, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of MCS after its name.

### *Rationale*

Incorporation of Scent Work Excellent Interior, Exterior, Vehicle, and Master Container Classes.

## 7.8 Judging schedule

Participants within a Class shall be run in the order prepared by the hosting Association/Society before commencement of any Qualifying Scent Work Trial. The ~~Call Steward, in consultation with the~~ Scent Work Judge, ~~if required~~, has the discretion to allow a dog to be judged out of sequence at the request of the participant if it is determined that a valid reason exists.

### *Rationale*

A literal enforcement of this Regulation has frequently either been ignored or found to be impracticable. Making a requirement for Scent Work Judge interaction on an as required basis lessens the strain of enforcing an impracticable and difficult Regulation to maintain.

## ~~8. APPROVED SCENT WORK CLASSES~~

### ~~8.1 — Novice Container Search~~

#### ~~8.1.1 — Eligibility for Entry~~

~~8.1.1.1 For dogs that have not gained a Novice Container Scent Work Award.~~

~~8.1.1.2 All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil scent. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organizers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted to compete in a container search.~~

~~8.1.1.3 Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.~~

~~8.1.1.4 Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply~~

#### ~~8.1.2 — Scent Detection Certificate~~

~~To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Novice Container Search.~~

### ~~8.2 — Novice Interior Search~~

#### ~~8.2.1 — Eligibility for Entry~~

~~8.2.1.1 For dogs that have not gained a Novice Interior Scent Work Award.~~

~~8.2.1.2 All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil scent. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted.~~

~~8.2.1.3 Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.~~

~~8.2.1.4 Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.~~

### ~~8.2.2 Scent Detection Certificate~~

~~To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Scent Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Novice Interior Search.~~

## ~~8.3 Novice Exterior Search~~

### ~~8.3.1 Eligibility for Entry~~

~~8.3.1.1 For dogs that have not gained a Novice Exterior Scent Work Award.~~

~~8.3.1.2 All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil scent. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted.~~

~~8.3.1.3 Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.~~

~~8.3.1.4 Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.~~

### ~~8.3.2 Scent Detection Certificate~~

~~To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Novice Exterior Search.~~

## ~~8.4 Novice Vehicle Search~~

### ~~8.4.1 Eligibility for Entry~~

~~8.4.1.1 For dogs that have not gained a Novice Vehicle Scent Work Award.~~

~~8.4.1.2 All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil scent. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted.~~

~~8.4.1.3 Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.~~

~~8.4.1.4 Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.~~

### ~~8.4.2 Scent Detection Certificate~~

To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Novice Vehicle Search.

## **8.5 — Advanced Container Search**

### **8.5.1 — Eligibility for Entry**

**8.5.1.1** For dogs that have gained a Novice Container Scent Work Award but not an Advanced Novice Container Scent Work Award.

**8.5.1.2** All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil and Essential Lemongrass (organic) oils. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted to compete in a container search.

**8.5.1.3** Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

**8.5.1.4** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

### **8.5.2 — Scent Detection Certificate**

To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Advanced Container Search.

## **8.6 — Advanced Interior Search**

### **8.6.1 — Eligibility for Entry**

**8.6.1.1** For dogs that have gained a Novice Interior Scent Work Award but not yet attained an Advanced Interior Scent Work Award.

**8.6.1.2** All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil and Essential Lemongrass (organic) oils. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organizers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted.

**8.6.1.3** Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

**8.6.1.4** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

### **8.6.2 — Scent Detection Certificate**

To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a Successful Advanced Interior Search.

## **8.7 — Advanced Exterior Search**

**8.7.1—Eligibility for Entry**

~~8.7.1.1 For dogs that have gained a Novice Exterior Scent Work Award but not an Advanced Novice Exterior Scent Work Award.~~

~~8.7.1.2 All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil and Essential Lemongrass (organic) oils. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organizers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted.~~

~~8.7.1.3 Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.~~

~~8.7.1.4 Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.~~

**8.7.2—Scent Detection Certificate**

~~To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Advanced Exterior Search.~~

**8.8—Advanced Vehicle Search****8.8.1—Eligibility for Entry**

~~8.8.1.1 For dogs that have gained a Novice Vehicle Scent Work Award but not an Advanced Vehicle Scent Work Award.~~

~~8.8.1.2 All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil and Essential Lemongrass (organic) oils. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organizers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted.~~

~~8.8.1.3 Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.~~

~~8.8.1.4 Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.~~

**8.5.2—Scent Detection Certificate**

~~To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Advanced Vehicle Search.~~

**8.9—Excellent Container Search****8.9.1—Eligibility for Entry**

~~8.9.1.1 For dogs that have gained a Advanced Container Scent Work Award but not an Excellent Container Scent Work Award.~~

~~8.9.1.2 All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil, Essential Lemongrass and Bergamot (organic) oils. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organizers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted.~~

~~8.9.1.3 Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.~~

~~8.9.1.4 Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.~~

### ~~8.9.2—Scent Detection Certificate~~

~~To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Excellent Container Search.~~

### ~~8.10—Prerequisites.~~

~~Teams may not progress in any Class unless appropriate Award for a Class (Regulation 6.5) has been endorsed as having been completed by Dogs New Zealand.~~

### ~~8.11—Must Progress.~~

~~Whenever a higher Scent Work Class Level that has been endorsed by Dogs NZ is available, and for which a participant is eligible, they must enter that Class unless:~~

~~–Eligibility to enter a Scent Work Class Level occurs after midnight of the preceding day specified in the Schedule for the closing of entries.~~

## 8. APPROVED SCENT WORK CLASSES

### 8.1 Eligibility for Entry – All Classes

**8.1.1** All competitors, by entering, attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Oil Odour for the class being entered.

**8.1.2** Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

**8.1.3** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

### 8.2 Specific Class Entry Criteria Prerequisites

**8.2.1** Competitors cannot enter an Advanced, Excellent or Masters Class until they have qualified for the Award for the previous class. E.g. Must have Novice Container Search (NCS) to enable entry to an Advanced Container Search

### 8.3 Scent Detection Certificate

**8.3.1** To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Search.

### 8.4 Must Progress

**8.4.1** Once your dog has achieved an Award in one Class, you are required to enter the next level Class, if available, at a Scent Work Trial

**8.4.2** Eligibility to enter a Scent Work Class Level occurs after midnight of the preceding day specified in the Schedule for the closing of entries.

*Rationale*

Establishing conciseness of current Regulations without altering definition.

**9.6 Timing**

Timing commences when ~~the dog handler or dog~~ passes over a visibly marked start line and concludes when the handler indicates that they believe their dog has found the correct sample, indicated by visual and audible signal to the judge (as per 9.7.3 and 9.8), ~~and a Judge's response (as per 9.7.4) is given.~~

*Rationale*

Clarity and consistency of when timing starts.

Enables the use of electronic timers.

**9.6.3 Re-runs**

If a team chooses to re-run the search, the hide location(s) must be relocated and left to stand for 105 minutes prior to their search.

*Rationale*

Corrects an incorrectly stated time.

**9.8 Finish**

*Rationale*

Grammatical correction.

**9.14.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within ~~three~~ four minutes.

*Rationale*

Correction of an original intent.

**9.18 Excellent Interior Search**

**9.18.1 Start line.**

A visibly marked line will denote the start position.

**9.18.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within five minutes ~~per area~~.



**9.18.3 Teamwork.**

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

**9.18.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.**

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within five minutes per area and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

**9.19 Excellent Exterior Search****9.19.1 Start line.**

A visibly marked line will denote the start position.

**9.19.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within five minutes.

**9.19.3 Teamwork.**

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

**9.19.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.**

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within five minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

**9.20 Excellent Vehicle Search****9.20.1 Start line.**

A visibly marked line will denote the start position.

**9.20.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within five minutes.

**9.20.3 Teamwork.**

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

**9.20.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.**

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within five minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

**9.21 Master Container Search**

**9.21.1 Start line.**

A visibly marked line will denote the start position.

**9.21.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.

**9.21.3 Teamwork.**

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

**9.21.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.**

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

**9.1822 Penalties****9.1822.1 Penalty points may be applied for:**

- . Poor lead handling including unnecessary dropping of the line, detaching the dog from lead when in the opinion of the presiding judge this was unnecessary and tangling of the line.
- . Impeding the dog while it is searching.
- . Placing the dog in an unsafe situation.
- . Handler accidentally touching an object in the search area. No penalty shall apply however if the dog touches the container or article to either seek for or indicate the Target Odour location.
- . Dog knocking over or retrieving a container.
- . Dog picking up and mouthing of the Scent Receptacle
- . Not calling "Alert" or "Finish" after a participant's dog indicates the location of a Target Odour within the time requirements for the Class being judged.

On each occasion a Fault occurs, this shall be recorded as a "Penalty" and used to establish whether a final Qualifying Search has been achieved.

**9.1822.2 A Non-Qualification will be recorded if:**

- ~~• Any handler or dog is found in any of the search areas before their search.~~
- ~~• A dog defecates or urinates in the search area.~~
- ~~• Container or Article is destroyed, and the presiding Scent Work Judge deems it no longer be usable.~~
- ~~• Dog and/or handler leaves the Search Area before completing the search.~~
- ~~• Handler or dog displays aggressive behaviour to others.~~
- ~~• Excessive corrections, including harsh handling are displayed.~~
- An "Alert" or "Finish" is given but Handler is unable to indicate where Target Odour is located.

- An “Alert” or “Finish” is given at the wrong location.
- ~~Any person, other than those authorised to do so, bring Scent Receptacle or Target Odour into the search area.~~
- Handler talks to the presiding Scent Work judge while in the search area, unless responding to a question asked of them by this Judge.
- Team does not complete Search within the designated time.
- Team equipment is non-compliant.
- ~~Either handler or~~ Dog exhibits extreme stress or fear behaviour.
- Handler’s dog is in the opinion of the presiding Scent Work judge believed to be unfit or incapable of participating without evidence to the contrary.
- ~~Handler Team~~ fails to cross over the visibly marked start line.

### 9.1822.3 A disqualification will be recorded if:

- Any handler or dog is found in any of the search areas before their search.
- A dog defecates or urinates in the search area.
- A container is destroyed (i.e., the judge deems the container unusable).
- ~~The dog and/or handler leave the designated work area in any trial before locating and alerting on the Target Odour.~~
- A handler or dog shows aggression to others.
- Excessive corrections are displayed.
- ~~An alert is given but the handler is unable to say where the scent sample is located.~~
- Any person, other than the Judge, introduces scent samples into the search area.
- ~~Handler talks to the judge while in the search area, unless responding to a question asked of them by the Judge.~~
- ~~The dog has not completed the search in the designated time.~~
- ~~Competitor equipment is non-compliant.~~

#### *Rationale*

Removal of repetition in incorrect categories.

Clarity of requirements.

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Excellent Interior, Exterior, Vehicle and Master Container Classes.

#### 9.1923 Harsh Handling

#### 9.2024 Exclusion by Scent Work Judge

#### 9.2125 Handler to Handler Communication

#### 9.2226 Pre-trial Briefing

#### *Rationale*

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Excellent Interior, Exterior, Vehicle and Master Container Classes.

**10.6.2.3** Lines must not be knotted or have clips or buckles other than what required is required to attach the line to the harness or collar.

*Rationale*

Establishes that a line may be attached to a collar or harness during a search, commensurate with current Regulations 3.2.1 and 10.6.1

**10.6.1** Collar or Harness For the duration of the Scent Work Trial, all dogs must always be wearing a harness and/or collar and be on a long line. Any form of slip, electronic, prong or odour emitting collars are strictly prohibited, as is the use of halties.

*Rationale*

Grammatical correction.

**11.5 Master Container Search**

**11.5.1 Equipment**

**11.5.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles, all containers and other equipment used must be provided by the host organisation along with additional containers and equipment should this become necessary for replacements.

**11.5.1.2 Unknown (1-4) Scent Receptacles.** There shall be 1 - 4 Target Odours for each Master Container Scent Work Trial.

**11.5.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas; Lemongrass; Bergamot and/or Clary Sage oils are to be used in Master Container searches.

**11.5.1.4 Not accessible.** Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Target Odour Receptacle.

**11.5.1.5 Scent Receptacle placement.** Target Odour Receptacle may be magnetic or be secured to the inside of a container providing this does not obscure scent holes.

**11.5.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** All Scent Receptacles should be placed in a container no less than 15 minutes before each Search Trial. This also applies if any replacements become necessary. No more than one Scent Receptacle or Distraction may be placed in any singular container.

**11.5.1.7 Containers.** For Master Container Searches, twenty-eight containers of various types and sizes and weighted, but of no less than 1 litre capacity. Identical surplus containers for replacement must also be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated. Whenever cardboard boxes are used, the bottoms of the boxes must have no opening or be taped shut.

**11.5.2 Set-up.**

**11.5.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide, handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.5.2.2 Distractions.** Up to three non-food or food distractions must be placed in separate containers that do not contain a Scent Receptacle.

**11.5.2.3 Scent Work Area surface.** Master container searches must be conducted on a level surface.

**11.5.2.4 Scent Work Area Size.** Minimum of 80m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 10m x 8m).

**11.5.2.5 Container placement.** Containers are placed in a random order with at least 50cm, but no greater than 2m spacing between them, within a regulation scent work area.

**11.5.2.6 Target Containers.** “Hot” Containers (i.e., those containing a Scent Receptacle or distraction) must remain in the same position for all participants during each Trial. However, the presiding Scent Work Judge may move the entire pattern if deemed necessary due to fouling.

### *Rationale*

Incorporation of Scent Work Master Container Class.

## **11.56 Novice Interior Search**

### **11.56.1 Equipment**

**11.56.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles, ~~which must be provided by the presiding Scent Work Judge~~ all props and other equipment used (~~such as Velcro~~) must be provided by the host organisation with additional props should this become necessary for replacements ~~–such as contaminations~~. Presiding Scent Work Judges may also add to the Search Area, props (~~such as furniture, toys, and other objects~~) to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.56.1.2 One Scent Receptacle.** There shall be only one Scent Receptacle for each Novice Interior Scent Work Trial.

**11.56.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil is to be used in Novice Interior Searches. Scent Receptacle is to be constructed **and supplied** by the presiding Scent Work Judge.

**11.56.1.4 Not accessible.** ~~The~~ Handler’s dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Target Odour Receptacle. ~~The Scent Receptacle must be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (scent container), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pin size holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released. Scent Receptacle should not be accessible for the dog to eat or lick.~~

**11.56.1.5 Scent Receptacle placement.** ~~The Scent Target Odour Receptacles container~~ may be magnetic ~~or have magnets attached to~~ or be secured, ~~providing using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure the~~ scent holes are not obscured).

**11.56.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** ~~Scent Target Odour~~ Receptacles may be hidden on, under, or in an Object, ~~or~~ solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area, ~~and must be placed in the desired location~~ no less than 15 minutes before commencement of a Search Trial

**11.56.1.7 Hide placement.** No Scent Receptacle may be placed any higher than 600~~mm~~cm above floor level or in any boundary markers.

## 11.56.2 Set-up.

**11.56.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide, handlers are prohibited from watching the Scent Area being set-up or other handlers undertaking a search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.56.2.2 Distractions.** No intentional distractions are permitted for a Novice Interior Search.

**11.56.2.3 Scent Work Area.** 45 – 70m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 7m x 7m – 8.5m – 8.5m). Interior Search Areas may include an entire or partial area of a room. If a room is not fully utilized, the Search Area boundaries must be clearly defined.

### *Rationale*

Provision of greater clarity and further conciseness.

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Master Container Class.

## 11.67 Advanced Interior Search

### 11.67.1 Equipment

**11.67.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles and Distractions, ~~which must be provided by the presiding Scent Work Judge,~~ all props and other equipment used ~~(such as Velcro)~~ must be provided by the host organization with additional props should this become necessary for replacements such as contaminations. **Presiding** Scent Work Judges may also add to the Search Area, props ~~(such as furniture, toys, and other objects)~~ to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.67.1.2 Two Scent Receptacles.** There shall be two Scent Receptacles ~~complete with Target Odours~~ for each Advanced Interior Scent Work Trial.

**11.67.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) is to be used in Advanced Interior searches. ~~Scent Receptacle is to be constructed and supplied by the presiding Scent Work Judge.~~

**11.67.1.4 Not accessible.** The Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the ~~Scent Aid. The~~ Target Odour ~~must be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal~~

~~container (Scent Receptacle), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pinsize holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released.~~

**11.67.1.5 Scent Receptacle placement.** ~~The Scent Target Odour~~ Receptacle may be magnetic ~~or have magnets attached to it (in the case of steel containers)~~ or be secured, providing by ~~using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure the~~ scent holes are not obscured).

**11.67.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** ~~All Scent Target Odour~~ Receptacles ~~should~~ may be placed in the desired location hidden on, under, or in an object, solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area no less than 15 minutes before commencement ~~each~~ of a Search Trial.

**11.67.1.7 Hide placement.** No Scent Receptacle may be placed higher than 900~~mm~~cm from the Search Area surface ~~or in any boundary markers.~~

## **11.67.2 Set-up.**

**11.67.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide, handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.67.2.2 Scent Work Area Size.** 50 – 90m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 7m x 7m – 9.5m x 9.5m).

~~**11.6.2.3 Container placement.** The presiding Scent Work Judge may choose to move the Scent Container if they deem this to be necessary (for example, a dog having fouled near the Scent Container's location).~~

## *Rationale*

Provision of greater clarity and further conciseness.

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Master Container Class.

## **11.8 Excellent Interior Search**

### **11.8.1 Equipment**

**11.8.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles and Distractions, all props and other equipment used must be provided by the host organization with additional props should this become necessary for replacements such as contaminations. Presiding Scent Work Judges may also add to the Search Area, props to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.8.1.2 Three Scent Receptacles.** There shall be three Scent Receptacles for each Excellent Interior Scent Work Trial.

**11.8.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas; Lemongrass (organic) and/or Bergamot oils is to be used in Excellent Interior searches. Scent Receptacle is to be constructed and supplied by the presiding Scent Work Judge.

**11.8.1.4 Not accessible.** The Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Target Odour.

**11.8.1.5 Scent Receptacle placement.** Target Odour Receptacles may be magnetic or be secured, providing the scent holes are not obscured}.

**11.8.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** Target Odour Receptacles may be hidden on, under, or in an object, solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area no less than 15 minutes before commencement each of a Search Trial.

**11.8.1.7 Hide placement.** No Scent Receptacle may be placed higher than 1.2m from the Search Area surface or in any boundary markers.

## **11.8.2 Set-up.**

**11.8.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide, handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.8.2.2 Scent Work Area Size.** Comprising of one to two areas, total Search Area size is a minimum of 90 m<sup>2</sup>, but not exceeding 130m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 9.5m x 9.5m – 11.5m x 11.5m).

### *Rationale*

Incorporation of Scent Work Excellent Interior Class.

## **11.79 Novice Exterior Search**

### **11.79.1 Equipment**

**11.79.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles, ~~which must be provided by the presiding Scent Work Judge,~~ all props and other equipment used ~~(such as Velcro)~~ must be provided by the host organisation with additional props should this become necessary for replacements – such as contaminations. Presiding Scent Work Judges may also add to the Search Area, props ~~(such as furniture, toys, and other objects)~~ to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.79.1.2 One Scent Receptacle.** There shall be only one ~~Scent Aid~~ Target Odour Receptacle for each Novice Exterior Scent Work Trial.

**11.79.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil is to be used in Novice Exterior Searches. Scent Receptacle is to be constructed ~~and supplied~~ by the presiding Scent Work Judge.

**11.79.1.4 Not accessible.** The Handlers dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Aid. ~~The Scent Aid should be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (scent container), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pinsize holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released. sample should not be accessible for the dog to eat or lick.~~

**11.79.1.5 Scent Receptacle placement.** ~~The Scent Target Odour Receptacle container~~ may be magnetic or ~~have magnets attached to it or~~ be secured, providing using tape or Velcro ~~(provided this action does not obscure~~ scent holes are not obscured}.



**11.79.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** ~~Scent Target Odour~~ Receptacles may be hidden on, under or in an object or solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area, ~~and must be placed in the desired location no~~ less than 15 minutes before commencement of a Search Trial.

**11.79.1.7 Hide placement.** No Scent Receptacle may be placed any higher than 600mm above floor level or in any boundary markers.

## **11.79.2 Set-up.**

**11.79.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the Scent Area being set-up or other handlers undertaking a search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.79.2.2 Distractions.** No intentional distractions are permitted for a Novice Exterior Search.

**11.79.2.3 Scent Work Area.** 45 – 70m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 7m x 7m – 8.5m – 8.5m) Exterior Search Areas may be in a covered area but should have no more than two walls. Search Areas are ~~also~~ required to be clearly defined.

### *Rationale*

Provision of greater clarity and further conciseness.

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Master Container and Excellent Interior Classes.

## **11.810 Advanced Exterior Search**

### **11.810.1 Equipment**

**11.810.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles and Distractions, ~~which must be provided by the presiding Scent Work Judge,~~ all props and other equipment used ~~(such as Velcro)~~ must be provided by the host organization with additional props should this become necessary for replacements such as contaminations. Presiding Scent Work Judges may also add to the Search Area, props ~~(such as furniture, toys, and other objects)~~ to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.810.1.2 Two Scent Receptacles.** There shall be two Scent Receptacles ~~complete with Target Odours~~ for each Advanced Exterior Scent Work Trial.

**11.810.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) is to be used in Advanced Exterior searches. ~~Scent Receptacle is to be constructed and supplied by the presiding Scent Work Judge.~~

**11.810.1.4 Not accessible.** The Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Aid Target Odour. ~~The Target Odour must be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (Scent Receptacle), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pinsize holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released.~~

**11.810.1.5 Scent Receptacle placement.** The Scent Receptacle may be magnetic ~~or have magnets attached to it (in the case of steel containers)~~ or be secured, ~~providing by using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure scent holes).~~

**11.810.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** All Scent Receptacles should be placed in the desired location no less than 15 minutes before each Search Trial.

**11.810.1.7 Hide placement.** No Scent Receptacle may be placed higher than ~~900mcm~~ from the Search Area surface.

## **11.810.2 Set-up.**

**11.810.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.810.2.2 Scent Work Area Size.** 50 – 90m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 7m x 7m – 9.5m x 9.5m). ~~Exterior Search Areas may be in a covered area but should have no more than two walls. Search Areas are required to be clearly defined.~~

~~**11.8.2.3 Container placement.** The presiding Scent Work Judge may choose to move the Scent Container if they deem this to be necessary (for example, a dog having fouled near the Scent Container's location).~~

### *Rationale*

Provision of greater clarity and further conciseness.

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Master Container and Excellent Interior Classes.

## **11.11 Excellent Exterior Search**

### **11.11.1 Equipment**

**11.11.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles and Distractions, all props and other equipment used must be provided by the host organization with additional props should this become necessary for replacements such as contaminations. Presiding Scent Work Judges may also add to the Search Area, props to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.11.1.2 Scent Receptacles.** There shall be up to three Scent Receptacles for each Excellent Exterior Scent Work Trial.

**11.11.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas; Lemongrass (organic) and/or Bergamot oils are to be used in Excellent Exterior searches. Scent Receptacle is to be constructed and supplied by the presiding Scent Work Judge.

**11.11.1.4 Not accessible.** The Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Aid.

**11.11.1.5 Scent Receptacle placement.** The Scent Receptacle may be magnetic or be secured, providing this does not obscure scent holes.

**11.11.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** All Scent Receptacles should be placed in the desired location no less than 15 minutes before each Search Trial.

**11.11.1.7 Hide placement.** No Scent Receptacle may be placed higher than 1.2m from the Search Area surface.

### 11.11.2 Set-up.

**11.11.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.11.2.2 Scent Work Area Size.** 90 – 155m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 9.5m x 9.5m – 12.5m x 12.5m). Exterior Search Areas may be in a covered area but should have no more than two walls. Search Areas are required to be clearly defined.

### Rationale

Incorporation of Scent Work Excellent Exterior Class.

## 11.912 Novice Vehicle Search

### 11.912.1 Equipment

**11.912.1.1. Provision of Vehicles.** Except for Scent Receptacles, ~~which must be provided by the presiding Scent Work Judge,~~ all vehicles used, are to be provided by the host organisation. All vehicles that are to be used must be thoroughly checked prior to a Scent Search Trial for fuel/ oil leaks and fumes, and that they are not hot (from recent use). Neither should they have any sharp or protruding parts that could harm the dog.

**11.912.1.2 Vehicle.** There shall only be one Vehicle for each Novice Vehicle Scent Work Trial.

**11.912.1.3 One Scent Receptacle.** There shall be only one ~~Scent Target Odour~~ Receptacle for each Novice Vehicle Scent Work Trial.

**11.912.1.4 Scent Target Odour.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil is to be used in Novice Vehicle Searches. ~~Scent Receptacles are to be constructed by the presiding judge.~~

**11.912.1.5 Not accessible.** The Handlers dog must not be able to make physical contact with the ~~Scent Receptacle. The Target Odour. should be placed inside a sealed medical lastic or metal container (Scent Receptacle), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pin size holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released. Sample should not be accessible for the dog to eat or lick.~~

**11.912.1.6 Scent Aid Receptacle placement.** The Scent Receptacle may be magnetic ~~or have magnets attached to it~~ or be secured ~~using tape or Velcro (provided this action providing this does not obscure scent holes).~~

**11.912.1.7 Scent Receptacle placement.** Scent Receptacles ~~must~~ may only be placed on the vehicles frame (bumper, seams, and number plate), wheel (hubcaps/spokes), or in the wheel wells of the vehicles. ~~Hides shall NEVER be placed~~ in the interior of a vehicle, or on ~~the its~~

roof or bonnet ~~of the vehicle~~. Neither should it be placed greater than 5 cm under a vehicle or higher than 60cm above ground level.

### 11.912.2 Set-up.

**11.912.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the Scent Area being set-up or other handlers undertaking a search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.912.2.2 Distractions.** No intentional distractions are permitted for a Novice Vehicle Search.

**11.912.2.3 Scent Work Area.** Size of the Search Area will vary, depending upon the number and size of vehicles used. For Search Area designation purposed, the Search Area shall consist of a perimeter of 2m around ~~three the sides~~ of the vehicle(s), and 3.5m from ~~the remaining side (which will function as~~ the Start Line). ~~Vehicles must however be no less than 1.5m, and no greater than 2m apart.~~ Search Area is required to be clearly defined using markers.

#### *Rationale*

Provision of greater clarity and further conciseness.

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Master Container, Excellent Interior and Exterior Classes.

### 11.103 Advanced Vehicle Search

#### 11.103.1 Equipment

**11.103.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles, ~~which must be provided by the presiding Scent Work Judge~~, all vehicles used are to be provided by the host organization. All vehicles being used must be thoroughly checked prior to a Scent Search Trial for fuel/oil leaks and fumes, and that they are not hot (from recent use). Neither should they have any sharp or protruding parts that could cause harm to the dog (or Handler).

**11.103.1.2 Vehicles.** Hosting Association/Society must supply 2 -3 suitable vehicles for each Advanced Vehicle Scent Work Trial.

**11.103.1.3 Two Scent Receptacles.** There shall be two Scent Receptacles complete with Target Odours for each Advanced Vehicle Scent Work Trial.

**11.103.1.4 Target Odour.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) is to be used in Advanced Vehicle searches.

**11.103.1.5 Not accessible.** The Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with ~~the Scent Aid Receptacle~~ the Target Odour. ~~must be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (Scent Receptacle), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pinsize holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released. Sample should not be accessible for the dog to eat or lick.~~

**11.103.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** The Scent Receptacle may be magnetic ~~or have magnets attached to it (in the case of steel containers)~~ or be secured ~~by using tape or Velcro (provided providing~~ this action does not obscure scent holes).

**11.103.1.7 Scent Receptacle placement.** All ~~Scent Target Odour~~ Receptacles should be placed in the desired locations ~~s~~ no less than 15 minutes before each Search Trial.

**11.103.1.8 Scent Receptacle placement.** Scent Receptacles ~~must~~ ~~may~~ only be placed on the vehicles frame (bumper, seams, and number plate), wheel (hubcaps/spokes), or in the wheel wells of the vehicles. ~~Hides shall NEVER be placed~~ in the interior of a vehicle, or on ~~the its~~ roof or bonnet ~~of the vehicle~~. Neither should it be placed greater than 5 cm under a vehicle or higher than 90cm above ground level.

## **11.103.2. Set-up.**

**11.103.2.1- Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.103.2.2- Scent Work Area Size.** 2 m margin around ~~three the~~ combined sides of the vehicles, ~~and with a~~ 3.5m margin from ~~a fourth side to indicate~~ the "Start Line". Vehicles must however be no less than 1.5m, and no greater than 2m apart. Search Area is required to be clearly defined using markers.

**11.103.2.3. Scent Receptacle relocation.** The presiding Scent Work Judge may choose to move the Scent Receptacle ~~or vehicle~~ if they deemed ~~this to be~~ necessary ~~(for example, a dog having fouled near the Scent Receptacle's location)~~.

### *Rationale*

Provision of greater clarity and further conciseness.

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Master Container, Excellent Interior and Exterior Classes.

## **11.14 Excellent Vehicle Search**

### **11.14.1 Equipment**

**11.14.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Receptacles, all vehicles used are to be provided by the host organization. All vehicles being used must be thoroughly checked prior to a Scent Search Trial for fuel/oil leaks and fumes, and that they are not hot (from recent use). Neither should they have any sharp or protruding parts that could cause harm to the dog (or Handler).

**11.14.1.2 Vehicles.** Hosting Association/Society must supply 3-4 suitable vehicles for each Excellent Vehicle Scent Work Trial.

**11.14.1.3 Three Scent Receptacles.** There shall be three Scent Receptacles complete with Target Odours for each Excellent Vehicle Scent Work Trial.

**11.14.1.4 Target Odour.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas; Lemongrass (organic) and/or Bergamot oils are to be used in Excellent Vehicle searches.

**11.14.1.5 Not accessible.** The Handler's dog must not be able to make physical contact with the Target Odour.

**11.14.1.6 Scent Receptacle placement.** The Scent Receptacle may be magnetic or be secured providing this action does not obscure scent holes.

**11.14.1.7 Scent Receptacle placement.** All Target Odour Receptacles should be placed in the desired locations no less than 15 minutes before each Search Trial.

**11.14.1.8 Scent Receptacle placement.** Scent Receptacles may only be placed on the vehicles frame (bumper, seams, and number plate), wheel (hubcaps/spokes), or in the wheel wells of the vehicles. NEVER in the interior of a vehicle, or on its roof or bonnet. Neither should it be placed greater than 5 cm under a vehicle or higher than 90cm above ground level.

#### **11.14.2. Set-up.**

**11.14.2.1 Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.14.2.2 Scent Work Area Size.** 2 m margin around the combined sides of the vehicles. Vehicles must be no less than 1.5m, and no greater than 2m apart. There must be a clearly marked Start Line.

**11.14.2.3 Scent Receptacle relocation.** The presiding Scent Work Judge may choose to move the Scent Receptacle or vehicle if they deemed necessary.

#### *Rationale*

Incorporation of Scent Work Excellent Vehicle Class.

#### **11.145 Stewards**

##### **11.145.1 Hide Steward**

##### **11.145.2 Call Steward**

##### **11.145.3 Time Steward**

##### **11.145.4. Stewards to be Competent**

##### **11.145.85 Stopwatch**

##### **11.126 Distractions**

##### **11.137 Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations**

#### *Rationale*

Reallocation of Regulation numbering to accommodate inclusion of Excellent Interior, Exterior, Vehicle and Master Container Classes.

**MOTION:**

Scent Work Regulation changes to be approved.

Moved: FH; Seconded: CR – Carried

**REGISTRY REGULATIONS SECTION 4: Regulation 24 Litter Registrations Limitations**

Report by Lynley Drummond Chair: Canine Health & Welfare committee

**Proposed Regulation Change: (in Red)**

## SECTION 4

### 24. Litter Registration Limitations

*Adopt new Regulation 24.1*

The New Zealand Kennel Club Litter Registration Limitations (LRL) are a breed health initiative established primarily in conjunction with Club and breed affiliated Membership.

#### 24.1 Establishment of Litter Registration Limitations

- 24.1.1** Litter Registration Limitations apply to all litters of puppies registered in Part I and Part III of the New Zealand Kennel Club Registry. Once in the Registry Regulations, all tests required by the LRL must be completed prior to the registration of puppies of that breed.
- 24.1.2** Proposals for LRL's developed by Clubs or breed affiliated and interested Membership must be sent to the Director Secretary who will forward it to the Canine Health and Welfare Committee (CHWC). The CHWC may initiate LRL's in full consultation with the Membership and Clubs.
- 24.1.3** The CHWC must review and approve a LRL proposal.
- 24.1.4** Once approved the proposed LRL is to be advertised in the NZ Dog World magazine for 2 consecutive *publications*, inviting submissions for proposed amendments.
- 24.1.5** Submission for proposed amendments are to be reviewed by CHWC.
- 24.1.6** CHWC finalises the LRL, any necessary amendments are made in full consultation with the Clubs or breed affiliated and interested Membership who initiated the proposal of changes.
- 24.1.7** Registered financial breed owners and Kennel Names listed for the breed that is subject of the LRL are invited by Dogs NZ to register to vote. Eligibility to vote requires Members to be financial and to currently own a dog of the breed. Kennel names must be current and financial.

- 24.1.8** The final proposed LRL and survey date are published in the next available NZ Dog World magazine and Dog iE news. Dogs NZ distributes a survey of the final proposed LRL to eligible Members and Kennel names. The survey is open to votes for 21 days.
- 24.1.9** Each single eligible Member is afforded a single vote, each single eligible Kennel Name is afforded 10 votes. A minimum of 75% weighted participant agreement is required to accept the LRL and each individual test.
- 24.1.10** Final results must be ratified by the Executive Council. The LRL must be embedded in the Registry Regulations within 4 months of ratification by Executive Council. Members are notified of the ratified *regulations*.
- 24.1.11** Once established, alterations to any Breed LRL requirements must follow the process outlined in 24.1.2 to 24.1.10 and must be made in full consultation with the Clubs and breed affiliated membership.
- 24.1.12** Once established, a Breed LRL may only be withdrawn following notice by Dogs NZ and a vote from the breed membership and Kennel name owners as per 24.1.8 and 24.1.9.

*Renumber following Regulations 24.2 – 24.9*

**Rationale:**

At the February meeting Executive Council discussed the proposed remit for changes to Rule 31 and advised that CH&W committee incorporate them into Registry Regulation 24 together with the approved LRL vote protocols and bring them back to the April Council meeting.

Lynley Drummond spoke to Council regarding the regulation recommendations and there was discussion around the correct wording for Regulations 24.1.4 / 24.1.9.

**MOTION:**

That the proposed Regulations be adopted subject to changes to 24.1.4 / 24.1.9

Moved: FH; Seconded: KM - Carried



**SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES REPORT**

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

**1. Recommendation for Kennel Name Suspension****MOTION:**

That three Kennel Names be suspended for failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1 after receiving the final 28 day late warning.

Moved: CM; Seconded: FH: - Carried

**2. Proposal for Dealing with Transfer of Ownership Complaints**

Executive Council discussed the recommendations regarding the processes for dealing with owner complaints about dogs not being transferred to their name by breeders and clarified the process with the Director Secretary to ensure that such complaints are resolved in a timely manner by Council using their power under Registry Regulation 6.7.

Executive Council also discussed including a pedigree dogs sale option in any new website upgrade so that our website replaces Trade Me as the “go-to” site for public wanting to purchase pedigree dogs.

**DISPUTES UPDATE REPORT**

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

Executive Council held a preliminary hearing on a formal complaint issue and decided that there was a case to answer and it should go to a full Council hearing conducted by Zoom conference.

Report Received

## BCOC FINES & FEES REPORT 2019-2022

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

We have received since FY 2021-22 we have received \$27,654 in income from Breeders Code of Conduct dispensation and fine fees.

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
<b>Dispensation Fees</b>	\$2,523	\$958
<b>BCOC Fines</b>	\$12,869	\$11,304
<b>Total Fees &amp; Fines</b>	\$15,392	\$12,262

Largest single fine for BCOC breach was \$5,869 which resulted from a formal Disputes Committee hearing.

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## OFFICE REPORTS

### DIRECTOR SECRETARY APRIL 2023 REPORT

Report presented by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

#### 1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – FY 2023-24

The Dogs NZ Strategic Plan focuses on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporated into our annual business plans and this report will focus on what initiatives we have underway to achieve our 10 year goals.

#### ***Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs***

##### *Resolution of Lower North Island Indoor Venue Issue*

This is the most important membership/club issue to be resolved in the next 12 months as it will provide an indoor venue option for Club shows in the region. It is also the most important financial decision we will make for the next 10 years as it will free the Dogs NZ balance sheet for further investment in our sports and activities.

Executive Council has three venue proposals developed by the Lower North Island Venue Working Group for their consideration at the April Council meeting.

### *Partnership Programmes*

I hold regular fortnightly progress meetings with our key partners Nestle Purina and PD Insurance to advance the 7 key partnership projects identified on page 16 of the FY2023-24 Business Plan.

We have filed a trade-mark for the logo for the joint PD/Dogs NZ Insurance product which is attached for your information and will be launching a re-fresh Dog-iE news design template in May.



### *NZ Dog World Magazine*

To resolve the issues of increasing costs and delayed posting we have established an editorial committee to assist the Publications Manger. The role of the committee is to drive editorial policy and budget management.

Immediate actions include:

- New content / design / proofing process has been set in place to ensure that we have timely dispatch of the magazine to members.
- Change in printers for June Issue which will result in a \$33k annual cost saving.
- Review current advertising rates (which have not been changed since July 2011)
- Launch campaign to attract new potential advertisings using the Auckland Pet Expo Exhibitor list.

I have yet to do the requested financial scenario work on what a membership fee structure would look like if we had a standard membership with no magazine option and will aim to have this paper for the June Council meeting.

### ***Strategic Priority: Registry Development***

#### *IT scope of Work Update*

With the increase in hours available from Mark Signal we completed the frozen semen automation. Only the awards rebuild remains as a final registry development task.

The key focus currently is completing the Membership/judges automation & incorporation of scent Work / CGC membership systems.

Mark is working with each of staff who interact with the registry and membership system to resolve any final outstanding tasks before we transfer to the new web based interface for all our databases.

### *Show Programme Decision*

A late paper will be presented to Council once Sue Connor, Chris Richardson and I have completed the discussions with the two Australian show programme providers on registry integration and financial models.

***Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training Programmes***

*Proposal to Dog Training Committee*

Purina have agreed to provide additional funding for the Dog Training Support programmes outlined on page 20 of the FY2023-24 Business Plan. The National Office look forward to working with Dog Training Committee to roll out these programmes in the current year.

***Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health***

*Canine Health & Welfare & Registry Projects*

RFG vet training workshops will be held in May and June as we start the roll-out for this important Health Testing Scheme. Rhea Hurley will be attending the NZVA conference in June and will be sharing space with PD Insurance trade stand during the conference.

PD Insurance has also committed to working with us to develop a number of CH&W focused display stand material that we can use for our road shows and workshops.

ST discussed the report with Council. The Show Information booklet in Official Forms / Dog Showing section is to be updated with PD branding.

Report Received: FH; Seconded: CR- Carried

## MEMBERSHIP & CLUBS REPORT

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager)

### Accounts

Club accounts for 2023 will be emailed the first week of April to all clubs.

The Pomeranian Club is still outstanding from last year and I have contacted them again about this. This was the only club who had not paid 2022 account. They will be emailed an account for 2023/2024 year.

### Bay Of Islands Canine Association - Change of Status

Members of the Bay Of Islands Canine Association, at their AGM held on 11 February 2023, voted unanimously to change the status of their club from Affiliated All Breeds to Associated All Breeds. This was for a number of reasons but mostly that the club had limited resources (funds and people) and could not continue to meet all their obligations to Dogs NZ as an affiliated all breeds club.

The AGM voted in officers and committee and have plans to hold an open show at Ardmore with plans for a championship show later in the year.

Note the club hasn't attended ACOD for a number of years and was not intending on sending a delegate this year either.

**Recommendation Approved:** that Executive Council confirm the change of status of Bay Of Islands Canine Association to an Associated club

Moved: CR; Seconded: FH: - Carried

### New Show Dates Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Society, Hawkes Bay Kennel Association, Ruahine Kennel Association

The above three clubs cancelled their championship shows (one each held at the same venue) that were to be held on 25 February 2023 due to Cyclone Gabrielle.

Refunds have been given to all exhibitors who entered and paid.

The clubs are holding a championship show each over the weekend of 15/16 April 2023.

The clubs applied to Dogs NZ for new show dates but there were no weekends available, or if there were, were in the middle of winter. There are no indoor venues available.. They wish to hold one championship show each on 13/14 January 2024 and I have given approval subject to Executive Council confirmation because of the special circumstances. This is outside the normal calendar year for shows (although the calendar year was suspended during COVID to a financial year). There are no other shows being held that weekend in any part of the country.

**Recommendation Approved:** that Executive Council approval these championships shows as a one off situation

Moved: JB; Seconded: LD: - Carried

### **Napier Kennel Centre and Wairoa Kennel Association**

These two clubs were also affected by Cyclone Gabrielle and have been forced to cancel their 2 championship shows each which were to be held on 25/26 March 2023. They have requested other suitable dates in the “warmer” months of 2023. However there are no available dates from September to December 2023.

They hold their shows at the Hawkes Bay Racing Centre, Hastings so are also limited to holding shows when the grounds are not being used for horse racing.

Napier Kennel Centre and Wairoa Kennel Association request that the two clubs be granted special dispensation to hold 4 shows each next year on their usual dates of 23/24 March 2024

**Executive Council** requested clarification on how many shows per weekend (4 v 8?) before final recommend is granted via email vote.

### **German Shepherd National Show 2024**

An application has been received from South Island German Shepherd League, Otago German Shepherd Club and Southland German Shepherd Club to run a German Shepherd National to be held in Christchurch (possibly at their club grounds) on 2/3 November 2024.

They also intend to hold open obedience and agility.

They note that the last German Shepherd National was held in Wellington 12/13 November 2022 and realise that there isn't a 2 years gap between the shows as required by Show Regulations. However the original date for the National in Wellington was Easter 2022 but was posted due to COVID

**Recommendation Approved:** that Executive Council give permission to hold a German Shepherd National in Christchurch 2/3 November 2024

Moved: MH; Seconded: CM: - Carried

### **The Great Dane Club – Change of Status**

Letter received from the President of The Great Dane requesting a change of status from recognised to association. It says

“On behalf of The Great Dane Club I wish to apply to return once again to our Associated status. While our breed numbers were very low we dropped down to a recognized status but following concerted effort from our committee and breeders over the past few years during Covid our numbers have increased significantly to the extent I am quite confident in attracting in excess of 25 Great Danes to a breed specialty show. We recently had decent numbers in Club supported classes at Hamilton Champ Show and have seen our numbers increasing at Ribbon Parades.

We currently have the same officers and committee being:

PRESIDENT: Gary Withers

VICE PRESIDENT: Lyn Coombs

SECRETARY: Gary Withers

TREASURER: Phil Heming

COMMITTEE: Paula Pollard, Cheryl McKenzie, Sarah Wells, Tania Duxfield, Laura Hartley.

I'm sure you will agree that it is good to see a breed make a comeback and the committee of The Great Dane Club would like to encourage those members who are keen to show their dogs by providing a Breed Specialty Championship Show."

**Recommendation Approved:** that Executive Council approves the change of status for The Great Dane to associated

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH: - Carried

### **South Rangitikei Dog Training Club - Update**

Following on from the application received from the club to withdraw their membership to Dogs NZ tabled at the February 2023 Executive Council meeting, Rosemary Cleator, Obedience Central Rep, had advised that she will be meeting with the club at the end of April. Will be discussing the recognition instead of association with Dogs NZ and the possibility of the club holding an SGM.

GC updated Council on the moves being undertaken to ensure that this club continues.

Report Received

### **DOGS ON REPORT APRIL 2023**

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager)

#### **Appeal:**

#### **Athena Of Madhaven 02009-2022 Bull Terrier Owned By S & W Palmer**

This female Bull Terrier was placed on report after it bit the judge at Wanganui Kennel Society's Championship show on 22 January 2023.

Owners were advised of the 2 month standdown period and the requirements for the dog to be shown again.

The owners were given permission to show the dog after they advised that they had been doing socialisation and show training with the dog. The dog also came into heat a week after the show incident at the show which the owner suggested may have caused the behaviour that day.

The dog was entered and shown at North Island Bull Terrier Club's Championship show on 25 March 2023 and was being observed.

The dog was excused from the ring by the judge for growling, backing away whilst the judge was trying to go over her and menacing behaviour.

The owners have been advised that the dog 's records have been endorsed "Not to be shown – On Report" and the dog cannot enter any fixture.

**MOTION:**

That the Dog **Athena Of Madhaven 02009-2022** under goes CGC Foundation training and passes the assessment before being allowed back into the show ring.

Moved: FH; Seconded: GC: - Carried

**Rima OB/9286 Belgian Shepherd X owned by C Walker**

Whilst competing at Mid Canterbury Dog Training Club's Championship Obedience Test on 19 March 2023, this dog broke its stay. It then played in the ring with another dog disturbing all the other dogs. The judge instructed all handlers to return to their dogs however this dog did not return to its owner and was excused.

Dog has been placed on report and required to complete 6 observations appointed by Obedience Committee. Owner has been advised and dog's records noted.

**CH Ponsonby Sparkling Crystal 06498-2020 German Shorthaired Pointer owned by P Gillott**

This female German Shorthaired Pointer was excused from the ring by the judge at Cambridge Kennel Association's Championship show on 1 April 2023. The show incident report advised that whilst the judge was going over the dog that it was a "tad tentative and when going over the forequarters the dog shrank back to the owner and turned her head aggressively towards the judge". The judge advised that she moved out of range and dismissed the dog from the ring.

The owner advises that she showed no aggression at all and that he had mentioned to the judge that she was coming into season and may not her rear being touches.

He says ."Crystal stood solid as the judge went over her front and into her mouth. At that point I had a treat in my hand that Crystal was nibbling on and I had her head in my other hand . When the judge went towards her rear she swivelled her back end away from the judge hitting my legs as I still had her head in no way did she show any aggression. She has been shown by myself since a baby puppy and never once has shown aggression ever."

Owner has been advised that the dog is required to have 7 day stand down, dogs records endorsed and be observed at the next 6 shows.

**Koolrunnings Blazin Trails (Imp-Aust) 2100541665 Alaskan Malamute owned by L Johnson, D Fraser, C Loft & A Hutchby**

This male Alaskan Malamute was excused from ring by the judge at Hamilton Kennel Association's Championship show on 4 March 2023 after the dog growled at the judge when she approached him. The judge requested that the dog be reset up and when she went to go over him she lunged forward. No contact was made.

The owners have been advised of 7 day stand down, dog's records endorsed and that the dog is to be observed at next 6 shows.



**NZ CH & AM GR CH Sundiata's Mwindaji Bcat ATT (Imp-USA) HP54773901 owned by R Cooper & A Kozikowski**

This male Basenji was placed on report after it broke away from its handler outside the ring at Hamilton Kennel Association's Championship show on 4 March 2023 and attacked an Afghan Hound.

The owner of the Afghan Hound advises that the thick coat of the dog meant that the dog was not physically injured however the dog (and the owner) were shaken by the incident.

The dog has been placed on report, suspended from showing for 2 months and will need proof of suitable training or assessment before it can be shown again.

As the dog was being handled by someone other than the owner, the owner has been advised of Show Regulation 19.13.5.7 "All observations must be undertaken by the handler who was involved when the dog was initially placed on report if that person is to handle the dog again in the future."

**Collievale Lordy Howzat 06780-2021 Collie (Rough) owned by N Emmitt**

This male Collie (Rough) has been placed on report after he was excused from the ring by the judge at Auckland Exhibition Centre's Championship show on 4 February 2023.

Owner has been advised, the dog's records endorsed.

**Rubystud Travelling Dixie 2100515560 (Imp-Aust) Miniature Pinscher owned by E Hyde**

This female Miniature Pinscher was excused from the ring by the judge for attempting to bite at Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association's Championship show on 5 February 2023.

Owner has been advised, dog's records endorsed.

**NZ CH Gameguard Heart Of Oak (Imp-Aust) 2100560309 Bullmastiff owned by G & K Warren**

This male Bullmastiff was placed on report after been excused from the ring by the judge at Ashburton Kennel Association's Championship show on 19 February 2023.

Owner has been advised, dog's records endorsed.

**NZ CH Neilros Purple Haze (Imp-Aust) 7100030493 and NZ & AUST CH Neilros First Edition (Imp-Aust) 7100030488 Dalmatians owned by D Gordon-Glassford & A Tabrett**

Following a show incident report from the show manager of North Otago Kennel Association, both of these Dalmatians have been placed on two month stand down after another exhibitor and their dog were walking past on the way to the ring when one of the dogs attacked his dog. The other Dalmatian then joined in. After the dogs were separated the owner of the dogs identified the dogs to the show manager and removed both dogs from the show grounds.

The owner of the Dalmatians has advised that they will meet any veterinary bills arising from this incident as the other dog had a couple of small puncture wounds.

The owner of the dog also had a mark on their leg.

The owners have been advised, dog's records endorsed.

**Mondial Hullabaloo 05895-2022 Japanese Spitz owned by S Howard**

This dog had been placed on report and required a 2 month standdown for growling at and biting the judge at Tauranga Kennel Association's Championship show in October 2022.

Proof that this dog has successfully completed a 6 week puppy obedience course with Manukau Dog Training Club was provided and advice that the dog had taken part in ring training, the dog has now been given permission to enter shows.

The dog was shown at Auckland Kennel Council and North Harbour Kennel Association's Championship shows on 28/29 January 2023 with no problems reported.

However, at Auckland Exhibition Centre's Championship show on 4 February 2023 the judge was unable to mouth the dog, the handler did so and when the judge bent down to view the mouth, the dog growled at the judge. The dog was excused from the ring.

Dog's records have now been endorsed "Not to be shown – On Report" and owner advised.

**Indianoak U Seek U Win (Imp-Aust) JD 4100361726 Border Collie owned by K Morrison**

Two reports have been received regarding the above male Border Collie both from Rotorua Dog Training Club's Championship Agility Event & Championship Jumpers Event held on 2 April 2023.

The first show incident report advised that whilst the dog was running in novice it ran out of the ring straight at another dog competing in the next ring. They both came face to face and the dog backed down and returned to its handler in the other ring. No contact was made between the two dogs. The dog and handler continued their run.

The show manager advises that she was not aware of this incident and had not discussed this with the owner of the dog.

The second incident occurred in the carpark on 2 April 2023 as the owner of the dog were preparing to run. They were practicing a "lead out" behind the owner's car. The owner advises that as the dog was released from the start line box to the toy in front, a fellow exhibitor who had finished competing with her dog walked past with her dog on a lead and her baby who was being pushed in his pram by another exhibitor. The dog rushed the other dog.

Neither dog were injured. The owner of the dog apologised at the time to the owner of the dog and the handler..

The owner advises that she has been working with an animal trainer in the UK and advises "I am very aware that he requires 'management' and I certainly don't want him rehearsing this behaviour. Its not OKAY. In terms of management going forward, unless he's running in the ring he will remain on lead, and in my control, in order to prevent any further unwanted interaction."

The dog has been placed on 2 month stand down, the Agility Committee have been advised and they will be arranging the observations.

### **Underworld Jungle Bells 00887-2023 Basenji owned by S Shanley**

Show Manager of North Canterbury Kennel Association has reported that at their Championship show on 9 April 2023, this female Basenji was withdrawn from competition after it growled and showed aggression towards the judge when the judge was attempting to check its bite.

The judge advised that it was at the lower end of the scale and both the show manager and judge suggested that the dog may have a sore mouth due to teething and that it needed as much hands on from strangers checking the mouth as possible. The puppy was whelped on 25 December 2022 and this was only its second weekend of showing.

Dog's records have been endorsed and owner advised.

Report Received:

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## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW**

Proposal by Dogs NZ Agility Committee

Executive council discussed the request by Agility Committee to change the Terms of Reference for the Canine Health & Welfare Committee Terms of Reference so that it includes the addition of a permanent representative from the Agility Committee (or their representative).

A draft TOR was presented by the Director Secretary which included the following new additions / changes (in red)

- A representative nominated by the Agility Committee and approved by Executive Council
- Up to 4 members selected from Dogs NZ members who have suitable skills and experience in either canine breeding, canine research, animal welfare and veterinary practice.

#### **MOTION:**

That the changes are made to the CH&W Committee TOR to allow a permanent representative nominated by the Agility Committee and up to 4 members selected from Dogs NZ membership be approved and appointments be considered in the Committee Review period in June & July.

Moved: SM; Seconded: CM: - Carried

## CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from Lynley Drummond, Chair

The Canine Health & Welfare Committee met on the 21 March 2023.

The LRL flowchart previously presented to EC (February 2023) was expanded on to include the development of communication and information packs that will better engage and inform owners and breeders, whilst providing clarity around the process and information on the tests proposed. This information will be developed and distributed once LRL proposals are received and accepted by the CHWC. A proposal for a LRL for Bearded Collies, and a request to reinstate the Staffordshire Bull Terrier were accepted by the CHWC.

Following on from the EC recommendation (February 2023), the proposed LRL Regulation changes are presented as a proposal for inclusion in the Regulations.

Recommendation: That the proposed changes to Section 4 of the Regulations; 24 Litter Registration Limitations.

The RFG rollout currently has 3 scheduled workshops to train vets (11 June in Fielding; 18 June in Nelson; 29/30 June in association with the NZVA Conference). All RFG test data will be entered on-line by the vets, and results will be issued by DNZ. This ensures DNZ captures all data (including pet and unregistered dogs) and allows for vet registration and test fees to be fully recovered. A need for further discussion around the cost model was identified. Any system established must fully capture the contractual requirements of the Kennel Club (UK). The KC has developed some very professional leaflets for RFG, CHWC recommend DNZ seek permission to adapt for use in NZ.

The CHWO and Chair attended an IPFD (International Partnership for Dogs: Harmonisation of Genetic Testing for Dogs Project) webinar on Parentage Profiling for Kennel Clubs. Kennel clubs around the world are embracing DNA testing due to ensure in the future their databases are accurate and robust. Currently DNZ only requires Parentage by DNA for puppies registered from litters produced with multiple sires. DNA profiles of sires and dams are the first step in the process. An article for the June NZ Dog World has been provided by CHWC on this topic.

While minimum breed specific health testing requirements are the basis for LRL's, they do not address all breed specific health testing, nor do they recognise excellence in breed knowledge, breeding practises or dog husbandry and welfare. This is where a scheme such as the Accredited Breeders programme has the potential to further promote DNZ breeders. Recognising the current AB scheme is outdated, CHWC are working towards a refreshed and up to date scheme, aiming to have a proposal ready for the July EC meeting.

Executive Council discussed the report and made the following comments:

- That comprehensive IT/cost-fee structure planning is completed for the RFG programme and the objective is capture ALL pet test data, not just pedigree dogs.
- Adapt The kennel Club RFG booklet and include Dogs NZ / PD Insurance branding
- CH&W committee to come back to Council with a Registry Regulation recommendation for DNA profiling for all export dogs.

- Concern was expressed that Massey University was advertising preferred DNA testing supplier when no such agreement was in place. A review of DNA testing supplier relationship is to be undertaken by CH&W committee.

Report Received:  
Moved: LD; Seconded: JB ; - Carried

## **BREED STANDARDS REPORT**

Report from Martin Hewitt, Chair: Breed Standards Committee

### **1. Border Collie**

A request has been received from a member to have the ear section of the breed standard of the Border collie amended to read "Carried erect or semi-erect". Currently the Standard only allows for semi-erect ears.

It is noted that the ANKC Standard, while the same as ours, already had this amendment in place.

#### **Recommendation 1**

That the ear section of the Standard of the Border Collie be amended to read "Carried erect or semi-erect".

#### **Recommendation 2**

Before this change is instigated a notice is placed in the Dog World requesting any comments on this proposed change.

### **MOTION 1**

That the recommendations for the Border Collie Breed standard be approved.

Moved: MH; Seconded; SM- CARRIED

### **2. American Hairless Terrier**

A member is looking to import one of these from Australia and would like to have it approved first.

#### **Recommendation 1**

That the Breed be recognised by Dogs NZ and the ANKC Standard be adopted

#### **Recommendation 2**

That any Disqualifications in the ANKC Standard be replaced as Very Serious Faults.

#### **Recommendation 3**

That breed be placed in the Terrier Group

**Recommendation 4**

That the NZDJA be requested to conduct an Open Book examination for all judges who are qualified to judge the Terrier Group.

**MOTION 2**

That the recommendations for the American Hairless Terrier Breed Standard be approved and a Recommendation 5 be added to develop a set of LRL Regulations for a minimum set of health tests for registration of the breed.

Moved: MH; Seconded; LD -CARRIED

**NDS 2023 REPORT (VERBAL)**

SM presented a verbal update on the planning for NDS 2023 which included:

- The need to have a dedicated NDS email account. ST to set up with Sue Conner.
- The NDS Management Committee WOULD LIKE Membership & Club manager Colleen Begg to attend the show and be based at the Dogs NZ stand so she is available to meet & talk to members.
- The National Office is to provide key dates for schedule, show programme live etc
- Judges announced for the Curtain Raiser show: Sandra Smidt, Nikki Lowe, Polly Wren, Martin Hewitt, Katheryn Lough, Donna Wright
- Dog Training involvement and the potential for Agility demonstrations.
- Update on the live streaming negotiations
- Expressions of interest will be called for the Show Photographer contract.
- What prize sponsorship are PD insurance prepared to offer (ST to discuss with PD)

Report Received:

Moved: SM ; Seconded: JB; - Carried

**FCI SHOW REPORT (VERBAL)**

Executive Council discussed the recent April show and the upcoming August show. KM thanked the National Office staff for their support for the April show. Discussion on the need to schedule an FCI show at Manfeild and the fact that NZDJA should run an FCI show as our membership of FCI benefits our Judges, allowing them to accept a greater range of oversea judging appointments.

The FCI show schedule for 2024 was also discussed.

MOTION:

That the following two club applications be accepted to run an FCI show in 2024:

- Canterbury show in August
- Tauranga show in October

Moved: JB ; Seconded: CR; - Carried

## **AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report presented by Paul Taylor, Chair Agility Committee

### **AC committee Meeting**

This meeting was held in Auckland over 25/26 March 2023.

Agenda items for this meeting included:

- Financial statement for Jan and Feb showed higher than budgeted income and expenses tracking on budget.
- Results from our club health survey analysis which will be used for deciding final conference content.
- Club Conference planning, invitations have been sent to Clubs with a good level of support shown. Chris will have an update of numbers attending at the EC meeting.
- Judges training, all judges have been encouraged to either attend 1 of 2 in person sessions (1 north and 1 South Island venue) or to enrol on a 4-week online training program involving 2 internationally recognised judges trainers. Again Chris will be able to provide an current indication of participants on percentage for judges. This training will form the basis of licence renewals for next January.

### **Both initiatives have been included in the budget for 23/24 FY .**

- Minor regulation on changes were discussed and will be presented in a consolidated document for EC acceptance prior to the next agreed Regula on update.
- Several enhancements to the Website for judges and a new Club page has been developed to group information on together in a single page providing a one stop shop for both these groups.
- Sallie Remon resigned from the Judges Sub Committee and was replaced by Meredith Evans for the remainder of the period, with nominations for the next JSC being taken by 31 August this year.

Approval was granted for a NZDAC fundraising benefit show to be held in May.

The 2024 NZDAC organising committee has been formed and they are working through site identification options prior to requesting approval from AC. Paul Taylor will be the AC liaison person for this event.

The next meeting is scheduled for 13/14 May and will be held in Wellington.

CR updated Council on the progress of the Judges Online Training courses. CR also discussed the Inaugural Agility Club Conference report which had been circulated to Council as a late report.

CR asked if there was the opportunity for any Dogs NZ budget support for the conference and for an expression of interest from Council members who would like to attend the weekend conference. Fiona Hodgson is listed as a guest speaker and Agility would like financial support for one night accommodation for her during the weekend.

**Motion:**

That one night's accommodation at the Airport Gateway Hotel and the change to airfares for Fiona Hodgson be paid from the Executive Council Meeting Budget.

Moved; CM, Seconded; LD - CARRIED

Report received; Moved: CR Seconded; FH - CARRIED

## **DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report presented by Geoff Collins (GC)

### **Dog Obedience Committee Meetings**

A meeting was held via Zoom on 30 March 2023. The next meeting will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June (after ACOD). This meeting will be held at the Kordia offices in Lambton Quay to avoid the cost of a meeting room at the Copthorne Hotel.

#### **1. Train the Trainers and CANZ trainer Accreditation**

I had a meeting with Stephen Thompson in late March to discuss the next steps towards training instructor accreditation of Dogs NZ with Companion Animals NZ allowing us to accredit Dogs NZ club instructors under the scheme. The main steps are:

- Develop an agreed programme for training the trainers.
- Call for nominations for trainers from interested parties or select suitable people if already identified - could be two people one academic, one practical
- Develop a schedule of train the trainers seminars along with a budget. Each year maybe do one in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin plus Rotorua/Taupo or Nelson/Blenheim alternating every second year (so five each year). The plan is to start later this year.
- Get buy-in from clubs to share databases of domestic class members
- Develop a code of ethical conduct that accords with the CANZ one
- Develop Dogs NZ dog training standards and qualifications in line with CANZ standard for Animal Training Instructor
- Develop process to accredit Dogs NZ members including signing up to Code of Ethics
- Apply to CANZ for Dogs NZ to become an accredited organisation

We plan to make use of the work that the Dog Trainers Association of NZ (DTANZ) have already done in developing a code of conduct and training standards. We would potentially look at applying for DTANZ to become a recognised Dogs NZ society.

Some money has been allocated to start the train the trainers programme in the coming financial year and we have commitment from Purina to assist with dog training packs etc.

#### **2. Judge Appointments and Promotions**

The following person has been approved for promotion on the judges panels by the DTC:



- Promotion of Peri Spence from the Rally-O Novice to the Rally-O Advanced panel
- Promotion of Karen Turner to Advance Rally-O
- Promotion of Tony McClelland to Excellent Rally-O
- Promotion of Mary McNutty to Beginner Novice Rally-O

All have met the requirements and been approved by DTC.

Moved; BH, Seconded; CM - CARRIED

### **3. Election of Dog Training Chairperson and Region Representatives and Rally-O Representatives**

The two-year terms for these positions end in May so nominations have been called for. The Central Region deputy region representative position is vacant as Rosemary Cleator has moved up to region representative after I moved up to chairperson, so nominations are also being called for this position. The terms for the three deputy region representatives go until May 2024.

Nominations for the Northern and Southern representatives on the Rally-O subcommittee have also been called for.

### **4. Obedience Working Group**

This group is being formed to focus on growing and enhancing competition obedience. We hope to roll out a standardised Elementary competition as well as new competition classes that can be run in conjunction with a normal championship Obedience or Rally-O show. This will be done as a trial initially (as special classes) before adding these to the regulations.

### **5. April Voting Round**

The items from February Dog Training discussion round (as listed in the February DTC report) have now gone out for voting in the April 2023 voting round. This includes the proposal to shift the date of the NDTA from Labour Weekend to early May (which was proposed by a couple of South Island clubs).

### **6. National Dog Training Assembly**

Contracts for judges and stewards have mostly been sent out. We are now planning to hold a Scentwork trial on the Friday morning of Labour weekend at the venue in Levin.

### **7. National Dog Show 2023**

We have been assigned a ring at Ardmore on the Wednesday of National week (4 October). We plan to hold the following classes/tests involving the top 15 dogs selected based on recent results:

- Novice Obedience
- Test B Obedience
- Test C Obedience
- Rally-O Advanced
- Rally-O Excellent

Karen Browning has agreed to be the Obedience show manager. We have invited judges for the above tests, but no contracts have been sent out yet.

We will need dispensation from the Executive Council to run an invitational show with only three classes rather a full, open-entry championship show. Test C would not be eligible for challenge certificates, but it is unclear whether the Rally-O qualifying certificates can be awarded. Rally-O is a qualifying event and not dependent on placings (and therefore not affected by number of dogs entered).

We also hope to hold a full championship Obedience (and maybe Rally-O) show on the final weekend of the National week (perhaps Saturday morning plus Sunday) to make it more attractive for people to travel up to Auckland for the National. We want to know if this would be allowed.

**8. Levies and the new DTC bank account**

I had a meeting with Stephen and Clive in late March and it was agreed to start paying levies from Obedience, Rally-O and Working Trials events into the new Dog Training Committee bank account starting in April. This will give us a small source of income which we can budget for use for supporting and promoting dog training activities.

**9. Flyers**

We plan to develop some flyers promoting Obedience, Rally-O and Working Trials. We have copies of flyers produced by The Kennel Club which were picked up at Crufts this year and can be used a guide for our own flyers.

**10. General Business**

In the Dog Training report to the February 2023 Executive Council meeting, the case of a judge holding a flight credit for a Dog Training show that had been cancelled was mentioned. Further investigation revealed that the judge, while choosing not to refund the club for the flight they were unlikely to be able to use the credit for, did provide the necessary information for the club to claim the flight credit at the time in early October 2022. However, the Club did not claim the flight credit until March 2023 due to uncertainty on whether this was possible. Therefore, the issue was resolved by the judge in a timely manner and needn't have gone any further.

GC discussed the report, asked for the insertion of the Judge Flight Credit clarification and briefed Council on the outcome of the recent Dog Training elections.

GC discussed the involvement of Dog Training in NDS 2023 and proposed two motions:

**MOTION 1:**

Approval for Dog Training to have an invitation show that does not issue wins or challenges at NDS 2023.

Moved; CR, Seconded; FH - CARRIED

**MOTION 2:**

Approval to allow a club to run a Dog Training Championship show on NDS 2023 weekend in the Auckland region.

Moved; GC, Seconded; SM - CARRIED

Report Received:  
Moved: GC ; Seconded: CR ; - Carried

**CAININE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report from Arend van de Bos: Dogs NZ CGC Chairperson

### **Dogs NZ CGC Committee meeting**

Since the last EC report, Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings via Zoom were held on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Next two meetings Dogs CGC Committee meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### **CGC Manual**

As requested, the Dogs NZ Director/Secretary has placed announcements in the DOG-iE News that the CGC Manual has been revised and became effective from 1 January 2023.

A drafting of the “Café Exercise” intended to be placed in the revised CGC Manual has been completed and approved by the Dogs NZ CGC Committee. A copy of the final version of this Exercise, for all three intended levels, is to be presented in the Regulations Section of the April EC Meeting Agenda for endorsement.

### **CGC Assessment Fee Increase**

Acknowledgement (and appreciation) is made of the Dogs NZ EC’s willingness to revise the proposed increase of \$10.00 for CGC Assessments to \$5.00, with the possibility of another increase being made the following year to absorb actual costs.

### **Annual CGC Assessor License Fee**

Appreciation is given for the EC’s willingness to endorse the institution of an annual Dogs NZ CGC Assessor license fee of \$10.00. Other than assisting in the offsetting of CGC related costs, this will also enable a considerably more accurate register of current and available Dogs NZ CGC Assessors.

To accommodate any Dogs NZ CGC Assessors who wish to remain listed while taking a period of leave from CGC Assessing, a form is to be developed for this purpose.

### **CGC/CGB Assessor Membership Cards**

A proposal had been submitted to the Dogs NZ CGC Committee to establish membership cards to allow CGC/CGB Assessors to indicate their current status as an Assessor.

While there was an initial unanimous agreement of this concept, it was felt at the last CGC Committee meeting that it might now become superfluous given that Dogs NZ were themselves now considering changes to membership identification. A proposal to have unique CGC/CGB identity cards has therefore been withdrawn for the present.

### **CGC Webpage Reconstruction**

The CGC Webpage continues to undergo development with the very appreciative assistance of Sue Connor and Suzy Moreno. Since the last CGC Committee Report, the following two actions have occurred since the last CGC Report:

- A listing of who is on the Dogs NZ CGC Committee
- Following the establishment of a CGC Basic Assessor register, a listing of these has been added.

Currently under action is:

- Assessment Day notifications.
- Acknowledgement of CGC Basic Qualifiers.

### **Online Examinations**

Currently, the Dogs NZ CGC Committee is investigating the ability to enable CGC Assessors and CGC Candidates to utilize an online examination programme. A considerable amount of work has already been done to enable this to occur, so it is hoped to be able to implement in the very near future. Its concept has already garnered considerable positive (and no negative) feedback.

### **Urban Program**

Following considerable support for the concept of an Urban Program, discussed at the recent Domestic Dog Conference, a program is being currently being constructed by two of the CGC Committee members. Once established (and endorsed), it is intended for this program to run in unity with the current Dogs NZ CGC program.

### **Applications and Appointments**

One application, (Kat Thorstrand) to be a registered CGB Assessor was received and approved.

Moved; CM, Seconded; MH - CARRIED

Report Received:  
Moved: SM; Seconded: CM; - Carried

## **SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report from Arend van de Bos, Chair Scent Work Committee

### **1. Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee**

Since the last Dogs NZ Scent Work report, there have been three Scent Work Committee meetings, conducted through "Zoom," on February 15<sup>th</sup>, and March 5<sup>th</sup>, and face to face on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The next two scheduled meetings are April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **2. Scent Work Committee Administration**

In light of a new registration programme being established by Dogs NZ at the end of this year, which encompasses entering online, the matter of allocating permanent numbers for those participating in Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials has been deferred until the new registration process has been established.

Several Scent Work Webpage adjustments have been implemented.

### **3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations**

In line with a request by the Dogs NZ EC, proposed Regulation submissions have been restricted to their April and November meetings.

Also in line with the now well established programme to introduce Scent Work Classes on an annual basis (which has been very enthusiastically endorsed by the Scent Work Committee and participants alike), with an effective date of 1<sup>st</sup> June each year, a considerable number of new Scent Work Regulations to accommodate this are presented to the April EC meeting. This year will be the penultimate year for this

occurrence.

Those Regulations associated with the introduction of the Excellent Interior; Exterior and Vehicle Class Searches, as well as Master Container Search was also presented for discussion at the 2023 Annual Dogs NZ Scent work Judges Conference and endorsed after some minor alterations, which in turn was endorsed by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee on the day following the conference.

Contemporizing of the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations remains an ongoing project and some of this is reflected in the Scent Work Regulations being submitted on this occasion for EC endorsement.

#### **4. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges.**

Having fulfilled all pre-requisite criteria for a first appointment onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges panel, and received approval from the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, endorsement for the following is requested:

- Jim Wyeth (Master Container; Excellent Interior; Exterior, and Vehicle).
- Shiree Brockie (Master Container; Excellent Interior; Exterior, and Vehicle).
- Jo Searle (Master Container; Excellent Interior; Exterior, and Vehicle).
- Arend van den Bos (Master Container; Excellent Interior; Exterior, and Vehicle).
- Lyn Clearwater (Master Container; Excellent Interior; Exterior, and Vehicle).
- Karen Magorian (Excellent Container; Interior; Exterior, and Vehicle).
- Jo Miller (Advanced Container)
- Karen Parnell (Novice Container)
- Debra Wilson (Novice Container and Novice Interior)
- Jacqueline Lewis (Novice Vehicle)
- Rachel Rait (Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle)

#### **MOTION:**

Executive Council endorse the promotion of the above judges to the classes and levels outlined, declines the one promotion which would see a judge skip a level, and write to the Chair that all future promotion require examinations prior to being put to Executive Council for ratification.

Moved; FH, Seconded; CR - CARRIED

#### **5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.**

After the last Scent Work report being submitted to the Dogs NZ EC, applications to host a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial have been received from:

- North Shore & Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Clubs (15 – 16 April 2023).
- North Shore & Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Clubs (7 – 8 October 2023).
- Nelson Districts Kennel Association (30 November/1 December 2023).

#### **6. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.**

Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register indicates a roll of 508 of which 80% are current Dogs NZ Members.

Report Received:

## **NZDJA COMMITTEE**

Executive Council discussed the issue of Open Book Breed Exams and the consequences of Judges not completing them which is to be raised at the NZDJA conference.

The resignation of NZDJA chair Ray Greer due to ill-health was noted and ST is to send a letter on behalf of Council thanking Ray for his work as Chair and wishing him well for his medical treatment.

MOTION:

That E.C. ratify Barry Black to Aspire to the Ribbon parade panel

Moved: CM; Seconded: KM; - Carried

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you letters re cyclone funding support.

- M& J Lindsay
- Central Hawkes Bay kennel Club (the beautiful calligraphy was much commented upon)

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS/CHAIRPERSON SUM UP/EVALUATION OF MEETING/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

MOTION:

That Dogs NZ donate \$5,000 to the Cyclone Gabrielle Fundraiser

Moved: FH; Seconded: KM; - Carried

Request from Cambridge KA to host a Benefit Show in December 2023 was refused and the Club is to submit application in the June – July benefit show round.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023**

Next Meeting

23 June: Copthorne Hotel (Wellington)

2023 Dates:

- 22 July (Zoom)
- 16-17 September (Auckland)
- 25-26 November (Wellington)

BH closed the meeting at 1.45pm on 30 April 2023.