

STANHOPE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

181st ANNUAL SHOW

SCHEDULE OF 5 CLASS OPEN OBEDIENCE SHOW

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

Saturday 9th September 2023

at

Unthank Park, Stanhope, Co. Durham DL13 2PQ

Show opens: 8.30am

Judging: 9.30am PROMPT

Show closes half an hour after completion of judging.

There will be a general lunch break between 12-1.30pm.

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

HON. VETERINARY SURGEON

D. Hodgson, Congarth Hill, Stanhope (01388 528349)

All costs to be paid by the owner of the dog being treated.

CHIEF STEWARD: MOIRA JOBLING

ENTRY FEES

£6.50 per dog per class. NFC FREE.

PLEASE NOTE: 1 pass per competitor.

Pre-paid catalogues £2.00

Extra passes £7.00

Cheques made payable to;

STANHOPE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MUST be included with entries.

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF POSTAGE A STAMP
ADDRESSED ENVELOPE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRIES
OR PASSES WILL NOT BE SENT.

ENTRIES CLOSE

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST 2023

Last qualifying date:

Wednesday 16th August 2023

ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO

Mrs M. Jobling,
23, West View, Wideopen,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE13 6EG

Tel: 0191 2366090

Mobile: 07989199365

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

DOGS MAY ENTER 2 CLASSES FOR WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SHOW

	CLASS	JUDGE
1	Beginners	Lesley Thompson
2	Novice	Pauline Mallon
3	Class A	Anne Sanderson
4	Class B	Jackie Muir
5	Class C	Rachael Cudworth

OVERALL RESERVE: Margaret Harvey

ROSETTES and PRIZE CARDS: 1st to 6th in ALL classes.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st £10.00, 2nd £5.00.

LOTTERY TICKETS: 3rd to 6th.

KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Awarded to all competitors in Class 1 ONLY who complete ALL exercises and who lose 10 points or less.

It is the competitors' responsibility to collect their certificate from the judge on the day.

Limited spaces for overnight caravans are available.

(£25.00 for weekend).



DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

- 1 In the following Definitions of Classes first prize wins in limited show obedience classes and open shows confined to one breed do not count for entry in open and championship show obedience classes but do count for eligibility at limited obedience shows or open shows confined to one breed.
- 2 A dog not qualified to enter championship class C must be entered in the lowest available class for which it is eligible and may also be entered in another class if desired plus one additional class at the society's discretion. Only qualified dogs may be entered in championship class C and these dogs may also enter open class C and one additional class at the society's discretion. (Note the qualification for championship class C and Obedience Warrant).
Exemptions from this regulation are: -
A dog entered in a Good Citizen Dog Scheme Special Pre-Beginner Obedience Stakes Class or
A dog entered into a Young Kennel Club (YKC) obedience class which may also be entered in a maximum of two other scheduled classes (including YKC classes) for which it is eligible or.
A dog only entered in a special class (or classes) provided such a class (or classes) are defined in the schedule. Such entries must be made in line with the show's closing date for entries.
- 3 Societies may schedule classes other than those defined below. The eligibility for "special" classes must be defined by the society and included in the schedule. The word "special" must be included in the title of the class.

KCGCDS Special Pre-Beginner Ob Stakes	To compete in this special class a handler or dog must not have won a 1 st prize in pre-beginners nor gained a 3 rd place or above in any other standard obedience class. Exhibits must have obtained a minimum of their Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bronze Award prior to the closing date of the show.
Introductory	To compete in the introductory class a handler or dog must not have gained a 1 st place in any obedience class and have not elected to progress on points from Introductory.
Pre-Beginners	To compete in pre-beginners a handler or dog must not have won two 1 st prizes in either pre-beginners or beginners nor gained a 3 rd place or above in any other obedience class, (Introductory Class excepted) and have not elected to progress on points from Pre-Beginners.
Beginners	To compete in beginners a handler or dog must not have won a total of two or more 1 st prizes in Beginners class, or one 1 st prize in any other obedience class, (Introductory Class and Pre-Beginners excepted) and have not elected to progress on points from Beginners.
Novice	For dogs which have not won two 1 st prizes in obedience classes. (Introductory class, pre-beginners, beginners and excepted) and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Novice.
Class A	For dogs which have not won three 1 st prizes in class A, B and open class C in total and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Class A.
Class B	For dogs which have not won three 1 st prizes in class B and open class C in total and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Class B.
Multi-Choice Class	Open to all dogs and handlers.
Open Class C	At open and premier shows, and in the open C classes held at championship shows, open to all dogs.
CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS C	For championship class C at championship shows, dogs must have won out of novice, class A and class B, or have progressed on points from those classes, and have won open class C on one occasion and have been placed not lower than 3 rd on three further occasions, all open class C places and wins must have been won under different judges at Kennel Club licensed shows.

PROGRESSION ON WINS.

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

PROGRESSION ON POINTS.

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

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

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

Points required for progression on points are as follows:

1. 10 points required for progression from Introductory.
2. 20 points required for progression from Pre-Beginners.
3. 20 points required for progression from Beginners.
4. 20 points required for progression from Novice.
5. 30 points required for progression from Class A.
6. 30 points required for progression from Class B.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed obedience shows must be registered at The Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club authority to compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an authority to compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. Only dogs of 6 calendar months of age and over are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed obedience shows.
4. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
5. Organisers of open obedience shows may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard or special class, and may decline entries received after the capping level has been reached. State if specific classes are to be capped and the capping limit. The capping level must be set at a minimum of 35 entries received. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set.
6. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 4 calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their full details recorded on the entry form.
7. Running orders for each class will be available online at www.obedienceuk and may be sent by e-mail to relevant competitors unless a competitor has clearly stated that they wish to receive their running order by post.
8. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
9. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition i.e. 16.08.23 shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next class at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary of the show processor at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog should then be moved into the appropriate class(es). The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower class. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next class, the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
10. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the Society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope submitted within 1 month of the show date.
11. a) In classes without a full running order dogs will be received until one hour after the commencement of judging (10.30 am) after which no dogs may be received except under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances and by special permission of the show management.
b) Where dogs are entered solely in classes with a full running order, they will be received at any time, except that in championship class C, this must not be later than 12 noon. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
12. For the duration of the show all dogs, including those in the exercise area, must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
13. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
14. The dog should be led into the ring for judging with a smooth collar or, half-check collar, with lead attached (unless otherwise directed) and should be at the handler's side.
15. **ANIMALS ALLOWED IN EVENT** - No animal other than the one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board. However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.
16. Following a discussion between the chief steward and the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Show if it is:
 - a) A bitch which is in season.
 - b) Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
 - c) Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
 - d) Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
 - e) Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to The Kennel Club.
17. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.
18. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.
19. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
20. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
21. Should circumstances so dictate the society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to The Kennel Club.
22. **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS** - Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
23. **WELFARE OF DOGS** - A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation maybe referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club rules and regulations. The use of pinch collars, electric shock collars or prong collars, is not permitted at any obedience show licensed by The Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the show.
24. Food and/or toys shall not be carried or given to a dog under test except in introductory class where silent toy and food rewards may be used between and after exercises and in a special class if specified in the class definition. Competitors must not distract other dogs when rewarding their dog with food, toy or play. (Refer to Obedience Code of Conduct).