# SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY



## SCHEDULE OF OPEN WORKING TRIAL

Held under the Rules & Regulations of the Kennel Club '1' & of Surrey Dog Training Society and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited.

# 23rd – 25th FEBRUARY 2024 Oakwood Hill Village Hall, Surrey. RH5 5PU.

ENTRY FEE £26.00 (Members £23) Cheques payable to SDTS Working Trials ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 Entries with fees & SAE for report time to:

Christine Brooks, Cobleigh, Sheets Heath Lane, Brookwood, Surrey. GU24 0EL.

The officers and committee members of the society holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the trial 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 I 31. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the trial and that this is a binding undertaking.

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1.Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Working Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- 2. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
- 3.All dog's resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority Compete Number before entry to the event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
- 4.The order of running will be determined by a draw and the competitors notified accordingly by post of their reporting time prior to the day of the trial.
- 5. Dogs under eighteen calendar months of age on the closing date for entries are ineligible for entry. Not for competition entries are not accepted.
- 6.Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete at the trial
- 7.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. In the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting in the cancellation of the trial, entry fees will be returned, less reasonably incurred expenses, within 3 months of the trial date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within one month of the trial date.
- 8. Judges at a trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in ownership or part ownership. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family or a resident at the same at the same address as the scheduled judge 9. If entries in the Companion Dog (CD) Stake exceed 20, a second judge may be appointed to judge the Group III exercises and the competitors notified accordingly.
- 10.OWNERS' LIABILITY Owners must accept full responsibility for any injury to persons or property caused by their dog(s) and entries are accepted on the basis of owners indemnifying the Society and its Officers against all claims in respect thereof.
- 11.Individuals enter themselves and their dogs and compete at their own risk.
- 12.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 a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action ,default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars is not permitted at any Working Trials event licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the trial.
- 13.One close-fitting smooth collar must be worn, providing the only attachment is a form of identification. Dogs must not wear any type of slip or half-slip collar when under test.

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

The Kennel Club offers the following guidance regarding dogs travelling to and whilst at Kennel Club licensed events:

- When travelling to a show please consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
- Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free-flowing air around the dog.
- Keep the dog in the shade –take your own shade, for example, a large umbrella, and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well-hydrated.
- Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

#### **CLASSIFICATION & DEFINITION OF STAKES**

- 1. When entering for Championship or Open Working Trials, wins at Members' Working Trials will not count.
- 2. Societies may schedule stakes other than those defined below. The eligibility for 'special' stakes must be defined by the society and included in the schedule. The word 'special' must be included in the title of the stake.
- 3. No Working Trial Stake shall be limited to less than 30 dogs. If a limit is imposed on entries in a stake, it shall be carried out by ballot after the date of closing of entries.

#### **INTRODUCTORY STAKE**

For dogs which have not qualified C.D. Excellent or U.D. Excellent.

Dogs in this stake may also enter the C.D. Stake.

#### **COMPANION DOG (C.D.)STAKE**

For dogs which have not qualified or obtained a Certificate of Merit in W.D., T.D., or P.D. Stakes at Open or Championship Trials.

## **UTILITY DOG (U.D.) STAKE**

For dogs which have not been awarded a Certificate of Merit in W.D., P.D. or T.D. Stakes.

## WORKING DOG (W.D.) STAKE

For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in U.D. Stakes but not in P.D. or T.D. Stakes.

## TRACKING DOG (T.D.) STAKE

For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in W.D. Stakes but excluding dogs which have qualified T.D. Excellent.

## PATROL DOG (P.D.) STAKE

For dogs which have qualified W.D. Excellent but excluding dogs which have qualified P.D. Excellent at a championship trial.