

MID-DOWNS DOG AGILITY CLUB OPEN AGILITY SHOW

(held under Kennel Club Rules
& Regulations H & H(1) and
licensed by the Kennel Club Limited)



THE ABERGAVENNY BUILDING
SOUTH OF ENGLAND CENTRE
ARDINGLY
WEST SUSSEX
RH17 6TL



SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2017

LARGE GRADE 3

MEDIUM GRADES 4,5,6,7

**Agility
Shows Online**



SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2017

LARGE GRADES 4,5,6,7

South of England Showground, Ardingly - in conjunction with the
SOUTH OF ENGLAND AUTUMN SHOW AND GAME SHOW

The Showground ▪ Selsfield Road ▪ Ardingly ▪ Haywards Heath ▪ West Sussex ▪ RH17 6TL

Please note, this Agility Competition is being held in the precincts of a Game Show – there is likely to be some gunfire. Please note that the car parking arrangements are open to the general public

SHOW OPENS 8.00 am - BRIEFING 8.15 am - JUDGING 8.30 am

JUDGES: Kevin Steggell ▪ Pete Heffer ▪ Amanda Rodgers

Reserve Judge: Tricia Shapland

ENTRIES CLOSE **Saturday 9th September 2017** (FIRST CLASS POSTMARK)

ENTRY FEES - £10.00* FOR 3 CLASSES (per dog) (and entry into the Autumn and Game show)
All Classes for which the dog is eligible must be entered
NFC: Free

All Entries to:-

Mid-Downs DAC
c/o Agility Aid,
30 Groveside, Henlow
Bedfordshire, SG16 6AP

Entry enquires and Grade changes: 07591 715317
Email: enquiries@agilityaid.co.uk

Show Secretary:-

Karen Finch
6 New Road
Smallfield
Horley
RH6 9QN

Tel: 0134 2844061 Email: md_dac@outlook.com

Online entries: www.agilityshows.online

Competition Manager – Barrie Harvey

Guarantors to the Kennel Club:

Club Chairman: Barrie Harvey ▪ The Driftway, BN44 3JX

Club Secretary: Christine Lovett ▪ 11, RH10 7EF ▪ Telephone: 01293 882703

Club Treasurer: John O'Reily ▪ 30, RH11 8AP

VET ON CALL: Oathall Veterinary Group – 30 Oathall Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3EQ
Tel: 01444 440224

THERE WILL BE NO MEASURERS AT THIS SHOW



*** Equipment supplied by JDA, all contact equipment will be rubber coated ***

CLASSES SATURDAY, 30th September 2017

		LHO	
1	Large – Agility Grade 3	✓	Kevin Steggell
2	Large – Jumping Grade 3	✓	Kevin Steggell
3	Large – Jumping Grade 3 **	✓	Amanda Rodgers
4	Medium – Agility Graded 4,5,6,7	✓	Kevin Steggell
5	Medium – Jumping Graded 4,5,6,7	✓	Amanda Rodgers
6	Medium – Jumping Combined 4-7 **	✓	Amanda Rodgers

All Agility Classes kindly sponsored by Kevin Steggell

CLASSES SUNDAY, 1st October 2017

		LHO	
7	Large – Jumping Combined 4-7 **	✓	Pete Heffer
8	Large – Jumping Graded 4,5,6,7	✓	Pete Heffer
9	Large – Agility Graded 4,5,6,7	✓	Pete Heffer

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Please note that judges are subject to change.

Lower Height Option (LHO) Available – awards for classes will be combined apart from classes 3, 6 & 7 (), where awards will be split.**

Dogs can ONLY be entered at the same height for the whole show.

A PAY-ON-THE-DAY CLASS AND/OR A PRACTICE RING MAY BE HELD IF ENTRIES, TIME AND/OR WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMIT

**ENTRY FEES - £10.00* FOR 3 CLASSES (and entry into the Autumn and Game show)
All Classes for which the dog is eligible must be entered**

PRIZES

TROPHIES: 1st Place Only

ROSETTES to approximately 10% of entries in all classes

Clear Round rosettes in all classes

ALL ROSETTES AND PRIZES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE DAY

Height Classification of Dogs in

Small: Dogs measuring 35cm or under at the withers.

Medium: Dogs measuring over 35cm & 43cm or under at the withers.

Large: Dogs measuring over 43 cm at the withers.

****Your £10.00 entry fee includes admission to the Autumn Show for the handler only***

It is our intention to have one ring.

Entry to the Showground will be by TICKET supplied by the South of England Society. One ticket will be supplied for each handler. **Further tickets must be purchased at the gate for other members of your party** - Adult £10.00, Child £5.00, Family £25.00. Reduced rates for Seniors and Students (£8.00).

In case of cancellation of the show within seven days of the show date, notification will be sent to the relevant web sites and posted on applicable facebook groups where possible. It will be the competitor's responsibility to check with these services if continuation of the show is in doubt.

Welfare of dogs

A competitor whose dog attends or is entered at a Kennel Club Licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Dogs in hot cars

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left 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.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE on the Showground
(We regret overnight camping on the Show site is not possible)

Eligibility For Classes

In the following definitions of classes First Prizes or other prize wins are those gained in standard classes at any Kennel Club licensed Championship Agility, Premier Agility, Open Agility or Limited Agility Shows (i.e. special classes and invitational events excepted). Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.

Standard classes may be scheduled for Agility Shows, as Agility classes or Jumping classes. All standard classes must contain the Weaving Poles obstacle. Standard Agility classes must contain the following elements: "A Ramp", Dog Walk and See-Saw. With this proviso classes are defined as follows:-

Class Structure. A Class may either be held as a Graded Class or a Combined Class. A Graded Class may be scheduled for one or more consecutive Grades with separate results and awards issued for each grade. A Combined Class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results.

Progression. Progression from each Grade will require one Agility win or three Jumping wins in standard classes at that grade, at either Full Height or the Lower Height Option, except that progression from Grade 5 will require 3 wins at Grade 5, one of which must be an agility class. Progression from Grade 6 will require 4 wins at Grade 6, two of which must be agility classes. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.

Lower Height Option. Societies may offer the Lower Height Option to all dogs in that height category and may be offered at all grades. It is to be run as part of any Standard class as defined in the regulations and must be clearly identified in the schedule. Each relevant class will have two height with a change part way through to higher/lower the jump heights and competitors must run at their entered height. The order in which the heights will run must be detailed on the ring cards/ring plan. There will be only one course walking at the start of the class. In a class where the Lower Height Option is available show organisers may offer one set of awards by combining the results of each height or may offer separate awards for each height category.

When the Lower Height Option is scheduled a dog may only be entered at either the Full Height or the Lower Height and it cannot compete at a different height in any other class at that competition, including special classes. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule.

Points Progression. At the handler's discretion a dog may progress up to Grade 4 by winning 100 points at each grade, using the Agility Warrant points scheme (Regulation K3.c refers), except that there is no requirement for a minimum number of agility points. If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the Show Secretary signs the dog's Agility Record Book at the first show entered at the higher grade. There is no time limit on this progression, however once a dog has progressed, it cannot return to a previous grade.

Progression on points must be done prior to the closing date of entries. It is not possible to change a grade on points once the entries have closed.

STANDARD CLASSES

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. (A dog is only eligible for one grade). In defining the eligibility of the owner or handler for Grade 1, the three jumping wins and points progression referred to in the definition apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs.

Grade 1 (Elementary)

For owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows. *N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1, (Elementary) are not eligible for this class.*

Grade 2 (Starters)

Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, or elected to progress on points from Grade 1. *N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 2 (Starters) are not eligible for this class.*

Grade 3 (Graduate)

Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or 2 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and dogs which are not eligible for Grade 4, 5, 6 or 7.

Grade 4 (Novice)

Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 3 or elected to progress on points from Grade 3 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 5, 6 or 7.

Grade 5 (Intermediate)

Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 4 and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 6 or 7.

Grade 6 (Senior)

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 3 first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, one of which must have been gained in an Agility (not Jumping) Class, and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 5 or 7.

Grade 7 (Advanced)

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 4 first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 2 first places must be gained in Agility (not Jumping) Classes.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Societies may schedule classes other than those defined above as "Special classes". 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. Where special classes are classified for older and/or inexperienced dogs, the height of the hurdles, the A-ramp, and the dog walk, and the length of the long jump, may be reduced below the dimensions specified in these regulations, in which case such dimensions must be included in the class definition in the show schedule.

Marking for special classes may deviate from marking for standard classes, but must be specified in the schedule. Wins, places and clear rounds in special classes will not count towards agility warrant points or grade progression at Kennel Club shows.

Rules & Regulations

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B, or else registration or transfer of registration must have been applied for. The registration number/ authority to compete (ATC) number will be required for each entry.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete (ATC) number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without a Kennel Club Registration number or an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. Entry fees: £10.00 per dog for three classes.
4. Prize money: N/A
5. Internet entries via: www.agilityshows.online
6. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
7. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows.
8. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
9. Capping Level: N/A
10. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their details recorded on the entry form.
11. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
12. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competitions is forbidden.
13. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
14. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar ie. not attached by a ring.
15. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
16. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
17. All Agility Classes kindly sponsored by Kevin Steggell
18. Kennel Club standard marking regulations apply for all standard classes.
19. State the height of hurdles, dog walk and A-Frame, and/or length of long jump, if there are any special classes in which the obstacles will be set at a lower height/length than in standard classes. N/A.
20. The height limit for dogs.
 - a. Large Dog classes - For dogs measuring over 430mm (1ft 5ins) at the withers.
 - b. Medium Dog classes - For dogs measuring over 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) and measuring 430mm (1ft 5ins) or under at the withers.
21. Judges at an Agility Show may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Show at which they are judging. Dogs may 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.

22. Removal of dogs from Competition:
Following discussion between 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 diseases or contagious disease.
 - c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
 - d. Of such temperament or is so much out of 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 competition/show Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.
23. Dog Agility is a competitive and physically strenuous activity. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to ensure their dog is 'fit for function' and that they themselves are fit to take part. By signing the entry form you confirm that to the best of your knowledge your dog is fit and able to take part in Agility classes on the day of the show.
 24. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition, i.e. (5th Sept 2017), shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show (16th Sept 2017). The dog will then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor will be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
 25. 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.
 26. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
 27. Except for mobility aids, nothing shall be carried in the hand or while the dog is under test and food shall not be given to a dog whilst in the ring.
 28. Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result and/or faults gained in the previous run must be discounted.
 29. Separate entry forms must be completed by each owner and must signed by the owner or his authorised agent in accordance with provisions specified thereon. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.
 30. Free Passes – All competitors will be provided with a free pass enabling them to enter the event at any time of the day their competition is scheduled, but in the case of a dog owned in partnership only one such pass will be issued.
 31. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease – No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing the Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.
 32. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Competitors must run as close to their running order as possible. Failure to do so may be reported to the Kennel Club.
 33. Animals in Event
No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee.
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.
 34. A pay on the day class will be held if time permits.
 35. A practice ring may be available to dogs entered for competition at the show, if space allows. This ring must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge.
 36. Welfare of Dogs
An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
 37. The show organisers or their authorised agents may make results from this show publicly available and share results with third parties for the same purpose.

Anyone whose dog is at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE - On M25, leave JUNCTION 7 on to M23 South, marked GATWICK and CRAWLEY. Leave M23 at JUNCTION 10 signposted EAST GRINSTEAD A264. After two miles, at Dukes Head roundabout, take THIRD EXIT marked HAYWARDS HEATH and South of England Showground (B2028) through Crawley Down and Turners Hill. Follow signs to Ardingly and Haywards Heath. The Showground is on your right. Please use the gate opposite the Gardeners' Arms Pub