

REVIEW OF THE RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ENDURANCE TEST

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The temperatures and all examinations of the dog will be taken by the veterinary team at the trial with the equipment provided.

RATIONALE: Some handlers have not found the equipment used not to' their liking' for example- temperature taken by thermometer via the rectum of the dog would rather have it taken by another method.

Veterinary teams supply the equipment and that equipment needs to be used by all exhibitors, this clarifies this for all entrants.

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New Rule

(20) Double handling is not permitted. Handlers may be changed for each dog during the breaks for vet checking only after gaining permission from the Judge. If for some reason, the handler is unable to continue, it is up to the Judge's discretion whether another handler may take up the position at other times.

RATIONALE: The existing rule does not state how many handlers there may be for a single dog. The new rule clarifies that there must only be one handler for each dog at the one time.

2. EQUIPMENT

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RATIONALE: In today's society it is expected that suitable provision will be made for people with disabilities to participate. Trikes and electric bikes are good, but expensive and hard to come by for limited use. With new equipment being developed for those with disabilities all the time it is vital that other forms can also be considered as they may become available e.g. motorized chairs and carts.