



ANNOUNCEMENT

KENNEL CLUB INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR HEELWORK TO MUSIC CRUFTS QUALIFYING HEATS IN 2019

The Kennel Club has announced that from 1st January 2019 it will be looking to increase the number of Crufts qualifying heats for both heelwork to music (HTM) and freestyle from 10 to 12.

In order to be eligible, societies must be Kennel Club registered and have held a HTM competition between 1st January 2016 and 1st January 2018. Applications should include details of the society's committee structure and their competition management team, as well as provide information on the proposed competition venue, stating the facilities available for judges, competitors, dogs and spectators. They should also submit their intended competition date, which must not coincide with another HTM competition, and the venue must be able to accommodate a ring size of at least 20 x 15 metres.

Applications should be submitted to Chris Potter in the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club, via email HTM@thekennelclub.org.uk by 13 April 2018.

The Kennel Club also wishes to advise competitors that Fylde K9 Dancers has relinquished its Crufts qualifying heat, for both HTM and freestyle, with effect from 2018. In the interests of competitors not missing out on a chance to qualify for Crufts, permission has been granted for Forest Oak (Gloucestershire) Canine Society to hold a Crufts qualifying heat in 2018, on 14th April. For further details please contact forestoak.dogclub@gmail.com.

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Notes to Editor

The Kennel Club

The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare and training. Its objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners.

It runs the country's largest registration database for both pedigree and crossbreed dogs and the Petlog database, which is the UK's biggest reunification service for microchipped animals. The Kennel Club is accredited by UKAS to certify members of its Assured Breeder Scheme, which is the only scheme in the UK that monitors breeders in order to protect the welfare of puppies and breeding bitches. It also runs the UK's largest dog training programme, the Good Citizen Dog Training Scheme and licenses shows and clubs across a wide range of activities, which help dog owners to bond and enjoy life with their dogs. The Kennel Club runs the world's greatest dog show, Crufts, and the Eukanuba Discover Dogs event at ExCeL London, which is a fun family day out that educates people about how to buy responsibly and care for their dog.

The Kennel Club invests in welfare campaigns, dog training and education programmes and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, which supports research into dog diseases and dog welfare charities, including Kennel Club Breed Rescue organisations that re-home dogs throughout the UK. The Kennel Club jointly runs health screening schemes with the British Veterinary Association and through the Charitable Trust, funds the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust, which is at the forefront of pioneering research into dog health. The Kennel Club Cancer Centre at the Animal Health Trust (AHT) contributes to the AHT's well-established cancer research programme, helping to further improve dog health.