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## **CORRECT CLASSES FOR NON-UK DOGS IN HEELWORK TO MUSIC**

The Kennel Club has clarified the appropriate class, which dogs not resident in the UK should enter at Heelwork to Music or Freestyle Competitions held in the UK under a Kennel Club licence.

All non-resident dogs should be entered in Novice classes, unless the dog is currently competing in the lowest class or grade in their own country, in which case the dog may be entered in Starters classes.

Although there is at present no formal specification of equivalent qualifications between different countries in Heelwork to Music and Freestyle, the Kennel Club has been made aware that in the past some non-resident dogs have been entered in Starters classes although they had qualified out of the basic level in their own country. This is felt to be inappropriate and unfair to other competitors in Starters classes.

To become eligible to compete in Intermediate or Advanced classes in the UK, non-resident dogs will have to obtain the number of points at Kennel Club licensed competitions which are specified in the Heelwork to Music Regulations. These are 16 points or more in Novice classes to be eligible for Intermediate, and 20 points or more and at least one first place in Intermediate competitions to be eligible for Advanced classes.

For further information, contact the Canine Activities Team at the Kennel Club, [CAT@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:CAT@thekennelclub.org.uk).

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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 largest reunification service for microchipped animals. The Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme is the only scheme in the UK that monitors and sets standards for 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 Discover Dogs event at Earls Court, 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.

