



JUDGES EDUCATION PROGRAMME (BREED SHOWS)

‘AN EYE FOR A DOG’ ASSESSMENT

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

***This document is intended for use by Candidates, Assessors, Observers
and to inform the Kennel Club Staff***



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INTRODUCTION

In setting this Code of Best Practice, the Kennel Club wishes to ensure that the 'Eye for a Dog' Assessment is tailored to meet the needs of the candidates for the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows).

For more information on the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) please refer to www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jep

1. BACKGROUND TO THE 'EYE FOR A DOG' ASSESSMENT

The Kennel Club embarked on a reform of the education, training and approval system for judges following feedback received via surveys and consultations:

- Exhibitor feedback
 - 'Same old faces', inexperienced judges, exhibitors not treated with respect, lack of exhibitor 'value for money', poor standard of judging
- Show societies
 - Lack of availability of judging lists, unable to find suitable judges to schedule a full range of classes and increased entry
- Judges
 - Unable to gain sufficient hands-on experience – declining or stagnant entries, breed club partisan decisions preventing progress, reliance on receiving judging invitations to progress

In addition to the above, the Judges Competency Framework Working Party recognised that there was no in-depth check of a judge's understanding of canine Conformation and Movement under the current judge training process. There is already in existence a seminar and supporting resources on the subject (now a JEP Level 1 requirement) and the Points of the Dog assessment (now a JEP Level 2 requirement), along with the requirement for a judge to pass a breed specific hands-on assessment for only the judge's first three approved CC breeds ('traditional system').

Having identified the need for such an assessment, the Working Party examined the way judges were trained in the Scandinavian countries, where there is a reputation for producing highly respected, competent judges.

The Finnish 'Eye for a Dog' test was considered to be a suitable match, but with necessary adaptations for the UK's judge education system. Working with the Finnish Kennel Club three pilot events took place between 2018 and 2019. Each event was reviewed with feedback from Candidates, Assessors, Observers and Organisers which identified improvements to be made to develop the proposed model for future assessments.

Further discussions during 2021 have taken place and this assessment is to be further piloted.

2. THE AIM OF THE 'EYE FOR A DOG' ASSESSMENT

- 2.1 To assess the candidate's knowledge and competence in conformation and movement (non-breed specific).
- 2.2 To assess the candidate's ability to describe proportions, and to identify 'balance' in dogs.
- 2.3 The 'Eye for a Dog' pass certificate is only awarded to those individuals deemed to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge of Conformation and Movement (non-breed specific), the ability to examine a dog efficiently, recognise different breeds and are therefore able to progress further as a dog show judge.



3. OBJECTIVES OF THE 'EYE FOR A DOG' ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 To provide an opportunity for aspiring Judges to demonstrate having a high level understanding of canine conformation and movement, and to be able to identify this in practice. The assessment **does not** require any pre-knowledge of any Kennel Club breed standards or breed-specific knowledge.
- 3.2 Judges wishing to progress beyond awarding Challenge Certificates in a limited number of breeds are required to demonstrate having the appropriate level of knowledge, which in turn will provide exhibitors with confidence in their ability.
- 3.3 To give confidence to exhibitors that judges at the highest levels have a proven knowledge and understanding of the conformation, movement, balance and proportions of dogs which may be exhibited when they officiate.
- 3.4 To enhance the reputation of British judges by ensuring there is a rigorous training system in place.
- 3.5 By improving the standard of judging at the highest levels, exhibitors may feel they receive 'value for money', and senior judges will be seen to be leading by example.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 4.1 In order to be eligible to attend an 'Eye for a Dog' Assessment, a person must hold an active JEP account (once the online system is available) and be registered at JEP Level 4/have awarded CCs to at least one breed.
- 4.2 Passing the Eye for a Dog assessment is a one-off mandatory requirement for judges progressing to award CCs to a fourth or subsequent breed if progressing under the JEP route, however the assessment is available for those judges progressing for a second or third CC breed under the JEP route.
- 4.3 It is recommended that candidates review the Conformation and Movement seminar available on the KC Academy prior to taking the 'Eye for a Dog' assessment and consider seeking some informal mentoring from an experienced judge, who has passed the assessment – please note that any informal mentoring undertaken will not count towards progression to JEP Level 3.
- 4.4 If unsuccessful, a candidate cannot re-take the assessment for a period of 12 months. Unsuccessful candidates are recommended to view the Conformation and Movement film on the Kennel Club Academy before taking a further assessment.

5. ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 Candidates with recognised educational needs, disabilities and temporary physical injuries may request access arrangements for assessments. A common sense approach should be adopted.
- 5.2 Access arrangements include applying for assistance from an 'independent person', to act as a reader/scribe/interpreter. Such requests must be arranged through the Kennel Club at the time of booking.



- 5.3 An 'independent person' is there to aid the candidate by reading the information aloud/relaying the questions and, and may further document the candidate's answer if required. The independent person may only record the answer dictated to them – they are not permitted to offer help or guidance to the candidate in any other way.
- 5.4 The 'independent person' must have no connection to the candidate.
- 5.5 Where a scribe is to be utilised, dictation must be conducted quietly in order to not disturb other candidates or allow other candidates to overhear. The independent person is not permitted to offer help or guidance to the candidate in any other way.
- 5.6 Further access arrangements such as the use of coloured overlays is accepted. Coloured paper is not permitted due to anonymity issues.

6. ADVERTISEMENT AND APPLICATION TO THE 'EYE FOR A DOG' ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 All eligible judges may apply to attend an 'Eye for a Dog' Assessment without being invited, once the event is advertised.
- 6.2 The 'Eye for a Dog' Assessment dates will be publicised by the Kennel Club. Spaces may be booked through an online platform.
- 6.3 Spaces on the assessment are provided on a strictly first come, first served basis.
- 6.4 Due to practical and also welfare grounds in respect of the exhibits being examined, the 'Eye for a Dog' Assessment is restricted to 14 candidates per assessment session.

7. ASSESSMENT – ON THE DAY

- 7.1 To view the **Timetable Guidelines** for the day, please refer to **Appendix A**.

8. THE 'EYE FOR A DOG' ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 The 'Eye for a Dog' Assessment(s) may be held over one or two-day periods with two separate sessions per day. Different dogs should be used in both the morning and afternoon assessments and not on two consecutive days. Shorter sessions may be held, especially when a canine society is hosting an assessment for the Kennel Club.
- 8.2 The dogs used in the assessment must also be anonymised with a letter as the candidate will be required to identify the breed as part of their assessment.
- 8.3 Seven dogs (and handlers) are required for the assessment, comprising of one breed from each of the seven recognised Kennel Club Groups, covering a variety of shapes/sizes etc. Where possible breeds used will be from Judging Tiers 2-6. **Please refer to Appendix B for more information on Sourcing Dogs for Assessment.**
- 8.4 A minimum of two Assessors and one Observer must be present for the assessment, exceptional circumstances permitting at the discretion of the Kennel Club.
- 8.5 A Co-ordinator, Timekeeper and assistant(s) will also be required for the successful organisation of the assessment. **Please refer to Appendix C for more information on Role Descriptions.**
- 8.6 All individuals in attendance will be provided with a briefing at the start of the assessment, to outline the expectations and requirements.



- 8.7 Candidates should behave in a professional manner, as if they were judging at a Kennel Club licensed show, and dress accordingly.
- 8.8 The assessment is set up with seven 'rings', to include a grooming table if appropriate for the breed. **Please refer to Appendix D for more information on Venue Layout.**
- 8.9 Prior to the assessment, Assessors will have 'gone over' the dogs and decided upon the salient points that describe the dog and the key points that the candidate should include, i.e. the size of the dog, the type of coat, the angulation, the proportion of length to height etc. Each of the Assessors should 'go over' the dogs to compile the salient points and discuss these prior to the marking of the Candidate Worksheets.
- 8.10 Candidates and Assessors will view movement at the same time, as a group at the beginning of the assessment. Each of the seven dogs should be shown individually going away, in profile and coming back. This section should allow sufficient time for candidates and assessors sufficient time to view the dogs and note salient points. **Please refer to Appendix D for more information on Venue Layout.**
- 8.11 Candidates must be anonymised from the Assessors, with a number which will be assigned randomly by the Co-ordinator, and will be provided after the movement assessment and only once the Assessors have retired to a private space. Candidates will only display their number once the Assessors have retired.
- 8.12 Candidates must 'go over' each of the seven dogs and complete the hands-on assessment within the allocated time (total of 1 hour 40 minutes, including a 15-minute break after the first three dogs have been assessed), and write up their findings accordingly after going over each dog.
- 8.13 A Timekeeper will notify candidates when they are required to move to the next dog. Each pairing of candidates will have approximately 12 minutes per dog (6 minutes each). This will ensure both have enough time to 'go over' the dog and note the salient points on the Candidate and Assessor Worksheet.
- 8.14 Candidates will be required to check the bite of the dogs. Please note: Handlers will be required to safeguard the welfare of dogs during this time, and may show the 'bite' to the judge if preferred. Candidates may also request that the handler shows the bite if they so wish.
- 8.15 **Please refer to Scoring System (Appendix F) for more information** on how the assessment is marked.
- 8.16 Candidate findings should not be breed specific, more information can be found in the **Candidate and Assessor Worksheet (Appendix E).**
- 8.17 Handlers are not permitted to help the Candidate and any discussion should be confined to what will be permitted and expected in the show ring.
- 8.18 Candidates are required to submit a Candidate Worksheet for the dog they have just examined every time they move on to the next dog, to allow this to be passed onto the Assessors for timely marking.
- 8.19 The Observer is required to assess and document the candidate's overall professionalism, i.e. how they address the handler, how they approach and handle the dogs, how they examine the dog, their presence in the ring, and whether they are suitably attired. This documentation is then passed to the Co-ordinator for inputting the results. The Observer will observe each Candidate with at least 1 dog and will complete 1 observation worksheet per Candidate. There will be a maximum of 14 Candidates per assessment.



- 8.20 **Please refer to Scoring System (Appendix F) for more information** on how the assessment will be marked and to **Appendices G and G(i) for Observer Information and Worksheet** for more information.

9. RESULTS

- 9.1 Results will not be provided on the day but will be sent formally to the Candidate via email within ten working days of the assessment.
- 9.2 Candidates will not be advised of their results prior to the issue of the formal correspondence.
- 9.3 The, Observer and Assessors are not permitted to discuss results under any circumstance.
- 9.4 The decision of the Assessors and Observer is final.
- 9.5 No individual pass mark will be issued to candidates – only a notification as to whether the candidate passed or failed the assessment.
- 9.6 Feedback will be provided for unsuccessful candidates. This will be drawn from the scores provided by the Observer and Assessors. Please refer to **Appendices E, F, G and G(i)** for more information.

10. CANDIDATE FEEDBACK

- 10.1 Candidates will be offered the opportunity to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the assessment through an anonymous short exit questionnaire (Candidate Evaluation Form). The Kennel Club will review this information in order to develop the educational process. **Refer to Appendix H.**

11. QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 11.1 This Code of Best Practice should be used to assist the Kennel Club with regards to:
- Location of the Assessment
 - Organiser (Kennel Club) Responsibilities
 - Notification of Results
 - Exhibits required for the Assessment Process
 - Equipment and Layout
 - Catering Requirements
 - Assessor and Observer roles
- 11.2 Your privacy is very important and we retain your data in accordance with our Privacy Notice which can be found on the Kennel Club website www.thekennelclub.org.uk

12. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- 12.1 Please refer to the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) Complaints Procedure located at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jep



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TIMETABLE GUIDELINES

The timetable below is intended as a guide and based upon 14 candidates per assessment. Please note that a maximum of two separate Eye for a Dog assessments may be undertaken per day – one morning session and one afternoon session.

Eye for a Dog Assessment 1:	
9.00am	Arrival and briefings for Assessors, Observer and Handlers.
9.15am (up to 30 mins)	Arrival of Candidates for first assessment. Each of the Assessors to 'go over' the designated dogs and document their findings and the salient points of each dog to be used as part of the assessment. During this time Candidates will be briefed on the timetable of the morning, the assessment process itself and housekeeping. This will be conducted in a different room to the Assessors.
Assessment One - 9.45am (up to 30 minutes)	Candidates and Assessors will view movement at the same time, as a group at the beginning of the assessment. Each of the seven dogs will be moved individually, showing movement going away, in profile and coming back. Once the movement has been assessed, the Assessors are required to move into a private room/space.
<i>Allocation of candidate numbers for assessment</i>	
10.15am	Candidates must 'go over' each of the seven dogs, write up their findings, and complete the assessment within the allocated time (total of 1 hour 40 minutes including a 15-minute break after first three dogs have been 'gone over'). Timings are strict and will be restricted to 12 minutes for each 'pairing' of candidates to 'go over' each dog and note the salient points. If all candidates complete the task in under 12 minutes then all may move to the next dog. If the Co-ordinator or Observer notices a Candidate is proceeding too slowly and hindering other Candidates, the Co-ordinator may intervene. The order in which the dogs are gone over may be altered. This is to ensure that the assessment is as fair as possible to all Candidates. Candidates must submit paperwork once the Timekeeper has 'called time' and this will be submitted to the Assessors immediately.
11.55am	Assessment finishes – please note that in the event that a candidate has not gone over all the dogs in the allocated time, no further time will be granted. Candidates, Owners and Handlers thanked for their attendance.
<i>Lunch – assessors, observers, handlers and Kennel Club personnel only.</i> Please note lunch is not provided for Candidates. Tea/coffee will be available prior to the start of the assessment.	



Eye for a Dog Assessment 2:	
1pm	Arrival and briefings for new Handlers (if appropriate).
1.15pm (up to 30 mins)	Arrival of Candidates for second assessment. Each of the Assessors to 'go over' the designated dogs and document their findings and the salient points of each dog to be used as part of the assessment. During this time Candidates and Handlers will be briefed on the timetable of the afternoon, the assessment process itself and housekeeping. This will be conducted in a different room to the Assessors.
Assessment Two- 1.45pm (up to 30 minutes)	Candidates and Assessors will view movement at the same time, as a group at the beginning of the assessment. Each of the seven dogs will be moved individually showing movement going away, in profile and coming back. Once the movement has been assessed, the Assessors are required to move into a private room/space.
Allocation of candidate numbers for assessment	
2.15pm	Candidates must 'go over' each of the seven dogs, write up their findings, and complete the assessment within the allocated time (total of 1 hour 40 minutes including a 15-minute break after first three dogs have been 'gone over'). Timings are strict and will be restricted to 12 minutes for each 'pairing' of candidates to 'go over' each dog and note the salient points. If all candidates complete the task in under 12 minutes then all may move to the next dog. If the Co-ordinator or Observer notices a Candidate is proceeding too slowly and hindering other Candidates, the Co-ordinator may intervene. The order in which the dogs are gone over may be altered. This is to ensure that the assessment is as fair as possible to all Candidates. Candidates must submit paperwork once the Timekeeper has 'called time' and this will be submitted to the Assessors immediately.
3.55pm	Assessment finishes. Candidates, Owners and Handlers thanked for their attendance.



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SOURCING DOGS FOR ASSESSMENT

- For each assessment a selection of 7 breeds are required, across all of the 7 Kennel Club Groups to take into account different sizes and coat types. Ideally some of the dogs/breeds selected should display 'moderation' and 'balance' in their construction, so that the candidates can identify these features. A spare dog should also be included, preferably from a source already supplying dogs
- Avoid using breeds that are very rare or rather complex in their structure, and where possible only use breeds in Judging Tiers 2-6
- As far as possible multiple dogs and handlers should be sourced from the same household to keep within budget restraints and or friends (Handlers ONLY) encouraged to travel together
- The Kennel Club will source dogs well in advance of the assessment which may be conducted through a multitude of methods – advertising via Press Release, social network, staff/event contacts, canine societies local to the venue
- As far as possible dogs should be sourced within a reasonable distance from the venue
- It should be noted that dogs should be a clearly identifiable example of their breed and of good temperament to withstand the multiple 'hands on' assessments
- Welfare considerations are paramount should be taken into consideration at all times
- By asking for potential owners to register an interest in taking part in the assessment this is not a guarantee of inclusion
- The Kennel Club will contact interested parties well in advance to inform them of timings and expenses provided
- Anyone that wishes to express their interest in assisting with the 'Eye for a Dog' Assessment, please contact judges.education@thekennelclub.org.uk



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ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

Kennel Club Co-ordinator/Organiser

- Publicise event
- Take bookings through online platform
- Book venue including catering
- Source dogs for each assessment session (7 per session plus spare)
- Arrange for Assessors (minimum of 2)
- Arrange for Observer and any other personnel required
- Book any travel and accommodation required
- Arrange for paperwork to be sent to Candidates, Assessors and Observer beforehand to explain scoring system and emphasis on non breed-specific language
- Oversee set up of area for assessment
- Brief Handlers as to their roles
- Brief Candidates on running of the day
- Liaise with Assessors and Observers throughout day
- Ensure anonymity and integrity of assessment
- Arrange the input of Candidate scores onto centralised scoresheet and ensure cumulative scores are kept
- Notify candidates of their results within ten working days of the assessment taking place
- Provide candidate feedback where required

Assessors

- Experienced and respected JEP Level 6 (Best in Show) Judges, who have preferably passed the Eye for a Dog assessment may be considered for the role of Assessor
- Each Assessor should 'go over' their allocated dogs while the Candidates are receiving their briefing and note down the salient points for each section on their copy of the Candidate and Assessor Worksheet
- Movement of the dogs will be assessed by Assessors and Candidates at the same time. Each Assessor is required to note the salient points of the dogs allocated to them and make general notes on the others for discussion
- Review Candidate Worksheets and mark according to supplied guidelines; discussion with other Assessors is permitted (**Appendix E** refers)
- Apply integrity and common sense approach to marking
- Liaise with Co-ordinator during the day to resolve any issues that may arise

Observer

- 1 Observer will be drawn from the pool of Accredited Trainers who deliver the KC Conformation and Movement seminar
- Observe each Candidate and score their ability to go over at least 1 dog thoroughly, effectively and methodically and their professionalism
- Complete relevant paperwork and mark Candidates accordingly
- Apply integrity and common sense approach to marking
- To ensure that anonymity is retained by the Assessors
- Feedback any significant issues to the Assessors via the Co-ordinator and liaise with Co-ordinator during the day to resolve any issues that may arise
- Hand completed scoring sheets to Co-ordinator or Assessors

**Handlers/Owners**

- Provide well socialised dogs for the purposes of assessment
- Handle the dog(s) as per the breed on the move and standing them on floor or table as appropriate for the breed
- To monitor the welfare of their dog at all times and ensure that their dog(s) are given adequate breaks
- The Handler may show the bite to the candidate if the Handler prefers, or the Candidate requests
- Feedback any significant issues to the Assessors via the Observer or Co-ordinator and liaise with Co-ordinator during the day to resolve any issues that may arise
- Handlers are not permitted to help the Candidate and any discussion should be confined to what will be expected in the show ring

Timekeeper

- To ensure all Candidates are allocated an equal amount of time to 'go over' each of the 7 dogs during the assessment
- To ensure all Candidates have adequate time to view the movement of the 7 dogs and to note their findings
- To 'call time' when the allocated time period is over and ensure Candidates move onto the next dog
- To intervene if Candidates do not move onto the next dog
- To ensure that the 15-minute break is adhered to, allowing a rest period for dogs.

Assistant/Runner

- To collect paperwork from Candidates and feed this through to the Assessors for marking
- Ensure all Candidate paperwork contains the Candidate's number before sending this through to the Assessors
- Assist with any filing of papers if required by the Assessors
- To assist with any other tasks as required by the Organiser, i.e. hospitality during arrival of Candidates/inputting of Candidate scores

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VENUE PLAN

The use of the venue as appropriate will be used to assess movement prior to the 'hands on' assessment.

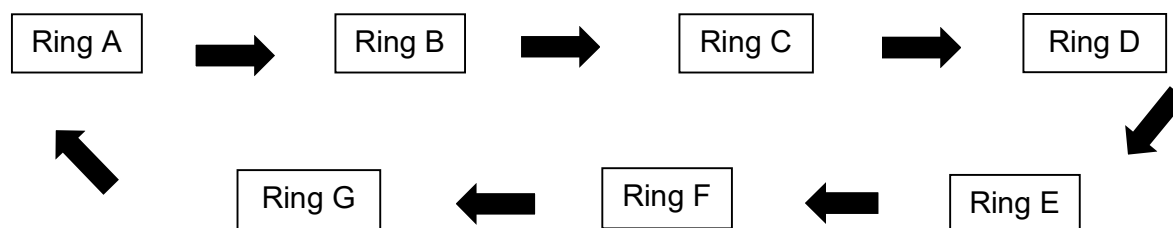
Fourteen candidates are randomly 'paired' up initially and will move around the room together in a clockwise direction, going over dogs alternately. This means that no two candidates should be at more than one 'ring' together. While one candidate is 'going over' the dog, the other can be completing the Candidate Worksheet.

Each 'ring' is an allocated space with a grooming table (if required) for candidates to undertake 'hands on' assessment of the dogs as appropriate. A barrier to separate the 'rings' is not required. Once the time allocated for each dog is complete, the candidate must hand in their paperwork for that dog. Once the whole assessment is over the candidates must stop and immediately 'hand in' all their paperwork. Extra time will not be permitted in the event that a candidate has not completed assessments on all of the dogs.

If the Co-ordinator, Timekeeper or Observer notice a Candidate is proceeding too slowly and hindering other Candidates throughout the assessment process, they may intervene. The order in which the dogs are gone over may be altered. This is to ensure that the assessment is as fair as possible to all candidates.

The Observer will move around the hall to undertake their observations as required.

After Candidates and Assessors have all watched the dogs move, Assessors will relocate to a private area while candidates are undertaking the 'hands on' assessment.

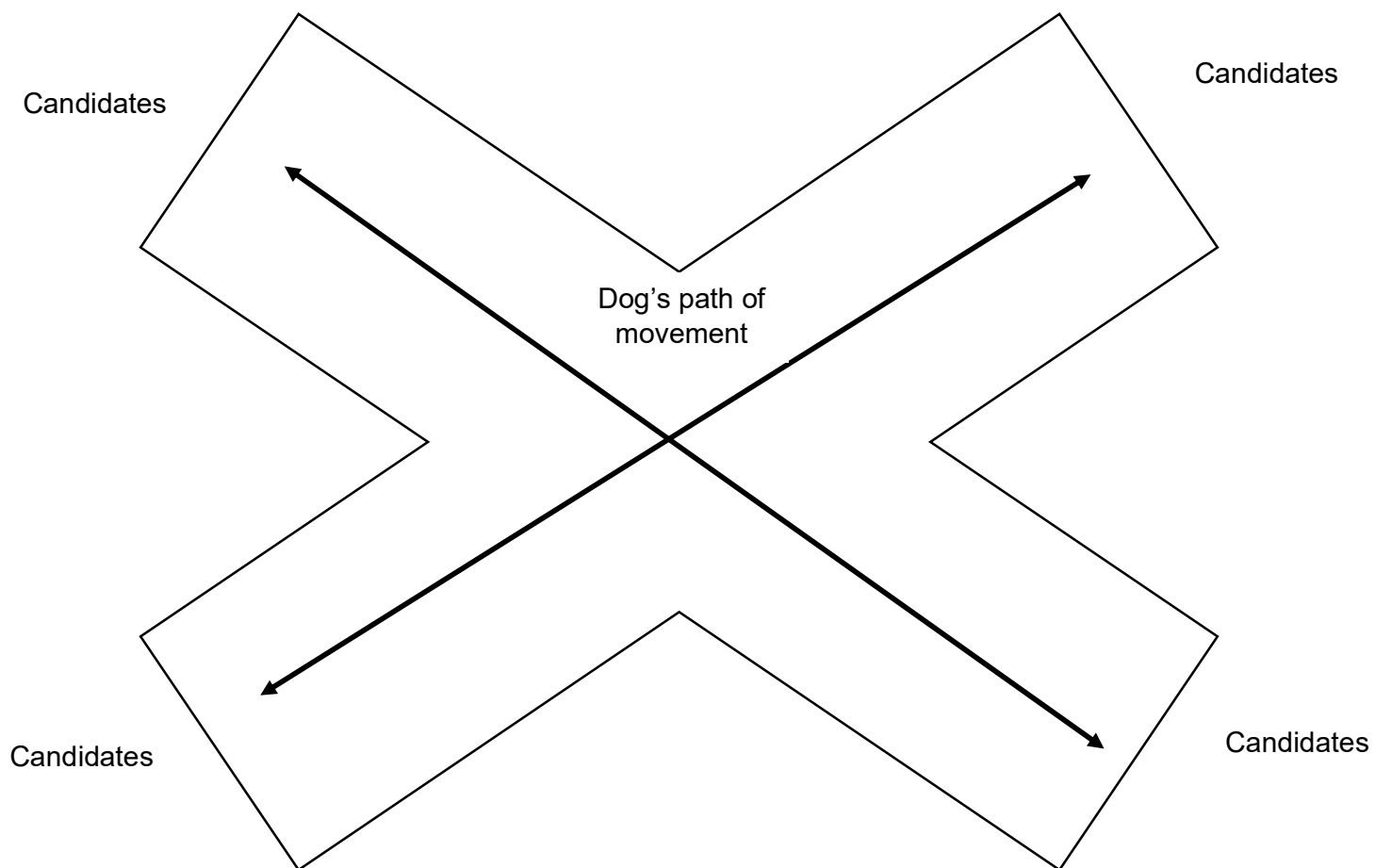


APPENDIX D

There will be tables and chairs set up in the room to facilitate the completion of the paperwork.

For observing movement the Candidates and Assessors will split into four groups and assemble in each corner to allow dogs to move from one end of the hall to another and to allow Candidates to view movement coming and going and in profile.

Dogs will move end to end a maximum of two times unless agreed otherwise by the Assessors or Co-ordinator.



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CANDIDATE AND ASSESSOR WORKSHEET

Please use black ink ONLY.

Candidate ID:	Dog ID:	Breed:

Candidates are required to document the salient points of each exhibit and will be assessed on the following areas:

- a. Movement (including carriage, outline/topline on the move)
- b. Overall Appearance (to include proportions, balance coat and colour)
- c. Head
- d. Forequarters (to include neck)
- e. Body
- f. Hindquarters (to include tail)
- g. Additional marking is awarded for correct identification of the breed(s) – marked above.

Findings **should not be breed specific** – the dogs are to be assessed as dogs and not examples of their breed(s) – phraseology used should not include statements such as ‘correct’ or ‘good’ etc. (Please see **Appendix G** for more information regarding the **Scoring System**).

A – Movement (10 marks)

B – Overall Appearance
(to include proportions, balance, coat and colour) (5 marks)

C – Head (5 marks)

D – Forequarters (to include neck) (5 marks)

E – Body (5 marks)

F – Hindquarters (to include tail) (5 marks)

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SCORING SYSTEM

The scoring for the Eye for a Dog assessment is divided into three distinct areas. These are: Conformation and Movement, Identification of Breeds and Observation. These marks comprise of:

- Conformation and Movement
- Identification of Breeds
- Observation

Candidates would be required to gain a pass mark in **all three** of these components (as opposed to a combined mark from all three components) to have passed the assessment.

The breakdown of marks is listed as follows:

CONFORMATION & MOVEMENT	
Movement	10 marks
Overall Appearance	5 marks
Head	5 marks
Forequarters (including neck)	5 marks
Body	5 marks
Hindquarters (including tail)	5 marks
Total	35 marks for each of the 7 dogs = 245
IDENTIFICATION OF BREEDS	
1 mark for each correct breed. Requirement for at least 6 out of 7 correct breeds to pass this component	
OBSERVATION	
1 observation = total 50 marks see Appendix G and G(i)	

Marks will be allocated by the Assessors for the 'Conformation & Movement' assessment based on the following scale:

Marks	Reasoning
1	Candidate was able to correctly identify one salient point
2	Candidate was able to correctly identify a small number of the salient points
3	Candidate was able to correctly identify a reasonable amount of the salient points
4	Candidate was able to correctly identify the majority of the salient points
5	Candidate was able to demonstrate an outstanding knowledge by identifying the salient points

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OBSERVER INFORMATION AND OBSERVATION FORM

Observer Information:

The Observer is required to assess and document the candidate's overall conduct and professionalism, i.e. how they approach and handle the dogs including how they examine the construction of the dogs, how they address the handler, , their presence in the ring, and whether they are suitably attired for judging at a KC licenced dog show. This documentation is then passed to the Co-ordinator for inputting the results onto a master scoresheet to allow for compiling the cumulative points.

The Observer will undertake an assessment of each candidate with at least one dog and complete 1 Observation Worksheet per candidate. There will be a maximum of 14 Candidates per assessment. If necessary, the Observer may observe the Candidate 'going over' more than one dog if they require clarification in their observation.

The Observer must ensure that they observe every Candidate and should ensure they allocate their time accordingly.

The Observer is required to be familiar with the Code of Best Practice for Judges (including Guide for Judges and Ring Stewards and Code of Best Practice for the Selection of Judges) – copies to be available before and/or on the day if required.

The Observer should complete and award marks for the following areas as seen overleaf (**Appendix Gi**)

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OBSERVATION WORKSHEET

Candidate ID:	Breed(s) being assessed during observation

	Mark(s) Awarded
Approach to dog/appropriate handling for size of dog (20 marks)	
Checking head, including appropriate method of checking bite (6 marks)	
Checking shoulder placement/upper arm angulation (6 marks)	
Checking body, including depth, ribbing, topline, loin and coupling (6 marks)	
Checking hind angulation (stifle/hocks) (6 marks)	
Tail set and length (2 marks)	
Overall professionalism and attire (4 marks)	
TOTAL MARKS:	
Feedback: 	

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CANDIDATE EVALUATION FORM

We would be most grateful if you could take a few moments to consider how satisfactory the Eye for a Dog assessment has been for you, and provide us with the following feedback.

Please rate your experience using the scale below, with **1 = Poor** and **5 = Excellent**.

If you have selected 'Poor' or 'Unsatisfactory' would you please explain why overleaf, this will help us make improvements.

All feedback is confidential – the organiser will have a box or similar available for candidates to return this form anonymously.

1. Organisation: Rating (Please circle)

Advertisement	1	2	3	4	5
Cost	1	2	3	4	5
Day of week	1	2	3	4	5
Overall administration	1	2	3	4	5
Overall organisation	1	2	3	4	5
Introduction to the Day	1	2	3	4	5

2. Venue and Facilities:

Venue accessibility	1	2	3	4	5
Venue facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Refreshments	1	2	3	4	5

3. Assessment

Selection of dogs available	1	2	3	4	5
Time allocated	1	2	3	4	5

4. Comments/Suggestions:

Please use the space overleaf to indicate any further feedback on your overall experience of the day.

We are most grateful to you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback. Please return this form before leaving the venue. Thank you.