



# **Draught Test Regulations 2026**

These Tests have been accepted by the Leonberger Club of Great Britain (LCGB) for all certified Draught Tests and will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026

These Regulations replace all previous versions and are the only Standard against which all LCGB Tests will be judged.

It is the intention of the LCGB to revise these Tests every four years. These Tests will remain in effect in their present format until at least 31 December 2029.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Leonberger Club of Great Britain (LCGB) has accepted these Draught Test Regulations. They will replace all previous Draught Test Regulations used by the Club, and are the only Standard that all LCGB Draught Tests will be judged against. All Tests must be organised and managed by an official LCGB Working Group.

These Regulations will be open to revision on a 4 yearly cycle, and it is the intention to revise them towards the end of 2029.

These Tests have been designed to promote teamwork between the dog and the Handler. Dogs may be worked singly, or in teams of two dogs (a brace). All such teams must be worked side by side. These Tests are naturally progressive, so that skills learned by the dog and Handler in training are improved and adapted as they progress from Level 1 through to Level 5. When working through the Levels, a pass as a single will not entitle the dog to enter the next Level as a team and vice versa. The dog must have passed Level 1 as a single to be entitled to enter Level 2 as a single, the same applies to team entries - both dogs in the team must have passed Level 1 as a team (not necessarily together) before attempting Level 2 as a team.

It is necessary to progress through the Tests in this sequence 1 to 5, so that the correct training programme is maintained. All Tests must be taken under LCGB Regulations, and no other Club's Tests may be substituted in this natural progression from Level 1 to Level 5.

These Tests are not designed to be competitive. A Test Day should be enjoyable and fun, with the health and safety of all the dogs and Handlers foremost at all times.

On a Test Day, there will be two Judges per Test, and it is their desire for all the dogs to pass. Entrants at all Levels may ask them questions throughout the Tests, if they are unsure about the interpretation of the Regulations or permitted actions. Judges may *volunteer* some advice to help entrants and their dogs during the first three Test Levels only (Puppy Introduction and Levels 1 & 2)

A dog or Handler may fail any element, and therefore the entire Test, through the loss of too many points or through performing a failure action (as specified in the individual Test Regulations)

At all times, Handlers and/or Owners will be responsible for the control of their dogs. It is not permitted to exercise dogs within the Test Area. All dogs within 25 metres of a Test Area must be kept on a lead, suitably tethered or be crated at all times. Entrants should be aware that Tests may be held at public venues and therefore there may be people and dogs present that are beyond the control of the Test Manager and Judges.

**Any dog entering the Test area during a Test, other than the dog being tested, will be disqualified from any Tests entered that day.**

**Dogs may not accompany their Owners when they walk the Manoeuvre Course.**

## AGE RESTRICTIONS

**Optional Puppy Introduction** – puppies must be at least 6 months old and less than 15 months old on the day of the Test.

**Level 1** – dogs must be at least 15 months old on the day of the Test. There is no upper age limit for this Level, provided the dog is fit and capable of undertaking the proposed Test.

**Level 2** – dogs must be at least 18 months old on the day of the Test. There is no upper age limit for this Level, provided the dog is fit and capable of undertaking the proposed Test.

**Level 3 (Bronze)** – dogs must be at least 24 months old on the day of the Test. Dogs aged **8** years and over on the day of the Test cannot enter for Level 3.

**Level 4 & 5 (Silver & Gold)** – dogs must be at least 30 months old on the day of the Test. Dogs aged **8** years and over on the day of the Test cannot enter for Levels 4 & 5.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A dog (or dogs) and Handler may attempt Level 1 as a single and as a team, at the same Test event on the same day, age and time permitting, at the discretion of the Judges and Test Manager. Level 1 passes *may* be invited to enter Level 2 on the same day. If a dog passes Level 1 both as a single and as part of a team, and are then invited to enter Level 2 the same day, the Owners/Handlers must choose which combination to enter at Level 2, as a dog must only enter Level 2 once on any one day. Dogs may only enter Levels 2, 3, 4 or 5, either as a single or as a team, but not both, at separate Test events; or on separate days at the same event at the Test Manager's discretion.

Before entering Levels 4 & 5, all Handlers will be required to produce evidence of a recent health check for their dog(s), carried out by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon **no more than 7 days prior to the Test day**. A dated letter on surgery note paper, stating that the dog appears to be fit enough to carry out these Tests, will be accepted as evidence, if signed by the Veterinary surgeon (**see Health Test Pro Forma at the end of this document for wording**). In addition, before entering for a Level 3, all Handlers will be bound by the same health check and evidence requirement if their dog is aged 7 years or over.

## WORKING A TEAM

When working two dogs as a team, they must be worked side by side, on one side of a single Handler throughout all elements of the Test. During the on-lead parts of the Test, they may be worked on two separate leads, or on one lead that is connected to both collars by a couple attachment. When working a team in the off-lead parts of the Test, the couple may be removed, or left in place with just the lead removed.

When a team is left in a Wait or a Stay, it is expected that both be left in the same position - either sit, stand or down. As stated elsewhere, the dogs will be penalised if either dog (or both dogs) alter their position during the Stay; i.e. sit to down, down to sit, or any other combination of change of position, but will fail if one or both of the dogs significantly move from the spot they were left on.

When harnessing or hitching a team, it is perfectly acceptable to leave one dog in a Stay while you harness or hitch the other.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LCGB WORKING SECTION SUB-COMMITTEE (WSSC)**

1. Select or approve suitable dates and venues for Draught Tests.
2. Select or approve potential Judges from the approved list and arrange for them to be officially invited to adjudicate (usually by the Test Manager) - acceptance slips or emails will be kept on file.
3. Appoint or approve a proficient Test Manager, who is then responsible for ensuring the site is suitable for the Tests to be held, and obtain permission, in writing, to use the site from its Owner(s).
4. Ensure that their appointed officials (Test Manager and Judges) are aware that safety is always the prime consideration and that they have a duty to call off a Test if the conditions are, or become, unsuitable. It doesn't matter if one or more of the three officials (Test Managers or Judges) think they should carry on, if just one official is concerned that it is dangerous to proceed then the section will be cancelled, halted or postponed. This likelihood of cancellation should be included in the schedule so that entrants are fully aware of such a possibility.
5. Ensure that their appointed officials must insist that a dog is withdrawn if, in their opinion, it would be detrimental to the dog's health or well-being to continue.

## **LIST OF JUDGES**

The LCGB will set up a list from which the Judges for its events will be chosen. The list will show the highest Level that that person can Judge at, i.e. a Level 4 Judge can Judge Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4, but not Level 5.

Persons wishing to become Judges may be nominated to the LCGB Working Section Sub Committee (WSSC) and, depending on their suitability and experience, may then be added to the list at Level 1. Judges may be moved up the list as their experience grows, at the recommendation of more experienced Judges who have worked with them. This recommendation can be offered voluntarily by the said Judge, or their opinion may be sought by the WSSC. *Ideally*, this should be a progressive climb, and Judges must have judged at lower Levels to a satisfactory standard before being moved up the list. WSSC approved Draught Test Judges may be fast-tracked up this list via an approved LCGB Draught Test seminar.

Anyone on the Newfoundland or Bernese Draught/Carting Judging List, may be considered for inclusion on to LCGB list at the Level they Judge in their respective breed.

Poor performance or other misdemeanours may lead to a Judge being moved down the list, or removed altogether. When a Judge's position on the list is altered, the Secretary of the WSSC will notify them in writing before the list is changed.

Judges should always know the rules thoroughly and will make every attempt to conduct Tests in a consistent manner. They must Judge according to the Regulations as they are written, and not how they would like the Tests to become, or how they train their own dogs.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JUDGES

Each Test will have two Judges working in unison, with all decisions made jointly. It is the responsibility of the Judges to:

1. On invitation to Judge a Test, forward a written response to the Test Manager. If after acceptance, a Judge is unable to meet the commitment for any reason, then they must inform the Test Manager as soon as is practicable, followed by written confirmation to both the Test Manager and the WSSC.
2. Judge to the appropriate Draught Regulations. If the Judges disagree whether a team has performed sufficiently well to pass, then the joint decision will be a fail. If the Judges disagree over the interpretation of the Regulations, the Referee will be called in.
3. Where appropriate, make a prior inspection of the proposed venue to decide on its suitability.
4. Check with the Test Manager who is to be the Referee.
5. Provide, or arrange directly with the Test Manager to have provided, the necessary equipment for the Test Level being attempted, including Control and Manoeuvre plans.
6. Having been briefed by the Test Manager on the peculiarities of the venue, brief the Stewards as to their particular responsibilities. Judges should remind all Stewards that they are not to offer advice directly to entrants, although Stewards may bring to the Judges' attention any aspect of a completed exercise they feel may have been missed by the Judges.
7. Conduct a comprehensive Judges' Briefing before each Test Level commences. All entrants must attend the Judges' Briefing at the appointed time. This is essential so that entrants are fully aware of hazards and safety requirements. Entrants who miss this Briefing will only be admitted under special circumstances and at the discretion of the Test Manager and Judges.
8. Judge fairly and impartially. They should always be as helpful as possible at all Levels, and remember that advice may only be *offered* to entrants at Puppy Introduction and Levels 1 and 2. Account will be taken by the Judges of the weather conditions in penalising dogs or Handlers. Exercises should be set up so that the dogs have the best chance of achieving a pass. This may include adjusting, where necessary, some obstacles to facilitate those dogs being worked as a team.
9. Ensure that there are no more Stewards than necessary in the Test areas.
10. The Judges should keep score using an approved score sheet, either together or separately. The score sheet will be for their use only, and any score totals will not be disclosed to any of the entrants.
11. If special circumstances make it necessary, then the Judges can allow a dog to re-attempt a particular element of the Test. This should not be used for an attempt that had only just failed, but should be used where something unexpected happens, which affects the dog adversely. The Judges alone will determine what is 'unexpected' and whether the exercise may be attempted again.
12. A dog that has taken a Test and failed cannot retake that Test on the same day.
13. Whilst there may be times when Judges should consult together in private, it is good practice to speak openly in front of Stewards and even in front of entrants.
14. Judges will provide verbal comments to entrants immediately after their Test and arrange for written comments to be supplied later.
15. Each Judge must provide a legibly written report on the Tests and entrants, which must be forwarded to the Test Manager within 14 days of the event. This may be forwarded by the Test Manager to be published in a suitable periodical.
16. If there are comments that the Judges wish to make, but do not wish to be published, these are to be clearly marked as such. Judges can combine their reports for publication, but should report separately on matters not for publication.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TEST MANAGER**

1. Obtain approval from the WSSC for the date, venue and Judges for the Test Day. Advertise the Test Day via the LCGB Social Media and LCGB Working Groups individual social media pages, at least 6 weeks before the event, and via the LCGB Newsletter and Website if it is practical.
2. Invite Judges from the LCGB approved list to adjudicate. All correspondence should be kept on file and passed to the Secretary of the WSSC after the event.
3. Ensure that enough suitably experienced Stewards will be available on the day and, where appropriate, appoint a Chief Steward.
4. Ensure that the location of the Test is adequate for the Tests to be held. Although the Test Manager will lay out the site, the Judges will decide if it is suitable.
5. Check that suitable access can be provided, especially for the emergency services. Ensure that a local Veterinary Surgery has been asked, and has agreed in writing, to act as emergency cover for the event. Publicise the telephone numbers and locations of emergency facilities (Vets, Hospital, etc.)
6. Oversee the production of the schedule, checking that the address for the return of the completed entry form is correct. The schedule will include the requirement to attend the Judges' Briefing, and that entrants who miss the Briefing will only be admitted under special circumstances and at the discretion of the Test Manager and Judges.
7. If there are to be limited entries, allocate places on a 'first come, first served' basis, but with Leonbergers and dogs on the Leonberger Development Register (LDR) taking priority over any other breed. Within 24 hours of close of entries, inform applicants if they are on the reserve list.
8. Oversee the production of a catalogue or list of entrants for use on the day, together with blank score sheets, comment forms, and pass rosettes.
9. Preferably the day before the Tests, check the site for any last minute problems, then take any steps as required.
10. Ensure that all the equipment is in place and ready for use for the start of judging. Check the Test site, checking for any overnight changes that could cause problems. Brief the Judges and the Stewards on the particularities of the venue.
11. Be available throughout the day to ensure the smooth running of the Tests.
12. Ensure that no smoking or eating takes place by entrants or officials during the Tests.
13. It is the Test Manager's responsibility to deal with any members of the press or private photographers. Their requests should only be acceded to if they do not affect the smooth running of the Tests - safety of the dogs always comes first.
14. Appoint a suitably qualified Referee. This may be the Test Manager, unless they are already judging, or have entered/are working a dog at that particular Level.
15. Provide a legibly written report, which includes the full names of the dogs entered /passed or disqualified, to the Secretary of the WSSC and the Record Keeper (if different) on the conduct of the Tests, including constructive criticisms where appropriate, within 14 days of the Test. It should include a balance sheet showing income and expenses incurred, including the relevant entry monies collected.
16. Within 21 days of the event, send details of the Passes to the dog press breed correspondent, and to the LCGB newsletter editor, together with copies of the Test Manager's Report and any Judges' Reports meant for publication.
17. If the Test Manager is unable to meet their commitment for any reason, he/she must inform the Secretary of the WSSC as soon as is practicably possible, followed by written confirmation.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REFEREES**

All Referees must be on the LCGB Judges List (ideally, though not necessarily, at the Level being judged) and have a working knowledge of the current Draught Test Regulations.

Referees do not have to watch the Test for which they are adjudicating. In the event of a disagreement over the interpretation of the Regulations (not performance) between the Judges, the Referee will talk with them and attempt to conciliate with particular reference to the Regulations. They may also talk to the Stewards in an attempt to resolve the matter. The Referee can order a retake of a Test element if the matter is not resolved in any other way.

If called upon to adjudicate on any matter, the Referee will also supply a 'not for publication' report to the Secretary of the WSSC within 14 days.

## **GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS**

A Steward's first responsibility is to ensure the safety of all entrants. At any point, a Steward can call a halt to the Test and ask for assistance.

In all hitched recalls and Stays, the Steward should always be positioned at the rear of the rig, with a hand resting lightly on the cart, or holding a loose strap or handle attached to the rear of the rig by the Owner for this purpose, thus being in a position to steady the dog if they move significantly, without interfering with the exercise in any way. Any movement should be allowed, the Steward should only intervene after the dog moves significantly, or in an emergency.

Stewards should never answer any questions from entrants, other than directional queries. All questions other than directional queries should be re-directed to the Judges.

No advice may be offered by the Stewards to entrants other than directional instructions.

On the Haul, Stewards should ensure that they are positioned to provide adequate warning to the entrants of any hazards such as traffic etc.

At some Levels, Stewards may be requested to provide some physical assistance at obstacles on the Haul, the Judges may indicate whether this assistance is appropriate.



## COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Any complaint should be made **in writing**, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the WSSC of the LCGB, in accordance with its complaints procedure.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

A dog and its Owner/Handler will be immediately disqualified ,and may be removed from the event if the dog (or Handler) in the opinion of the Test Manager or a Judge is:

1. Likely to be caused suffering if it takes part in, or continues to take part in the Test;
2. Known to be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease;
3. A bitch in season;
4. Too out of control, or displays a temperament that could endanger itself or any other dog or person;
5. Interfering with any other entrant's safety or chances of success;
6. If the Owner/Handler carries out any corrective punishment, or unduly harsh handling at any time within the boundaries of the event;
7. If it is believed that, the dog taking part in the Test is not the dog actually entered on the entry form.
8. If any food , treat or other inducement (e.g. toys or clickers) is used by the Handler during the Test.

**Any dog or Handler being disqualified for any of the above reasons will have any other Test passes from that event withdrawn. The Test Manager will also supply a report to the Secretary of the WSSC, so that the WSSC may decide if any further disciplinary action is appropriate.**

## **REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE**

1. Where possible the terrain should meet the requirements of the individual Test Level Regulations. If the stated inclines are not available, the length of the Haul can be increased to compensate.
2. The Test area for the Control sections (all Levels) , and Manoeuvre sections (Levels 2 to 5) should be defined by some means, i.e. stakes and rope or tape. An ideal size for the Test area would be 25 metres x 25 metres.

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR TESTS**

1. Entrants are expected to provide their own apparatus for the Test. For Levels 2 to 5, the apparatus will not be shared during the Manoeuvre and Haul sections, due to the time required to cover the distances involved. When borrowing equipment, it should also be remembered that the Hauls at Level 3 and above may be combined.
2. If using a wheeled apparatus, breeching should be used whilst hitched, for Levels 1-5 - this may be part of the harness or may be attached to the rig. For Levels 2-5, if the breeching is part of the harness, it should also be worn throughout the Control Section.
3. For Level 1, (only) an unwheeled apparatus (sled, log pull or similar) may be used, with the Judges' prior approval, on the Haul. If entrants hope to be invited to enter Level 2 later that day, they *must* use a traditional wheeled vehicle for Level 1. For Levels 2 to 5, dogs are required to pull the same, or an identical, wheeled apparatus on the Manoeuvre Section and the Haul (preferably in the style of a traditional cart or trap)
4. For Levels 2 to 5, the Handler must provide sufficient drinking water for the duration of the Haul and a bowl from which the dog may drink. For Levels 4 and 5, this drinking water must be in addition to any water used as a load.
5. Handlers must provide a suitable hi-viz vest (or similar) for use on the Haul if required.
6. Dogs must be worked in either a flat or half check collar. No 'Halti' or other headcollar is permitted.
7. During the Control section, at all Levels, traces must be removed from the harness.
8. A map of the Control section and of the Manoeuvre section of the Course will be displayed. A list of entrants will be displayed, giving details of the dogs entered, which Test they are entered in, and a running order. Each dog may be given a number which, if supplied, must be displayed at all times by the Handler, whilst they are under Test conditions.
9. A list of equipment required to create the obstacles for the Manoeuvre section on Levels 2 to 5 can be found in the individual Test Level Regulations, or in explanatory note 18.
10. The Judges must also be provided with the following items:
  - Table & chairs
  - A shelter or umbrella
  - A board on which results can be displayed
  - Clip board and relevant score sheets and comment forms
  - Stop watch
  - Hi-viz vests if necessary

11. On satisfactory completion of the Test, the dog and Handler will receive a pass rosette on the day. Written comment sheets may be given on the day, or sent by post shortly after the event. Test pass certificates will be awarded at the LCGB AGM, or sent by post thereafter.
12. First Aid provision must be provided for both dogs and Handlers. Emergency contact numbers, including that for the on-call vet, must be displayed.
13. Insurance details and Risk Assessments for the event must be available.

## MULTI-TEST PASS AWARDS

Multi-Test pass awards are of two types:

**Certificates of Merit** will be awarded to dogs that pass any one of the Levels 2 to 4, on five separate occasions, at two or more different venues, and involving at least four different Judges. Passes should be either single or brace, not a combination of the two.

The Certificate is awarded in recognition of the dedication of the Owner and the consistency of the dog in being able to perform at the pass Level of 2, 3 or 4, over a number of months and in differing circumstances.

**A Diploma** will be awarded to dogs that pass at Level 5 three separate times, at two or more different venues, and involving at least four different Judges. Passes should be either single or brace, not a combination of the two.

This Diploma is awarded in recognition of the dedication of the Owner and the skill and training of the dog in being able to perform consistently at the highest Level.

In the event of Kennel Club recognition it would be recommended that this Diploma be taken as equivalent to the title 'Draught Work Champion'

Diplomas and Certificates of Merit will be awarded by the LCGB and presented at the AGM.

Multi-Test Pass awards will not be awarded as of right. It will be the responsibility of the Owner to apply to the Secretary of the WSSC in writing, listing the relevant Test passes, dates, venues and Judges. The application will then be verified with the Club's Record Keeper (if different) and the applicant informed of the arrangements for presentation.

## THE LCGB DRAUGHT TEST SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT PERPETUAL TROPHY POINTS SYSTEM

Points can be gained from the Monday following the AGM to the Saturday prior to the next AGM (inclusive). Any Leonberger or dog on the Leonberger Development Register (LDR) owned by a Member of the LCGB will be eligible for this award. The dog is awarded the points, not the Handler, so may have been handled by a different person in different Tests. Points may be gained either as a single or as a brace. Points gained as a brace will be awarded to both dogs, ie for a brace passing Level 1, each dog would be awarded 5 points.

**Level 1 Pass    5 Points**

**Level 2 Pass    10 Points**

**Level 3 Pass    20 Points**

**Level 4 Pass    25 Points**

**Level 5 Pass    30 Points**

**Level 2 Multi Test Pass    10 Points**

**Level 3 Multi Test Pass    20 Points**

**Level 4 Multi Test Pass    25 Points**

**Level 5 Multi Test Pass    30 Points**

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Judges have the discretion, within the spirit of the Regulations, to make adaptations to the rules for the individual conditions of the Test site and the weather on the day of the Test. Judges can change the Test area, after judging has commenced, if conditions dictate.
2. In the following Leonberger Tests, the term 'Handler' has been used to describe the person who is working the dog during the Test sections - it may be the Owner or a friend of the Owner.
3. The dog will be handled by the same person in all sections of the Test. Where practicable, adaptations may be made to allow for those Handlers less physically able.
4. When carrying out their inspections, the Judges will look at the ability of the harness:
  - To allow the dog to pull the apparatus via the traces;
  - To prevent the apparatus from over-riding the dog when going downhill or reversing;
  - To prevent the shafts from flying upwards or falling downwards;
  - The ease of fit and absence of chafing;
  - The pull coming from the correct point of the chest;
  - The ability to escape quickly in the event of an emergency.As long as the harness and rig fulfils these principles, then it will be acceptable. The Judges will expect the shafts to be complementary - the shafts must not be so long or so short as to interfere with the action of the dog, or to cause them discomfort.
5. It will be necessary in the Haul for the Judges to position themselves in an advantageous position, so that, between them, they will be able to see the performance of all the Test elements. The Judges, depending on the Test environment and weather conditions, will determine the positions of advantage. It may be necessary to pause during the Haul to allow the Judges to take up these positions. The Judges will decide on the running order of the convoy and will alter this throughout the Haul.
6. The Handler and dog will be tested as a team, with the Handler determining whether it is necessary to unhitch, or perhaps to assist with the apparatus up an incline, or even to manhandle it themselves; or if their dog needs to stop and have a drink.
7. Handlers can use verbal encouragement (talk to their dog) during all sections of the Tests. Handlers can also touch their dogs during a Test to praise or reward, but should not physically manhandle them into position - movement of the dog should always be accomplished by words, not deeds. This is particularly relevant in the reverse - the dog should respond to the verbal and/or visual command, and not to the close proximity or action of the Handler. The use of food or other inducements as encouragement or reward is prohibited.
8. **Directional** cues (Forward, Left, Right, Back, Quick and Slow - or Handler's versions of these) can be repeated an unlimited number of times without penalty, but a response should be seen with the first cue.  
**Non-Directional** cues (eg Wait, Stay, Stand, Sit, Down & Come - or signals for these cues) will be penalised if repeated for any action more than 3 times at Levels Puppy - Level 2, more than twice at Levels 3-4, or more than once at Level 5. A response should be seen with the first cue.
9. It is the responsibility of the Owner(s) and Handler(s) to ensure that any dog(s) entered for any Test is FIT AND HEALTHY. The Club will not accept any liability.
10. The first optional introduction Test for puppies between 6 and up to 15 months is an optional Test to encourage new Owners to attend and participate in these events. It is the only Test in the progression from Level 1 to Level 5 that may be omitted.
11. Judges may offer an optional equipment check at Levels Puppy - Level 3 (only) before the Test commences - this should take place before the Judges' Briefing and, ideally, should be mentioned in the schedule if it is to be offered, so as not to interfere with the smooth running of the Tests.

12. For the sake of simplicity, if gender has been used in this document, this should be read to include all genders.
13. When working two dogs side by side as a team/brace, they must be worked as a team in all sections of the Test i.e. both dogs must remain side by side on one side of the Handler, even in the Control section. The only exception is whilst harnessing and hitching, and unhitching and unharnessing.
14. When entering a team of 2 dogs, twice the entry fee is payable, as a rosette and certificate will be awarded for each dog.
15. In all hitched recalls or Stays, the Steward will always be positioned at the rear of the rig, with a hand resting lightly on the rear of the rig or holding a loose strap or handle which may have been attached to the rear of the rig by the Owner for this purpose - for safety purposes only, not to restrain the dog in any way. They should always allow the dog to move and only restrain after the dog has moved significantly or in an emergency.
16. Whenever the dog is **left** in either a Wait or a Stay, the lead, if worn, **must** be removed, with the exception of the Puppy Introduction Test, where Stays may be on lead, if the lead is of a suitable length (retractable leads are not permitted)
17. In any Stay elements in these Tests, the dog will lose points for changing position, but it is permissible for a dog in a Down to go into a Sit and vice versa, or any other combination of Stand, Sit or Down, provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet. **In Levels 1-5, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure of the Test.** In the Puppy Test (only), puppies will lose points for changing position in the Stay elements, but will not automatically fail this Test if they move significantly in the Stay elements. Points will be deducted on a sliding scale depending at what time the Stay was broken. (See Puppy Introduction Test)
18. Equipment required:
  - a) To stage the Tests:
 

Draught Regulations	Blank score sheets & comment forms
First aid kits - human and canine	Shelter, table, chairs, results board.
Course maps	Rosettes
Harnesses and traces	Carts, sleds, log pulls, drag items
Wooden or metal stakes	Rope or tape, or temporary fencing
  - b) To construct the Manoeuvre Course:
 

Weave poles	Rattle board
Ramp	Ribbon rail
Gate (or item to simulate a gate)	Wooden/plastic (or similar) kerbs
Cones or stakes to create figure 8/stop box/recall/reverse	
Wooden batten or plastic poles to create a chicane/right angle	
2 wind breaks (or similar) to create the Funnel	
Suitable item for the 'load'	
  - c) Handlers are expected to supply their own water container(s), which must be approved by the Judges, to create the load to be carried on the Haul. Each container should be 5 litres in volume and should be filled with water. Test Managers should have some spares available

**PLEASE NOTE** - Not all the above list of equipment is required for every Test. Please check the individual Test requirements for information concerning Test elements and then decide which elements you wish to use.

## **GUIDELINES FOR DRAUGHT EQUIPMENT**

### **Gate**

Either an actual hinged gate that can be opened or closed, or a simulated gate constructed with two upright poles, either ring stakes or broom handles or similar, with a cross pole on hooks that can be lifted on and off easily. The gate can be made more difficult in the higher Levels by narrowing the gap between the uprights, so that the average cart will only just pass through.

Aim: To prove that the dog will wait whilst the gate is opened, pass through the gate calmly and accurately and wait whilst the gate is closed.

### **Funnel**

This can be formed by two or more windbreaks or similar, forming a narrow passage for the cart and Handler to pass through. At Level 2 you would expect this passage to be approx. 1.5 carts wide at the entrance, narrowing slightly at the exit to form a reasonably straight passage. The degree of difficulty should be increased from Level 2 to Level 5, so that by Level 5 you would expect this passage to be only slightly wider than the cart, to include a curve, as well as being longer.

Aim: That the dog will pass through a narrow area steadily and accurately and not be deterred by the noise and confinement of the windbreaks.

### **Ramps**

These can be made from a piece of plywood or similar, raised at one end to a height of approx. 15 cm forming a slope for the cart to be pulled up and allowed to drop off the end. You can either have one large ramp that the dog walks up, pulling the cart behind (care must be taken that the surface does not become too slippery for the dogs). Alternatively, it is equally acceptable to have two ramps side by side with a gap between the two for the dog(s) to pass through and only the wheels of the cart go up the ramp - with this design there is no worry about the surface causing the dog(s) to slip.

Aim: To prove the dog is not worried by the noise and feel of the cart dropping off the end and that an accurate line is chosen to avoid the wheels dropping off the side.

### **Chicane**

A zigzag path made of six poles secured on the ground. Ideally dog, cart and Handler will pass through the chicane without stepping outside the poles, although it is more important that both the dog and cart remain inside than the Handler.

Aim: To show accuracy, and Handler being aware of the position of the cart and the route it may take.

### **Kerbs**

These can be constructed from two lengths of wood/plastic (or similar) approximately 10 cm x 10 cm and approximately 1 metre long. The ends should be cut at angle to allow the cartwheels to roll on and off. There needs to be a means to anchor these to the ground so that they cannot tip over. They should be placed on the ground offset and parallel, so that the wheels on one side of the cart can roll up and over the first kerb, then, with a little manoeuvring, the wheels on the opposite side of the cart can roll over the other kerb.

Aim: To demonstrate the Handler's ability to choose an accurate line and the dog's willingness to manoeuvre, often needing to reverse. The less the cart is physically lifted into position the better, especially at the higher Levels.

## **Weaves**

Evenly spaced upright poles placed in a straight line, between 2 metres and 3 metres apart. In addition to reducing the distance between the poles, the degree of difficulty can be altered by the position of the poles in relation to other obstacles and the ring tape. The poles can be entered with the first pole on either the left or the right of the rig.

**Aim:** To demonstrate both accuracy and forethought and planning. The entry route will affect the exit line and therefore affect the route to the next obstacle.

## **Rattle Board**

A flat piece of board, wider than a cart, with batons attached at regular intervals, providing an uneven change of surface.

**Aim:** To demonstrate that the dog is happy to walk onto an unusual surface and that it is not worried by the feel and sound of the cart passing over this surface.

## **Load and/or unload an item**

A lightweight item, often of unusual or awkward shape or size, will be provided by the organisers to be loaded and/or unloaded at set points around the Course. Please note the organisers will NOT supply a means to secure the load - entrants will be expected to supply something suitable, for example a length of rope, elastic straps etc.

**Aim:** To demonstrate the dog's willingness to wait calmly whilst the Handler is distracted. That the Handler can load and secure the load safely and securely, being aware of correct weight distribution especially in two wheeled rigs.

## **Ribbon Rail**

A rail suspended from 2 uprights, with some form of hanging ribbon or tassels attached across the full width, which should be long enough to require the dog to brush through them when he passes underneath. An old-fashioned fly screen is ideal for this purpose. The dog and rig must pass beneath the rail - the Handler may pass through with the dog, or may send them through alone.

**Aim:** To demonstrate the dog's confidence to pass through a noisy moving screen.

## **2, 3 or 4 Metre Recall (Depending on Level entered)**

The dog, still hitched, should be left in a Wait - position to be chosen by Handler (the Steward will be positioned at the rear of the rig, placing a hand lightly on the rig, or holding a loose strap or handle which may have been attached to the rear of the rig by the Owner for this purpose. The Steward is not meant to prevent the dog from moving, but should only restrain the rig after the dog has moved significantly from the spot, or in an emergency situation, purely as a safety precaution, but they must not hold the dog or the lead. The Handler will move 2, 3 or 4 metres away, turn to face the dog and, when instructed by the Steward, will call the dog to front. The required distance can be marked with cones or stakes

**Aim:** To demonstrate the dog is happy to be left and willing to return to the Handler calmly.

## **Stop Box**

A rectangular area marked on the ground, either by poles, lines, stakes or cones, within which the dog and rig is required to come to a halt, and wait until instructed to restart. As this area is often shorter than some rigs, the Judges should indicate during the Briefing whether they wish the dog's nose to be level with the front of the area, or the rear to be level with the back of the area.

**Aim:** To demonstrate accuracy, that the dog will come to a halt at a specific spot and wait until instructed to move off.



### **Figure of Eight**

Two points are marked either by cones or upright poles between 1 and 2 metres apart. A complete figure of eight should be performed, passing through the centre of these markers at least 3 times. The degree of difficulty is affected both by the space between the two markers and the positioning of this obstacle in relation to others.

**Aim:** To demonstrate the ability to perform reasonably tight turns, and, as this can be performed in either direction, forethought and planning is demonstrated, as the entry route will affect the exit line and therefore the line to the next obstacle.

### **Right Angle**

Two poles or planks approx. 1.5 metres long, placed on the ground at right angles (90 degrees) to each other. The dog and cart must pass the poles on the outside of the right angle, whilst the Handler remains on the inside. Depending on how the poles are placed on the ground, the dog may be required to work on the left or right hand side of the Handler.

**Aim:** To demonstrate the dog's willingness to work slightly forward of the Handler and demonstrate his obedience to directional commands not just his ability to follow the Handler.

### **Reverse**

The required distance for the reverse is marked with two cones, or similar. The dog stops with his nose level with the furthest marker, then reverses until his nose is level with the first marker. The dog should go back as a result of verbal and/or visual commands, not as a result of physical intimidation or manhandling.

**Aim:** To demonstrate the dog's willingness to reverse with the rig, in a reasonably straight line, purely as a result of the Handler's commands.

## OPTIONAL PUPPY INTRODUCTION TEST

Purpose: To encourage interest and participation by new Owners and/or puppies and young dogs aged between 6 and 14 months of age, allowing the dog to demonstrate its ability to respond happily to the Handler's commands whilst wearing a harness. Breeching is optional at this Level.

Desired Performance: The dog will complete the Control Section Course set out for Level 1 entrants, with the exception of the Stay, which is only 30 seconds - NO HAUL MAY BE ATTEMPTED. Judges shall mark this round relevant to the dog's age, remembering this Test is designed to encourage future participation in draught work.

There is no need to run this Test as a separate class - it can be judged as part of the Level 1, as the only differences are the length of the Stay, the omission of the Haul, and the need to unharness at the end of the Control section to complete the Test.

Puppies will lose points for changing position in the Stay elements, but will not automatically fail this Test if they move significantly in the Stay elements. Points will be deducted on a sliding scale depending at what time the Stay was broken.

### **Leaving the ring will always result in a failure.**

Breaking the first Stay whilst collecting the harness:	Lose 3 points
Breaking the 30 second Stay before 10 seconds:	Lose 9 points
Breaking the 30 second Stay at or after 10 seconds and before 20 seconds:	Lose 6 points
Breaking the 30 second Stay at or after 20 seconds and before 30 seconds:	Lose 3 points

At Puppy Level only, Owners may complete the Stays on lead, provided that the lead is of sufficient length to remain loose with the Handler holding it (no retractable leads will be allowed), otherwise the lead must be removed.

50 points are allocated for this Test.

A pass will require a score of **35** points or more.

Upon successful completion, entrants will be awarded a Puppy Pass rosette on the day. No certificates will be issued and passes at this Level do not contribute towards Club Working Trophies.

**This is an optional Test and may be omitted in the natural progression Level 1 to Level 5**

## LEVEL 1

**Purpose:** To demonstrate a dog's ability to respond to the Handler's commands and to safely pull through its harness.

### The Control Section

**Desired Performance** A Control Course will be set in the Test area by the two Judges with the following elements: There will be between 7 and 9 turns (at least) made up of:

- Between 1 and 3 left turns,
- Between 1 and 3 right turns
- Between 1 and 3 about turns, plus
- A Wait in STAND (10 seconds) at a set point
- A 3 metre recall to front, finish not required
- A one minute Sit/Stand/Down Stay (Handler's choice), Handler 2 metres away

Before entering the Test area, the Handler will hand the harness to the Steward. The dog will be walked into the Test area and left in a Stay, with the lead removed. The Handler will take the harness from the Steward, who will be positioned 2 metres away and then return to harness the dog. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges that the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection. Breeching is optional during the Control Section at this Level.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will walk the designated Course, responding to the instructions that will be given by the Steward.

**Scoring** It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being harnessed
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.

50 points are allocated for this section.

**Points will be lost for:**

- Lead not removed when leaving the dog
- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- Using a non-directional command more than three times before a response (see explanatory note 8)
- The dog dictating the pace
- The dog changing position in the Stays

**Failure:** During the Stay elements, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet.

The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **35** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

**Permitted Actions** The Handler can ask the Steward for assistance whilst harnessing at this Level. Handlers can kneel or extend their arms, or even walk backwards during the action part of the recall; the element is complete when the dog is back with the Handler. In the Stay elements the dog will lose points for changing position. It is permissible for a dog in a down to go into a sit, and vice-versa, or any other combination provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left.

## LEVEL 1

### The Haul

Desired Performance On satisfactory completion of the Control Section, the Handler will take the dog to the apparatus, and when instructed, will hitch it up. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges that the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When the dog is hitched satisfactorily, (which must include breeching if a wheeled cart is to be used), the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will get the dog to pull the apparatus between 25 and 50 metres in a straight line, then make a wide turn and return to the start point, as instructed by the Steward.

When instructed by the Steward, they will halt, the Handler will unhitch and unharness their dog before walking out of the Test area in a controlled manner to complete the Test.

Scoring: It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being hitched.
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands,
3. The dog will wait calmly whilst being unharnessed and unhitched

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.  
50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than three times before a response
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- The dog dictating the pace
- Mistakes during hitching, unhitching and unharnessing.

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **35** points or more.

Permitted Actions: The Handler may ask the Steward for assistance while hitching, unhitching and unharnessing at this Level.

## LEVEL 2

**Purpose:** To demonstrate a dog's ability to respond to the Handler's commands and to safely pull draught apparatus over a short, level Course.

### The Control Section

**Desired Performance** A Control Course will be set in the Test area by the two Judges with the following elements:

There will be at least 9 turns made up of:

- 3 left turns
- 3 right turns
- 3 about turns
- 2 Waits in STAND (10 seconds each) 1 at a set point, 1 random
- a 3 metre recall to front, finish not required
- a one minute Sit/Stand/Down Stay (Handler's choice), Handler 3 metres away

Before entering the Test area, the Handler will hand the harness to the Steward. The dog will be walked into the Test area and left in a Stay with the lead removed. The Handler will take the harness from the Steward who will be positioned 3 metres away and then return to harness the dog. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will walk the designated Course, responding to the instructions that will be given by the Steward.

**Scoring:** It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being harnessed
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.

50 points are allocated for this section.

**Points will be lost for:**

- Lead not removed when leaving the dog
- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside Handler
- Using a non-directional command more than 3 times before a response (see explanatory note 8)
- The dog dictating the pace
- The dog breaking Waits and changing position in the Stays

**Failure:** During the Stay elements, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet.

The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining **38** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

**Permitted Actions:** The Handler can ask the Steward for assistance whilst harnessing at this Level. In the Stay elements the dog will lose points for changing position. It is permissible for a dog in a down to go into a sit and vice-versa, or any other combination, provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left.

## LEVEL 2

### The Manoeuvring Section

This Section may either be run once all the dogs have completed the Control Section or may follow the Control Section for each dog at the discretion of the Judges and Test Manager. Handlers will be informed at the Judges' Briefing which format is to take place.

Desired performance A Manoeuvring Course will be set by the two Judges. It will incorporate 8 elements from the following list, which must be numbered and be attempted in numerical and directional order.

#### LIST OF ELEMENTS

Gate / Chicane / Figure 8 / Funnel / Ramps / Kerbs / Weave poles / Rattle board / Loading and/or unloading a specified item (safely & securely) / Ribbon rail / 2 m recall whilst hitched / Stop box

Before commencing the Manoeuvring Course, the Handler will take the dog to the apparatus, and when instructed will hitch up. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges that the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will get the dog to pull the apparatus through the designated Course, responding to instructions given by the Steward and/or Judges. Only when this part has been completed satisfactorily will they be directed to wait ready for the next section.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being hitched.
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.  
50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Incorrect hitching;
- Lack of control;
- Using a non-directional command more than three times before a response;
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes.
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- The dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to a stop command
- Lack of forethought & planning

Failure - The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **38** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

Permitted Actions: The Handler can ask the Steward for assistance whilst hitching at this Level.

## LEVEL 2

### The Haul

The Haul Section of the Course will be in a rural environment (or simulated) and will be over a distance of approximately half a mile, with at least one change of surface and minimal inclines. During the Course a number of obstacles (ideally natural) will be encountered; these will include a gate, a right turn, a left turn and a series of tight S bends. People and/or dogs may be used along the route to provide a natural distraction. **Dogs used for this must be of good temperament.**

This part will be carried out in one or more convoys of manageable size, with Handlers accompanied by safety Stewards and the Judges. The Judges will position themselves at an advantageous position at the various obstacles. On reaching each obstacle or set of obstacles, the convoy will be halted by the Steward and necessary instructions given. The dogs and Handlers will then negotiate them while being observed by the Judges. It is hoped that the Handler will be able to negotiate each obstacle unaided by a Steward, although physical assistance may be requested at any time throughout the Haul.

When the convoy has completed the Course, each Handler will be instructed to unhitch and unharness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner to complete the Test.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.
2. The dog will wait calmly whilst being unharnessed and unhitched..

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.  
50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than 3 times before a response
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to distractions
- Failure to work as a team
- Mistakes during unhitching/unharnessing

Failure: The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **38** points or more.

Permitted Actions:

The Handler may ask the Steward for assistance unhitching and unharnessing at this Level.

## LEVEL 3 (Bronze)

**Purpose:** To demonstrate a dog's ability to respond to the Handler's commands and to safely pull draught apparatus over a medium length Course with small inclines and declines.

### The Control Section

**Desired performance** A Control Course will be set in the Test area by the two Judges with the following elements:

At least 2 complete changes of pace to slow and back to normal, with at least 9 turns, made up of:

- 3 left turns, (with 1 at slow pace)
- 3 right turns (with 1 at slow pace)
- 3 about turns, (with 1 at slow pace)
- 2 Waits in STAND (20 seconds each) - 1 at a set point, 1 random (during normal pace)
- A reasonably straight reverse of one metre
- 5 metre recall to front, finish not required
- A 90 second Sit/Stand/Down Stay (Handler's choice), Handler 5 metres away

Before entering the Test area, the Handler will hand the harness to the Steward. The dog will be walked into the Test area and left in a Stay, with the Lead removed. The Handler will take the harness from the Steward, who will be positioned 5 metres away, and then return to harness the dog. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges that the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will walk the designated Course, responding to the instructions that will be given by the Steward.

**Scoring** It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being harnessed.
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating that they are relaxed and under control.  
50 points are allocated for this section.

**Points will be lost for:**

- Lead not removed when leaving the dog
- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- Using a non-directional command more than twice before a response
- The dog dictating the pace
- The dog breaking Waits and changing position in the Stays

**Failure:** The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **40** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section. During the Stay elements, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet.

**Permitted Actions:** The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst harnessing at this Level. In the Stay elements the dog will lose points for changing position. It is permissible for a dog in a down to go into a sit and vice-versa, or any other combination provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left.



## **LEVEL 3 (Bronze)**

### **The Manoeuvring Section**

This Section may either be run once all the dogs have completed the Control Section, or may follow the Control Section for each dog, at the discretion of the Judges and Test Manager. Handlers will be informed at the Judges' Briefing which format is to take place.

Desired performance Manoeuvring Course will be set by the two Judges. It will incorporate 10 elements from the following list.

#### LIST OF ELEMENTS

Gate / Chicane / Figure 8 / Funnel / Right angle turn / Ramps / Kerbs / Weave poles / Rattle board / Loading and/or unloading of specified item (safely& securely) / Ribbon rail / 2 m recall whilst hitched / Stop box /1 metre reverse

Before commencing the Manoeuvring Course, the Handler will take the dog to the apparatus, and when instructed will hitch up. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges that the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will get the dog to pull the apparatus through the designated Course, responding to instructions given by the Steward and/or Judges. Only when this part has been completed satisfactorily will they be directed to wait ready for the next section.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being hitched
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.  
50 points are allocated for this section,

Points will be lost for:

- Incorrect hitching
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than twice before a response
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wish
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- The dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to stop command
- Lack of forethought and planning and/or needing to physically move rig

Failure - The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **40** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

Permitted Actions: The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst hitching at this Level.

## LEVEL 3 (Bronze)

### The Haul

The Haul part of the Course will be in a rural environment (or simulated) and will be over a distance of approx. 1.5 miles, with at least one change of surface and at least 1 incline to ascend/descend. The Course may be extended if an incline is not available.

During the Course a number of obstacles (hopefully, natural) will be encountered, these will include a gate, a right turn, a left turn and a series of fairly tight S bends. People and/or dogs may be used along the route to provide a natural distraction. **Dogs used must be of good temperament.**

This part will be carried out in one or more convoys of manageable size, with Handlers accompanied by safety Stewards and the Judges. The Judges will position themselves at an advantageous position at the various obstacles. On reaching each obstacle or set of obstacles, the convoy will be halted by the Steward and necessary instructions given. The dogs and Handlers will then negotiate them while being observed by the Judges. It is hoped that Handlers will be able to negotiate each obstacle unaided by a Steward, although physical assistance may be requested at any point throughout the Haul.

When the convoy has completed the Course, each Handler will be instructed to unhitch and unharness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner to complete the Test.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.
2. The dog will wait calmly whilst being unharnessed and unhitched

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.

50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than twice before a response
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes
- Physically moving or manhandling dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- The dog dictating the pace
- Failure to work as a team
- Mistakes during unhitching and unharnessing

Failure: The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **40** points or more.

Permitted Actions: The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst unhitching and unharnessing at this Level.

## LEVEL 4 (Silver)

Purpose: To demonstrate a dog's ability to respond to the Handler's commands and to safely pull draught apparatus over a longer and more difficult Course.

### The Control Section

Desired Performance A Control Course that is to be completed **OFF LEAD** will be set in the Test area by the two Judges with the following elements:

- At least 2 complete changes of pace to slow and back to normal
- At least 2 complete changes of pace to fast and back to normal
- At least 3 left turns, (with at least 1 at fast pace)
- At least 3 right turns (with at least 1 at fast pace)
- At least 3 about turns, (with at least 1 at fast pace)
- 2 Waits in STAND (20 seconds each) 1 at a set point, 1 random (with at least 1 at fast pace)
- 1 random, unexpected stop in STAND (10 seconds) during normal pace
- A reasonably straight reverse of two metres
- 10 metre recall to front, finish not required
- A two minute Sit/Stand/Down Stay (Handler's choice), Handler 5 metres away

**NB** Fast pace means an increase in pace from normal, NOT running. It is designed to demonstrate the willingness of the dog to increase their pace when necessary e.g. when approaching an incline.

Before entering the Test area, the Handler will hand the harness to the Steward. The dog will be walked into the Test area and left in a Stay. The Handler will take the harness from the Steward who will be positioned 5 metres away and then return to harness the dog. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will walk the designated Course, responding to the instructions that will be given by the Steward.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being harnessed
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating that they are relaxed and under control.

50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than twice before a response
- Physical correction or manhandling of the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- Dog dictating pace
- The dog breaking Waits and changing position in the Stays.

Failure During the Stay elements, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet.

The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **43** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

Permitted actions: The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst harnessing at this Level. In the Stay elements the dog will lose points for changing position. It is permissible for a dog in a down to go into a sit and vice-versa, or any other combination provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left.

## **LEVEL 4 (Silver)**

### **The Manoeuvring Section**

This Section may either be run once all the dogs have completed the Control Section, or may follow the Control Section for each dog at the discretion of the Judges and Test Manager. Handlers will be informed at the Briefing which format is to take place.

Desired Performance: A Manoeuvring Course will be set by the two Judges, which is to be completed **ON A TOTALLY SLACK LEAD** at all times - the lead is present solely as a safety precaution. It will incorporate at least 12 elements from the following list, plus a 30 second Stay in any position whilst hitched, Handler 2.5 metres away.

#### LIST OF ELEMENTS

Gate / Chicane / Figure 8 / Funnel / Right angle turn / Ramps / Kerbs / Weave poles / Rattle board / Loading and /or unloading of specified item (safely & securely) / Ribbon rail / 3m recall whilst hitched / Stop box / 2 metre reverse

To commence the Manoeuvring Course, the Handler will take the dog to the apparatus, and when instructed will hitch up. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges that the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will get the dog to pull the apparatus through the designated Course, responding to instructions given by the Steward and/or the Judges. Only when this part has been completed satisfactorily will they be directed to wait ready for the next section.

Scoring: It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being hitched
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.

50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Incorrect Hitching
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than twice before a response
- Physical correction or the lead tightening at any time
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to stop command
- Breaking Waits and changing position in the Stay
- Poor completion of the reverse
- Lack of forethought and planning and/or needing to physically move rig

Failure: During the Stay element, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet.

The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **43** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

Permitted Actions: The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst hitching at this Level. In the Stay element, the dog will lose points for changing position, but is permissible for a dog in a down to go into a sit and vice-versa, or any other combination, provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left.

## LEVEL 4 (Silver)

### The Haul

The Haul section will be in a rural environment (or simulated) and will be over a distance of at least 2.5 miles, with at least two changes of surface and an incline to ascend and descend. The overall length of the Course may be extended in the absence of this incline. A load, comprising of a full 5 litre water container, will be transported for at least 50% of the Course. The article will be supplied by the Handler but must be approved by the Judges. (See explanatory note no. 18)

During the Course a number of obstacles (hopefully, natural) will be encountered; these will include a gate, a right turn, a left turn, a series of fairly tight S bends, a designated reverse over 1 metre and other obstacles selected by a Judge. People and/or dogs may be used along the route to provide a natural distraction. **Dogs used must be of good temperament.** Another distraction will be provided by an encounter with a stranger who will create a noise distraction.

This part will be carried out in one or more convoys of manageable size, with Handlers accompanied by safety Stewards and the Judges. The Judges will position themselves at an advantageous position at the various obstacles. On reaching each obstacle or set of obstacles, the convoy will be halted by the Steward and necessary instructions given. The dogs and Handlers will then negotiate them while being observed by the Judges. It is hoped that the Handlers will negotiate the obstacles without the aid of a Steward, but physical assistance may be requested at any point during the Haul.

When the convoy has completed the Course, each Handler will be instructed to unhitch and unharness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner to complete the Test.

Scoring: It is expected that:

1. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.
2. The dog will wait calmly whilst being unhitched and unharnessed

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.

50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than twice before a response
- Lead tightening to obtain conformity to the Handler's wishes
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- The dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to distractions
- Poor completion of 1 metre reverse
- Failure to work as a team
- Mistakes during Unhitching / Unharnessing

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **43** points or more.

Permitted Actions: The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst unhitching and unharnessing at this Level.

## LEVEL 5 (Gold)

**Purpose:** To demonstrate a dog's ability to respond to the Handler's commands swiftly and safely pull draught apparatus over a longer and more difficult Course.

### The Control Section

**Desired Performance** A Control Course that is to be completed **OFF LEAD** will be set in the Test area by the two Judges with the following elements:

- At least 2 complete changes of pace to slow and back to normal
- At least 2 complete changes of pace to fast and back to normal
- At least 3 left turns, (with at least 1 at each pace)
- At least 3 right turns, (with at least 1 at each pace)
- At least 3 about turns, (with at least 1 at each pace)
- A one minute halt and stand Stay, Handler 3 metres away
- 3 Waits in STAND (20 seconds each) at a set point, (1 at each pace)
- 1 random, unexpected Wait in STAND (10 seconds) during normal pace
- A reasonably straight reverse of two metres
- A recall from 10 metres (with back to dog) to side or front, finish not required
- A 3 minute Sit/Stand/Down Stay (Handler's choice), Handler 5m away

**NB** Fast pace means an increase in pace from normal, NOT running. It is designed to demonstrate the willingness of the dog to increase their pace when necessary e.g. when approaching an incline.

Before entering the Test area, the Handler will hand the harness to the Steward. The dog will be walked into the Test area and left in a Stand Stay. The Handler will take the harness from the Steward who will be positioned 5 metres away and then return to harness the dog. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection. When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will walk the designated Course, responding to the instructions that will be given by the Steward.

**Scoring:** It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being harnessed
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands

Thus demonstrating that they are relaxed and under control.  
50 points are allocated for this section.

**Points will be lost for:**

- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than once before a response
- Physical correction or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor completion of 2 metre reverse
- The dog breaking Waits and changing position in the Stays.

**Failure:** During the Stay elements, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet.

The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **45** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

**Permitted Actions:** The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst harnessing at this Level. In the Stay elements the dog will lose points for changing position. It is permissible for a dog in a down to go into a sit and vice-versa, or any other combination provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left.

## LEVEL 5 (Gold)

### The Manoeuvring Section

This Section may either be run once all the dogs have completed the Control Section or may follow the Control Section for each dog at the discretion of the Judges and Test Manager. Handlers will be informed at the Briefing which format is to take place.

Desired Performance: A Manoeuvring Course will be set by the two Judges that is to be completed with the **LEAD ATTACHED TO THE TOP OF THE HARNESS**, not the collar. This is meant to simulate the dog working 'off-lead' whilst the Handler retains full control of the dog. The lead is present for safety purposes only and **must remain slack at all times**. The Course will incorporate at least 12 elements from the following list. Plus, a 1 minute Stay in any position whilst hitched, with the Handler 2.5 metres away; and a 2m reverse

#### LIST OF ELEMENTS:

Gate / Chicane / Figure 8 / Funnel / Right angle turn / Ramps / Kerbs / Weave poles / Rattle board / Loading and /or unloading specified item (safely & securely) / Ribbon rail / 4 m recall whilst hitched / Stop box

To commence the Manoeuvring Course, the Handler will take the dog to the apparatus, and when instructed will hitch up. When they are ready, the Handler will inform the Judges the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, the Handler, with their dog alongside them, will get the dog to pull the apparatus through the designated Course, responding to instructions given by the Steward and/or Judges. Only when this part has been completed satisfactorily will they be directed to wait ready for the next section.

Scoring: It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst being hitched.
2. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.

50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Incorrect hitching
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than once before a response
- Physical correction or the lead tightening at any time
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- Dog not working alongside the Handler
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to stop command
- Changing position in the Stay
- Poor completion of reverse
- Lack of forethought and planning and/or needing to physically move rig

Failure: During the Stay element, any significant movement from the original spot will result in failure. Significant movement is defined as taking 3 or more steps from the spot with the front feet. The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **45** points or more. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will NOT be allowed to progress to the next section.

Permitted actions: The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst hitching at this Level. In the Stay element the dog will lose points for changing position. It is permissible for a dog in a down to go into a sit and vice-versa, or any other combination provided it does not significantly move from the original spot in which it was left.

## LEVEL 5 (GOLD)

### The Haul

The Haul section is to be completed with the **LEAD ATTACHED TO THE TOP OF THE HARNESS**, not the collar. This lead is present for safety purposes only and **must remain slack at all times**. The Haul will be in a rural environment (or simulated) and will be over a distance of approx. 3.5 miles, with at least three changes of surface and at least three inclines to ascend and descend. The overall length of the Course may be extended in the absence of these inclines. A load, comprising of 2 full 5 litre water containers, will be transported for at least 50% of the Course. The articles will be supplied by the Handler but must be approved by the Judges. (See explanatory note 18)

During the Course a number of obstacles (hopefully, natural) will be encountered; these will include a gate, a right turn, a left turn, a series of fairly tight S bends, a designated reverse over 2 metre and other obstacles selected by a Judge. People and/or dogs may be used along the route to provide one natural distraction. **Dogs used must be of good temperament.** Another distraction will be provided by an encounter with a stranger who will create a noise distraction.

This part will be carried out in one or more convoys of manageable size, with Handlers accompanied by safety Stewards and the Judges. The Judges will position themselves in an advantageous position at the various obstacles. On reaching each obstacle or set of obstacles, the convoy will be halted by the Steward and necessary instructions given. The dogs and Handlers will then negotiate them while being observed by the Judges. It is expected that the Handlers will negotiate each obstacle without the aid of the Stewards, but they may request physical assistance at any point during The Haul.

When the convoy has completed the Course, each Handler will be instructed to unhitch and unharness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner to complete the Test.

Scoring: It is expected that:

1. The dog will walk at the side of the Handler and respond to their commands.
2. The dog will wait calmly whilst being unhitched and unharnessed.

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control.  
50 points are allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than once before a response
- Physical correction or the lead tightening at any time
- Physically moving or manhandling the dog
- The dog not working alongside the Handler
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor 2 metre reverse
- Failure to work as a team
- Mistakes during unhitching /unharnessing

Failure: The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require a score of **45** points or more.

Permitted Actions: The Handler may NOT ask the Steward for assistance whilst unhitching and unharnessing at this Level.



# **LCGB DRAUGHT TEST SCORE SHEET** **OPTIONAL PUPPY INTRODUCTION TEST**

VENUE :

DATE:

JUDGES:

CALL NAME :

AGE:

NUMBER:

THE CONTROL SECTION	NOTES	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING			
CONTROL & COMMANDS			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
WAITS			
RECALL (3m)			
STAY (HARNESSING) (- 3 points)			
STAY (30 secs) TIME BROKEN: < 10 seconds: - 9 points 10 - 19 seconds: - 6 points 20-29 seconds: - 3 points			
UNHARNESSING			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE 50

PASS MARK 35

**PASS / FAIL**

NOTES not for comment sheet

JUDGES COMMENTS to be recorded on a comment sheet by Test Manager or Steward:

CONTROL:

## LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 1 - SCORESHEET

VENUE :

DATE:

JUDGES:

CALL NAME :

AGE:

NUMBER:

THE CONTROL SECTION	NOTES	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 3)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
WAITS			
RECALL (3m)			
STAYS (significantly moving = fail)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE    50        PASS MARK    35        **CONTINUE?**        **YES / NO**

THE HAUL	NOTES	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HITCHING/UNHITCHING/ UNHARNESSING			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 3)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE    50        PASS MARK    35

**PASS / FAIL**

(JUDGES COMMENTS - ON PAGE 2)

## LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 2 - SCORESHEET

VENUE :

DATE:

JUDGES:

CALL NAME :

AGE:

NUMBER:

THE CONTROL SECTION	NOTES	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 3)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
WAITS			
RECALL (3m)			
STAYS (significantly moving = FAIL)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 38</b>	<b>CONTINUE? YES / NO</b>
<b>THE MANOEUVRING SECTION</b>			
HITCHING			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 3)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
FORETHOUGHT & PLANNING			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 38</b>	<b>CONTINUE? YES / NO</b>
<b>THE HAUL</b>			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 3)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
TEAM WORK			
UNHITCH & UNHARNESS			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 38</b>	<b>PASS / FAIL</b>

(JUDGES COMMENTS - on page 2)

### LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 3 - SCORESHEET

VENUE :

DATE:

JUDGES:

CALL NAME :

AGE:

NUMBER:

CONTROL SECTION	NOTES	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING (no assistance)			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 2)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING & CHANGES OF PACE			
WAITS			
REVERSE 1 metre			
RECALL 5 metre			
STAYS (significantly moving from spot = FAIL)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 40</b>	<b>CONTINUE? YES / NO</b>
<b>MANOEUVRING SECTION</b>			
HITCHING (no assistance)			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 2)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
FORETHOUGHT & PLANNING (& moving rig)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 40</b>	<b>CONTINUE? YES / NO</b>
<b>THE HAUL</b>			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 2)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
TEAM WORK			
UNHITCH & UNHARNESS (no assistance)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 40</b>	<b>PASS / FAIL</b>

(JUDGES COMMENTS - on Page 2 )

# LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 4 - SCORESHEET

VENUE :

DATE:

JUDGES:

CALL NAME :

AGE:

NUMBER:

CONTROL SECTION (Off Lead)	NOTES	ERRORS	PTS LOST
HARNESSING (no assistance)			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 2)			
PHYSICAL CORRECTION/MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING & CHANGES OF PACE			
WAITS			
REVERSE 2 metre			
RECALL 10 metre			
STAYS (significantly moving from spot = FAIL)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50		PASS MARK: 43	CONTINUE? YES / NO
MANOEUVRING SECTION (Totally slack lead)			
HITCHING (no assistance)			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 2)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
PHYSICAL CORRECTION / MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
FORETHOUGHT & PLANNING (& moving rig)			
HITCHED STAY 2.5m (significantly moving = FAIL)			
2 METRE REVERSE			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50		PASS MARK: 43	CONTINUE? YES / NO
THE HAUL			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 2)			
LEAD USE (& failure to remove)			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
1 METRE REVERSE			
DISTRACTION x 2 people/dogs & noise/stranger			
TEAM WORK			
UNHITCH & UNHARNESS (no assistance)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50		PASS MARK: 43	PASS / FAIL

(JUDGES COMMENTS - on Page 2)

# LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 5 - SCORESHEET

VENUE :

DATE:

JUDGES:

CALL NAME :

AGE:

NUMBER:

CONTROL SECTION (Off Lead)	NOTES	ERRORS	PTS LOST
HARNESSING (no assistance)			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 1)			
PHYSICAL CORRECTION/MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING & CHANGES OF PACE			
WAITS			
HALT & STAND STAY (Sig. movement = FAIL)			
REVERSE 2 metre			
RECALL 10 metre, back to dog, front or side			
STAYS (significantly moving = FAIL)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 45</b>	<b>CONTINUE? YES / NO</b>
<b>MANOEUVRING SECTION (Harness)</b>			
HITCHING (no assistance)			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 1)			
PHYSICAL CORRECTION/LEAD TIGHTENING			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
FORETHOUGHT & PLANNING (& moving rig)			
HITCHED STAY 2.5m (significantly moving = FAIL)			
REVERSE 2 metre			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 45</b>	<b>CONTINUE? YES / NO</b>
<b>THE HAUL (Harness)</b>			
CONTROL & COMMANDS (max 1)			
PHYSICAL CORRECTION/LEAD TIGHTENING			
MANHANDLING			
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER			
DOG DICTATING PACE			
REVERSE 2 metre			
DISTRACTION x 2 people/dogs & noise/stranger			
TEAM WORK			
UNHITCH & UNHARNESS (no assistance)			
TOTAL POINTS LOST			
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50</b>		<b>PASS MARK: 45</b>	<b>PASS / FAIL</b>

(JUDGES COMMENTS - on Page 2)

## SCORE SHEET (PAGE 2)

DATE ..... VENUE .....

CALL NAME ..... KENNEL NAME ..... AGE .....

HANDLER ..... OWNER ..... NUMBER .....

NOTES (not for comment sheet)

JUDGES COMMENTS (to be recorded on a comment sheet by Test Manager or Steward)

CONTROL:

MANOEUVRE (if applicable) :

HAUL (if applicable):

JUDGES NAMES (please print) .....

# THE LEONBERGER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

## DRAUGHT TEST COMMENT SHEET



DATE ..... VENUE .....

CALL NAME ..... KENNEL NAME ..... AGE .....

HANDLER ..... OWNER ..... NUMBER .....

TEST LEVEL	CONTROL	MANOEUVRE	HAUL	OVERALL
PUPPY TEST	PASS / FAIL	N / A	N / A	PASS / FAIL
Level 1	PASS / FAIL	N / A	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL
Level 2	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL
Level 3	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL
Level 4	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL
Level 5	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL	PASS / FAIL

JUDGES COMMENTS:

JUDGES SIGNATURES: .....

JUDGES NAMES: .....



Name of Veterinary Practice:

Practice Stamp:

Date:

To: The Leonberger Club of Great Britain Draught Test Manager

Re: Pet Name:

KC Reg Name if Known:

Microchip Number :

DOB:                      AGE:

Date of Draught Test:    Level:

The Leonberger Club of Great Britain Draught Test Regulations require this health check to be carried out within the 7 days preceding LCGB Draught Tests, for all dogs entering Levels 4 and 5 and for dogs aged 7 years or over entering Level 3.

This is to certify that I have examined the above named dog and find him/her to be in good health.

In my opinion he/she is fit enough to take part in The LCGB Draught Test Level 3, which I understand to include an obedience type control round without a cart, a short obstacle course pulling a cart, followed by a cross country haul of at least 1.5 miles. The dog will be pulling the cart over varying terrain including inclines to ascend and descend.

Or

In my opinion he/she is fit enough to take part in either The LCGB Draught Test Levels 3 detailed above or Level 4, which I understand to include an obedience type control round without a cart, a short obstacle course pulling a cart, followed by a cross country haul of at least 2.5 miles. The dog will be pulling the cart over varying terrain including inclines to ascend and descend. During the Haul the cart will carry an additional load of 5kg for at least 50% of the distance.

Or

In my opinion he/she is fit enough to take part in either The LCGB Draught Test Levels 3 or 4 detailed above or Level 5, which I understand to include an obedience type control round without a cart, a short obstacle course pulling a cart, followed by a cross country haul of at least 3.5 miles. The dog will be pulling the cart over varying terrain including inclines to ascend and descend. During the haul the cart will carry an additional load of 10kg for at least 50% of the distance.

(Please delete any of the above not relevant to this dog)

Signed

Print Name

Qualifications

## **Draught Test Managers Check List**

Thank you for taking on the role of Test Manager for a Leonberger Club Draught Test for us. Please find enclosed a simple check list, designed to ensure the smooth running of the whole event. The check list presumes that you are scheduling Levels Puppy/1 - 5, so not all the equipment listed will be required if you are only scheduling lower levels. This pack is aimed to give assistance to our first time Test Managers, but even the more seasoned people may find the tick list useful.

### **BEFORE THE EVENT**

Ensure you have permission from the LCGB WSSC to run the event. After you have received permission you may then advertise the event.

You will need to confirm permission to use the venue in writing - printing a copy of an email would be sufficient.

You will need to invite Judges from the LCGB Judges list - their acceptance also needs to be in writing -again printing out email correspondence is sufficient.

You will need to appoint a Referee and get conformation of their acceptance in writing.

You will need to confirm in writing with a local vet that they are happy to be named as The Vet on Call.

You will need to arrange for sufficient competent Stewards for the day - see the tick list for the numbers required for each Level. On the Hauls, it is ideal to have one Steward per entrant, but you may use fewer as long there are sufficient numbers to ensure everyone's safety, and enable Stewards to provide assistance to the entrants where required. If the route for a Haul uses or crosses a public highway or public land, hi-viz vests or jackets must be worn by all entrants, Judges and Stewards.

You will need to compile a schedule and submit it to the LCGB WSSC for approval. Once it has been approved you may then arrange its distribution. A sample schedule is available from the WSSC Secretary if required.

Ensure you have the use of all the equipment required by the LCGB Regulations; see the enclosed 'Guidelines for Draught Equipment' and the tick list for details of what is required

Ensure you have sufficient copies of all the required paperwork, including a copy of the LCGB Draught Regulations; see the tick list for a detailed list. There are copies of the relevant paperwork included in this pack for you to photo copy if required. Please keep the originals for future use.

Confirm with the invited Judges whether they wish to supply their own Control and Manoeuvre plans. If this is the case then ensure that they will supply sufficient waterproof copies for the Stewards and to display for the entrants. Confirm whether the Judge will arrive early enough to help construct the Manoeuvre Course. If they wish you to construct it on their behalf, you will need to obtain a copy of their layout beforehand.

Discuss the route for the Haul with the Judges and establish if they wish to walk the suggested route with you before the event.

### **ON THE DAY**

You will need to oversee the setting up of the site, and confer with the Judges to ensure it is what they require. Welcome everyone; give a short safety briefing before the start of the first Test.

### **AFTER THE EVENT**

Ensure all paperwork is completed and kept, then forwarded to the relevant people. See the tick list for a detailed list.

Send an account and any monies collected (less expenses) to the LCGB Treasurer

## LCGB Draught Test Job Allocation Check List

Task	Level 1 & Puppy	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Judge 1					
Judge 2					
Control Steward					
Manoeuvre Steward	N/A				
Haul Steward 1	N/A				
Haul Steward 2	N/A				
Haul Steward 3	N/A				
Haul Steward 4 If required	N/A				
Haul Steward 5 If required	N/A				
Haul Steward 6 If required	N/A				
Scribe					
Referee					

## LCGB Draught Test Equipment Check List

Spare cart and Harness (Optional)	
Log pull or sled for Level 1	
Ring stakes and tape (mallet)	
Gazebos, tables, chairs	
First Aid Kits – Human and Canine	
White board and pen (or similar) to display running order etc	
Control maps for Stewards and to display	
Manoeuvre Maps for Stewards and to display	
Haul Route	
Stop watch	
Clipboards and pens for Judges, Stewards and Scribe (& hi-viz vests if needed)	
Umbrellas/gazebos or similar) for Judges	
LCGB Pass Rosettes (obtained from LCGB WSSC Secretary)	
Weave poles	
Ramps	
Gate	
Figure 8	
Stop Box	
Chicane	
Right Angle	
Funnel	
Rattle Board	
Kerbs	
Ribbon Rail	
Item to Load	
Noise Distraction	
Numbers for Manoeuvre Course	
Spare cones to mark recall distances etc.	
Spare 5 litre water containers filled ( for levels 4 and 5)	

## LCGB Draught Test Paper Work Check List

### For the Event:

Schedules and spare entry forms	
Score Sheets, 2 per entry plus spares. Ideally with entrants names etc. completed	
Comment Forms, 1 per entry plus spares. Ideally with entrants names etc. completed	
Copy of the Regulations	
Sign displaying on call vet details	
Copy of LCGB insurance & risk assessments	
List displaying order of Tests and entrants	

### After the Event:

#### Forward to the Treasurer:

Send a copy of the account and monies collected	
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#### Forward to the Record Keeper (LCGB WSSC Secretary):

Entry Forms and any vets letters supplied for levels 3, 4 & 5	
Score sheets - Ensure that the Judges Names are printed on each one, and pass and fail are clearly marked	
Copies of Test Managers Report (may be emailed as an attachment)	
Copies of Judges Reports (may be emailed as an attachment)	
A separate list of passes in each Section ( useful but not compulsory)	
Copies of all correspondence from the venue, the Judges, the referee, and the vet	
Copies of Accounts	

#### Forward To the LCGB Newsletter Editor:

List of passes	
Copy of Test Managers Report	
Copies of Judges Reports	

#### Forward To the LCGB WSSC Secretary:

Return any unused rosettes	
Copies of Accounts	

**(You may need to chase the Judges for their reports!!)**