



Draught Test Regulations 2022

These tests have been accepted by the Leonberger Club of Great Britain (LCGB) for all certified draught tests and will come into effect on 1st January 2022

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 2025.

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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 2025.

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.

Two Judges will adjudicate during each Test. Entrants are permitted to ask the Judges questions at any point throughout these Tests, at all Levels, if they are in any way unsure of any of the requirements involved. The Judges should only *offer* advice to an entrant during Puppy Introduction and Levels 1 & 2 (i.e. not at level 3 or above)

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 caged/crated at all times. **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 Level 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 left in place and the just the lead removed.

When a team is left in a wait or 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 only 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 practicable, followed by written conformation 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 may keep score using an approved score sheet, either together or jointly. 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. 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.
2. Ensure that enough suitably experienced stewards will be available on the day and, where appropriate, appoint a Chief Steward.
3. 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.
4. Check that suitable access can be provided, especially for the emergency services. Ensure that a local Veterinary Surgery has been asked, and has agreed, to act as emergency cover for the event. Publicise the telephone numbers and locations of emergency facilities (Vets, Hospital, etc.) and the locations of telephones to call these facilities.
5. 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.
6. If there are to be limited entries, allocate places on a 'first come, first served' basis, but with unqualified dogs taking priority, at least one week prior to the Test date, and inform applicants if they are entrants or on the reserve list.
7. 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.
8. Preferably, the day before the Tests, check the site for any last minute problems, then take any steps as required.
9. 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 peculiarities of the venue.
10. Be available throughout the day to ensure the smooth running of the Tests.
11. Ensure that no smoking takes place by entrants or officials during the Tests.
12. It is the Test Manager's responsibility to deal with any members of the press. 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.
13. Unless a separate Referee is appointed, act as a Referee if suitably qualified.
14. 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.
15. Send details of the Passes to the dog press breed correspondent, and to the LCGB newsletter editor, together with copies of any Judges' Reports meant for publication, within 14 days of the event.
16. 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 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, thus being in a position to steady the dog if they attempt to move, without interfering with the exercise in any way.

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.
2. For Level 1, (only) an un-wheeled apparatus (sled, log pull or similar) may be used 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 wheeled apparatus on the Manoeuvre Section and the Haul (preferably in the style of a traditional cart or trap)
3. For Levels 2 to 5, the handler must bring sufficient water for the duration of the Test and a bowl from which the dog may drink.
4. Dogs must be worked in either a flat or half check collar. No “Halti” or other headcollar is permitted.
5. A map of the Control section and 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.
6. 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 15.
7. The Judges must also be provided with the 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
8. 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 may be issued at The Leonberger Club of Great Britain AGM, or sent by post thereafter.
9. First Aid provision must be provided for both dogs and handlers. Emergency contact numbers, including that for the on-call vet, must be displayed.
10. Insurance details and Risk Assessments for the event will be displayed.

MULTI-TEST PASS AWARDS

Multi-Test pass awards are of two types.

1. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to dogs that pass any one of the Levels 2 to 4 on five separate occasions, at a minimum of three 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.

2. A Diploma will be awarded to dogs that pass at Level 5 three separate times, at a minimum of two 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 LCGB at their Annual General Meeting.

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 owned by a Member of the LCGB will be eligible for this trophy. 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, i.e. 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. Ideally, 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. However, for those entrants wishing to work in a handling partnership, whichever handler intends to work the dog in the Haul section **MUST** also work the dog in the Manoeuvre section. No other combination will be accepted. This is to ensure that the Judges on the day have ample opportunity to assess the dog and handler working safely together in the controlled environment of the manoeuvre section, before allowing them to take part in a haul.
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.
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, but should not physically manhandle them into position - movement of the dog should 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. 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.
9. 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.

10. Judges may offer an optional equipment check before the Test commences - this should take place before the Judges' Briefing and should be mentioned in the schedule if it is to be offered, so as not to interfere with the smooth running of the Tests.
11. For the sake of simplicity, the male gender has been used throughout this document, but should be read to include the female.
12. When working a team of two dogs side by side as a brace, they must be worked as a team in all sections of the Test i.e. both dogs must remain on one side of the handler even in the Control section.
13. When entering a team of 2 dogs, twice the entry fee is payable, as a rosette and certificate will be awarded for each dog.
14. 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 - for safety purposes only, not to restrain the dog in any way.
15. 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 Curbs
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, 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, 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 dog will wait whilst gate is opened, pass through gate calmly and accurately and wait whilst 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 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 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 laid 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 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, as a safety precaution, but they must not hold the dog). 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 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, forward thought 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.

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. (The breeching strap may be removed for this Test)

Desired Performance: The dog will complete the Control Section course set out for Level 1 entrants - 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 difference is the omission of the Haul section.

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 owner's commands and to safely pull through its harness.

The Control Section

Desired Performance A 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 one minute Sit/Stand/Down Stay (handler's choice), handler 2 metres away
- A 3 metre recall to front, finish not required

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 either removed, or securely tucked into the collar. 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. (The breeching strap may be removed from the harness for the Control Section)

When this is passed satisfactorily, then 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 while they are 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 will be allocated for this section. Points or half points will be lost for:

- Lead either not removed, or not securely tucked into the harness when leaving the dog
- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Lead tightened to obtain conformity to the handler's wishes
- The dog not working alongside the handler
- Using a non-directional command more than three times before a response
- The dog dictating the pace
- The dog changing position in the 1 minute Stay

Failure: 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 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 element 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 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 the dog is ready for inspection. One of the Judges will then carry out the formal inspection.

When the dog is harnessed satisfactorily, (which must include a breeching strap 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 turn and return to the start point, as instructed by the Steward.

When instructed by the Steward, they will halt, the handler will un-hitch and un-harness their dog before walking out of the Test area in a controlled manner.

Scoring: It is expected that

1. The dog will wait calmly while hitched.
2. The dog will walk at the side of the handler and respond to their commands,
3. The dog will wait calmly whilst un-harnessed and un-hitched

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

Points or half points will be lost for:

Lack of control

Using a non-directional command more than three times
before a response Lead tightened to obtain conformity to the
handler's wishes

The dog not working alongside the
handler The dog dictating the pace

Mistakes during hitching and un-harnessing

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

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

plus, 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 either removed, or securely tucked into the collar. 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 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 will be allocated for this section. Points or half points will be lost for:

Lead either not removed, or not securely tucked into the harness when leaving the dog

Incorrect harnessing Lack of control

Lead tightened to obtain conformity to the handler's wishes

The dog not working alongside handler

Using more than three non-directional commands before a response

The dog dictating the pace

The dog breaking waits and changing position in the 1 minute stay

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining at least 38 points. In the stay element 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 provided it does not significantly move from the original spot that it was left in. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

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 Dog & Rig within a designated area.

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 the dog is harnessed and hitched 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 until the Haul; failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** go onto the Haul.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly while harnessed and 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 tightened to obtain conformity to the handler's wishes.
The dog not working alongside handler
The dog dictating pace
Poor reaction to a stop command

Failure - 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.

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 to line the route at various places and provide a natural distraction. Dogs placed along the route 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 un-hitch and un-harness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner.

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 un-harnessed and un-hitched

Thus demonstrating they are relaxed and under control. At the end of the course, 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 tightened to obtain conformity to the
handler's wishes
The dog not working alongside the
handler Dog dictating pace
Poor reaction to distractions
Mistakes during unhitching/ un-harnessing

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining 38 points or more.

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:

With at least 2 complete changes of pace to slow and back to normal, there will be 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 either removed, or securely tucked into the collar when leaving the dog

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, then 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 while they are 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 will be allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

Lead either not removed, or not securely tucked into the harness when leaving the dog

Incorrect harnessing

Lack of control

Lead tightened to obtain conformity to the handler's wishes

The dog not working alongside the handler

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 90 second stay

Failure: The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining 40 points or more. In the stay element 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 provided it does not significantly move from the original spot that it was left in. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

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 A 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 Dog & Rig within a designated area / 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 Judge will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, then 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; failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** go onto The Haul.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst 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 tightened to obtain conformity to the handler's wishes.
- The dog not working alongside the handler
- The dog dictating pace
- Poor Reaction to stop command

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

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 to line the route at various places and provide a natural 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 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 un-hitch and un-harness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner.

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 while they are un-harnessed and un-hitched

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 tightened to obtain conformity to the handler's wishes
- The dog not working alongside the handler
- The dog dictating the pace
- Mistakes during un-hitching and un-harnessing

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining 40 points or more.

LEVEL 4 (Silver)

Purpose: To demonstrate a dog's ability to respond to the owner'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 with the lead either removed, or securely tucked into the collar when leaving the dog.

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, then 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 while they are 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 will be allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Lead either not removed, or not securely tucked into the harness when leaving the dog
- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than twice before a response
- Physical correction
- The dog not working alongside the handler
- Handler adapting his pace to that of the dog
- The dog breaking waits and changing position in the 2 minute stay.

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining at least 43 points or more. In the stay element 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 but will fail if it significantly moves from the original spot that it was left in. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

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 sec 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 Dog & Rig at specified point / 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 Judge will then carry out the formal inspection.

When this is passed satisfactorily, then 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; failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** go onto The Haul.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst 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 tightened at any time
- The dog not working alongside the handler
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to stop command
- Breaking the Stay
- Poor completion of the reverse

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

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. 15)

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 to line the route at various places and provide one natural distraction. 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 un-hitch and un-harness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner.

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 they are un-hitched and un-harnessed

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 tightened to obtain conformity to the handler's wishes
- The dog not working alongside the handler
- The dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to distractions
- Poor completion of 1 metre reverse
- Mistakes during Unhitching / Un-harnessing

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining 43 points or more.

LEVEL 5 (Gold)

Purpose: To demonstrate a dog's ability to respond to the owner'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
- 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, with the lead either removed, or securely tucked into the collar. 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 while they are 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 will be allocated for this section.

Points will be lost for:

- Lead either not removed, or not securely tucked into the harness when leaving the dog
- Incorrect harnessing
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than once before a response
- Physical correction
- The dog not working alongside the handler
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor completion of 2 metre reverse
- Breaking 1 minute Stand Stay or waits
- The dog changing position in the stay.

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining 45 points or more. In the stay element 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 but will fail if it significantly moves from the original spot that it was left in. Failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** be allowed to progress to the next section.

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 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 Dog & Rig on command at specified point /

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 Judge 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; failure to perform satisfactorily will mean they will **NOT** go onto The Haul.

Scoring It is expected that:

1. The dog will wait calmly whilst 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 tightened at any time
- Dog not working alongside the handler
- Dog dictating pace
- Poor reaction to stop command
- Breaking stay
- Poor completion of reverse

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

LEVEL 5 (GOLD)

The Haul

The Haul section 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 no. 15)

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. The People and/or dogs may be used to line the route at various places and provide one natural distraction. 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 hoped 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 un-harness their dog before walking away from the Test area in a controlled manner.

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 they are unhitched and un-harnessed.

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

Points will be lost for:

- Incorrect harnessing/hitching
- Lack of control
- Using a non-directional command more than once before a response
- Physical correction or the lead tightened at any time
- The dog not working alongside the handler Dog dictating pace
- Poor 2 metre reverse
- Mistakes during un-hitching /un-harnessing
- Behaviour leaving Test area

Failure The dog will either pass or fail this section. A pass will require obtaining 45 points or more.

LCGB DRAUGHT TEST SCORE SHEET

OPTIONAL PUPPY INTRODUCTION TEST

DATE VENUE
 CALL NAME KENNEL NAME AGE
 HANDLER OWNER NUMBER

THE CONTROL SECTION

	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING				
CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS				
CONTROL - STOP				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS				
PACE				
WAITS				
RECALL				
STAYS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST				

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE 50 PASS MARK 35

PASS / FAIL

NOTES not for comment sheet

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JUDGES COMMENTS to be recorded on a comment sheet by a steward

CONTROL.....

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JUDGES SIGNATURES.....

LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 1 - SCORESHEET

DATE VENUE
 NAME KENNEL NAME AGE.....
 HANDLER OWNER NUMBER

THE CONTROL SECTION	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING				
CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS				
CONTROL - STOP				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS				
PACE				
WAITS				
RECALL				
STAYS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST				

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

THE HAUL	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HITCH UP				
PULL AWAY				
HAULING				
TURN				
CONTROL				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
PACE				
STOP				
UN-HITCH				
UN-HARNESS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST				

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE 50 PASS MARK 35 **PASS / FAIL**

(JUDGES COMMENTS - notes on Page 2 - to be recorded on a comment sheet by Test Manager or steward)

**LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 1
SCORESHEET (PAGE 2)**

DATE VENUE
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:

HAUL:

Judges Signatures

(Print Names Underneath)

LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 2 - SCORESHEET

DATE

VENUE

NAME

KENNEL NAME

AGE.....

HANDLER

OWNER

NUMBER

THE CONTROL SECTION	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING				
CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS				
CONTROL - STOP				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (3)				
PACE				
WAITS				
RECALL				
STAYS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 38	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

MANOEUVRING

HITCH UP				
CONTROL – GENERAL				
CONTROL – TURNS				
CONTROL – STOP				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (3)				
PACE				
HANDLER FORETHOUGHT/ PLANNING				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 38	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

THE HAUL

CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS & HALTS				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (3)				
PACE				
TEAM WORK				
UN-HITCH & UN-HARNESS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 38	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

(JUDGES COMMENTS - notes on page 2 - to be recorded on a comment sheet by Test Manager or steward)

**LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 2
SCORESHEET (PAGE 2)**

DATE	VENUE	LEVEL.....
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 :

HAUL:

Judges Signatures

(Print Names Underneath)

LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 3 - SCORESHEET

DATE

VENUE

NAME

KENNEL NAME

AGE.....

HANDLER

OWNER

NUMBER

THE CONTROL SECTION	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING				
CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS				
CONTROL - STOP				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (2)				
PACE normal & slow				
WAITS x 2 20 seconds in stand 1 random				
REVERSE 1 metre				
RECALL 5m to front				
STAYS 90 seconds sit/stand/down 5m away				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 40	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

MANOEUVRING

HITCH UP				
CONTROL – GENERAL				
CONTROL – TURNS				
CONTROL – STOP				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (2)				
PACE				
HANDLER FORETHOUGHT/PLANNING				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 40	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

THE HAUL

CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS & HALTS				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (2)				
PACE				
TEAM WORK				
UN-HITCH & UN-HARNESS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 40	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

**LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 3
SCORE SHEET (PAGE 2)**

DATE	VENUE	LEVEL.....
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 :

HAUL:

Judges Signatures

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DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 4 - SCORESHEET

DATE VENUE

NAME KENNEL NAME AGE.....

HANDLER OWNER NUMBER

THE CONTROL SECTION	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING				
CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS				
CONTROL - STOP				
PHYSICAL CORRECTION				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (2)				
PACE normal, fast& slow				
WAITS x 2 20 sec stand (1 fast) 1 random 10 sec				
REVERSE 2 metre				
RECALL 10m to front				
STAYS 2 minutes 5m away (significant movement from orig. spot = fail)				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 43	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

MANOEUVRING

HITCH UP				
CONTROL – GENERAL				
CONTROL – TURNS				
CONTROL – STOP				
PHYSICAL CORRECTION/LEAD TIGHTENED				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (2)				
PACE				
HANDLER FORETHOUGHT / PLANNING				
HITCHED STAY 30secs any position 2.5m away				
2 METRE REVERSE				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 43	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

THE HAUL

CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL – TURNS, HALTS & REVERSE				
LEAD USE				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (2)				
PACE				
REVERSE 1 metre				
DISTRACTION x 2 people/dogs & noise/stranger				
TEAM WORK				
UN-HITCH & UN-HARNESS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 43	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

(JUDGES COMMENTS - notes on page 2 - to be recorded on a comment sheet by Test Manager or steward)

**LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 4
SCORE SHEET (PAGE 2)**

DATE	VENUE	LEVEL.....
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 :

HAUL:

Judges Signatures

(Print Names Underneath)

DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 5 - SCORESHEET

DATE

VENUE

NAME

KENNEL NAME

AGE.....

HANDLER

OWNER

NUMBER

THE CONTROL SECTION	WELL DONE	ACCEPTABLE	ERRORS	POINTS LOST
HARNESSING				
CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL - TURNS				
CONTROL - STOP				
PHYSICAL CORRECTION				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (1)				
PACE normal, fast & slow				
WAITS x 3 20 sec stand (1 slow, 1 normal, 1 fast)				
RANDOM WAIT in stand, 10 seconds, normal pace				
HALT & STAND STAY 1 minute, 3 metres away				
REVERSE 2 metres				
RECALL 10m, back to dog, to front or side				
STAYS 3 minutes sit/stand/down (significant movement from original spot= fail)				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 45	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

MANOEUVRING

HITCH UP				
CONTROL – GENERAL				
CONTROL – TURNS				
CONTROL – STOP				
PHYSICAL CORRECTION/LEAD TIGHTENED				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (1)				
PACE				
HANDLER FORETHOUGHT AND PLANNING				
HITCHED STAY 1 minute, any position, 2.5m away				
2 METRE REVERSE				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 45	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

THE HAUL

CONTROL - GENERAL				
CONTROL – TURNS, HALTS & REVERSE				
PHYSICAL CORRECTION/LEAD TIGHTENED				
POSITION IN RELATION TO HANDLER				
COMMANDS (1)				
PACE				
REVERSE 2 metres				
DISTRACTION x 2 people/dogs & noise/stranger				
TEAM WORK				
UNHITCH & UN-HARNESS				
TOTAL POINTS LOST:	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 50	PASS MARK 45	CONTINUE? YES / NO	

(JUDGES COMMENTS - notes on page 2 - to be recorded on a comment sheet by Test Manager or steward)

**LCGB DRAUGHT TEST LEVEL 5
SCORE SHEET (PAGE 2)**

DATE	VENUE	LEVEL.....
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 :

HAUL:

Judges Signatures

(Print Names Underneath)

THE LEONBERGER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
DRAUGHT TEST COMMENT SHEET



DATE

VENUE

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:
(please print)

Name of Vets 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