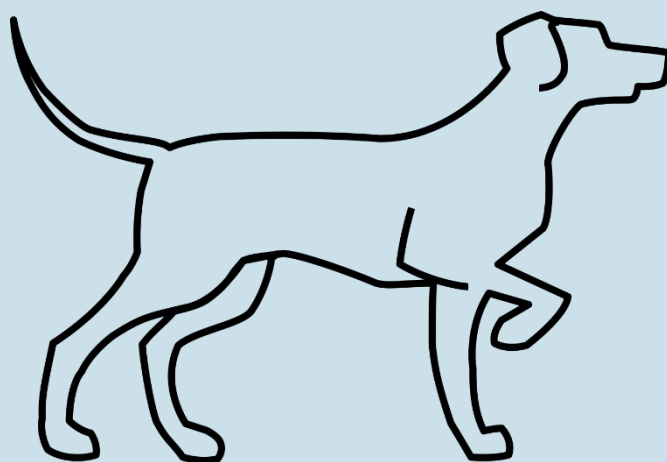
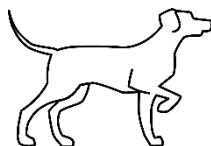


**HEELWORK TO MUSIC
RULES 2021 (CRUFTS 2022)**





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DEFINITION

The YKC hosts two Heelwork to Music (HTM) competition finals at Crufts. To qualify for this final, members must compete in standard KC Heelwork to Music classes held at appointed licensed shows throughout the year, these classes can be found at www.ykc.org.uk

These rules are for the Young Kennel Club competitions and should be read in conjunction with the specific Heelwork to Music Regulations (L).

B:

CLASSES

There are two (2) distinct classes, each with four (4) sub-classes for members to enter at Crufts:

Heelwork

- Starters
- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Freestyle

- Starters
- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced

C:

AGE CATEGORIES

In each of the classes, there are 3 separate age categories:



6-11 Years

(Handlers 6 years and up to, but not including 12th birthday)



12-17 Years

(Handlers 12 years and up to, but not including 18th birthday)



18-24 Years

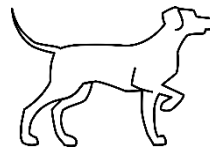
(Handlers 18 years and up to, but not including 25th birthday)

The age groups will compete together in each class, but are awarded prizes separately

There will also be prizes for overall Heelwork and Freestyle (see section "J")

A member should enter the age category they will be on the first day of Crufts 2020.

Any handlers must be fully up to date members at the time of the qualifier and the finals at Crufts



D:

DOGS

All competing dogs in Heelwork must be twelve (12) calendar months of age or over on the day of competition.

All competing dogs in Freestyle must be eighteen (18) calendar months of age or over on the day of competition.

Dogs entered must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B. If your dog is a rescue or crossbreed, the Kennel Club has an Activity Register for dogs that do not qualify for the breed register.

Dogs may only wear a slip chain, a half-check collar or smooth collar when in the ring.

Food shall not be carried in the hand or given to a dog in the ring.

No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time

The dog must not be expected to carry out a manoeuvre that would damage its health or wellbeing. If the judges deem a move to be inappropriate, the dog and handler will be eliminated from the ring.

E:

PROPS

Props appropriate to the routine may be used and must remain in the ring and may not be intentionally removed until completion of the routine.

No real or realistic imitation firearms may be used as props. Simulated gunshot may not be used.

F:

JUDGING

The Judging Criteria at Crufts will be identical to those set out in the Kennel Club Year Book.

A brief outline of the rules will be described below. For more information on rule clarification, please see the most up to date Year Book ruling.

The judging Criteria for both Heelwork and Freestyle will be marked in 3 sections

10 Marks = Content and Flow

10 Marks = Accuracy and Team Performance

10 Marks = Musical Interpretation

Total = 30 Marks

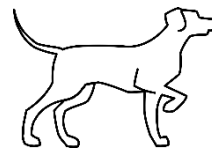
Up to 4 marks can be deducted if your dog barks too much.

Any music chosen should be suitable for a family audience (no swearing or language that may incite.) This will be at the discretion of the Head Judge.

Any props used must be safe and integrated into the routine in some way (they can't just be backdrops)

Any costumes used must be appropriate to the routine and also be suitable for a family audience.

If the music fails for any reason, a backup CD may be used, the scoring will recommence from where the faulty track finished.



G:

HTM: HEELWORK

HTM Heelwork routine criteria:

STARTERS	<p>Routine should last no more than 2½ mins.</p> <p>⅔ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position (approx.</p>
NOVICE	<p>Routine should last no more than 3½ mins.</p> <p>⅔ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position (approx.</p>
INTERMEDIATE	<p>Routine should last no more than 3½ mins.</p> <p>⅔ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position (approx.</p>
ADVANCED	<p>Routine should last no more than 4 mins.</p> <p>⅔ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position (approx.</p>

Should the there be a tie for scores between two competitors in Heelwork, the competitor with the highest Accuracy mark will be placed higher.

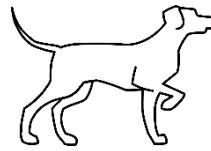
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HTM: FREESTYLE

HTM Freestyle routine criteria:

STARTERS	<p>Routine should last no more than 2½ mins.</p> <p>Less than ⅓ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position</p>
NOVICE	<p>Routine should last no more than 3½ mins.</p> <p>Less than ⅓ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position</p>
INTERMEDIATE	<p>Routine should last no more than 3½ mins.</p> <p>Less than ⅓ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position</p>
ADVANCED	<p>Routine should last no more than 4 mins.</p> <p>Less than ⅓ of the routine must been with the dog in the heelwork position</p>

Should the there be a tie for scores between two competitors in Freestyle, the competitor with the highest Musical interpretation mark will be placed higher.



QUALIFYING FOR CRUFTS



To gain qualification for the YKC HTM Crufts Finals, members must gain marks at Kennel Club licenced open shows.

For Crufts 2022, a maximum of 15 dogs in HTM: Heelwork and 15 Dogs in HTM: Freestyle will be invited to compete in the YKC ring at Crufts.

To qualify for a place, you must submit your highest "Marks Gained" you have received during the year.

The marks must be gained between 01st Jan 2021 and 01st December 2021.

You may submit a mark for Heelwork and a mark for Freestyle. The dogs with the highest marks will be invited to compete in either Heelwork or Freestyle (whichever is applicable).

When submitting marks, you may submit marks for a class you no longer compete in, but you must compete in the class you are currently eligible for when you enter Crufts.

As long as you are not eliminated and received a "Marks Gained" score, you may use that score to as your submission.

A handler may only enter a class once, so you cannot enter 2 dogs into one class. You may enter more than one dog, but only into unique classes.

*For example John Smith may enter his dog "awesome first dog" into Advanced Heelwork and Advanced Freestyle. If John Smith had another dog: "awesome second dog", he could enter that dog in any competition (as long as it is eligible) **OTHER THAN** Advanced Heelwork or Advanced Freestyle.*

Points must be submitted via our online form, please attach an electronic copy of the first page of the HTM record book and any other relevant pages to the form.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE AWARE THAT VERY FEW HTM SHOWS TOOK PLACE IN 2021, AS SUCH WE MAY SUPPLEMENT THE CRUFTS 2022 ENTRIES IF NOT ENOUGH YKC MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR CRUFTS 2022.

PRIZES AT CRUFTS



There will be individual prizes for each Age Category in each subdivision.

i.e. 1st Place for 06-11 Starters Heelwork

There will also prizes for the combined competition of age groups and grades in both heelwork and freestyle.

i.e. all the marks in the heelwork classes are combined and ranked so someone from 06-11 Starters heelwork will compete against competitors in 18-24 Advanced Heelwork. (the same will also happen in Freestyle).

Overall Combined Heelwork Place

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

Overall Combined Freestyle Place

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd