

STOCK TEST

Bloodhounds entered on a restricted permit must be hunted on a leash; they may only be hunted free if they hold part two of a Working Permit issued by the Association of Bloodhound Breeders or the Bloodhound Club to certify they are steady with farm stock. Hounds are required to have passed a stock test in the UK before being hunted off leash and are ineligible to compete in a Senior Stake until successfully stock tested.

KENNEL CLUB BLOODHOUND WORKING TRIAL CERTIFICATE

A Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate may be awarded to a Bloodhound winning a Senior Stake without assistance at a Championship Bloodhound Trial if it has clearly identified the runner to the satisfaction of the Judge or Judges. A hound will be considered to have made a satisfactory identification if it is seen to approach and clearly select the runner from a group of three people at the end of the line.

Judges may award a Certificate of Merit in all stakes to any hound not being placed which has given a good performance.

ENTRIES

Bloodhounds must be entered in the lowest stake for which they are eligible at the closing date for entries.

CLASSIFICATION & DEFINITIONS OF STAKES**Novice Stake.**

The line shall be approximately 1.6km (one mile) long and not less than half an hour cold. For Bloodhounds holding a Working Permit at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st or 2nd place in the Novice Stake or gained 1st or 2nd in a Junior Stake, or gained 1st place in an Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

Junior Stake.

The line shall be approximately 3.2km (2miles long) and not less than one hour cold. For Bloodhounds that have gained 1st or 2nd place in the Novice Stake at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st or 2nd place in a Junior Stake. or gained 1st place in a Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

Intermediate Stake.

The line shall be approximately 4.0km (two and a half miles long) and not less than one and a half hours cold. For Bloodhounds that have gained 1st or 2nd place in the Junior Stake at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st place in an Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

Senior Stake.

The line shall be approximately 4.8km (3miles long) and not less than two hours cold. For Bloodhounds that have won an Intermediate Stake at the close of entries. Bloodhounds are ineligible to compete in a Senior Stake until successfully stock tested.

THE BLOODHOUND CLUB

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**SCHEDULE**

OF CHAMPIONSHIP BLOODHOUND TRIAL
NOVICE JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR STAKES

*to be held under Kennel Club
 Rules and Regulations 1 and 1(D)
 at*

CHEWTON MENDIP
Somerset

Novice on Monday 19 October 2009 to be judged by

Mr Rod Bennett

Junior on Tuesday 20th October 2009 to be judged by

Mr Ken Miller

Intermediate on Wednesday 21st October 2009 to be judged by

Mr Bas Woods

Senior on Thursday 22nd October to be judged by

Mrs Jo Franks

GUARANTORS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

Chairman: Mr K Long: 80 Norton Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts SG5 4PG
 Hon Sec. Miss F McKenzie: 3 Milton Leaze, Long Load, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9JJ
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 Mrs E Richards: Pond Farm, Vines Cross, Heathfield, W Sussex, TN29 9AR
 Mr A J Higginbottom The Nursery, Fold Hill, Old Lake, Boston, PE22 9PQ

Entries to close:

Monday 5th October 2009 (Postmark-1st Class Post)

Entries to be made to:

Mr M Page: 2 Mells Lane Farm, Chantry, Nr Frome BA11 3LW

Tel : 01373 836047. e-mail: martin@bloodhound.org.uk

**Draw 7.00pm on 7 October 2009 at 3 Milton Leaze, Long Load, Langport,
 Somerset, TA10 9JJ**

Judging will commence at 9.00 am unless otherwise stated

Secretary, Bloodhound Club: Fiona McKenzie, 3 Milton Leaze, Long Load,
 Langport, Somerset, TA10 9JJ (01458 241080)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL STAKES**

No modification will be made to this schedule except by permission of the General Committee of the Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the canine press wherever possible. These Bloodhound Trials are held under Kennel Club Regulations for Bloodhound Trials with such exceptions as the Bloodhound Club committee may decide, such exceptions having received the approval of the General Committee of the Kennel Club prior to the publication of this schedule.

REGISTRATION

Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Working Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations of Classification and Registration B.

FEES

All stakes are open to non-members, but entries and nominations must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and must be received by the closing date of entries. No fees will be refunded in the case of a withdrawal or for non-attendance by a competitor, unless the Stake Manager was given prior notice of a bitch found to be in season or a veterinary certificate is produced to declare the hound unfit for competition.

Entry Fees per hound per stake:

Bloodhound Club Members		£20.00
Non-Members		£25.00
Membership Subscription Rates are:	Joint	£15.00
[January to December incl]	Single	£10.00
Junior (under 18 Years old)		£5.00

PRIZES

There is no prize money on offer, but perpetual trophies (confined to members only) may be held by members and engraved at their own expense, provided that they are returned in time to be presented at the next Trial. All trophies are to remain in the United Kingdom.

ENTRY REFUSAL

The Bloodhound Club Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.

LIABILITY

The Bloodhound Club Committee will not be responsible for any injury or compensation occasioned by or arising out of this Trial.

Owners of Bloodhounds at the trial will be liable for any damage they may do. Any hound chasing or injuring livestock may be refused entry or be required to hunt on a leash at any future trial, such a condition to be imposed at the discretion of the Bloodhound Club Committee.

ORDER OF RUNNING

The order of running shall be determined by a draw and the competitors notified accordingly by post of their reporting time prior to the day of the trial.

Competitors may exchange their lines by mutual agreement, provided that they notify the STAKE MANAGER in advance.

ELIGIBILITY

Hounds under the age of twelve months on the first day of the Trials are not eligible for entry. Hounds aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete at the trial. Judges may not enter a hound which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership in a stake they are judging.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL CHANGES

Should circumstances so dictate, The Bloodhound Club, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club. Should a judge be unable to fulfil his engagement, the Bloodhound Club Committee reserves the right to appoint a substitute. Replacement judges appointed in an emergency must have previous judging experience.

COMPETING

Only one person may handle a hound during a Trial; an owner having deputed authority to another must not interfere with the handling of that hound. Punitive correction or harsh handling of the hound is forbidden. No hound entered for competition and at the meeting may be withdrawn from competition without notice to the Stake Manager.

No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.

JUDGING

An award or prize may be withheld if in the opinion of the Judge there is a lack of sufficient merit.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR ABSENCE

If an entered hound is absent one hour before the published start time for its line, the hound shall be liable to be disqualified by the Judge.

MANAGEMENT

The management of each Stake shall be entrusted to a STAKE MANAGER, appointed by the Bloodhound Club Committee. The Stake Manager shall be responsible for ensuring that the Regulations are observed, but may not interfere with the Judge's decision, which shall be final. The Stake Manager shall be responsible for ensuring that the Kennel Club Rules & Regulations are observed. The Stake Manager shall decide upon any matter not related to judging, and not provided for in the Rules and Regulations and may call upon the Judge or Judges to assist in the decision, which will be final. The Stake Manager should be present throughout the Stake and must not enter or work a hound in the Stake. The Stake Manager and the Judges should assess the weather conditions and should they consider the weather unfit for holding the Trial the commencement may be postponed until such time as it is considered necessary for the Trial to be abandoned and the entry fees returned.

When a Judge is prevented from attending or finishing a meeting which has commenced, the Stake Manager shall decide what action is to be taken. The JUDGE shall decide upon the fairness of a line, and a new line shall only be provided at the sole discretion of the judge.

WORKING PERMITS

To compete at Kennel Club Licensed Trials a hound, resident in the UK, must hold an Association of Bloodhound Breeders or Bloodhound Club Working Permit. Hounds from countries nominated below must hold a Working Permit issued by their Bloodhound club and can compete in the UK stake equivalent to their qualification.

(Nominated countries are: Belgium, Denmark, Holland and Sweden).

Europe Equivalent UK Class	
Novice	Novice
Junior	Junior
Senior	Intermediate