

AGILITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF KUSA ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Agility in South Africa continue to grow each year. The time is approaching (hopefully sooner than later) when Agility will insist that no breed club may host agility without a partnership with the local Agility Sub-Committee. Within KUSA this seems to be the only way we can ensure money from our entries comes back into agility. As it stands most Breed Clubs do very little, if anything when it comes to holding Agility at their shows. The local Agility Sub-Committees do everything in running the shows and get nothing in return.

The KUSA Nationals (Disciplines) were hosted by KZN at the end of May 2017. The venue in Shongweni was excellent and the show was well run. The prize giving for the KUSA Nationals for Agility was disappointing as it was simply held in the Agility ring, no different from a normal show.

The South African Agility Championships were successfully hosted by DOGSPC Agility Sub-Committee at a horse venue in Midrand in the middle of May. The committee did well considering we had the most appalling weather for the championships.

The KUSA South African Agility Team travelled to the FCI Agility World Championships in the Czech Republic in October. Our team was not successful and as was mentioned last year a lot of 'brain storming' is needed to see how we can improve our team's performance at the Agility World Championships. In July the appointed Team Leader resigned and a new appointed had to be made. There is clearly a fault in the way we are selecting a Team Leader and we are busy brain storming an alternative to improve our process and as soon as we have a plan it will be presented to the FEDCO.

Every 5 years the FCI Agility Commission reviews the Agility regulations. The new FCI Agility regulations become effective 1 January 2018. As we follow the FCI Agility regulations we like to adopt all changes. All the changes relate to improving safety for the dog and/or to remove grey areas in judging. The changes are attached.

I hereby would like to respectfully ask the Federal Council to reconsider contributing to our entry fees to the Agility World Championships. We are a KUSA Team, representing KUSA at the World Championship and the good will in a contribution from KUSA would go a long way.

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Convener of Agility