

FEDCO 12-2023 ITEM 14.3.1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 11(C) TRICK DOG TESTS

Insertions in **underlined bold type** and deletions in ~~[struck through square brackets]~~

These changes, if approved, will be made to the following sections of Schedule 11(C):

SCHEDULE 11(C) ~~[11-C]~~ ~~KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA]~~ REGULATIONS FOR TRICK DOG ~~[TESTS]~~

1. TRICK DOG ~~[TEST]~~

1. PURPOSE

~~[The] Trick Dog [Test is designed to encourage]~~ **encourages** people to develop a solid relationship with their dog through working with that dog. This will also encourage good pet ownership and improve the handler's training skills by diversifying their training they do. ~~[The test]~~ **Trick Dog** is designed to be all inclusive, catering for dogs of all ages and breeds (including cross breeds), as well as handlers and dogs of varying physical abilities. Trick Dog will expand a dog's physical and mental ability and offers an activity for older dogs that have been retired from other forms of competition. It is designed with the domestic pet owner in mind, encouraging them to spend more time with their dog and, hopefully, for them to become part of the KUSA family.

2. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Dogs that are eligible to participate in ~~[the]~~ Trick Dog ~~[Tests]~~ include:

3.2 Dogs that are not eligible to participate in ~~[the]~~ Trick Dog ~~[Tests]~~ include:

3.8 ~~[Dogs that have already achieved titles under another trick dog programme may apply to participate at a higher level, i.e. not start in Elementary or Beginners. Eligibility is as follows:]~~

KUSA title	DMWYD* title	AKC* title
Elementary	—	—
Beginners	Novice	Novice
Novice	Intermediate	Intermediate
Intermediate	Advanced	Advanced
Advanced	Expert	Performer
Champion	—	—

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3.9 ~~[Dogs which have achieved the title of Champion (DMWYD) or Elite Performer (AKC) will be required to undertake the KUSA Champion test to earn the title of KUSA Trick Dog Champion.]~~

3.10 ~~[Application for the transfer of titles must be made within one calendar year of the KUSA Trick Dog test first coming into effect. Thereafter, no such transfers will be considered. **Note that this option will no longer be available after June 2023.**]~~

4. FORMAT FOR TEST

4.1 Where videos of trick tests are submitted, **two (2)** ~~[three]~~ repetitions of each trick must be performed to enable the evaluators to accurately assess a trick unless specified otherwise (see tricks descriptions for exceptions). Repetitions must be shown in unedited format, i.e., videos may not be cut in between the performing of tricks. Handlers may reward their dogs after each trick unless specified otherwise.

5. TRICK DOG LEVELS

- 5.3 Dogs that have passed the requirements of the 'lower' levels (Elementary through to Advanced) will receive a ~~numbered~~ digital certificate from KUSA provided they have paid the stipulated **evaluation** ~~testing~~ fee. Handlers and/or owners whose dogs have earned the title of Champion can apply to KUSA for their Champion certificate.

7. EVALUATORS

- 7.1 ~~[Evaluators already qualified under the DMWYD programme can automatically apply to KUSA to become KUSA Trick Dog evaluators providing they are in good standing with KUSA. If any aspirant evaluators qualify under DMWYD within a year of this Test first coming into effect, such aspirant evaluators may also apply to KUSA to become evaluators. **Note: this option expires 01/02/2023.**]~~

7.2 ~~[Any person who has the qualifications listed below may also apply to KUSA to become an evaluator:]~~

7.2.1 ~~[Judged multiple working disciplines (e.g. Agility, Obedience, Flyball, Dog Dancing, Working Trials);]~~

7.2.2 ~~[Has successfully handled a dog to at least Intermediate level; and]~~

7.2.3 ~~[Is a Member in good standing with KUSA.]~~

~~[Such applications may only be made within a period of one calendar year following this test first coming into effect. This is to ensure that there is a sufficient pool of evaluators to be available. **Note: this option expires 01/02/2023.**]~~

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- 7.3 Any ~~other~~ person wishing to become a Trick Dog Evaluator, should apply in writing to the KUSA office. At a mutually agreeable time, two qualified ~~E~~**e**valuators will arrange a training programme for the **Aspiring**~~aspirant~~ **E**~~e~~valuators. Training programmes may be offered in-person or via an online platform. The training course shall culminate in a written examination on Schedule 11(C) and an evaluation of online videos developed for the purpose of the course. Evaluators will also be required to complete written examination on Schedule 3 and 9, Appendix B comprising 60-marks.

Introduction of TEO Manual covered in a separate proposal, as is 03 and 09.

- 7.4 Any Evaluator who has completed the Evaluator training course and passed the written exams will be considered a Junior Evaluator until such time as they have:
- 7.4.1 Evaluated dogs at least three (3) times below the level of Champion.
- 7.4.2 Achieved Trick Dog Advanced, **or higher**, with at least one dog.
- 7.5 There is no restriction on how often an Evaluator may conduct Tests. The Evaluator may not test a dog that he/she owns or co-owns or a dog that is owned or handled by a close member of the ~~E~~**e**valuator's family. The KUSA office will hold a list of approved evaluators.

8. EVALUATIONS

- 8.1 Once a test is submitted for evaluation, the same Evaluator should evaluate the entire test. **For live events, each** ~~Each~~ time a test is taken, the Evaluator must date and initial the **Evaluation** ~~Test~~ Sheet and indicate whether "ready" or "not ready".

8.1.1 The Evaluators decision is final and excessive discussion / correspondence will not be entered into.

- 8.2 Tricks marked "not ready" can be submitted for re-evaluation within three (3) months at no extra cost.

- 8.2.1 Tests may be failed outright should the Evaluator find the dog 'not ready' on the following number of tricks:**

Elementary – no limit

Beginners – no limit

Novice – being found ‘not ready’ on more than 1/3 of the tricks

Intermediate – being found ‘not ready’ on more than 1/3 of the tricks

Advanced – being found ‘not ready’ on more than 1/3 of the tricks

Champion – being found ‘not ready’ on more than 1/3 of the tricks. Each trick may only be resubmitted once following which the entire submission must be re-entered.

Speciality – no limit

8.2.2 Where submissions are failed, at least one (1) other Evaluator will evaluate the submission before a final decision is reached. Where necessary, a third Evaluator will be consulted. The majority decision shall be final.

8.3 The owner of any dog which has been awarded a qualification may use the abbreviation of the most senior level achieved as an appendage to a dog’s registered name. In order to have qualifications placed on any registration records, a copy of the relevant certificate must be submitted to the KUSA Office.

8.3.1 The abbreviations to be used are:

Elementary TkD-E

Beginners TkD-B

Novice TkD-N

Intermediate TkD-I

Advanced TkD-A

Renumber subsequent sections

10. CODE OF PRACTICE

10.1 It is the responsibility of the Club, or other organising body, to ensure that the welfare of the dog is paramount. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression or fear in a dog.

~~**10.2** [Instructors must be alert to the differing levels of experience of both the owners and the dogs and should be courteous at all times.]~~

10.2 Any person who witnesses harsh handling of a dog at any Test organised by an Affiliated Club or other organising body must report the matter to the management thereof.

10.3 The same handler and dog must complete each test as a team. Either the owner or another designated person may handle the dog. Once the test has commenced, the owner may not interfere with his dog if another person has been designated to handle the dog.

10.4 Where live evaluations are being conducted, the participant(s) and evaluators shall be at the site where the test is to be held at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled time of commencement. The Evaluator shall have discretion to postpone the starting time of the test for a reasonable time if participants are delayed. Any participant who is not present at the end of such postponement shall be regarded as withdrawn from the test and shall not be allowed to participate.

10.5 If any part of the test is conducted in a public place, owners/handlers must be reminded to carry some form of “poop scoop” and to remove fouling caused by their dog.

10.6 Handlers should dress in a manner befitting a competition. They should be mindful of the fact that some tricks involve actions such as running or bending for which appropriate and sensible attire is required.

11.1 ELEMENTARY TRICK DOG

Number of evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must be at least six (6) months old to take part in the test. Dogs must be microchipped.

Handler/owner and dog do not have to be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Eight (8) tricks from at least four (4) different categories.

Use of food and lures: ~~[Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.]~~ **You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets). Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed.** Luring **with toys or food** will be allowed ~~[Food may be used]~~ in the execution of 4 of the 8 tricks and handlers must indicate whether or not they are using **a lure** ~~[food]~~. If the test is performed live, the evaluator must ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

11.2 BEGINNER TRICK DOG

Number of evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must be at least six (6) months old to take part in the test. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner and dog do not have to be registered with KUSA. Dogs must have passed either Elementary Trick Dog or Canine Good Citizen Bronze to participate in this level.

Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.

Use of food and lures: ~~[Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.]~~ **You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets). Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed.** Luring **with toys or food will be allowed** in the execution of **seven (7)** ~~[five (5)]~~ of the fifteen (15) tricks and handlers must indicate whether or not they are using **a lure** ~~[food]~~. If the test is performed live, the evaluator must ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

11.3 NOVICE TRICK DOG

Number of evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Beginners Trick Dog. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner and dog do not have to be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.

Use of food and lures: ~~[Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.]~~ **You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets). Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed.** ~~[Can have food in hand but not for luring.]~~ Luring will be allowed in **five (5)** ~~[seven (7)]~~ of the fifteen (15) tricks. ~~[Food lures may not be used.]~~ If the test is performed live, the evaluator must ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

11.4 INTERMEDIATE TRICK DOG

Number of evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Novice Trick Dog. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner and dog do not have to be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.

Use of food and lures: ~~[Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.]~~ **You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets) but not in your hands or mouth. Food and toys may be in a nearby container. Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed except where otherwise stated.** ~~[Luring will be allowed in five (5) of the fifteen (15) tricks.]~~ Food **and toy** lures may not be used. If the test is performed live, the evaluator must ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

11.5 ADVANCED TRICK DOG

Number of evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Advanced Trick Dog. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner and dog do not have to be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.

Use of food and lures: ~~[Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.]~~ **You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets) but not in your hands or mouth. Food and toys may be in a nearby container. Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed except where otherwise stated.** Luring will not be allowed. If the test is performed live, the evaluator must ensure that the handlers reward with food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

Category	Trick
Off-the-floor [Off the floor Off the floor]	Backstall
	Jump (directed jumping - lateral)
	Jump (directed jumping - straight on)
	Jump (hoop over back)
	Jump (over handler's back)
	Jump through tissue hoop
	Jump with retrieve
	Rebound / flip
	Skipping / Jump rope

11.6 CHAMPION TRICK DOG

Number of evaluators required: Two (2), one (1) of which must be a Senior Evaluator

Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Advanced. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner and dog MUST be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Eight (8) tricks from at least five (5) different categories, plus the three compulsory tricks listed below.

Use of food and lures: ~~[Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.]~~ **You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets) but not in your hands or mouth. Food and toys may be in a nearby container. Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed except where otherwise stated.** Luring will not be allowed.

~~[Food lures may not be used.]~~ If the test is performed live, the evaluator must ensure that the handlers reward with food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handler undertaking testing at the time.

Lists of tricks:

Category [Working List]	Trick
Party Trick	<p>Handler to select a complex trick of their own choice that is worthy of the title of Champion; handlers may take a trick from a lower level but must elevate to a championship standard – we are looking to see that you <u>have been inspired to teach your dog additional trick(s), or to elevate a trick, and</u> can continue [in] your Trick Dog journey without just doing a trick off the lists provided.</p> <p><u>Routines that overlap with KUSA's branches of Dogsport are to be discouraged.</u></p> <p><u>Submissions may not contain more than one Party Trick.</u></p>