



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

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KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
~~[THE ADDITION OF THE]~~ ENDURANCE TEST
~~[AND COMPANION DOG]~~ (AD) (Ausdauerpruefung)

SCHEDULE 5P
(Effective 01.01.2021) Requested

A) General

1. Purpose

The endurance test shall provide evidence that the dog is able to perform physical exertion of a certain degree without afterwards manifesting substantial symptoms of fatigue. The required strain on the physical condition of the dog can only come from running exercises. This we know places increased demands on the inner organs, especially the heart and lungs and likewise on the organs of movement themselves. It also tests other characteristics, such as vitality and toughness. The ability to endure must be regarded as evidence of physical health and the presence of desired characteristics. Both are prerequisites for pursuing sport with the dog.

The same provisions apply to the event approval as for the other examinations determined by the national organization. The result must be entered in the scorebook, or on the pedigree.

When applying for an event authorization, the organizer accepts the responsibility to carry out the endurance test during the summer months only in the early morning or late afternoon hours. The outside temperature should not exceed 22 degrees Celsius (72 F).

2. Application

The endurance test can only be held by an KUSA affiliated member club in good standing. It is subject to trial/show date and license approval as defined in Schedule 3 and 4, the endurance test is to be carried out only in the early morning or late afternoon hours before 8am or after 5pm. The outside may not be above ~~[20C]~~ 22C. The entry of the dog must occur in writing to the event holding club. If, during the course of an endurance test, it should happen that a handler or his dog should sustain a physical injury, neither the organizing club nor the organization can be held legally liable for this.

3. Admittance of the Dog

The minimum age for admission ~~[to an AD]~~ is ~~[44]~~ 16 months; the maximum age for admission is 7 years. The dog must be in possession of the IGP Workbook and a BH-VT qualification. A single judge is authorized to test a maximum of 20 dogs; if there are more than 20 dogs, a second judge must be consulted. Dogs must be completely healthy, as well as in superb condition. Sick dogs, dogs without sufficient strength, bitches in heat, and pregnant or nursing bitches may not be admitted at the discretion of the show manager and / or officiating ~~[vet]~~ Veterinary Nurse. At the beginning of the test, after being called, the participants prepare themselves for the ID check. All participants must announce to the judge their names and the names of their dogs. The judge, together with the show manager, must be satisfied that the dog is in good condition. Dogs which give an impression of tiredness are to be disqualified from participating. The handler must behave in a sportsmanlike manner during the test. A participant can be disqualified from the trial for willful violation of the regulations. The decision in every case rests with the judge; it is not contestable.

Trials held by Specialist Boxer Breed Council Clubs. Only Breed Registered Boxers can enter and must comply to the following.

- a. Must be at least 18 Months old.
- b. A Veterinary certificate had been submitted with entry that the dog was free of audible heart murmurs.
- c. A HD certificate had been submitted where the Hip score of C2:C2 was not exceeded.

Trials held by Specialist German Shepherd Dog Breed/Liaison Council Clubs. Only Breed Registered GSD can enter and must comply to the following:

- a. A HD certificate had been submitted where the Hip score of C2:C2 was not exceeded.
- b. An ED certificate had been submitted where the Elbow score does not exceed 2.

4. The Evaluation

Points and ratings reports are not awarded, but only "Passed" or "Failed". With "Passed", the title "AD" will be awarded.

5. Terrain

As much as possible, the test shall be held on streets and paths of differing composition. Asphalted, paved and unpaved streets and paths are suitable.

6. Judge

The judging of an Endurance Test (AD) will be carried out by an IGP judge or BH and AD judge, currently on the KUSA Register for Judges (IGP) who shall be permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be a member of the Kennel Union in good standing, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment. No mandatory intervals are required between judging appointments.

7. Veterinary [Surgeon] Nurse

A qualified Veterinarian Nurse shall be appointed, he/she shall be present at all tests and advise whether or not a test should be terminated. He/she is to examine each dog at every break and ensure that the test is not detrimental to the health of the animal. He/she shall also be available should any animal require veterinary attention.

B) Holding the Endurance Test

~~[Completion of a distance of 5 km [3.1 miles] (small dogs), 10 km [6.2 miles] (medium size dogs) and 20 km [12.4 miles] (large dogs) at a pace of 10 to 15 km/hour [6.2 to 9.3 miles per hour] for the small (up to 35 cm [13.65 inches] at the withers) and middle size dogs (up to 50 cm [19.5 inches] at the withers) and 12 to 15 km/hour [7.4 to 9.3 miles per hour] for all large dogs [all dogs over 50 cm]].~~

Performance of endurance test: The Examination is a distance of 20 kilometers in length at a rate of 12 to 15 kilometers per hour

1. [Moving Exercise] Running Exercise

~~[The dog must run accordingly on lead (in accordance with street traffic rules) on the right side of the handler at a normal trot next to the bike (mountain and cross country bikes and racing bikes are not allowed). A hurried pace is to be avoided. The line must be held at an appropriate length so that the dog has the possibility to adapt his pace to the speed. Light pulling on the line (forging) is not incorrect; however, constant lagging behind of the dog is. After the medium sized and large dogs have completed 8 km [5 miles], there is a 15 minute break. During this time, the judge is to observe the dogs for possible signs of fatigue (With the assistance and input from a qualified onsite Veterinarian). Severely fatigued dogs are to be disqualified from further testing. After the first break, the larger dogs travel an additional 7 km [4.3 miles] before there is then a 20 minute break during which they are given the chance to exercise freely and unrestricted. Shortly before continuing the moving exercise, the judge checks the dogs for signs of fatigue or sore paws (With the assistance and input from a qualified onsite Veterinarian). Severely fatigued dogs, or whose paws are sore, must be disqualified from further running of the test. After completion of the running exercise, there is an additional 15 minute break. Here again, the dogs are checked for signs of severe fatigue and possible sore paws (With the assistance and input from a qualified onsite Veterinarian). The judge and Show Manager shall accompany the dogs, if possible on bikes, but they can also follow in a car. Notes on the dogs are to be recorded. It is necessary for a car to follow the participants so that dogs in which weaknesses or injuries are perceived can be transported in the car. Valid as failing the test is if dogs are lacking in toughness or show no signs of vitality, show unusual signs of fatigue and cannot keep up with~~

~~the minimum assigned pace, but consume considerably more time. For these dogs, the test is concluded according to the distance guidelines after 3 km [1.9 miles], 7 km [4.3 miles] (small and medium sized dogs) and 12 km [7.4 miles] (large dogs).]~~

The handler takes his dog to the starting position for the examination. The dog has to run (according to the traffic regulations) on the left side of the handler in a normal trot beside the bicycle. Avoid having the dog run to fast. The leash must be kept longer so that the dog has the possibility to adapt to any tempo. Connection devices ("Springer") are allowed. Slight pulling on the leash is not faulty, but the dog should not be constantly dragging and choking himself. After the first 8 km, a break of 15 minutes is required. During this time the Judge and Veterinary Nurse must watch the dog for any signs of fatigue. Fatigued Dogs Shall be terminated from the examination. After the break, 7 km more are to be covered, then a break of 20 minutes. During this break, the dog is given the opportunity to move freely and without constraint. Shortly before the return to the final running portion the judge and Veterinary Nurse must check the dogs for fatigue or injury to their paws. Fatigued dogs or dogs whose paws are injured must be terminated. After completion of the final running portion, a 15-minute break must be inserted. During the break, the dog must be given the opportunity to move freely and without constraint. The judge must determine whether the dog shows signs of fatigue or injury to the paws.

Judges should accompany the dogs on the bike if possible, if not they should follow in a car. The results must be entered in the scorebook. It is necessary for the Handler/dogs to be accompanied by a motor vehicle so that dogs that cannot continue, can be loaded into the motor vehicle and transported back to the start.

Dogs that show exceptional signs of fatigue or are unable to withstand the minimum speed of 12km/h cannot pass the examination.

2. Obedience

After concluding the running exercise, at the judge's instructions, the handler, with his dog at heel, has to take up position. After being called, every participant, with his dog, has to show obedience exercises appropriate to the training level of the dog. The exercises can be shown on a loose lead.

PLEASE NOTE!

The Show Manager who shall be a Member in good standing of KUSA must establish the meeting place (departure point) of the trial participants that, as far as possible, the drive is the same for everyone. This should prevent dogs which are traveling greater distances from being additionally burdened. Before the beginning of the AD test, all dogs are to be given sufficient opportunity to relieve themselves. It is absolutely forbidden to take alcohol during the test or in the breaks.



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