

# The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Sheltie Agility Show English Shetland Sheepdog Club

(WORKING SECTION)

Schedule of

Limited Agility Show

LIMITED TO SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS AND THE FIRST 250 ENTRIES

(Held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations H & H(1) and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited)

at

The Dog Training Barn, Main Road, Middleton Cheney,  
near Banbury, Oxfordshire OX17 2PW

**Sunday 23rd January 2022**

Judge: Caroline Durrant

Entries Close 12th January

Show Secretary: Matthew Burdett, 07743 913401 [matt.burdett@talk21.com](mailto:matt.burdett@talk21.com)

Show Manager: Peter Lubbi

Entry Fees: £3.75 per dog per class - Pairs £6.50 per pair  
*Internet entries will be accepted at [www.agilityshows.online](http://www.agilityshows.online)*

**Agility**   
**Shows Online**

Running orders & ring plan for those entering on ASO will only be available for download from the site and will not be posted

Refreshments:

There is a kettle in the barn, please bring your own tea/coffee/mug and packed lunch.

Show Opens: 8.30am. Briefing: 8.55am. Judging: 9.00am

There will be no access to the car park before 8am

The Officers and Committee members of the society / or the licensee holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the show safely and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation H31. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the show and that this is a binding undertaking.

Veterinary on Call:

West Bar Veterinary Hospital, 19 West Bar, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9SA (Tel: 01295 262332)

**COVID 19:** The Society will ensure to the best of its ability that the event is run to Covid Safe guidelines. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply with national and local restrictions including advice given about non-essential travel in and out of locally affected regions (which must not be ignored) – in the interests of the safety of all participants this may give rise to a short notice refusal of entry at the society's discretion. The Kennel Club will respect the society's exercise of its discretion.

If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must isolate in line with Government advice (<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>) the competitor must not attend the event.

## Schedule of Classes

## Judge

1.	Small Grades 1-4 (Combined) Agility (special)	Caroline Durrant
2.	Medium/Int Grades 1-4 (Combined) Agility (special)	Caroline Durrant
3.	Small Grades 1-4 (Combined) Jumping (special)	Caroline Durrant
4.	Medium/Int Grades 1-4 (Combined) Jumping (special)	Caroline Durrant
5.	Small Grades 5-7 (Combined) Agility (special)	Caroline Durrant
6.	Medium/Int Grades 5-7 (Combined) Agility (special)	Caroline Durrant
7.	Small Grades 5-7 (Combined) Jumping (special)	Caroline Durrant
8.	Medium/Int Grades 5-7 (Combined) Jumping (special)	Caroline Durrant
9.	Small Grades 1-7 (Combined) Steeplechase (special)	Caroline Durrant
10.	Medium/Int Grades 1-7 (Combined) Steeplechase (special)	Caroline Durrant
11.	Grades 1-7 (Combined) Jumping Pairs (special)	Caroline Durrant

*Dogs which have won an Agility Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Agility Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club are not eligible for entry in special classes at Limited Agility Shows or in Agility Matches.*

*Silent Toys will be permitted in the ring, but only if the handler has withdrawn from competition. But it must be used with consideration for other competitors.*

### Jump Heights

Classes 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9: Small dogs – 30 cm

Classes 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10: Medium/Intermediate dogs – 40 cm

Class 11: 30 cm

There will be no tyre in any of the classes.

There will not be any weaves in Class 9/10 (steeplechase) or 11 (pairs).

### **Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class**

**Rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place in each class.**

**Best overall Small Grades 1 to 4 (the Marklin Hollyberry) trophy:** Classes 1 and 3

**Best overall Small Grades 5 to 7 trophy:** Classes 5 and 7

**Best overall Medium/Intermediate Grades 1 to 4 trophy:** Classes 2 and 4

**Best overall Medium/Intermediate Grades 5 to 7 trophy:** Classes 6 and 8

**Wendy Ashby Kindly offers the Marklin Hollyberry trophy:** for the best overall Small Grades 1 – 4

**Becky Parks Kindly offers The Windchime trophy:** for the best junior

**Deirdre Matthews kindly offers The Sweet Dreams Memorial perpetual trophy:** from one show to the next show, for the best veteran dog (over 9 years on day of show) in Classes 1 to 10.

We will be holding a raffle and donations of prizes would be gratefully received.

**The Working Section would appreciate any help to run the ring.**

## **Eligibility for Classes:**

In the following definitions of classes First Prizes or other prize wins are those gained in standard classes at any Kennel Club licensed Championship Agility, Premier Agility, Open Agility or Limited Agility Shows (i.e. special classes and invitational events excepted). Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.

Standard classes may be scheduled for Agility Shows, as Agility classes or Jumping classes. All standard classes must contain the Weaving Poles obstacle. Standard Agility classes must contain the following elements: "A Ramp", Dog Walk and See-Saw. With this proviso classes are defined as follows:-

A maximum of four standard classes may be scheduled for any dog on an individual day of competition. Any number of special classes may be scheduled.

**Class Structure.** A Class may either be held as a Graded Class or a Combined Class. A Graded Class may be scheduled for a maximum of three consecutive Grades with separate results and awards issued for each grade. A Combined Class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results.

**Progression.** Progression from each Grade will be determined by the eligibility for the class as referenced in H(1)(A)11. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade. To count for progression wins must be gained in standard classes at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows. Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.

Competitors will be allowed to walk the course set at Small or Medium/Intermediate height without their dog(s) before the class begins.

**Points Progression.** At the handler's discretion a dog may progress up to Grade 4 by winning 100 points at each grade, using the Agility Warrant points scheme (Regulation K3.c refers). A minimum of 50 points must be gained in agility (not jumping) classes in the relevant grade. If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the Show Secretary signs the dog's Agility Record Book at the first show entered at the higher grade. There is no time limit on this progression, however once a dog has progressed, it cannot return to a previous grade. Progression on points must be done prior to the closing date of entries. It is not possible to change a grade on points once the entries have closed.

### **STANDARD CLASSES**

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. (A dog is only eligible for one grade). In defining the eligibility of the owner or handler for Grade 1, the two wins and points progression referred to in the definition apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs.

#### **Grade 1**

Open to owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 1 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, at least one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) class. N.B Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1 are not eligible for this class.

#### **Grade 2**

Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 1 and are not eligible for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7.

#### **Grade 3**

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 2 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) class, or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

#### **Grade 4**

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of three first places at Grade 3 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping classes), or have elected to progress on points from Grade 3 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 5, 6 or 7.

#### **Grade 5**

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 4 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 6 or 7.

#### **Grade 6**

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7.

## Grade 7

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of five first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, three of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

## SPECIAL CLASSES

Societies may schedule classes other than those defined above as "Special classes". The eligibility for "Special" classes must be defined by the Society and included in the schedule. The word "Special" must be included in the title of the class. Where special classes are classified for older and/or inexperienced dogs, the height of the hurdles, the A-ramp, and the dog walk, and the length of the long jump, may be reduced below the dimensions specified in these regulations, in which case such dimensions must be included in the class definition in the show schedule.

Marking for special classes may deviate from marking for standard classes, but must be specified in the schedule. Wins, places and clear rounds in special classes will not count towards agility warrant points or grade progression at Kennel Club shows.

## Directions From the M40:

**From the South:** Exit the motorway at Junction 11 and take the 4th exit off the roundabout (A422) signposted Brackley. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit signposted to Middleton Cheney. The Dog Training Barn is located some 300metres on the right hand side.

**From the North:** Exit the motorway at Junction 11 and take the 2nd exit off the roundabout (A422) signposted Brackley. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit signposted to Middleton Cheney. The Dog Training Barn is located some 300metres on the right hand side.

Please note, Sat Nav takes you to the centre of the village. We are at the Banbury end, closest to the roundabout on the way to the M40.

## SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B, or else registration or transfer of registration must have been applied for. The registration number/ authority to compete (ATC) number will be required for each entry.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete (ATC) number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without a Kennel Club Registration number or an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. Entry fees £3.75 per dog per class, pairs £6.50.
4. There will be no prize money in any class
5. Entries will be accepted via [www.agilityshows.online](http://www.agilityshows.online)
6. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
7. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are not eligible for competition to compete at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows.
8. A dog must not compete more than once in a class, including special classes
9. The show is Limited to Shetland Sheepdogs and the first 250 entries.
10. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their details recorded on the entry form.
11. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
12. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the show is forbidden.
13. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
14. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A single flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar ie. Not attached by a ring.
15. Should a judge be unable to fulfill the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
16. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
17. All offers of sponsorship or donations with the names of the sponsors will be on display.
18. Kennel Club standard marking regulations apply for all standard classes.
19. Height of jump obstacles: Medium/Intermediate dogs – 40cm, Small dogs – 30cm, Pairs - 30cm.
20. The height limit for dogs in Standard Classes.
  - a. Intermediate Dog classes - For dogs measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers
  - b. Medium Dog classes - For dogs measuring over 350mm and measuring 430mm or under at the withers
  - c. Small Dog classes - For dogs measuring 350mm or under at the withers
21. Judges in Standard Classes at a Limited Agility Show may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Show at which they are judging. Dogs may be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge in a standard class at a limited show.
22. Dogs which have won an Agility Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Agility Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club are not eligible for entry in special classes at Limited Agility Shows or in Agility Matches.
23. Removal of dogs from Competition. Following discussion between the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Show if it is:-
  - a. A bitch which is in season.
  - b. Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease.
  - c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
  - d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
  - e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition/show Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.
24. Dog Agility is a competitive and physically strenuous activity. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to ensure their dog is 'fit for function' and that they themselves are fit to take part. By signing the entry form you confirm that to the best of your knowledge your dog is fit and able to take part in Agility classes on the day of the show.
25. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition, i.e. (29 December 2021), shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility

to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog will then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor will be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.

- 26.** Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.
- 27.** In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
- 28.** Except for mobility aids or silent toys, nothing shall be carried in the hand while the dog is under test and food shall not be given to a dog whilst in the ring. Competitors are prohibited from wearing bags or leads whilst under test.
- 29.** Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result and/or faults gained in the previous run must be discounted.
- 30.** Separate entry forms must be completed by each owner and must signed by the owner or his authorised agent in accordance with provisions specified thereon. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.
- 31.** Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease – No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing the Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.
- 32.** It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Competitors must run as close to their running order as possible. Failure to do so may be reported to the Kennel Club.
- 33.** Animals in Event: No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board. However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.
- 34.** A pay on the day class may be held at the discretion of the Committee if time permits.
- 35.** A practice ring may be available to dogs entered for competition at the show, at the discretion of the Committee if time permits. This ring must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge.
- 36.** Welfare of Dogs: An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any agility show licensed by The Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the show.
- 37.** All dogs will be entered at this show at their owner's risk, and whilst the committee will take every reasonable care, it shall not accept responsibility for any loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused to dogs, people or property whilst at this show.
- 38.** Dogs in vehicles on hot days. Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
- 39.** The show organisers or their authorised agents may make results from this show publicly available and share results with third parties for the same purpose.
- 40.** If you enter the show by paper entry form and choose to download your ring cards you are agreeing for the information on them to be publicly viewable online.
- 41.** Children under the age of 11 are the responsibility of and must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian including when competing.

*In case of cancellation of the show within seven days of the show date, notification will be sent to the relevant web sites and posted on applicable facebook groups where possible. It will be the competitor's responsibility to check with these services if continuation of the show is in doubt.*