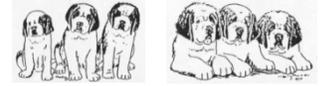




RANDOM LITTLE TIDBITS (#10)

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Today's Random Little Tidbit – Tidbits to keep in mind for the revised Group exercises.

Out of date in regards to Group Exercises, see Tidbits #37 & #39 for updates. This Tidbit #10 is being saved for historical purposes of our past.

In General

- ✓ Any dog or handler, regardless of qualifying/non-qualifying, that has been excused from the ring may not return for the group exercises.
- ✓ Handlers of dogs that have qualified have the option of returning for the group exercises. If the dog is not returning to perform the group exercises it will be marked “absent” from those exercises, same as the current procedure, and a NQ is carried down.
- ✓ Dogs that have **non-qualified**: If the judge has *released* the team from performing the group exercises, the dog may not return for groups. Otherwise, those handlers have the option of returning for the group exercise.
- ✓ Each eligible handler is required to notify the table steward of their intention to return for the group exercise after the completion of the individual exercises.
- ✓ Judges have the option of deciding if a set of group exercises will be conducted after a specified number of dogs or if the group exercises will be conducted after the last individual team is judged. Once determined, the judge must post this information at the ring.
- ✓ Leashes are to be attached to the dog's collar (no slip leads) when coming into the ring for the group exercises or awards.

Novice A & B Classes

The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be dropped or placed on the ground **alongside the dog and handler** with the armband weighted as necessary before the exercise begins. If the armband needs to be weighted, Ms. May (Saint Bernard) & Ms. Gemma (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) are demonstrating one way. You may want to enlarge the pdf for a better view of the leash



passing through between the armband and leash. Oh, and *will someone inform that Corgi handler the tag “hanging” from the collar needs to be dealt with and there is less than 4-feet between the dogs! Good grief, this is not the time to snuggle up to the Saint looking to be “rescued” for not maintaining the Long Sit! ☺*

Open A & B & Graduate Novice

The leash will be removed and placed **behind** the dog with the armband weighted as necessary.

Chapter 2, Section 15, Catalog Order & Chapter 3, Section 12, Group Exercises.

When bringing the Groups back into the ring there has been a tweak which may/will affect the classes using jumps. Let's first look at what the two different sections will now state:

Chapter 2, Section 15, Catalog Order, “...Dogs should be judged in the judging program order listed for each day if it is practical to do so without holding up any judging *in any ring*. Group exercises will be judged in judging program order.”

Chapter 2, Section 12, Group Exercises, “...The dogs that are in the ring will be lined up in judging program order along one of the four sides of the ring....”

When it was allowed for catalog order to be assigned by jump height order (and then allowed clubs to state the order the dogs would be run *each day* without having to restate the full catalog order for *each day*) confusion was created. The catalog & Regulations said one thing (Catalog order), the Judges Book states otherwise, and depending on how the running order goes it was challenging/time consuming paperwork to keep it straight. In addition, with the new options of

returning or not returning for groups, judges now being allowed to do the groups at the end of the class in [judging program order](#) also simplified it.

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