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# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## HEELWORK TO MUSIC REGULATION AMENDMENTS

The Kennel Club has reviewed a number of its Heelwork to Music Regulations and has made the following amendments:

### **Time Limit for Routines**

Whilst the time limits for routines have been reviewed, a minimum time limit has not been introduced, as it was accepted that there are a variety of reasons why a handler would wish to perform a short routine. The maximum time limit for the Intermediate class has been reduced to 3½ minutes to give more graduation between Intermediate and Advanced classes. There was no wish to reduce the time limit for routines for the Novice Class, so both Novice and Intermediate Classes will continue to have the same time limit. It was agreed that this should give competitors more variety of music to choose from, without the need for any editing.

### **Regulation L.10.i has been amended as follows with effect from 1 January 2010:**

#### **TO:**

The duration of the routine should be a maximum length as detailed below. An over-run of 5% is permitted, but 2 marks will be deducted from the final score for any time taken in excess of this.

Starters maximum time limit - up to 2½ minutes

Novice maximum time limit - up to 3½ minutes

Intermediate maximum time limit - up to 3½ minutes

Advanced maximum time limit - up to 4 minutes

(Amendment underlined)

### **Excessive Barking**

The Kennel Club has amended **Regulation L.17.g with effect from 1 January 2010**, to clarify that a dog which is particularly noisy, but does not actually bark during its routine should be penalised by the judge.

#### **TO:**

The dog should work in a willing and natural manner. Excessive noise or barking must be penalised and a maximum of 4 marks can be deducted from the overall score at the judge's discretion.

(Amendment underlined)

### **ENDS**

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