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GENERAL INFORMATION.....

*Schedule of Fees
Effective January 1, 2016*

LICENSES

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| Hunt Master (New Applicants Only)..... | \$20 |
| Bench Show Judge (New Applicants Only)..... | \$20 |

EVENT LICENSES

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|------------------------------------|------|
| Cur and Feist Coon Event..... | \$25 |
| Cur and Feist Squirrel Event | \$25 |
| Bench Show | \$17 |

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(Revised December 18, 2009)

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United Kennel Club has the right to inspect all reports, scorecards and documents related to UKC events. Some, but not all, of the items subject to inspection are:

- a) scores;
- b) disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- c) errors by the recording person; and
- d) documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found during such inspection whether or not the document has the signature of a Judge or Club Officer. UKC reserves the right to itself and in its sole judgement and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:
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- c) Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
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Sending Work to UKC

United Kennel Club suggests that all fees for UKC services be submitted in a personal check, money order or a major credit card. Sending cash is not recommended.

When more than one piece of work is mailed to UKC and different services are requested, i.e., a seven-generation pedigree on one dog and a three-generation pedigree on another, instructions should be included as to exactly what work is required.

Mail Litter Applications to:

Litter Department

Submit Litter Applications online to:

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/OnlineLitterReg.html>

Mail Transfer of Ownerships, duplicate requests and inquiries on registration papers to:

Transfer Department

Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration Certificates to:

Duplicate Department

Mail requests and inquiries to:

Registration Correspondent

Email requests and inquiries to:

registration@ukcdogs.com

Mail Applications for Events, inquiries about Championship points and Judges Applications to:

Cur & Feist Field Operations

United Kennel Club

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UKC Cur/Feist Single Registration Requirements

Revised February 1, 2015

When single registering any of the Cur/Feist breeds, a Single Registration Application designed specifically for the Cur/Feist breeds must be completed. These applications are available in all licensed hunt packets, as a download from the UKC website or by contacting the UKC Registration Department. Pictures are required to be included with the single registration application for all Cur/Feist breeds. Three pictures of the dog are required (pictures should be in a standing position, one of each side and one head on shot). The photo requirement is waived if a Breed Inspector has approved the application.

Each breed has its own requirements for registration in regards to pedigree and proof of acknowledged registry enrollment. Please refer to the following paragraphs for the specific requirements and accepted Registries for each breed recognized by UKC.

Any breed of Cur that cannot meet its pedigree or proof of registry requirements may apply for regis-

tration as a Treeing Cur with a completed application and three photos. UKC will verify that the dog meets the Treeing Cur breed standard and will either approve them or deny them for registration.

•Black Mouth Cur

Proof of registration is not required for this breed. Please refer to the UKC Breed Standard to verify correct breed type.

•Mountain Cur

A three generation pedigree is required. Proof of registration is required for this breed. The accepted registries for the Mountain Cur are: Original Mountain Cur Breeders Association, Kemmer Stock Breeders Association. Please refer to the UKC Breed Standard to verify correct breed type.

•Stephen's Cur

A three generation pedigree is required. Proof of registration is required for this breed. The accepted registry for the Stephen's Cur is Stephen's Stock Registration. Please refer to the UKC Breed Standard to verify correct breed type.

•Treeing Cur

A three generation pedigree may be provided but is not required. Proof of registration is not required for this breed. Please refer to the UKC Breed Standard to verify correct breed type.

•Mountain Feist

A three generation pedigree may be provided but is not required. Proof of registration is not required for this breed. Please refer to the UKC Breed Standard to verify correct breed type. The accepted registry for the Mountain Feist is the National Kennel Club.

•Treeing Feist

A three generation pedigree may be provided but is not required. Proof of registration is not required for this breed. Please refer to the UKC Breed Standard to verify correct breed type.

Breed Inspectors Guidelines

As a matter of convenience to clubs offering licensed events and the enthusiasts attending those events, UKC has made it acceptable for an inspector to verify breed type and confirm registry requirements for certain breeds. The following guidelines MUST be followed in order for a breed inspector verified single registration application to be accepted:

Breed inspection authority is restricted to the following individuals only: UKC Staff, UKC Field Reps, UKC Licensed Hunt Masters, and UKC Licensed Cur Feist Bench Show Judges.

A breed inspector must visually verify that a dog meets the UKC breed standard for its particular breed. A breed inspector may not approve a dog for single registration that they have not visually inspect-

ed. Any dog with a disqualification listed for its breed may not be accepted for single registration.

A breed inspector must be presented with, and verify documentation that, the dog to be registered is registered with a UKC approved Registry for its breed. You may not sign off on a single registration application without having been presented such documentation. If, for example, an owner wishes to register a dog as a Mountain Cur, but does not have proof of being registered with KSBA or OMCBA, then the dog may not be registered as a Mountain Cur with UKC. It may be registered as a Treeing Cur, provided it meets the Treeing Cur breed standard. The same is true for the other breeds that require proof of an acknowledged Registry.

If applicant is applying to register as one of the breeds that requires a three generation pedigree, then that pedigree information must either be written in by hand on the registration application or a three generation pedigree must be attached. Photocopies of pedigree are acceptable.

A breed inspector may not approve a dog that was whelped out of a female or by a male that the inspector owned at the time of breeding. This is not to question the integrity of anyone, but rather to lend credibility to the single registration process.

Once all the single registration requirements have been met and inspector guidelines followed, a breed inspector may approve an applicant for single registration. The preferred place to approve a single registration application is on the back, in the upper right hand corner. Please indicate such by listing the date inspected and inspector's signature. If legibility of inspector's signature is questionable, please include name in print.

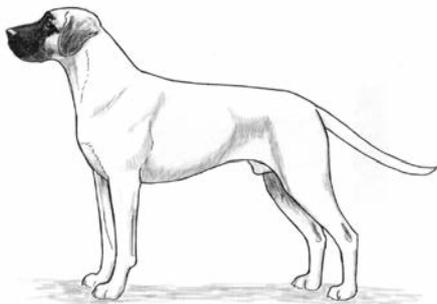
Individuals found to be knowingly in violation of any of the above requirements or guidelines will be dealt with under the Inherent Rights and Powers of UKC.

BLACK MOUTH CUR

Official UKC Breed Standard

Scenthound Group

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Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

The origin of the Black Mouth Cur is uncertain. Some writers have claimed that the breed originated in the mountains of Tennessee while others believe the breed originated in Mississippi. In any event, these dogs were widely used by early American settlers as all-round working dogs. As Americans moved west, the Blackmouth Curs moved with them, serving as a hunting dog and family guardian.

The Blackmouth Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Black Mouth Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of medium size. The body is square or just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad with a moderate stop and a moderately broad muzzle. Ears are set high and drop. The tail is straight, set low, and may be any length. The coat is short and close fitting. The Blackmouth Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Black Mouth Cur is a fast, hard hunter that finds game using its eyes, ears and nose. Silent trailers are preferred, although slightly semi-open on a very hot track is allowed. Never open like a hound. A loud, deep chop on bay or tree, ringing cry or slight yodel allowed. Never full-blown bawl mouthed. The Blackmouth Cur combines tenacity and courage with a strong desire to work. They are very loyal and protective of their owner and family.

HEAD

The head is large but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is

slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel. **SKULL** - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is moderately broad with a well-defined underjaw. Lips are tight. Except in the case of dogs with dilute coat color, lip pigment and the inside of the mouth, excluding the tongue, are darkly pigmented.

TEETH - The Black Mouth Cur has a complete set of evenly-spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite. *Disqualifications: Overshot bite. Undershot bite.*

NOSE - Nose is broad and slightly protruding with well-opened nostrils. Black pigment is preferred, but red or brown are allowed in dogs with dilute coat color.

EYES - Eyes are medium to large in size, set wide apart and may be green, yellow, or brown. Eye rims are tight and match lip pigment.

Fault: Eyes not matching color.

Serious faults: Blue eye, wall eye.

EARS - Ears are drop, of short-to-medium length, wide at the base, and set high.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are strong and straight, with large, round bones. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Black Mouth Cur is square or just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and wide, with at least four inches between the front legs of a smaller-sized dog. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The upper thigh is longer than the sec-

ond thigh. The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned. Toes may be webbed. Single or double dewclaws may be present.

TAIL

The tail is set on low and may be any length. Coat on the tail may be smooth to slightly feathered.

COAT

The coat is short, dense, and close lying. Texture may be coarse to rough to very fine.

Serious faults: Wiry coat, long coat.

COLOR

All shades of red, yellow and fawn; black; brown; buck-skin; or brindle; with or without black muzzle or mask. Very small amounts of white are allowed under the chin, around the nose, on the neck, chest, legs, and tip of tail, provided that no more than ten percent total of the dog's body may be white. Dilute coat colors are acceptable and may be identified by the following traits: green, yellow, or light brown eyes; white toenails; red or yellow coat without any trace of black hair. Never spotted, mottled, merle, or with white collar.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Minimum height is 18 inches for a mature male and 16 inches for a mature female. Minimum weight is 40 pounds for a mature male and 35 pounds for a mature female. Blackmouth Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Black Mouth Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward centerline of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

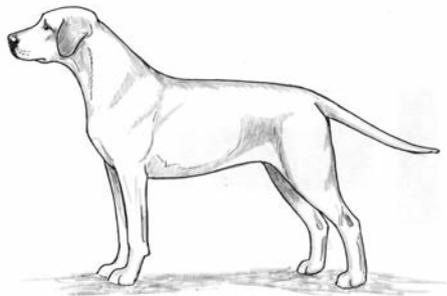
Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Albinism. Deafness. Blindness. Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

MOUNTAIN CUR
Official UKC Breed Standard

Revised April 15, 2001

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Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

The Mountain Cur was declared a breed in 1957 with the organization of the Original Mountain Cur Breeders of America (O.M.C.B.A). Prior to that time, dogs of this type could only be found in very remote, rural areas and there were no organized breeding records. The most common strains of Mountain Cur included the McConnell, Stephens, Ledbetter, Arline and York strains. OMCBA was able to assemble breeders and register the original-type Mountain Cur. On the last weekend of September, 1991, a group of men and women met at Robert and Lou Ella Kemmer's house and formed a new breed club that registered a strain of line-bred cur that became known as the Kemmer Stock Mountain Cur. These curs are Mountain Curs that are bred from the above-mentioned lines. The best was bred to the best and then line bred. Kemmer Stock Mountain Curs were first registered with the Kemmer Stock Mountain Cur Breeders' Association (K.S.B.A).

Mountain Curs from O.M.B.C.A. and K.S.B.A. provided the foundation stock for the UKC Mountain Cur breed. Today these dogs are used on squirrel, raccoon, and all types of big game.

The Mountain Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Mountain Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of medium size. The body is square or just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad with a moderate stop, and a muzzle slightly shorter than the length of skull. Ears are set high and drop. The tail is straight, set low, and may be a natural bob. The coat is dense but close fitting. The Mountain Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Mountain Cur is a fast, hard hunter that runs the track with its head in the air. Open, semi-open, or silent on track the Mountain Cur has a clear bark that can be heard a long distance. When a hot track is not immediately available, the Mountain Cur will circle and drift on a cold track until it locates a hot track. Mountain Curs are courageous fighters when required. This breed is intelligent, with a strong desire to please, so, despite its strong treeing instincts on all game, the Mountain Cur is easily discouraged from tracking unwanted game. A Mountain Cur responds better to training if it has lots of human contact. In addition to hunting, Mountain Curs make great family companions and watch dogs.

HEAD

The head is broad but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel. **SKULL** - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is shorter than the skull, moderately broad with a well-defined underjaw. Lips are tight with no flews. Lip pigment matches nose pigment.

TEETH - The Mountain Cur has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

NOSE - Nose is square with well-opened nostrils. Pigment is black or self-colored.

EYES - Eyes are large in size, set wide apart with inner and outer corners on the same horizontal line. Eye color is brown, ranging from dark to amber. Eye

rims are tight. Eye rims match nose pigment.
EARS - Ears are drop, of short to medium length, wide at the base, and set high.

Fault: Semi-erect ears.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are well muscled with strong bone. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Mountain Cur is just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and well filled. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are slightly oval in shape, are of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned. Single or double dew-claws are preferred but not required.

TAIL

The tail is set low and either naturally bobbed, bobbed, or of medium length, carried high. Bobbed tail is preferred. On rough-coated dogs, the coat on the tail is well feathered.

COAT

The outer coat is short, and may be smooth or rough in texture. Undercoat is short, dense, and soft.

COLOR

Black (with or without tan or brindle points); blue; brindle; brown; red; yellow; blonde or buttermilk

buckskin. White markings are permissible provided the dog is not more than one-third white in color.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height for a mature male ranges between 18 to 26 inches and 16 to 24 inches for a mature female. Weight is proportionate to height. Mountain Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Mountain Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Albinism. Deafness. Blindness. Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

The docking of tails and cropping of ears in America is legal and remains a personal choice. However, as an international registry, the United Kennel Club is aware that the practices of cropping and docking have been forbidden in some countries. In light of these developments, the United Kennel Club feels that no dog in any UKC event, including conformation, shall be penalized for a full tail or natural ears.

STEPHENS' CUR

Official UKC Breed Standard

Scenthound Group

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Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

Originally a strain of Mountain Cur, the little black dogs bred by the family of Hugh Stephens in Kentucky soon became sufficiently distinct that they were recognized as a separate breed. The Stephens' Stock Cur excels at hunting squirrel and raccoon, but is also used in packs on mountain lion and bears.

The Stephens' Stock Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Stephens' Stock Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of small to medium size. The body is just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad with a moderate stop, and a muzzle slightly shorter than the length of skull. Ears are set high and drop. The tail is straight, set low, and medium in length. The coat is dense but close fitting. The Stephens' Stock Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Stephens' Stock Cur is a fast, hard hunter that carries its head high on track. Open or semi-open on track is preferred, but silent trailing is acceptable. Good changeover at the tree is preferred. The Stephens' Stock Cur is intelligent and easily trained with strong treeing instincts on all game.

HEAD

The head is broad but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a slightly sloping stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.

SKULL - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is shorter than the skull, moderately broad with a well-defined underjaw. Lips are tight with no flews, and are darkly pigmented.

TEETH - The Stephens' Stock Cur has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite. *Disqualifications: Undershot or overshot bite.*

NOSE - Nose is square with well-opened nostrils. Pigment is black.

EYES - Eyes are large in size, set wide apart with inner and outer corners on the same horizontal line. Eye color is brown. Eye rims are tight and black.

EARS - Ears are drop, of short to medium length, wide at the base, and set high.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are well muscled with strong bone. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Stephens' Stock Cur is just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and well filled. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are slightly oval in shape, are of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned. Dewclaws may be removed.

TAIL OR STERN

The tail is set low and of medium length.

COAT

The outer coat is short, and may be smooth or

rough in texture, but not wooly. Undercoat is short, dense, and soft.

COLOR

Black. White markings are permissible provided the dog is not more than one-third white in color.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height for a mature Stephens' Stock Cur ranges between 16 to 23 inches. Weight is proportionate to height and never over 55 pounds. Stephens' Stock Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Stephens' Stock Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Albinism. Deafness. Blindness. Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

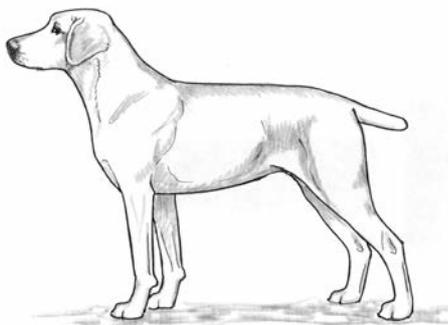
TREEING CUR

Official UKC Breed Standard

Revised April 1, 2003

Scenthound Group

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Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and sound-

ness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

The Cur breeds were developed in remote and rural parts of the United States. Cur breeders had little interest in standardizing the looks of their dogs—they were only interested in performance. Most Cur breeders were not well off and so they required a dog that could serve multiple purposes: hunter, guardian, and stock dog. The result was the Treeing Cur, which is the most varied in size and colors of the Cur breeds. The Treeing Cur is primarily used to hunt squirrel, raccoon, and all types of big game.

The Treeing Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Treeing Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of small to medium size. The body is just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad with a moderate stop, and a muzzle slightly shorter than the length of skull. Ears are drop and the tail is straight, set low, and of any length, including a natural bob. The coat is dense but close fitting. The Treeing Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Treeing Cur is a fast, hard hunter that finds game using its eyes, ears and nose. They may be open, semi-open, or silent on track with a good change at the tree. Treeing Curs are alert and easily trained. In addition to being outstanding tree dogs, they are also good watchdogs and excellent family companions.

HEAD

The head is broad but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.

SKULL – The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE – The muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull, moderately broad with a well-defined underjaw. Lips are tight with no flews, and are darkly pigmented.

TEETH – The Treeing Cur has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot or undershot bite.

NOSE – Nose is square with well-opened nostrils. Pigment can black or pink in color.

EYES – Eyes are medium to large in size, set wide apart with inner and outer corners on the same horizontal line. Brown eye color is preferred but yellow, green, or blue is acceptable. Eye rims are tight and black.

EARS – Drop ears, of short to medium length, wide at the base, and set high

Disqualification: Erect ears.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are well muscled with strong bone. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Treeing Cur is just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and well filled. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The Treeing Cur has a cat foot, of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned.

TAIL

The tail is set low and either naturally bobbed or of any length.

COAT

The outer coat is short to medium in length, and

may be smooth or rough in texture. Undercoat is short, dense, and soft.

COLOR

Any color, color pattern or combination of colors is acceptable.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height ranges between 18 to 24 inches. Weight is 30 to 60 pounds, proportionate to height. Treeing Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Treeing Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Erect ears. Albinism. Deafness. Blindness. Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

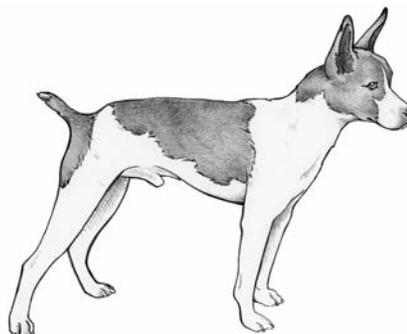
The docking of tails and cropping of ears in America is legal and remains a personal choice. However, as an international registry, the United Kennel Club is aware that the practices of cropping and docking have been forbidden in some countries. In light of these developments, the United Kennel Club feels that no dog in any UKC event, including conformation, shall be penalized for a full tail or natural ears.

MOUNTAIN FEIST

Official UKC Breed Standard

Terrier Group

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The Mountain Feist should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Honorable scars resulting from field work are not to be penalized.

HISTORY

The word "feist" is an ancient one referring to a small, often noisy dog. Like the Cur breeds, the Feist breeds were developed in the rural South by breeders who needed low-maintenance dogs to hunt small game and to eliminate vermin. Feists were often the result of crosses between hunting hounds and terriers. Today's Mountain Feist is the result of generations of breeding for performance and is still primarily used to hunt squirrel, although they are also used to hunt raccoon, rabbits and more.

The Mountain Feist was recognized by the United Kennel Club on February 1, 2015.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Mountain Feist is an agile, active, small tree dog. The body is slightly longer than tall. Regardless of the size of the individual dog, the legs must be long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is blocky, with a broad skull, a moderate stop, and a strong muzzle. The tail is straight, set on as a natural extension of the topline, and may be natural or docked. The coat is short and smooth.

Disqualification: Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism.

CHARACTERISTICS

Mountain Feists hunt using sight, sound and scent, and are extremely alert dogs. On track, they are virtually silent.

Disqualification: Viciousness or extreme shyness.



HEAD

The head is proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.

SKULL - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular, but not over-developed.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is long and sufficiently broad and deep to balance the skull. Lips are tight. Lip pigment matches nose pigment and eye rims.

TEETH - The Mountain Feist has a complete set of strong, white, evenly-spaced teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Disqualifications: Undershot bite. Overshot bite.

NOSE - The nose is black or self-colored.

EYES - Eyes are brown, ranging from dark to amber. Eye rims match nose pigment.

EARS - V-shaped, erect ears are preferred. Semi-erect ears are acceptable. Ears are set at the outside edges of the skull.

Disqualification: Cropped ears.

Serious Fault: Pendulous ears.

NECK

The neck is clean, muscular, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.



FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder.

der blade. The forelegs are strong, straight, and moderately well boned. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, slightly sloping, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Mountain Feist is slightly longer than tall. Chest is moderately wide and deep, with the brisket reaching to the elbow. Ribs are well sprung and extend well back. Back is of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck-up.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters. The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are small, compact and slightly oval in shape. The two middle toes are slightly longer than the other toes. Toes are well-arched. Front dewclaws may be removed. Removal of rear dewclaws preferred, but not mandatory.

TAIL

The tail is set on at the end of the croup. Docked or natural tails are acceptable. Docking should be between the second and third joint of the tail.

The natural tail is thick at the base and tapers toward the tip. When the dog is alert, the tail is carried in an upward curve. When relaxed, the tail may be carried straight out behind the dog.

COAT

The coat is short, dense, and smooth, with a hair length of approximately one inch or less.

Disqualifications: Semi-wire, wire or long coats over more than 50 percent of the body.

COLOR

Mountain Feist may be any color or combination of colors.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height ranges from 12 to 18 inches, measured at the withers.

Weight ranges from 12 to 30 pounds.

Serious Fault: Dogs over 30 pounds.

GAIT

Gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to

converge toward centerline of balance. This breed is capable of great bursts of speed when needed.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

Undershot bite. Overshot bite.

Cropped ears.

Semi-wire, wire or long coats over more than 50 percent of the body.

The docking of tails and cropping of ears in America is legal and remains a personal choice. However, as an international registry, the United Kennel Club is aware that the practices of cropping and docking have been forbidden in some countries. In light of these developments, the United Kennel Club feels that no dog in any UKC event, including conformation, shall be penalized for a full tail or natural ears.

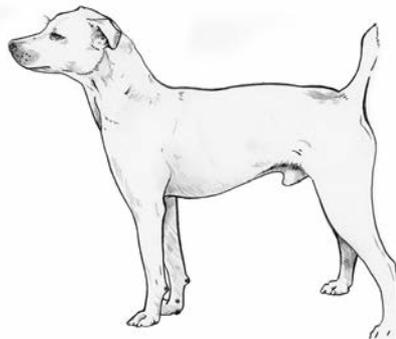
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HISTORY

The word "feist" is an ancient one referring to a small, often noisy, dog. Like the Cur breeds, the Feist breeds were developed in the rural South by breeders who needed low-maintenance dogs to hunt small game and to eliminate vermin. Feists were often the result of crosses between hunting hounds and terriers. Today's Treeing Feist is the result of generations of breeding for performance and it is still primarily used to hunt squirrel, although they are also used to hunt raccoon, rabbits and flushing game birds.

The Treeing Feist was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Treeing Feist is an agile, active, small tree dog. The body is slightly longer than tall. Regardless of the size of the individual dog, the legs must be long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is blocky, with a broad skull, a moderate stop, and a strong muzzle. The tail is straight, set on as a natural extension of the topline, and may be natural or docked. The coat is short and smooth. The Treeing Feist should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

Treeing Feists are used most frequently to hunt squirrel, raccoon, and opossum. They hunt using both sight and scent and are extremely alert dogs. On track, they are virtually silent.



HEAD

The head is proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly

shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.

SKULL - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular, but not over-developed.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is long and sufficiently broad and deep to balance the skull. Lips are tight. Lip pigment matches nose pigment and eye rims.

TEETH - The Treeing Feist has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

NOSE - Nose color is black or self-colored.

EYES - Eyes are brown, ranging from dark to amber. Eye rims match nose pigment.

EARS - Ears are drop, of short to medium length, wide at the base, and set high. Erect or button ears are acceptable, but not pendulous (hound-like).

NECK

The neck is clean, muscular, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

The forelegs are strong, straight, and moderately well boned. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, slightly sloping, and flexible. "Bench legs" are acceptable but not preferred.

BODY

A properly proportioned Treeing Feist is slightly longer than tall. Chest is moderately wide and deep, with the brisket reaching to the elbow. Ribs are well sprung and extend well back. Back is of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuckup.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters. The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are round, well arched, and tight. Pads are hard, tough, and well cushioned. Dewclaws may be removed.

TAIL

The tail is set on at the end of the croup. The natural tail is thick at the base and tapers toward the tip or it may be a natural bob. When the dog is alert, the tail is carried in an upward curve. When relaxed, the

tail may be carried straight out behind the dog.

COAT

The coat is short, dense, and smooth.

Disqualification: Long or shaggy coat.

COLOR

Any color or color pattern.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height ranges between 10 to 18 inches. Weight ranges between 12 and 30 pounds. Treeing Feists are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Treeing Feist gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward centerline of balance. This breed is capable of great bursts of speed when needed.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Long or shaggy coat. Albinism. Deafness. Blindness. Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

EVENT INFORMATION

Entering Dogs in UKC® Licensed Events

Revised January 1, 2016

1. THE “REGISTERED OWNER”

The registered owner is the individual whose name and address appears on the front of the Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card. If the registered owner utilizes the Registration Certificate instead of the UKC Easy Entry™ Card, they may enter the dog in the event provided that the back of the Registration Certificate is blank.

2. THE “NEW OWNER”

The new owner is an individual who has purchased a dog from the registered owner. The new owner may enter the dog as a Conditional Entry (see 3. Condition Entries below). The new owner will enter the dog listing it in its registered name, registered owner (seller) as the owner and the new owner as the handler.

3. CONDITIONAL ENTRIES

A Conditional Entry is one where the participant is not in receipt of the form of entry required to enter their dog in the event. Those include the following:

- a. Not in possession of current Easy Entry™ Card

or Registration Certificate.

- b. Non-Updated Category Easy Entry™ Card after having been notified by UKC.
- c. UKC Registration Certificate. (New owners not yet transferred Registration Certificate).
- d. Previous owner's Easy Entry™ Card.

The participant may enter their dog as Conditional with an additional fee of \$5. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or handler that the information given and recorded on the Event Report is accurate. Otherwise, UKC may not award Championship points or wins for that specific entry.

The Entry Taker will accept the entry and the additional \$5 fee. They will make record of such on the Event Report and mail them to UKC with all other Event Fees.

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ENTERING EVENTS

Three different ways to enter. Submit any of the following to entry takers.

1. Registration Certificate (not required to reflect Champion or Grand Champion).
2. UKC Easy Entry™ Card.
3. Conditional Entry (see Conditional Entries above).

Note: No entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason.

ENTERING IN NEXT HIGHEST CATEGORY

Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a UKC Champion or Grand Champion degree in a Squirrel Hunt, Coon Hunt or Bench Show, may be entered in the higher category, with their previous category's Easy Entry™ Card, until officially notified (updated Easy Entry™ Card and Degree mailed to owner) of their new title by United Kennel Club.

This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's owners are consistent with those kept by UKC.

Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by, or on behalf of, the owner concerning the dog's degree.

If it is found that the owner's records were in error, and the dog had not fulfilled the requirements for a Championship title, any win(s) attained by that dog in the higher category will be considered void.

THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY

The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be refused or barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or gender. A handler shall not be refused based on their actions, circumstances or otherwise that may have transpired at a different club.

UKC® Easy Entry™ Card

At no additional charge, UKC will mail, along with the UKC Registration Certificate and Pedigree, the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card may be used in place of the Registration Certificate when entering UKC licensed events. Updated cards will also be mailed, along with the Championship Degree, to the Registered Owner without charge, each time the dog earns a new UKC title.

Registered owners may still enter their dogs on their UKC Registration Certificate if they wish.

Additional Easy Entry™ cards are available for a fee from the Registration Department for dual ownership situations.

Titles of Excellence from UKC and Requirements to Earn Them

The rules, regulations, classifications, classes and Championship points as recognized by the United Kennel Club are uniform throughout the United States and Canada. They are not given on a local or geographical basis. (All UKC Registered dogs, excluding coonhounds, are eligible to receive these degrees.)

The degrees of excellence as issued and recognized by the United Kennel Club are:

1. UKC SQUIRREL CHAMPION (SQCH) — the official UKC points awarded in the registered portion of a UKC Licensed Cur & Feist Squirrel Event are as follows:

| PLACE | POINTS |
|------------|--------|
| 1st | 40 |
| 2nd | 35 |
| 3rd | 30 |
| 4th | 25 |
| 5th | 20 |
| 6th | 15 |
| 7th | 10 |
| 8th | 5 |
| 9th | 5 |
| 10th | 5 |

To be declared an official Squirrel Champion, a dog must have at least 100 UKC points recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office and have at least one first place win in a UKC Licensed Cur and Feist Squirrel Event.

A dog must have a total score of plus points before they can receive Championship points. The ten high point cast winners from different casts will be judged the first ten winners.

2. UKC SHOW CHAMPION (CH) — the following points and classes have been established for the placement of a UKC Registered dog in order to earn Show Champion points:

Definition of Classes: Males and females are shown separately.

Puppy Class: Shall be for dogs six (6) months to one (1) year of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten (10) points.

Junior Class: Shall be for dogs one year of age and under two years of age. The winner of the class will be awarded ten (10) points.

Senior Class: Shall be for dogs two years of age and over. The winner of this class will be awarded ten (10) points.

Best of Breed: Shall be selected from the winners of the Puppy, Junior and Senior Classes. The winner of this class shall be known as Best of Breed and shall be awarded fifteen (15) points.

Best Male or Female of Show: Shall be selected from the Best of Breed winners. The winner shall be known as Best Male or Female of Show and awarded ten (10) points.

Points Awarded:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Class Winner-Males | 10 points |
| Class Winner-Females | 10 points |
| Best Male of Breed..... | 15 points |
| Best Female of Breed | 15 points |
| Best Male of Show | 10 points |
| Best Female of Show | 10 points |

A Show Champion will be a dog that has earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win with competition while showing for Best Male or Best Female. Points must have been earned under at least two different UKC Licensed Show Judges. **Male and Female Show Champions are shown together.**

3. UKC NITE CHAMPION (NITECH) — a dog may become a NITECH by entering UKC Cur and Feist Coon Events. The points for this title are earned in the same order as a Squirrel Champion spelled out in number one of this Section.

4. UKC GRAND SQUIRREL CHAMPION (GRSQCH) — earned by winning five (5) Champion wins at UKC Licensed Cur and Feist Squirrel Events. In this portion of the event, only Squirrel Champions compete against Squirrel Champions.

The number of dogs awarded Squirrel Champion wins toward their Grand Squirrel Champion degree will be based on the number of Squirrel Champions entered in the event.

| # Of SQCH's | SQCH Placements |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1-10 | 1 |
| 11-20 | 2 |
| 21 & Over | 3 |

Placements will only be given to Squirrel Champions who are cast winners with plus points. For

example, in an event in which there are 45 Squirrel Champions entered, the three highest scoring Squirrel Champion cast winners with plus points would be given wins toward their Grand Squirrel Champion degree.

5. UKC GRAND SHOW CHAMPION (GRCH) — Earned by winning five (5) Champion of Champions show classes in at least five different UKC Licensed Bench Shows. Must be under at least three different Judges. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together.

6. UKC GRAND NITE CHAMPION (GRNITECH) — Earned by winning five (5) Champion wins at UKC Licensed Cur and Feist Coon Events. In this portion of the event, only Nite Champions compete against Nite Champions.

Upcoming UKC Licensed Events

In an effort to aid clubs and provide one complete source of upcoming event advertising information, UKC requires that a club provide UKC with complete information about their events. The information will then appear on the UKC website and in *Full Cry*.

The information is organized first by state and then by date within that state.

Club secretaries should read the section, “Club Officer’s Guidelines for Conducting UKC Events.”

IMPORTANT NOTICE - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unless otherwise indicated in the Upcoming Events Listing, all casts will have Hunting Judges.

Example:

MICHIGAN

MI, Kalamazoo; Kalamazoo Co. C&FHA; Follow I-94 north to N. Westnedge exit; turn right; ½ mi. to club. Contact Bob Jones (269) 555-1234. Non-Hunting Judges in Ch. and Gr. Ch. Casts.

Jan 17 Squirrel Event 7:30 am, \$15. Coon Event 8:30 pm, \$15

Explanation of Example:

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Kalamazoo Co. Cur & Feist Hunters Assn., on January 17, 2008, will be having a Squirrel Event and a Coon Event. The deadline is 7:30 am for taking entries in the Squirrel Event and the entry fee is \$15. And the deadline for the Coon Event is 8:30 pm for taking entries and the entry fee is \$15. Non-hunting Judges will be used for CH and GRCH casts.

AWARDS AT UKC® LICENSED EVENTS

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The Host Club has a few different options for

awards to their winners. Trophies or plaques are the most popular because winners then have a memento by which to remember that hunt. Clubs may also choose to have a Poor Boy event where no awards are given. Generally entry fees are lower for Poor Boy events. If the club chooses to not give awards they are strongly encouraged to note “Poor Boy” on the Event Confirmation form so it can be advertised as such.

Monetary prizes may also be awarded. The club may choose to pay back entry fees or some other monetary prize to their winners. In the event they wish to include an added purse in their award package the club should include such notice in the Special Instructions section when confirming the event. Distribution of such prize money is the sole responsibility of the club. The UKC will not enter into any disputes thereof.

The club must understand and be aware that there may be additional law and tax implications that they will need to adhere should they be interested in awarding monetary prizes or conduct any Calcutta type activities at their event. UKC cannot provide any legal advice or information regarding any additional laws and/or tax implications that may be associated with such activities, and is not responsible for any complications that may arise. Clubs are responsible for ensuring compliance on their own, and must know that they proceed at their own risk with any such activities.

Club Officers Guidelines for Conducting UKC® Events

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REQUIREMENTS FOR UKC APPROVED CLUBS

1. Getting Your Club Approved by UKC.

- a. The club name submitted to United Kennel Club will be considered your club’s official name and will be utilized by UKC unless otherwise notified by your club in writing and signed by at least three officers of the club. We should be informed immediately of the names, complete addresses and telephone numbers of new officers following each election.
- b. UKC recommends a membership of 20 to 30 members. Clubs with less than 20 members are rarely successful.
- c. Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to UKC.
- d. In addition to UKC rules and policies, clubs must ensure that all Federal, state and local laws must be followed. It is the club’s responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and

regulations, and a statement to this effect must be included in the club Constitution and By-Laws.

Sample: All licensed events sponsored by the club will be run in accordance with the rules and policies set forth by the organization for which the license has been issued. The club shall also be aware of any and all Federal, state and local laws and are responsible to ensure that applicable laws and regulations are followed.

- e. The club must provide a complete membership list of all of the active members.
- f. State the exact location where the events will be held (city and county). Be sure to list the next closest city if your location is not shown on the Atlas.
- g. A completed officers list stating the name, address and phone number of each officer. You must keep UKC updated on any change of officers or addresses.

Note: The Field Operations Department will review not only your club's location but the number of clubs that are within approximately 100 miles of your club actively holding UKC Licensed Events. It is possible that your club will not be approved to hold UKC licensed Events based on club density.

2. Suggestions for successful events.

- a. Practice or "buddy" hunts should be conducted to familiarize members with the UKC Squirrel / Coon Hunt Honor Rules.
- b. Contact your State Corporation office in order to make the club a non-profit Corporation.
- c. It is suggested that you purchase a liability insurance policy before conducting events.
- d. Periodic rules seminars should be held to update members on rule changes.
- e. Appoint separate committees for Squirrel / Coon Hunts and Bench Shows. Committees for kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and insure success.
- f. Appoint a membership chairman to coordinate membership drives.
- g. Develop an active youth program to bring young hunters into your club. They are your future!

3. Scheduling Your UKC Dates.

- a. Contact the Cur/Feist Field Operations Department at the United Kennel Club at the following address to determine if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event: Field Operations/United Kennel Club, 100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com. UKC endeavors to maintain the same dates for

your licensed club events from year to year; however, they may vary a week or so, depending on the change in the calendar. Be sure to check the dates indicated on the Confirmation. These dates cannot be changed without approval from United Kennel Club. UKC will mail the Confirmation to your corresponding officer approximately four months prior to your event. If there is any question about your dates, contact the Field Operations office immediately. Clubs or organizations cannot advertise their events until they have received a Confirmation of their requested date from the United Kennel Club.

- b. Request for additional club dates must be made least 60 days prior to the event. A maximum of seven (7) dates will be granted.
- c. A club may not change the location of an event without contacting UKC at least 90 days prior to the event. UKC reserves the right to grant or deny approval.
- d. When the Confirmation is received by the corresponding officer, they must be sure to completely fill out all the requested information on the front.

If all information is not included no license will be granted. Make sure that the Officer's List contains the correct names, addresses and phone numbers of the club's officers. Return one copy of the Invoice/Confirmation with the Officer's List (if there are changes) and the proper fee two months prior to the event by the first of the month. Dates will not be held indefinitely. Provided the completed confirmation is received on time, your event will then be listed free in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing on the UKC website the month before the event is to be held.

4. Advertising Your Event.

- a. Advertising other than that appearing in the UKC's free upcoming events listing is not required.
- b. If club does decide to advertise, the information in the advertisement must be the same as the information in the Upcoming Events listing. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, then the Upcoming Events list is considered correct and what the club must go by. The "Upcoming Events" listing on the UKC website is the final authority.
- c. Immediately check the Upcoming Events Listing the month prior to your event to see if all information is correct. Corrections must be phoned in by the deadline to confirm your event.

5. How to Conduct your UKC Licensed Event.

a. Event Supplies:

1. The event supplies will be mailed approximately four (4) weeks prior to the event to the corresponding officer currently on file at UKC.
2. Upon receipt of the package, the corresponding officer should check to make sure they have received all needed materials. If not, contact UKC immediately at (269) 343-9020 or hounds@ukcdogs.com.
3. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact Field Operations immediately.

b. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Hunt Master (in HM format events) or Bench Show Judge has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in his possession, DO NOT schedule him or her to officiate the event. You have the right to request to see the license or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event without a current license, the club will be responsible and may lose approved status for future UKC licensed events. This policy will be rigidly enforced. If you have difficulty obtaining a licensed individual to officiate your event, contact Field Operations for assistance. Please confirm the status of the license well in advance of the event.

c. Things to do the Day of the Event:

1. Post legible signs at all major intersections directing participants to your club.
2. Post the Hunt Master/HD Checklist.
3. Post entry deadline time and deadline for return of scorecards.
4. Club is responsible for having an adequate number of qualified Guides on hand. Club is also responsible for guides they use having permission to hunt where they take their casts.

d. Taking Entries: Carefully follow the procedures outlined under the "Hunt Master Guidelines" and "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events".

e. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC:

1. Complete the Official UKC report forms. Be sure that the UKC number, the registered owner's name, handler's name and address for each is correct. Use dog's complete registered name on reports since this information will be published.
2. Depending on the type of event held, all report forms must be thoroughly checked and signed by the Hunt Master/HD or Bench

Show Judge and no less than two club officers. Three different signatures are required.

3. Clubs must retain their copies of their reports in addition to the scorecards for a period of one year. The Hunt Master/HD or Bench Show Judge must also keep their copy of the reports for one year.
4. Completed and signed reports are then to be returned to UKC's Hunting Department, along with a fee of \$2 for each dog entered in each licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due.

The club will be responsible for following the above rules. Failure to do so will result in the loss of approval of future licensed events and winning placements may be affected.

UKC Cur & Feist Licensed Hunt Format

Revised January 1, 2016

Note: There are currently two Hunt Format options for Cur/Feist events. Unless specifically noted in the advertising or listing of an event, all events will be run under the Standard Hunt Format. Elimination Style Hunt Format and Breed Specific events must be pre-approved by UKC.

Standard Hunt Format

Dogs are drawn out into three categories based on their current Championship Points standing at United Kennel Club. The three divisions are Registered, Champions and Grand Champions. Dogs must compete in their own division. Placements in each division will be awarded based on one round of competition. Placements will be determined in accordance with the UKC Licensed Cur & Feist Event Honor Rules. If the club wishes to run division winners against one another in order to award special Championship honors, it is considered a non-licensed category for which UKC is not responsible.

Elimination Style Hunt Format

In the elimination style format, all three categories (Registered, Champions, and Grands) are drawn out and compete together. First round plus point cast winners are to be drawn into a second round to hunt for final placement. The top ten dogs regardless of category will be placed according to score. Placement is determined; first by order of second round plus point cast winners (based on second round score). Next, by order of second round non-

cast winners (based on second round score). A dog must be a first round plus point cast winner in order to place. Registered dogs placing first through third will receive a first place win. Registered dogs placing **fourth** through tenth will receive a third place win. Champions placing first through tenth will receive a Champion win. Grand Champions placing first through tenth will receive a Grand Champion win.

Breed Specific Hunt Option

UKC Approved Cur/Feist Clubs will have the option to hold up to three UKC Licensed Events that are specific to the breeds that are eligible to compete. These options will be "Cur-Only" or "Feist-Only" events. Cur-Only events will allow only UKC Recognized Cur breeds to compete, while Feist-Only events will allow only UKC Recognized Feist breeds to compete.

Unless otherwise noted at the time of confirmation, all UKC Licensed events will be run under current Standard Hunt Format.

UKC Policy for Benefit Events

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United Kennel Club realizes the importance of supporting charitable organizations and will help any club that is hosting a benefit event to raise money for recognized charities. UKC will donate license fees, recording fees if the procedure and guidelines are followed:

1. UKC must be notified at least 90 days prior to the event that the club is requesting the event to be a benefit.
2. UKC must approve the name of the organization or charity that is to receive the proceeds.
3. No less than 75% of the total profit must be donated by the club to the charity.
4. The signed and completed Benefit Event Application must be received by United Kennel Club two months prior to the event, by the first of that month.
5. After your benefit has been approved, your club will be sent a Benefit Event Financial Statement. This statement must be completed and signed by the authorized recipient of the funds. This must be submitted to United Kennel Club within two weeks of the event in order to receive the donated fees and ad.
6. Clubs holding Annual Benefit Events must follow the procedure every year.

UKC Policy Regarding Cell Phone Usage

The use of any electronic messaging device with reference to scores shall be reported to the UKC. Those individuals will be subject to further action by the United Kennel Club.

EVENT HONOR RULES UKC Cur & Feist Squirrel Hunt Honor Rules

Revised January 1, 2016

1. Before beginning a hunt, a time deadline for completion of hunt will be announced and time posted in plain view of all hunters. The time deadline of hunt and return of scorecard to Hunt Master will be indicated on front of all UKC Scorecards. **Host club has the option of conducting 1, 1½ or 2 hour casts. Hunting time must be the same for all casts and must be announced.** Dog must tree bark before being declared treed. Dogs to be drawn to the fewest casts possible. All dogs, including Champions, to hunt entire hunt unless scratched. Casts are not to be drawn until after entries close at the listed deadline. Those in entry line at deadline time will be entered.

All events will be run as a combined entry, unless specified to be a Breed Specific Hunt. One dog casts require a non-hunting Judge.

2. POINT SYSTEM

- a. No strike points will be awarded.
- b. 100 points for dog declared treed first; 50 points second; 25 points third.
- c. Points may be split for tree position when called tree positions cannot be determined.
- d. If squirrel is caught on the ground, points are received as follows: three dogs 58 ½ points, two dogs 75 points, and one dog 100 points.

3. POINTS WILL BE PLUS

- a. When dogs tree and squirrel (excluding ground squirrel) is seen: **(1) by a non-hunting Judge**, or **(2) By a majority of the cast when hunting Judge is used.** Squirrel must be in tree dog is on or in a tree within 15 normal steps of tree dog is on.
- b. Only one tree is counted even if more than one squirrel is up tree.
- c. If dogs split tree and each tree contains a squirrel they are to receive separate tree points regardless of the distance between trees.
- d. When squirrel is seen timbering from tree to tree and the dog is moving with the squirrel, this applies only if squirrel is seen.

4. POINTS WILL BE MINUS

- a. When dog has been declared treed and dog leaves tree. (Dogs must be actively treeing.) If dog returns to tree **within the three minutes** he will receive the next available position on tree, unless all dogs have been declared treed.
- b. When dogs tree and (1) a non-hunting Judge or (2) a majority of the cast when hunting judge is used, can plainly see no squirrel is there.
- c. After a dog is declared treed, at least one of

the dogs declared treed must bark at least once every one minute until cast arrives at the tree, or be minused. If no dog barks in one minute, tree is declared open.

- *d. Dogs treeing but not declared treed, when Judge arrives, will be minused on tree points on slick tree, they receive no points if squirrel is seen. Points will be determined by next available position in the case of one dog, or split available tree points in the case of two or more dogs.

5. POINTS WILL BE CIRCLED/DELETED

CIRCLE POINTS

Points will count neither for nor against dog except when tie is to be broken.

- a. When game is treed in a hole or nest and not seen.
- b. When leaves or vines make it impossible to locate a squirrel.
- c. When Judge orders dogs to be called in because of livestock or nearness to highway, building, etc.
- d. If half the cast votes to plus and half the cast votes to circle or minus a tree, when Hunting Judge is used.

DELETE POINTS

Points will be scored with a line through them, and count neither for nor against the dog. Deleted points will not be considered to determine to outcome of any tie-breakers.

- d. No points, not even circled points, will be awarded when dogs return to tree that had previously been scored, cast may go to tree without dogs being declared treed, if majority of cast agree (when Hunting Judges are used).
- f. If dog declared treed and non-target tree game is seen.
- g. If half the cast votes to circle and half the cast votes to minus a tree, when Hunting Judge is used.

6. SCRATCHING OFFENSES

DOG RELATED OFFENSE:

- a. If a dog has a total of 300 minus points, regardless of how many plus points the dog has.
- b. Fighting or attempting to fight during the authority of the Judge. Dog's name, UKC number and owner's name will be reported to UKC on the Hunt report form. No handler will be allowed to withdraw to avoid dog from being scratched for fighting.

When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor only. If not known, scratch dogs involved. Attempting to fight is defined as follows: when dog(s) are interfering with other dog(s) during the authority of the Judge by

aggressive behavior.

- c. Failing to make any attempt to hunt within any 15 consecutive scorecard minutes.
- d. Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches while other dogs pay them no attention.
- e. For running or molesting stock. (Only one offense.) Feral hogs are not to be treated as stock, but as non-tree game.
- f. For delaying completion of cast for 30 minutes after time out is called in accordance with Rule 7.
- g. For running non-tree game second offense for open registered dog and first offense for Champions and Grand Champions.

HANDLER RELATED OFFENSE:

- h. For treeing dog when dog is not treeing. On first offense issue a warning but do not award points based on Rule 1 which states dog must tree bark before being declared treed.
- i. On second offense if handler calls another handler's dog, the dog is to be scratched.
- j. If handler fails to declare treed a dog obviously treeing (Judge's decision) for a period of three minutes. Dog may be declared treed while three is running but not after the three has expired. Judge must verify dog to be at tree before it can be scratched. If the cast is in the process of scoring a separate tree time shall be canceled or not be applied to another dog.
- k. Failure to sign scorecard after the completion of the hunt. Scorecards may be signed in the presence of the Hunt Master.
- l. For climbing or cutting trees or disturbing a place of refuge.
- m. For intentionally killing squirrel or other game.
- n. For failure to stay with the cast unless given permission to leave.
- o. If cast becomes separated on the way to the field or during the hunt, it is the responsibility of all cast members to return to the Hunt Master at the host club. Any cast members not returning to the Hunt Master will be scratched.
- p. If a handler is drinking or using abusive language.
- q. For use of any device used to control dog prior to cast completing hunt time.
- r. For encouraging, discouraging or physically abusing a dog. Praising a handled dog is not considered encouraging.
- s. Dog(s) hunting over or under advertised hunt time will be scratched.
- t. Handler's dog will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators.
- u. If handler uses hand signals.

7. TIME OUTS

Judge, or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, may call time out in accordance with the following:

- a. When dogs are getting on highway, onto posted land or into a place where there is danger to dogs or hunters.
- b. If new ground must be found to finish cast and more than 15 minutes is required or have to move to new area by vehicle, call time out immediately.
- c. In case of accident or sickness.
- d. If cast becomes lost.
- e. Dog(s) declared treed before time out is called will be scored.
- f. When a dog is injured.

*(NOTE: If time out is called then time is out, and if dog should tree, it will not count. When time out is called and dog(s) are still loose you have **30 minutes** to recover dog(s) or the dog(s) will be scratched and the remainder of the cast may proceed to hunt. NO TIME IS TO BE CALLED OUT TO SEARCH A TREE OR WHEN DOGS ARE TIED OR TO BE LED AWAY FROM A TREE. If dog(s) declared treed, 5 minutes of hunting time may be demanded to search tree, or place of refuge, which is not a time out. No plus points will be awarded if squirrel is seen after 5 minutes searching time has elapsed.)*

8. JUDGES & HANDLERS

The handler's duties are to know their dog's voice and nature. Also, to advise Judge of any of the dog's peculiarities before hunt begins and to tell Judge when dog trees. It is the handler's responsibility to check time and score before signing scorecard.

The Judges are picked by the sponsors because they believe them to be honest and capable of keeping score just as it is given to them by handlers. They will show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time recorded, if requested. Non-hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Hunt Master and/or club officials. If hunting Judge scratches his dog he can continue to judge the cast as a hunting Judge, or pass the card to another member of the cast. Remaining cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Hunt Master.

No trees to be climbed or game to be killed. No molesting holes, dens or nests. Where dogs split up, Judge will go with handler to the dog that trees first. Separate time must be kept on each tree unless all dogs are declared treed together. Permission will be

given for other handlers to go to their dogs on split tree, otherwise cast must remain together unless time out is called. **After three minutes**, first dog's tree may be checked and that dog kept on leash until tree is scored, then he must be turned loose with other dogs. However, if another dog is already treed, handler has the option to hold onto dog or turn loose, so long as at least one dog is still out hunting. No credit allowed for dog brought to tree. All handlers must stay with Judge at all times unless given permission by Judge to leave. Judge will be first to arrive at tree. Judge must maintain pace attainable by all members of cast. Scorecards to be carried by Judge and must be scored by Judge in plain view of all. If there is a question in the woods, score with a question mark (?) and check with Hunt Master. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made will not be considered. One handler to each dog. Any handler unable to complete hunt must pick up his dog. Judge shall give permission for another handler to complete hunt.

9. HUNT MASTER

Hunt Master will hear each viewpoint and have last say. Remember, handler may state his case plainly, but if unreasonable, his dog may be scratched by Hunt Master. Hunt Master must be at the clubhouse at all times. All scores must be posted after the posted deadline or when all scorecards are in possession of the Hunt Master. Hunt Master and their spouses cannot enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Hunt where he or she is serving as Hunt Master. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler.

10. SCORECARDS

- a. Scorecards must be completed in the woods, and no changes can be made later except where a question arises and is noted in the woods.
- b. Handler's signature verifies hunting time and scores are correct. Any protest relative to time or scores should be noted with a question mark.
- c. Any handler failing to sign the scorecard in the woods may have the opportunity to sign upon returning the scorecard to, and in view of, the Hunt Master/HD.
- d. All scorecards must be made available after the deadline to return scorecards or when all scorecards are in possession of the Hunt Master/HD.

11. QUESTIONS, PANELS, APPEALS & MISCONDUCT

Questioning a Judge

- a. Non-Hunting Judge Cast: The decision of a non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be over-

turned in the field. It may be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master/panel. A decision made by a non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the Hunt Master/panel.

- b. Hunting Judge Cast: The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered.
 1. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations.
 2. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
 3. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. It takes a majority vote to overturn judge's decision. Any handler that is not satisfied with the outcome retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master/panel.

Panels

- a. In order to form a panel a \$10 Panel Fee must be paid before the question is heard.
 1. When using a Hunt Master, a panel may be formed if a handler/owner is not satisfied with the Hunt Master's ruling.
 2. When using a Hunt Director, a panel must be formed to hear any and all questions.

Appeals

- a. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the panel, an Appeal may be filed.
- b. An Appeal Form must be requested and filed immediately following the panel's ruling, while panel is still assembled.
- c. Appeals must be submitted to the Hunt Master/HD with a fee of \$20.
- d. All Appeals will be investigated and ruled on by the UKC.

Misconduct

Situations involving misconduct do not fall under the appeals procedure. Refer to the Misconduct Section in the Official UKC Cur/Feist Rulebook for complete procedures and instructions.

Misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Intimidating, threatening, or injuring another individual.

- b. Falsifying event related documents.
- c. Abuse, neglect or drugging of a dog in conjunction with an event.
- d. Intentionally killing game in conjunction with an event.
- e. Use of any device used to control dog during hunting time.
- f. Relaying any type of electronic messaging with reference to scores, that is deemed detrimental to the hunt.

12. WINNERS

- a. A dog must have a total score of plus points before they can receive Championship Points.
- b. Placements to be determined by highest succession of cast winners.

13. TIES

All ties to be broken for UKC points. Dog will win out over other dog: dog that has the least number of minus points; if still a tie, dog that has the most plus first tree points; if still a tie, dog that has the most circled tree points. If still a tie, dogs involved will hunt in one-hour intervals until tie is broken, or flip a coin if all parties agree.

14. GENERAL INFORMATION

No points, not even circle points, will be awarded when dogs return to tree that had previously been scored, cast may go to tree without dogs being declared treed, if majority of cast agree, when hunting Judges are used. When a dog is declared treed, Judge is not to let anyone go to the tree in less than **three** minutes unless all dogs have been declared treed. This is a courtesy to other handlers and also to see that a dog will hold his tree. Dog must hold the tree for **three** minutes, unless all dogs in cast are declared treed. If one dog in cast, or one dog remaining in cast, dog must hold tree for **three** minutes. Dogs declared treed within hunting time are eligible for scoring. When a dog is declared treed, after **three** minutes has elapsed no additional dog can be declared treed at that particular tree. When **three** minutes are up, cast can go directly to tree. Dogs at tree must be leashed. No encouragement or discouragement of any kind to dogs. No pulling of vines nor any action deemed to be interfering with dog(s) to be done **when other dogs are declared treed, but have not been handled.**

If dog is declared treed on a tree not containing squirrel but containing tree game, points to be deleted. Tree game is defined as any game capable of climbing a tree. Dog should not be minused tree points if he comes back a short distance to meet handler if dog goes back in and trees satisfactorily. Judge should be informed of such peculiarities before hunt.

Three spectators per handler will be allowed on all casts. Handler's dog(s) will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators. ALL HUNTERS, JUDGES, AND/OR GUIDES MUST BE DRAWN PUBLICLY FOR THEIR CAST. Owners having multiple entries will have dogs drawn to separate casts if possible.

15. ELIGIBILITY

All dogs, excluding coonhounds, registered with United Kennel Club are eligible to participate in the squirrel events.

16.

- a. The decision of a Non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The Non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field by a majority vote of cast members. It will be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master. A decision made by a Non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the Hunt Master.
- b. The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category.
 1. The host club must designate a Hunting Judge for each cast from the entries received.
 2. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations.
 3. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
 4. Majority of cast rules. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. If majority decision is not reached, leave the call as it was scored by the Judge, place a question mark (?) on the card and check with the Hunt Master. Any handler that is not satisfied with the majority of cast decision retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master.

17. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Locating Devices:

The handheld of locating only devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used during time out periods. Device may be used during the hunt but only under strict provisions as outlined in current Locating Device Rules. Locating Device Rules are provided in the host clubs Event Packet and are also available on UKC's website. Lighted collars are allowed.

Controlling Devices:

Any handheld device capable of controlling a dog (stimulating or toning) must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting.

UKC Cur & Feist Coon Hunt Honor Rules

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All dogs, excluding coonhounds, registered with United Kennel Club are eligible to participate in Cur & Feist Coon Events. All event activities, rules, policy applications and interpretations are subject to the final decision by UKC in its sole judgement and discretion.

1. ONE NIGHT ONLY. No entries will be accepted after the listed deadline for any reason. If a two-night hunt, hunting time MUST be same both nights. Hunting time must be accurately recorded on the front of scorecard so Hunt Master can confirm hunting time. Before beginning a hunt, a time deadline for completion of hunt will be announced and posted in plain view of all hunters. Time deadline of hunt and return of scorecard to Hunt Master will be indicated on front of all UKC Scorecards. Dogs must be divided into the least number of casts possible in accordance with the cast breakdown sheet. Dog must tree bark before being declared treed. One handler to each dog. Any handler unable to complete hunt must pick up his dog. Judge shall give permission for another handler to complete hunt. All dogs, including Champions, to hunt entire hunt unless scratched. Time cannot be walked out. Casts are not to be drawn until after entries close at the listed deadline. Those in entry line at deadline will be entered. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Hunt Master.

2. POINT SYSTEM

- a. 100 points for a dog that opens first; 75 points second; 50 points third; 25 points fourth. If a dog is turned back on a trail that is being worked, he gets the next available position. If all positions are taken, he gets 25 points. All dogs must be off leash in order for any dog to receive 100 strike points.
- b. 125 points for dog declared treed first; 75 points second; 50 points third; 25 points fourth.
- c. Points may be split for position, when called positions cannot be determined.

3. POINTS WILL BE PLUS

- a. When dogs strike and tree and coon is seen: (1) by a non-hunting Judge, or (2) by a major-

ity of the cast when hunting Judge is used. (3) Only one tree is counted even if more than one coon is up the tree.

- b. When dog is declared struck and treed and coon is seen other than in tree, dog declared treed to receive strike and tree points. Dogs not declared treed, strike points only. If dog catches coon, strike points only.
- c. One set of strike points in case of split tree and each will be counted as separate trees for tree points.
- d. Dog cannot receive plus or minus strike points if he is not on trail when first dog is declared treed unless he trees on separate tree. However, he may receive tree points if he trees within five minutes. Dogs that strike must be declared struck and recorded by Judge.
- e. If coon is caught on the ground, points are received as follows: four dogs, 62½ points; three dogs, 75 points; two dogs, 87½ points; and one dog, 100 points.

4. POINTS WILL BE MINUS

- a. When dogs tree and (1) a non-hunting Judge or (2) a majority of the cast when hunting Judge is used, can plainly see no coon is there.
- b. When dog has been declared treed and dog leaves tree. (If he goes on trail just his tree points will be minus) If dog returns to tree within the five minutes he will receive the next available position on tree, unless all dogs have been declared treed.
- c. If dog declared treed, after five minutes has elapsed no additional dog can be declared treed at that particular tree but if they come to tree will get minus on track and nothing on tree if coon is seen.
- d. When dog quits a trail that is being worked and comes in, he will be minused, Judges decision; or if none of the declared struck dogs open within 10 minutes, the strike will be considered finished or minused. However, if the dog goes back on the trail, he will get the next available position. Once a position has been scored it becomes available again; however, a dog cannot be struck "in" over a dog's position that is being held. (If all positions are taken, dog will receive 25 points for going back, but tree points will be minused every time he comes out. He is not to be tied or encouraged to go back.)
- e. After a dog is declared treed, at least one of the dogs declared treed must bark at least every two minutes until cast arrives at tree, or be minused. If no dog barks in two minutes,

tree declared open.

- f. Dogs treeing, but not declared treed, when Judge arrives, will be minused on tree points on slick tree. Points will be determined by next available position in the case of one dog, or split available tree points in the case of two or more dogs. Dogs shut out on strike on slick tree will receive minus tree points only.
- g. Dog(s) declared struck and determined to be babbling will be minused their strike points. Babbling is defined as when a dog opens three times or has been struck where no track is evident.
- h. If a handler strikes or trees the wrong dog, the Judge will award points called and minus them. These points will be open for all dogs.

5. POINTS WILL BE CIRCLED/DELETED CIRCLED POINTS

Will count neither for nor against dog except when tie is to be broken.

- a. When dog strikes and trees up a tree or a hole in the ground where there could be a coon, yet Judge does not see coon and no off game is seen. (No tree climbing.) NOTE: In case of running coon in hole or place of refuge other than a tree, handler may call dog treed. However, if not called treed, cast may proceed to general area, and track can be considered finished if dogs, by actions either tree barking or otherwise, show to the satisfaction of the Judge, coon to be there. One dog must show end of trail. For dogs declared treed in hole or tile, see Rule 3b. or 4c., if applicable.
- b. If dogs are trailing when time is out.
- c. If Judge has to call time out in accordance with Rule 8.
- d. When Judge orders dogs to be called off because of livestock or nearness to highway, building, etc.
- e. If half the cast votes to plus and half the casts votes to circle or minus a tree, when a Hunting Judge is used.

DELETE POINTS

Will be scored with a line through them, and count neither for nor against the dog. Deleted points will not be considered to determine the outcome of any tie-breakers.

- d. No points, not even circled points, will be awarded when dogs return to tree that had previously been scored, cast may go to tree without dogs being declared treed, if majority of cast agree (when Hunting Judges are used).
- f. If dog declared treed and non-target tree game is seen.

- g. If half the cast votes to circle and half the cast votes to minus a tree, when Hunting Judge is used.

6. SCRATCHING OFFENSES

DOG RELATED OFFENSE

- a. If a dog has a total of 400 minus points, regardless of how many plus points the dog has.
- b. Fighting or attempting to fight during the authority of the Judge. Dog's name, UKC number and owner's name will be reported to UKC on Hunt report form. No handler will be allowed to withdraw his dog to avoid dog from being scratched for fighting. When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor only. If not known, scratch dogs involved. Attempting to fight is defined as follows: when dog(s) are interfering with other dog(s) during the authority of the Judge by aggressive behavior.
- c. Failing to make any attempt to hunt within any 15 consecutive scorecard minutes.
- d. Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches while other dogs pay them no attention.
- e. For delaying completion of cast for one hour after time out is called in accordance with Rule 7.
- f. For running or molesting stock. (Only one offense.) Feral hogs are not classified as stock.
- g. For running non-tree game second offense for open registered dog and first offense for Champions and Grand Champions.

HANDLER RELATED OFFENSE

- h. If handler fails to strike his dog on or before the third bark, after the first minute, each time dog is released. (This rule is rigidly enforced.)
- i. On second offense if handler calls another handler's dog. Issue warning but do not award points based on Rule 1 which states dog must tree bark before being declared treed.
- j. If handler fails to declare treed a dog obviously treeing (Judge's decision) for a period of five minutes. Dog may be declared treed while five is running but not after the five has expired. Judge must verify dog to be at tree before it can be scratched. If the cast is in the process of scoring a separate tree time shall be canceled or not be applied to another dog.
- k. Failure to sign scorecard after the completion of the hunt. Scorecards may be signed in the presence of the Hunt Master.
- l. For climbing or cutting trees or disturbing a place of refuge.
- m. For intentionally killing coon or other game.
- n. For failure to stay with the cast unless given

- permission to leave.
- o. If cast becomes separated on the way to the field or during the hunt, it is the responsibility of all cast members to return to the Hunt Master at the host club. Any cast members not returning to the Hunt Master will be scratched.
- p. If a handler is drinking or using abusive language.
- q. For use of any device used to control dog prior to cast completing hunt time.
- r. For encouraging, discouraging or physically abusing a dog. Praising a handled dog is not considered encouraging.
- s. Dog(s) hunting over or under advertised hunt time will be scratched.
- t. Handler's dog will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators.
- u. If handler uses hand signals.

7. NON-WORKING DOG

If dog is not working as a part of the cast and is holding first strike or second strike, etc., all strike points will be open to other dogs after coons have been treed and seen in two separate trees, or one hour of hunting time has elapsed.

8. TIME OUTS

Judge or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, may call time out in accordance with the following:

- a. When dogs are getting on highway, trail onto posted land or trail into a place where there is danger to dogs or hunters.
- b. When other hunters get too close. If dogs get with another group of dogs.
- c. If new ground must be found to finish cast and more than 15 minutes is required or have to move to new area by vehicle, call time out immediately.
- d. In case of accident or sickness.
- e. If cast becomes lost.
- f. If dog(s) declared treed, 10 minutes of hunting time may be demanded to search tree, or place of refuge, which is not a time out. No plus points will be awarded if coon is seen after 10 minutes shining time has elapsed.
- g. Time out will be called when dog(s) are known to be out of hearing distance in different directions.
- h. Dog(s) declared treed, before time out is called, will be scored.
- i. Time out may be called to go from one split tree to another if all dogs are declared treed and more than 15 minutes is required to travel between trees. If dog leaves tree and goes back on track, time in continues.

NOTE: IF time out is called then time is out, and if

dog should tree, it would not count except in accordance with 6h.. NO TIME IS TO BE CALLED OUT TO SEARCH A TREE OR WHEN DOGS ARE TIED TO BE LED AWAY FROM A TREE. (THIS IS A PART OF THE HUNT, UNLESS MOVING TO NEW AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH 7c.)

9. HANDLERS

The handler's duties are to know their dog's voice and nature. Also, to advise Judge of any of the dog's peculiarities before hunt begins and to tell Judge when dog trees. It is the handler's responsibility to check time and score before signing scorecard. If dog is scratched (or leaves cast for any reason), hunt time used, other dogs' scores and handler's signature must be recorded on scorecard.

10. JUDGE

The Judges are picked by the sponsors because they believe them to be honest and capable of keeping score just as it is given to them by handlers. They will show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time recorded, if requested. Club will have the option of Hunting or Non-hunting Judges on all casts for each division. Non-hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Hunt Master and/or club officials. If Hunting Judge scratches his dog he can continue to judge the cast as a Hunting Judge, or pass the card to another member of the cast. Remaining cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges. If only one cast member remains, member must return to Hunt Master for a Non-hunting Judge to complete cast. Deadline may be extended if necessary for the cast involved.

11. HANDLERS AND JUDGES

No trees to be climbed or coon to be killed. Where dogs split up Judge will go with handler to the dog that trees first. If a split tree is obvious (Judge's decision), split tree must be declared. Separate time must be kept on each tree unless all dogs are declared treed. Permission will be given for other handlers to go to their dogs on split tree, otherwise cast must remain together unless time out is called. Split tree cannot be shined until Judge arrives. After five minutes, first dog's tree may be checked and that dog kept on leash until tree is scored, then he must be turned loose with other dogs that are re-opening on trail and will receive 25 points credit or discredit as deserved, or next available position. However, if dog(s) are already treed, handler has the option to hold onto dog or turn loose, so long as at least one dog is still out running. No credit allowed for dog brought to tree. All handlers must stay with Judge at all times unless given

permission by Judge to leave. Judge will be first to arrive at tree. Judge must maintain pace attainable by all members of cast. Scorecards to be carried by Judge and must be scored by Judge in plain view of all. If there is a question in the woods, score with a question mark (?) and check with Hunt Master. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered.

12. HUNT MASTER

Hunt Master will hear each viewpoint and have last say. Remember, handler may state his case plainly, but if unreasonable, his dog may be scratched by Hunt Master or Judge. Scorecards must be finished in the woods and no changes later except where a question arises and is noted in the woods. Hunt Master must be at the clubhouse at all times. All scores must be posted after the posted deadline or when all scorecards are in possession of the Hunt Master. Hunt Master and their spouses cannot enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Nite Hunt where he or she is serving as Hunt Master. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler.

13. SCORECARDS

- a. Scorecards must be completed in the woods, and no changes can be made later except where a question arises and is noted in the woods.
- b. Handler's signature verifies hunting time and scores are correct. Any protest relative to time or scores should be noted with a question mark.
- c. Any handler failing to sign the scorecard in the woods may have the opportunity to sign upon returning the scorecard to, and in view of, the Hunt Master/HD.
- d. All scorecards must be made available after the deadline to return scorecards or when all scorecards are in possession of the Hunt Master/HD.

14. QUESTIONS, PANELS, APPEALS & MISCONDUCT

Questioning a Judge

- a. Non-Hunting Judge Cast: The decision of a non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field. It may be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master/panel. A decision made by a non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the Hunt Master/panel.
- b. Hunting Judge Cast: The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges

on a cast, regardless of category. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered.

1. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations.
2. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
3. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. It takes a majority vote to overturn judge's decision. Any handler that is not satisfied with the outcome retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master/panel.

Panels

- a. In order to form a panel a \$10 Panel Fee must be paid before the question is heard.
 1. When using a Hunt Master, a panel may be formed if a handler/owner is not satisfied with the Hunt Master's ruling.
 2. When using a Hunt Director, a panel must be formed to hear any and all questions.

Appeals

- a. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the panel, an Appeal may be filed.
- b. An Appeal Form must be requested and filed immediately following the panel's ruling, while panel is still assembled.
- c. Appeals must be submitted to the Hunt Master/HD with a fee of \$20.
- d. All Appeals will be investigated and ruled on by the UKC.

Misconduct

Situations involving misconduct do not fall under the appeals procedure. Refer to the Misconduct Section in the Official UKC Cur/Feist Rulebook for complete procedures and instructions.

Misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Intimidating, threatening, or injuring another individual.
- b. Falsifying event related documents.
- c. Abuse, neglect or drugging of a dog in conjunction with an event.
- d. Intentionally killing game in conjunction with an event.
- e. Use of any device used to control dog during hunting time.

- f. Relaying any type of electronic messaging with reference to scores, that is deemed detrimental to the hunt.

15. WINNERS

- a. A dog must have a total score of plus points before they can receive Championship Points.
- b. Placements to be determined by highest succession of cast winners.

16. TIES

All ties to be broken for UKC Cur and Feist Event points. Dog will win out over other dog: dog that has the least number of minus points; if still a tie, dog that has the most plus first tree points; if still a tie, dog that has the most plus strike points; if still a tie, dog that has the most circled tree points. If still a tie, dogs involved will hunt in one-hour intervals until tie is broken, or flip a coin if all parties agree.

17. GENERAL INFORMATION

When a dog is declared treed, Judge is not to let anyone go to the tree and start shining in less than five minutes, unless all dogs have been declared treed. This is a courtesy to other handlers and also to see that a dog will hold his tree. If at all possible, be at the tree within five (5) minutes. If handlers are so far from tree that it will take more than five minutes to get to tree, they are to start walking toward tree, but stopping along the way to let other handlers see if their dog is treeing. Judge is not to let any handler keep holding him away from tree just to let dog get to tree after five minutes are up. Dog must hold the tree for five minutes, unless all dogs in cast are declared treed. If one dog in cast, or one dog remaining in cast, dog must hold tree for five minutes. Dogs declared treed within hunting time, are eligible for scoring. When hunting time is up, cast can go directly to tree. Dogs at tree must be leashed. Judges are not to let hunters call dogs off a trail without counting those points minus. No encouragement or discouragement of any kind to dogs. If dog is declared treed on tree not containing coon but containing tree game, points to be deleted. Tree game is defined as any game capable of climbing a tree. Dog should not be minused tree points if he comes back a short distance to meet handler if dog goes back in and trees satisfactorily. Judge should be informed of such peculiarities before hunt. No squalling nor any action deemed to be interfering with dog(s) to be done until all dogs are at the tree and leashed. Individual holding first tree controls shining of tree for first two minutes. Three spectators per handler will be allowed on all casts. Spectators may not shine tree. Handler's dog(s) will be scratched for rule violations by their

spectators. ALL HUNTERS, JUDGES, AND/OR GUIDES MUST BE DRAWN PUBLICLY FOR THEIR CAST. Owners having multiple entries will have dogs drawn to separate casts if possible.

18.

- a. The decision of a Non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The Non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field by a majority vote of cast members. It will be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master. A decision made by a Non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the Hunt Master.
- b. The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category.
 1. The host club must designate a Hunting Judge for each cast from the entries received.
 2. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations.
 3. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
 4. Majority of cast rules. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. If majority decision is not reached, leave the call as it was scored by the Judge, place a question mark (?) on the card and check with the Hunt Master. Any handler that is not satisfied with the majority of cast decision retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master.

19. Any person intimidating, threatening, or injuring a hunter, Judge, Hunt Master, Club Official or UKC Representative will be subject to sanctions under the Inherent Rights and Powers of the UKC.

Details and procedures for handling this situation are available from UKC; however, UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgement and discretion the right to take such action and impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate.

20. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Locating Devices:

The handheld of locating only devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used during time out periods. Device may be used during the

hunt but only under strict provisions as outlined in current Locating Device Rules. Locating Device Rules are provided in the host clubs Event Packet and are also available on UKC's website. Lighted collars are allowed.

Controlling Devices:

Any handheld device capable of controlling a dog (stimulating or toning) must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting.

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Important Cur & Feist Event Cast Breakdown Information

Cast Breakdown Information. Each Squirrel and Coon Event must have a Champion and Grand Champion cast. In order to receive credit, a Nite Champion, Grand Nite Champion, Squirrel Champion or Grand Squirrel Champion must have a total plus score and hunt the entire event. This is to apply even if only one Champion or Grand Champion is present to be entered in these casts. A Champion or Grand Champion cannot hunt in open competition. They must hunt in their own class, not lower.

HUNT CAST BREAKDOWN

| COON HUNTS | | | | SQUIRREL HUNTS | | | |
|------------|---------------|---|---|----------------|---------------|---|---|
| # OF DOGS | DOGS PER CAST | | | # OF DOGS | DOGS PER CAST | | |
| | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | |
| 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | |
| 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | |
| 6 | 0 | 2 | | 6 | 2 | 0 | |
| 7 | 1 | 1 | | 7 | 1 | 2 | |
| 8 | 2 | 0 | | 8 | 2 | 1 | |
| 9 | 0 | 3 | | 9 | 3 | 0 | |
| 10 | 1 | 2 | | 10 | 2 | 2 | |
| 11 | 2 | 1 | | 11 | 3 | 1 | |
| 12 | 3 | 0 | | 12 | 4 | 0 | |
| 13 | 1 | 3 | | 13 | 3 | 2 | |
| 14 | 2 | 2 | | 14 | 4 | 1 | |
| 15 | 3 | 1 | | 15 | 5 | 0 | |
| 16 | 4 | 0 | | 16 | 4 | 2 | |
| 17 | 2 | 3 | | 17 | 5 | 1 | |
| 18 | 3 | 2 | | 18 | 6 | 0 | |
| 19 | 4 | 1 | | 19 | 5 | 2 | |
| 20 | 5 | 0 | | 20 | 6 | 1 | |
| 21 | 3 | 3 | | 21 | 7 | 0 | |
| 22 | 4 | 2 | | 22 | 6 | 2 | |
| 23 | 5 | 1 | | 23 | 7 | 1 | |
| 24 | 6 | 0 | | 24 | 8 | 0 | |
| 25 | 4 | 3 | | 25 | 7 | 2 | |
| | | | | 26 | 8 | 1 | |
| | | | | 27 | 9 | 0 | |
| | | | | 28 | 8 | 2 | |
| | | | | 29 | 9 | 1 | |
| | | | | 30 | 10 | 0 | |

- Individuals, age 55 or older, do not have to compete in the Veteran's Cast. They may choose to compete in the all-age casts if they wish.

- Veteran's Casts will compete under the same UKC Cur and Feist Event Honor Rules as do all other casts in their division with no exceptions.

Important Announcement Concerning the Use of Hearing Devices in UKC Licensed Cur & Feist Events

Individuals who have been professionally diagnosed as being hearing-impaired may utilize an auxiliary hearing device in UKC licensed Cur and Feist Events. Common types of auxiliary devices are the Bionic Ear, Hound Sounder and Action Ear. These devices are electronic sound amplifying devices.

UKC policy has always been such as to permit the use of normal hearing aids of the type prescribed by physicians for everyday use by individuals with hearing problems. Procedure for obtaining permission to use an auxiliary hearing device:

- Obtain a statement, signed by a licensed physician on his or her official stationery, indicating the need for such auxiliary hearing device in order to improve impaired hearing.

- Submit the statement to UKC Cur and Feist Field Operations. Upon receipt of the doctor's statement, UKC will issue a Letter of Permission to Utilize an Auxiliary Hearing Device to the individual. Note: Device may only be used by the actual handler of the dog, not a backup handler or spectator.

- The individual must submit the Letter of Permission to Utilize an Auxiliary Hearing Device for inspection by the Entry Takers and to the Judge of the cast as proof of permission to use the Auxiliary Hearing Device. The Letter of Permission to Utilize an Auxiliary Hearing Device must be on official UKC stationery. Club officials must not accept any other form of permission.

- Individuals who (1) fraudulently obtain the physician's statement, (2) fraudulently utilize the Auxiliary Hearing Device or (3) use the Auxiliary Hearing Device without following the steps of this procedure, will be dealt with under the Inherent Rights and Powers of UKC

Undue violations or abuses of this policy will result in resumption of the former policy which permits the use of "normal" hearing aids only.

Appeal Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC® Licensed Squirrel Hunt / Coon Hunt

This procedure applies for all situations arising

Attention! Special Announcement Concerning Hunters, Age 55 and Over

Individuals age 55 or older are entitled to participate in Veterans Casts at club, state association and breed association level UKC Licensed Cur and Feist Events. Veterans Casts will not be run at the Major events.

At the individual's option, they may be drawn into a Veterans Cast under the following rules:

- Proof of age; driver's license, hunting license, birth certificate, etc. must be presented to entry takers.

- Registered, Champion and Grand Champion Casts. A minimum of two (2) individuals, age 55 or older, must participate in order for a Veterans Cast to be drawn.

- The score of the Veterans Cast(s) will compete with the scores of all other casts in a particular division; Registered, Squirrel Champion, Grand Squirrel Champion, Nite Champion, Grand Nite Champion for placement in the UKC Licensed Cur and Feist Event.

during the time that the Judge's authority is in effect. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Hunt Master. The Appeal Procedure does not apply to the World Squirrel Dog Championship. The Hunt Masters' decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual hunt. This Appeal Procedure does NOT apply to situations arising that deals with intimidating, threatening or injuring a Hunter, Judge, Hunt Master, Hunt Director, Club Official or a UKC Representative.

The following steps must be followed:

STEP 1. Attempt to resolve the question with the licensed Hunt Master, the handler raising the question, the Judge of the cast and the other members of the cast that are available. The Hunt Master will make a decision based upon the statement of the case provided by the handler, Judge and the other members of the cast. No complaints will be considered by the Hunt Master after a period of thirty (30) minutes has elapsed from the time that the scorecard has been turned in.

STEP 2. If the question is not resolved at **Step 1**, request that a Panel be formed. A Panel Fee of \$10 must accompany your request. The Hunt Master/HD will then assemble a panel of three responsible, impartial individuals who are familiar with UKC policies and procedures. (This is the first step taken when using the **Hunt Director Format**.) If Panel rules with handler, fee will be refunded; if they disagree, the Panel fee will be retained by the Host Club. The Panel meeting must be held within one (1) hour after the deadline for the return of scorecards.

STEP 3. The Panel will hear all sides. At the conclusion of all testimony the Panel will make a ruling. The Event Report shall reflect the Panel's decision.

STEP 4. If the question is not resolved at **Step 3** a handler must immediately request a **UKC Appeal Form** while the Panel is still assembled. The form must be filled out by the handlers on the cast, the members of the Panel and the Hunt Master/HD. A fee of \$20 must accompany the appeal when sent to UKC. The Appeal Form must be included with the Event Report mailed to UKC.

STEP 5. UKC will investigate the matter and make a final ruling. If the UKC supports the individual filing the appeal, the fee will be refunded. A written statement reflecting the final ruling will be mailed to those involved. The UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgment and discretion, the right to make corrections it deems necessary.

Panel Responsibilities

A panel of qualified event participants needs to be

formed in two situations. 1) in the event a handler is not satisfied with the Hunt Masters' ruling in a Hunt Master Format event and; 2) when a question is placed on the card in a HD Format event. Complaint panels should consist of three individuals who are current on all Squirrel Hunt / Coon Hunt rules and policies. They may or may not be club members with primary concern going towards finding individuals that are knowledgeable, honest and impartial. A panel must be formed of individuals that can remain totally objective in concerns to cast members and dogs on the cast in question. Individuals who have a dog in contention to place in the event should not be used on a panel. The panel will hear all viewpoints of cast members and come to a consensus decision regarding the final scoring of the cast. Should a panel's decision support the complainant, the \$10 will be refunded. Should the panel's decision go against the complainant, the \$10 will be retained by the Host Club.

Hunting / Non-Hunting Judges Clarification

When non-hunting judges are used within a category they should be drawn to each scorecard in the same manner as noted under Drawing Casts. Clubs have the option to use non-hunting judges for any or all categories. One or the other must be used on all casts within a given division.

Non-Hunting Judges

1. The Non-Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for making all decisions, including the scoring of all trees, calling time out and whether or not a tree has been previously scored.
2. The decision of the Non-Hunting Judge may be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made, or a call that is not being made. It will be scored with a question mark (?) and taken to the Hunt Master/Hunt Director after the hunt is over, unless it involves a dog being scratched from the hunt. The Non-Hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field by a majority vote of cast members. If a question has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Hunt Master, a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

Hunting Judges

The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting Judges:

1. The host club must designate a Hunting Judge for each cast from the entries received (see proce-

dure for selecting hunting judges under Hunt Master/HD Guidelines (Drawing Casts).

2. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for scoring all situations with exception to three situations only.

The following three situations go directly to a majority of the cast vote:

- a. Scoring a tree (plus, minus, or circle). This does not include; 1) the decision on whether or not the coon could cross out to an adjoining tree or scoring multiple trees as one tree or; 2) whether the game seen is a coon or off-game. The Hunting Judge makes those decisions but they may be questioned by a handler as outlined below (5).
- b. Calling time out.
- c. Whether or not dogs are treed on a previously scored tree.

3. Any cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges.

4. If only one dog remains in the hunt, other cast members are encouraged to stay with cast. If a Hunting Judge scratches their dog they are encouraged to stay with the cast and continue to judge the duration of the hunt as designated by the club. However, they may designate another qualified member of the cast to complete the hunt as Hunting Judge, if needed. If only one cast member remains, handler must return to Hunt Master/Hunt Director for a Non-Hunting Judge to complete cast. Deadline may be extended, if necessary, for this cast only.

5. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.

6. Majority of cast rules. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. If majority decision is not reached, the call stands as it was scored by the Judge. Any handler that is not satisfied with the majority of cast decision retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master/HD Panel.

7. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Hunt Master, a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

Scratched for Fighting — UKC® Policy

UKC will notify the owners of dogs Scratched for Fighting after the dog has been Scratched for Fighting twice within a two (2) year period. The third time a dog is Scratched for Fighting within two (2) years, the dog is barred from participating in UKC events for two (2) years.

When three (3) reports — Bench Show, Squirrel Hunt (AM or PM), or Coon Hunt have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been “Scratched for Fighting” or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: The reports will be checked to see if they have been properly certified by (1) Judge of the cast, (2) the Hunt Master and (3) two different officers of the club. If the reports are properly signed-off, the registered owner of the dog will be sent a certified letter advising them of the dates and the names of the clubs that have reported their dog “Scratched for Fighting.” They will be requested to return their UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by a specific date (approximately 30 days). The Registration Certificate will be stamped BARRED FOR FIGHTING UNTIL _____. It will then be sent back to the registered owner. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be retained by UKC. The dog will be barred for two (2) years from the date of the third “Scratched for Fighting” offense. At the end of two (2) year period, the registered owner of the dog can return the Registration Certificate, along with the proper fee, to the UKC Registration Office for the issuance of a new Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card. All reference to fighting will be removed, and the dog will once again be allowed to enter UKC licensed events.

If the owner of the dog does not send in the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by the deadline indicated in the notification letter, the following actions will be taken.

1. Transfer of ownership will not be allowed.
2. The dog will not be allowed to be used in a breeding program. No litters will be registered where the dog is the sire or dam.
3. The dog will be barred from receiving any UKC Championship Points.

If the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card is returned after the notification deadline they will be reviewed on an individual basis as to what actions will be taken.

Dogs already reported as Scratched for Fighting will still retain their records.

United Kennel Club has the right to inspect all reports, scorecards and documents of UKC events

and to review those documents for any reason. Some, but not all, of the items reviewed are: A) scores; B) dogs scratched for fighting; C) errors by the recording person; and D) documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found.

Even though the report or other documentation might not have the signatures of a Judge of a cast or the Hunt Master, UKC reserves the right unto itself to make the necessary corrections and adjustments in line with our Inherent Rights and Powers.

Dogs entered in UKC Cur and Feist Events cannot be muzzled.

Hunt Master (HM) / Hunt Director (HD) Guidelines

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UKC Cur & Feist events must be listed on the UKC website Upcoming Events Listing. The listing must indicate a time deadline for closing entries. No entries will be accepted after the listed deadline for any reason. If a Club's event listing does not appear in the Upcoming Events Listing as specified, the UKC Licenses for the event will be withdrawn and no UKC Championship points will be awarded.

Event Format

The club to which the event license is issued has the option of running their event under Hunt Master or Hunt Director Format unless otherwise restricted by the UKC. The procedures immediately following are relevant to both formats. Procedures and policies relevant specifically to the HM or HD format will follow.

HM/HD Checklist

When you arrive at the club:

1. Check to see that the following are posted;
 - HM/HD checklist.
 - Entry deadline time.
 - Time deadline for returning scorecards.
 - Telemetry Rules.

How to Take Entries

Give an entry slip to each participant and have them fill it out clearly and completely. If an individual attempting to enter a UKC Licensed event appears, in your judgment, to be under the influence of alcohol or un-prescribed drugs, do not accept their entry. Notify the appropriate club individual or officer of what you are doing and why. Be sure to follow entry requirements outlined under Entering Dogs in UKC® Licensed Events.

Note: No entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason.

Selecting Judges

Club Officers and the Event Official shall work together in selecting qualified individuals only to serve as judges. The judge must have a good understanding of the Official Cur & Feist Rules and capable of applying them accordingly. He/she must be honest and trustworthy and know the proper procedures that are to be followed if a question arises. They should also be willing to judge the cast for the duration of the hunt. When hunting judges are used, the number of judges needed in each category shall be pre-selected from that pool of entries.

Selecting Guides

The Host Club is responsible for selecting qualified guides. In the event available guides are not needed the host club has the final decision on which ones will be used. The guide shall be a responsible individual who has permission to hunt on the property(s) they take their cast. The guide shall be willing to guide the cast for the duration of the hunt. All cast members shall be considerate of the crops, fences, and trees or otherwise on the property being hunted.

Separating Entries for Cast Drawing

Start your judge and guide selection process for each category when you begin taking entries. You should have four separate pools of entries for each category as follows:

1. An entry serving as a hunting judge and a guide.
2. An entry serving as a hunting judge.
3. An entry serving as a guide.
4. All remaining entries.

Drawing Casts

Do not start drawing out casts until after entries are closed at the advertised deadline time. The drawing of entries must be done publicly. Announce that you are ready to start drawing entries so anyone wanting to watch has the opportunity. As a matter of courtesy, draw the Grand Champions first followed by Champions and then the Registered Category. If a state requires a license or permit number, make certain that it appears on each scorecard.

UKC approves any draw system that is fair and impartial such as the following method:

1. Based on the entry determine the number of judges and guides you need for a specific category. Remove and place any pre-selected judge or guide entries not needed into pool 4 (Separating Entries for Cast Drawing).
2. Determine how many two (or in the case of a Coon Hunt, three) dog casts will be in the category. If any, add that amount of blank entry forms into

pool 4. This allows having four entries to be drawn to each scorecard.

- a. Draw an entry to each scorecard from pool 1 and 2 until all scorecards have a hunting judge. These entries may be turned up and stuck to the scorecards.
- b. For any scorecards still needing a guide, draw a hunting guide from Pool 3. These entries shall be turned face down on the scorecard.
- c. Complete your draw using the remaining entries from Pool 4. These entries shall be turned face down on the scorecard.
- d. Each scorecard now has four entries on it. Before sticking the entry to the scorecards check for any multiple owners or more than one blank on the same scorecard.
- e. Publicly read the Hunt Master/Hunt Director Checklist that is included in the Event Packet, before calling out casts.

While Casts are in the Woods

The HM / HD must remain at the hunt headquarters at all times to assist any cast or cast members that got separated on their way to the woods or that returned prior to the expiration of hunt time. No questions, pertaining to scoring during the hunt, may be called in to the HM/HD. The HM/HD may not accept any information pertaining to final score via a phone. The scorecard must be returned by the deadline in order for the winning dog to be considered for placement.

After the Scorecards Are Turned In:

- a. Recheck each dogs score. HM/HD has the authority to make changes in regards to mathematical errors. Check to see that handlers signed the scorecard. Any handler that does not sign the scorecard results in that dog being scratched. Check to see if handlers, having left the cast for any reason, have indicated hunt time used and other dogs' scores at the time they left the cast.
- b. Any questions must be notated with a question mark (?) on the scorecard.
- c. If there is a question noted, get the cast off by themselves to discuss the situation and make your decision. Only individuals directly involved in the dispute should be included in any of the discussions. Wait until the scorecards are returned before discussing a situation that arises in the woods. Members of the cast have thirty (30) minutes to make a complaint after the scorecards are turned in.
- d. If a question is not satisfactorily resolved, any owner or handler has the right to request a panel. Refer to the rulebook in the section under; Appeal Procedures.

- e. Keep scorecards confidential until deadline or until all scorecards have been returned. THIS MUST BE RIGIDLY ENFORCED. Scorecards must then be made available for review. Any owner or handler questioning a dog's score must do so not later than thirty minutes after the posted deadline to return scorecards.

Reports

- a. Be sure to give everyone that places in the hunt a receipt. Do not sign and give out incomplete receipts. You fill them out, or see that the receipts are completely filled out when you sign them and give the winners their copy.
- b. Do not sign a blank report. Make sure that the report is completely filled out. Then you sign it. (NOTE: There must be three different signatures on the report.) Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant (receipt only), the HM / HD and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC's copy within 10 days or a penalty of \$20 per month will be made.
- c. Remind all club officers that the scorecards and their copy of the report must be kept for one (1) year.

General Information

- a. Encourage clubs to educate their members on the rules and conduct rules seminars for Judges, Hunt Masters, Hunt Directors and participants.
- b. Study rules on the back of the scorecard and any revisions published on the website.
- c. Remember to use good judgment. You are the person responsible to see that the hunt is run in a manner that is fair to all and that everyone is treated in a fair and equitable way. The Rulebook contains UKC's basic rules and policies. However, if you have any suggestions as to how to improve the hunts, please send suggestions to Field Operations at UKC.

Policies Specific to HM Format

1. All Hunt Masters must be licensed by UKC.
2. A Hunt Masters may not have a dog, registered in their name (full or joint ownership), and entered in the event.
3. A Hunt Masters will listen to and rule on all questions brought in from the woods, provided the cast has indicated the situation with a question mark (?) on the card.

Policies Specific to HD Format

1. Hunt Directors are not required to be licensed by UKC.
2. A Hunt Director may be the owner of a dog entered in the event. The dog must be hunted by a handler because the HD must remain at the club.

3. A Hunt Director will not rule on questions brought in from the woods. The Hunt Director will be responsible for forming a panel to rule on all questions. If qualified, the HD may serve on a panel.

Hunt Master Requirements for Licensing

Following are the procedures and requirements for an application to be considered:

- The applicant must be a member of an approved club and be recommended by officers of the club. It is felt that the club will know the background and qualifications of the applicant through club activities.
- The applicant's character, honesty and integrity must be above reproach.
- They must have a thorough knowledge of UKC's rules and policies, and have demonstrated good judgement.
- The applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.
- They must completely fill out the application and pass the test covering UKC Cur and Feist Event rules and policies, which may be obtained from UKC.
- An applicant, having met the requirements of items above, must serve an apprenticeship under one (1) UKC Licensed Hunt Master, and be recommended by him/her in order to be considered for a license. No more than two (2) apprentices may serve under a Hunt Master at an event. Apprentices are subject to the same restrictions as the Hunt Master concerning entering their dogs in the events where they serve. However, all decisions must be made by the licensed Hunt Master.
- Enclose a fee of **\$20** when submitting the application for a license. Once a Hunt Master is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.
- All licenses for UKC Hunt Masters shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

The licensed Hunt Master must keep up-to-date with the rules and policies. If they do not, they will place themselves in jeopardy of losing their license.

EVENT RULES

UKC Hunt Test Policies and Procedures

Licensing Requirements:

1. Hunt Tests are only available to UKC approved clubs.

2. Hunt Tests may only be held at established club event and meeting sites.

3. Hunt Tests do not count against the number of licensed events that a club may hold.

4. Hunt Tests may be conducted on any day or night of the week.

5. There is no mileage conflict between clubs that wish to hold Hunt Tests on the same day or night.

6. Hunt Test date and location (with directions) must be listed in the Hunt Test Schedule on the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com no less than 30 days prior to the Hunt Test.

Entry Requirements

7. Owner and Handler must be in good standing with United Kennel Club and must present a current Easy Entry Card or Registration Certificate at time of entry. "Pending" registration is acceptable for those programs that offer it.

Fees

8. There is no license fee to the club to conduct a Hunt Test. The club must pay a recording fee of \$3 per dog tested regardless of whether the dog passes or fails.

Forms

9. Hunt Test Evaluation Forms and Hunt Test Report Forms may be downloaded free of charge from the Forms page of the UKC website. Forms are also available for a minimal fee by contacting United Kennel Club.

10. All completed hunt test forms must be kept on file by the host club for a period of one year. Both pass and fail forms must be kept on file. Hunt Test Report Forms must be filled out by the host club and sent to UKC with recording fees within 10 days.

Titles

11. Upon the completion of three (3) successful hunt test passes by the three different inspectors, a dog will be issued the title of HTX as a suffix to the dog's UKC registered name. The owner on record will be sent a degree and new Easy Entry card verifying the achievement.

12. Multiple titles may be earned for each additional three (3) successful hunt test passes. Multiple titles will be indicated by a numerical addition to the HTX title such as HTX2, HTX3, etc. The owner on record will be sent a degree and new Easy Entry card for each additional title.

Squirrel Hunt Test Evaluation Rules

1. Dogs must be free cast to search for wild game. Evaluations may not be done:

- a. in enclosures
- b. off feeders
- c. on game seen crossing road

2. Dogs shall be hunted for one hour. Dogs shall be picked up prior to completion of the hour for having committed two of the listed standard faults or the same standard fault on two separate occasions. Dogs may also be picked up and passed for treeing five squirrels before the hour is up.

3. Dogs shall either pass or fail the evaluation. A dog will be awarded a pass for satisfying each of the Standard Requirements on the same track, while hunting for one hour, without committing two Standard Faults.

4. Requirements Defined

- a. **Went Hunting** - Dog must go hunting alone and search for track. Hunters may proceed slowly in the direction they wish to hunt but are not to walk a dog that will not go hunting without first considering it one fault.
- b. **Treed & Stay Treed** - Once it is determined that the dog has settled on a tree, dog must be allowed to tree for a period of two minutes before hunters arrive.
- c. **Squirrel Seen** - A handler may use as much of his hunting time as he wishes (within reason) to search a tree. A dog may receive credit if the squirrel is seen timbering from tree to tree and dog is moving with the squirrel. At least one of the inspectors must see the squirrel.

5. Faults Defined

- a. **Non-Tree Game** - Dog will receive a fault for running, baying or catching non-tree game. Handlers will be required to use their one-hour hunting time to recover dogs running non-tree game.
- b. **Slick Tree** - Dog will receive a fault for treeing on a tree where it is obvious there is no squirrel.
- c. **Quit Track** - When it's obvious that a dog has quit a track that he was open on and attempting to work he will be faulted. Failure to open for 8 minutes will be considered quitting.
- d. **Handling Issues** - If dog cannot be caught to be handled at tree, truck or in the woods, it shall receive a fault. If the dog bites any participant, it shall receive a fault.
- e. **Leaving Tree** - Inspectors should give plenty of leniency in regard to treeing style. However, dogs that leave tree will be faulted as will dogs that are off the tree showing a lack of serious interest in treeing.
- f. **Failed To Hunt** - Dogs are required to make an honest effort to go hunting alone. Failure to do so will result in a fault.

6. Owner/Handler Sportsmanship Disqualification - Inspectors may be asked questions regarding their

evaluation in the field. If at any time the tone gets confrontational, inspectors are instructed to immediately fail the dog. Should a handler disagree with an evaluation, they may submit a written explanation of their disagreement to UKC within 7 days. UKC will review prior to recording evaluation.

7. Electronic Devices Prohibited. Training collar may be worn, but transmitter must be left at vehicle. No electronic squallers. Tracking collars are permitted and there are no restrictions in using them. No other electronic devices besides a hunting light may be used.

8. Taking Game Prohibited. Individuals found guilty of taking any game or damaging any dens or trees will be dealt with under the Inherent Rights and Powers of United Kennel Club. Additionally, state and local laws must always be followed.

9. It is not permissible for two or three individuals to swap inspections on any given day.

10. Individuals needing assistance may utilize personal transportation during a hunt test.

UKC Cur/Feist Bench Show Rules

1. A UKC Licensed Bench Show is a distinctive gathering of UKC registered dogs of the 6 recognized Cur/Feist breeds, and their owners for the purpose of determining the winners and making an official record of such winnings. Only UKC registered dogs compete in a UKC Licensed Bench Show. Non-registered dogs cannot be entered in a UKC Licensed Bench Show.

2. The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or sex.

3. No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason. The show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.

4. A verified pending entry, Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card must be presented to the entry takers to enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Bench Show. This rule is to be strictly enforced. Clubs found to be accepting Bench Show entries without the above will be placed on probation. If repeated violations occur, the club will lose the right to hold UKC licensed events.

5. Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a UKC Show Champion or Grand Show Champion may be entered in the next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by United Kennel Club.

6. No copies of a Registration Certificate, Pedigree, Championship Degree or UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be accepted.

7. Only one UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge shall judge a UKC Licensed Bench Show. A panel of Judges cannot be used. The Judge will follow the rules and regulations covering the show, and sign the official UKC report for show winners and award Championship points. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). Judge must sign report immediately following show so that the officers of the club may sign.

8. The Judge's decision is final. The Judge may give reasons after each class. Any exhibitor entering dogs in any show is, in effect, asking the Judge for their personal opinion and decision. Any exhibitor may question the Judge concerning their decision after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor's dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsmanlike manner.

9. Qualifications for UKC recognized Show Champion: Dog must have earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win for "Best Male of Show" or "Best Female of Show." Dog must have competition at the Class, Breed or Show level on the day Best of Show is won. Dog having no competition will receive Championship points but no win toward the Show Champion Degree. Points must be earned under at least two different Judges.

10. Qualifications for UKC recognized Grand Show Champion: Dog must win five (5) Champion of Show Champions classes at five different UKC Licensed Bench Shows. These must be earned under at least three different Judges. Grand Champions shall compete in the Grand Champions class only. This class is held for the honorary title, and no UKC points are awarded.

11. A UKC recognized Bench Show Champion or Grand Champion may not compete in Registered competition once they have received their Championship or Grand Championship Degree. Champions may compete in the Champion of Champions class only. Grand Champions may compete in the Grand Champions class only.

12. Receipts shall be issued for winners of Class, Breed, Best Male and Best Female of both the Registered and the Champion of Champions portions of the show. These receipts are for your personal records and do not replace the official report.

13. The Judge shall have the right to disqualify any owner or handler for misconduct, or any dog for growling, snapping or fighting. If a dog is disqualified for growling, snapping or fighting, it must be reported and sent along with the Bench Show Report to UKC.

14. Any person intimidating, threatening or injuring

a Bench Show participant, Judge, club officer or UKC representative will be barred indefinitely from any UKC licensed event.

15. Any person caught administering non-prescribed drugs to any dog will be barred indefinitely from registering dogs and participating in UKC events. Club or association may require blood testing of any dog by a licensed veterinarian.

16. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, firearms or non-prescribed drugs will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in the show or in the buildings the day of a UKC licensed event.

17. Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.

18. Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.

19. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

20. Handlers are responsible for their conduct and personal appearance.

21. It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called and be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog misses its class due to neglect of the owner or handler there is no way to show that particular dog in that show.

22. If a dog is shown in the wrong class, no Championship points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the owner to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class.

23. Dogs must be benched. The bench on which the dogs shall be shown must be two (2) feet high and eighteen (18) inches wide with the top covered with indoor/outdoor carpeting or some similar non-slip surface. (Dogs stand well on rough material while they tend to "cow down" on a slippery or smooth surface). Individual benches of a minimum length of 44 inches are recommended. If the benches do not meet these standards, the Judge shall still allow the show to be held, but should instruct the club to correct the problem and notify UKC that the benches do not meet the standards.

24. A Bench Show Report shall be filled out and signed by the two club officers and the Bench Show Judge. A total of three different signatures are required. One copy shall be retained by the club for one year, one copy by the Judge and one copy sent to UKC. The host club and Judge are responsible for the report being accurate, neat and properly filled out, showing the complete names of the dogs, cor-

rect UKC registration numbers, names of owners and handlers and their addresses. The United Kennel Club., accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.

25. The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report the fee of **\$2.00** per dog entered in the Bench Show. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are 30 days past due.

26. Dogs shall not be judged on handler's showmanship.

27. The following is NOT allowed:

- a. Dyeing to cover faulty hair color.
- b. Altering of nose, eye or lip pigment color, or of coat color.
- c. Surgery to cover a genetic or structural fault, such as ears, eyes, muscular or skeletal.
- d. Grooming, grooming tools, spray bottles or wiping cloths are not allowed in the ring.

NOTE: If the show is held outside on an extremely hot day, a handler may spray water in the dogs mouth to cool the dog down. This can only be done if the Judge approves prior to the dogs entering the show ring.

28. Baiting of dogs is not allowed in show rings.

29. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.

30. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.

31. Dogs must be evaluated both while gaited and shown on the bench. More emphasis must be placed on the gait. Dogs must be gaited at a natural pace.

UKC Cur/Feist Bench Show Judges Authority and Responsibilities

AUTHORITY

1. The Judge is in charge of the show, and his/her decision is final.

2. Judge may disqualify any dog for unsportsman-like actions by the handler.

3. Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship points if, in his opinion, there is not a dog submitted that qualifies or meets the UKC official breed standard.

4. A Judge may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show is over and winners are announced. He has the right to refuse.

5. Judge has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Judge must be UKC licensed for the year in which he is judging and should have his current Judge's card with him at the time of the show.

2. Once a Bench Show Judge is approved, the license

is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.

3. Neither UKC Judges nor apprentice Judges are to enter their dogs in any UKC Licensed Bench Show that they are judging in whole or in part. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler. Nor can any member of a Judge's or apprentice Judge's immediate family show under that Judge.

4. A UKC Judge is responsible for their own conduct and appearance, which should always be becoming to a Judge.

5. A newly approved Judge cannot have an apprentice serve under them until they have judged at least three shows.

6. No more than one (1) apprentice can serve under a Judge at a show.

7. UKC Judges are to keep up-to-date on any changes in the breed standards.

8. Judge must see that all handlers walk or gait dogs. Dog must be gaited for Judge to determine to what degree dog conforms to structural correctness. Dogs must be evaluated on the bench to determine to what degree the dog conforms to the breed standard.

9. Judge shall have handler open dog's mouth for Judge to check dog's bite (for dog's health reasons).

10. Judge must physically check all dog's bone structure and conformation.

11. Judge will remove from the bench any female dog in season.

12. A Judge shall give equal time in examining each dog they are judging. Every dog warrants a Judge's complete inspection.

13. Judge shall not ask individual handling dog: (1) who owns dog; (2) who dog was purchased from; or (3) what line the dog is out of while judging the dog.

14. A Judge shall not remove an "off" standard dog from the bench. The Judge will deduct points from the "off" standard dog in making his ultimate decision, unless it is a disqualifying fault. In that case, the dog is not to be considered for judging. If a Judge determines a dog to have a disqualifying fault, he must submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the fault along with the show report.

15. Judge shall not carry on conversations with spectators while show is in progress. Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.

16. The Judge must accurately report their decisions to the recording secretary.

17. The Judge must complete and sign the Official Show Report Forms for Championship points immediately following the show. Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant, the Bench Show Judge and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each

party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC copy within 10 days or a penalty charge of \$20 per month will be made.

Please note that the yellow copy is a personal receipt for the participant and is perforated for convenience. Receipts shall be issued for winners of Class, Breed, Best Male and Female of both the Registered and the Champion of Champions portions of the show. **18.** The Judge must never sign blank show report forms or receipts.

19. If the Judge is also an officer of the club whose event he is judging, two other officers' signatures are also required on the Official Show Report.

Show Spectators, Owners and Handlers

Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.

It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called and be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog misses its class due to neglect of the owner or handler there is no way to show that particular dog in that show.

Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.

A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action.

A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

UKC Cur/Feist Bench Show Procedures (A Guideline for Judges)

To standardize the procedures of a Bench Show and to avoid inconsistencies and errors, the following procedure has been provided.

When the Bench Show Judge arrives at the club grounds, he should remind each person taking entries for the show of the requirements for accepting entries. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events" in this rules issue.

Only dogs with permanent papers or those pending final registration approval shall be accepted for

entry. No entries shall be taken after the published closing time. There are no exceptions. The points will not be honored if either of these rules are violated.

Two club officers, along with the Bench Show Judge, must sign the report. A total of three different individuals' signatures are required. The Judge, is responsible for the rules being enforced and the correct information being sent to the United Kennel Club.

Following is the procedure and sequence of judging UKC Licensed Bench Shows:

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1. a. Judge male Puppy Class (6 mos. to 1 yr.)
b. Judge male Junior Class (1 yr. & under 2 yrs.)
c. Judge male Senior Class (2 yrs. & older)
d. Call the winner of each male Black Mouth Cur class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Male of Breed.
 2. a. Judge female Puppy Class (6 mos. to 1 yr.)
b. Judge female Junior Class (1 yr & under 2 yrs.)
c. Judge female Senior Class (2 yrs. & older)
d. Call the winners of each female Black Mouth Cur class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Female of Breed.
- *Follow the same sequence for each of the other 4 breeds in alphabetical sequence.

Black Mouth Cur Mountain Cur Mountain Feist Stephens' Cur Treeing Cur Treeing Feist

When all Best of Breed winners have been determined, all Best Male of Breed winners are brought back and judged together. The winner is awarded Best Male of Show. Then all Best Female of Breed winners are brought back and judged together to determine the Best Female of Show.

Once these are determined, the Champion of Champions class is held. In the Champion of Champions class, males and females are shown together. The winner is declared the winner of the Champion of Champions class. If this category is large and the Judge decides to judge the dogs by breed, he may do so. They would then have one or more of each breed to judge for the Best Champion.

The Grand Show Champions class is judged next. Males and females are shown together. This is an honorary class and no UKC points will be awarded.

The show is not to be interrupted for any other activity, unless it is a large show and the Judge requests a rest break.

Requirements and Procedures for Becoming a UKC Licensed Show Judge

Persons interested in becoming UKC Licensed Bench Show Judges should complete the application and test which may be obtained at your local club or UKC. Application and test is then returned by applicant to UKC, along with application fee. If applicant passes application and test, they will then be sent three apprentice forms.

- Applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality and their interest in the improvement of the Cur and Feist breeds. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC licensed Bench Show Judge.

- Applicants shall have reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Show Judge.

- Applicants must know the Official UKC Show Rules.

- Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.

- Applicants must know the Official UKC Cur/Feist Breed Standards.

- The applicants must know and understand the anatomy of the dogs they are judging including how to properly judge the dogs' gait.

- Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended in writing by officers of the club. At least three (3) different officers of the club must sign the UKC application form.

- Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three (3) different UKC Licensed Judges, and be recommended by them. Only one apprentice may serve under a licensed Bench Show Judge at an event.

EXCEPTIONS:

Approved Cur/Feist clubs may grandfather in as a licensed Cur/Feist Bench Show Judge, one individual who is not currently a UKC Licensed Show Judge. The individual that the club is sponsoring will need to fill out an application, take the written exam, and submit both of these with the fee of \$20. This individual will not be required to go through the apprentice program. Only one individual per club may be grandfathered in as a new Judge.

- The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the owner or handler is.

- The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.

- No applicant for a UKC Show Judges License will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.

- The Judge's application fee is **\$20** and is non-refundable. Once a Bench Show Judge is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.

- All licenses for UKC Show Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

Misconduct & Discipline

For current official UKC Misconduct & Guidelines please reference the official UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com.

Disclaimer: Any UKC Rules and or Policies as written in this rulebook are subject to change. Any such changes will be published in the Rule Sections on the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com.

UKC Policy Regarding Persons Associated with Fighting Dogs

Any individual or group of individuals known by UKC to promote, support, raise dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give or trade dogs that will be used in fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting of dogs; or arrested for attending and/or participating in a dog fight, will have the following actions taken against them by United Kennel Club:

1. All dog registration privileges will be revoked for life.
 - a. The person(s) will not be permitted to register any litters of puppies.
 - b. The person(s) will not be permitted to transfer ownership of any puppies or adult dogs into their name.
2. The person(s) will be barred for life from participating in or entering any UKC licensed events. Their dogs will not be awarded any UKC Championship points or titles even if handled by another person.
3. The person(s) will be barred for life from advertising in any UKC publications.

Anyone aware of any persons currently involved in such activities as are listed above should report them to United Kennel Club.

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