



OFFICIAL UKC[®] FEIST RULEBOOK

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LICENSES

All current fees available at ukcdogs.com

UKC® reserves the right to change any and all policies, fees, etc., without notice. United Kennel Club suggests that all fees for UKC services be submitted by check, money order or a major credit card. Sending cash is not recommended.



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INHERENT RIGHTS & POWERS OF UKC®

(Revised December 18, 2009)

United Kennel Club® holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring registrations of dogs, licensing events, and awarding titles. These inherent rights and powers include but are not limited to the following:

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 judgment and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:
 - a. Bar an individual from entering or participating in any way in any UKC licensed event.
 - b. Bar an individual from transferring or registering any pups or dogs in that person's name (joint or full registration) or to any member of that person's family.
 - c. Bar an individual from receiving Championship wins for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full registration).

By way of illustration, the following constitute some, but not all, of the situations calling for the above sanctions:

- a. Falsification or alteration of a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry® Card or any other UKC document.
- b. Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
- c. Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
- d. Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry® Card or any other UKC document.
- e. Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- f. Intimidating, threatening, or injuring a Judge, Club/Association member or official, event participant or spectator, or UKC representative.

The six illustrations given above are only by way of example and UKC reserves to itself its inherent right and power to impose such sanctions in any other circumstances deemed appropriate by UKC.

Any individual who is found guilty by a court of law of a crime involving dogs will be barred from United Kennel Club for an indefinite period. A person shall be considered guilty in a criminal proceeding if they are convicted by a judge, jury, or if they enter a plea bargain or other arrangement to plea to a lesser offense, or if their case is disposed of by any form of deferred adjudication; a person shall be considered guilty in a civil proceeding if they are held responsible or liable by a judge, jury, or if a compromised settlement is reached between the parties.

EVENT INFORMATION

ENTERING DOGS IN UKC® LICENSED EVENTS

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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. Conditional 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. Application for Permanent Registration (puppy papers).
- e. 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. If the participant cannot provide an accurate UKC number for the dog it is better to leave that information blank. Otherwise, UKC may not award Championship wins 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.

4. PENDING SINGLE REGISTRATION

Dogs may be entered as "pending" only if the dog is single registered the day of the event in which they wish to enter, or if single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club within 45 days prior to the date of the event they wish to enter. Once permanent registration papers are received by registrant, that dog can no longer be entered as pending.

5. PENDING PERMANENT REGISTRATION

Dogs that were litter registered, but have not yet been permanently registered, may be entered as a Conditional Entry (see Conditional Entries (d) above) by presenting the dogs Application for Permanent Registration certificate (puppy papers). The UKC number on the certificate shall be noted on the event entry label for the dog. Dogs entered in this manner cannot be awarded any championship wins until the dog is permanently registered. Once the dog is permanently registered, the owner must submit proof of any placement to UKC in order for championship wins to be applied. No exceptions. Any pending championship wins expire if the dog is not shown as permanently registered at UKC within 60 days of the date of the event. However, any expired championship wins may be applied after 60 days if the dog is permanently registered and the owner submits proof of championship wins earned, accompanied with a \$75 fee, to UKC.

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ENTERING EVENTS

Three different ways to enter. Submit any of the following to entry takers. Note: No entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason.

1. Registration Certificate (not required to reflect Champion or Grand Champion).
2. UKC Easy Entry® Card. Photo acceptable.
3. Conditional Entry (see CONDITIONAL ENTRY above).

Note: If the participant cannot provide one of the first two items noted above, with exception to dogs that are pending single registration, then the dog may be entered as a Conditional Entry for a fee of \$5.

in addition to the entry fee. No papers or additional conditional entry fee is required if single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club. Note "pending" in place of UKC number on entry label for single registered dogs whose owner has not yet received the dogs' permanent registration certificate.

ENTERING IN NEXT HIGHEST CATEGORY

Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a UKC Champion or Grand Champion degree in a Squirrel 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.

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. Additional Easy Entry cards are available for a fee from the Registration Department for dual ownership situations. A photo of the Easy Entry card on a phone is an acceptable form of event entry requirements.

TITLES OF EXCELLENCE FROM UKC® AND REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THEM

Effective January 1, 2019

The rules, regulations, classifications, classes, and Championship wins 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.

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

1. **UKC SQUIRREL CHAMPION (SQCH)** - requires five cast wins in the registered portion of a UKC Licensed Squirrel Event: To be declared an official Squirrel Champion, a dog must have five cast wins recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office in a UKC Licensed Squirrel Event. A dog must have a total score of plus points before they can be considered a cast winner, unless otherwise noted for specific events.
 - a. **UKC GRAND SQUIRREL CHAMPION (GRSQCH)** - earned by winning eight (8) Champion wins at UKC Licensed Squirrel Events. In this portion of the event, Champions and Grand Nite Champions are drawn out and compete in the same division. A Champion or Grand Champion may not hunt in open competition, unless the event is designated as such. They must hunt in their own class, not lower.
 - b. **UKC GRAND SQUIRREL CHAMPION MULTIPLIER DEGREES (GRSQCH2, 3, 4, 5)** Additional multiplier degrees are issued to Grand Squirrel Champions after they have earned eight (8) cast wins as a Grand Squirrel Champion. After the first eight cast wins the dog will earn the degree of GRSQCH2, after the second eight (8) cast wins the dog will earn the degree of GRSQCH3, and so on.
 - c. **UKC HALL OF FAME (GRSQCHHOF)** A UKC Hall of Fame Degree is awarded to Grand Squirrel Champions who have earned a total of 37 Grand Champion cast wins. This is the equivalent of a GRSQCH5 plus five more cast wins.
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. A Show Champion will be a dog that has earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship wins 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.
- b. 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.

UPCOMING UKC® LICENSED EVENTS

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. 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

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

AWARDS AT UKC® LICENSED EVENTS

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The Host Club has options of awards to their winners. Trophies or plaques are 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

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1. REQUIREMENTS FOR UKC APPROVED CLUBS

- a. Names, complete addresses and telephone numbers of new officers shall be submitted to UKC immediately following each election.
- b. UKC recommends a membership that includes enough active members to properly conduct an event without relying on outside help.
- c. Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to UKC. A sample copy is available upon request.
- d. In addition to UKC rules and policies, clubs must ensure that all Federal, state and local laws are 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).
- g. A completed officers list stating the name, address, phone number, and email address of each officer. You must keep UKC updated on any change of officers or contact information.

Note: The UKC Hunting Ops 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 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 hunts and Bench Shows. Committees for kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and ensure 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 Hunting Ops Department at the United Kennel Club to determine if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event: (269) 343-9020 or huntingops@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. These dates cannot be changed without approval from United Kennel Club. If there is any question about your dates, contact the Hunting Ops Department immediately. A maximum of seven (7) dates may be granted, to clubs in good standing as determined by UKC.
- b. Any date that was reserved and held by the club will automatically be reserved and held for the club the following year. Reserved dates not held by the club will fall off their reserved schedule of dates the following year.

4. ADVERTISING YOUR EVENT

- a. Advertising other than that appearing in 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 UKC's 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. Further, the "Upcoming Events" listing on the UKC website shall be the final authority.

- c. Events expected to be published in the list of UKC's Upcoming Events in Full Cry must be scheduled and confirmed no later than on the first day of the month that is two months prior to the month in which the event is being held. Example: An event being held on September 15th must be scheduled and confirmed no later than July 1st. Otherwise, events must be scheduled and confirmed no less than 30 prior to the event date and will be advertised and appear on the UKC website Event Calendar only. Club officers shall check the Upcoming Events Listing as soon as it appears to be assured the information is correct.
- d. 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.

5. HOW TO CONDUCT YOUR UKC LICENSED EVENT

- a. Event Supplies:
 1. The event supplies will be mailed approximately three (3) to 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 huntingops@ukcdogs.com.
 3. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact Hunting Ops immediately.
- b. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Hunt Master (if a HM is required) 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 check the official's listing on the UKC website or contact Hunting Ops 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. 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 and the registered owner's name for each dog is correct. Other than the title, use dog's complete registered name on reports. The report must also include the accurate number of dogs entered in each category. Otherwise, the report is held up and cannot be processed until any such missing information is received by UKC.
 2. All report forms MUST be thoroughly checked and signed by the Hunt Master/HD or Bench Show Judge.
 3. Clubs MUST retain copies of their event reports and scorecards for a period of a year.
 4. Completed and signed reports are then to be returned to UKC's Hunting Ops Department, along with the appropriate fees each dog entered in each licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event, or a penalty charge will be assessed to the club. An additional charge for each passing month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due. Late fee amounts are available by contacting UKC but are subject to change with or without notice.
 5. 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.

6. SENIOR'S CASTS

Individuals aged 55 or older are entitled to be drawn to a Senior's Cast at UKC Licensed Feist Events. Senior Casts will not be run at the World Championship and or any other event that is advertised as such.

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

- Proof of age; driver's license, hunting license, birth certificate, etc. must be presented to entry takers.
- Registered, Champion/Grand Champion Casts. A minimum of two (2) individuals, age 55 or older, must participate for a Senior's Cast to be drawn.
- The score of the Senior's Cast(s) will compete with the scores of all other casts in a particular division; Registered, Champion/Grand Champion, for placement in the UKC Licensed Feist Event.
- Individuals, age 55 or older, do not have to compete in the Senior's Cast. They may choose to compete in the all-age casts if they so choose.
- Senior's Casts will compete under the same UKC Feist Event Honor Rules as do all other casts in their division with no exceptions.
- Any handler unable to complete their hunt may be replaced by a back-up handler, who is also 55 or older. Otherwise, the dog is no longer eligible to compete in the cast.

7. APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR SITUATIONS HAPPENING DURING A UKC LICENSED HUNT

This procedure applies for all situations arising 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 or the Event Official. 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 deal 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 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.

8. HEARING DEVICES IN UKC LICENSED EVENTS

Individuals who have been professionally diagnosed as being hearing-impaired may utilize an auxiliary hearing device in UKC licensed 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 Feist - Hunting Ops. 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.

UKC® LICENSED HUNT FORMATS

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Dogs entered in UKC Feist Events may not be muzzled. United Kennel Club offers clubs the option of a Standard, Elimination or Slam hunt format, as outlined below. Unless specifically noted in the advertising or listing of an event, all events will be run under the Standard Hunt format.

1. STANDARD FORMAT

Dogs are drawn out into two separate categories based on their current Championship wins standing at United Kennel Club. Registered dogs draw out together in one category and Champions and Grand Champions draw out together in a second category. Dogs entered in the wrong category are not eligible for championship wins. Event placements are awarded based on plus-point cast winner scores in one round of competition, regardless of category, in accordance with the UKC Licensed Feist Honor Rules.

NOTE: Consideration for drawing all dogs out in one category in this format MUST be requested and pre-approved by UKC. If approved, information as such must be included in the event details.

2. ELIMINATION FORMAT

All three categories (Registered, Champions, and Grands) are drawn out and compete together. First round plus-point cast winners are drawn into a second round. Plus-point cast winners from the second round will advance to the next round, and so on. All dogs advancing to subsequent rounds must be present when cast is assembled or be scratched. No Placement may be awarded until the final cast has been assembled. Dogs in the final cast will be placed according to highest total score in final cast, even if the points are minus. In the event one dog remains in the final cast, the hunt will end, and the remaining dog shall

be declared the winner. The 2nd-10th place dogs, regardless of category, will be placed according to score. Placement is determined; first by order of non-cast win scores in the final cast. Next, by order of semi-final round non-cast win scores. If there aren't enough semi-final round dogs to fill out 4-10th place, previous round plus point dogs will be placed accordingly. **TIEBREAKERS:** Rule 20 shall be used to break ties except for flipping a coin, if previous round scores are available to use in place of 20 (e). Also, hunting in sudden death, Rule 20 (d), applies to unbreakable ties for the win in the same cast but is not an option for breaking ties in different casts. Hunt Master, or spouse, conducting the world event isn't allowed to enter a dog even with the use of a handler. Hunt Master ruling is final at the UKC world event.

3. SLAM FORMAT

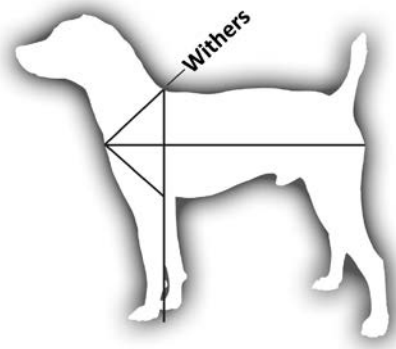
UKC Slam Events Official Rules

1. Slam Events are available to all UKC approved clubs. Clubs may designate any of their scheduled dates for a Slam Event. Simply note the Slam designation portion on the Event Confirmation form. A regular bench show may be held in conjunction with a Slam Event.
2. Entry Fees: Clubs have the option of setting their entry fees at \$20, \$30, \$50, or \$100. The entry fee decided on must be noted on the clubs Confirmation Form that is sent to UKC pre-event.
3. License and Recording Fees: Slam Events require a license and recording fee, in the amount applicable, that must be included with the Event Report mailed to UKC.
4. Eligibility for Events: Open to all UKC registered Feists.
5. Rules for Running the Events: All dogs, regardless of category (Registered, Champion, Grand), are drawn out together using UKC Feist Hunt Honor Rules, in effect for the year the event is run.
6. Hunting Time: The early round cast at any event will be two hours in duration, unless otherwise approved by UKC. A hunt time period for the final cast may be 60 or 90 minutes (club's discretion).
7. Judges: One Hunting Judge per cast in the preliminary round. The final cast shall have a non-hunting judge.
8. Prize money: In \$20 or \$30 entry fee hunts, 55% of the entry fee is paid to the event winners. In \$50 entry fee hunts 70% of the entry fee is paid to the event winners. In \$100 entry fee hunts, 80% of the entry fee is paid to the event winners. First, all first round plus-point cast winners are refunded/awarded amount of entry fee. Remaining prize money is awarded to those dogs in the final cast. Prize money will be paid by the host club in accordance with the Slam Prize Breakdown Form (provided in the event packet). The distribution of Slam prize money is strictly the responsibility of the host club and not the responsibility of United Kennel Club. Clubs may offer an "added" purse to be divided among the final cast.
9. Final Cast: The top three (3) highest scoring cast winners with a total score of plus points will advance to the final cast. Dogs in the final cast shall be placed according to score in the final cast including up to 300 minus. If tie cannot be broken, dogs remaining tied will split prize money for that placement. If all dogs in final cast scratch, purse will be divided equally among all members of the cast. See Slam Prize Breakdown Form (provided in the event packet) for other scratched dog breakdowns.
10. Splitting Prize Money: Slam prize money may only be split if majority of final cast agrees to do so. Otherwise, cast must hunt final cast to determine prize money distribution.
11. Championship wins: All plus-point cast winners in the first round will receive a championship win towards their degree. No additional championship win is awarded to the cast winner of the Final Cast.
12. No Plus Point Cast Winners: If there are no dogs with a total score of plus points, a final cast will not be assembled, and no Championship wins will be awarded to any dogs. The payout for this event shall be distributed evenly amongst all entrants

MEASURING DOGS

Effective September 1, 2017

The act of measuring dogs is important in two different situations at all UKC Feist events. First, any dog single registered on the day of the event must be measured prior to entry of the hunt. Second, all dogs, except those that are permanently measured, must be measured the day of the event prior to entry of hunt or show. Those dogs measuring over 18 inches will not be eligible to be hunted or shown that day. If a dog meets the measurement requirement in the morning prior to the hunt, that same dog need not be measured for the show. The registrant/handler of a dog that is measured over 18 inches by one of the entry takers may appeal to have the dog measured by the Hunt Master/Hunt Director or Bench Show Judge. Their decisions are final.



A drop bar type measuring stand or a rigid, one piece, wicket-type stand set for 18 inches are both acceptable types of measuring devices. A tape measure is not an acceptable means of measuring dogs at events. Dogs must be measured at ground level. The height of the dog is the distance from the ground to the top of the shoulders or withers. This point at the top of the shoulders is where the neck appears to meet the shoulders. The dog's legs should be directly under him and not leaning forward or backward. The registrant/handler may assist in posing the dog and steadying him. No physical alterations may be made to dogs to comply with height restrictions.

NOTE: All dogs registered with United Kennel Club prior to September 1, 2017, may request Permanent Measurement Exemption from UKC. Otherwise, they are required to be measured at the event under those rules, as outlined above. The owner will receive a new Easy Entry® Card noting the dog is permanently measured, which also serves as an official measurement exemption for those dogs not meeting height requirements. The same fee applies as a Permanent Measurement.

PERMANENT MEASUREMENTS

Owners have the option to have their dogs permanently measured at designated events by a UKC designated official. Dogs must be a minimum of 18 months of age to be eligible for a permanent measurement. Dogs measuring over the maximum height of 18", according to the official measurement, will be recorded as such and will no longer be eligible to enter a UKC Licensed Event. Exception: Dogs registered prior to September 1, 2017, as noted above. The registered owner will receive a new Easy Entry® Card for the dog denoting the permanent measurement. Additionally, the permanent measurement will be noted on the dogs' record at UKC and remain with the dog even if transferred to a new owner.

IMPORTANT FEIST EVENT CAST BREAKDOWN INFORMATION

Cast Breakdown Information. Each Squirrel Event must offer a Champion/Grand Champion cast. In order to receive credit, Squirrel Champion/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 may not hunt in open competition. They must hunt in their own class, not lower.

HUNT CAST BREAKDOWN CHART

# OF DOGS	# 3-DOG	# 2-DOG	# 1-DOG
1	0	0	1
2	0	1	0
3	1	0	
4	0	2	
5	1	1	
6	2	0	
7	1	2	
8	2	1	0
9	3	0	0
10	2	2	0
11	3	1	0
12	4	0	0
13	3	2	0
14	4	1	0
15	5	0	0
16	4	2	0
17	5	1	0
18	6	0	0
19	5	2	0
# OF DOGS	# 3-DOG	# 2-DOG	# 1-DOG
20	6	1	0
21	7	0	0
22	60	2	0
23	7	1	0
24	8	0	0
25	7	2	0
26	8	1	
27	9	0	
28	8	2	
29	9	1	
30	10	0	
31	9	2	
32	10	1	
33	11	0	
34	10	2	
35	11	1	
36	12	0	
37	11	2	
38	12	1	
39	13	0	
40	12	2	
41	13	1	
42	14	0	
43	13	2	
44	14	1	
45	15	0	
46	14	2	
47	15	1	
48	16	0	
49	15	2	
50	16	1	

HUNT MASTER (HM)/HUNT DIRECTOR (HD) GUIDELINES

Revised September 1, 2022

UKC 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 wins will be awarded.

1. EVENT OFFICIAL 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.

2. HM/HD CHECKLIST

When you arrive at the club check to see that the following are posted:

- HM/HD checklist.
- Entry deadline time.
- Time deadline for returning scorecards.
- Telemetry Rules.

3. 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 non-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.

4. 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 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 Champions category first followed by 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 methods:

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-dog casts will be in the category. If any, add that amount of blank entry forms into pool 4. This allows having three entry slips to be drawn to each scorecard.

eliminating any perception of manipulating the draw in any manner.

- 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 three 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.

8. WHILE CASTS ARE IN THE WOODS

The Hunt Master must remain at the hunt headquarters during the course of the hunt. 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.

9. AFTER THE SCORECARDS ARE TURNED IN:

- a. Note the time received. Recheck each dog's score. HM/HD has the authority and shall make corrections to any mathematical errors. Check to see that handlers signed the scorecard. Any handler that does not sign the scorecard shall be given the opportunity and may do so in view of the official. Otherwise, that dog is 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, or event placement, must do so not later than thirty minutes after the posted deadline to return scorecards.

10. REPORTS

- a. Remind all club officers that the scorecards and their copy of the report must be kept for one (1) year.

11. 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 impartial way.

12. POLICIES SPECIFIC TO HM FORMAT

- a. All Hunt Masters must be licensed by UKC.
- b. A Hunt Master may have a dog, registered in their name (full or joint ownership), entered in the event, but the Hunt Master MUST stay at the club at all times and is not permitted to handle the dog in the hunt.
- c. 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. Remember that situations not questioned and notated at the time of the matter in question, cannot be heard. If question is not satisfactorily answered by the Hunt Master, a panel may be requested. Refer to Rule 17 for more information on requesting a panel.

13. POLICIES SPECIFIC TO HD FORMAT

- a. Hunt Directors are not required to be licensed by UKC.
- b. A Hunt Director may be the owner, and or the handler, of a dog entered in the event.
- c. 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.

14. 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 judgment.
- The applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.
- They must completely fill out the application and pass the test covering UKC 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.
- 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 remain up to date with the rules and policies. Otherwise, they will place themselves in jeopardy of losing their license.

UKC® FEIST SQUIRREL HUNT HONOR RULES

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1. HONOR RULES

Before beginning a hunt, a deadline time for completion of hunt will be announced and time posted in plain view of all hunters. The deadline time of hunt and return of scorecard to Hunt Master/HD shall be indicated on the scorecard. Host club has the option of conducting 60, 90, or 120-minute hunts. Hunting time must be the same for all casts and must be announced. All hunters, judges, and/or guides must be drawn publicly for their cast. Owners having multiple entries will have dogs drawn on separate casts if possible. Dogs to be drawn to the fewest casts possible. All dogs, including Champions, to hunt entire hunt time 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. Any one-dog cast requires a non-hunting Judge be assigned to that cast.

2. 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.

- a. It is the handler's ultimate responsibility to know the rules and abide by rules, and the decisions of the Judge, Hunt Master, Hunt Director, and Question Panel.
- b. A handler must always conduct himself/herself in a sportsmanlike manner. A handler becoming loud, aggressive, or belligerent may be scratched regardless of the merit of his/her argument. A handler displaying unsportsmanlike conduct or failing to abide by these rules shall be reported to the hunt director. Refer to Misconduct Guidelines found on website.
- c. Any handler found guilty of interfering with another handler's dog in any way that would affect their ability to compete may be subject to disciplinary action.
- d. A handler may not encourage, discourage, scold, or discipline their dog during the cast. This includes the use of hand signals

- to control the dog. Praising a handled dog is not considered encouraging. Refer to Rule 13 (q), if applicable.
- e. A handler may not leave the cast without permission from the judge for any reason. The judge may give a handler permission to leave the cast to search for their dog during time-out. Judge may grant permission for handler to go to their dog on a separate tree after the tree is closed or if all dogs are declared treed, handled, or hunt time expires. EXCEPTION: Handlers may not be granted permission or leave the cast, while search time is running during the scoring of a tree, to go handle a dog on a split tree.
 - f. Each handler is encouraged to remain with the cast for the entire hunt even though his/her dog may not be a part of the cast. Cast members retain voting obligations if dog is withdrawn or scratched. EXCEPTION: If handler is scratched for misconduct that handler loses all voting privileges.
 - g. If permitted, a handler is allowed no more than three spectators. See Rule 4. Handler's dog(s) will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators.
 - h. It is the handler's responsibility to check time and score before signing scorecard.

3. JUDGES AND GUIDES

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 Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Hunt Master and/or club officials, if deemed necessary. Cast members do not have the authority to designate or assign a non-hunting judge to their cast. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Hunt Master.

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

1. When a non-hunting judge is not utilized, a hunting judge will be appointed to each cast. This person must have knowledge of the rules and be able to interpret and apply them in a fair manner. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard.
2. They will show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time recorded, if requested.
3. If hunting Judge scratches his dog he should continue to judge the cast as a hunting Judge. 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 procedure 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 squirrel could cross out to an adjoining tree or scoring multiple trees as one tree or; 2) whether the game seen is a squirrel or off-game. The Hunting Judge makes those decisions, but they may be questioned by a handler as outlined below (7).
- b. Calling time out.
- c. Whether or not dogs are on a previously scored tree.

3. Any cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges. Exception: If handler is scratched for unsportsmanlike conduct handler loses all voting privileges.
4. In the event only one cast member remains in the hunt, 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.

GUIDES

1. A Guide is willing to take a cast to a location where they can hunt safely and has permission. Any member of the cast, be it a non-hunting judge, hunting judge, or handler, may be a guide.

4. SPECTATORS

- a. The Hunt Director will discuss and announce if spectators will be allowed on casts, if agreeable with the majority of cast members. Spectators should be allowed to accompany the cast if possible.
- b. There shall be no more than three (3) spectators allowed per handler on any one cast unless otherwise agreed upon by the remaining cast members.
- c. Handlers shall be responsible for the conduct of spectators accompanying them on casts. Handler's dog will be scratched for rules violations by their spectators.
- d. Spectators must follow the directions of the judges and Hunt Director/Hunt Master.

5. CELL PHONE USAGE

Cell phones may be used for keeping time and other reasonable situations during the hunt. Cast members should not be using them to contact other casts or individuals at the club to find out information pertaining to scores. Individuals found guilty of correspondence or relaying any type of electronic messaging with reference to scores, that is deemed detrimental to the integrity of event placements or the hunt, are subject to suspension from United Kennel Club.

6. TRACKING AND TRAINING COLLARS

Tracking Only Devices: The handheld of locating only devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used during the hunt but only under strict provisions as outline below. A dog must be heard treeing before a tree call may be accepted regardless of any tree alerts on the handheld.

Tracking and Training Combo Devices: Any handheld device capable of both locating (tracking) and controlling (stimulating or toning) may not be carried by the handler during the hunt. The handheld must be left in the vehicle and may not be used by the handler or spectators during hunt time. However, the handheld may be used during time out situations during the hunt for locating purposes only.

Training Only 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. Controlling device rule violations may result in suspension.

Under no circumstances shall telemetry be used to determine the scoring of any dog(s).

If by way of telemetry a handler deems dog to be in danger, per an item outlined in Rule 14, they may ask for a cast vote to call time out. If a majority is not reached the handler may withdraw then handle the dog due to safety concerns.

At no time may a handler demand the cast walk in the direction of a dog that has not been heard opening. The judge, or majority of the cast when hunting judge is used, may agree to walk in that direction.

When considering the use of telemetry during the hunt the handler may not interfere with any handler's ability to listen for their dog. This to be rigidly enforced. Handlers not adhering after being warned of such by the judge; shall result in their dog being scratched from the cast.

A Hunt Master / Panel may not consider any debate that is based on telemetry use.

7. 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 58.3 points, two dogs 75 points, and one dog 100 points.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Judge is to be informed of any dog's peculiarities before the hunt.
- b. Cast must remain together unless timeout is called, or permission has been granted by the judge.
- c. A dog must bark to be declared treed.
- d. When a dog is declared treed by the handler, the dog must hold the tree for 2 minutes, unless all dogs are declared treed or handled or hunt time expires. Dog must bark at least once every minute. (If only one dog in cast or one dog remaining in cast, dog must still hold tree for 2 minutes.)
- e. Any dog declared treed within hunting time will be scored.
- f. After a dog(s) is declared treed, the cast is to move at a reasonable pace towards the tree but not arriving at the tree prior to the two-minute tree time elapsing, the handler of the dog declared treed 1st will determine how close to the tree is acceptable as long as it's not interfering with the dog treeing or encouraging the declared dog to stay treed.
- g. After the two minutes has elapsed, the tree is considered closed, and no other dog may be declared treed on that particular tree.
- h. If dog is minused for leaving or failing to bark, the tree shall be reopened and first tree position available if no other dog was declared treed.
- i. After 2 minutes and tree is closed the judge may declare that the dogs can be handled, handlers can leash their dogs only after judge permits. See Rule 2 (e) if applicable.
- j. The Judge should observe and make sure that dog declared treed is showing treed by either looking up or barking up before allowing handlers to leash their dogs. Dog is not to be minused if he comes back a short distance to meet handler so long as the dog returns to the tree and trees satisfactorily. If a dog declared treed is not showing treed, by ACTIVELY TREEING dog to be minused and tree reopened if no other dogs have been declared treed. Actively Treeing is determined by judge or, if questioned, by the majority cast vote when hunting judge is used. Once tree is declared closed and dogs are in sight dogs are not required to continue to bark but must remain at tree or be minused.
- k. When dogs tree and squirrel (excluding ground squirrel or flying squirrel) is seen within the 5 minutes of search time: (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 (45') of tree dog is on.
- l. Only one tree is counted even if more than one squirrel is up tree.
- m. When squirrel is seen timbering from tree to tree and the dog is moving with the squirrel, the tree is to be scored as plus. This applies only if squirrel is seen.
- n. Dog must be turned loose after tree is scored. 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.

9. SPLIT TREE

- a. If dog's tree on separate trees that are over 15 steps (45 feet) apart this will be declared a split tree and points will be awarded separate. Separate time must be kept on each tree unless all dogs are declared treed. In case of a split tree, the judge will go to the first dog called treed and that tree will be checked first. The dog called treed second; handler will be allowed to go to the tree and leash his/her dog with judge's permission, unless the cast is already in process of scoring the tree. See Rule 2 (e).

Handler is to return to the cast for judging of the other dog's tree unless non-hunting judges is being utilized.

- b. Dogs treeing on separate trees within 15 steps (45 feet) and more than 1 squirrel is found, the second squirrel must be seen in the actual tree that the second dog is treed on for the dog to receive split tree points. Split points can only be awarded if at least one of the other dogs in cast was declared treed before the tree closed and after the 1st dog's squirrel is found.
- c. Dogs treeing on separate trees within the 15 steps (45 feet) and only one squirrel is found, it shall be scored as one tree.

10. POINTS WILL BE MINUS

- a. When dog has been declared treed and dog leaves tree. (dog's must be actively treeing.) If dog returns to tree within the two 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, one of the dogs declared treed must bark at least once every 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. Refer to rule 7(d) for split point value.

11. SCORING OF 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. Nest or hole must be within 30 steps (90 feet) of tree that dog is treed on to be circled. Trees not containing game, and with no nest or den within 30 steps will be deleted.
- b. When leaves or vines make it impossible to locate game.

12. SCORING OF DELETED 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 tiebreakers.

- a. When Judge orders dogs to be called in because of livestock or nearness to highway, building, etc.
- b. If no majority when voting to plus, minus, or circle when Hunting Judge is used.
- c. 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).
- d. If dog declared treed and non-target tree game is seen. Tree game is defined as any game capable of climbing a tree.
- e. Points are to be deleted if judge or majority of cast can see that the dog is obviously timbering if squirrel is not seen. **NO PLUS POINTS GIVEN UNLESS squirrel IS SEEN.**

13. DOGS TO BE SCRATCHED

DOG RELATED OFFENSES

- 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. 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 during the authority of the Judge.
- c. No handler will be allowed to withdraw to avoid dog from being scratched for fighting.
- d. When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor only. If not known, scratch dogs involved.
- e. Failing to make any attempt to hunt within any 15 consecutive scorecard minutes.
- f. Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches while other dogs pay them no attention.

HANDLER RELATED OFFENSES

- g. On second offence for declaring dog treed when dog is not treeing.
- h. On second offence if handler calls another handler's dog, the

- dog is to be scratched.
- i. Failure to sign scorecard after the completion of the hunt. Scorecards may be signed in the presence of the Hunt Master.
- j. For climbing or cutting trees or disturbing a place of refuge.
- k. For pulling of vines or any action deemed to be interfering with dog(s) for the first 3 minutes of the 5-minute search time. **When other dogs are declared treed, but have not been handled, the last 2 minutes of search time can be used to pull vines so long as said dogs are not within visual sight of the cast.**
- l. For intentionally killing squirrel or other game.
- m. For failure to stay with the cast unless given permission to leave.
- n. 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.
- o. If a handler is drinking or using abusive language.
- p. For use of any device used to control dog prior to cast completing hunt time.
- q. For encouraging, discouraging, using hand signals, or physically abusing a dog. Praising a handled dog is not considered encouraging.
- r. Dog(s) hunting over or under advertised hunt time will be scratched.
- s. Handler's dog will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators.

14. 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.)

15. SCORECARDS

- a. Scorecards must be completed in the woods, and no changes can be made later except mathematical errors that are corrected by the official or 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 must 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.

16. QUESTIONS

- 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 may only be overturned by the Hunt Master/panel. It may be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master/panel. **Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered.**
- b. Hunting Judge Cast: The following procedure must be followed when using hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category.
 - 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 shall 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. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made will not be considered.
- 4. Scorecards to be carried by Judge and must be scored by Judge in plain view of all.
- 5. Any owner or handler disputing event placement must address the matter with the Hunt Master/Hunt Director, within 30 minutes after the deadline to return scorecards. If the matter is not resolved, the complainant shall request an Appeal Form. They must clearly note their complaint on the form and return it to the event official to be mailed, along with the Event Report to UKC for a ruling. The Appeal must be accompanied by a \$20 fee, otherwise the matter will not be considered. The fee will be refunded if ruled in favor of the complainant.

17. PANELS

To form a panel a \$10 Panel Fee must be paid before the question is heard.

- a. When using a Hunt Master, a panel may be formed if a handler/owner is not satisfied with the Hunt Master's ruling.
- b. When using a Hunt Director, a panel must be formed to hear any and all questions.

18. 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.

19. CAST WINNERS

- a. A dog must have a total score of plus points to receive a Championship win.

20. TIES

- a. All ties to be broken as follows:
 - 1. The dog with the most circle points.
 - 2. If still a tie, the dog that has the most plussed first trees.
 - 3. If still a tie, the dog with the least minus points.
 - 4. If still a tie, dogs involved to hunt in sudden death. First dog to receive plus, minus, or circle points, shall end the hunt and determine the winner. Points awarded shall not be reflected on original score. No more than 15 minutes shall be used. Return deadline shall be extended 15 minutes for this cast only.
 - 5. If still a tie, flip a coin.

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HTX 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 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 (photo on phone acceptable) 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.

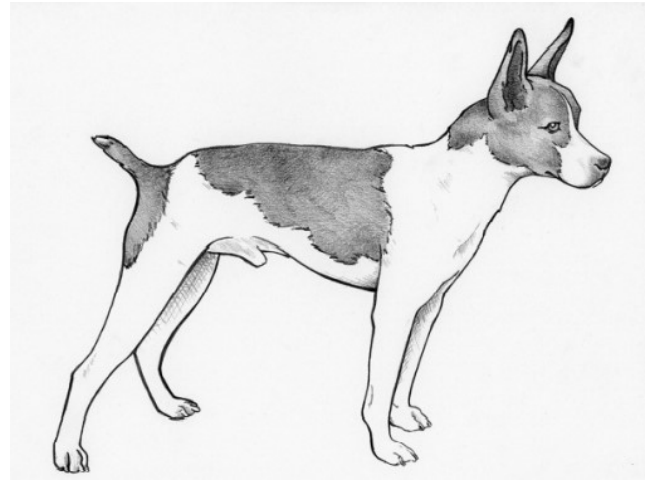
SQUIRREL HUNT TEST EVALUATION RULES:

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 three 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 in search of game. 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. The inspector must see the squirrel in order for dog to receive credit.
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. 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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.

MOUNTAIN FEIST OFFICIAL UKC BREED STANDARD TERRIER GROUP

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

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.

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. Feist 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 cryptorchid.

CHARACTERISTICS

Mountain Feist 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 - Ears are v-shaped, set at the outside edges of the skull. Ears must be erect. Note: Ear carriage may not stabilize until a dog is mature; therefore, dogs under one year of age should not be penalized for variations in ear carriage.

Disqualification: Cropped ears. Ears not erect.

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.

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 Feists may be any color or combination of colors.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height, measured at the withers, must not be less than 12 inches nor greater than 18 inches.

Ideal working weight should not be under 12 pounds nor over 30 pounds, and is dependent on the dog's height.

The Mountain Feist should always be presented in hard, working condition. Dogs outside the approved height range shall be penalized only to the degree that their size affects their ability to work.

Eliminating Faults: Dogs under 12 inches or over 18 inches.

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.

ELIMINATING FAULTS

(An Eliminating Fault is a Fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a bench show/conformation event.)

Dogs under 12 inches or over 18 inches.

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 cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

Undershot bite. Overshot bite.

Cropped ears.

Pendulous ears.

Button ears (where the top half of the ears drops forward).

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.

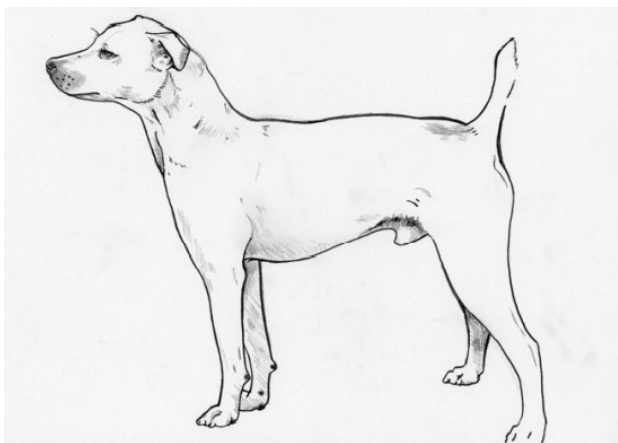
TREEING FEIST

OFFICIAL UKC BREED STANDARD

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

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 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.

Disqualification: Pink nose

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

EARS - Ears short to Medium length, wide at base, and set high. Erect, button, rose and cocked ears acceptable.

Disqualification: Pendulous (hound like) and drop 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 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 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 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, measured at the withers, must not be less than 12 inches nor greater than 18 inches.

Ideal working weight should not be under 12 pounds nor over 30 pounds, and is dependent on the dog's height.

The Treeing Feist should always be presented in hard, working condition. Dogs outside the approved height range shall be penalized only to the degree that their size affects their ability to work.

Eliminating Faults: Dogs under 12 inches or over 18 inches.

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.

ELIMINATING FAULTS

(An Eliminating Fault is a Fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a bench show/conformation event.)

Dogs under 12 inches or over 18 inches.

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.

Pink nose.

Pendulous ears (hound-like)

Drop or any ear that lays flat against the head.

Any dog registered in another registry as anything other than a Feist

breed is not eligible to be registered as a Treeing Feist.

Any dog registered prior to the September 1, 2022 changes is not to be penalized.

UKC® FEIST BENCH SHOW RULES

1. A UKC Licensed Bench Show is a distinctive gathering of UKC registered dogs of the 2 recognized 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. Refer to page 3 under Event Information as it pertains to rules for entering dogs.
4. 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.
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. 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 wins. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). Judge must sign report immediately following show.
7. 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 immediately after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor's dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsmanlike manner.
8. Qualifications for UKC recognized Show Champion: Dog must have earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship wins 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 wins but no win toward the Show Champion Degree. Points must be earned under at least two different Judges.
9. 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 Champion class only. This class is held for the honorary title, and no UKC points are awarded.
10. A UKC recognized Bench Show Champion or Grand Champion may not compete in Registered competition once they have received their Champion or Grand Champion Degree. Champions may compete in the Champion of Champions class only. Grand Champions may compete in the Grand Champion class only.
11. Receipts shall be issued for winners of Class, Breed, Best Male and Best Female, Champion of Champions, and Grand Champion winners. These receipts are for your personal records and do not replace the official report.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.
 18. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.
 19. Handlers are responsible for their conduct and personal appearance.
 20. It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so 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.
 21. If a dog is shown in the wrong class, no Championship wins will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the owner to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class.
 22. 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.
 23. A Bench Show Report shall be filled out and signed by the Bench Show Judge. One copy shall be retained by the club for one year 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, correct UKC registration numbers, and owners names. The United Kennel Club, accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.
 24. The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report the applicable recording per-dog fee based on the total entry. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event, or a penalty charge will be made. An additional monthly charge will be made for reports that are 30 days past due.
 25. Dogs shall not be judged on handler's showmanship.
 26. 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 dog's mouth to cool the dog down. This can only be done if the Judge approves prior to the dogs entering the show ring.
 27. Baiting of dogs is not allowed in show rings.
 28. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.
 29. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.
 30. 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 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 unsportsmanlike actions by the handler.
3. Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship wins 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 remain 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 wins immediately following the show. A copy of the report shall be retained for a minimum of one year by the club hosting the event. Submit UKC copy within 10 days, or a penalty charge will be made.
18. The Judge must never sign blank show report forms or receipts.

SHOW SPECTATORS, OWNERS, AND HANDLERS

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.
4. 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.
5. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

UKC 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.

1. 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".
2. The Judge is responsible for the rules being enforced and the correct information being sent to the United Kennel Club.

PROCEDURE AND SEQUENCE OF JUDGING UKC LICENSED BENCH SHOWS

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

MOUNTAIN FEIST

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 Mountain Feist 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 Mountain Feist class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Female of Breed.

TREEING FEIST

3. 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 Mountain Feist class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Male of Breed.
4. 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 Mountain Feist class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Female of Breed.
5. Best Male of Show. 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.
6. Next, all Best Female of Breed winners are brought back and judged together to determine the Best Female of Show.
7. The Champion of Champions class is held next. 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.
8. The Grand Show Champion class is judged next. Males and females are shown together. This is an honorary class and no UKC points will be awarded.

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 available by requesting from UKC Hunting Ops. The completed application and test is 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 Feist breeds. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC licensed Bench Show Judge.
- 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 shall have reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Show Judge.

- Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicants must know the Official UKC Show Rules.
- Applicants must know the Official UKC 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 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. **EXCEPTION:** Approved Feist clubs may grandfather in as a licensed 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 application fee. 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 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.

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) have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been "Scratched for Fighting" or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: 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 wins.
- 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.

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.
6. Clubs holding Annual Benefit Events must follow the procedure every year.

UKC® POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONE USAGE

All event participants, including spectators, are advised of the following cell phone policy. Any individual found guilty of any electronic messaging prior to the conclusion, with reference to scores that is deemed to have influenced any cast or handler or that is deemed detrimental to the integrity of all scores or the event is subject to suspension by United Kennel Club.

MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

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

Situations involving misconduct do not fall under the appeals procedure. Refer to the Misconduct Section in the Official UKC 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.

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