



Report for OLC following the Activities Judges Sub-Group meeting held on Thursday 24 November 2022

Mr McCartney was unable to attend the above meeting, so the following report has been prepared by the office.

The main issues discussed by the Sub-Group relating to obedience were as follows:

Codes of Conduct: the Sub-Group wished to remind competitors in all disciplines of the provisions of regulations stating that those taking part in Kennel Club licensed/approved events are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards, in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Conduct as published from time to time.

Codes of Conduct may be found at:

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/about-the-kennel-club/the-kennel-club-codes/>

Accredited Trainers Annual seminar: this took place on 13 October 2022. It had not been possible for the Accredited Trainers for obedience to attend the seminar, but a meeting via Zoom had taken place shortly afterwards.

Reactive or anxious dogs: the Sub-Group discussed concerns regarding dogs with issues such as excessive anxiety, nervousness or reactivity competing at shows/competitions, noting that in some cases, such dogs wore yellow leads or 'space awareness' products. There was not considered to be any serious concern in relation to obedience shows.

Assessment of judges: the Sub-Group discussed the assessment of judges, and concluded that a dog owned or co-owned by an assessor may not compete in the class being assessed.