

AGILITY WARRANT SCHEME IS EXTENDED

The Kennel Club's Agility Warrant, launched in July 2004, has been a great success with over 450 certificates having been issued to over 40 different breeds. The Agility Warrant scheme rewards consistency for agility dogs of all levels, but has been most popular with those who are less likely to progress through the class structure.

The Kennel Club now feels it is the right time to expand the scheme to give the more successful handler and dog combinations a new certificate to aim for. In view of this decision, from 1 January 2007 there will be three levels of certificate; Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Bronze certificate will replace the existing Agility Warrant with the same number of points required. The Silver Agility Warrant will require the dog to gain 400 Agility Warrant points with a minimum of 100 of those being gained in agility classes, as opposed to jumping. The Gold Agility Warrant will require a total of 800 points with a minimum of 200 points gained in agility classes.

The new certificates will be available from 1 January 2007 but points can be counted retrospectively. The titles of AW(B), AW(S) and AW(G) can then be used after the dog's name and on show entry forms.

The regulation amendment is listed below in full:

Regulation K.3.c.

An Agility Warrant will be issued on application by the registered owner at the time of qualification in respect of a dog that has obtained points in standard agility and jumping classes at Championship and Open Shows. At least 25% of points must be gained in agility (as opposed to jumping) classes. Points will be awarded at any level but may not be gained in any part of the Championship class. Points will also only be awarded where the dog has obtained a clear round within the course time.

The requirements for the three levels of warrant, Bronze, Silver and Gold are:

<u>Bronze</u>	<u>200 points</u>	<u>(minimum of 50 points in agility)</u>
<u>Silver</u>	<u>400 points</u>	<u>(minimum of 100 points in agility)</u>
<u>Gold</u>	<u>800 points</u>	<u>(minimum of 200 points in agility)</u>

The following titles may be used after the name of the dog on Show entries and in catalogues.

<u>Bronze</u>	<u>AW(B)</u>
<u>Silver</u>	<u>AW(S)</u>
<u>Gold</u>	<u>AW(G)</u>

Points will be awarded as follows:

Standard agility classes

(clear rounds only)

1 st place	20 points
2 nd place	19 points
3 rd place	18 points
4 th place	17 points
5 th place	16 points
6 th place	15 points
7 th place	14 points
8 th place	13 points
9 th place	12 points
10 th place	11 points

Standard Jumping Classes

(Clear rounds only)

1 st place	10 points
2 nd place	9 points
3 rd place	8 points
4 th place	7 points
5 th place	6 points
6 th place	5 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 points
9 th place	2 points
10 th place	1 point

Points will also be awarded for clear rounds within the course time as follows:

Standard Agility Classes 2 points

Standard Jumping Classes 1 point

Where less than 10 places are awarded in any class, a competitor obtaining a clear round not in the places, will be awarded the points applicable for a clear round in that class, i.e. 2 points for an agility class and 1 point for a jumping class.

(Amendments underlined)