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HERDING WORKING TEST

“FCI-HWT”

- Collecting Style -

for Border Collie and Kelpie exclusively



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The test is carried out to evaluate the qualities of the dogs such as herding aptitude, obedience, initiative and gentleness. The test shall promote the selection for breeding of dogs which are used for herding. It should help understand how to train the dogs. It reflects “**collecting style**”.

Generalities:

a) The test is open to Border Collies and Kelpies of at least one year old. Monorchid, cryptorchid and sick dogs are not allowed to compete. Bitches in season must be kept apart and will run last.

b) The flock is to consist of minimum 10 sheep and must be changed after each test. They should be selected in such a way that each competitor shall work with sheep of equal quality. Preferably, the sheep used for the trials shall all come from the same flock and be similar in type.

The sheep shall be well dogged and in good health. Lambs should be weaned.

The organizing committee should make sure to have sufficient sheep in order that each lot of sheep should not be stressed and should not be used more than necessary.

Behaviour Test: at the beginning of the first part of each test the judge, who must be recognized by the national canine organisation of his country, has to evaluate the behaviour of the dog. Part of the test is to control the tattoo number or the micro-chip. The dog’s behaviour towards strangers has to be considered: it must be natural, lively, neither shy, nor aggressive. A slightly reserved behaviour is accepted.

The test can be organized under the authority of the national canine organization with their national sheepdog working group. The test can only be judged by qualified judges.

Exit from a pen (the handler is allowed to help)	10 points
Drive together (handler in front of the sheep, dog behind the sheep) with 3 changes of direction, on approximately 200 m	10 points
Outrun (Gathering) not less than 75 meters outrun, showing a good curb	20 points
Lift (Cautious approach and careful lift)	10 points
Fetch (Straight and quiet fetch)	20 points
Drive away to a specified direction for a distance of not less than 25m	10 points
Penning (the handler is allowed to help).	10 points
Style and Behaviour:	10 points

The dog has to operate in a way which is proper to its breed.

The dog will behave properly towards people and sheep.

Vicious gripping results in disqualification.

TOTAL: 100 points

- Pass Mark is 60 % -

The results must be noted in the dog’s scorebook or any equivalent document (e.g.: Herding Working Test Certificate).

QUALIFICATION:

>= 90 points	EXCELLENT (EXC)
>= 80 - < 90 points	VERY GOOD (VG)
>= 70 - < 80 points	GOOD (G)
>= 60 - < 70 points	SUFFICIENT (SUF)
< 60 points	INSUFFICIENT

>= means “**higher than or equal to**”

< means “**lower than**”

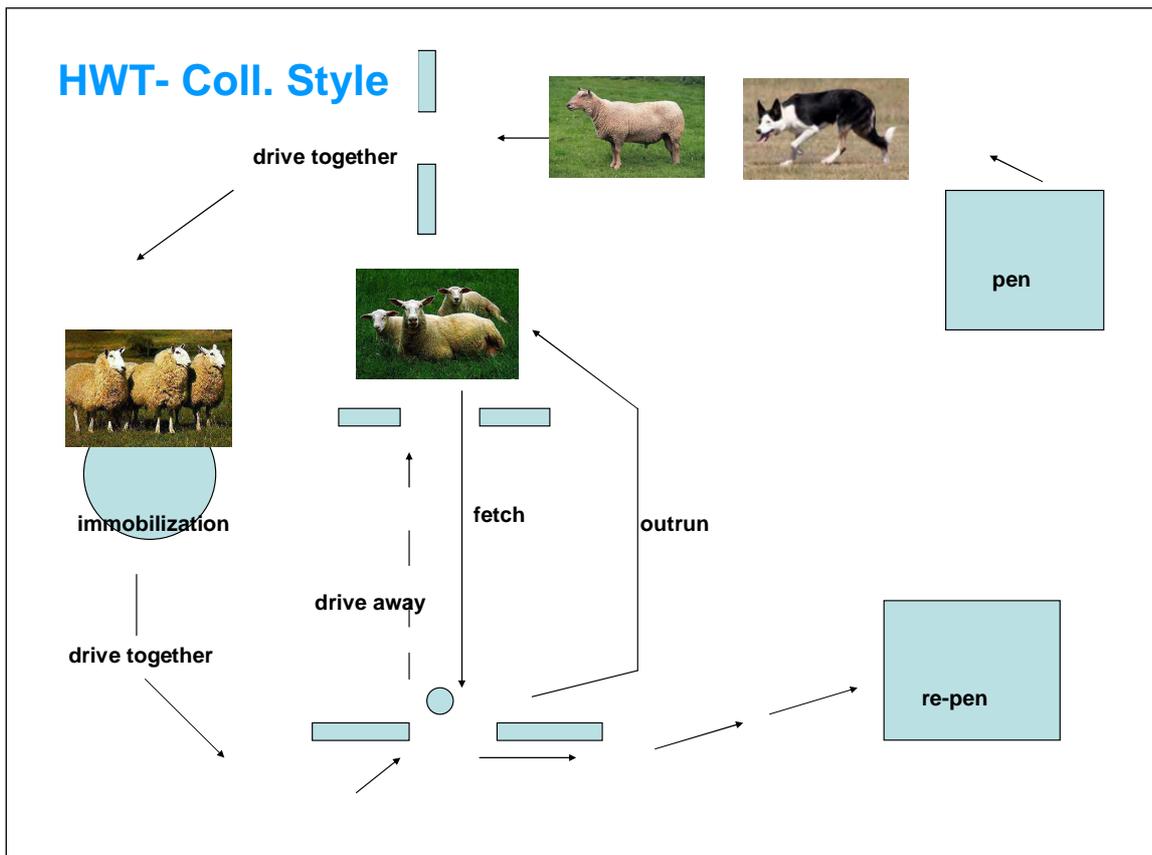
Each country will issue a “Herding Working Test Certificate”.

This "FCI Herding Working Test" must be recognized by all FCI members and contract partners.

This “FCI Herding Working Test Certificate” qualifies a dog for the title of International Beauty Champion.

Dogs that have passed the HWT are allowed to compete in the "working class" at FCI international shows.

EXERCISES



The English text is the authentic one.

A 5-year transition period, starting from June 1st, 2008 until December 31st, 2013, is given to all dogs having already taken part in national or ISDS Herding tests. The results obtained by these dogs in those trials make them eligible to take part in the FCI International Herding Tests (Collecting Style), in addition to the FCI Herding Working Test (Collecting Style).

These regulations were approved by the FCI General Committee at the meeting in Berlin, on October 31st, 2007. They become effective from June 1st, 2008.

The text in bold and italic character has been approved by the FCI General Committee in Madrid on April 1st 2008.