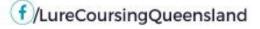
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#### WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

\*July Results \*New members

\*July Photos—By Luke Redman \*Recognizing the Purebred Dog for the Purpose of Lure Coursing

CHRISTOPHER, Rebecca	Vincent and Nug- gett
GORINCU & DEVAUS, Sasha & Toby	Pumpkin
HYNAN, Robyn	Noni
MCALISTER, Tania	Baby
PURBRICK-JILEK, Sally	Pepper and Jazz

NEW MEMBERS

#### PURSUIT CONTENTS

2024 Race dates Safety Reminders July results Cupcakes for sale at meeting Club Merchandise New members Sponsors

### **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

We now have new and improved club shirts available for purchase for \$40 each! Please see the sign in desk to purchase one.



We are in the process of finding jackets (for winter), as well as other forms of merchandise. If you have any suggestions for merchandise, please see Heather at the sign in desk.

#### Member contributions to The Pursuit are always welcome.

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# **QLCA Lure Coursing Dates 2024**

Dates to be confirmed



Venue to be confirmed as QLCA will have the choice of 2 grounds in 2024



- 3 February 2nd round of the Summer cup plus normal meeting (evening meeting) To be comfirmed
- 3 March Field Trial
- 7 April Field Trial
- 20April 100m sprint,( Capalaba Greyhound track)
- 19 May Field Trial
- 9 June Field Trial
- 7 July Field Trial
- **20** July 100m Sprint, (Capalaba Greyhound track)
- 11 August Field Trial. Normal meeting incorporating Hope Island cup, invitational events
- 8 September Field Trial. Normal meeting with Joshua cup and Storm in a cup
- 13 October Field Trial
- 2 November Field Trial (Night meeting)
- 7 December 1st round of Summer cup (Night meeting)



# Invitation Events held in August and September

**Hope Island Cup**: This is an endurance event for sight hounds. Dogs were required to run twice over a course of at least 550 metres with a ten-minute break between runs.

Shanett Trophy: This endurance event is for all registered breeds other than sight hounds

Rouge et Noir Cup: This endurance event is for all Unregistered and Mixed Breed dogs.

Fun is a Terrier Trophy: This endurance event is for all Terriers.

The Hope Island Cup event was introduced when the majority of dogs were sight hounds. Its purpose was to give sight hounds an event which would really test their stamina, as these hounds are expected to be able to hunt over great distances. A normal lure coursing day does not really challenge their staying power. As more and more breeds joined the club, it was decided that these dogs should also be given the opportunity to compete, so the additional events were introduced.

**Eligibility** To be eligible for these events, dogs must attend three of the six qualifying meetings. A dog must have a minimum score of 150 in each of the qualifying meetings. The top three qualifying dogs (on the top three scores) are invited to compete with the next two qualifying dogs being invited as reserves.

On the day of the event, all dogs entered are checked by a vet before and after the first run and again after the second run. The vet may withdraw a dog from the event at any time if it does not recover well following either run or it appears to be stressed. Three judges score each dog and the dog with the top aggregate score in each section is the winner.





There are to be **NO** children under the age of 16 in charge of handling dogs

Be mindful of the rope whilst on the course

Be aware of electrical cords and hoses across the grounds

Wear closed in shoes only, NO thongs, NO crocks, NO sandals

Don't stand around the gate unless your group has been called and you are the next entry

Once your dog has finished its race, exit through the designated exit gate, **NOT** the entry gate

Watch for ants and other biting insects

Keep your dogs on a short leash, and away from other dogs, especially dogs with a <u>YELLOW</u> ribbon or leash

NO extension leads/flexi leads

We recommend you crate your dog/s and ensure they are not left unsupervised whilst waiting their turn

Please be aware that a **10kmph speed limit** applies in the shared car park area.

Please keep your dogs race number on you at all times!



#### Recognizing the Purebred Dog for the Purpose of Lure Coursing

When the QLCA started over 35 + years ago the only way of separating out the pedigree dogs from the non-pedigree dogs was with an ANKC pedigree certificate. Those dogs with the certificate became known as **Pegistered dogs** and these without **Upregistered dogs**. We still use this classification today. However, the dog world

**Registered dogs** and those without, **Unregistered dogs**. We still use this classification today. However, the dog world has not remained static and things have changed since the first days of lure coursing.

For example:

- There are more lure coursing clubs
- Dogs need to be identified by microchip
- Local Councils, State Governments recognize breeders outside the ANKC system by registering Breeder Identification Numbers
- The Master Dog Breeders Association issues pedigree papers based on DNA verification for puppies registered with its organization
- Non-papered purebred dogs from breed rescue groups and animal welfare organizations enter our competitions in greater numbers than in the early days of our club
- There are many private organizations that now offer DNA services to dog owners

In recognition of the changes, the QLCA members voted at an Annual General Meeting a few years ago to accept Master Dog Breeders Association pedigrees providing they were backed by a DNA certificate.

At the same time, the members agreed that a DNA certificate that clarified the breed should also be accepted in order to classify a dog as purebred and have it included with the pedigree dogs of its breed.

Currently, there are a number of dogs in the Unregistered section that may qualify to run in the breed group. E.g. rescued Ridgebacks, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Whippets, Boston Terriers, Boxers..need I go on?

It only seems right that these dogs are given the opportunity to be recognized and be able to compete for the breed trophies alongside their brothers and sisters.

The question that arose from the landmark AGM was, " what percentage of

foundation breed DNA is required to regard a dog as purebred?", given that

most of our modern pedigreed dogs were made from other breeds to begin with.

After many hours or research into this subject, it appears that genetics works in the same way, irrespective of whether an organism is a plant or animal.

The Darwin Ark Organisation which specialises in dog ancestry states the following, "The Breeders Association ruled the percentage of full blood genetics required for an animal to be considered purebred is usually above 87.5%."

The Canadian Breeds Association herdbook registry states, "An animal must have at least 87.5% of its DNA from the foundation breed, or from other animals deemed as purebreds to be identified as purebred."

Wikipedia. "Purebred are those animals that have been bred up to purebred status as a result of using full blood animals to cross with an animal of an other breed. The Breeders Association rules the percentage of full blood genetics for an animal to be considered purebred, is usually above 87.5%."



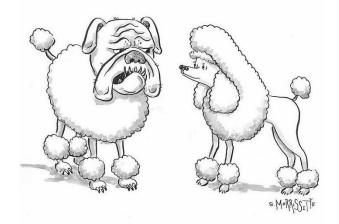




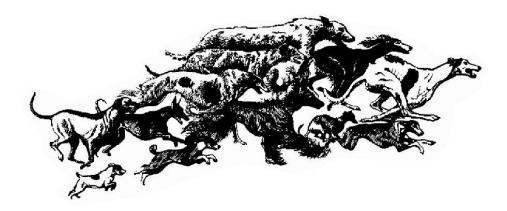


The QLCA as per carried motion at an AGM, will now recognise a Pure bred dog without pedigree papers as a pure bred dog if that dog has done a DNA test with a result of 87.5% or above from the foundation breed.

This will only be for QLCA Lure coursing events and only for club members.



"NUIDEA. I'M DOING A DNA TEST."





















# Cupcakes and hot drinks for sale

By the sign in shed.

All proceeds go to charity

\$5 Coffee/Tea/ Hot Chocolate with cupcake

\$4 Cupcake

\$2 Coffee/ Tea/ Hot chocolate.







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# QUEENSLAND LURE COURSING ASSOCIATION INC

# APPLICATION FOR TITLE CERTIFICATE

APPLICATION FOR:	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Dog Breed/Group	
Call name:	
CCC Registered Name:	
CCC Registration No:	
Date of Birth:	
Qualifying Meets:	
Date	Score
	Application form to: Point Scorer, QLCA Inc, D Box 366, Underwood Qld 4119 \$10.00 payable by Eftpos, cash or direct debit

To qualify for titles, dogs must have obtained the appropriate gradings and scores application to each title. Title certificates are presented at the end of Year trophy presentation event.



- MEMBERS \$11 per dog (for the first 2 dogs) \$8 for each additional dog \$15 late entry fee (no certificate for late entries)
- NON MEMBERS \$15.00 per dog (Non members are allowed 2 runs then they must join as a member of the QLCA)
- FIRST TIMERS & \$3.00 per dog (Puppies must be between 6 and 12 months of age to participate)
- SUMMER CUP \$ 5.00 per dog
- TITLE FEES \$10 all titles



If you are NOT a Financial Member for the full year, points that your dog/s gain will not count towards yearly awards.

Proof of Pedigree is required for your dog to run in its correct group – otherwise your dog will run in the Unregistered group.



# **Bitches in Season Reminder**

Bitches in season are NOT TO BE COURSED during their season and from six weeks from the onset of their season – for the bitch's welfare.

# Dog safety first !

For safety reasons, the only dogs and handlers permitted within three metres of the assembly area are those participating and about to enter the grounds to run their dog. Please leave through the exit gate, and keep the area around the gates clear for safety reasons. We thank you for your cooperation.

### For safety reasons the Racing Secretary's table is also a <u>DOG FREE ZONE</u>.

# Your Dog Is An Athlete

And just like an athlete, your dog needs to be warmed up before competition and cooled down afterwards if soreness and injury are to be avoided.

#### **BEFORE RACING YOUR DOG:**

WARM up your dog. Walk the dog at a brisk pace for several minutes to warm their muscles up, and then gentle stretching which can greatly benefit your dog by helping to prevent muscle soreness and injury. Always stretch according to the natural range of motion of body part. DO NOT take your dog straight from being constrained to run a course! Always toilet dogs prior to running.

#### AFTER RACING YOUR DOG:

COOL your dog – walk the dog for a few minutes to cool naturally. You can then wet or hose down legs and belly where the large blood vessels are near the surface.

#### **HEAT STRESS:**

If your dog becomes restless, distressed, wobbly on its feet with excessive panting, it may be showing signs of heat stress. This is a serious situation and needs to be treated. The dog needs to be cooled down and monitored. **Please seek assistance at the Racing Secretary's desk immediately.** 

#### WATER:

AFTER running, allow your dog a small drink of water and another drink later once the dog has cooled down.

#### DO NOT FEED YOUR DOG:

DO not feed your dog on the morning of the race day – it can lead to stomach cramps and can be dangerous.

### Please Note:

Covered shoes MUST be worn on the field at all times.

Please ensure you pick up your dogs poop to keep our grounds clean! Poo bags are available at the registration desk.



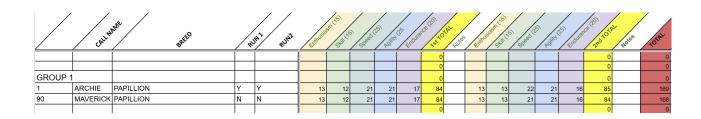
# DOG BREED GROUPS

Group 1 (Toys) Affenpinscher Australian Silky Terrier **Bichon Frise Biewer Terrier Bolognese Cavalier King Charles Spaniel** Chihuahua (Long Coat) Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) Chinese Crested Dog Coton De Tulear English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan) Griffon Bruxellois Havanese Japanese Chin **King Charles Spaniel** Lowchen (Little Lion Dog) Maltese **Miniature Pinscher** Papillon Pekingese Pomeranian **Prague Ratter** Pug Russian Toy (Long Haired) Russian Toy (Smooth Haired) **Tibetan Spaniel** Yorkshire Terrier









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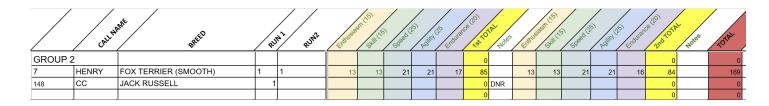


# Group 2 (Terriers)

Airedale Terrier American Hairless Terrier American Staffordshire Terrier Australian Terrier **Bedlington Terrier** Border Terrier Bull Terrier Bull Terrier (Miniature) **Cairn Terrier Cesky Terrier** Dandie Dinmont Terrier Fox Terrier (Smooth) Fox Terrier (Wire) German Hunting Terrier Glen Of Imaal Terrier **Irish Terrier** Jack Russell Terrier Kerry Blue Terrier Lakeland Terrier Manchester Terrier Norfolk Terrier **Norwich Terrier** Parson Russell Terrier Scottish Terrier Sealyham Terrier Skye Terrier Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Staffordshire Bull Terrier **Tenterfield Terrier** Welsh Terrier West Highland White Terrier











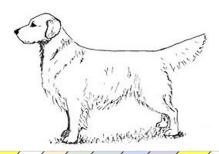






# Group 3 (Gundogs)

Bracco Italiano Brittany Chesapeake Bay Retriever **Clumber Spaniel Cocker Spaniel** Cocker Spaniel (American) Curly Coated Retriever English Setter **English Springer Spaniel Field Spaniel** Flat Coated Retriever German Shorthaired Pointer **German Wirehaired Pointer Golden Retriever** Gordon Setter Hungarian Vizsla Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Irish Red and White Setter Irish Setter Irish Water Spaniel **Italian Spinone** Labrador Retriever Lagotto Romagnolo Large Munsterlander **Murray River Retriever** Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Pointer Spanish Water Dog Sussex Spaniel Weimaraner Weimaraner (Longhair) Welsh Springer Spaniel Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer



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171	LEON	GOLDEN RETRIEVER	1	1	13	11	19	19	17	79		13	12	21	21	16	83		162	
247	JERRY	ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL	1	1	13	13	21	21	17	85		14	14	22	22	17	89		174	
264	DHAK'KIN	ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL	1	1	13	13	21	20	17	84		13	12	20	20	16	81		165	
265	LOUIE	COCKER SPANIEL	1	1	13	12	21	20	17	83		14	14	21	22	17	88		171	
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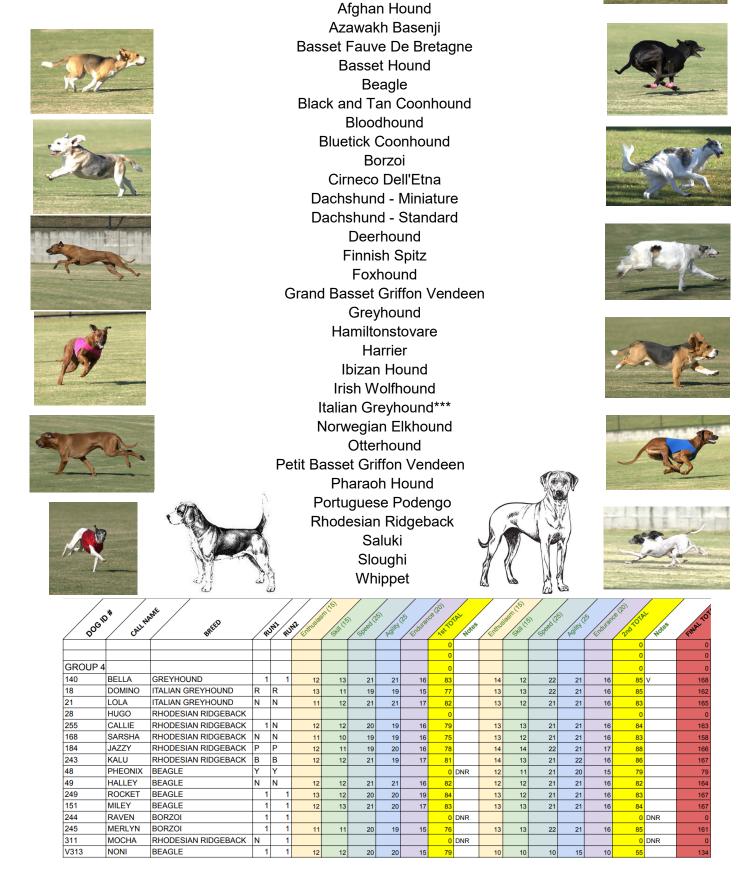






\*\*\* For the purpose of Lure Coursing, Italian Greyhounds are in Group 4

# Group 4 (Hounds)





# Group 5 (Working)

Australian Cattle Dog Australian Kelpie Australian Shepherd Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog **Bearded Collie** Beauceron (Berger de Beauce) **Belgian Shepherd Dog** (Groenendael, Tervueren, Laekenois, Malinois) Bergamasco Shepherd Dog **Border Collie Bouvier Des Flandres** Briard Collie (Rough) Collie (Smooth) **Dutch Shepherd Dog Finnish Lapphund** German Shepherd Dog German Shepherd Dog (Long Stock Coat) Icelandic Sheepdog Komondor Kuvasz Maremma Sheepdog Miniature American Shepherd Norwegian Buhund Old English Sheepdog Polish Lowland Sheepdog Puli Pumi Pyrenean Sheepdog Longhaired Shetland Sheepdog Swedish Lapphund Swedish Vallhund Tatra Shepherd Dog Welsh Corgi (Cardigan) Welsh Corgi (Pembroke) White Swiss Shepherd Dog







# DOG BREED GROUPS

# Group 6 (Utility)

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# DOG BREED GROUPS











# Group 7 (Non Sporting)

#### \*\*Runs in Group 2 for QLCA Lure Coursing

Australasian Bosdog \*\*Boston Terrier **British Bulldog** Canaan Dog Chow Chow Dalmatian Eurasier French Bulldog German Spitz (Mittel & Klein) Great Dane Japanese Spitz Karelian Bear Dog Keeshond Lhasa Apso Peruvian Hairless Dog (Large) Peruvian Hairless Dog (Medium) Peruvian Hairless Dog (Small) Poodle (Standard) Poodle (Miniature) Poodle (Toy) Schipperke Shar Pei Shih Tzu **Tibetan Terrier Xoloitzcuintle** 



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187	CODA	ROUGH COLLIE	1	1						50		11	11	15	15	12	64		114
262	DIESEL	BORDER COLLIE X KELPIE	1	1	13	12	22	21	17	85		14	13	22	22	16	87		172
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130	SUMMER	KELPIE X STAFFY	1	1	14	13	22	22	17	88		14	13	22	22	17	88		176
274	TONTO	CATTLE DOG X	1	1	13	13	21	20	17	84		14	13	21	21	17	86		170
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Meet some of our Puppies / First timers







































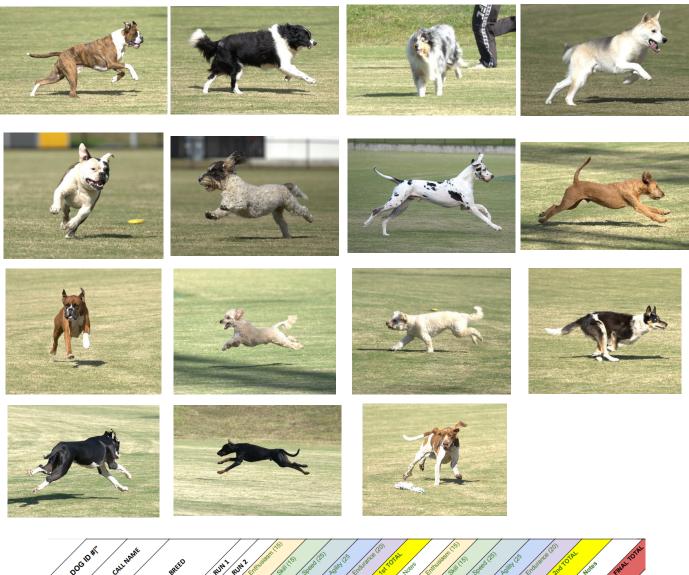








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N8	TARTAN	BOXER	1	1	13	12	21	20	17	83		13	13	21	21	16	84		167
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N11	PEPPER	BORDER COLLIE X	1	1	13	12	20	20	17	82		12	12	20	20	15	79		161
N16	ZODIAC	GREAT DANE	1	1						0	DNR	10	10	15	15	15	65		65
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N18	JETT	SIBERIAN HUSKY X SW	1	1	12	12	20	20	17	81		13	13	21	21	16	84		165
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N29	LARRY	BEAGLE								0							0		0



### Volunteers Please?!

Help to lay the course out and set up the judges' shelter.

Learn to be a Gate Steward, Huntsmaster, or Lure Controller – any of the Committee members will show you what to do. The more help we have the smoother the day will run. Even if you can only help for half an hour – it will be greatly appreciated, and you will certainly

see and learn a great deal! On race days, presentation doesn't start until <u>all equipment is packed away</u>. So the more hands to help, the sooner the day's scores are announced.

# **Field Position Descriptions:**

#### CHIEF STEWARD - ROLE AND FUNCTIONS.

#### Role:

- To record the runs of each dog that courses on the day.
- To control movement of dogs onto the coursing field.
- To control the efficient running of the event by ensuring that the next dog is ready to go as soon as the dog from the previous run is back on leash. It is not necessary to wait for the previous dog to leave the field as this can slow down the overall day's events.

#### Functions:

- Calls, by breed, the dogs due to run and advises owners of other breeds to get their dogs ready.
- · Marks off each dog as it runs.
  - If a dog is absent, this is recorded.
  - If a dog does not run the 2<sup>nd</sup> course of the day, this is recorded
- Sends out the next dog as soon as the dog on the field has completed its run and is back on a leash.
- Notifies the judge of each breed change and of the number of the dog that is about to run.
  - The judge is notified of which dog has an identifying collar or colour when several dogs are coursing together.
  - The judge is notified if a dog is being run as a pacer for a new or novice dog.
- The Chief Steward has the authority to permit a dog to run out of breed order under extenuating circumstances:
  - Owner has a valid reason for arriving late or leaving early.
- Organises the running of the Invitation events with dogs run in batches to enable vetting between runs and the commencement of the second runs within the 10 minute timeframe.
  - Hands the vetting card to the handler on the completion of each run, noting the time when the dog is to return for its vet check.
  - Notifies the judges if any dog is withdrawn by the Vet.



#### HUNTSMASTER - ROLE AND FUNCTIONS.

Role:

- To control the start of each course.
- To check that the dog is properly restrained and can be released safely.
- To check that the judges, lure operator and handler are all ready for the start of the run.
- To give the order for the dog to be released after the lure.
- Along with the judges, can order the lure driver to stop the lure if the dog appears to be caught in the lure rope or if the dog appears to be injured, until it gets caught.

The Huntsmaster has an important role in ensuring the safety of the dog and handler. As the lure passes, the dog exerts a great deal of pressure on the lead and the handler as it tries to get away to chase the lure. If the handler does not have the dog prepared safely for the release, both handler and dog could be injured. The handler can be knocked over and even dragged by one of the large strong breeds of dogs. The collar and lead must clear the dog so as not to tangle or strike the dog as it pulls free on the release.

If during the running of the course, the dog catches and stops the lure, the Huntsmaster must ensure that the dog is clear of the lure before re-starting the course.

#### Starting to course:

Checking collars and leads:

- Check that all collars have been removed.
- Check that buckles are clear of the dog.
- Check that the handler is standing on the loose end of the lead so that it will not whip out and catch on the dog.
- If a slip lead is used, check that it is threaded correctly so that the collar pulls free as the dog starts to run.
- Do not stand too close or in front of the dog.
- Ask on radio if judge is ready
- Ask handler if dog is ready
- Tell lure driver that dog and judge are ready
- Call go for dog to be released when the lure has passed the dog and is at the distance most suitable for that particular breed of dog.
  - · Fast dogs need the lure to be approximately 5 metres ahead of them
  - Slower dogs and dogs who easily become unsighted need to be released sooner approximately 1 – 2 metres ahead of them.

#### Completing the course:

- · If necessary, assist handler to catch the dog.
- Once the dog is back on lead, advise the handler to leave the field as quickly as possible through the exit gate.

#### LURE DRIVER - ROLE AND FUNCTIONS.

#### Role:

- Without a lure driver, there cannot be any coursing.
- To plan the course layout for the day's lure coursing.
- To drive the lure around the course for the dogs to follow.

#### Functions:

- Sets out the course with pulleys and cord. This must include:
  - estimating the distance of the course.
  - angles of direction changes are not too sharp.
  - checks the condition of the ground to reduce risk of injury to the dogs.
- Sets up the bike.
  - Set the tension of the cord so that it will run smoothly but not break from too much tension.
- Drives the lure when the dog is ready to run as signalled by the huntsmaster.
- the driver needs to be aware of the running style of different breeds of dogs.
- The lure needs to be kept in a position ahead of the dog but still within that particular breed's sighting ability. Some dogs will become unsighted and loose the lure if it is too far ahead. Other dogs such as the sighthounds will catch the lure if it is not far enough ahead.
- Stops the lure immediately the dog appears to be caught in the cord or if the dog appears to be injured.

The position of lure driver requires training from Ian Smith. The prospective driver must learn how to prepare the bike and the pulleys and how to set out the course. There must be an awareness of the way that different breeds course and how to manage the speed and distance of the lure to suit different breeds and dogs. This takes time to learn but Ian is only too willing to teach interested members.







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