



## A Guide For Judges

To gain a qualifying score a dog must gain 45 points.

The easiest way for the dog to qualify is to ensure that in each section the dog scores a minimum of 15 points out of a possible 20 points in each section.

### **What the judge should be looking for:**

#### **Dances With Dogs Heelwork to music**

Before scoring on the sheet watch the routine and ask yourself should this routine qualify?

- Did the dog and handler work as a team?
- Did they perform at least 60% heelwork moves?
- Does the dog stay with the handler?
- Did the pair use the ring?
- Did the dog and handler change tempo with the music?
- Did they show quality of moves?

Whilst the performance is occurring have a separate sheet on which you can write for example errors made, minimal barking could have used ring more, occasionally sniffed.

If you have still answered “yes” this dog should qualify. Record your marks onto the sheet using your comments to determine a score. Marking in 10ths will allow variation in marks but use the guide of 15 points in each section if you want the dog to qualify.

Regardless of how brilliant a dog and handler performs if it does not comply with the 60% heelwork moves it cannot qualify in this section.

#### **Dances With Dogs Freestyle**

Before scoring on the sheet watch the routine and ask yourself should this routine qualify?

Freestyle uses the same guide as for Heelwork to Music, however, during the Freestyle routine you are now looking for more independent moves from the dog. Heelwork may be used to link the moves.

- Did the dog and handler work together?
- Did the pair use the ring?
- Did the dog and handler change tempo with the music?
- Did the dog perform a variety of moves?

Whilst the performance is occurring have a separate sheet on which you can write for example errors made, minimal barking, could have used ring more, occasionally sniffed. If you have still answered “yes” this dog should qualify. Record your marks onto the sheet using your comments to determine a score. Marking in 10ths will allow variation in marks but use the guide of 15 points in each section if you want the dog to qualify.