**Draught Test 28th May 2017, Ilketshall St Margaret, Suffolk**

**Test Manager’s Report**

It was a warm, humid test day in East Anglia and we were lucky that the forecast downpour didn’t materialise! We were thankful that Chris and Glenys Abbott were available to judge for us again, with a good number of entries for Puppy, Level 1 and Level 2 and it was also lovely to welcome members travelling from other working groups on the day.

The tests got off to a good start with our judges asking everyone to relax and enjoy themselves and approach the tests like a normal training session, which set the scene for a calm day, with very little evidence of nerves. Congratulations to everyone that entered, even those who were not quite ready, or whose dogs were having an “off day”! All the dogs worked really well and the frequent cheers for each pass could be heard across the meadow in the sleepy Suffolk village. Throughout the day good use was made of the shady rest areas and cool-coats to make sure that the dogs were kept comfortable (with many of them taking the opportunity to catch up with their sleep) and the Level 2 haul through the churchyard under the trees was a success.

As always, these events cannot be held without the contributions of the hosting group and in particular the stewards, Lyn Crooks, Kevin Thompson and Julie Shepherd and our referee Helen Matthews, without whose organisation skills and support we would struggle. And finally, a big thank you to the bakers and chefs for providing the generous catering as always with a range of sweet and savoury snacks through the day and finishing off with a well-earned barbeque. Thank you to you all for helping to make the day a great success.

Jane Waring

Test Manager

Leonberger Club of GB Draught Tests, Puppy Introduction

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I had the pleasure of judging the only entrant in Puppy with my co judge Lyn Crooks, who has only recently joined the LCGB judges List.

Our 8 month puppy entrant, demonstrated a superb control round, one that many older entrants could aspire to. I look forward to seeing this team progress through the levels over the following years. Well done.

Helen Matthews

Judge

**JUDGES REPORT.**

**LEONBERGER CLUB OF GB DRAUGHT TESTS, SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2017**

**THE VILLAGE HALL, LOW STREET, ILKETSHALL ST MARGARET, BUNGAY, SUFFOLK**

 **It was our pleasure to be asked to Judge levels 1 and 2 of the recent Carting Tests which were held at the village hall in Ilketshall**

**On the day we had the following entries**

**1 Puppy**

**1 level 1 Brace**

**5 level 1**

**3 level 2**

**We had total of five dogs to judge at level 1 and one brace at level 1. In level 2 we had 3 entries, in addition all the single level 1 entrants passed and four were invited to take level 2, unfortunately** **one dog was not quite ready on the day for a level 2, All the dogs that entered into level 2 passed**

**Weather was sunny and hot, although it was hot, the dogs and handlers worked very well in the sunny conditions, and the tests went very well. It was also our privilege to work with some new junior judges at level one,**

**Level 1**

**The participants of levels 1 showed good control at all times with not too much lead work, which was nice to see at these levels.**

**Level 2**

**During level 2 the control element was on par with level one. In the manoeuvre section, the participants mostly showed a lot of competence and control. The haul section was a joy to see, all the dogs and handlers worked well as a team, well done everyone.**

**I would like to say a big thank you to our stewards for the day, without you the tests wouldn’t have gone so smoothly,**

 **We very much enjoyed judging these test and look forward to seeing the dogs compete at the higher levels in the future.

Chris & Glenys Abbott
Judges**