

## **BECOMING A MEASURER.**

The measuring of dogs for agility is a very important task that needs to be carried out with precision, sensitivity and impartiality. The Agility Committee has adopted a protocol on the measuring of dogs (P1002A). Two measurers are required for each official measurement of a dog, a Main measurer and an Assistant. The roles of each are outlined in the protocol on the measuring of dogs.

This outlines the process of becoming a measurer. Application will be considered on an individual basis and preference will be given to applicants from areas where there is more need.

### **The process.**

1. Complete Part one of Application form and send the information to the Agility Committee. A list of approved measurers is available on the website and you should liaise with them to organise measuring sessions.
2. Complete Part two
  - a. Attend two practical sessions, which are verified on the application form. This may be in a real or simulated session. During the practical session an approved measurer will discuss operation of the stick, ideal environment for measuring dogs, the correct stance, correct procedure for measuring, the administration of measuring and the regulations that relate to measuring. During this time the applicant should also be given the opportunity to touch the correct place on the dog's back for placement of the measuring stick.
  - b. Pass a short oral test on the measuring protocols and any regulations applicable to dog heights and measuring. This is to ensure the applicant has read the documents "2011 getting dog ready to be measured for agility" and the "P1002.A Measuring of Dogs Protocol Oct 2011"
  - c. Assist with the measuring of at least 10 dogs at one or more measuring sessions with approved measurers. The number of dogs measured and the dates of the measuring sessions are verified on the application form. This can be either in a real or a simulated measuring situation. Dogs used may have already been measured, be too young to be measured, be Club member's dogs, or even the measurer's dogs. In a real situation there will also be a Main and assistant measurer present. In a simulated session only one Approved measurer needs to be present.
3. Once these criteria have been met, send your application to become an assistant measurer to the Agility Committee. Once this is approved you may assist with measuring dogs.
4. Once a further 10 dogs have been measured in real measuring situations you may apply to the Agility Committee to become a Main measurer.
5. The Agility Committee reserves the right to seek opinions of the Main measurers that have attended the sessions, and also to distribute measuring sticks and therefore appoint Main measurers and assistant measurers depending on need in an area.