**Donkey Breed Society**

**Training your donkey to long rein.**

The levels of long reining tests are designed to demonstrate progression in the training of your donkey in long reining. Candidates are expected to use donkeys that they themselves have trained to long rein. The tests may be undertaken with a single donkey or donkey pair.

For all levels, candidates should select appropriate tack for the level of training of the donkey and be able to explain their reasons for choosing that particular combination of tack.

**Level 1**

Demonstrate safe tacking up and appropriate attachment of long reins.

Demonstrate how to safely gather the reins and secure to the roller.

Demonstrate walk on from halt

Demonstrate a walk to halt transition

Demonstrate long reining in walk through a series of cones showing accurate left and right turns, good communication with the donkey and accurate positioning of the donkey.

**Level 2**

Demonstrate walk to trot and trot to walk transitions. Transitions should be prompt, smooth and balanced.

Demonstrate trot on a straight line (transitions should be prompt and trot steady and straight)

Demonstrate halt and immobility for 5 seconds followed by prompt walk on

Demonstrate turning left and right in trot through a series of cones showing accurate left and right turns, good communication with the donkey and accurate positioning of the donkey. Handler to follow track of donkey.

**Level 3**

Demonstrate a figure of 8: donkey to trot a 10 metre circle to the right followed by a 10 metre circle to the left at walk (during these movements the handler should follow the donkey’s path).

Demonstrate a 4 loop serpentine of 5 metre radius in walk. Cones may be used. Handler to follow the track of the donkey.

Demonstrate halt and immobility for 10 seconds followed by 4 steps of rein back without tension in the donkey followed by 4 steps of walk forward to halt. All transitions should be prompt, smooth and balanced.

**Level 4**

Demonstrate weaving left and right in trot through a series of 5 cones showing accurate left and right turns whilst handler stays in a straight line to one side of the cones.

Demonstrate a 4 loop serpentine of 5 metre radius in trot. Handler to follow in a straight line as the donkey moves left and right.

Demonstrate halt to trot to halt transitions. All transitions should be prompt, smooth and balanced.

Demonstrate canter in a straight line.

**Level 5**

Demonstrate lateral flexion (shoulder fore) on both reins along the side of the arena.

Demonstrate shoulder in on both reins along the side of the arena

Demonstrate haunches in on both reins along the sides of the arena