

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DONKEY CLASSES

The following five basic Breed In-Hand Showing Classes are suggested to cover the whole range of sex and age groups and to provide the maximum appeal to exhibitors.

All Donkey Classes are open to all donkeys.

The classes listed on this page are the only classes, or their sub divisions, which qualify for the Championship.

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| (A) | STALLION | 4 years old and over |
| (B) | GELDING | 4 years old and over |
| (C) | MARE
and/or BROOD MARE WITH OWN FOAL* AT FOOT | 4 years old and over
5 years and over |
| (D) | COLT or GELDING | 2/3 years old |
| (E) | FILLY | 2/3 years old |
| (F) | COLT, FILLY OR GELDING | yearling |

If there are insufficient entries, Classes (A) and (B) may be amalgamated; and Classes (D), (E) and (F) may be amalgamated, although it is suggested that youngstock should be split into Colts & Geldings and Fillies.

* Foals to be six weeks old or over on day of show; foals to be the progeny of parents who were at least four years of age at conception

CHAMPIONSHIP

For the 1st and 2nd prize winners from each of the above classes.
The Championship should follow immediately after these classes.

A foal is only eligible for a Foal Championship.

The DBS Secretary or Shows Coordinator will be pleased to assist shows if they wish to consider additional classes. It is of great help in obtaining maximum entries if each exhibit is eligible for at least two classes and the classes listed on following page are recommended for consideration.

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- (1) **BEST CONDITIONED & TURNED OUT** any age/sex; it is suggested this is the first class of the day; to be judged 75% condition, 25% turnout; conformation must not be taken into account; juniors class may be ridden
- (2) **DRIVING CLASSES** (see Rule 5(n))
(a) **OPEN DRIVING** may be divided into :
(i) **PRIVATE** and (ii) **EXERCISE/TRADE**
(b) **BEST WHIP** this class should be judged entirely on the ability to drive correctly in the traditional manner to any safe vehicle, whether traditional, exercise or trade
(c) **NOVICE DRIVING**
(d) **LONG REINING**
(e) **RIDE & DRIVE**
(f) **WORKING DONKEY** this class is for turnouts that would not be considered eligible for Private Driving or Exercise/Trade Vehicle classes; donkeys not to be longreined; donkeys should be either carrying a load or in draught, ie carrying panniers/pack saddle, pulling log, sleigh, flatcart, tipcart etc, driven from the ground; donkeys should be properly loaded commensurate with the activity they are demonstrating and should show suitability for that task
- (3) **YOUNG HANDLER** (see Rule 5(m))
- (4) **RIDDEN DONKEY** on or off leading rein; rider minimum age 3 years see Rule 5(l)
- (5) **PET DONKEY** no entires; no restriction on number of donkeys owned; this class to be judged entirely on the suitability of the donkey as a family pet and not as a Handy Donkey; conformation shall not in any circumstances be taken into account; donkey may be shown in hand or ridden
- (6) **MATCHING PAIRS** two handlers; to be judged on similarity of type, colour, conformation and movement; foals not eligible
- (7) **NEWCOMERS** for novice exhibitors; handlers not to have won in an Open Class up to closing date of entry; to be judged 100% handler
- (8) **VETERAN** for donkeys of 20 years and over
- (9) **HANDY DONKEY** timed obstacle course (further details from DBS Secretary)
- (10) **MINIATURE DONKEY** if class split, ages to be in line with those for standard donkeys
- (11) **FOREIGN BREED** (excl. miniatures) for donkeys eligible for registration in the country of breed origin; to be judged against relevant breed standards
- (12) **LARGE DONKEY** for donkeys 11hh and over

Where space permits, gymkhana games may also be staged

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2. DONKEY BREED SOCIETY SPECIAL ROSETTES

The DBS is pleased to offer, free to affiliated shows, its own special rosettes for award to the exhibit placed highest in the following classes, providing the donkey is owned by a member of the Donkey Breed Society.

- (a) **Best Gelding** green/white
(in an in-hand class with entire males)
- (b) **Best Foal** pink/white
- (c) **Best Yearling** orange/white
(in an in-hand class of mixed age youngstock)
- (d) **Best Two Year Old** pale blue/white
(in an in-hand class of mixed age youngstock)
- (e) **Best Traditional Vehicle** brown/white
(in Open Driving and Private Driving at driving-only shows)
- (f) **Best Exercise Vehicle** brown/white
(in Open Driving and Exercise Vehicle class at driving-only shows)
- (g) **Best Trade Vehicle** (at driving-only shows) gold/white
- (h) **Long Reining** gold/yellow
- (i) **Best Veteran**
(highest placed 20 year old or over in Best Condition & Turned Out class)

The following rosettes are awarded to the highest placed Donkey Breed Society members, but are not awarded in Novice classes:

- (j) **Driving Accolade** blue/gold
(when seven or more competitors are forward;
card will be supplied to show to be returned by competitor to claim rosette)
- (k) **Junior Whip** (on prior application) purple/white
- (l) **Young Rider** purple/white
- (m) **Young Handler*** purple/white
*Where there is no Young Handler class a Young Handler rosette may be awarded to the highest placed Young Handler (minimum age 9 years) in the Stallion & Gelding class or Mare/Brood Mare class
- (n) **Best Donkey Turnout**
(awarded in class of mixed horses/ponies/donkeys)
- (o) **Best Local Donkey** red/green
(best donkey within 25 mile radius of show)

3. STEWARDS

If shows have difficulty finding suitable stewards with experience of donkeys, the DBS Secretary will be pleased to help by suggesting local members.

4. FACILITIES

- (a) Ring. The minimum size of the in-hand ring should be approximately 30x50 metres and a roped off collecting ring is most desirable as a safety factor. Donkey classes are always very popular with the public and warrant a ring in an accessible and visible part of the showground. The ring for the Driving Classes should be larger, if possible an ideal size is 80x40 metres.
- (b) Box Parking. The ideal position is in close proximity to the ring.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR SHOW SECRETARIES

Show Secretaries of DBS affiliated shows must send to the DBS Secretary:

- (i) extracts of the draft schedule relevant to the donkey classes prior to printing so that the wording and conditions can be checked
- (ii) a final copy of the printed schedule so that the requisite DBS special rosettes may be despatched in good time for the show
- (iii) results of the donkey classes together with relevant catalogue extract within 21 days of the show.
