

The Hungarian Vizsla Society

Covid Risk Assessment Statement

Overview

This document is based on the KC Covid Operational Plan and an assessment of the situations and risks that could potentially result in the transmission of Covid-19 between Field Trial attendees, specifically where attendees may come into close contact and risk breaking social distancing guidelines or through touching objects that have been contaminated.

Guidance

The Field Trial Covid-19 Guidance has been grouped by types of attendees to assist understanding but should be read in their entirety by all attendees. Attendees should be aware that Guidance may change at short notice either due to changes in Government Guidance / Regulations or by changes in procedure adopted by the host.

Attendees who fail to follow the following guidance will be required to leave the trial and contraventions may be reported to the Kennel Club. A dedicated Covid Steward will be announced on the day.

Please be aware of Test and Trace requirements for all attendees and travel companions (see below for details).

Attendees

- All attendees must provide their own face masks/coverings, gloves and hand sanitising gel/wipes. Sanitiser should meet NHS guidelines, alcohol-based products are recommended. Attendees are requested to provide their own plastic bag to contain the used PPE and to dispose of it once home.
- If an attendee or anyone in their household has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they **must not** attend the event and should self-isolate in line with Government advice.
- Attendees **must not** attend a Field Trial if they reside in an area covered by a local lock down enforced by the government.
- Attendees should consider that a Field Trial may have to be cancelled at short notice due to changes in Government guidelines or other issues beyond the club's control.
- Government guidelines on social distancing, in force at the time of our trials, **must** be adhered to by all attendees, particularly the gallery. For avoidance of doubt – **no physical contact is allowed**.
- **Spectators are not allowed** and only the handler of each dog will be permitted on to the trial ground.
- If a competitor has more than one dog running, an appointed individual from their own household must be willing to hold their additional dog. Other competitors must not be used for this purpose. If this condition cannot be met, the competitor may only run one dog.
- Anyone else that travelled to the trial with a competitor will be asked to remain in their own vehicle and will not be permitted to spectate, but their details must be provided by the attendee for Test and Trace purposes.
- Competitors should be aware that **all** communication for the trial will be sent electronically. This will include but not limited to - the draw, standing instructions, directions, running order and risk assessments. Should you wish to have a running order on the day you will need to print your own. They will not be available on the day.
- Please be reminded that you may only briefly exercise your dog on a lead within a designated area with permission from the Chief Steward. Pick up immediately after your dog and take it home with you.
- Attendees must not touch other competitor's dogs or hold items such as bags or sticks for other attendees.

- Face masks should be worn if social distancing cannot be observed.
- Competitor armbands will be not be provided. The competitor must provide and exhibit their own number which does not need to be an armband but is required to be clearly visible to the judges when the handler joins the line. Competitors should be aware that Skinners is kindly providing for your personal use, armbands and blanks for numbers, on application. (contact for Skinners: Lynden Lay - Email: lynden@skinners.co.uk).
- All attendees **must** complete the Test & Trace information (see Test & Trace doc), to be returned by e-mail. This to allow NHS Test and Trace to contact all participants if any attendee becomes ill with COVID-19. This information will be held for 21 days after the trial. Entries will only be accepted if the Test and Trace information has been completed (see below for travelling companions)
- Should you develop any Covid-19 symptoms following this event you **must** alert the Field Trial Secretary.
- There will be no handling of entry forms, cheques, or cash on the day.
- The HVS will appoint a Covid Safety Officer, whose responsibility is to make sure that Covid prevention procedures are maintained throughout the day, this person may be an existing steward or an additional person. A log must be kept of any untoward incidents. The Covid Safety Officer will be named on the event schedule. Any individual not following Government Guidelines, or who is deemed to be putting the safety of others at risk will be asked to leave the trial ground.
- Vehicles must be parked with enough spacing between vehicles to ensure social distancing guidelines can be adhered to while attending to your dog.
- If toilet facilities are provided at the venue, they **must** be respected. Please use the sanitizer spray/wipes (if provided). Clean the toilet seat and handle before and after use. Wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds and sanitise.
- Certificates / prize cards will be posted out following the trial instead of being available on the day to avoid any unnecessary physical contact. Certificates may be sent electronically.
- Where possible, travel around the shoot should be on foot, as this allows social distancing to be maintained and reduces the risk of Covid-19 transmission. If practicable, individuals or household groups should travel in separate vehicles. Transport should be planned well in advance of the day to ensure appropriate provision is in place.
- If using transport around the shoot, social distancing between passengers must be maintained, sitting side by side, not face to face, and increasing ventilation in the vehicle. Face masks must be worn for the duration of the journey by everyone in the vehicle. Hand hygiene – using hand-washing facilities or hand sanitiser before and after each journey is also encouraged
- After opening / closing gates or climbing over obstacles that are touched by other attendees, hands must be sanitised. Social distancing must be observed at gates and other obstacles. Where possible we will attempt to avoid these during a trial.
- Any attendee who has any concerns should raise these with the Covid Safety Officer as soon as possible.

Judges, Officials, Helpers

- Hospitality and catering arrangements for judges, officials and stewards have been revised in line with relevant Covid-19 and food safety guidelines.
- The HVS stipulate that no food will be provided to any competitors. Catering may be provided to judges, guns, officials, and helpers. If so, it will be sourced from reputable retailers and provided pre-sealed.
- Judges books and current regulations must be provided by the judge concerned and only handled by them. All stationery required by the judges to be provided by themselves.
- There must be no physical contact with any competitor prior, during or post run.
- Face masks should be worn during any conferring between the judges, if social distancing cannot be observed.
- When handling game passed from a competitor, a face mask should be worn by the judge, judge's steward and game carrier and should be undertaken at a maximum distance possible. Hands must be sanitised between passing each bird. Gloves could be worn but would need to be changed and safely discarded following each individual run to ensure no cross contamination

- All equipment used must be the individual's own wherever possible; game bags, red flags etc. If this is not possible then gloves must be worn, and equipment must be thoroughly wiped down with provided sanitiser/antibacterial wipes after use.

Guns

- Shotguns must be handled by the owner only and cartridges must not be transferred between individuals.
- Guns must only shoot forward to safeguard the gallery, which must be socially distanced.

All attendees (including travelling companions) must provide the details necessary for Test and Trace, by completing the form attached or by providing the details via email.

Entries will not be accepted unless these details have been provided.

Please provide Information relating to travelling companions as soon as this is known and preferably no later than 72 hours prior to the Trial.

Please advise the FT Secretary of any changes subsequent to the details being provided.

Please remember **YOU** are responsible for your own safety. The Host, the Club, officials or landowner wish to make you aware that they cannot and will not be held responsible for any false or misleading information which you provide on this form or for any **THEFT** or **ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE** experienced at this venue and event.

Disregarding any of the above will result in you being asked to leave the venue.