Sighthound Sport

# LURE COURSING LICENCE GUIDE

# TERMINOLOGY

## TRIAL RUN

A run for training purposes or to prove the dog can run wearing a jacket and muzzle.

## CLEARING RUN / LICENCE TRIAL

A paired run with another dog to clear the dog for a UKSS licence.

## UKSS LICENCE

A passport needed for the dog to compete at UKSS or FCI events.

## TECHNICAL RUN

A run before the start of the competition to allow the lure operator to test the layout of the course. A technical run can also be a licence trial.

## CLEARING / TRIALS CARD

A card to track and prove a dog's progress toward its licence.

## MEASURING CARD

A card to track and prove a dog's size. This is only needed for Whippets and Italian Greyhounds.

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# ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a UKSS lure coursing licence, your dog must be:

- **A PUREBRED SIGHTHOUND**
- **BE REGISTERED AT THE KENNEL CLUB IN THE BREED REGISTER**
  (Breeds not listed in the breed register must be registered in the Activity Register)
- **ABOVE THE MINIMUM AGE:**
  - **15 MONTHS FOR WHIPPETS, ITALIAN GREYHOUNDS AND CIRNECO DELL'ETNA**
  - **18 MONTHS FOR ALL OTHER BREEDS**

Dogs can compete until the end of the Sporting Season during which their 8th year is completed.

**MIN. 15 MONTHS**

**MIN. 18 MONTHS**

STEP 1

# MUZZLE AND JACKET

Get your dog used to wearing a muzzle and running jacket.

## MUZZLES

Only certain muzzles are allowed. It must have good airflow, your dog must be able to open its mouth properly and it needs to be a good fit to ensure it does not come off during a run. If you are unsure about the fit you can contact a UKSS official for guidance.
To read more about the rules regarding muzzles, see the FCI Regulations (section 7.3, p.46).

Illustration of approved muzzles - FCI Regulations for International Sighthound Racing and Lure Coursing Events §7.3

## JACKETS

You should have one red and one white jacket for your dog. Coloured collars instead of jackets are not allowed. Text, signs or other attributes that can be identifiable are not allowed on jackets.

## WHERE TO BUY

Muzzles and jackets can be found at different Sighthound gear stockists. ***Dog Tired Pet Beds***, and ***Smiffys Pet Supplies+Grooming Parlour*** sometimes sell muzzles and jackets at UKSS events as well as on Facebook.

STEP 2

# RUN A COURSE WEARING A MUZZLE AND JACKET

Your dog must show a UKSS official that he or she can run a complete course solo, while wearing a muzzle and jacket, with full focus on the lure. This can be completed at:

- **A UKSS TRIALS DAY,**
- **SPORTING WHIPPET CLUB (whippets only),**
- **OR AT OTHER APPROVED LURE COURSING CLUBS THAT RUN TO UKSS STANDARD AND RULES AND A UKSS OFFICIAL IS THERE TO OBSERVE, AND SIGN OFF THE RUN.**

STEP 3

# CLEARING RUN / LICENCE TRIAL

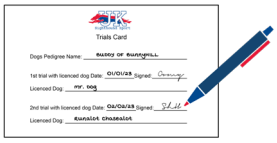
## CLEARING

Your dog will need to run **two** licence trials with another dog, preferably different dogs.
The two runs will need to take place **on two separate days**.
Both dogs have to be muzzled during the run and your dog will run wearing a jacket, while the already licenced dog will be running without.

## CLEARING / TRIALS CARD

To keep track of and prove your dogs progress towards its licence you will be given a Trials Card that **must be signed** by a UKSS official after each cleared licence trial. **Hold on to this card as you will need it for your licence application.**

## EXAMPLE




- **TRIALS DAY MORNING:**

  Your dog shows he or she can run a full course wearing a muzzle and jacket.
- **TRIALS DAY AFTERNOON:**

  Your dog is paired with a licenced dog and runs a licence trial.
- **CHAMPIONSHIP:**

  Your dog is paired with a licenced dog and runs a licence trial.

## PAIRING

Your dog will need to be paired with a licenced dog. UKSS will do their best to find a suitable dog to run with on the day. In numerically small breeds the licenced dog may be of a different breed of matching speed if necessary.

## WHERE?

Licence trials can be completed at a UKSS Trials Day or UKSS Championship and have to be pre-booked, or at an FCI lure coursing club in Europe.

- **TRIALS DAY**
- **CHAMPIONSHIP**
- **FCI LURE COURSING CLUB**

✓ **APPLY FOR YOUR LICENCE!**

STEP 4

# LICENCE APPLICATION

Once your dog has completed two licence trials and your card has been signed, you can apply for a licence on the UKSS website by filling in the online Dog Registration form. To apply for a licence, you will need a few things to hand.

## 1. PHOTOS OF YOUR DOG

The photos must be clear and all parts of the dog must be visible within the photo. The photos must clearly show the dogs' left side, right side, and markings on its front. It is a good idea to have a helper at hand and sometimes some treats! These photos will be in your dog's licence permanently.

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## 2. ONLINE DOG REGISTRATION FORM

You will find the Online Dog Registration form on the UKSS website under the tab "Licences", or by visiting the following web address:

**https://uksighthoundsport.com/membership-and-licences/licences**

Enter both yours and your dog's information in the form and please check all details are correct.

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# LICENCE APPLICATION

## 3. EMAIL DOCUMENTATION

After submitting the online form please send an email to:

**registrar@uksighthoundsport.com**

The subject of the email should include your dog's pedigree name and the email must include:

- **CLEARING / TRIALS CARD** (Make sure this is signed and is a clear scan/photo.)
- **THREE CLEAR PHOTOS OF YOUR DOG**
- **KENNEL CLUB REGISTRATION** (A clear scan/photo)
- **MEASURING CARD**

  The measuring card is required for Whippets and Italian Greyhounds only. If you don't have a copy, contact Sporting Whippet Club. (A clear scan/photo).

## 4. PAYMENT

Pay the one-off cost of £10 via BACS Payment (Sort code 30-96-26 Account 31362968), or Cheque. A licence will not be issued until payment is received.

## 5. RECEIVE YOUR LICENCE

When we have the required documents and payment is received we will issue the licence. This can be picked up at a UKSS event or posted to you. Once you have received the licence you will need to check that the information is correct and sign the licence. A licence that is not signed is not valid and cannot be used for competition.

# FCI - COMPETING ABROAD

With a UKSS licence you can enter National or International lure coursing competitions abroad. To enter an International FCI event, you will need either a CSS or CACIL sticker on your licence depending on which class your dog is qualified for.

## CSS CLASS

All that is needed to compete in the CSS class is a valid UKSS lure coursing licence with the CSS sticker.

## CACIL CLASS

To qualify for CACIL class your dog must have been graded Very Good or Excellent at a National FCI dog show and an International FCI dog show, OR at two International FCI dog shows. The grades must be given by two different judges of different nationalities.

### EXAMPLE 1 - CACIL QUALIFICATION ✓

- VERY GOOD at a **National** show in Holland by a German judge.
- VERY GOOD at an **International** show in France by a French judge.

### EXAMPLE 2 - CACIL QUALIFICATION ✓

- VERY GOOD at an **International** show in Denmark by a Danish judge.
- EXCELLENT at an **International** show in Belgium by an Italian judge.

## REQUEST A STICKER

If you wish to compete abroad, contact the UKSS Registrar. If you are requesting a CACIL sticker you will need to send proof of qualification.

**registrar@uksighthoundsport.com**