



WATER WORK CERTIFICATION

OF FOUNDATION IN FAVOUR OF WORKING DOGS

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GENERAL RULES

- In order to enter the certification every dog handler should sign up the dog and pay the registration fee. Every dog handler is to meet registration deadlines.
- Only dogs that are at least one year old are allowed to take part in the certification.
- Every dog handler is obliged to show the dog's health certificate with the entry about valid obligatory vaccinations, the certificate from a vet that the dog is healthy and is allowed to work. Every dog should have the liability insurance which would cover damages that may be done by the dog.
- In order to take part in water work attempts– classes from I to IV, the dog must pass the obedience exam – class 0.
- All dogs taking part in classes from I to IV have to be equipped with a harness or a buoyancy aid.
- During the all examination in a certain class one dog is led by one handler only.
- Spiked collars and electric collars mustn't be used during the all examination.
- The judge is obliged to disqualify any inadequacies – any dog's aggression towards people and handler's aggression towards the dog.
- Additional encouragement such as food or toys etc. is unacceptable during the all examination.
- The handler must clean up after his/her dog.
- During one day it is possible to enter the certification only in one class from I to IV, but to take part in the next class the previous class must be passed. There is possibility to have an attempt in classes 0 and I during one day.
- Each class consists of several exercises which are scored according to definite rules. Each exercise may be entered twice with the proviso that in the second attempt one can score maximum half of points for that exercise. In order to receive the certificate minimum 65 points (out of 100) must be achieved and all exercises must be done.
- All exams are judged by FCI Judge. His or her assessment is indisputable.
- General impression and mutual cooperation of handlers and their dogs will be assessed. The judge can evaluate it at his or her own discretion.

CLASS 0 – OBEDIENCE

According to rules and regulations of PT 1 ZKwP (the Polish Kennel Club).

CLASS I

Essential equipment and personnel: a rubber dinghy, two buoys floating in a distance of 25 meters from each other and 25 metres from the start line, an object to retrieve, a surfing bard, a steersman and an assistant.

TEAM SWIMMING 3x25 METERS (A TRIANGLE)

(25 points)

At the judge's signal a handler and the dog go into the water in a set place. The handler and the dog swim together and cover the distance shaped in a triangle – towards the first buoy, then parallel to the shore to the second buoy, and then they come back to the starting point. The dog should swim by the handler in a distance not exceeding one metre, the dog mustn't climb the handler, the dog shouldn't swim away. Using flippers by the handler is allowed. The time is counted from the Judge's signal to the time of touching the ground by the dog. Time limit to do this exercise – 3 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ increasing the distance between the dog and the handler more than one metre – 1 point each time
- ✓ climbing the handler by the dog – 5 points each time
- ✓ return / escape of the dog – 3 points each time
- ✓ catching the buoy – 3 points each time

JUMP FROM A RUBBER DINGHY TO THE HANDLER – DISTANCE 30 meters

(25 points)

The dog and the steersman with the assistant are on the boat, the handler stays on a shore. At the judge's signal the handler calls the dog. The dog is to jump from a boat and return to the handler to

the shore. Time is measured to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog's paws. Time limit to do his exercise is 2 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ the first 10 seconds of encouraging the dog to jump from the boat – gratis
- ✓ if the dog doesn't jump after 10 seconds, the assistant 'helps' the dog – 5 points
- ✓ additional commend – 1 point
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – 2 points

**FETCHING AN OBJECT FROM THE ASSISTANT ON THE BOAT – 30 meters
(25 points)**

The steersman and the assistant are on the boat 30 meters from the shore. The dog and the handler are on the shore. At the Judge's signal the assistant attracts the dog by shouting and splashing in the water with the object. If the handler doesn't want the assistant to do it he or she should inform the Judge about it in advance. In such case the assistant show the object after the Judge's signal. The handler sends the dog to the boat. When the dog is near the boat the assistant gives the object to the dog and the dogs returns with the object to the shore. The time is measured from the moment of the Judge's signal to the moment of reaching the ground of the shore by the dog's paws. Time limit to do the task is maximum 3 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning -1 point – each time
- ✓ repeat attempt of giving the object – 2 points
- ✓ leaving the object and the retake of the object – 3 points
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ fetching the object exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

TOWING A SURFER – DISTANCE 30 meters

(25 points)

The assistant on his/her surfboard is located 30 meters from the shore. There is a line fixe to the surfboard. At the Judge's signal the assistant draws attention of the dog by shouting and waving the line. If the handler doesn't want the assistant to do it he or she should inform the Judge about it in advance. Then the assistant will start the exercise with only showing the line to the dog. When the dog reaches the surfboard the assistant gives the dog the line. The time is measured from the signal of the Judge to the moment of reaching the shore by the dog (when the dog's paws touch the ground.) Time limit to do the exercise is 3 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ repeat attempt of giving the line – 2 points
- ✓ leaving the line and the retake of the line – 3 points
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

CLASS II

Essential equipment and personnel: a rubber dinghy, a line, a dummy, a steersman and “a victim”.

RESCUING A CONSCIOUS DROWNING VICTIM (falling overboard) – 30 meters (25 points)

The steersman and „the victim” are on the boat 30 meters from the shore. The dog and the handler are on the shore. At the Judge’s signal „the victim” falls overboard into the water calling loudly for help. At the same moment the handler sends the dog to rescue the victim. The boat sails away immediately. „The victim” pretends the panic waving his hands and shouting for help. He/ she doesn’t call the dog with its name. When the dog reaches “the victim”, it swims “the victim” around, the victim holds the dog. The dog should return to the shore and tow „the victim”. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog’s paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 3 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

TOWING A DUMMY THROWING AWAY FROM THE BOAT – 30 meters (the dog starts from the shore)

(25 points)

The steersman and the assistant are on the boat 30 meters from the shore. At the Judge’s signal the assistant throws away the dummy from the boat, and the boat sails away. The handler gives the commend to the dog and the dog swims for the dummy. The dog should tow the dummy to the shore grabbing his hand. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog’s paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 3 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time

- ✓ dropping the dummy and repeat attempt of grabbing the dummy by the dog – 3 points
- ✓ grabbing different part of the body (than a hand) of the dummy – 3 points
- ✓ damage or biting the dummy by the dog – loss of all the points
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

**TOWING A RUBBER DINGHY (the dog starts from the shore) – 30 meters
(25 points)**

The steersman and the assistant are on the boat 30 meters from the shore. At the bow there is an attached line. The dog and the handler are on the shore. The exercise starts at the Judge's signal. Then the assistant who is on the boat tries to draw attention of the dog not using the dog's name. If the handler doesn't want the assistant to do it he or she should inform the Judge about it in advance before the exercise. When the dog reaches the boat, the assistant gives him the line. The time is measured from the Judge's signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog's paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

The Judge may allow the steersman to help small dogs (that are less than 20 kilo) slightly with the engine.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ giving the line once again – 2 points
- ✓ dropping the line and repeat attempt of grabbing the line by the dog – 3 points
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

TOWING A RUBBER DINGHY (the dog starts from the boat) – 30 meters

(25 points)

The steersman, the dog and the handler are on the boat 30 meters from the shore. At the bow there is a line attached. The exercise starts at the Judge's signal. At the signal the handler throws the line and orders the dog to jump from the boat. When the dog is in the water the handler can give the dog the line. The dog is to tow the boat to the shore. The time is measured from the Judge's signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog's paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

The Judge may allow the steersman to help small dogs (that are less than 20 kilo) slightly with the engine.

Penalty points:

- ✓ 10 second at the beginning of the exercise – gratis
- ✓ if the dog doesn't jump from the boat after 10 seconds – the handler "helps" the dog – 5 points
- ✓ additional commend for the jump – 1 point
- ✓ giving the line once again – 2 points
- ✓ dropping the line and repeat attempt of grabbing the line by the dog – 3 points
- ✓ returning the dog towards the boat – 1 point each time
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

CLASS III

Essential equipment and personnel: a rubber dinghy, a line, a steersman, “a victim” and a life-ring.

RESCUING A CONSCIOUS DROWNING VICTIM behind a rubber dinghy – 30 meters (25 points)

The steersmen and “the victim” are on the boat 30 meters from the shore. The dog and the handler are on the shore. When the boat is 30 metres from the shore at the Judge’s signal the ”victim” jumps into the water behind the boat, so that the dog couldn’t see him/her. The victim shouts for help. The steersman lies down in a boat so that the dog couldn’t see him/her. Then the handler sends the dog to the “victim”. The „victim” pretends the panic, waves his hands and shout for help not using the dog’s name. When the dog reaches the boat it swims around it, looking for the drowning “victim”, then the dog swims around the victim, who holds the dog. The dog tows the “victim” to the shore. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog’s paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ getting the dog on the boat – 2 points
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

A DRIFTING RUBBER DINGHY – DISTANCE 30 meters (25 points)

The steersman sails away by a rubber dinghy 30 metres from the shore. At the bow there is a line attached, the steersman throws away the line and then he/she lies down in the boat, so that the dog couldn’t see him/ her. The dog and the handler are on the shore. At the Judge’s signal the handler gives the commend to the dog to tow the drifting boat. After reaching the boat, the dog should find the line, hold it and tow the boat to the shore. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog’s paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ dropping the line and repeat attempt of grabbing the line by the dog – 3 points

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

RESCUING AN UNCONSCIOUS DROWNING VICTIM – 30 meters
(25 points)

The steersman and the “victim” sail away 30 meters from the shore. The handler and the dog are on the shore. When the boat is on the place the Judge gives the signal to start the exercise- the „victim” jumps into the water. The judge gives the signal to the handler to send the dog for the “victim”. The drowning “victim” is “unconscious”- he/she floats on the water on his/her back. When the dog approaches the “victim” it grabs the victim’s hand and returns to the shore. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog’s paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ 10 second at the beginning of the exercise – gratis
- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ the dog climbs on the unconscious “victim” – loss of all the points
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

FETCHING A LIFE-RING TO A DROWNING VICTIM 30 meters
(25 points)

The steersman and the “victim” sail away 30 meters from the shore. At the judge’s signal the “victim” jumps from the boat and shouts for help. The boat sails away. The handler and the dog are on the shore. At the Judge’s signal the handler gives a life –ring to the dog and gives the command to fetch it to the drowning person. The drowning „victim” simulates the panic waving his/her hands and shouting for help. He/she never calls the dog by its name. When the dog with the life-ring approaches the drowning person, he/she grabs the ring, and the dog returns to the shore towing the

ring with the drowning person. The time is measured from the Judge's signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog's paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ dropping the life-ring and repeat attempt of grabbing the ring by the dog – 3 points
- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

CLASS IV

Essential equipment and personnel: two rubber dinghies, two steersmen, 4“ victims” and an assistant.

BRINGING A PADDLE FROM A BOAT TO A BOAT

(25 points)

The steersman and the handler with his/her dog sails away on a boat 50 meters from the shore. There is another boat with a steersman and an assistant on it within a distance of 25 meters from the first boat. At the Judge’s signal the assistant from the second boat shows the paddle shouting loudly. The handler gives the command and the dog jump out of the boat and swims to the second boat for the paddle. The dog gets the paddle from the assistant and returns to the first boat holding the paddle. The dogs gives the paddle to the handler and it is pulled up into a boat. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of pulling the dog into the boat. Time limit to do this exercise is 5 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ 10 seconds – gratis
- ✓ if the dog doesn’t jump from the boat after 10 seconds – the handler “helps” the dog – 5 points
- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ repeat attempt of passing the paddle to the dog – 2 points
- ✓ dropping the life-ring and repeat attempt of grabbing the ring by the dog – 3points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

RESCUING TWO DROWNING VICTIMS (UNCONSCIOUS/ CONSCIOUS) – 30 meters

(25 points)

The steersman and two “victims” sail away by a boat 30 metres from the shore. The handler and the dog stay on the shore. The Judge gives the signal for the first “victim” to jump from the boat into the water. Jumping the „victim” calls for help very loudly. The boat sails away parallel to the shore. The second “victim” jumps into the water without calling for help. The boat sails away.

The Judge gives the signal to the handler to send the dog to the first drowning „victim” who pretends the panic and shouts loudly for help waving his/her hands, but he/she doesn’t call the name of the dog. The second drowning “victim” floats on the water on his/her back. When the dog approaches the “conscious victim” he/she grabs the dog. The dog swims towards the second “victim”- the unconscious one. The dog grabs his/her hand and returns to the shore. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog’s paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 5 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ the dog climbs on the unconscious “victim” – loss of all the points
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

RESCUING ONE OUT OF FOUR PEOPLE IN THE WATER – 30 meters

(25 points)

The steersman with four people sail away by a boat 30 meters from the shore. The handler and the dog stay on the shore. At the Judge’s signal all four people – one by one jump into the water. One of them calls for help, the other swim freely. The boat sails away. The handler sends the dog to the drowning person. The dog should approach the drowning person, swim around him/her so that the drowning person could hold the dog. The dog tows the drowning person to the shore. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of reaching the ground by the dog’s paws. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ swimming not to the „right” person – 1 point each time
- ✓ climbing the swimmers – 5 points each time
- ✓ return beyond the outlined area – 2 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points

**JUMP FROM A BOAT TO A DROWNING PERSON AND TOWING THE PERSON TO
THE BOAT
(25 points)**

The steersman, the assistant and the handler with the dog sail away 50 metres from the shore. The Judge gives the signal to start the exercise. At the signal the assistant jumps into water shouting loudly. The handler give the command to the dog to jump out of the boat. The boat sails slowly around the „drowning person” all the time. When the dog approaches „the drowning person” it allows him/her to hold the dog. The dog tows the drowning person to the boat. The person and the dog are pulled up to the boat. The time is measured from the Judge’s signal to the moment of pulling the dog and the drowning person into the boat. Time limit to do this exercise is 4 minutes.

Penalty points:

- ✓ if the dog doesn’t jump in 5 seconds, the handler „helps” the dog – 5 points
- ✓ returning – 1 point each time
- ✓ attempt of returning to the shore instead of the boat – 5 points
- ✓ exceeding the time limit – loss of all the points