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SUMMARY of changes affecting measurers, July 2013.

1. Compliance to the various guidelines and Policy documents that the Agility Committee produces eg. Standing Orders, Measuring guidelines, Jumpers Guidelines is now a requirement in the regulations.
2. Measurer must not live with dogs they measure.
3. Dogs which decrease in height between their interim and permanent by 10mm or more must be re-measured.

The Agility Committee have noted a few dogs which have markedly decreased in size between their 18 month and two year measure. This is strange because of course it is unusual for a dog to shrink in 6 months!! Therefore we want to recognise these dogs and get them re-measured. This might be noticed if the handlers bring their interim measuring card with them, or handlers might comment at the time, or we will pick it up during our administration process.

All owners should be advised to bring their interim cards with them. If you discover such a shrinkage occurrence at a measure you should advise the owner this has occurred and needs further action. The measure will not count. A re-measure process will apply.

4. **Application for a review of a dog's Permanent measure.** A protocol for this has been formulated. It is available on the website <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/measuring%20dogs.html>

The Agility Committee have had requests from people for their dogs to be re-measured. Whilst we recognise that there might be grounds for a re-measure, and there should be a process that can allow this, we do not want this to become a regular feature. We have confidence that our measuring protocols are robust. The regulations state that the measure at two years of age is the one that counts, as it is the one that we use to determine that dogs height group. What a dog subsequently measures at 5 years of age is of little relevance. This prompted the formulation of the protocol for re-measuring, with a six month limit.

5. **Following Measuring protocols.**

It is important that all measurers ensure the **environment** and the **procedure** followed for measuring meets the protocols, so that this is not grounds for a re-measure. **Make notes** on your measuring sheet. It is suggested that where a dog is measured and you notice that the measure is difficult for whatever reason, this should be noted on your sheet, and forwarded to the AC. It might be that the dog is nervous and twitchy and it is impossible to get a consistent measurement, or the dog is overweight etc. This would provide evidence if a re-measure is asked for.

6. **Difficult dogs.**

The regulations require that all dogs must be measured, and receive a permanent number, in order to compete. There are no grounds to allow a dog to compete without being measured. Some dogs are fearful of sticks, people and handling but in most cases they can be trained to stand for measuring using positive methods. If handlers require advice on how to achieve this, please ask the Agility Committee.