

LKA General Championship Show
KC Obreedience Heat

Sunday 10 December 2017
Judge Anne Bussey

Obreedience Heat in 2017 – CRUFTS 2018 QUALIFIER

I would like to thank Jane Valentine and the Ladies Kennel Association for the invitation to judge the OBREEDIENCE HEAT at their Championship Show this year. Also a big thank you to my steward Shelagh Page who gallantly chauffeured me through the artic conditions and got me back home safely. Thanks Shelagh.

We had a good entry of 17 teams and it certainly looks like this new event is going from strength to strength.

The intention of Obreedience is to encourage more breeds to 'have a go' at some of the tests associated with competitive obedience but in a less formal competitive environment. It mixes the best aspects of obedience with the camaraderie found amongst breed enthusiasts, each Obreedience team must comprise of four handlers and four dogs of the same breed who take part in two rounds of competition including a round of heelwork performed together as a group and then four set exercises including a retrieve, a 'send to bed', commanding the dog to stop, and a scent exercise.

This year there were 11 qualifying heats (of which this is the last) with teams collecting points from 1st to 10th in each heat and the top 10 teams with the most points from the heats are invited to compete in the final at Crufts 2018.

Unfortunately, the artic conditions had a devastating effect on the show today, with the majority of competitors being unable to get to the venue. Such a shame.

17 Teams entered – 2 ran (plus ¼ team and a substitute)

1st CANNY CAVALIERS. This team worked well together and maintained nice loose leads throughout the heelwork. Congratulations on this win.

2nd THE ITALIAN JOB. These dogs demonstrated good knowledge of all the exercises, and a full point 'Send to Bed' by a junior handler. Well done!

Also ran;

THE RUSSELLERS. We were treated to some super work from the JRT's today, but unfortunately the points could not be allocated as this was not the 'official team' as a substitute dog joined the team. However, having got to the venue through those conditions, I thought it only fair to let them work NFC. Again some good work – notably a full point 'Stop on Recall' and 'Retrieve.'

Anne Bussey