



2nd July 2017

Dear Vanessa,

Firstly, can we thank you for your support in our plan to get Lure Coursing recognised by the Kennel Club, and a path for British competitors to compete at International level. It will no doubt come as no surprise, as it didn't to us, that our initial application was rejected. What did come as a surprise was the reason given:

due to the concern that in some cases, lure coursing competitions had led to dogs chasing hares, which was not seen as desirable.

We read this statement with great astonishment and disbelief and are seeking justification for it, as we are unaware of any lure coursing competition that has ever led to dogs chasing hares.

We knew this wasn't going to be an easy or quick process, so can assure you we have not been deterred from our goal. We have re-submitted our proposal along with a presentation showing what lure coursing actually involves in the hope of enlightening the WDA Committee who clearly have misconceptions around the sport. Alongside the direct approach, we have submitted our presentation and proposal to the Breed Liaison Council, who we hope will be keen to assist us in furthering this campaign with the Kennel Club.

In more positive news, we would like to announce that we will be holding a Showcase Competition 1st October 2017 which will be open to all recognised Sighthound breeds. There will be a limited number of spaces, so we are opening entries early for members of Clubs who have supported our plan.

Attached is the schedule and entry form which we hope you will circulate to your members, these can also be downloaded from our website www.UKSIGHTOUNDSPORT.com .

For the safety of all competitors, we will insist that all dogs entered are cleared to run in company. However, we are aware that many people who are interested in lure coursing may have had little opportunity to run their dogs previously so we will do our best to give advice to all who need it on finding their nearest racing or coursing club. Whilst there are few multi-breed clubs, most single-breed clubs welcome others to come and trial their hounds. We would urge anyone with an interest to get in touch contact@uksighthoundsport.com.

We are also keen to hear from any lure coursing enthusiasts who would be interested in joining our committee or just offer some practical help on the day of our competition, there'll be many tasks big and small!

Finally, we would like to invite you to sponsor a set of rosettes at £10. Rosettes will be awarded 1st - 3rd for dogs and bitches in all breeds

We very much hope to meet many Deerhound Club members on the field soon!

Best wishes,

UKSS Committee