



Double handling escalation procedure

Regulation F (1) 16 h: The attracting of the attention of exhibits by any method from outside the ring is prohibited. It is the duty of the Judge, steward or Show Management noticing such attraction to ask that it cease.

Regulation F (1) 30 a: A dog may be disqualified from any award whether an objection has been lodged or not if proved to have been attracted from outside the ring whilst being judged.

To help societies police these Regulations, exhibitors, judges and show organisers should also be aware that the Kennel Club has agreed a form of escalation procedure to allow for enforcement of these provisions. The procedure is in three stages:

1. Request: If attraction is observed, firstly the judge and/or then a senior officer of the society will make a polite request for the activity to desist.
2. Warn: If the conduct is extreme, or continuing, and/or is causing disruption, then a senior officer of the society may enter the ring and suspend the class until it stops.
3. Suspend: If the attraction restarts then the exhibitors may be warned that if it continues, and a further request has to be made, then the class will be abandoned.

Where a person attracting the attention of dogs from outside the ring is an exhibitor/competitor or joint owner and is readily identified, he/she should be reported to the Kennel Club for a breach of Regulation F(1) 16 h.

