

## **NEW RULES AND DOG HEIGHT MEASURING**

**Before the 1<sup>st</sup> Trial your dog competes in for 2026 you need to consider what height class your dog is eligible to compete in and if you want to change their height class.**

**The Agility Committee maintain a database of all dogs jump height categories. Dogs are only eligible to jump in the height as indicated on their official height card.**

**Measuring of dogs and completion of the NEW Height Form by 2 approved Officials will be required before a dog jumps in a NEW height category.**

**New height cards will be issued as soon as possible, however there will be a lot of cards to do so please be patient.**

### **Example Dog Measuring and Height Class scenarios**

**Minty** currently jumps in the 500 height category and is 8 years old. She has an exact measurement of 525mm. She must stay in the 500 height category and is not eligible to change height class.

**Ziggy** has not been measured he is new to agility and is 2 years old. When measured he records a height of 570. Ziggy owner decides they want to jump Ziggy in the 600 category. A card is issued with his exact height and chosen category for jumping. (note you cannot opt to jump this dog in 400, only moving up a class is permitted). When Ziggy turns 7 he would be permitted to return to the 500 height category based on his previous exact measurement.

**Rover** currently jumps in the 300 height category. **Rover** is measured at an exact height of 289mm. Rover is 4 years old.

Rover can do a, b or c.

A. **Stay in current height - 300**

**OR**

B. **Move down a height based on his exact measurement** – so he can jump at 200 (however this must occur before Rover competes at his first trial for 2026). With this option, Rover must now stay in this new height and cannot move back to 300 height class again.

**OR**

C. **When Rover reaches 7** there is the choice to move Rover into the 200 height category.

Note - Rover will need a new height card to be issued by the Agility Committee.

## ISSUING OF NEW HEIGHT CARDS

### Please note

There is a new form. You are required to complete the details on a computer so it is legible for the committee to read and process quickly.

New cards will

- Have the exact height measurement recorded
- Have circled the measured jump height
- Have an elected jump height recorded

The Height Card is valid for the life of the dog if it meets any of the following criteria:

- The dog is over 2 years old
- The dog is measured into the 600 Height category
- The dog is at least 20mm below the height cutoff for the next height category above.

If the dog doesn't meet the above criteria it will be issued with a temporary height card and the dog will be required to be remeasured when the dog is 2 years of age. A permanent Height Card would then be issued. Any pass cards issued to the dog during the period of the temporary height card will remain valid.

### New height card requests if your dog turns 7 and.....

- **You have exact measurement on your existing height card.**  
Dog turns 7 and you want to request to move down a height category, and exact measurement of dog is recorded on existing height card and fits within range of lower category. Email request to Agility Committee and copy of current card so a new card in lower height class can be issued. Once this is done the dog (and the dog is 7) they are eligible to compete in that class. (The dog can then not change classes or return to the previous height.).
- **You DO NOT have exact measurement on your existing height card.**  
Dog turns 7 and you want to request to move down a height category, and exact measurement of dog is NOT recorded on existing height card. Dog must be measured to obtain exact height by 2 officials and then form submitted to Agility Committee. Once this form is done the dog is then eligible to compete in that class. (The dog can then not change classes or return to the previous height.). A new card will be issued and the change recorded on the database.

## EXISTING HEIGHT CARDS

***Do you need to get a new height card if the exact measurement is not on your card and you do not want to change heights?***

*No, however other States or National events may require an exact measurement on the card.*

***Do you need a new height card for competing in the Nationals?***

*Yes if it does not record your dogs exact height measurement.*