



**THE KENNEL CLUB**

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**Canine Activities**

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# TRAINING BOARD

## POINTS OF THE DOG ASSESSMENT

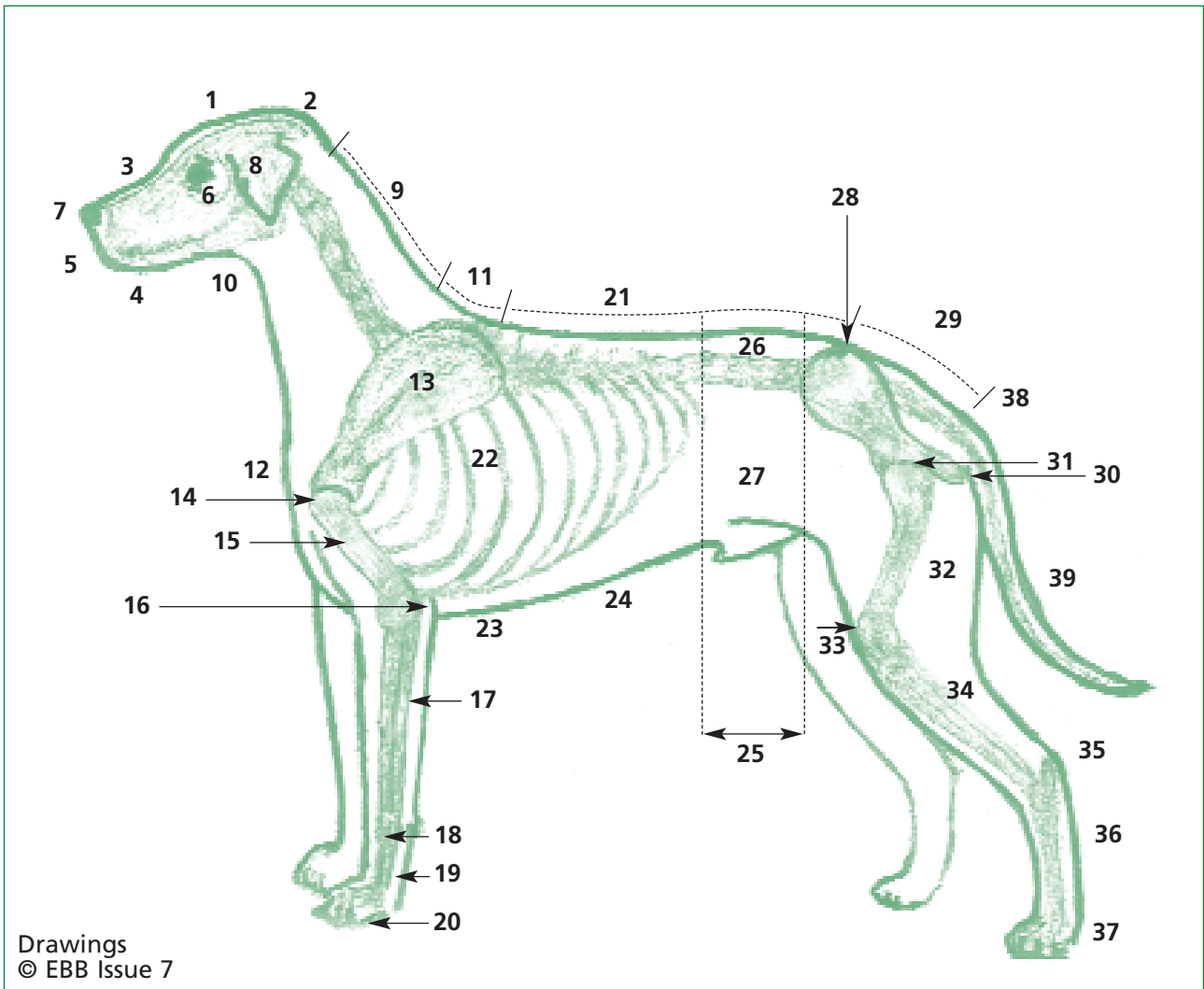
### GUIDELINES FOR AN ASSESSMENT CANDIDATE

1. The aim of this Assessment is to demonstrate that aspiring judges are totally familiar with the:
  - a. POINTS OF THE DOG
  - b. STRUCTURE OF THE DOG
  - c. CONVENTIONAL MEASUREMENTS OF THE DOG.
2. The dog is NOT being evaluated for **QUALITY OR BREED TYPE** by this assessment method.
3. The candidate will "go over" the dog, starting at the nose and finishing with the tail, as is normal procedure in the show ring. Whilst doing so, the candidate will be prompted by the Assessor to indicate and confirm the POINTS, STRUCTURE and CONVENTIONAL MEASUREMENTS of the dog.
4. Dogs may be evaluated on a table or on the floor, whichever the candidate prefers. All dogs should preferably be short-coated, as this will make it easier for candidates to indicate the various points of the dog.
5. A line drawing of the dog with 40 points indicated is included within this form, together with a line drawing indicating Structural Balance and Conventional Measurements. These drawings are to be available well in advance of the assessment in order for the candidate to prepare and to practice going over a dog.

### ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

6. Kennel Club Accredited Trainers for Points of the Dog, who have been specifically trained for the purpose will act as Assessors.
7. In all cases, before an assessment session commences the Assessor will give a briefing and a demonstration on how the Assessment will be conducted and answer any questions.
8. The Assessor will assess each candidate individually. As the candidate "goes over" the dog and having been prompted by the Assessor to indicate the various points required, the marking sheet should only indicate those points missed by the candidate, or indicate where further clarification is required. The sheet can also be used in giving feedback to the candidate.
9. Each candidate will be given approximately 10 minutes in which to complete the Assessment.
10. The Assessment will be private and confidential and undertaken in a relaxed and informal manner. The candidate will be given his/her result at the end of his/her Assessment. The pass mark is set at 46 out of 50. Each successful candidate will be given a Kennel Club Certificate.
11. In the event the candidate is unsuccessful, the Assessor will give feedback directly to the candidate, indicating the incorrect answers and giving him/her an opportunity to go over these points, with the Assessor, using the dog upon which the Assessment was performed.
12. If unsuccessful the candidate may re-take his/her assessment at a later date until successful.

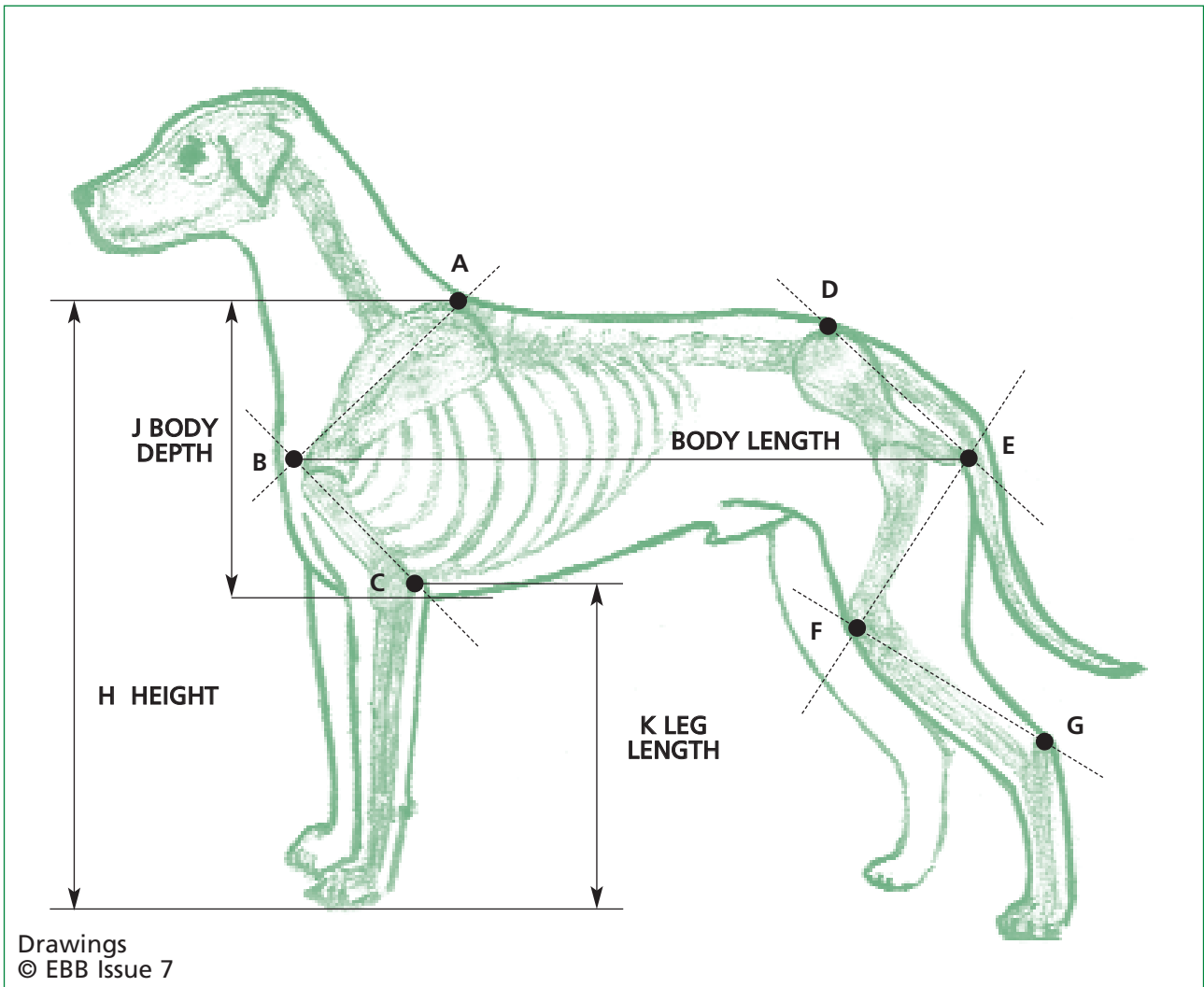
## POINTS OF THE DOG



1. SKULL	9. NECK	17. FOREARM	25. COUPLING	33. STIFLE (Joint)
2. OCCIPUT	10. THROAT	18. WRIST (Joint)	26. LOIN	34. SECOND THIGH
3. STOP	11. WITHERS	19. FRONT PASTERN	27. FLANK	35. HOCK (Joint)
4. LIPS (FLEWS)	12. FORECHEST	20. FOOT (FRONT)	28. PIN BONES	36. REAR PASTERN
5. DENTITION	13. SHOULDER-BLADE (LENGTH AND LAYBACK)	21. TOPLINE (WITHERS TO PINBONES)	29. CROUP	37. FOOT (REAR)
6. EYES	14. POINT OF SHOULDER (Joint)	22. RIBCAGE (SHAPE, DEPTH AND LENGTH)	30. POINT OF BUTTOCK	38. SET ON OF TAIL
7. NOSE	15. UPPER ARM (LENGTH AND RETURN)	23. BRISKET	31. HIP (Joint)	39. TAIL
8. EARS	16. ELBOW (Joint)	24. UNDERLINE	32. FIRST THIGH	40. MALE – CHECK FOR TESTICLES

## STRUCTURAL BALANCE OF THE DOG

Easily found points of Reference for Approximate Angulation



FRONT ANGULATION ASSESSMENT	REAR ANGULATION ASSESSMENT	CONVENTIONAL MEASUREMENTS
41. A. UPPERMOST TIP OF SHOULDER BLADE	44. D. PIN BONE	48. H. HEIGHT = HIGH POINT AT WITHERS IN A IN VERTICAL LINE TO THE GROUND
42. B. POINT OF SHOULDER (Joint)	45. E. POINT OF BUTTOCK	49. I. BODY LENGTH = B (POINT OF SHOULDER) TO E (POINT OF BUTTOCK)
43. C. ELBOW (Joint)	46. F. STIFLE (Joint)	50. J. BODY DEPTH (WITHERS TO BRISKET) AND K. LEG LENGTH (ELBOW TO GROUND)
	47. G. HOCK (Joint)	

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