

Jersey Junior Dog Handlers Association



Newsletter, January 2012

I'D LIKE to wish all club members a Happy New Year and to introduce myself as your new President.

I have been a member of the Jersey Junior Dog Handlers for 20 years, during which time I have successfully trained my dogs in show handling, obedience and agility. I am also an honorary life member of the association which has played a large part in mine and my family's lives for the past 20 years.

I have been around dogs all my life as my father was the first and only Guide Dog owner in the Channel Islands for many years. A succession of Guide Dogs passed through our house and in addition to this my brother and I had a couple of Pembroke Corgis.

I worked voluntarily for the Animal Shelter for three years on a Saturday and in school holidays where I was able to work with dogs as well as the cattery and the stray block. When I left school I went to work at the David Place Veterinary Hospital where I became one

of the first two home trained veterinary nurses, working my way up from kennelmaid to head nurse. I was there for 12 years before I left to have my two sons.

When we got our first family dog we joined the Juniors Handlers and I took on the position of secretary which I held for 13 years, 1991-2004. My two sons competed successfully locally, in the UK and Europe through this club and are both actively involved with the dog world now they have moved to the mainland.

I have represented the Channel Islands at Crufts with one of my dogs Taj in both the silver and gold Good Citizen teams and successfully competed at championship level in the UK with our kennel of Cesky Terriers.

My ambition for this year is to take the club forward and build it up during 2012. If club members have any suggestions please do not hesitate to approach a committee member.

CHRISTINE MARETT

DOG LICENCES

Don't forget every dog over 6 months of age must have a dog licence from your Parish Hall, they must be bought or renewed by the end of January unless it is a new dog.

2012 COMMITTEE

President:

Christine Marett, 874708, 07797 740836

Vice-Presidents:

Philippa Knight, 759595, 07797 730687
Angela Steel, 852076, 07797 840076

Secretary:

Liz Boschat, 07797 724366

Treasurer:

Chris Cullen, 626124, 07797 787169

Committee Members:

Lucy Huelin, 613978, 07797 8818214
John Cordial, 730470
Bobbie Martinez, 857536,
07797 750790
Luciana Child-Villiers, 759133,
07829 745157

DIARY DATES

May 6:

Companion Show at Royal Jersey Showground

May 7:

Obedience Show at Royal Jersey Showground

June 9 & 10:

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Country Show
at Royal Jersey Showground



A must to bring to training:

Even the most well trained dog can have an occasional accident. Please make sure that you have with you on training nights the following: pooh bags, kitchen roll and a non-bleaching spray to clean up should your dog be caught short. While on the subject of training if you are using treats to train make sure they are tasty, examples would be cooked chicken, sausages and cheese cut into small pieces.

DOG CONTROL

There have been a few cases of dogs worrying and killing livestock recently, mainly in the West of the Island. Make sure that your dog is on a lead when near livestock especially sheep that are pregnant.

New Agility & Obedience Competitions

A new Jersey Agility Dog of the Year competition and Jersey Obedience Dog of the Year Competition has been added to the Channel Island Dog of the Year competition to be held at the Royal Jersey Showground on Saturday, February 18.

The agility competition will start at 9am with the obedience starting at 11.30am and the breed competition at 2pm.

Congratulations to the following club members who have qualified for this event, in agility, Christine Marette and Taj, Anita Barette with Bertie and Tyke, Valery Johnson with Gina and Blue, Mary MacEachern with Mabel and Anne Vibert with Axle and Mambo.

In obedience competition we have Carol Pearce and Breeze, Wendy Wright with Dive and Rhia, Marcel Guibout with Kip and Zak, Sue Blake and Ebba, Carol Beadle and Gus and Rose Harris and Jodie.

In the evening the Dog of the Year gala dinner will be held at Les Ormes, St Brelade at a cost of £24 per head. If you would like to attend the dinner and all will be welcome, please contact Neville Uden on 874690 before February 1 for the menu and to reserve your seat.

RAFFLES

We are always on the look out for raffle prizes to be used for fund raising. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents Liz Boschat or Luciana Child-Villiers would be happy to take them off your hands at anytime

CANTEEN

I am pleased to say that we will be introducing the canteen at training nights where you can purchase teas and coffees and have a doggy chat with like-minded people. Tea and coffee will be available for a donation to cover costs each week. If you have any tins of unopened biscuits from Christmas that don't fit into your January diet the club would be pleased to accept them for the canteen.

FLYBALL

I am pleased to say that we are taking on the flyball dogs from Scallywags Agility Club which sadly has had to close. Hopefully the dogs will be training regularly on a Tuesday in the marquee when space allows between 8pm and 9pm. I am sure they will be on the lookout for more dogs to join in as currently there are only four dogs who participate in this new venture. The flyball dogs will be giving a demonstration at the first club night on January 10th.



TEMPS PASSE

Jeremy Le Maistre and Aaron Warn.
Easter Team Match 2000.