

# Jersey Junior Dog Handlers Association



## Newsletter, January 2013

HAPPY New Year to all members and I hope you are looking forward to a new term's training. I hope you had a peaceful Christmas and that all humans and canines survived the party season.

Please remember that January is the time to renew your dog licence at your Parish Hall. This needs to be done before the end of January otherwise the cost goes up. All pet dogs resident in Jersey must have a dog licence.

We hope to introduce Rally to our training this term and should have had a training weekend at the beginning of December with a UK trainer to train the trainers. Unfortunately the visiting trainer's car broke down four miles from the airport and she missed her flight. We have rearranged this weekend for the second weekend in January so hope to have Rally up and running soon.

There still appears to be some confusion over the correct engraving of dog discs if you are taking part in the Good Citizen Dog Scheme. It is not desirable to have your dog's name on the disc as it is easier for a stranger to befriend your dog if they know the dog's name. The following is required by law on a disc:

Side 1)

Mr K Smith  
22 Rue des Pres  
St Saviour  
Jersey  
JE2 4QB

Or)

SMITH  
The Lodge  
JE2 7NR

Or)

SMITH  
22 Rue des Pres  
JE2 4QB

The second side of the disc is optional, a suggestion is:

01534 727296  
Mobile  
07777 77777  
I'm microchipped  
or vet's phone  
number

The most important things are your name, at least the first line of your address and your postcode

**CHRISTINE MARETT**



### 2013 COMMITTEE

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### CO-OP NUMBER

The club's Co-Op share number is 325473, please use it if you do not have one of your own or you may wish to donate your dividend to us occasionally.

### WHAT IS RALLY?

RALLY is a fun and exciting team sport for dogs and their handlers! Dog and handler teams navigate a course with numbered signs indicating different exercises to perform such as sit-down-sit, send over jump, pivot 180° right and drop on recall.

Rally is different from traditional obedience competition, in that it is fresh and new every time you try it—every course is a new challenge for the dog and handler. Rally is great because all of the behaviours in the course are useful in 'real life' situations with your dog.

Teams navigate the course at their own pace without direction from the judge. Handlers are allowed, and in fact encouraged, to talk to their dogs while they are running a trial course. Rally is a terrific team sport as the focus is truly on the teamwork between dog and handler.

A Rally competitor enters the ring with a perfect score of 200 points. Point deductions are made as the judge notes faults that occur during the course, similar to how traditional obedience competition is scored. However, in Rally minor faults that would be scored as a 1/2-point deduction in traditional obedience are not scored as faults. The minimum score deduction is one point. There are around 50 different exercises to learn in Rally, but don't worry – you don't have to remember all them, and they are designed to increase with your dog's ability

### WHY TRY RALLY?

RALLY is challenging and fun, with three different levels suitable for ALL dogs and handlers. Dog owners in Rally are given a chance to show off their teamwork with their dog while having fun. Rally is a sport that anyone can do, regardless of physical limitations, and is suitable for young, old and everyone inbetween. Rally allows dogs trained with positive, reward-based methods to truly shine, and many dogs prefer the praise that Rally encourages both in class and trials. At level 1, the lowest level, dogs compete on lead and a loose lead is emphasised. More advanced levels require dogs to compete off lead.

**CARLA MACKAY**

### GOOD CITIZEN TESTS

The following dogs and handlers have completed their Puppy Foundation:

**Jenny Taylor and Loki** (Alaskan Malamute) and **Alison Fossey and Cody and Roxi** (Border Terriers).

The following dogs and handlers have taken and passed their Silver Good Citizen:

**Dave Mildren and Qula** (GSD) and **Tim Le Cornu and Alfie** (Labrador).

The following dogs and handler have taken and passed their Gold Good Citizen:

**Carol Pearce and Flurry and Breeze** (Border Collies).

### 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: pooch 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.

### CANTEEN

The committee would like to thank everybody for donations of home made cakes for the canteen and if there are any new members who would like to bake a cake for a Tuesday night then it would be most welcome. When training is in the marquee we do not have the facilities to make tea and coffee.

### DIARY DATES

**June 16:**

Companion Show at Kennel Club of Jersey  
125th anniversary show,  
pedigree and novelty classes

**July 27:**

Limit Obedience Show

**July 28:**

Obedience Training Day

