

Jersey Dog Handlers Association



Newsletter, January 2017

I TRUST you and your dogs all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There is a lot happening up at our training hall this year which means that sometimes we will not be able to train. The term is starting a week late as the hall carpet is due to be repaired on January 10th so we are not able to use it. The old, inhospitable marquee has been taken down to be replaced with some type of secondary hall which I hope will be more comfortable to train in on weeks when we cannot use the main hall. It is estimated that this will take until April to finish so there are one or two training dates that we cannot have.

Since the last newsletter the club has been very busy. We hosted our annual companion show with lots of pedigree and fun classes. The judge for the fun classes was Steven Laffoley-Edwards while the pedigree classes were judged by Dr Margaret Bayes MBE. The show was very well attended with a fantastic raffle. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and it was a good family day out. A certain Golden Retriever loved the Temptation Alley so much he stopped at the smelly food, to sniff, drop and roll in it, much to his owner's frustration!

We were lucky enough to get sponsorship from Royal Canin for the pedigree classes and excellent goody bags

from Ransom's for the winners of the fun classes. The usual lovely rosettes were provided by Channel Island rosettes. We also ran bronze Good Citizen tests

for the first time at the show.

The beginning of October saw the UK Kennel Club bring over their Good Citizen

assessors to run bronze, silver and gold courses to enable some of our trainers to become examiners. I am proud to say that the club now boasts five bronze and three silver examiners. It was also nice to see Neville Uden, a life member of the club, back in the Island with the UK assessors.

Last term rally and flyball were re-introduced on training nights & although slow to take off they are making their presence felt and hopefully the classes will grow. The AGM saw the name of the club changed to Jersey Dog Handlers Association; it is hoped that dropping the word 'Junior' from our name will make people realise that we do have handlers of all ages and we are not just about young people. It is known that some owners do not think they can approach us for training as they think we are just for children. Officers were also re-elected at the AGM but sadly no committee members; if anyone thinks they can spare an evening for a short meeting about once every six weeks then please contact me.

With the turn of the New Year I would like to see the club continue to grow, it gives you a great buzz to see a busy and vibrant hall on training nights where dogs of all kinds are strutting their stuff with their proud owners.

Don't forget our little canteen where Sarah has tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cold drinks and often homemade cake on sale for a small amount; treat yourself and have a chat with fellow class mates when your class has finished instead of rushing off.

DISCOUNT

Don't forget you can get discount at the following pet stores by showing your membership card, The Pet Cabin, Animal Kingdom

DIARY DATES

January 14th:
Show Handling Training Day
with Marina Scott

March 25th & 26th:
Talking Dog Scentworks Course
Scent 1 & 2

CHRISTINE MARETT

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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.

Kennel Cough Vaccines and Kennel Cough

KENNEL cough is highly infectious and is caught by breathing in or sniffing where an infected dog has been. Symptoms are snuffling, sneezing and coughing and can vary from mild to a stronger reaction.

Boarding kennels, dog walkers and day car facilities require that dogs and puppies using their services have the kennel cough vaccine. However, please be aware that your puppy or dog is potentially infectious to other dogs for a period of time post vaccination, longer if they actually show symptoms of coughing or sneezing, however mild.

Whether or not your dog has been vaccinated, if he/she starts to snuffle, sneeze or cough, please contact your vet for advice about whether any treatment is required. You should also be aware that if your dog has been vaccinated, he/she can still contract kennel cough, albeit a milder form and will be infectious while shedding the infection by snuffling, coughing or sneezing.

Please respect other people who come to our club and ensure that you do not bring your dog or puppy to classes for at least SEVEN DAYS after they have been vaccinated for kennel cough or SEVEN DAYS after they last sneezed or coughed following the vaccine, whichever is the longest time.

Or for at least SEVEN DAYS if you know your dog has been exposed to another dog that has subsequently developed kennel cough within SEVEN DAYS of them spending time together

If your dog shows ANY signs of snuffling, sneezing or coughing please do not bring them to classes until symptoms have stopped for at least SEVEN DAYS.

Thank you for your co-operation. Kennel cough can be fatal to young puppies and older dogs.

TRAINING DATES

Spring Term

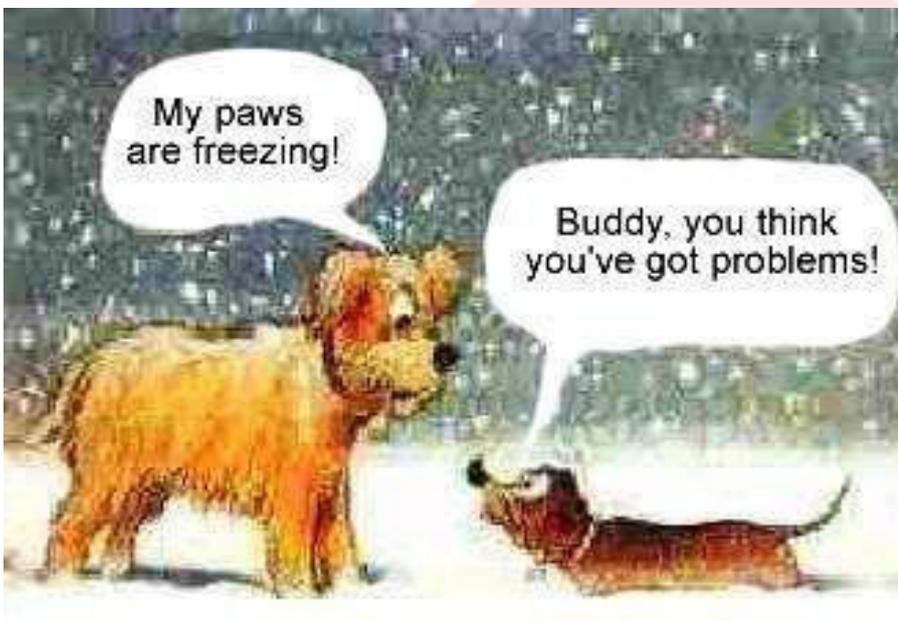
January 17th, 24th & 31st training in the hall
February 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th training in the hall
March 7th No training as trainers travelling to Crufts
March 14th T Touch talk in the Members Room
March 21st & 28th training in the hall
April 4th training in the hall
April 11th & 18th Easter Break

Summer Term

April 25th training in the hall
May 2nd training in the hall
May 9th No training as it is Liberation Day
May 16th training outside TBC
May 23rd & 30th training in the hall
June 6th, 13th & 20th training in the hall
June 27th No training hall etc unavailable
July 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th training in the hall
August 1st, 8th & 15th training in the hall

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to Health and Safety issues flexi/ extending leads are not permitted as a training lead at club.



TRAINING TIPS

Make sure that you have some nice, tasty treats if you are training your dog with food. Your dog will work much better if the reward is worth having. Would you work for a dry biscuit or a chocolate biscuit?

Also please be aware of what your dog is doing at training. Not all dogs like other dogs in their personal space.

Good Citizen Success

Bronze:

Michelle Bouchard & Mossi
Nicky Stewart & Kenzie
Louisa Beldon & Flick

Silver:

Julia Lecrivain & Sky
Carla Mackay & Gunner
Katarina Casserlov & Tigger