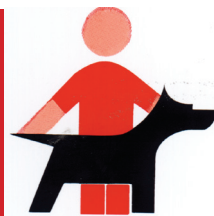


Jersey Dog Handlers Association



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BREAKING NEWS

OUR CLUB has been nominated and selected down to the final three in the whole of the UK for 'Best Training Class' at the forthcoming Pawscars awards ceremony to be held at Crufts 2018 – the doggy equivalent of the Oscars!

What are the Pawscars I hear you ask?

After winning Best in Show at Crufts 2013 with Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Ch Soletrader Peek A Boo, aka 'Jilly', handler Gavin Robertson organised a mammoth sponsored walk with lots of different dogs and their owners called 'Jilly's Jolly Jaunt' which raise just under £50,000 for good causes & brought together the world of dogs in a remarkable way.

Two weeks after the funds from Jilly's Jaunt were distributed to Great Ormand Street Hospital, Doglost and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, the next chapter of the story was started which led to the inaugural Pawscars on March 4, 2014 at the Hilton Metropole, Birmingham NEC.

On that evening awards were made that recognised success, hard work and effort in all areas of the dog world. It also established the Pawscars as a premier event in the UK dog calendar and it raises money for good causes. In four years £119,820 has been donated to worthy projects.

How did we qualify?

We were nominated by a member of the club. The Pawscars committee look at the nominations and then take forward a shortlist of three to a public vote with awards being presented on the night which for 2018,

will be March 7, on the eve of Crufts show at the NEC in Birmingham.

What did the Club do?

After we were nominated we were advised that we had made the shortlist. We then had to make a 30 second video in order to 'sell ourselves' which will be on the website where you vote and shown at the awards ceremony itself.

How Can I vote?

The club is delighted to have made the shortlist and we would love you and all your friends and your friends' friends to vote for us. **Voting is online at <https://www.pawscars.co.uk>** Please get the whole of Jersey and beyond behind us as we would be thrilled to win this award.



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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.

LAST TERM just flew past but we did have a lot of fun! All the classes were well attended and we ended up

with 3 dogs passing their Bronze Good Citizen at the Companion Show. We had an end of term fun obedience course, thought up and run by Tina Syvret. All our Good Citizen dogs took part whether they were from the puppy class or the gold class. It was well attended and judging by the feedback it looks like it will have to be the end of term event of the autumn term!

Our annual Companion show was extremely well attended by members of the club and members of the public. The pedigree classes were well supported for judge Fiona Whitehead and as usual we were overwhelmed with entries in the fun classes for judge Angie Seedhouse and PAT Dog Sausage!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

We had a super, bumper raffle with some gorgeous prizes, thanks to everyone who donated and to Natasha for selling the tickets. To add to the atmosphere we had Anne Mullock and her dogs tags, a stand from Husse and from Forever Aloe. Jersey

Rescue Dogs and the Greyhound Rescue were also in attendance.

The favourite classes in the fun ring had to be the hotly contested sausage race and temptation alley. We had super goody bags for the fun class winners kindly donated by Ransoms for which I am indebted to Helen Lester for organising.

The pedigree class winners had Royal Canin vouchers and 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in both rings had some lovely handmade dog biscuits kindly donated by Carla Mackay. I have never seen the hall so busy, the buzz was amazing. Thank you to everybody who kindly sponsored our rosettes which looked lovely.

The term ended with our AGM and Christmas buffet. There are quite a few changes to committee which you can see elsewhere in the newsletter. I am looking forward to working with my new committee for 2018.

DISCOUNT

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

Marina Scott will be making two visits to Jersey for 2018. Our first date is Saturday, January 13th and still has a few spaces left for ringcraft, three in the morning and seven in the afternoon. If you wish to join us please email us on jjdha@hotmail.co.uk. Pre booking is

essential and the cost is £20 per handler. Marina's next date to visit us is Saturday, July 21st when we are hoping to do outdoor training on grass for those people who go away to show. Even if you don't go away you will still be welcome, obviously this is weather dependant but it will go ahead even if we have to transfer to indoors.

I was pleased that my Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, Didi, finally passed his Gold Good Citizen at the third attempt and in the same month he was successfully assessed as a PAT Dog and will be joining their 'Read 2 Dogs' scheme where he will go into one of the primary schools for youngsters to read to him. Didi says he can't wait to start his 'new job' as he really loves children.

That's all from me, I look forward to seeing you all back at training this term and don't forget to vote for us for the Pawscars – Best Training Class!

CHRISTINE MARETT

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.

DIARY DATES

Saturday, January 13th:

Show Training Day with Marina Scott, Kenneth Faucon Memorial Hall, Rue des Pres, St. Saviour. Pre-booking essential.

Saturday, January 20th:

Kennel Club of Jersey Members Show

Saturday, February 17th:

Channel Islands Dog of the Year with competitions for breed, obedience and agility

Saturday and Sunday, April 14th/15th:

Talking Dogs Scent Work courses, Scent 1 & 2

Saturday July 21st:

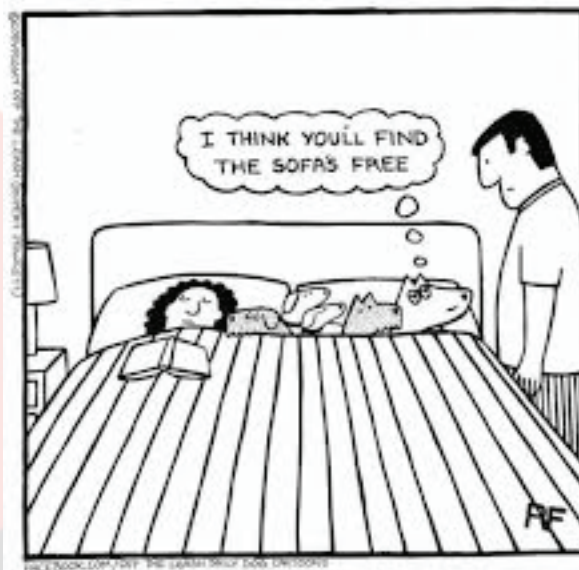
Outside ringcraft training with Marina Scott (booking essential)

Saturday & Sunday, September 22nd & 23rd:

Talking Dogs Scent Work courses 3 & 4

November 11th:

Annual Companion Show



TRAINING DATES

January: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

February: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

March 6th: No training – Crufts week

March: 13th, 20th & 27th

April: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

GOOD CITIZEN BRONZE PASSES

Well done to:

Kelly Moulin & Percy, Cocker Spaniel

Valery Johnson & Sunshine, Sheltie

Louise Eden & Pretzel, Sheltie