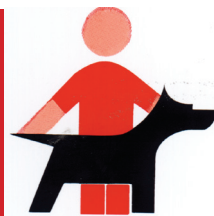


# Jersey Dog Handlers Association



## Newsletter, January 2019

ANOTHER year for the club comes to a close and what a year it has been! Winning the Pawscar on the eve of Crufts had to be the highlight of the year. The club has been very busy throughout the year with one event or another; I won't bore you with them as they have been in previous newsletters.

The club is certainly buzzing on our Tuesday training nights. Highlights from this term include our very popular Companion Show which saw 88 dogs enter the fun and pedigree classes. Our judge for the pedigree was Julian Schofield, a well known local Pomeranian breeder and exhibitor, while Cathy Le Feuvre from Radio Jersey judged the fun classes.

The club was fortunate enough to have all the rosettes sponsored by members. Fish 4 Dogs sponsored goody bags for the whole show and Ransoms sponsored goody bags for the winners of the fun classes. Carla Mackay sponsored 2nd place down to 6th place with 'special' dog bone biscuits.

The atmosphere was great, a good family day out with a bumper raffle and stands from Joyful Pets Photography, Ollie Rocks dog tags and jewellery and the K9 Wellness Centre. As usual we included the sausage race and temptation alley which provided much entertainment!

Soon after the Companion Show it was time for our Annual General Meeting and awards night. What is it about AGM's that send people running for the hills? Ours are very short and it was all over in just under half an hour followed by coffee and mince pies. We reintroduced some annual awards which were given out by Kennel Club of Jersey Chairman Dr Margaret Bayes MBE. Awards up for grabs was the Committee Cup awarded to a non-committee member who has gone that extra mile to help the club. There were awards for the most up-and-coming Junior, most humorous moment, best partnerships from the show handling class and Good Citizen classes and Trainer of the Year voted for

by the membership on the night of the AGM.

Award Winners were:

**Committee Cup** – Robyn Boschat

**Most Up-and-coming Juniors** – Eryn Le Long, Yakira Michel and Emilie Ward

**Most Humorous Moment** – Claire White and Rachel Le Masurier for demonstrating flyball from the dog's point of view

**Best Show Handling Partnership** – Jenny Sharrock and 'Eiger', Samantha Le Couilliard and 'Audrey'

**Best Good Citizen Partnership** – Kelly Moulin and 'Percy', Siobhan Stegenwalner and 'Jack'

**Show Trainer of the Year** – Rachel Le Masurier

**Good Citizen Trainer of the Year** – Christine Marett

December 3rd saw us reintroduce our party night and thanks to Joe and Laney Betts and Natasha Ward dogs and their handlers played some hilarious games. The funniest in my book was the 'Bag it and fling it', where teams of handlers had to pick up their team's coloured bean bags (pooh) one at a time in a pooh bag and throw it into the bin. If players missed the bin then the bean bag (pooh) was thrown back into the playing area; the winning team was the team who cleared up all their pooh and got it into the bin first.

Following the completion of the games and collection of many prizes the humans enjoyed a lovely buffet supplied by the members. Every club member who attended the games night got given their new JDHA logo, insulated coffee mug.

From next term we are hoping to introduce an 'After Gold Class'. Tina Syvret has put together a number of things to learn with your dog, so there will be life after Gold for those of you who wish to still train and socialise your dog.

The trainers and committee look forward to seeing you back in the New Year.

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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.

## 'AFTER GOLD' CLASS

**New 'After Gold' class starting in January at 8.00pm.  
To be taught both indoor and outdoors – weather permitting.**

Go to designated area – build up from go to bed exercise to go to a mat or similar set by instructor. To send from 20 paces.

Retrieve dog's own toy and return it to handler – not a formal retrieve, but handler to stay in one spot ie, dog has to come to handler!

Distance work. Dog to send around cones.

Food manners / recall – temptation alley style recall start point.

Build on return to handler. Start as heel free, at least 5 paces. Handler walks with dog to heel, sits dog and leaves it, continuing walking, handler recalls dog to heel position and continues to walk – handler to designate which side dog to return to prior to exercise, no delay in leaving dog.

Stop the dog – whilst traveling towards and away from handler both to be demonstrated to achieve level.

Change positions – down / sit / stand on command voice / signal command only, no other handler assistance. 2 changes of position from start position eg, if dog in stand, to sit on command, then to transition to down; or sit, stand to down etc.

Stay – handler out of sight 1 minute.

Heel work with distractions. Off lead to include an about turn & left about and 2 turns. Distraction to be bouncing ball, people playing catch, toys on floor etc.

## DIARY DATES

**November 10th**  
Annual Companion Show  
**November 26th**  
Annual General Meeting and Awards Night  
**December 3rd**  
Christmas Party

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

## 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.

## TRAINING DATES

**January** 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th  
**February** 5th, 19th, 26th  
**March** 5th- No training, Crufts week  
**March** 12th, 19th and 26th  
**April** 2nd – possible training outside, inside not available  
**April** 9th  
**April** 16th and 23rd Easter Break

## Class Times

**Show Handling** 7.15 – 8.30  
**Puppy** 7.15 – 7.45  
**Bronze** 7.15 – 7.55  
**Gold** 7.15 – 7.55  
**Silver** 8.00 – 8.40  
**After Gold Class** 8.00 – 8.40

## RECOMMENDATIONS

If you are recommending us to your friends could you please ask them to contact Christine on 874708/07797 740836 to check availability of classes as we are quite full at the moment and it is disappointing to turn people away who have turned up on the night

## 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.

## GOLD GOOD CITIZEN PASSES

Well done to:  
Sue Ingram and Bonnie  
Diane Coppins and Skye  
Julia Lecrivain and Merlin