The Kennel Club of Jersey

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Autumn Newsletter 2017
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Getting Involved

If you have any articles, stories, photos or anything else you would like to see in future newsletters please e-mail socialsecretary@kennelclubjersey.com We look forward to hearing from you!

For our Christmas Newsletter we are looking for festive photos. Please can Members and exhibitors email any photos or articles by the 1st November. Thank you.
The Kennel Club of Jersey is delighted to welcome new Members who joined or re-joined us recently:

- Mr Nicholas Wharton
- Miss Danielle Volante
- Miss Sheenagh Rose
- Mr Michael O’Brien
- Miss Michelle Cabot & Mr David Geary
- Mrs & Mr Jennifer & David Sharrock
- Mrs Dawn Heard
- Mr & Mrs John & Anne Banyard
- Mrs & Mr Maria & Michael Reddy

SEMINAR

The KCJ are pleased to announce that on Sunday 21st January Christina Chapman will be holding two seminars which are requirements under the UK Kennel Club Judging criteria. The morning will be the “Requirements of a Dog Show Judge” and after lunch “Critique Writing”. Places for the days seminars are available for £30 which will include lunch. For further information please check the website www.kennelclubjersey.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th November 2017 Training 2.30 pm, TBC

3rd December 2017 Training & Match 2.30pm – 5.00pm, Training: TBC, Match Judge Robyn Boschat

17th December 2017 Charity Christmas Match 10:30 -12:30 & Christmas Lunch 1.00pm. Match Judge Ian Hutchinson

Obedience, Agility and Scent Work Dates

JERSEY DOG TRAINING ASSOCIATION Obedience Show:
November 24th & 25th at the Maillard Memorial Hall.

COMPANION SHOW

Sunday, November 19th, 2.30 at the Royal Jersey Showground

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NEW PRESENTATIONS – TOP GROUP WINNERS!!!

At the Channel Island Dog of the Year Gala event 7 new presentations will be made to the Top Group Winners of the Year. This will culminate in the Points Trophy being awarded to the Top Dog of the Year. Thank you to the kind sponsors who will be supplying the awards for the winners.
Everyone dreads nail trimming time! Paws Pitstop are offering nail trimming with all donations going toward the Jersey Brain Tumour Charity. Please support this worthy charity. Please call Alexa on 724378.

Supermatch results 15th October 2017
Judge Peter Darby
Steward Julian Schofield

Baby Puppy: Golden Retriever MADARGOLD DIAMOND GEEZER owned by Marilyn and Mark Evans

Minor Puppy: Toy Poodle TUTTLEBEES IN THE LIMELIGHT AT MEANTMORE owned by Carol Smithers.

Puppy: Cesky Terrier GAYTECKELS BOTTOMS UP owned by Christine Marett. Winner of Best Puppy in Match.

Reserve Best Puppy in Match: Shetland Sheepdog TOORALIES MAGIC FLUTE WITH RIBANS owned by Collette Allen.

Junior, Novice & Open Dog Sporting: Cocker Spaniel TOPDAY ARMANI CODE AT GRANROSE owned by Claire White.

Open Dog Non Sporting: Pomeranian THELBERN THE RED MONARCH owned by Thelma Alsford.

Open Bitch Sporting and BEST IN MATCH Irish Terrier AMBERVILLE FORTUNE COOKIE owned by Agata Kucza

Open Bitch Non Sporting: Lhasa Apso PETWALK DIAMONDS R FOREVER - owned by Claire Power Reserve Best in Match

Veteran: Boxer DOCREMA DIAMONDS R FOR EVER owned by M Bayes.

CC Winner: Shetland Sheepdog RANNERDALE SOPHISTICATION WITH RIBANS Owned by Collette Allen.

Veteran CC Winner: Whippet JSY CH PIPIJAY SPIRIT IN THE SKY FOR PETWALK Owned by Peter Walker.

This year the KCJ committee have worked hard to improve the sponsorships and awards for members and exhibitors. May we take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors this year.
The Kennel Club of Jersey thank Louise for this insightful article and we look forward to her judging the Channel Agility Dog of The Year Competition.

AGILITY by Louise Eden

Agility originally started as a demonstration of dog’s speed and agility at Crufts in 1978, and was offered as entertainment between the obedience and confirmation classes. The demonstration proved to be so popular, that by 1979 several dog training clubs were offering training. In 1980 the Kennel Club became the first official body to recognise agility as an official dog sport, and in the same year the first competitive team event was held at Crufts. Since then, the popularity of agility has grown immensely and it is now a truly international sport.

Competitions take place almost every weekend throughout the season, and the KC alone license more than 300 per year. A number of other organisations also run shows under their own rules, the largest of these being UKA. Given the diversity of organisations involved in running agility shows now it is almost impossible to estimate the number of dogs competing. Shows vary greatly in size, however the largest UK Championship shows will routinely have 10 competing rings with 450 dogs in a ring per day. The Kennel Club International Agility Festival, largely acknowledged as one of the largest UK agility shows, attracted over 3000 competitors in 2017.

Agility in Jersey is on a much smaller scale, although many Jersey competitors find themselves becoming hooked and travelling to the UK to compete. We have a number of local shows each year, run under licence by both the KCJ and the FCCI, which are great for beginners. Jersey only has two grades, A and B, whilst the UK has Grade 1 to 7. Winning through the Grades in the UK is difficult, and you have to win increasing numbers of classes as you progress to move up. The highest level is Championship, and once handlers have reached this they can enter championship classes, which are run over three rounds. The combined results of the first two give the championship finalists, and then the slate is wiped clean, and a single run determines who wins the Championship Ticket and the Reserve. The Championship Certificates are required to make up an Agility Champion.

In essence, agility is a sport where a handler guides their dog through a series of obstacles, in a particular sequence set by the judge, using only their body language and verbal communication. Handlers are given time to walk the course beforehand, to decide on the most efficient handling strategy for their dog. Obstacles can be faulted in various ways (for example a dropped pole), and the results are based on the least faults in the fastest time. This is a somewhat simplistic explanation, as the rules are complex, and many things can be done to affect your dog’s time, from how you train the individual obstacles, to how you walk the course and how you handle it. Particularly at the top levels of the sport, handlers are looking at saving 100ths of a second off of their time, and the slightest deviation can be the difference between winning and losing.

My personal journey into agility started 14 years ago with my first dog, a Westie called Maisie. Maisie was very much my greatest teacher in this sport, and was a total beginner, but still managed to take me to Crufts for the very first time. I have run terriers, spaniels, and collie/lab crosses, but my true love is for shelties, and this is the breed I am now commonly associated with.

My husband and I are the only handlers in the Channel Islands to have taken our dogs to Grade 7 and Championship level, an achievement of which I am very proud. My dogs have won multiple CC’s and reserve CC’s, and compete regularly at Crufts, in both team and individual events, which in the agility world we need to qualify for every year. I have also qualified for the Olympia semis annually, including 2017. I have represented Jersey at the World Agility Open on numerous occasions, and have received various medals in Individual Pentathlon rounds. Perhaps my greatest achievement to date would be my selection for Agility Team GB, one of only 4 small dogs in the country, and I have competed at both the European Open and FCI Agility World Championships with Team GB in both Team and Individual events multiple times. 2017 will mark my 6th international appearance for Great Britain, which really is one of the most prestigious achievements in an agility career.
Agility Team GB run a programme to prepare handlers for performance at elite level and hold regular squad days at Nottingham Trent University where we work with sports coaches ranging from physiotherapists, fitness coaches (for both us and the dogs) to sports psychologists and technical coaches. The opportunities for personal development have been incredible. I have been extremely lucky that being involved with the sport at such a high level has taken me all over the world, competing, training and teaching, although it does mean I spend increasing amounts of time away from my home island.

Safety is a big consideration in modern agility, and as we have learned more about canine physiology and canine sport science, adaptations have been made to obstacles, and more importantly training methods. Modern trainers place a big emphasis on teaching their dogs to be aware of their bodies, and work on strength, fitness and proprioception, not only to enhance performance, but more importantly to protect them from injury, as it is a physically demanding sport. I am a fully qualified FitPaws Master Trainer and Certified Canine Fitness Trainer from the University of Tennessee, and I love how this type of work is applicable and beneficial to all dog sports, not just agility.

Nearly all dogs can get involved with agility, as the sport has three heights and caters for all sizes, however certain breeds are not advised, largely due to confirmation and whether they are suited to jumping. That said, these are few and far between, so most dogs most certainly can, and love it! Prior to starting, dogs should have a good level of basic obedience (including a recall). There’s a common misconception that dogs need to be a year old to start agility, and this really isn’t the case. Whilst it’s true that you do need to be careful of developing joints in a puppy, there are lots of foundation and non-impact things you can be doing, which makes life a lot easier once it comes to getting your dog on the actual obstacles. Puppies can be taught lots of early behaviours which will benefit them in their agility training later on, just ensure that you are training with someone who has the appropriate knowledge and expertise to keep your dog safe.

Personally, my enthusiasm and passion for agility is endless. I love the bond it develops between me and my dog, which needs to be incredibly strong to have such control at speed. I enjoy the training, motivating them, making them love the game, and I love that we do it as a team. The feeling when you are running together is exhilarating, and quite addictive! I love being caught up in the moment, with no thought to what is going on outside the ring, focussed on our crazy run together! Seeing his little face as he comes across the finish is great, as no matter what has happened, he is the best dog in the world as far as he is concerned. From a personal perspective, I enjoy the really technical side of things, the behavioural side and understanding how my dogs mind and body works. As the human part of the partnership, running at big events is exciting and I love performing under massive pressure (like running for GB and being live streamed to the world!). Having said that though, the beauty of agility is that you can take it to whatever level you choose. I train people who just want to have fun and never compete, those who are starting to want to do well at local and small UK shows, right up to those with bigger aspirations, and all of them have the same thing in common that drives them …. having fun and building a partnership with their dog!

We have a great agility scene here in Jersey, with two busy local clubs who offer classes and run shows, and some private trainers, however the best way to get started is to go along to one of the shows and chat to people. Everyone in agility is very friendly and will be more than happy to welcome newcomers. Spectators are always welcome, and there is a good support network for newcomers. Even if you think you might like to train, but won’t ever compete, come along, as you will see that the local shows can be a great day out with your dog. Everyone has to start somewhere! If you come along, please say hello, or alternatively please feel free to contact me if you want to know more!

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# The Kennel Club of Jersey list of confirmed Judges for 2018 – 2020.

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What’s your vision of the future for the club?
My vision for the Club is that it continues to grow & also nurture the other dog disciplines

How did you get involved in dog showing?
I got involved in dog showing when we acquired a Cardigan Corgi when Adrian & Russell were small

Funniest experience at a dog show?
Showing Taj in the Best Veteran in Show at the KCJ 125th Anniversary Show in half of my scout band uniform, then having to execute a quick change into the rest of my uniform to play in the Fanfare party for Best In Show

Favourite breed and why?
I fell in love with the Cesky Terrier. They are so versatile & can turn their paw to anything, showing, agility, obedience & tracking, they love showing off to the public at events such as Discover Dogs. They are content to do whatever you want to do whether that be go for a walk or just chill with you while you watch T.V. They are a very biddable breed.

Favourite dog show, and why?
Crufts has to be my favourite dog show, to me it is what we strive to qualify for each year & I love the buzz of being there.

Who is the most influential person in the world of dogs that you have ever met?
The late Miss Diana Abbott, former President of the Jersey Dog Club & life member, she taught myself, Adrian & Russell all about showing & dogs in general & was very knowledgeable as well as being a very valued friend.

Advice you could offer a show newbie?
Don’t be afraid to ask a more experienced exhibitor for help.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself.
I once had a crash course in block laying at Highlands College before going to Kenya on a Scout Expedition to build a scout hall for disabled scouts

The Kennel Club of Jersey would like to thank Christine Marett for all the hard work that she puts into the raffle. For the raffles to be a continued success we are always in need of prizes. If you have any raffle prizes please contact Christine or alternatively bring them to the show.

Please like and share the KCJ new Facebook page.
Search for “The Kennel Club of Jersey”. 
Till we meet again

By M. Morris

The day you wagged into my life
We bonded from the start
You brought happiness to all my years
and love into my heart.
There is no other like you –
you were beautifully unique
And my heart breaks to not have you here
every minute of every week.

Even in your absence,
There is hope my friend,
On that rainbow bridge we’ll meet
To love and play again.

Losing one of our beloved canine friends is never easy. The KCJ will be introducing a memorial page into the Dog of The Year Catalogue listing the members and exhibitor’s dogs that have lost their lives throughout the year. Should any member wish their dog to be included then please email the show secretary at showsecretary@kennelclubjersey.com.

“When a dog show is over, whether you’ve won or lost doesn’t matter. As long as you’ve gone home with the best dog, everything’s fine”