



2018

Annual General Meeting

Annual Reports



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DR MARGARET BAYES MBE

Another busy and successful time in Jersey.

On the show scene we held three championship shows open to overseas visitors, two members' shows and one open show with stakes classes which proved popular. The top winners in Jersey and Guernsey then compete in The Channel Island Dog of the Year in breed, obedience and agility, held in Jersey and I have enjoyed looking after judges after the shows.

We have matches most months and a companion show at the Agricultural show in the summer, which was great fun. Many exhibitors are unable to travel to UK or European shows and support these local shows. However, several exhibitors do travel regularly with their dogs and especially to Crufts.

We were very pleased to congratulate Angie Seedhouse with her Staffordshire Bull Terrier "Sausage" who won Pat Dog of the Year at Crufts 2017, they were invited to our Charity Christmas Match as guest of honour last year which was in aid of Pat Dogs. Sausage judged the fancy dress class. We also congratulated Jersey Dog Handling Club, one of our affiliated clubs, who were the top UK training club at The Pawscars 2018.

In June 2017 we were invited to The International Congress of Kennel Clubs at Clarges Street which I attended with Stuart Mottershaw. The Kennel Club gave us excellent hospitality and there was a very informative two day programme of presentations from clubs around the world, some differences but many similarities in aims despite varying sizes of clubs and countries. We then attended a magnificent dinner at The Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly with The Kennel Club President HRH Prince Michael of Kent who came around to speak to us all in turn.

I continue to promote responsible breeding with articles in our newsletter about our annual eye testing clinic and breeding your dog. In addition, I get enquiries about purchasing a puppy most days and many of our members are happy to help with advice on their breed.

Dr Margaret Bayes MBE
President



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – FIONA WHITEHEAD

I would like to thank the hard-working members of the Executive Committee (Committee) who give their time and energy to support the KCJ. Putting on six shows with dinners, Dog of the Year, training, matches, providing a registration service and dealing with numerous canine issues is no mean feat with such a small number of people.

There are times I am sure that many of us have wondered why and whether we wish to continue, it feels at times as if we are criticised for doing things and criticised for not doing things, for making changes, for leaving things as they are, for the second year running we have seen off the incumbent Show Secretary. We have been open to and always welcomed suggestions and ideas from members.

We all need people to work for the KCJ and I would ask everyone to think twice before they “have a go”, we are all volunteers trying to do our best, many of us have full time jobs and families.

I was reading a Scottish Terrier Year Book and the following message was included which made me smile:

Mistakes

If you find mistakes in this publication,
Please consider that they are there for a purpose.

We try to publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.

However, in spite of the above we continue to work for the KCJ and its members and try to do the right thing. Why, because we share a pride in this Club and have a shared love of all things canine. I hope that the next Committee continue to receive your support.

I am sorry that two people have withdrawn their nominations as Committee members; it is without doubt that we need more Committee members and help if we are willing to continue to provide all we do today. There are four key roles, Secretary, Show Secretary, Registrar and Treasurer and we, as a Club, need to look to the future and find people who are willing to learn about these roles.

We are struggling to find Committee members who do not want to exhibit at shows albeit some do not handle and hence we are proposing a change to the Breed Show Regulations.

During the last fifteen months the Committee have achieved many things:

Launched a New Website and Facebook Page

I will not go in to the details of the problems with the previous website, but huge thanks go to Wayne Maloret for the work he has done on the new website and Facebook Page. It is still work in progress, but a fantastic job so far.

Organised an EGM

As agreed at the last AGM the Committee called an EGM to amend the Constitution. This was following the successful vote to remove the requirement for 50% of the members at an AGM to support an unopposed candidate. We took the opportunity to correct a number of typographical errors and to suggest some further amendments that we felt would be helpful.

A member challenged us as to whether we had the power to call an EGM, legal opinion said that we did and indeed whilst the Committee must review the Constitution every ten years it may also do so in between. Notwithstanding this, insufficient members supported the EGM, so it did not take place and the wish of the last AGM has not been delivered.

Dealt with the changes necessary to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation

We live in the days of heightened need for maintaining secure data. I would ask any past Committee members to ensure that they no longer hold any spreadsheets or other records with details about members, all records must be held solely by the current Committee

Set up new emails

Again, thanks to Wayne Maloret for the work he has done in setting up new emails following the launch of the new website.

Changed the accounting year end and AGM date

It has been a challenge for some time to organise the January Show, Dog of the Year and have an AGM in the first three months of the year whilst, for many, attending Crufts. In addition, the new Committee then have to run a show in April.

As a result, the Committee have changed the accounting year end to 31st March and moved the AGM to June.

Trophy Audit

We completed an audit of the trophies which the KCJ owns and in the process were able to find many that were thought lost. A huge thanks to those who did the work for this audit and who gave their time before, during and after.

Completed the change from Affiliated clubs to Registered and Listed Status Clubs

Following the vote at the last AGM the Committee have introduced Registered and Listed Status Clubs in line with the UK Kennel Club. Whilst no Club or individuals have applied for Listed Status to date it is available.

Reviewed and amended the Breed Regulations

New regulations have been sent to all members. We did not send details of what had been changed as the regulations were sent in their totality, had been reformatted and the expectation was for the whole document to be read. One member asked for details of what had been changed and we provided details as best we could.

For an example the previous regulations did not include anything about Dog of the Year. When we were faced with a complaint there were no regulations to refer to, this has been rectified. In addition, we added wording regarding handling. We are all concerned about the welfare of dogs and wording has been added in line with the UK Kennel Club.

Review of Breed Shows

Organising the six shows is incredibly time consuming and, on the day, we rely heavily on support from a number of members and non-members, in particular our thanks go to Mick Marett, Philippa Knight, Eleanor McFadden, Liz Boschat, Sam Kezourec and Roisin Pitman. Thanks also to those who help put up and take down the shows. A thank you also to Bob Michel who has assisted as Membership Secretary this year.

People have expressed concern about the duration of shows so we have trialled the removal of variety classes and the inclusion of a stakes class, this can be changed back if it does not work. In addition, without enough stewards we struggle so the removal of the variety classes helps.

If there is anyone who would like to assist with stewarding, we are happy to accept their help and if necessary provide training.

Finally, I wish all members and their families good health and continued enjoyment of their dogs.

Fiona Whitehead



SECRETARY'S REPORT – AGATA KUCZA

It has been a busy year with several new members, including myself, coming onto the Committee. A lot has been achieved thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Committee but there is a lot more to be done and Members are being encouraged to help.

The Club welcomed 37 new members since April 2017 but also, very sadly, lost the following life member & members: Lisa Goodall, Bob Shorto and Joyellen Kate Collins. Donations on behalf of the Club were sent to their charities in memory of them.

Congratulations to Anna Pinto who has reached the 40th anniversary of her membership and is now proposed to become a Life Member of the Club.

There were 15 monthly Committee meetings held, with the following attendance:

Name	Role	Number Attended
Fiona Whitehead	Chairman	15
Christine Marett	Vice Chairman	15
Agata Kucza	Secretary	15
Stuart Mottershaw	Treasurer	11
Marie Claire Hannigan	Show Secretary	15
Margaret Bayes MBE	President/ Registrar	15
Helen Lester	Social Secretary	10
Claire White	Trophy Steward	13
Alexa Dodds	Committee Member	13

It is also worth mentioning that a number of additional meetings took place “behind the scenes” of events like Dog of the Year, drafting, preparing and reviewing the Club’s documents not forgetting preparing correspondence and envelope stuffing, Newsletter drafting, organising Companion Dog Shows and many more...

Most Members see the hard work, time and commitment put in running the Club and it’s always lovely to see their appreciation. Unfortunately, I have also witnessed some patronising and very unappreciative behaviours towards some members of the Committee. This is very sad considering the Committee give up their time and put so much effort in the Club.

There were also instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour among some Members. Please let’s try to remember that we are all members of this Club because we love our dogs and our hobby.

Working with 2017/2018 Committee has been a great experience for me. I would like to thank all members for their work but particularly the Chairman - Fiona Whitehead and the Show Secretary – Marie Claire Hannigan for their help in my first year on the Committee and their huge contribution

to the Club. Sadly, Marie Claire decided not to re-stand for the new Committee which I personally think is a great loss, but I fully support her decision and wish her all the best.
Special thanks to Bob Michel for supporting the Membership Secretary role for the Club.

In order to fulfil the Members' wish, the Committee called an EGM on 18th of October 2017.

The EGM was called following the last AGM where the Members passed a resolution to remove the need to have at least a 50% vote of confidence for anyone standing for an unopposed position on the Executive Committee, which requires a change to the Constitution. The Committee put a lot of time and effort into preparing the EGM and also took the opportunity to suggest other changes to the Constitution.

Disappointingly, only 46 Members attended therefore the quorum of one third of the voting members has not been reached and the EGM could not take place.

Whilst it was very disappointing that the EGM could not be held, the Committee took the opportunity and reported back to those in attendance about the work the Committee has been doing and to provide updates which included the finances, website, Listed and Registered status, shows, judges, trophy audit etc.

Thank you to those who attended the meeting!

Thank you to all those who continue to support and offer their help to our Club.

All the best!

Agata Kucza



TREASURER'S REPORT – STUART MOTTERSHAW

2018 ACCOUNTS

1. First of all, due to the change of year end, these accounts cover a 15 month period compared to the usual 12 months.
2. Overall, we have achieved a satisfactory result with a surplus of £ 1799 compared to £ 2249 previous period. This is despite rising costs particularly on the running of the Shows; however, we are fortunate on increases on the raffles and registration fees.

INCOME

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

I have carried forward 9/12 of 2018 subs; after this adjustment the current period shows a 12 % increase.

4. REGISTRATION FEES

Whilst the members fees are fairly constant, the non members fees show an increase of 50 %.

5. RAFFLES

The current figure includes 2 DOY raffles and is after donating £ 500 to the Grenfell Disaster Fund. The average per Show including the £ 1 note is around £ 260.

6. SHOWS

The breakdown per Show shows nearly every Show runs at a loss, but for several Shows we have managed to reduce the loss; this is despite the ending of the Travel Grants covering part of the judges' travel. However, the DOY events are continuing to be expensive to run so the Sponsorship is essential to cover some of the costs.

The hire of the RJAHS Hall is at the same rate but had to pay for the June Show in 2017 compared to no charge for the previous year. The cost of the catalogues and schedules continue to rise. The cost of complementary dinners/drinks includes a figure of £ 1060 at 2 DOY events.

The sundry figure includes flowers at 2 DOY of £ 650 and prize money of £ 195 at the January Show.

The Match and Training receipts show a healthy increase.

EXPENDITURE

7. HONORARIA

The increase is due to the higher figure for the Chairman and an accrual for the extra quarter.

8. POSTAGE

This reflect increased postings on Shows, Newsletters and the EGM.

9. SUNDRY REPAIRS

This reflects cost of cleaning materials, table cloths, wood and repairs to the trolley.

10. MEETINGS

This includes the EGM and 2 Affiliate Club meetings.

11. TROPHIES

This reflects repairs to existing trophies and replacing some damaged ones.

12. ADVERTISING

This reflects the cost of a JEP block advert.

BALANCE SHEET

13. FIXED ASSETS

These are the 2 Laptops and are being written over 3 years.

14. BANK ACCOUNTS

These are more or less unchanged; the Business Card Account will be released shortly as the credit card facility was withdrawn; but have been issued with a debit card in its place.

15. PREPAYMENTS

These include payments made in advance for future Shows.

16. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

These include various accruals such as the Honoraria, Show entry fees received in advance and the balance of the 2018 subs.

GENERAL

These accounts were approved by Committee on 30th May 2018. They have been reviewed by Mrs Susannah Powell, ACA and her Report was signed on 29th May 2018 and is attached to the Accounts. Our thanks go to her for completing this work.

AGM

As I will not be at the AGM, I would welcome any comments/queries beforehand.

STUART MOTTERSHAW

(HON.TREASURER)



REGISTRAR'S REPORT – DR MARGARET BAYES MBE

I have prepared these statistics for 2017 as it can be compared with previous 12 month periods.
A busy year with 141 Jersey born puppies from 28 litters in 14 breeds (2016 105 pups from 19 litters in 12 breeds)

Lhasa Apso	36	7 litters
Cocker Spaniels	20	4 litters
French Bulldogs	16	3 litters
Shih Tzu	14	3 litters
Golden Retrievers	8	1 litter
Labrador Retriever	8	1 litter
English Springer Spaniel	7	1 litter
Wire Haired Fox Terrier	7	1 litter
Siberian Husky	6	1 litter
Chinese Crested	5	1 litter
Pomeranian	4	2 litters
Beagle	4	2 litters
Mini Long Haired Dachshund	4	1 litter
Papillon	2	1 litter

Import Registration	down	41 (65)
3 Gen Pedigree	down	16 (42)
Export Pedigree		1 (1)
Kennel Name	up	7 new and 6 renewals
Activity	up	14 (10)
Transfers		72



SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT – MARIE CLAIRE HANNIGAN

Firstly, I would like to say that the Kennel Club of Jersey is in great hands of our chairman Fiona Whitehead and Secretary Agata Kucza. Both are organised and diligent which has led to this committee achieving what it has in this relatively short period of time. The groundwork has been laid for a successful club, but this can only continue with all members participating. Individual agendas and vendettas have to be put to one side for the benefit of the club and for the welfare and betterment of dogs.

Please try and keep personal vendettas away from the showground, there have been a few incidents this year which have put a dampener on events especially when some of your committee have been up till the early hours of the morning making sure the events run smoothly. Be careful what you post on Facebook – social media has its pluses but also its negatives, it's now used as a tool to share gossip and negativity rather than focusing on successes and positivity. Remember your committee are only human mistakes are made, no one is perfect. Trial by Facebook messenger should stop. I volunteered for this role last year at the AGM, I love being involved in organising shows more than I do handling at them, but unfortunately, I have felt the need to stand down. The moment I realised this was when my three year old daughter asked me why someone was shouting down the phone at me. That combined with negativity about how I work has led me to make the decision that I cannot continue.

I feel like I have listened to members and exhibitors' views on how the shows have previously been run and tried to bring proposals to committee that have prompted change for the benefit of everyone. These include stalls, sponsorship, better promotion of the club through a stronger social media presence, more inclusive breed classes and less variety classes which will hopefully see the shows run more efficiently.

The biggest challenge was the Channel Islands Dog of the Year and what an event this turned out to be despite the last minute changes. Huge thank you to Helen for working tirelessly on ensuring the after show dinner was a success. The feedback from the exhibitors was positive and having the breed competition in the morning seemed more favourable. The atmosphere was great, and the addition of the stalls was very welcomed. Your committee worked extremely hard to secure as much sponsorship as we could for this event, it was nice to receive the positive feedback from those that secured goody bags and raffle prizes. Another thank you to Helen who has developed great relationships with companies on the island securing goody bags and financial assistance. The Channel Island Dog of the Year event received the following sponsorship:

- £800 from the main sponsors Romerils for DOTY trophies for Agility and Obedience, displays of flowers and corsages for the exhibitors.
- £300 from Animal Health trust for the Bubbles reception at the Gala Dinner.
- £100 voucher was obtained from Condor Ferries including discounted travel for those attending the show from Guernsey and the UK.
- Royal Canin supplied Ring Numbers and food vouchers for qualifiers.
- Pets Paradise at Le Marquand Brothers supplied 40 goody bags which were kindly put together by Ro Cox.
- Holme Grown supplied 9 flower centre pieces.
- Ransoms supplied 11 potted primroses for the Gala Dinner Tables.

- Mr Steven Laffoley – Edwards kindly donated the sound system for the Gala Dinner which would have cost the Club £300. A big thank you to Ian Hutchinson for setting up the system which saved the club approximately £180.

We have had the generous sponsorship of the shows from Kerry Bruce at Forever Aloe, we are very grateful for all her wonderful gift baskets and it's lovely to see how integrated she has become with the club and was lovely to have her as guest at the Gala Dinner.

Raw 'n' More are the newest sponsors for the Championship Shows in 2018. Thank you to Ros White for your generous Sponsorship of the special classes at the end of the show. The rosettes and gifts bags are popular with exhibitors and it's great to see the stand at the events.

I would like to thank Agata and Alexa for their hard work on the collecting rings, this role is pivotal in the smooth running of the classes and also assists the ring stewards in their role. We are desperately short of volunteers for stewards so if anyone would like to volunteer then please speak to the show secretary.

A big shout out to Mick Marett who works so hard ensuring the shows are put together and to Roisin Pitman whose attention to detail has ensured that the trophy records were all completed in full and that the recording is accurate. Christine your support at shows especially with the profitable raffle is very welcomed, you're always the first to arrive and one of the last to leave assisting with setting up and packing away – thank you.

A big thank you to Wayne for all his help especially with Excel, the one computer programme which can drive me to drinking Gin! Your constant support and background work you do for the club is amazing, thank you for holding the fort with the twins when I have been at meetings and shows. The Club has its challenges ahead with moving into the new arena and all securing judges to travel to the island, the club also needs volunteers even if it's standing in the collecting ring for half an hour or volunteering to help hand out trophies and get them signed. Every little helps. Good luck to the new committee and I wish all the exhibitors well.

Marie Claire