

# MID-DOWNS DOG AGILITY CLUB



## OPEN AGILITY SHOWS

(Held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations H & H(1))

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**  
**LARGE – GRADED 4, 5, 6, 7 - JUMPS 65 cm**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**  
**LARGE – GRADED 1, 2 - JUMPS 65 cm**

South of England Showground, Ardingly - in conjunction with the  
**SOUTH OF ENGLAND AUTUMN SHOW AND GAME SHOW**

*Please note, this Agility Competition is being held in the precincts of a Game Show –  
there is likely to be some gunfire*

*Please note that the car parking arrangements are open to the general public*

SHOW OPENS 8.30 am - BRIEFING 8.45 am - JUDGING 9 am

### JUDGES

Julie Docking ▪ Katy Shapland  
Karen Richardson ▪ Roger Wilkin

Reserve: Judges: Tina Wilkin ▪ Don Nunn

ENTRIES CLOSE **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2008** (FIRST CLASS POSTMARK)

**ENTRY FEES - £6.50\* FOR 2 CLASSES**

Both Classes for which the dog is eligible must be entered  
NFC: Free

**SHOW SECRETARY** – Christine Nunn

Samburu ▪ RH7 6DA ▪ Telephone: 01342 834552

**COMPETITION MANAGER** – Malcolm Saunders

### ALL ENTRIES TO:-

Mid-Downs DAC

% Agility Aid, 1 Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 4JH

Telephone: 0870 766 1958 (1pm-6pm)

(Entry enquiries only)

Internet entries will be accepted via



[www.iShowServices.com](http://www.iShowServices.com)

Guarantors to the Kennel Club:

**Club Chairman:** Tricia Shapland ▪ 24K CR5 3DE

**Club Secretary:** Christine Lovett ▪ 11 RH10 7EF ▪ Telephone: 01293 882703

**Club Treasurer:** Don Nunn ▪ Samburu RH7 6DA

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE on the Showground

*(We regret overnight camping on the Show site is not possible)*

**THERE WILL BE NO MEASURERS AT THIS SHOW**

## ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

In the following definition of classes, First Prize wins are those gained at any Kennel Club open licensed event (ie invitation events and special classes excepted)

### CLASSES SATURDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008

- |   |                                   |                  |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Large – Graded 4, 5, 6, 7 Jumping | Karen Richardson |
| 2 | Large – Graded 4, 5, 6, 7 Agility | Roger Wilkin     |

A "Pay-on-the-day" Class may take place at lunch time if time permits.

### CLASSES SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008

- |   |                             |               |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 3 | Large – Graded 1, 2 Agility | Julie Docking |
| 4 | Large – Graded 1, 2 Jumping | Katy Shapland |

A "Pay-on-the-day" Class may take place at lunch time if time permits.

**ENTRY FEES - £6.50\* FOR 2 CLASSES**  
**Both Classes for which the dog is eligible**  
**must be entered**  
**NFC: Free**

### PRIZES

#### TROPHIES:-

1<sup>st</sup> in a class or part up to 50 entries

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class or part between 50 and 100 entries

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a class or part over 100 entries

ROSETTES to approximately 10% of entries in all classes

Clear Round rosettes in all classes

ALL ROSETTES AND PRIZES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE DAY

*\*Your £6.50 entry fee includes admission to the Autumn Show for the handler only*

**It is our intention to have one ring.**

Entry to the Showground will be by TICKET supplied by the South of England Society. One ticket will be supplied for each handler. **Further tickets must be purchased at the gate for other members of your party** - Adult £6.00, Child £3.00, Family £15.00. Reduced rates for Seniors and Students (£5.00).

## ELIGIBILITY OF CLASSES

For large, medium and small dogs

**STANDARD CLASSES.** Only 1<sup>st</sup> prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes [A dog is only eligible for one grade]

- Grade 1  
[Elementary]** For owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Agility Class or three 1<sup>st</sup> places in Jumping Classes at K.C licensed Agility Shows. [Owners handlers or dogs previously qualified out of grade 1 [Elementary] are not eligible for this class.
- Grade 2  
[Starters]** For owners, handlers or dogs which have qualified out of grade 1 but have not gained a 1<sup>st</sup> in an Agility Class or three 1<sup>st</sup> places in Jumping Classes at grade 2 at K.C licensed Agility Shows or elected to progress on points from grade 1. [Owners handlers or dogs previously qualified out of grade 2 [starters] are not eligible for this class.
- Grade 3  
[Graduate]** Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or 2 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 at K.C licensed Agility Shows and dogs which are not eligible for Grade 4,5,6,or 7.
- Grade 4  
[Novice]** Open to dogs which have gained a 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Agility Class or three 1<sup>st</sup> places in Jumping Classes at Grade 3 or elected to progress on points from Grade 3 at K.C licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3,5,6,7.
- Grade 5  
[Intermediate]** Open to dogs which have gained a 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Agility class or three 1<sup>st</sup> places in Jumping Classes at Grade 4 or elected to progress on points from Grade 4 at K.C licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3,4,6,7.
- Grade 6  
[Senior]** Open to dogs which have gained a 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Agility Class or three 1<sup>st</sup> places in Jumping Classes at Grade 5 at K.C licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3,4,5 or 7
- Grade 7  
[Advanced]** Open to all dogs which have gained a minimum of four 1<sup>st</sup> places at Grade 6 at K.C licensed Agility Shows Two 1<sup>st</sup> places must be gained in Agility not Jumping classes

Large dogs: Dogs measuring over 43cm

Medium dogs: Dogs measuring over 35cm and 43cm or under at the withers.

Small dogs: Dogs measuring 35cm or under at the withers

**75 points are required if using progression by points**

**Dogs may only work in the class & grade heights they are eligible for i.e. small, medium, large**

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### **Welfare of dogs**

**A competitor whose dog attends or is entered at a Kennel Club Licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.**

### **Dogs in hot cars**

**Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.**

## SHOW REGULATIONS

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Agility shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B. The registration number/Authority to Compete number will be required for each entry.
2. Entry Fee £6.50 per dog for two classes.
3. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
4. Puppies under 18 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show are not eligible to compete for Kennel Club licensed Agility Tests. Not for Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 4 calendar months and over. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and they must be Kennel Club registered.
5. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the Show is forbidden.
6. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
7. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
8. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. Only a flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar ie. not attached by a ring.
9. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge, the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
10. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
11. Dogs will be received at any time.
12. Kennel Club standard marking will apply.
13. Height of Jump obstacles will be as follows: Large dogs 65cm  
Competition for Large dogs – for dogs measuring over 43cm at the withers
14. Judges at an Agility Show may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Show at which they are judging.
15. Withdrawal of dogs from Show. A dog shall be withdrawn from competition and removed from the Show if it is:
  - (a) A bitch which is in season
  - (b) Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease
  - (c) Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent
  - (d) Of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal
  - (e) Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.
16. Entry eligibility: In estimating the number of awards won, all wins in standard classes up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> day before the date of closing of entries shall be counted when entering for any class (23/08/2008).
17. It is the competitors' responsibility to be available for their class and running orders will be strictly adhered to.
18. Handlers working more than one dog in a class must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
19. Should circumstances so dictate, the Club, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. All such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.
20. All competing dogs must, at the time of entry for the Competition, be registered as required by the Kennel Club Rules & Regulations in the Competitor's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of a partnership, the full name of every partner must be given. In the case of dogs recorded as owned by a limited company, the directors and secretary of the limited company will jointly be considered for the purpose of the Regulations. A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a Competition, may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Kennel Club before the Competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and Conditions of the original entry form.
21. Animals in Event: No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Club Committee. However, at the discretion of the Show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.
22. In the event of the abandonment of the Show through circumstances beyond our control, the Committee may defray such expenses from the entry fees to cover the cost of the show preparation.
23. All dogs will be entered at this Show at their owner's risk, and whilst every care will be taken, the Committee will not accept responsibility for the loss, damage or injury howsoever caused to dogs, people or property whilst at this Show.
24. No dog will be allowed in the ring at any time other than when being judged, no practising will be allowed in the ring. Food shall not be carried in the hand or given to a dog in the ring.
25. Internet entries will be accepted via [www.ishowservices.com](http://www.ishowservices.com)
26. No prize money will be given.
28. Please remember also, that if the sun is shining, your dog is vulnerable and at risk in a hot car  
Please remember to leave ventilation and water available for your dog in your car.

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE**

**On M25, leave JUNCTION 7 on to M23 South, marked GATWICK and CRAWLEY. Leave M23 at JUNCTION 10 signposted EAST GRINSTEAD A264. After two miles, at Dukes Head roundabout, take THIRD EXIT marked HAYWARDS HEATH and South of England Showground (B2028) through Crawley Down and Turners Hill. Follow signs to Ardingly and Haywards Heath. The Showground is on your right. Please use the gate opposite the Gardeners' Arms Pub.**

**The car parking for the Agility Show should be exclusive to the competitors, but you should be aware that it is open to public access.**