



NEWS RELEASE

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A CRUFTS INTER-REGIONAL TEAM MANAGER FOR RALLY

The Kennel Club is calling for anyone interested in becoming a Rally Inter-Regional Team Manager to get in touch.

The Inter-regional Rally event took place for the first time in 2017 and is a competition between teams from Scotland, Northern Ireland, North, Midlands, Wales, South East and East Anglia, South and South West. Team Managers were appointed for a three-year term which comes to an end after Crufts 2019.

We are now inviting applications from interested parties who would like to be considered for the position of a Crufts Rally Inter-Regional Team Manager, for the period from Crufts 2020 up to and including Crufts 2022 in the following regions, Wales, South East and East Anglia and North. The current Midlands team manager is willing to continue but wishes to offer others the opportunity to apply for the post.

Any candidates interested in applying must meet the following criteria:

Each team manager appointment is for a 3-year period and must fulfil the following criteria.

- i. Reside in the area they manage
- ii. Demonstrate a real interest in the competition
- iii. Actively promote the competition
- iv. Appoint 2 assistant managers for the appointment period (who will be entitled to free entry and car parking for the day of the event). The choice of assistant managers should be used to ensure that all areas of the region are covered by the team selection process.
- v. Ensure any equipment required for team selection and training is available to team members.
- vi. Liaise with the event coordinator as required.

Skills / attributes

- i. Good communication and organisational skills.
- ii. Ability to work with team members and assistants to build team spirit and ensure everyone understands their role and responsibilities for the day.
- iii. Access to and an ability to use a computer, in particular completing word documents received by email and then returned to the coordinator by email.

Team selection process

Team managers will host at least one team selection event to which dogs and handlers are invited to attend through an application process that is clearly advertised throughout their area.

The application form will contain the following information;

1. Dog and handler details
2. List of awards achieved during the year
3. The class level applied for.

Once a team is selected the manager shall host at least one team training session to build team spirit, to ensure all members are suitably acquainted with the tests and requirements for the day.

Expectations for competition day

- i. Arrive at the Rally competition area early enough to meet all team members as they arrive and to ensure they are briefed in preparation for the day.
- ii. Lead the team in the parade at the start and finish of the day.
- iii. Ensure each team member is in the collecting ring ready to compete as required.
- iv. Offer the reserve handler and dog the opportunity to work in the ring during the lunch break.

Richard Kebble (Crufts Chief Obedience & Rally Steward) and Sue Garner (Event Coordinator) are happy to speak to potential applicants. Initial contact can be made via email to richkebble@gmail.com or suegarner4dogs@btinternet.com.

Those interested should send their applications to the Cathy Guiver, Crufts Office, The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London, W1J 8AB or via email to: cathy.guiver@thekennelclub.org.uk by 1 February 2019.