



# DURHAM COUNTY CANINE ASSOCIATION

## **SCHEDULE OF OPEN RALLY COMPETITION**

held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations S and licensed by The Kennel Club Limited

### **TANFIELD LANE FARM**

**Tanfield Lea, Stanley, Co. Durham DH9 9QE**

This is an outdoor show with NO wet weather accommodation.

**on SUNDAY 13th JULY, 2025**

**SHOW OPENS : 8.30 a.m.**

**FIRST WALK THROUGH : 9.30 a.m. (approx.)**

**JUDGING 10.00 a.m. (approx.)**

(Class times and allocations will be posted online at [www.rallynews.co.uk](http://www.rallynews.co.uk) & Rally News Facebook and Durham County Canine Association Facebook page)

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This show is sponsored by CSJ Canine Feeds <https://www.csjk9.com/> and  
Curlabull Canine Training. [www.curlabullcaninetraining.co.uk](http://www.curlabullcaninetraining.co.uk)

The officers and committee members of the society/or the licence holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the competition safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulations S29. In doing so those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the competition and that this is a binding undertaking

### **Hon. Veterinary Surgeon (On Call)**

Prince Bishop Vets 1 Plantation Street, Leadgate, Consett, DH8 7PP. Tel: 01207 590340

**SHOW SECRETARY – Mrs Mechelle Ann Jacques. The Stables, Durham Road, Blackhill, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5TN**

**07776308220 (answer machine) mechellejacques@gmail.com**

**CHIEF STEWARD: Ms Alyson Hunter**

**Postal entries close: Sunday 29th June 2025 (*Postmark*)**

**On-line entries close: Sunday 29th June, 2025 (*Midnight*)**

**To enter online go to - [www.withyourdogrally.co.uk](http://www.withyourdogrally.co.uk)**

**ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO: Mrs Mechelle Ann Jacques. The Stables, Durham Road, Blackhill, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5TN**

**ELIGIBILITY: Last qualifying date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**ENTRY FEE £7.50 PER DOG PER CLASS – NFC entries are Free**

## ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

### Classes at rally competitions

A competition host may stage one or more special classes not conforming to the standard class tests set out in Annex C of the Regulations. Such classes must contain the word 'special' in the title of the class, and shall not count towards progression, titles or awards in standard competition classes.

### Levels

Rally handler/dog teams compete in their lowest eligible class from Level 1 to Level 6. They may also compete at the subsequent level.

Progression to the next level does not require either wins or places. Progression is dependent upon gaining three excellent scores, under three different judges, or six qualifying scores under four different judges.

Levels 1 – 4 have a qualifying score of 175 out of 200.

Levels 5 & 6 have a qualifying score of 180 out of 200.

Scores equivalent to these qualifying scores (or greater) earned at limited rally competitions do not count towards progression, rally Level Titles or Excellent titles.

In all levels a qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

Rally handler/dog teams where the dog is 7 years of age or older may compete in Veteran as well as, or instead of, their lowest eligible class.

Veteran has a qualifying score of 175 out of 200. A qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

### Eligibility

When entered for a competition, a dog must be entered in a standard class at the level for which it is eligible.

The dog may also, if desired, be entered in up to two additional classes **including** one further standard **level** class at the subsequent higher level. Once a dog has earned any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.

A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in just a Veteran class. It may also be entered in standard level classes and special classes to a maximum of 3 classes in total.

A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes in total. Special classes do not count towards progression.

### Level 1

- Open to dogs which have not achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title.

### Level 2

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 1 may also enter at this level.

### Level 3

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 2 may also enter at this level.

### Level 4

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 3 may also enter at this level

### Level 5

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 4 may also enter at this level.

#### **Level 6**

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 5 may also enter at this level.

#### **Veteran**

- Open to all dogs aged 7 years or over on the first day of the competition.

### **Judges**

Level One	Jeanette Young
Level Two	Helen Belcher
Level Three	Carol Fox
Level Four	Ann Lee
Level Five	Ann Lee
Level Six	Gail Holl
Veteran	Gail Holl
Special One Two Three Reward class	Helen Belcher
Special Three four Five Six Reward Class	Gail Holl
Reserve judge will be appointed as necessary	

No prize money is on offer at the show.

Rosettes & Place cards 1-6 and qualifying cards to all those with a qualifying score of 175 or better in level 1 – 4 and 180 or better in levels 5 and 6

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The judges for this event are Jeanette Young, Helen Belcher, Carol Fox, Ann Lee, Gail Holl. Reserve judges will be appointed as required.
2. CSJ canine feeds are supporting the show with products as prizes. <https://www.csjk9.com/> Curlabull Canine Training are sponsoring rosettes and cards.
3. Entry fees are £7.50 per dog, per class. NFC entries are free, Parking is free
4. Rosettes and prize cards will be awarded for 1st to 6th in all classes. Qualifying Certificates will also be awarded with a qualifying score of 175 or above for levels 1 – 4 and 180 or above for levels 5 & 6 There will be NO prize money on offer at this show.
5. The show will open at 8:30 a.m., and competitors should book in at the Show Secretary's Table in the small gazebo to collect their ring number. Then, they should personally book in and choose a place in the running order with the sheets in the gazebo. The first walk-through will be at 9.30 a.m., and the first judging will start at 10:00 a.m.
6. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
7. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.

8. All dogs must enter and leave the judging ring on lead. When in use, one end of the lead must be attached to a ring on the dog's collar and the other should be held in the handler's hand(s), except for when performing Bonus Exercises 4 or 5 where the handler has chosen for their dog to drag the lead.
9. Dogs must compete in a buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes, harnesses, slip leads, check and half-check collars are not allowed. A medicated collar may be worn in the ring.
10. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
11. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 12 weeks and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
12. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the competition date. Cancellations will be carried out in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club published event cancellation policy.
13. Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge.
14. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
15. Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to the Kennel Club.
16. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 1, 2, or 3 classes. Only dogs of 12 calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 4 or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises. A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in a Veteran class.
17. The committee have not set a capping level for this show.
18. A dog cannot enter, and must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes
19. All competitors must report to the ringside of all classes entered and book in, by marking a list of entries, within one hour of the scheduled time for the commencement of judging of the class.
20. Competitors must send an SAE if they are unable to access the show information via the internet. Information will be posted on rallynews.co.uk, Rally news Facebook page and Durham County Canine Association Facebook page.
21. No Entry Passes are required for competitors or officials
22. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
23. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the Judge or Judges.
24. After a dog has commenced competing in a Class no substitution of Handler is permitted in that Class.
25. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
26. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst under test, except in special classes where the use of food and/or **silent toy** rewards has been specified in the schedule.
27. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.

28. A dog must, at the time of entry for the competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given.

Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.

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 Royal Kennel Club before the Competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

29. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as a scheduled judge.

30. Following discussion between the Chief Steward and the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Competition 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 control 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.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to the Royal Kennel Club.

31. Judges' discretion prevails and Judges' decisions are final.

32. **An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request, in any investigation of a breach of this regulation, by such handler.**

33. ***DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS***

***Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle 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.***

34. Welfare of Dogs

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Royal 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 **Board** for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. **The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any Rally event licensed by the Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.**

35. No modifications may be made to the Schedule once published except by permission of the **Board** of the Kennel Club which must be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press if possible.

#### Animals in Event

32. No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a competition during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the **Board**. However, at the discretion of the host organisation, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, 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.

### Other Information

**We will have a practise rally ring available to work all day, It will be set up with a level three course and will be enclosed so that you can practise off lead in a competition atmosphere. £1 for 5 minutes, run with honesty box. All monies will go to North Air Ambulance.**

**A limited number of disabled parking spaces will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please include a S.A.E. with a copy of disability badge (THIS MUST BE INCLUDED) To receive your Disability Car Park Pass.**

**Because vehicles are parked very close to the rings, strict parking rules must be followed. All vehicles must be parked with their bonnets facing the rings. Under no circumstances should a vehicle be parked with the rear facing the rings. The car parking steward's instructions should be followed at all times. If dogs are barking in cars near the rings, the owner of the vehicle will be asked to move the vehicle further from the rings, so that other handlers and dogs are not disturbed while working.**

### SECURITY AT SHOWS

In light of recent events the Royal Kennel Club would like to issue a reminder to all Societies of the importance of security at dog shows.

The Kennel Club understands that due to the nature of dog shows and the quantity of paraphernalia exhibitors bring it would be extremely difficult for show organizers to take on the issue of security alone, therefore we would reiterate the advice being given by the Police and security services, that everyone in the UK should remain vigilant and this applies to those organizing and taking part in dog shows.

The importance of exhibitors feeling that they and their dogs are safe when attending a show cannot be underestimated. We would therefore remind you of the importance of the need for show organizers and exhibitors to remain mindful of potential dangers and that all visitors generally need to be vigilant and alert.

**Should you see anything suspicious or of concern**, please alert the Show Secretary, Show Manager immediately. If it is a package or bag you are concerned about, please do NOT attempt to move it or examine it yourself.

**Should it be necessary for the venue to be evacuated**, please remember that evacuation should be carried out as speedily but as safely as possible, as in the case of a fire. It is important that you do not block the exit routes with cages or bags and follow any instructions given to you by the Show Management regarding evacuation procedures.

## Special Reward Classes

Please note that you may only enter a maximum of 3 Rally classes. Please read the Eligibility section carefully, especially if you are entering Veteran.

### Guidelines for all Special Reward Classes

All the Special Classes this year allow the use of rewards and aim to provide the opportunity for handlers to reward their dogs in a competitive ring set-up. Rewards may be food and/or a silent toy at the handler's choice. All special reward classes will provide a minimum of 3 rewarding opportunities, at least one of these will allow rewarding in place at the end of a static exercise.



Each class will include at least one reward area which will contain a table or box to allow the handler to pre-place their reward(s) if they wish. Rewards may also be carried concealed upon the handler's person, but not carried in the hand. Food rewards should be throwable food (i.e. that will not break up) in a sealed container.

#### Scoring for Special Reward Classes

All the special classes will be scored in the same way as a standard class. However, for the special classes only, the following will earn a 10-point deduction instead of an "NQ":

- Touching the dog to prompt an exercise
- Exceeding course time (unless an EMR for time has been approved)
- Consistently tight lead
- Handler misses or does not attempt an exercise

Please note that Special classes are not Qualifying classes so do not count towards titles or progression.

## Special one two three reward class

Open to dog and handler teams who do not yet have a Level 3 title.

There will be 8-12 exercises from Levels 1-3, all of which must be able to be performed on lead.

There will be a minimum of 2 static positions and a maximum of 8. There will be no separate Bonus Exercise as the judge will award bonus points for effective use of your rewards. The judge may choose to use a bonus exercise within the course.

The course may be worked on or off lead at the handler's choice. If working on-lead there will be a section which can be attempted off lead if the handler wishes. The judge will indicate where to remove, and then reattach, your dog's lead.

## Special three four five six reward class

Open to all dog and handler teams over 12 months old, however, this class is aimed at those working Level 3 and above so will be worked off lead.

There will be 12-17 exercises from all Levels, but limited to a maximum of 2 Level 5 exercises and 2 Level 6 exercises. There will be between 2 and 12 static positions and a maximum of 2 jump exercises. There will be no separate Bonus Exercise, instead bonus points will be awarded for effective use of rewards, however, the judge may choose to use a bonus exercise within the course.

### **Barbecue and Social Evening**

Why not come along to our Barbecue & Social Evening

Saturday 12th July 2024 7pm till 10pm

Tickets £10.00 Prepaid ONLY

(Available until Friday 4th July)

Tickets available from

The Secretary Mrs Claire Reid.

85 Lily Gardens, Dipton,

Stanley, Co Durham DH9 9BH

Tel 07783146476

e-mail [dogsatdcca@hotmail.com](mailto:dogsatdcca@hotmail.com)

Please make cheques payable to Durham County Canine Association  
or contact for BACS Details (preferred method if not paying with entries)



**A LIMITED NUMBER of camping sites will be available.**

(1<sup>st</sup> come basis these are MORE SUITABLE TO SELF CONTAINED UNITS. )

Available from Noon Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July until Noon Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Cost for Camping is £15.00 per night or 3 nights £40.00.

Tickets for the Saturday nights BBQ & Social evening are £10.00 per ticket.

(TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTILL 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY)

**Please contact Claire Reid to check if space is available:**

The Secretary Mrs Claire Reid. For more details on Tel 07783146476

e-mail [dogsatdcca@hotmail.com](mailto:dogsatdcca@hotmail.com)

Please complete Booking form and send with payment to

The Secretary, Mrs Claire Reid. 85 Lily Gardens, Dipton, Stanley, Co Durham DH9 9BH

Please tick.

Caravan                      Motorhome                      Tent                      No. BBQ tickets .....

Name.....

Address .....

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Tel. No. ....

Approx. length of Caravan.....

Approx. length of Motor Home.....

Vehicle Registration Number.....

I also confirm that my caravan is fitted with a FIRE EXTINGUISHER and that I am an EXHIBITOR or JUDGE at the Show, as the Showground Site is for EXHIBITORS and JUDGES only.



Kennel Club Bronze Good Citizen Testing is available all day on Sunday. This must be booked in advance, by emailing Mechelle Jacques, who will provide you with a time slot.

The GC testing should not interfere with the running order of the dogs for the rally classes. If you have a clash then please speak to the secretary as soon as you know about the issue, so that it can be resolved.

The test donation is £5 and goes to the Great North Air Ambulance, which is paid for at the time of testing.

Please note, you will need a tag with your family surname, your first line of your address, not just the house number, as well as the postcode. The tag must be attached to the collar. For more details contact Mechelle Jacques at [mechellejacques@gmail.com](mailto:mechellejacques@gmail.com)