



# A DUKE'S APPROACH DOG TRAINING SCHEDULE OF OPEN RALLY COMPETITION

(held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations S and  
licenced by the Scottish Kennel Club)

**Border Union Agricultural Society,  
Springwood Park, Kelso, TD5 8LS**  
Mobile enquiries on the day to 07532 390263

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

**This show is running alongside SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB PREMIER AGILITY SHOW**

SHOW OPENS 8:30am - FIRST WALK THROUGH 9:00am - JUDGING STARTS 9:30am  
(Class allocations and timings will be posted on [www.rallynews.co.uk](http://www.rallynews.co.uk)  
and in the Rally-O Scotland, KC Rally News and KC Rally UK Facebook groups)

**Levels 1 - 6  
and**

**Veteran Class**

**sponsored by Stoneleigh Rally Challenge Awards**



**Special Reward Class**

**sponsored by Rally Online**



The officers and committee members of the society / or the licensee holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the competition safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Royal 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 Regulation S31. In so doing 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.

SHOW SECRETARY: Amy Jackson  
CHIEF STEWARD: Sharon Dunn  
ENTRIES CLOSE: **26<sup>th</sup> July 2025** (1<sup>st</sup> class postmark and online)

ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO: The Show Secretary or via [www.withyourdogrally.co.uk](http://www.withyourdogrally.co.uk)



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Tel: 07532 390263 no calls after 9pm please  
Email: [adukesapproach@outlook.com](mailto:adukesapproach@outlook.com)

ELIGIBILITY: Last qualifying date: **19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

VETERINARY SUPPORT: Galedin Vets, The Knowles, Kelso, TD5 7DH-  
01573 224 496 please phone first

Head out of Showground through gate you came in and turn right onto A699.

- Turn left at bridge onto Roxburgh Street and follow this road in to town.
- Turn right onto Wood Market/A699.
- Turn right onto Simon Square.
- Turn left onto The Butts, in approx 120 yards Galedin Veterinary Group will be on the left



# Special Reward Class

Sponsored by Rally Online



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

**Special Reward Class** - Open to all dog and handler teams. There will be 8-12 exercises from Levels 1-3 to include a minimum of 2 static positions and a maximum of 8, some exercises may have an alternative exercise or exercise bank from Levels 3-6 which may add to the overall number of static positions. It will be up to each individual handler whether they perform the original exercise or the alternative(s). 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 bonus exercises 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.

There will be a minimum of 3 rewarding opportunities, at least one of these will allow rewarding in place at the end of an exercise ending in a static position. The ring 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. Rewards may be food and/or a silent toy at the handler's choice. Food rewards should be throwable food (i.e. that will not break up) in a sealed container.

For the Special Reward class 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

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Our judges are: Rachel Bradley, Claire Price, Vicky Hunter, Kate Draper. Other judges will be appointed as necessary.
2. We thank Rally Online [www.rallyonline.org](http://www.rallyonline.org) for sponsoring the Special Reward Class and Stoneleigh Rally Challenge Awards <https://stoneleighrally.co.uk/challenge-awards/> for sponsoring the Veteran class.
3. Entry fees are £8 per dog, per class.
4. Qualifying Certificates and Rosettes will be provided for all dogs achieving a qualifying score in the standard classes. Place cards and rosettes will be awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in all classes.
5. Competitors should book-in at the Show Secretary's table.
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.
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.
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 and 2 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. Organisers of Open Rally competitions and Limited Rally competitions may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard or special class and may decline entries received after the capping level has been reached.

- Classes will not be capped at this show.
18. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes
  19. All competitors should collect their ring numbers from the Secretary's table and then proceed to their rings where they should mark themselves present and choose a running order.
  20. Entry passes will not be required for this show,
  21. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
  22. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the Judge or Judges.
  23. After a dog has commenced competing in a Class no substitution of Handler is permitted in that Class.
  24. 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.
  25. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst under test.
  26. The attention of competitors is drawn specifically to the Kennel Club Rally Competition Regulations 9, 17, and 19.
  27. A dog can not be entered in the same class more than once.
  28. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete no further practice may be carried out.
  29. 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 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 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).
  30. 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.  
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 Kennel Club.
  31. Judges' discretion prevails and Judges' decisions are final.
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  33. 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.
  34. **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.**
  35. Welfare of Dogs  
An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog 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 Board for disciplinary action under 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 Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.
  36. 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
  33. 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.

## 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, however, a class will be won by the dog that has lost the least number of points, unless otherwise stated for special classes. Progression is dependent upon gaining three Excellent scores, under three different judges, or six qualifying scores under four different judges.

Levels 1 to 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 (*unless only entering special classes*)

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.

## **CLASSIFICATION**

### **CLASS**

1. LEVEL 1
2. LEVEL 2
3. LEVEL 3
4. LEVEL 4
5. LEVEL 5
6. LEVEL 6
7. VETERAN  
*sponsored by Stoneleigh Rally Challenge Awards*
8. SPECIAL REWARD  
*sponsored by Rally Online*

### **JUDGE**

*Vicky Hunter*  
*Kate Draper*  
*Claire Price*  
*Rachel Bradley*  
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*Rachel Bradley*

**Refreshments and hot drinks will be available throughout the day.**

## General Information

- No dogs are to be off lead on the whole showground at any time (including camping and parking areas) except in a designated exercise area or when competing in the ring.
- Dogs should not be tethered near or at the ringside.
- Handlers may not have more than two dogs off the lead per person in the exercise area at any one time.
- A maximum driving speed of 5MPH is in force everywhere on the showground.
- No Smoking around the rings, marquees and stalls.
- A 10m no smoking ban is in force around these areas for the benefits of all competitors, spectators and dogs.

## Camping Information

Camping is available Friday, Saturday and Sunday night for competitors and show officials only. Facilities include onsite showers. Cost is £28 per pitch. Please book and pay with entry. Electric hook up is not available.

- Access to the venue will be available from Friday afternoon FROM 3pm.
- All units must carry suitable fire extinguishers and first aid facilities and have a bucket of water sited outside, at the front of the unit.
- Additional guidelines and camping passes will be issued on arrival at the camping area.
- All camping units must be off site by 10.30 am on Monday.
- Generators - Only suitcase type/completely enclosed generators are permitted on the venue, NO open frame generators. Time restrictions will be in place for all campers, generators can only be used between 4- 8pm. Please note trade stands with generators will have a different time restrictions

### Directions

Border Union events Centre (Springwood Park) is located off the A699 to the South West of the town.

Please use Postcode TD5 8LS for your navigation.

If you are coming for the west then need to turn left as you come across the Teviot Bridge (you may be directed right into Springwood Estate) Follow the road towards Kelso the venue is on your right.

From other routes you may be directed past the main entrance – please turn into the main showground entrance on your left.

Once inside the showground please follow signs to camping and day parking areas.

***PLEASE PARK WHERE DIRECTED BY THE STEWARDS***

*Please clean up after your dog and be considerate of other competitors at the venue.*

*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*

## CAMPING BOOKING FORM

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPING TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick below if applicable:

JUDGE:

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SCRIBE:

☐

HELPER:

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Please pay and send in this form for your camping with your entries.