

DITTON DTC OPEN RALLY

SCHEDULE 2025



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

Ashford Rugby Club, Kinney's Lane, Canterbury Road, Ashford
TN24 9QB

Camping available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

Saturday 16th August and Sunday 17th August 2025

Show opens both days: 08:00 am

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 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 S29. 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

Saturday

Rhia Butler

rhiabutler@btinternet.com

2 Moore Close, Brenzett, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 9UW

Sunday

Zoe Tonks

Chief Steward

Saturday

Tanya Butler

tjbutler21@outlook.com

Sunday

Rhia Butler

rhiabutler@btinternet.com

Entries Close

Sunday 27th July 2025

Eligibility

Friday 20th July 2025

Entries To Be Made To:

WithYourDogRally (Preferred)

OR



Postal entries to the show secretary,

Rhia Butler / Zoe Tonks

2 Moore Close, Brenzett, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 9UW

ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE TO:

DITTON DOG TRAINING

(ON NO ACCOUNT WILL ENTRIES BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FEES)



This venue is disability accessible, but please note it is a rugby field so if it has been raining a lot then may not be suitable for wheelchairs.

Saturday 16th August 2025

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>JUDGE</u>
1. LEVEL 1	Edd Hanson
2. LEVEL 2	Tina Cameron
3. LEVEL 3	Kate Wykes
4. LEVEL 4	Joanne Syson
5. LEVEL 5	Pat Somerset
6. LEVEL 6	David Cameron
7. VETERAN (open to dogs aged 7 years and older)	Rachel Cooper
8. SPECIAL REWARD (open for level 1 & Level 2 dogs)	Adrian Dornford-Smith
9. SPECIAL 6+ (open to all dogs)	Julie Barrett

Sunday 17th August 2025

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>JUDGE</u>
1. LEVEL 1	Mick Hanson
2. LEVEL 2	Nikki Kirk
3. LEVEL 3	Tina Cameron
4. LEVEL 4	Jenny Butters
5. LEVEL 5	David Cameron
6. LEVEL 6	Jo Stocks
7. VETERAN (open to dogs aged 7 years and older)	David Moxon
8. SPECIAL REWARD (open for Level 1 & Level 2 dogs)	Trudy Longhurst
9. SPECIAL 6+ (open to all dogs)	Tanya Butler

* Reserve judges will be appointed if required *

Level 1, Level 3, Level 6 & Veteran

Walkthrough starts 9:30 am

Judging Starts 10:15 am

Level 2 & Special Reward

Walkthrough starts 10:45 am

Judging Starts 11:30 am

(The special reward class MAY allow food/silent toy to be carried or there MAY be an area for rewards within the ring)

Level 4, Level 5 & Special 6+

Walkthrough starts 1:45 pm

Judging Starts 2:30 pm

(Please be aware that there MAY be new exercises that are not from KC Rally in the special 6+ class)

ALL RINGS WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.30 TO 13.30 FOR LUNCH

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entry fees: £6.50 per dog per class. NFC: free
2. Camping: Overnight camping Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Any 1 night - £10, any 2 nights - £15, all 3 nights - £20
3. Camping to be booked and paid for with entries. No entries will be accepted without fees.
4. **No arrivals before 2pm on Friday 15th August.**
5. Booking in for the rally to be done at the RALLY signing in tent.
6. No dogs will be able to sign in and work after 1 hour from the start of judging.
7. The show will close 1 hour after all judging is completed.
8. Any YKC entries must email the show secretary to make them aware.
9. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
10. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
11. 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.
12. 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 also be worn in the ring.
13. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
14. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged twelve weeks and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
15. 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.
16. Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge.
17. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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. State the capping level for each class. The capping level must be set at a minimum of 40 entries received. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set.
21. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
22. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition. This will result in immediate removal from the show grounds and will be reported to the Kennel Club.
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, practising prior to competition or in the designated dog exercise area.
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. A dog cannot 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.
- a. 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.
 - b. 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.
31. 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.
 - f. The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to The Kennel Club.
32. Judges' discretion prevails and judges' decisions are final. (S22.i)

33. DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

- a. 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.**
- b. 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

- a. 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.
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.
36. 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.

Hospital Support

A&E William Harvey Hospital, Kennington Rd, Willesborough, Ashford TN24 0LZ

Veterinary Support

Cinque Ports Veterinary Hospital, Kingsnorth, Ashford Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent, TN23 3EA
Tel. 01233 640022

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.

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.

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 and older on the first day of the competition.

Special Level 6+ - Open to all dogs.

Special Reward - Open to all dogs that are currently working in Level 1 and/or Level 2 ONLY.

THERE WILL BE A TOMBOLA BY THE RALLY RINGS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SOUTH EAST AND EAST ANGLIA CRUFTS INTER-REGIONAL RALLY TEAM 2026!