



Training

Organising a Good Citizen Dog Scheme course and subsequent testing session can only be carried out by a Kennel Club Registered club or Kennel Club Approved Listed Status organisation.

The host club or organisation is responsible for arranging all aspects of the test including ordering the stationery, briefing the candidates, appointing an Examiner, overseeing the test and returning the required paperwork after the test has taken place.

Our partnership with Royal Canin provides all participants of the scheme with vouchers plus points awarded to each club redeemable against merchandise and Royal Canin Educ training aids. All information distributed to clubs with each stationery order.

[More Information](#)

Kennel Club registered club or society

A Kennel Club registered club is a form of registration that encompasses clubs and societies. They are bound by the Kennel Club Code of Practice, pay an annual fee, have officials and committee members and submit membership lists and annual financial accounts. The annual renewal date is the 1st January.

This type of registration requires the club or society to define exactly what their interests and parameters are to be in order to decide what category of Kennel Club registered society it is to become. The categories are as follows:

1. Dog Training Societies: With activities confined to the training of dogs. Once registered these societies may hold Obedience shows and matches, Agility tests and matches, Heelwork to Music competitions, Companion Dog Shows, Good Citizen Dog Scheme classes and in certain cases Working Trials and rallies.
2. Agility Societies: With activities confined to the training of dogs. Once registered these societies may hold Agility tests and matches, Heelwork to Music competitions, Companion Dog Shows and Good Citizen Dog Scheme classes.
3. Ringcraft Societies: With activities confined to Ringcraft Training (Breed). Once registered these societies may hold Breed and Obedience matches and Good Citizen Dog Scheme classes. (Exempt from Annual Returns).
4. Breed Clubs: Serving the interests of a specific breed or sub-group, either nationally or regionally, as defined within its title. Once registered these societies may hold Breed and Obedience shows and matches, Agility tests and matches, Heelwork to Music competitions, Companion Dog Shows and in certain cases Field Trials, Gundog Working tests, Good Citizen Dog Scheme classes, Working Trials and rallies.
5. General Societies: Serving the interests of more than one breed, either nationally or as defined within its title. Once registered these societies may hold Breed and Obedience shows and matches, Agility tests and matches, Heelwork to Music competitions, Companion Dog Shows and in certain cases Field Trials, Gundog Working tests, Good Citizen Dog Scheme classes, Working Trials and rallies.
6. Imported Breed Register Clubs: For breeds on the Imported Breed Register, Registered Breed societies will be termed provisional. These societies will be allowed to conduct Good Citizen Dog Scheme classes and Scheme testing sessions.
7. Branches: Breed Societies may apply to register branches which must be administered in a similar way to the parent society, with their own set of rules and local officers and committee.

For more information on how to become a registered society [click here](#).

Kennel Club Approved Good Citizen Dog Scheme Listed Status Clubs

Listed Status Clubs are bound by a Code of Practice for Listed Status Organisations. There is no requirement for these Clubs to have a committee or produce any financial accounts annually. Once listed, these Clubs or Organisations must hold a minimum of two courses and or tests per year. Listed Status Organisations are not permitted to conduct shows, matches or rallies. The annual renewal date is upon date of joining. This form of registration is open to the following categories:

1. Private Dog Training Groups
2. Dog Training Instructors
3. Canine Charities
4. Dog Training Groups conducted at Armed Forces Bases
5. Dog Training Groups conducted by Local Council/Authority
6. Veterinary Practices (from puppy socialisation classes or more advanced training levels)
7. Agricultural Colleges
8. Further Education Centres
9. Overseas Dog Training Groups or Organisations

For more information on how to become a Listed Status Club [click here](#).