

Welwyn and Hatfield Ringcraft Club

COVID-19 Awareness



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We are taking measures to ensure that the wellbeing of our members and committee is our priority during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are closely monitoring the official advice and guidelines given by the British Government and UK Kennel Club and will ensure, via our Facebook page, that our members and committee are made aware of any changes in guidance regarding training classes and dog showing in general. We will endeavor to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene and, in response to the pandemic, we have taken additional measures to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

It has been agreed by Committee to restart basic ringcraft training and socialisation exercises, adhering to Government and Kennel Club guidelines, **for those members that wish to participate:**

- There will be 4 training sessions (weather permitting), initially held at Tina's field in Tewin (Marden Hill, Hertford, Herts. SG14 2NE):
 - Two sessions from 6:00-6:45pm and two sessions from 7:00-7:45pm.
 - Each session will consist of 1 trainer & 5 handlers in different parts of the field.
 - Cost of one session would be £5.00 per handler and dog.
 - Bookings will be made via our FB page on a weekly basis.
 - Payment – please put the right money in an envelope with your name and contact details on the front – this should be given to your trainer on the night. If you wish to pay in advance, then details for bank transfer will be provided on request.
 - Your details (from the envelope) will be kept for 21+ days to allow NHS Test and Trace to contact all participants if someone becomes ill with Covid-19.

The club reserves the right to cancel a class at any time if we feel it appropriate to do so – it is the members' responsibility to check our Facebook page for regular updates.

Please adhere to the following guidelines, **anyone not following them will be asked to leave:**

- Parking will be at the edge of the field – please follow the instructions when you arrive.
- The gate will be left open to avoid contact (it will be sanitised after closing when we finish for the evening).
- **No spectators will be allowed** – if a handler is accompanied by someone they will have to remain in (or by) their vehicle.
- **Face masks should be worn** – please ensure you bring one with you.
- Please bring your own hand sanitiser and use this on arrival at the training session. Please use this as required during the evening and again prior to leaving the field.
- No drinks will be provided, handlers to bring their own drinks for themselves and their dogs (although there is a tap for water at the side of the field).
- There will be no toilet facilities (for the handlers).

- Please pick-up after your own dog – a poo bin is situated at the end of the lane (at the edge of the field). **Please take any rubbish home with you.**
- Tables will be available for you to stand your dog on, these will be sanitised prior to the next dog using it (sanitiser spray/wipes will be available).
- You are asked to **maintain 2 metres social distancing** (1 metre if wearing a mask) and not to touch anyone else's dog. The trainers will not be touching your dog during the evening unless you are happy for them to do so – they will sanitise their hands after each dog.
- Handlers are asked not to arrive early and to leave straight after their training session.
- Dogs to remain on the lead and under control at all times.
- Please note, **NO BITCHES IN SEASON** to be brought to training. When your bitch comes into season you should refrain from training for 3-4 weeks.
- **Training is undertaken at your own risk** – Welwyn and Hatfield Ringcraft Club will not be held responsible for anything that happens during training.

All handlers should undergo a self-assessment for Covid-19 symptoms. Do not leave home to participate in a class if you, or someone you live with, has symptoms of Covid-19, ie:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

If you, or anyone you know, has been exposed to Covid-19 or anyone in your house displays symptoms up to 14 days prior to your training session please do not attend.

If you become unwell (with suspected Covid-19 symptoms) whilst at your training session, please inform the trainer and leave the hall immediately. When you get home go online to NHS 111 and follow their advice.

If you become unwell after your training session, please inform one of the committee members. Other people attending the same training session will have to be advised of the possibility of contact with the virus.

Many thanks for your help in adhering to these guidelines and keeping everyone safe.