

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 global outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID- 19). We are closely monitoring the official advice and guidelines given by both 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, initially held at Tina's field in Tewin (weather dependent):
 - Two sessions from 7:00-7:45pm and two sessions from 8:00-8:45pm.
 - 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.
 - Sessions will be advertised on our Facebook page on a weekly basis. Instructions will be given on how to book and pay for your class. Confirmations will be sent out – please do not come to the field unless you have received confirmation that your place has been booked. Payment must be received by the deadline given otherwise your place will be forfeit.
- 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 their vehicle.
- The wearing of face masks is advised, please bring your own mask.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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 other people's dogs during the evening.
- 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.
- **Training is undertaken at your own risk** – Welwyn and Hatfield Ringcraft Club will not be held responsible for anything that happens during training.

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 field 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.