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Welcome to the

Welwyn and Hatfield Ringcraft Club

Hall Address:	Local Vets:
Ludwick Family Club Hall Grove Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL7 4PH Tel: 01707-324059 (<i>not 'manned' all the time</i>) We are at present meeting in a member's garden/field (SG14 2NE)	Attimore Veterinary Hospital Ridgeway Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL7 2AD Tel: 01707-331963 www.attimorevets.co.uk
Facebook: 'Welwyn and Hatfield Ringcraft' – please request to be added to our Group as training slots are currently being booked via this forum	Website: www.welwynringcraft.co.uk

Committee:

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|  Barbara Mahmoudi (Chair) |  Victoria Norbury |
|  Tina Morris (Treasurer) |  Steph Parry |
|  Gillian Read (Secretary) |  Cassy Razzell |
|  Tom Barrell |  Paul Richardson |
|  Sarah Ganney |  Brian Tansley |
|  Shaun Nicholls |  Debra Wilde |

Meets:

We are currently meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6pm-8:15pm in a field near Welwyn. There are four training classes – 2 at 6-7pm and 2 at 7:15-8:15pm. These are booked weekly by responding to the notice put on our Facebook page.

Once we return to the Hall, classes will start at 8:10pm.

We close between Christmas and New Year. We do occasionally cancel training due to snow or fireworks or extreme temperatures – if you want to check that we will be open, call Tina on 07979-045110 or look at the Club's group on Facebook.

Costs:

Training is currently £5.00 per session or £7.00 for two sessions (on the same night).

Match Nights are currently on hold due to the pandemic.

There is also an annual membership fee - £5.00 for single membership and £7.00 for joint membership (husband, wife, partner, son/daughter, shared affix owners), renewable every January. If you join after 31st August, the annual membership is halved and the full fee payable for the following year in January.

We do require sight of vaccination certificates (or record of treatment with vaccine alternatives, eg nosodes) for every dog that attends Club when you join and again when you renew your membership each year.

Training:

Inside (on mats) and outside (on grass) – depending on the weather/light.

Matches:

Held on the last Wednesday of each month. Please complete an entry form at the desk before paying on the night (**apart from puppies under 4 months of age where no form needs to be completed**). Copies of the entry form are available on the website if you want to complete one prior to coming to club.

There are trophies available to the winners to take home until the following month's match, however, a deposit of £5.00 is payable if you do wish to take the trophy home. This will be refunded when you return the trophy.

Classes are:

- **Pre-Puppy:** for puppies under four months of age (**no entry form needs to be completed**).
- **Puppy:** for dogs of four and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age (specific KC Regulation for Ringcraft Matches – normal competitions are from six months of age).
- **Yearling:** for dogs of twelve and not exceeding twenty-four calendar months of age.
- **Graduate:** for dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or 4 or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes whether restricted or not where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.
- **Open:** for all dogs.
- **Veteran:** for dogs over seven years of age.
- **STAKES:** for all dogs at Club that evening – prize money for 1st and 2nd placed dog. Dogs awarded BIM / RBIM / BPIM / BVIM at that night's match are asked to withdraw from the class if they have entered. CC winners and Champions are eligible to enter this class. This is sometimes a 'Handling' Class, in which case everyone can enter as it will be judged on the handler's ability and not the dog.
- **Junior Handling:** for junior handlers up to the age of 16 years.

All the monthly winners (Best in Match, Reserve Best in Match, Best Puppy in Match and Best Veteran) are invited to compete for Dog of the Year, Puppy of the Year and Veteran of the Year at our December Match night.

CC winners are not eligible to enter the monthly matches but can enter the Stakes Class.

As per Kennel Club regulations, puppies from 4 months of age are eligible to enter the monthly matches. **Puppies under 4 months can enter the pre-puppy class and do not need to complete a match night entry form.** Unfortunately, the winner of pre-puppy is not eligible to compete for Best Puppy, Best in Match or Reserve Best in Match.

If you win Best Puppy twice then you are not eligible to enter the Puppy competition (or compete for Best Puppy in Match) again that year, but you can enter any of the other classes for which you are eligible. If you win Best in Match or Best Veteran twice in one year, then you are not eligible to enter further matches except the Stakes Class that same year (apart from the December match which is by invitation). However, in the Junior Handling Class, the exhibitor may 'handle' a dog that is not eligible for the main competition as it is the handler that is being judged. From January each year all match wins for the previous year do not count.

The Club may take photos throughout training nights and match nights, these photos will be used on our website/Facebook Group unless you request otherwise. It is your responsibility to ask us to refrain from using photos of you or your dog. We will of course remove any photo you may not find flattering on an ad hoc basis.

Awards:

We have Annual Trophies for the dog gaining most points at Championship, Open and/or Companion Shows. Please see the separate sheet enclosed for details - extra sheets to log your points are available from the desk and can be obtained electronically from the Secretary (or the website).

A few simple rules we would appreciate that everyone observes:

- In the Field – please pick up after your dog, there is a bag in the corner by the gate for you to throw it away. In the Hall (or surrounding area) – please do not leave 'dog mess' (even in bags) – **we do not want to lose this venue.** The nearest 'poo bin' is passed the shops (to the left of the Hall) and opposite the 'green'.
- If your dog has an accident in the hall or the entrance foyer, please mop it up. There is a bucket and mop available on Training Nights.
- **Aggressive dogs will not be tolerated.**
- No bitches in season to be brought to Club for 3-4 weeks after their season starts.
- **Do not touch dogs without the owner's permission & keep a close eye on children (even if they are not yours).**
- Please keep control of your dog at all times.
- **Please put your chair away at the end of each evening. We would also appreciate help to clear up (sweep, Hoover or mop) at least once a year.**

Code of Conduct:

As a club, we take very seriously your views and opinions of how our club is managed, we are regulated by the Kennel Club and cannot change certain rules, but we are very interested to hear if we can do anything to improve your experience at club.

To manage your expectations, we ask that all complaints, issues and even good feedback be centrally co-ordinated to Barbara Mahmoudi. Barbara will collate everything she receives and share with the committee at the meetings. There will be a response, an explanation or a resolve to every concern/complaint made. This must be conducted with discretion and respect to all other members of the club. There will also be a chance to place any positive feedback directly on to our website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask either at the desk or a member of the committee (listed above).

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR):

By giving your email address, you are consenting to receive information from WHRC via email. Your details are used solely for the records of WHRC and are not passed on to any third parties.

We hope you enjoy your time with our Ringcraft Club.

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