

**WELCOME
TO
PARTNEY AND
DISTRICT
RINGCRAFT
CLUB**



ABOUT THE CLUB

Classes: are held weekly, on Tuesday Evenings (Except Summer and Christmas Holidays) at Partney Village Hall, Partney

Ringcraft	6:30 pm – 7:15 pm	£1.50
Puppy Class	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	£1.50
Beginners Obedience	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	£2.00
Further Obedience	9:00 pm – 10:00 pm	£2.00

Handlers training more than 1 dog per evening, pay £2.00 for the 1st dog and £1.50 per dog for any subsequent classes.

Membership: Partney and District Ringcraft Club is a non profit making club run by a small committee of members. None of the trainers or committee are paid and all give up their time free of charge. Committee members will be wearing Purple Club clothing and if you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to approach one of them. After all, the club is run for you, the members.

Membership Prices: £3.50 Single
£5.00 Joint/Family

Raffle: Each week a Raffle is held, this is drawn at around 9pm and costs 50p for a strip of tickets. All proceeds go to the Club. Please support it and if you are not going to be there when it is drawn, please leave your tickets at the Desk and your prize will be claimed and kept for you.

Refreshments: The following refreshments are available:

Tea/Coffee	35p
Cans	45p
Crisps	25p
Chocolate Bars	35p

Please feel free to stay after your class and watch the other classes. This will be good socialisation for your dog and gives you a chance to see what you will be working towards in the next class.

Leads: If your dog pulls you may wish to try a Gencon Lead. These are available from the club at £12.50 each.

Micro chipping: Committee Member, Jane Strunin is qualified to Microchip dogs. Please advise at the desk if you would like your dog/s chipping and this can be arranged at a cost of £8 per dog.

Clothing: Club Polo Shirts are available at £13 each and Sweatshirts at £14.50 each.

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CLUB RULES and CONSTITUTION

1. NAME AND OBJECTS

The club will be called **PARTNEY AND DISTRICT RINGCRAFT CLUB**

2. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The club shall consist of **A CHAIRPERSON, A HONORARY SECRETARY, A HONORARY TREASURER AND A COMMITTEE OF UP TO EIGHT.**

3. COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT AND MEETINGS

- a) The club will be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and up to a committee of eight members, two of whom shall retire Bi-Annually.
- b) Members of the Club shall be eligible after, one year, as an Officer.
- c) The officers of the Committee shall have full voting rights.
- d) Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary, but at least every 4 months.
- e) A Quorum for the Committee shall be 4 Committee Members.
- f) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee, in the event of positions becoming vacant between Annual General Meetings. Those Co-opted shall only hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club at which, the next election of the Officers and Committee takes place.
- g) No individual who has been a member of the Club for less than 2 months may be elected on to the Committee.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Candidate for membership shall be accepted on payment of membership.

5. VOTING RULES

- a) Each member shall be entitled to vote immediately upon acceptance of membership.
- b) Postal votes are allowed.
- c) Voting shall be by a show of hands.

NOTE: If Joint/Family are accepted, specify the voting rights of the individuals.
One Vote per Person.

6. CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist a **General Meeting** shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club assets and the outcome of the meeting to be notified to The Kennel Club.

7. CLUB ACCOUNTS

A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society at Barclays Bank, into which all the revenue of the Society shall be paid and from which **withdrawal shall only be** made on the signature of two of the following **Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary** and the **Chairperson.**

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual Membership shall be from **January – December** with a yearly subscription fee payable to the club. Members will also pay for classes charged at a **fee per class.**

9. EXPLULSION OF MEMBERS

- a) Any Member who shall be suspended by The Kennel Club shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of its Society.
- b) If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or the interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society may, at a meeting notice convening which includes

as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member determine that a Special Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend to offer an explanation. If at the meeting, a resolution to expel the Member is passed by two-thirds majority of the Members and voting, his/her name shall forth-with be erased from the list of Members and he/she thereupon cease to be a Member of the Society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to The Kennel Club and subject to such condition as The Kennel Club may impose.

10. FINANCIAL YEAR/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Financial year of the Society shall be from the 1st September to 31st August.
- b) The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 1st Tuesday in October.

11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This rule must specify the following:-

(A) NATURE OF BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

E.g. To receive the report of the Committee and a balance sheet, to elect Officers and Committee members, and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda, of which prior notice has been given by the Honorary Secretary. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, unless notice there of appears on the Agenda with the exception of routine matters or those in the opinion of the Chairperson of the meeting are urgent.

12. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

- a) The rules of the society may not be altered, except at an Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Agenda for such a meeting contains specific proposals to amend the rules.
- c) Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into effect until The Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration.

13. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

- a) The Officers of the Club acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of the title fee shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Honorary Secretary, for continuance of registration.
- b) and that the Club **must notify the Kennel Club** of any amendments to the Officers and the Committee and any amendments to the rules of the Club.

14. KENNEL CLUB COURT OF APPEAL

The Kennel Club shall be the Final Court of Appeal in all the Matters of Dispute.

15. FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

The Club of Society **SHALL NOT** join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

16. UNDISCHARGED BANKRUPTS

No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

17. MAINTENANCE OF TITLE

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to The Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of registration and that any amendments to Officer and Committee and any proposed amendments to the Rules of the Society shall also be notified.

18. MEMBERS LIST

The Society will make an up to date list of Members available for inspection by The Kennel Club and members of the Society if so requested.

CLASSES

For all classes you should show you are a responsible dog owner and bring some form of poop scoop.

Ringcraft: If you would like to show your pedigree dog, then Ringcraft is for you. We offer puppy training, refreshers for older dogs, and training for the novice handler. The "why's and how's" of dog showing explained, with advice on gaiting, grooming and presentation. Juniors welcome. Special attention for novices and problem dogs. In addition we have a nucleus of experienced exhibitors always on hand to exchange ideas and advice. Showing your dog can be fun, and remember we were all beginners once!

Puppy Class: working towards the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Puppy Foundation Certificate. For dogs up to a maximum of 12 months old. A puppy must attend a minimum of 4 sessions. The course should be focused on the progress of the puppy and its owner over a period of time and not one session. For this class you should bring a toy and treats.

Responsibility and Care Should cover all the basic topics related to owning a puppy, but must include the following:-

- a) Cleanliness and identification
- b) Recognition of basic health problems
- c) Health protection for the puppy
- d) Teething, chewing and daily routine
- e) House training and separation anxiety
- f) Socialisation with people and other dogs

Cleanliness and Identification Each handler must carry with them some form of "poop scoop" and all puppies must wear a collar and Identification tag complying with the law.

Attentive Response to Name The puppy should know its name when spoken and at least pay brief attention.

Play with the Puppy

Socialisation with a placid dog unknown to the Puppy

Socialisation with an adult person unknown to the Puppy

Socialisation with Noise Distraction

Handling and Inspection to Maintain Health by its handler.

Puppy Recall from at least 2 or 3 paces.

Basic Puppy Positions The puppy will stand, sit and go down.

Walking in a Controlled Manner on lead, for approx 20 paces including a turn.

Stay for approximately 10 seconds in any position.

Take Article away from the Puppy

Food Manners The puppy is to take a treat in a controlled manner, without snatching.

Beginners Obedience: Working towards the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bronze Award. For all dogs whether Kennel Club registered or not, there is no age limit. For the Bronze Test, dogs are not required to have completed the Puppy Assessment. For this class you should bring a toy, treats and a brush.

Cleanliness and Identification Handler must carry with them some form of "poop scoop" and all dogs must wear a collar and Identification tag complying with the law.

Collar and Lead The handler to put on and take off the collar and lead safely.

Walk on Lead for approx 30 paces including some turns.

Control at Door/Gate The handler and dog to walk through a gate/doorway under control on a lead. The dog should wait while the handler opens the gate/door and then proceed through. The handler should then recall the dog through the gate/doorway. While the handler secures the door/gate, the dog should remain settled.

Controlled Walk Amongst People and Dogs for approximately 30 paces including some turns. The dog should behave in a quiet, relaxed and controlled manner whilst the handler holds a conversation for 1 minute.

Stay on Lead for 1 Minute 5 paces away from handler.

Grooming by handler without a struggle.

Examination of the Dog by handler.

Return to Handler from 10 paces away.

Responsibility and Care The handler to give 3 out of 6 correct answers to questions from section 1 of the Responsibilities and Care Leaflet on a dog's needs, illness and responsibilities of ownership.

Further Obedience: Working towards the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Silver and Gold Awards. For this class you should bring a toy, treats and a bed/mat.

Silver For all dogs whether Kennel Club registered or not, there is no age limit. For the Silver Test, dogs must have already been awarded a Bronze Award Certificate.

Play with the Dog Articles should be given up readily by the dog.

Road Walk including distractions such as passing vehicles, bicycles, people, etc.

Rejoin handler from approx 10 paces away.

Stay in One Place for 2 Minutes 5 paces away from handler in any position (must not change position).

Vehicle Control The dog is to get in a vehicle when instructed. With the doors closed the engine is started for a short time, the dog is to remain calm and quiet. Exit in an orderly manner when instructed.

Come away from Distractions With dog on lead, at a gathering of people also with dogs on leads, the lead should be removed when instructed and the handler to move away calling the dog, which should return without delay.

Controlled Greeting the dog should not jump up.

Food Manners Food should be handled or consumed while the dog, on a loose lead, is taken in close proximity to it. The dog should not unduly respond to this temptation, i.e. not to beg for food or steal.

Examination of the Dog by a stranger.

Responsibility and Care The handler to give 6 out of 8 correct answers to questions from sections 1 and 2 of the Responsibilities and Care Leaflet on a dog's needs, illness, responsibilities of ownership, other responsibilities, children, barking, dogs and stationary vehicles and vehicle travel.

Gold For all dogs whether Kennel Club registered or not, there is no age limit. For the Gold Test, dogs must have already been awarded a Silver Award Certificate.

Road Walk including changes of pace and distractions.

Return to Handler's Side from not less than 10 paces away.

Walk Free Beside Handler for approx 40 paces with the distraction of another handler passing with a dog on a lead.

Stay Down in one Place for 2 minutes with handler both in and out of sight.

Send the Dog to Bed from approximately 10 paces.

Stop the Dog at a distance not less than approximately 10 paces away.

Relaxed Isolation out of sight for between 2 – 5 minutes.

Food Manners The dog must wait 3 – 5 seconds for permission to eat.

Examination of the Dog by a stranger.

Responsibility and Care The handler to give 8 out of 10 correct answers to questions from sections 2 and 3 of the Responsibilities and Care Leaflet on other responsibilities, children, barking, dogs and stationary vehicles, vehicle travel, health, worming, the Country Code, miscellaneous, frightening, out of control, biting and psychology of learning.

TRAINING TIPS

Dogs learn by association, so if your dog does something and is rewarded, the action is much more likely to be repeated. For this to be effective the reward must be linked to the action. When training, this means the dog should get the reward within one second of the action. Rewards could include food treats, a favourite toy, playing a certain game or petting. Always combine the giving of a reward with verbal praise such as "Good dog". Remember it is only a reward if your dog wants it. Avoid punishment in training but only reward/praise good behaviour.

Do

- Start training with your new dog or puppy as soon as possible
- Keep sessions short (15 minutes max.), fun and regular
- Keep commands clear and consistent
- Take your time and be patient
- Try to finish on a high note - your dog is more likely to want to train next time!

Don't

- Let your dog get bored - stop immediately if you see this happening
- Tell them off if they get it wrong
- Shout or physically punish the dog - it will make them scared of you
- Chase them when you want them to come - they will think it is a great game
- Try to train them with lots of distractions, like other dogs, people, noises, smells.
- Expect too much too soon
- Don't leave your dog unattended in a vehicle especially on hot days.

Tips

- Your dog needs to know its name so that you can gain its attention. This is essential before you can expect your dog to respond to commands and signals.
- Dogs respond to body movements and different voice tones.
- Play adds an extra dimension to a dog's life and can make training fun.
- Remember that a trained dog is a happy dog so persevere!
- You should be able to fit two fingers under a correctly fitting collar.

Sit - With a titbit just above your dog's nose, move your hand over the dog's back. As the dog's head tilts up and back the dog will sit. As your dog sits, say the command 'sit'. Don't say it before the dog moves into position as they may associate it with the wrong movement. Do not use "sit down" as this may confuse your dog when you try to teach the 'down' command.

Down - Ask your dog to sit and show them the treat in your hand. Slowly move your hand down towards the ground in front of them (just in front of their feet), as you use the command "down". They should follow your hand with their nose and lay down. Give them the treat and praise.

Stay - With the lead on for extra control, make the dog sit or lay down. Step away from them as you command them to "stay". Silently count to five then step back to them treat and praise. If they get up, ask them to sit again and repeat the procedure. Once they are doing a short 'stay' correctly, gradually increase the distance and time.

Walking on a lead without pulling - With your dog sitting on your left side, hold the lead in your right hand. Show your dog the treat (in your left hand) and set off, give the command 'heel' (so your dog is aware you're about to move). If the dog gets ahead, stop and encourage it back to your side with a titbit. Repeat. To begin with, stop every 3 to 4 paces to praise your dog and give a titbit. If the dog doesn't keep up with you, or pulls in a different direction, suddenly change direction and encourage them to come with you. Praise them when they catch up and give them some treat.

LAW RELATING TO DOGS

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 Under this Act, you could be fined up to £1,000 for breaching dog control orders. Local authorities can make orders for: failing to remove dog faeces, not keeping a dog on a lead, not putting and keeping a dog on a lead when directed to do so, permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded and taking more than a specified number of dogs on to land.

The Control of Dogs Order 1992 This mandates that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address (including postcode) of the owner engraved or written on it, or a tag. Your telephone number is optional (but advisable).

Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (section 3) It is a criminal offence (for the owner and/or the person in charge of the dog) to allow a dog to be 'dangerously out of control' in a public place, a place where it is not permitted to be, and some other areas. A 'dangerously out of control' dog can be defined as a dog that has injured someone or a dog that a person has grounds for reasonable apprehension that it may do so.

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 Your dog must not worry (chase or attack) livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, horses and poultry) on agricultural land, so keep your dog on a lead around livestock. If your dog worries livestock, the farmer has the right to stop your dog (even by shooting your dog in certain circumstances).

Common dog poisons

Some of the most common, potentially severe dog poisons are:

- Theobromine – a powerful stimulant found in chocolate
- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAIDs), such as Ibruprofen and Diclofenac
- Rodent poisons (called 'rodenticides'), such as Bromadiolone and Difenacoum
- Grapes/raisins/sultanas/currants
- Metaldehyde, a common active ingredient of slug and snail baits or pellets
- Many plants are also potentially poisonous to dogs.

The list above is not exhaustive. **If you think your dog has been poisoned, contact your vet immediately.**

Useful websites:

www.thekennelclub.org.uk

www.dogstrust.org.uk