

Hi we at "Swindon Dog Dancing School" would like to announce our Valentine Fun on-line show. It will give you opportunities to try out a new routine for next year and some special classes, one for owners of talented pets like cats, horses and rabbits, and one a chance to do a challenge type of sequence (ideal for those with no space to work). I am guessing that you will also have Christmas routines to have a go at first. But it is good to plan ahead and start thinking of your music now.

SCHEDULE OF HEELWORK TO MUSIC "FUN" VALENTINE VIDEO SHOW

All Proceeds (after expenses) will be donated to Medical Detection dogs. <https://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk/>

Entries to be posted privately to Angela Richens by email angelarichens4@gmail.com or Facebook Messenger, by dropbox, or Youtube. Entries to be sent **after January 23rd** and **before February 6th** Payment to be made (I am wondering if there is someone else other than me who could be in charge of finances.

Zoom virtual prize givings will take place at dates and times to be arranged and feedback mailed privately with rosettes after that date.

Classes: 1—11 MUST BE ON A THEME RELATED TO LOVE AND ROMANCE IN SOME WAY.

Class 12. Must include the word "Heart" or the Name of a flower in the title. Classes 13 and 14 do not need to be themed. See full Definition of classes for more information and to check eligibility.

- 1. Advanced Heelwork 2. Advanced Freestyle**
- 3. Intermediate Heelwork 4. Intermediate Freestyle**
- 5 Novice Heelwork 6. Novice Freestyle.**
- 7. Starter Heelwork 8. Starter Freestyle**
- 9. Absolute Beginner 10. "Many feet" Group Routine**
- 11. Many paws 12 Hearts and Flowers**
(One handler working more than one dog) (Themed class)
- 13. Best Chained trick 14. ABD Class (anything but a dog)**

Judges : To be confirmed (offers welcome I hope to announce before the show is open)

Entry fee **£6** per class.

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

Classes: 1—11 MUST BE ON A THEME RELATED TO LOVE AND ROMANCE IN SOME WAY.

Classes 1 - 8 will be judged loosely by KC standard marking. With the music timing as per KC regular set times. They should be related to the theme of love and Romance and this will be reflected in the music interpretation. No editing

after the music starts and before the music finishes. No treats are allowed to be given during the routine (and should not be held in the hand).

Class 9. Does not need to conform to heelwork or freestyle but it will still be judged loosely on KC standard marking: contents, accuracy and interpretation. No editing after the music starts (as with classes 1-8)

Treats may be given but rewarding should not affect the flow and accuracy of the routine. Maximum time is 2 minutes. Note; You must be an absolute beginner and if you enter this class you cannot enter any other classes 1 – 8)

Classes 10. and 11 Fun Class marked on class 9 criteria (so treats may be given) but time limit is 3 minutes. There will be two judges, one making content, accuracy, and musical interpretation and the other a non KC judge marking purely on fun, entertainment and how well the routine has reflected the theme). The accuracy contents and interpretation should be at a good level for the KC class that the dogs would normally compete in. (There will be small fun special prizes)

* Note: In class 10 social distancing should be observed.

Class 12. As above. The word heart or hearts OR the name of a flower must be in the title and the routine must still be on the theme of Love and Romance. In all the fun classes 10 –14 “special” prizes may be awarded at the judges’ discretion).

Class. 13. A chance to show off the challenges you have been doing during lockdown. No music is needed but you may use (the routine can be a chain of moves that you could use in a routine) It must be a chain of at least three elements. The moves/tricks must be safe for the dog and no unsafe moves are permitted. Props are allowed. Maximum time allowed is one minute. **This sequence does not need a theme.**

Class 14. A chance for talented, cats, rabbits, horses, goats, or any other pet animal to show off its skills. You can use music, but do not need to. It can be on any theme. Treats are allowed. All moves must be safe and suitable for the species. (I intend to have it judged by someone with veterinary experience). Maximum Time is two minutes. Judged on degree of difficulty and entertainment value.

General Rules:

Absolute beginners should be just that. In view of the fact that there have been so KC shows for many months please do be honest! Dogs who can work to a good competition level and receiving high places and score in video competitions should not enter this class to be fair on our very new dogs but should enter the starter or fun classes.

No dogs under six months will be allowed to compete. The health and safety of competing dogs is important to us. Strictly no harsh handling, and any competitor asking their dog to perform a move which in the judge’s opinion is potentially dangerous such as forward rolls, jumping above shoulder height, tripods or excessive hind leg work will be immediately eliminated. Likewise any handler asking a young dog, to do any unsupported hind leg work, crawling, jumping or rebounding off handler.

