

The Gundog Club

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Dear Stewart,

Gundog Club Trainer Awards 2009

All Gundog Club trainers that have put ten or more students through Gundog Club training courses over the last two years have been assessed in five different categories. I enclose the results and details of the awards.

We are delighted to tell you, that you are one of the Gundog Club's Runners-Up for the overall Top Trainer for 2007/2008. You were in the top ten trainers in four of our categories and scored the joint-second highest number of points overall.

The five categories assessed were

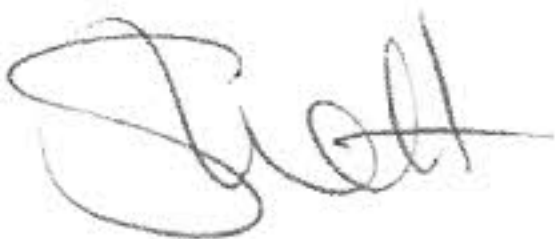
- Pass rate 1 (passes as a percentage of students attending the test)
- Pass rate 2 (passes as a percentage of students beginning the course)
- Distinction rate (percentage of students attending the test that attained a distinction)
- Busiest Trainer (number of students trained)
- Next Grade (number of Grade 1 students continuing on to Grade 2)

We enclose a cheque for £100 as a token of our appreciation.

We will be issuing a press release shortly and if you are happy with this, would love to include a small picture of you, perhaps with your dogs.

Congratulations from all the Gundog Club Team, and many thanks for your commitment, effort and enthusiasm.

Kind regards,



Samantha Mattinson
Director

Gundog Club Trainer Awards 2009

We are pleased to announce the results of the Gundog Club's first trainer awards. Gundog Club Trainers were assessed in five different categories. Trainers were allocated points according to how highly they ranked in each category. The top ten qualifying* trainers are listed below.

Our Overall Top Trainer for 2007/2008 is Keith Onions from Derbyshire.

Keith has trained over 60 beginner students for the club during the last two years with a tremendous student pass rate of over 94%

These are the Top Ten Trainers for the period 2007/2008 as determined by the total points allocated (the sum of the points allocated for each category). To qualify for 'listing' trainers must have fulfilled criteria specified below

	Name	County	Points
1st	Keith Onions	Derbyshire	32
=2nd	Nick Coates	Wiltshire	26
=2nd	Stewart North	Leicestershire	26
4th	Peter Dawes	East Sussex	24
=5th	Graham Gibson	Lanarkshire	15
=5th	Peter Richardson	Northumberland	15
=7th	Bruce Ross-Smith	Devon	14
=7th	Annie Wales	Gloucestershire	14
=7th	Alistair MacKay	Borders	14
=7th	Norman White	Hampshire	14

What are the categories that were assessed?

The five categories assessed are as follows

- Pass rate 1 (passes as a percentage of students attending the test)
- Pass rate 2 (passes as a percentage of students beginning the course)
- Distinction rate (percentage of students attending the test that attained a distinction)
- Busiest Trainer (number of students trained)
- Next Grade (number of Grade 1 students continuing on to Grade 2)

How do trainers qualify for listing?

To qualify for listing trainers must satisfy the following requirements:

- Trainers must have trained more than 10 students on Gundog Club training courses
- Trainers must not be subject to review
- Trainers performance must not fall below minimum standards in either of the Pass Rate categories, or in the Next Grade category

You can read a break down of the points scored in each section on page four

Why wasn't I included?

Many of our excellent trainers were not included in these assessments. This is usually because they had not trained the minimum qualifying number of students (10) within the framework of one of our training courses. This is no reflection on the trainers involved, some of you simply do not have sufficient spare time to run courses for us, and we appreciate your involvement in other ways.

Next Year's Awards

The next Gundog Club awards in January 2010 will be for trainers running Gundog Club Courses during 2009 and may include additional categories of assessment, some of which are likely to be based on student feedback.

How do I qualify?

To qualify for inclusion into our awards, all trainers must fulfil the following criteria* .

- Trainers must be registered as Instructors with the Gundog Club on or before 1st December 2009
- Trainers must not be subject to any disciplinary procedures or investigations into complaints made by their students, in the trainers' capacity as Gundog Club Instructors, at the time of the awards decisions.
- Trainers must have trained at least ten students on Gundog Club training courses which commenced during the allocated time period
- Trainers must not fall below minimum standards in certain key categories

Is there a prize?

There will be a prize for the top three trainers in next year's awards. The Instructor given the award of overall Top Trainer** (or equivalent) in the Spring 2010 announcements will receive £500. The runner-up will receive £200 and the Instructor in third place will receive £70

How do I enter?

Entry is automatically allocated to all trainers satisfying the qualification criteria outlined above. You do not need to make a formal entry application and there is no entry fee.

*This criteria may be reasonably amended or added to at any time at the Gundog Club's discretion, should such alterations be considered beneficial to the Gundog Club Mission.

** The title or description of this award may vary