

## GUERNSEY KENNEL CLUB

The Guernsey Kennel Club held its first show of the year, this being the Members' Show, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The week-end weather didn't look very promising, but in the end was not too bad. For members travelling from Jersey it did mean a slightly rough trip, but they made it and we thank them for braving the elements. Wind and rain died down a little on Sunday, giving the exhibitors just enough time to take the dogs out without getting too wet.

Judges Mrs Carole Wood, covering the Sporting Ring, and Mr Peter Bailey, the Non-Sporting Ring, had 123 dogs making 306 entries between the two rings, with the Sporting Ring having the greater number of exhibits. Both judges were making return visits. As with all shows there were absentees.

For the first time the show was to run through the day without a lunch break. Judging started in both rings sharp at 9.00 am and the show was finished by 4.15 pm. With this early finish it was good to get home and be able to put away show items, relax for a short time before heading out for the after show dinner.

Having changed the running order, this gave the Junior Handlers the opportunity of using the big ring for their classes as previously they used the lunch period, using a small ring. When the Groups were finished both rings were opened up and they used it to great advantage with their judge, Mrs Yvonne Windsor, making sure they did.

Both judges were impressed with the quality of the dogs under them and made reference to this at the dinner. Their Group winners were particularly good and it was in some instances difficult to pick the main winners.

The friendly atmosphere, happy dogs and good results are achieved, hopefully, from a well run show and certainly good, considerate judges.

The day was rounded off with a good meal at La Trelade Hotel and it has to be said, some jollification during the raffle run by Lynn Ozanne and Pam Smith. It remains to be seen how they follow their repartee at the Spring Show dinner.