



Get ready to Rally!

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Scotland! Again! At a Castle!! Again!  
Scenic backdrop with Ferries!**



Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, PA64 6AP  
Hosted by Paws by the Loch Dog Training

Open to all TD Rally® registered dogs!

All Levels

**Entries Close: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 (Postmarked)**

### Contact Information

Trial Secretary: Amie Matthews  
Email: [amie\\_matthews06@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amie_matthews06@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Entries and Closing Dates**

Entries will be accepted from now. Entries close and must be postmarked by **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**. Entries received after this date will not be included. All entries are taken on a first-come first-served basis. Running orders will be emailed; they will not be posted unless an SAE is received with the entry.

Entries will be accepted via email to **amie\_matthews06@yahoo.co.uk**

### **Venue Address**

Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, PA64 6AP

### **Check-In and Walk-through**

Doors open and **check in starts at 9am**.

First **Walk throughs will commence at 9.30am** and follow on throughout the day. Please note all timings are approximate.

The first classes will **commence at 10am**.

**There will be a formal lunch break for Judges from 1pm to 2pm – classes will recommence after this.**

### **RING 1 – both days**

First walk through is 9.30am

All other walk throughs will follow on as classes are completed

**PUPPY/VETERAN L1/LEVEL 1**

**PL2/VETERAN PL2/LEVEL 2/VETERAN L2**

**LEVEL 3/VETERAN L3**

### **RING 2 – both days**

First walk through is 9.30am

All other walk throughs will follow on as classes are completed

**LEVEL 3/VETERAN L3**

**PL2/VETERAN PL2/LEVEL 2/VETERAN L2**

**PUPPY/VETERAN L1/ LEVEL 1**

**JUDGES;**

**JACKY RUDDOCK  
JAYNE CROWTHER  
AMIE MATTHEWS**



TD Rally® Entry Form (please print **clearly**)

**Competitor's Details:**

**TD Rally® Team Registration**

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(running orders will be emailed unless an SAE is received with the entry)

**Dog's Details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

**Trial Entries (tick boxes that apply)**

SAT	Puppy	L1	VL1	PL2	VPL2	L2	VL2	L3	VL3
AM									
PM									

SUN	Puppy	L1	VL1	PL2	VPL2	L2	VL2	L3	VL3
AM									
PM									

**NB. A team may enter a maximum of 2 classes on each day; they may however be the same level, e.g., 2 x Level 1.**

**Could your team title at this trial? Y / N**

**If yes, please state which level, which award or title and how many Qualifying scores are needed; 1 or 2, eg 'PL2 champ, 2 Qualifying scores'**

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**Fees: £5.50 per class per team**

**Send entry form with cheques payable to Amie Matthews**

TD Rally® Trial Secretary

**Amie Matthews**

**Ben Bhuidhe Flat**

**Calgary**

**Tobermory**

**Isle of Mull**

**PA75 6QT**

### **DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS**

Paws by the Loch Dog Training and Talking Dogs Rally® take animal welfare seriously. While at a sanctioned TD Rally® event, competitors and spectators should take their dog's health and welfare into account before leaving them in a car.

**WARNING: DOGS WILL BE REMOVED FROM A HOT CAR IF FOUND IN DISTRESS OR AT RISK WITHOUT LIABILITY TO Paws by the Loch Dog Training OR TD RALLY®.**

### **SCOOP THE POOP!**

Please respect the venue that has been provided by Paws by the Loch Dog Training and ensure that you pick up after your dog and dispose of in the allocated poop scoop bins.

### **Vet – emergencies – 24/7**

The Vet on Mull is located at Lagganulva Farm, Ulva Ferry, PA73 6LT – the Vet on the island is available for emergency situations and the dog may need to be taken to them. Telephone 01688 500139 in the first instance.

### **Duart Castle**

Duart Castle is a very popular destination and there is a café and gift shop on site. At times the café can get very busy. If you intend to use the café for lunch, please indicate this on the trial entry form so that we can collate numbers and advise the café in advance. A tour of the castle is highly recommended.

Please note – the weather conditions for Islands off the West Coast of Scotland are unpredictable. The trial venue is on a high crag at the end of a peninsula overlooking the Sound of Mull – this location can be subject to strong winds, and also glorious sunshine. Please ensure you bring sufficient clothing options to cater for all weather conditions.

### **Livestock**

The land around Duart Castle is used for grazing livestock. Please keep your dog on a lead within the castle grounds and surrounding areas.

### **Directions to venue**

#### **FROM CRAIGNURE FERRY**

Turn left as you exit the ferry terminal, heading for Fionnphort and Iona.

Approximately 1.5 miles ahead of you on your left, you will see a large sign for the castle – take the left turn in front of this sign onto a single-track road – heading for Kilpatrick.

The castle is approximately 1.5 miles along this road, the car park and the location of the trial are on the right-hand side.

Competitors are asked to park considerately and as directed by the trial host as this is a popular destination for island people and tourists.

#### **DRIVING ON THE ISLE OF MULL**

The majority of the roads are single track – please use passing places to pull over into the left side of the road to allow faster vehicles behind you to overtake – and also to pull into/or reverse into if there is an oncoming vehicle in front of you that does not have a passing place to use.

Please be mindful that other people may be travelling to catch a departing ferry.

It is worth watching the YouTube clip [How To Drive on Single Track Roads - YouTube](#) – for a visual guide regarding using passing places on single track roads.

The Isle of Mull is a truly Pet friendly Island, places do get booked up quite early, here is just a broad sample of places to stay.

[Isle of Mull Hotel & Spa | Mull Accommodation in Craignure \(crerarhotels.com\)](http://crerarhotels.com)

[Isle of Mull Cottages - Self Catering Holiday Cottages on Mull](#)

[HOME | Crannich](#) – campsite

[Isle of Mull Camping | Salen Bay Campsite](#)

[Motor Home Pitches | The Isle of Mull \(isle-of-mull.net\)](#)

[Fidden Farm | The Isle of Mull \(isle-of-mull.net\)](#)

[Pennygown Holiday Park | The Isle of Mull \(isle-of-mull.net\)](#)

[Shieling Holidays | The Isle of Mull \(isle-of-mull.net\)](#)

[Tobermory Campsite | The Isle of Mull \(isle-of-mull.net\)](#)

[Dervaig Village Hall Hostel | The Isle of Mull \(isle-of-mull.net\)](#)

[Island Holiday Cottages](#)

[Suidhe Farm Cottages, for a beautiful holiday on the Isle of Mull](#)

[Western Isles Hotel - Tobermory, Mull](#)

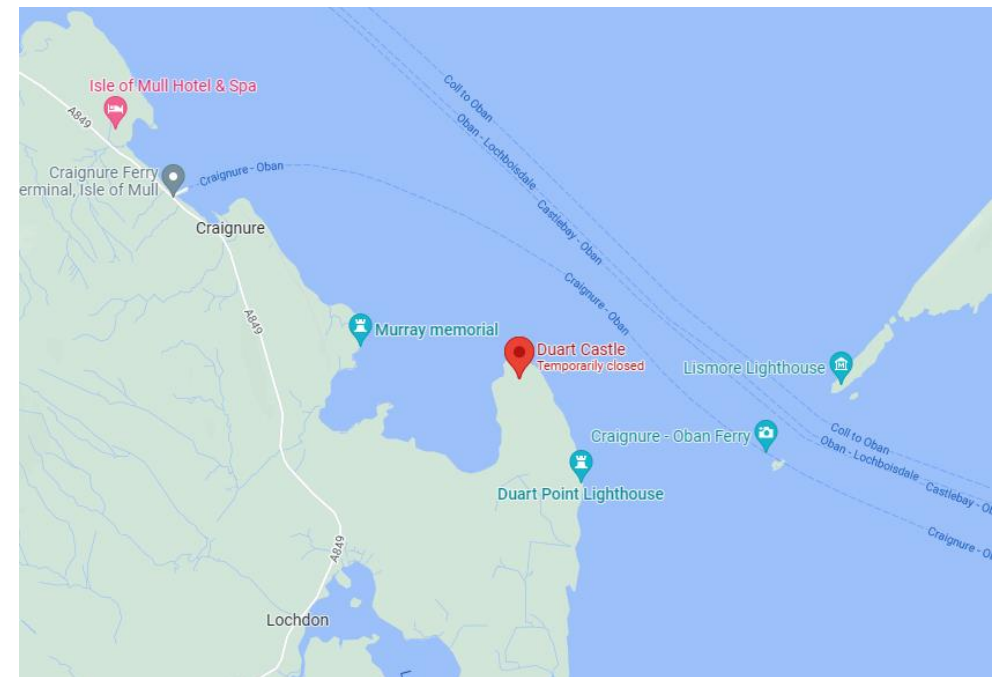
[Park Lodge Hotel Tobermory, Isle of Mull - Out & About \(park-lodge-tobermory.co.uk\)](http://park-lodge-tobermory.co.uk)

Ferries to/from Mull run from Oban to Craignure, and also from Lochaline to Fishnish.

These need to be booked in advance via the CalMac website. Note that CalMac control when booking opens up for specific periods throughout the year and you may need to keep checking back to see when the period of the trial will open for bookings.

[Ferry To & From Mull | Visit Mull | CalMac Ferries](#)

### Map Duart Castle



## **TD Rally® eligibility**

All competitors must be registered with TD Rally® prior to competing at any sanctioned TD Rally® trial. To register, contact the Office or go to the website and download the form and send it with payment to the [TD Rally® office](#).

Everyone over the age of 7 years (when attending trials children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) on the date of the trial is eligible to compete once registered with TD Rally®.

All breeds of dogs, crosses and mixes of breeds over 6 months old on the date of the trial can compete. Health and behaviour may exclude dogs from competing but breed type does not.

### **Competing Levels**

**Puppy** is for dogs aged between 6 and 18 months on the date of the trial.

**Level 1** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial.

**Veteran Level 1** is for dogs over 7 years on the date of the trial.

**Pre Level 2** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship.

**Pre Veteran Level 2** is for dogs 7 years and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship.

**Level 2** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship.

**Veteran Level 2** is for dogs 7 years and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship.

**Level 3** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 2 Title or Championship and who are working towards their first Level 3 Title.

**Veteran Level 3** is for dogs 7 years and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 2 Title or Championship and who are working towards their first Level 3 Title.

## **Terms & Conditions**

❖ Each team, a team consisting of one dog and one handler, must hold a valid Talking Dogs Rally® (TD Rally®) registration. Teams with disabilities must have

submitted a Disability Modification Form to the Talking Dogs Rally® Office prior to the Trial or along with their Trial application form. Disability Modification Forms will not be accepted on the day of the Trial.

- ❖ No unregistered substitutions for handler or dog are permitted.
- ❖ The Trial will be held outdoors on grass for all levels.
- ❖ By entering this Trial, competitors acknowledge and agree to abide by the rules, terms and conditions as laid out by Paws by the Loch Dog Training and Talking Dogs Rally®.
- ❖ The Trial hosts reserve the right to refuse any entry for any reason. Refunds cannot be guaranteed for entries withdrawn or dismissed for any reason but may be given depending on circumstances. If the Trial has to be cancelled for any reason, we will refund entry fees if possible but this is not guaranteed. If the trial host cancels the trial, the trial host will refund all trial fees in full to registered competitors within 14 days of the trial date. If Talking Dogs Rally® cancels the trial, the trial host will refund all trial fees in full to registered competitors within 14 days of the trial date.
- ❖ The Judge's decision is final; rudeness to judges will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Returned cheques do not constitute a valid entry.
- ❖ Your team may not compete if your bitch comes into season immediately prior to or during the Trial. Do not bring your dog to the Trial if s/he is ill or injured, or has been infected with, or has been in contact with another dog infected with, a contagious disease.
- ❖ If your pet is ill or suffers an injury during the Trial, please notify the Trial Organisers.
- ❖ Competing in Talking Dogs Rally® is a physical activity and as such Handlers are reminded to work with due care and attention to their own safety and that of others. Handlers are responsible for the conduct of their dog at all times. Neither Talking Dogs Ltd, Talking Dogs Rally® or any person acting on behalf of the Company accept any liability for any loss, damage, accident, injury or illness to dogs, handlers, spectators or any other persons or property whatsoever.
- ❖ Photographs and/or recordings may be taken by and on behalf of the Trial hosts for educational and publicity purposes. All other photographs and/or recordings may be taken for personal use only. All video and broadcast rights for this Trial are the exclusive property of Talking Dogs Ltd.
- ❖ Dogs must be kept on lead when not competing.