



British Carriage Dog Society

DaliMiles

Aim

To promote and celebrate the endurance capabilities of the Dalmatian

Purpose

To highlight the importance of sufficient exercise for the breed.

To encourage and reward Dalmatian owners to take part in activities that give their dogs plenty of exercise

What is the programme about?

The programme involves owners and their dogs covering increasing distances together. Mileage can be recorded for any approved activity or combination of activities. The minimum mileage that can be recorded at any one time is five miles, or one mile if you or your Dalmatian are registering for the veteran/disabled group. This is to ensure that the programme is focused on and recognises the endurance capabilities of the dog.

The programme offers owners the opportunity to gain an award that celebrates their efforts to provide healthy exercise for their dogs. It is anticipated that enjoyment will be found in achievement that promotes the fitness and condition of their dogs, rather than from competing against others.

What are the levels of the award?

Level		Miles	Kilometres
1	Starter Dalies	100	160
2	Dashing Dalies	250	400
3	Flying Dalies	500	800
4	Super Dalies	1000	1609
5	Long Distance Dalies	2000	3218
6	Gallopig Dalies	3000	4828

For the Veteran/Disabled group for each level the total miles is half the figure given in the table above

Rules

1. Any Dalmatian, or Dalmatian cross, may participate in the programme
2. Dogs taking part must be 12 months or older
3. The owner should complete an entry form
4. Where more than one dog is registered, a separate form is needed for each dog
5. There is a registration fee for each level. For levels 1-3 the fee is £5.00 for each level. For levels 4-6 the registration fee is £7.50 each level. To register for all six levels at the same time, there is a discounted registration fee of £30.00
6. For non members of The British Dog Society there is an additional programme joining fee of £10.00 payable once
7. In order to register, the appropriate fee should be sent with a completed entry form(s) to the programme organiser. Fees are payable via BACS payment or via cheque
8. A record card will be issued for each dog taking part, along with a letter confirming details of registration
9. Distances covered should be entered on the record card for any of the approved activities or combination of activities. A minimum of five miles can be recorded each time, except for the Veteran/ Disabled group which has a minimum of one mile.
10. The Veteran/Disabled group is for dogs who are 7 years or older, or have a disability, for example arthritis, and for owners who are mature or are disabled who have mobility challenges
11. When the total distance is achieved for a particular level, the record card should be returned to the programme organiser so that the award can be made

What are approved distance activities?

Carriage Driving	Cycling
Riding	Running
Cani-Cross	Jogging
Tracking	Walking
Carriage Dog Trials	* Other

* At the discretion of the organisers - requests for additional activities to be added can be made in writing to the committee

Veteran / Disabled Group

In order to be inclusive to the older or mobility challenged owners and or Dalmatians, there is a Veteran / Disabled group you can join. This is for dogs over 7 years old, mature owners, and disabled owners and or dogs. Please indicate on the application form if this is the group you wish to join. As a member of this group the minimum miles you can log is 1 mile, and the amount of miles you have to cover in order to gain your certificate and move to the next level is half of the standard amount.

How can you join the programme?

Owners can enrol for the programme at any time by completing an entry form, available online or from the programme organiser. A small fee is payable to register for each level. The fee is used to cover the costs of mailing and producing record cards and certificates.

How does the record card work?

Owners will be sent a record card on which to keep a log of the distances covered. As each level of the award is achieved, they will send off their record card and a certificate will be awarded by the society.

Any additional miles can be counted towards the next level, if the owner wishes to continue.

Details of awards made, together with photographs of owners and their dogs engaged in relevant activities, will be celebrated on the society's social media and website pages and in the quarterly newsletter.

We would advise any one who wishes to join this programme to discuss this with their vet and or doctor to ensure their health and their dogs health will not be adversely affected before joining.