

CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT

We have just come back from caravanning on Dartmoor, with 4 dogs, and I have to say the camping and caravan site that we used at Lydford was most welcoming. We asked if we could go into the back field with electric hook up and we were shown the area we could use, pick your spot the manager said. We had a lovely view out across the moor and plenty of room. The dog walk round the outside of the field was more than enough for the puppy, and the beautiful, well signposted footpaths/bridleways were accessed just off the lane from the site. Ideal for me to trundle off with the 3 adult dogs before breakfast in the mornings, they loved the river which we had to cross on one of the walks, just right for an early morning dip. The manager and his wife loved the puppy and he was made a huge fuss of when we went to the site shop for the milk and paper. Towards the end of our holiday the manager complimented me on how well behaved the dogs were and the fact that they didn't bark when they were tied up outside the caravan. Dogs and caravanning or camping do work—you just have to be extra aware of others on site who may dislike dogs. TICKS were a bit of a problem, but we always have nail varnish remover in the caravan which if you just dab onto the tick it will let go and

you aren't left with nasty claws or a head embedded in your dog, and always take the tick off anti clockwise. Lyme disease is a horrible illness that ticks carry so beware for yourselves if walking in the sort of areas that ticks like. Congratulations to all the handlers who passed their



SILVER Kennel Club Good Citizen assessments recently. Congratulations also to the Formation display team who have now completed 2 displays with another one booked for the end of this month. They have turned out for rehearsals many times and have put up with me getting cross when it's gone pear shaped, well done everyone. We have been raising money for Canine Partners. Talking of Canine Partners Allen Parton who came to one of the Bronze assessment evenings with his dog Endal, now has Endal junior

affectionately known as EJ. EJ is a yellow lab of about 10 weeks old. The Special Agility Meeting we held on 8th July, I felt was very constructive, and in a nutshell we need to find another venue within a radius 10 miles of Frensham maybe on a different night, if possible the classes to be held one after another instead of two at a time, more trainers (so trainers get a break), 4 assistant trainers trained up so they can take a class in an emergency, such as late work, home problems, illness, formation of a sub-committee (we need 2 people from agility to work on the sub committee with Stuart and Judy). Any offers please talk to me. Thank you to those of you who volunteered and to all of you for turning up for the meeting. As you all know the club closes for its summer break during August. Please, when you are out and about with your animals, be aware of how hot a car can get and if you have to leave them in the car give them plenty of fresh air and water and park in the shade, better still take them with you. Keep to footpaths there are plenty of adders around Kennel cough is rife at present. Some dogs show no symptoms, others sort of gag and some are really ill. Do not take them out and about and especially don't bring them to club please. Please make sure your dogs

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LATE NEWS

Please see page 5 for details of our Charity walk for Canine Partners.

have ID tags on and are microchipped or tattooed, the dog thieves are about—it may mean the difference between getting your dog back or NEVER SEEING IT AGAIN. Be aware of strangers coming up to you when you are out walking your dogs, especially if they haven't a dog. Put yours on a lead, don't be distracted by them so they have time to snatch your pooch. Any worries REPORT IT TO THE POLICE AND INSIST THEY TAKE NOTICE. See you all in September,

Carole

Companion Dog Show

Better weather than last year but then could it have been worse? We were delighted that so many people came and had a great time - all in aid of Canine Partners this year. Canine Partners also came along and demonstrated how they train their young pups for this special work which truly benefits many people and we are very grateful that they have come along to our various events to help us help them. We ran Pedigree classes judged by Pat Lav-ersuch; Novelty classes including Waggiest Tail, Prettiest Bitch and Most Handsome Dog all judged by vet Mark Scott until he was called away on veterinary duties and Sarah Kinch kindly stood in for him; Obedience classes were run by C C Guard for the Starters and my did she

have a big class to run; Improvers were sorted out by Jane Chandler, Penny Peters took the Intermediate and Advanced were carefully studied by Julia Harbord - she also helps train the Canine Partners pups so that was a good link. We are very grateful to all these people for giving up their day and equally thankful to all the stewards, car park attendants, tea makers and all other helpers. The huge raffle was run by Pat Pettet and husband Norman as well as some very good juniors who delighted in taking money off people! We raised about £350 for the Charity and this all adds to the fund which we will present to them at our Annual General Meeting in October. The collection box is always open should you want to add to the funds.

Trophy Foods generously donated prizes and want to come back for future shows. The Staffie Rescue were pleased with the interest shown in their work and our own Photographic Twins, Margaret & Barbara, took many wonderful photographs which lots of us were very pleased to buy.



Club members were well represented at the Show and did well including the following:

1st in Pedigree AV Open was Kate Thomas with her Rhodesian Ridgeback Nyah and she also won Best in Show. She managed to gain another 1st in Most Handsome Dog with another Ridgeback Ned. Prettiest Bitch was won by Lottie a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel shown by Kathryn Souster with Louise Cooling hot on her heels coming 2nd with another Spaniel - an English Cocker called Ebony. The Saxton family came up trumps in the Child Handler section with Rowan showing Sheepdog Misha coming 1st and Scarlett handling Lurcher Kuri just behind in 2nd. Waggiest Tail was down to

Spaniels again - Sarah Dancock with her English Springer T-bag and Nicki Well-fare coming in 4th with her Cavalier Harley. Crossbreeds were not to be ignored as Sarah Dancock found space for her 1st place rosette with Ruby. Obedience classes were also well represented by Haslemere with Becky Layphries coming 1st in Starters with Blue and Sarah Dancock (she certainly had a good day) with Yogi at 3rd. In Improvers 1st was Ruth Gray with Zak closely followed by Bella handled by Sarah Kinch. In the Intermediate class, Haslemere really cleaned up - 1st Tina Gould with Moss, 2nd Ruth Gray with Zak, 3rd Jan Kiley with Kerry, 4th Ray Haride with Kirby and 5th Carole West with Larry - no-one else really got a look in there -

well done. The Intermediate folk then went on to almost whitewash the competition in the Advanced class with Ray & Kirby coming in 1st, Carole & Larry were 3rd and Tina with Moss were 4th.

I was the Examiner for the Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze test and pleased to pass most of the entrants although we had a few with the wrong information on the dog ID tags - not members of Haslemere who all know that this must show the owner's name and address including post code.

All in all, a splendid day with lots of happy people - see you all next year?

Patricia Island

Agility Update

Carole West has already thanked those who came to our Special General Meeting on 8th July - the turnout was really good - much more than we had expected so it was a bit of a tight squeeze in the Parish Council's meeting room - the hall booking chap had obviously forgotten we were coming and having moved us from the small hall, where the Village Hall committee was having its own AGM, to the upper hall where we would have been involved in yoga we then found ourselves being very cosily ensconced in the Nancy

Littlejohn room. After much to-ing and fro-ing, we unfortunately find ourselves in pretty much the same sticky situation in that we do not have enough experienced trainers to run the four classes running two at a time and if we reduce the number of classes to match the trainers available we can't afford the venue. Our note in the April Newsletter Snippets about prospective trainers and assistant trainers to come forward appeared to have passed most people by! However, a few people at the meeting decided they

would like to become assistant trainers being overseen by experienced instructors so this should help us in the future. As other venues, sadly not available to us, are much cheaper than our current one at The Priory, we have been seeking another place but as yet to no avail. It was apparent that many Agility members were not aware of the problems we have been facing but we must stress that the Club's Committee has not been sitting idly by but has been actively searching for an

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SPECIAL PRE-BEGINNERS

For those of you who watched the obedience championships at Crufts in awe, why don't you have a go at the Special Pre-Beginner classes this year?

The competition was created to encourage owners and dogs who have passed at least their Bronze Good Citizen to have a go at competitive obedience. Most of the things you will be asked to do you will already have done in the Bronze test; the only real difference is the heelwork – to be in with a chance you will need to get your dog to walk at heel without treats and pay you some attention – easier said than done when there are the distractions of a show!

The competition will normally start with 'play with or motivate your dog'. What the judge wants to see is interaction between you and your dog – using a tuggy toy seems to go down well but make sure you show your dog 'giving' when he is

told, and perhaps throw in a couple of spins.

The other exercises will be heelwork on the lead, the gate exercise, recall, examine your dog, and a group stay. You've successfully done all these already!

If you fancy giving it a go and don't want to travel too far, both Winchester and Petersfield shows have a Special Pre-Beginner class – I'm sure Carole would be happy to give you more information and advice. The highest placed collie/working sheepdog and 'anything but a collie' will go to the semi-finals at Discover Dogs, and the best there will go on to the finals at Crufts – you might not be ready for the main ring yet, but you can still get to Crufts, which is an experience in itself!

Jan Kiley

A FRENCH EMAIL

Well, we have just ended a 3 week hot spell of temps 29-34 degrees I have loved the consistency of the weather knowing that you can get up everyday and put on shorts, go for a swim before breakfast and eat outside all the time. Flora has coped remarkably well with the heat and has her favourite collapsing places in the shade. She has almost completed the 3 weeks of being in season, which has gone fine and we have not been bothered by Chiens de Chasse of which there are many around here.

However a bit miserable that she couldn't go everywhere with me; go out for walks, swim in lakes or walk to Monbahus and get a welcome from all the shopkeepers They all comment

"Ou est Flora aujourd'hui?"

However 2 more days and life will regain normality. I think Flatcoats automatically expect to be with you, at your side and doing everything with you.

Flora has also reacted very well to 2 tabby kittens rescued from underneath the floorboards of a nearby chateau being renovated that have joined us at Terrasse: Tilley and Seb, they are now 9 weeks both charming and vandals at the same time and so funny with Flora. They have adopted her as their mother, sleep in her bed when they get a chance, play with her tail and ears and wriggle away when she enthusiastically licks them all over,

life is too busy to stay still and be washed When I can't find them I turn to Flora and say "where are the babies" and she usually gives me a clue. A favourite place of theirs is on top of the fridge in the breadbasket!!

Flora is still a bit mournful at not being allowed to join me in the pool but I can't take the risk of her puncturing the liner with her claws and as there is already a fence round it she stays firmly on the other side.

I suspect she has put on a little weight but hopefully that will change once we can go out and about again and I have tried to cut down her food and treats but when the kittens are being fed x4 daily she is highly indignant if left out.

Perhaps I will have to do something about letting her have pups as I have had a few interested enquiries about this possibility but that may or may not be for another time!!

I am getting the Flatcoat nudge under the elbow which means "Come on me now" many a cup of coffee or, worse still, glass of wine has gone west from that.

A Bientot

Jenny and Flora

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

My name is Talisman or Tala for short, I am a 12 week old Golden Retriever puppy and I joined the West household 4 weeks ago. What a busy household, there are 2 other male goldies and a little border collie bitch, 3 cats and some chickens at home BUT I gather from the boys there are more animals where they go every morning and evening. I haven't been there yet as my mum says I'm too young and I've got to go to the place called the vets to have a jab, sounds like it might make me squeak.

Last week my human mum brought home 2 funny animals called goats as they had become orphaned after their mother died just after they were born, so they had come home to be near the Rayburn and to fed with bottles, but they weren't being very helpful according to my mum. They didn't like the bottles—not the same as mummy's teats, and she was having to fed them every few hours. I liked them because they smelt all milky.

When they were able to stand on their own, mum let them out of the dog crate for a while to exercise. Try to imagine the scenario, goat kid jumping across kitchen floor, Mum busy trying to get the 2nd one to take a bottle and ME. When my Mum plays with me she rolls balls across the kitchen floor and I like a happy chappie that I am bring them back to her, so I thought this goat kid needed retrieving. I got it by the scruff and dragged it back to my mum, she wasn't amused. I cannot understand why! All is well as we are playing ball again and Mum is not so STRESSED.

Talisman

New Polo Shirts for the Club

We plan to buy some Royal Blue polo shirts with the Club's logo and name in pale blue and hope to have them available for sale at the AGM in October. Price yet to be sorted but to make this a viable proposition and to ensure we buy enough of the right sizes, could you please let me know if you are interested and what size you would need. Patricia Bland on 01428 683640 or email p.bland@btconnect.com

Visit to Canine Partners

We are very fortunate to have a Charity, near Midhurst, called **Canine Partners**, who train assistance dogs for the disabled. Some of us from the Club recently attended one of their Open Days to find out more about their work and training. This is a relatively young charity having only been set up in 1990 but has become the international leader in training assistance dogs, with the aspiration of training and placing 60 dogs a year by 2010. This is a mammoth challenge for a charity which receives no government funding and is wholly dependent on public donations.

We saw a number of puppies in training from as young as 12 weeks old up to the more advanced pups of 7, 8 and 9 months old who were already doing amazing things like retrieving 'phones for their partners, switching on lights, help to dress and undress and even putting a cash card into a machine. These puppies go

into advanced training at about 14 months old and until then they spend their first year with Puppy Parents, living a normal home life and becoming accustomed to all that a young dog should. They attend training classes at the Centre each week, then they go back to the Centre for their advanced training before being matched with a partner about 4 to 6 months later. Each dog has its 'speciality' despite its extensive training and will be matched very carefully to the disabled person whom it most suits, both physically and personality-wise. Often the dog chooses its own partner!

The partnership then has a 2-week residential training course together to teach them how to work and play together to develop a good rapport.

If you read both April and January newsletters, there are articles in them about both a recipient, Allen Parton, and his dog Endol and visiting days to the Centre.

There are many ways that you can help other than giving money, ie becoming a Puppy Parent - many more are needed. So, if you enjoy your training, do consider this option.

I can highly recommend you to visit the Centre and defy anybody not to be moved by these remarkable people and dogs.

Ryth Gray

These are the remaining dates for 2008 Open Days - Thursday 18th September, Friday 10th October, Wednesday 5th November - call them on 01730 716013 if you would like to visit them. Look at their website www.caninepartners.co.uk which also has their newsletter on it. Canine Partners will also be at the CLA Game Fair 25th -27th July in Blenheim, the Wag & Bone Show 2nd August in Windsor and Discover Dogs 8th -9th November at Earls Court, London..

Agility Update

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alternative venue at which to run the Agility classes even if this meant moving to a different night. Rob Welch offered to co-ordinate the search which still goes on so if you find somewhere that you think might be suitable and not too far from where you are now, please get in touch with him on rob.welch@btinternet.com or 01483 420833 or Carole West on carols.west@virgin.net or 01428 723572. To help run the Agility section of the Club more smoothly it was suggested that a sub-committee be formed and according

to our Club Rules this committee has to have 50% of its members from the main committee so Judy Steel and Stuart Greenslade offered to do this. We just need two folk from Agility - any offers? The Minutes of this Special General Meeting are available to you by email from me should you require them. I do recall when I went to Haslemere Agility, albeit it 8 years ago, it was part of the deal that I turned up before my class to help put out the equipment. No excuse was accepted! This appears not to be the case now and the same few stal-

warts put it all out and another few hardy people put it all away again. Please pull your weight and help. If you are in the first classes bring run, get yourselves there in time to put out all those jumps, rings and weaves - yes they're heavy but the more of you to do it, the easier it is and less time it takes. If you are in the last classes, don't sneak off home - do your bit by putting stuff away.

Patricia Bland - Club Secretary -
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FORWARD THINKING

AUGUST Fancy a walk? Anthony Haigh is organising a walk in aid of Canine Partners—see page 5 for full details. Outdoor Training is being run by Carole West on a couple of occasions - no charge for this but donations into the pot for Canine Partners, please. These sessions will be at Liphook on Thursday 14th from 6pm to 8pm and again on Saturday 23rd August from 10am to noon. It's not often you get this opportunity to train outside - the village hall atmosphere is totally different and your dog often shows another character once outside - as we all know - so take advantage of Carole's gen-

erosity and go down to Liphook. Take a chair with you and something to drink - don't forget a drink for your dog either, especially if it is a hot day. As there is a lot of kennel cough around, please don't share your dog's drinking bowl with other dogs. Directions are from Liphook centre - head towards Petersfield on the B2070, under iron rail bridge on a nasty bend about a mile out of Liphook. Turn immediately left after the bridge - signed Liphook Golf Club. Go up this private road to small crossroads, straight on to next crossroads but do not go through the brick pillars but turn left onto a bit of tar-

mac then rough wood track. Ignore right turning and go just past there to where the track forks - take right fork which runs along the edge of the fields and the second gate is Carole's field. Dogs MUST be on a lead except when working as there is livestock in the field. As always, please clear up after your dogs. Any queries, give Carole a call on 01428 723572.

SEPTEMBER will see us running the Limited Agility Show on Sunday 21st September 2008 at Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club. This is limited to the first

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Veterinary Advice

As we get into the summer months, it is worth thinking about the perennial problems that can affect our dogs.



The flea and tick season is in full swing and this year seems to be particularly bad for ticks. Ticks not only cause local reactions at the attachment site, but can also transmit serious blood borne diseases such as Lyme disease and, on the continent, Babesiosis and Ehrlichiosis. Check with your vet for the most up to date treatments available.



We have already seen a number of snake bites this year, and these require urgent veterinary treatment - keep your dog as quiet as you can and call your veterinary surgery as soon as possible to arrange an emergency appointment. Bee stings can also be a problem at this time of year as dogs may be stung while nosing at bees, and as with humans, prompt medical attention may be necessary as some dogs are allergic to bee stings and

the swelling can be quite dramatic. If your dogs are going into kennels, remember to check that the dogs are up to date with their vaccinations and check whether the kennels require them to have the kennel cough vaccination, which is administered up the nose! Finally - whether or not you are taking your dog with you on holiday - have a wonderful summer.

Mark Scott MRCVS
Amery Veterinary Group, Alton, Bordon & Grayshott www.amery-vets.co.uk

FORWARD THINKING

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200 entries received so get your entry in soon. Schedules are available at both Obedience and Agility classes and also on the usual websites, such as Agility Net. We would be grateful for any help in running the event and the Show Manager is our own Treasurer Stuart Greenslade on 01428 604479. The raffle will be in aid of Canine Partners and will be our final fund raising event for them so let's make it a good'un! Raffle Prizes can be taken on the day or liaise with your trainer, any committee member and in particular Pat Pettet who so ably ran the raffle at the Companion Dog Show - she's getting good at this! September is also the time to renew your Club membership - a form is enclosed

and please note the new rates of Single £8, Family £12 and Junior £4. Even Life Members who don't have to pay a penny must complete the membership form or you won't be added to the list for 2008-09 and won't get our newsletter so won't know what's going on! Please get this form back to Beryl Greenslade, your hard working Membership Secretary, either by bringing to the first Club meeting in September or sticking it in the post to her.

OCTOBER is the usual time for our Annual General Meeting and this year it is on Thursday 23rd at Grayshott Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. It is your Club - you should come to hear what we have to say and have your say! There are lots of

trophies to be won so if you have done something in any sort of competition between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008 please do let Judy Steel know on 01428 644782 or email kenand-judy@tiscali.co.uk by 13th September 2008 - late entries will not be included. If you don't tell us we can't include you. If you have a trophy from last year, please do make sure you get it back, beautifully cleaned, to Judy in time to present to the next winner. Canine Partners will be coming along to the AGM to present these well deserved trophies and we, in turn, will present them with a cheque to boost their much needed funds! The AGM papers will be sent out in due course but you might like to make a note of the date in your diaries now.

Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards

Silver 10th July 2008 Examiner Graham Everitt

Sally Cartwright with Barney
Pam Kerr with Tess

Carly Edmonds with Scooby
Janice Davis with Sam

Kathryn Souster with Lottie
Sue Monks with Harry

Congratulations to one and all.

Walk for Canine Partners

Join us on Thursday 21st August with your dogs for a walk and at the same time raise money for our Charity of the Year, Canine Partners. We will meet at Frensham Little Pond car park, walk around the pond and heathland and then have a free pub supper at the Bridge at

Pierpoint (used to be called The Mariners). We will set off at 7pm so please try and be prompt! How does this earn money when the Club is paying for your basket type meal such as chicken & chips? We need everyone to pay a donation of £5 - or more if you are feeling

generous. Please let Anthony Haigh know if you plan on coming so we have an idea of numbers for the pub. 'Phone 01420 487454 or email him at anthaigh1@hotmail.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Thursday 14th	Outdoor Training Liphook from 6 pm to 9 pm
Thursday 21st	Walk for Canine Partners see page 5 for details
Saturday 23rd	Outdoor Training Liphook from 10 am to Noon

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 4th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 8th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 11th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 15th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 18th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Sunday 21st	Limited Agility Show Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club
Monday 22nd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 25th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 29th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

OCTOBER

Thursday 2nd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 6th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 9th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 13th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 16th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 20th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 23rd	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Grayshott Village Hall 7.30 pm PROMPT
Monday 27th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 30th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 6th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 10th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 13th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Sat/Sun 15th 16th	Barbara Sykes "Thinking Like Canines" Course Guildford –see Carole West for details
Monday 17th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 20th	No Training—Hall in Use
Monday 24th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 27th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

DECEMBER

Thursday 18th	Club Christmas Party Grayshott Village Hall
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