

## CAROLE'S COGITATIONS

Summer is here at last, and with it lie hidden dangers for our dogs. The obvious one is heat stroke and death from being locked in a car, this can happen so quickly, so be warned. Snake bites are another problem at this time of the year, a visit to the vet is urgent, but to help calm you and the dog, give Rescue Remedy.

Manic collies will still play ball even when the temperature is in the 30's, so try not to be tempted to play with them for long periods. Then you have the dog who eats your bulbs and plants just after you spent lots of money at the garden centre, not to say the time it's taken to plant them. Are they trying to tell us the bulbs are facing Australia or that the plant is in the wrong place? Off to the vets as they have the squits and have just thrown up all over the sitting room carpet, are they really trying to poison themselves?

Then you have the fruit pickers, picture those lovely strawberries just ready to pick for supper with a little fresh cream on them, when you go to pick them lo and behold no strawberries - that b----- hound has eaten them. Anyway these hidden dangers can be very costly at the vets. Wasps - the dog who tries to catch them, they never learn do they? Obviously if they get stung in the mouth be aware that the swelling can shut of the air-

way. Many years ago when we puppy walked for the Guide Dogs for the Blind we had a lab who loved fruit and



*"I can do it as well as the Collies!"*

at that time used to collect vegetables and fruit from the local green grocers to give to my goats, and she would pinch the fruit. Guess what? She was allergic to wasp stings. Down to the vets we would go because not only did she swell up but she would stagger and fall over, so in the end we had to keep antihistamines at home for her. She also picked black-

berries. That same dog got bitten by an adder and we nearly lost her. It was a Sunday lunch-time, down to Midhurst with an unconscious dog, a husband driving like a lunatic through the lanes and me

with my fingers thrust down the dog's throat to keep the airway open. She made it and qualified.

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The trip to Crufts was good

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charity, the Lowland Search Dogs, who turned out in force to support us. What a super group of guys and gals. Thank you to my team of helpers, you were brilliant. A few of us turned out the evening before to put up rings and tents, an early start the next morning to do paperwork and put out chairs, tables etc. Thanks to Jo for the wonderful cakes, scrummy.

Patricia Bland and I went to Kent t'other Sunday to take our KC Good Citizen Examiners test. A written paper in the morning and practicals in the afternoon, 2 verifiers and 3 assessors to test us, stress levels rose and our blood pressure levels must have gone off the machine. Anyway we passed.

I had a phone call one Sunday in April, it was Neville in Jersey. The judge for their 3 day show couldn't make it so was I feeling well enough

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for running the Tombola. Next year Becky Layphries is Show Secretary and Stuart is Show Manager. The Companion Dog Show was a huge success with no complaints and plenty of money - over £200 to our

## ANDOVER / HASLEMERE OBEDIENCE MATCH

2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2006

Five of us set off early on Sunday morning for Upper Clatford, a very pretty village on the outskirts of Andover, for a match against Andover Dog Training Club. We were all quite nervous – especially me! – as we were all rather new to Obedience competitions and poor Carole was in hospital. However, Ray Hardie stepped in as Team Captain and did an excellent job of encouraging us along. The Andover team made us very welcome, put us at our ease and gave us a lovely lunch.

Jenny Ilett with Storme and Pat Pettet with Connie entered Class 1, which was open to dogs who had never competed in any type of obedience competition and which was based on the Bronze Good Citizen's work. Connie and Storme made a good debut, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. Connie was very excited and went on to do a very steady round in Class 2, and I don't suppose Storme thought she would be doing anything like this so soon after being rescued – whatever next?!

Annie Jermain with Bess, Pat P with Connie and Pat Hawkins with Willow entered Class 2 which was for dogs who only compete at match / companion shows and have never been placed higher than 3<sup>rd</sup>. Annie & Bess did a lovely round & came 1<sup>st</sup> and Pat & Connie came 2<sup>nd</sup>.



I'm afraid Willow decided she wasn't going to put herself out unduly if she wasn't going to get lots of treats on the way round!

Class 3 was a Beginner's Class and was entered by Jenny with Lucky, Annie with

Bess and Pat H with Tansy. Pat & Tansy came 1<sup>st</sup>, Annie & Bess came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jenny & Lucky came 4<sup>th</sup>. I'm afraid Lucky's 'lucky paws' weren't so lucky in the retrieve – he stepped on his dumbbell and so couldn't pick it up, much to Jenny's amusement!

Ray saved the day in Class 3, the Novice class. With his three gundogs Topper, Kim & Kirby he single-handedly represented Haslemere, other team members being unable to compete at the last minute, and came 4<sup>th</sup> with Kirby. It was lovely to see three such happy Goldies and their lovely temperaments were admired by all. Unfortunately we lost the match 35 to 42 but a good time had been had by all. We shall have to see what we can do in the return match later in the year. Well done all who entered – there were some lovely rounds!

*Pat Hawkins*

## News From The Vineyard

Oh my - the Food Provider and the Clever Little Flatcoat have been doing well! Trouble is Merlot and I are supposed to be impressed - I suppose we are really but don't like to show it. So what have they been doing? Well, as you know, the FP has been teaching the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme stuff for *years* so decided to try and become an Examiner for it starting with the Bronze level. Down to Sevenoaks, near where I was born so it must have been a good omen, she went one sunny day and had what she called the most stressful day she's had in years - now she knows how we feel when she tries out her new ideas on us! Still, I digress - she had a morning of lectures then had to take a written paper. Apparently she zoomed through this and finished ages before anyone so thought she must have done it wrong so went through it all twice again and still no-one else had handed in their papers! Then they had the practical side where they tested some people with their dogs from local clubs who had all obviously been primed because there were some

howling errors especially on their ID tags which I'm sure you all know should have the owner's name and address and if you do



want to abbreviate the address you must have the house name or number as well as the postcode. Why house name or number? Well the postcode usually covers several houses in the same road.

Telephone number optional but a good idea. Only two people got 100% in their written paper and ole smart alec FP was one of them! She's now threatening to take the Silver level. She's already been called on by the Kennel Club to be the examiner at a Championship dog show where she had to fail one dog - oops sorry no-one fails - it has to be called *not ready*. Oh I suppose I had better mention the CLF's success before I get licked again by her. As you know, Medoc has been doing Gundog Working Tests since she was a pup and has now won her way out of Novice Dog/Novice Handler by coming first in the Flatcoated Retriever Society Southern Area Working Test. Not only that, she was also awarded the Judges Choice Trophy beating all the Puppies, ND/NH, Novice and Open Dogs there on the day. We now have **four** trophies for the FP to polish but she's so proud of the CLF that she doesn't mind.

*Chablis*

# MY NEWSLETTER How It All Started

Hi, I'm Brooke - I've had dogs all of my life, when I was six my mum bought me an American Cocker Spaniel for my birthday. And that is when it all began. I showed him in breed, we were quite good, my mum - being as cruel as she is - made me train him myself. We qualified for Crufts twice and were there four years ago, we did fairly well, but not well enough. After that I stopped - schoolwork was getting too much.

For about a year we did hardly anything with our dogs and got rather bored. Mum, bless her, wanted a scrappy mongrel dog and, would you believe it, there was one in the Friday-Ads. Mum went out and saw her and fell in love with her, she came home with her that evening - we named her Stella.

Once Stella had settled in and everything was OK, Mum found out about dog agility and got to know a bit more

about it. She told me, I was quite interested - she suggested I should do it with Stella considering how fast she was. I was a bit unsure, Stella had always been Mum's dog but I went for it. Mum found us a club to go to, so - yet again- I could train her and it turned out to be really fun. At first Stella kept running out to return to Mum but eventually learned to trust me.

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Now that she was running for me I learned that I would have to run as well. Then the big shows came around - I was nervous but I knew I had a lot of support behind me, and managed to get round the courses with speed and time but she was missing her contact points. Problems were building up one after the other and I was getting frustrated with her and then she wouldn't run for me. I then had to learn to

control my anger and remember she was only a baby and that it wasn't her fault but mine. There was a lot to learn and a lot to take in, and eventually everything was as good as good can be.

We went to shows and started getting Clear Rounds and then we were getting placed. Then I won out of Starters at Aylesbury Show, (Yahoo!), now the hard work will begin. I couldn't have done all this without Andy and Tina, trainers at Haslemere, and of course, Stella.

I'm proud that I've trained her myself and that we work as a team, and I hope everyone else has as good a relationship with their dog as Stella and I have.

*Brooke Baker*

## CAROLE'S COGITATIONS (contd)

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to judge? I was recovering after surgery so no lifting, driving, standing for long periods but to cut a long story short 3 days later I was at Jersey airport being met by Neville, whisked of to lunch at a beachside cafe and meeting Janet who runs the dog club over there. I was there for 5 days and talk about being spoilt. I only had to look like I was lifting a sheet of paper and someone was at my side. The handlers ranged from about 8 years to 60+ and the dogs were from tiny dachshunds to rotties. The judging was not on the ability of the dogs but on the handling over 3 disciplines: agility, show and obedience. The handlers were so polite, the committee hard working, the junior handlers delightful, and the building was huge. The evening events were brilliant, from quizzes, to magicians, to the gala dinner dance. I thoroughly enjoyed the judging appointment - thanks, Neville. The Barbara Skye's course is on the 14th

and 15th October. The aggression seminar is on the Saturday at Worplesdon, then to Bordon on Sunday for the handlers' workshop. The weekend is to be recommended as Barbara doesn't get to



*"so can I"*

the South very often due to the workload in Yorkshire, so book early. The Hampshire Rally is at Bordon on Sunday 23rd July, and this year our charity, Lowland Search Dogs, is the nominated one. We also have to run the raffle this year so raf-

fle prizes please and are there a couple of volunteers to run it please? The team will be posted soon and practice sessions will be arranged at Bordon.

The Silver and Gold KC Good Citizen tests will be at the end of July and a Bronze test in the middle of July so names to Beryl Greenslade please. The dates and time will be posted on the notice board - watch this space as they say. We are closed for August, so have a lovely break - the trainers certainly deserve it. See you back in September.

*Carole*

# CAMPBELL

Campbell passed his Bronze Good Citizen – and in an open space at the Companion Dog Show. That may not seem a major achievement for a 13 month old dog, but to me it heralded a new beginning.

I was gutted when I discovered that Campbell had FCP/OCD as a young pup. I had waited so long for a male dog, and he was out of my very special bitch I had bred myself. Having had a taste of obedience work with Kerry, I had high hopes of my new boy and wanted to start him off on the right track early. To say I was knocked sideways

was an understatement; I stopped coming to club as I couldn't face talking about his problems and lost all my enthusiasm, and much to Kerry's disappointment stopped doing regular train-

ing at home. Maybe I over-reacted, but having been told by the specialist that he was in 'considerable pain, will get worse quickly and at times he will scream out in agony' and by my vet



that I should consider having him put to sleep if the arthroscopy showed too much damage, it felt like the end of all my hopes for him leading a normal life with my 3 other dogs. It also meant no

more puppies due to the genetic implications, and I had my bitches spayed. After an arthroscopy (which incidentally showed no loose fragments of bone at all – presumably just OCD then), cage rest, very limited lead walks of 5-10 minutes a day for months on end, very wet (and that included me!) hydrotherapy sessions, endless injections, tablets...well, to cut a long story short, I am now letting him off lead about once a week, he can now play in the garden with the others, instead of being in solitary confinement out there, and we manage. I know his long term prognosis isn't brilliant – he has arthritis now so is unlikely to reach old age – but he is the most loveable, gentle dog out, and everything I could hope for (well, apart from the obvious!).

*Jan Kiley*

## APRIL 2006 OPEN AGILITY SHOW RESULTS

### CLASS 1 KC OLYMPIA AGILITY STAKES

1st Ian Smith with Nutmeg of Windemere  
2nd Alan Bray with Ag. Ch. Lunalite  
Selinas Tiger at Upanova  
3rd Greg Derrett with Withersfarm Sprogett

### CLASS 2 PEDIGREE PAIRS RELAY PART 1

1st Karen Cole with Monochrome Mutt &  
Chris Cole with Magic Charmer  
2nd Alan Bray with Skys the Limit at Upanova  
Greg Derrett with Withersfarm Sprogett  
3rd Stuart Carter with Ag. Ch. Kapia Konquest

### Lu Carter with Wildcap Wotta Tyke

### CLASS 2 PEDIGREE PAIRS RELAY PART 2

1st Paul Moore with Valgray Iri-ish Boy  
Mel Doyle with Pepsi Fizzi of Valgray  
2nd Lorraine Watts with On Cloud Nine  
Lucie Tucknott with Troublesome Teegan  
3rd Bridget Fletcher with What a Little Tod  
Ruth Jones with Knotty Ash

### CLASS 3 ELEMENTARY AGILITY

1st Sheila Read with She's Little Acer  
2nd Angela Parry with Mayhem Milly  
3rd Nicky Nairn with Rosmarins True Jet

### CLASS 4 STARTERS JUMPING

1st Sheila Read with She's Little Acer  
2nd Dawn Hughes with Eye Spy Hot and Spicy

3rd Jane Eshelby with Talie Sinner

### CLASS 5 NOVICE AGILITY PART 1

1st Sue Montgomerie with Touchango Buzzerk  
2nd Karen Cole with Shanowl Just Pretty In Pink  
3rd Elizabeth Langwade with Maximilian Jack in the Box

### CLASS 5 NOVICE AGILITY PART 2

1st Q Teather with Sunsky Quest of the Sea  
2nd Hazel Hicks with Laetare Gottabea Jinxed  
3rd Yvonne Croxford with Motley Mad-die Meister

### CLASS 5 NOVICE AGILITY PART 3

1st Tim Marsh with The Jedi Nite  
2nd Tom Green with Littlemiss Bucks Fizz  
3rd John Ellicock with Burma Nell

### CLASS 6 INTERMEDIATE JUMPING PART 1

1st Alan Bray with Skys the Limit at Upanova  
2nd Natasha Wise with Eastern Lyric  
3rd Mark Douglas with Cories Ruby Tuesday

### CLASS 6 INTERMEDIATE JUMPING PART 2

1st Blair Willis with Alsorts of Magic  
2nd Lesley Olden with Waggerland Wow of Nedlo  
3rd Greg Derrett with Witherfarm Sprogett

### CLASS 6 INTERMEDIATE JUMPING PART 3

1st Toni Dawkins with Ag. Ch. Spellcast Made in Heaven  
2nd Ian Smith with Canen Sophies Touch of Magic  
3rd Laura Derrett with Silvertips Fly Catcher

# RESULTS OF COMPANION DOG SHOW 14 MAY 2006

## PEDIGREE CLASSES

### CLASS 1 Any Variety Puppy

- 1 Mrs J White & Florrie
- 2 Anne Colles & Basil
- 3 Sarah Crouch & Xena

### Class 2 Any Variety Sporting

- 1 Carolyn Evans & Emily
- 2 Milo Nigro & Nisha
- 3 Unknown & Willow

### Class 3 Any Variety Non- Sporting

- 1 Donna McCarthy & Dylan
- 2 Unknown
- 3 Iona Hooley & Inka

### Class 4 Any Variety Open

- 1 Terri Woodcock & Portia
- 2 Nicky Tovey & Troy
- 3 Donna McCarthy & Dylan
- 4 Ken Steel & Becky

### Class 5 Best In Show

- 1 Mrs J White & Florrie

## NOVELTY CLASSES

### Class 6 Young Dogs (6 – 12 Months)

- 1 Angela Williams & Alice
- 2 Richard Knight & Woody
- 3 T Budd & Indie

### Class 7 Most Handsome Dog

- 1 Nicky Tovey & Danny
- 2 Nicola Woods & Stan
- 3 Carol Moody & Alfie

### Class 8 Prettiest Bitch

- 1 Sarah Crouch & Xena
- 2 Jill Miles & Emmie
- 3 Jenny Ilett & Storme

### Class 9 Best Rescue

- 1 Iris Whitfield & Sooty
- 2 Claire Saxton & Branston
- 3 Natalie Parry & Izzy

### Class 10 Veteran (7yrs & over)

- 1 Caroline Hallam & Frebie
- 2 Carolyn Evans & William
- 32 Judy Reading & Toby

### Class 11 Child Handler (under 12)

- 1 A Sprake & Eley
- 2 Jo Fields & Ozzy
- 3 Claire Saxton & Misha

### Class 12 Waggiest Tail

- 1 Terry Woodcock & Fleur
- 2 Lisa Shilleter & Shadow
- 3 Jo Gardener & Otis

### Class 13 Best Crossbred/Mongrel

- 1 Jenny Ilett & Lucky
- 2 Suzanne Biggs & Nick
- 3 Lone & Tebs
- 4 Claire Saxton & Zoe

### Class 14 Brace

- 1 A Sprake & Eley + ?
- 2 Caroline Hallam & Jess & Max
- 3 Melissa West & Larry & Scully

## OBEDIENCE CLASSES

### Class 15 Starters

- 1 Caroline Hallam & Max
- 2 Jo Clay & Megan
- 3 Jo Clay & Pippa
- 4 Amanda Greenwood & Bobbie

### Class 16 Improvers

- 1 Shirley Finch & Havoc
- 2 P Scragg & Dirko
- 3 Jo Edwards & Jesse

### Class 17 Intermediate

- 1 Shirley Finch & Havoc
- 2 P Scragg & Dirko
- 3 Mia Partner & Archie
- 5 Jan Kiley & Kerry

### Class 18 Advanced

- 1 P Scragg & Caleb
- 2 Shirley Finch & Havoc
- 3 P Scragg & Dice

## What's in the Future?

The Kennel Club Good Citizen tests are being held on 27th July for the Bronze award and on 3rd August for the Silver and Gold awards. The Bronze test will be held in Grayshott Village Hall starting at 7 pm but the Silver and Gold tests have some work done outdoors so we have use of the Grayshott Recreation Ground in Beech Hanger Road. There will be a practice evening on 27th July and the tests will be held on 3rd August. Please check full details with Beryl Greenslade and also register with her. *Good Luck.*



*"I don't know what all the fuss is about"*

On Thursday 10th August there will be a dog walk but as yet the details have not been finalised so please contact Carole West nearer the time for details. Her telephone number is 01428 723572.

A Skittles Evening will be held on Thursday 23rd November at the Black Fox in Liphook. Club members will be charged *nothing* for entry and food but will have to buy their own drinks! Guests will have to pay. Please contact Sarah Kinch on 01420 473673 for further details.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

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
Monday 17th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 20th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	<b>Hampshire Rally Bordon BOSC</b>
Monday 24th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 27th	Bronze Kennel Club Good Citizen Test Grayshott Village Hall 7 pm Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall Silver & Gold KC Good Citizens Practice Grayshott Recreation Ground
Monday 31st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

### August

Thursday 3rd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall Silver & Gold KC Good Citizens Test Grayshott Recreation Ground Silver 7 pm Gold 8.30 pm
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**Thursday 10th** Dog Walk Contact Carole West for further details 01428 723572

### September

Monday 4th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre restarts after Summer recess
Thursday 7th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall restarts after Summer recess
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>Limited Agility Show Bordon</b>

### October

**Thursday 19th** Club Annual general Meeting 7.30 pm Grayshott Village Hall

### November

**Thursday 23rd** Skittles Evening at the Black Fox Liphook Note: No Obedience Training Hall in use.

It would be great if this newsletter could be produced quarterly giving all Club Members details on what has happened and what will be happening but for this to happen I do need articles and, if at all possible, pictures. So if you or your dog has done something noteworthy, be it a grand achievement or something funny please let me know. I can accept pictures and articles by email or post.

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