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CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT

Well folks we are into another club year, the AGM is over and Christmas is nearly upon us. Your new committee will be meeting in a few weeks time to discuss problems, suggestions, and time table for this coming year. So please feel free to e-mail me or pick up the telephone with suggestions that you would like us to consider.

One suggestion from me: is there anyone out there who would like to be considered for a formation to music team, maybe to do a couple of demos at local shows. Your dog must be able to work closely with others, so no snappy dogs please and dogs of Silver Kennel Club Good Citizen standard. I am looking to raise money for our new charity Canine Partners with these demos. For those of you who haven't seen the Southern Golden Retriever Display team on the television or at Crufts, let me explain. There are about 30 dogs in the team and they rehearse and take the team all over the place, don't worry, I don't expect 30 dogs, maybe 10 and I'm not aiming to travel miles. Let me know.

As some of you are aware I have broken my wrist and no I *wasn't* drunk, mores the pity, as my consultant said, if I had of been I'd have probably fallen relaxed. I was on holiday in Devon and out walking the dogs heading to the cove for their early

morning dip when I tripped on fresh air. Dogs thought it was funny to start with but as the language got ripe they realised Mum wasn't mucking around. Drifting between fainting and vomiting, I had to get back to the caravan, about 15 minutes walk. Now I can hear people saying why didn't you have your mobile on you, well it would have been useless because in that area unless you were up on the hills no signal. They

slightly different to the previous caravan, and when you are in pain, knowing you have broken your wrist patience is not upper most in your mind. Take my word for it ***Rescue Remedy does help***

I was back out walking the dogs the following day, 2 at a time unless Roy was with me then it was all four.

Those of you who haven't

“who hasn't collected their barn dance tickets from Anthony Haigh please do not forget it's on the 23rd NOVEMBER “

were very good at Plymouth hospital, but it was a long wait as it was Saturday and midday so you had the DIY folks and the footballers - need I say more?

The reason I am relating this story is not for the sympathy, (but that would be good) it's because I keep on about the Bach Flower Remedies, and ***Rescue Remedy***. Yes I had some in the caravan and I have to admit I used quite a lot of it. It's for any emergency situation and emergency it was, as hubby was barely awake not having had the statutory 2 cups of coffee. We were in our new caravan for the first time, so I wasn't sure where I had packed the first aid kit, as the layout of cupboards was

collected their barn dance tickets from Anthony Haigh please do not forget it's on the ***23rd November so not much time***. If you haven't been to a barn dance before it is good fun. You don't have to be able to dance or have a partner, just know your ***left from right*** (that should be interesting after what we see on a Thursday evening).

Our Doggy Christmas party will be on the 13th December and it is for the agility handlers as well as the pet handlers so please come and join in. I believe Penny will be organising a photo competition and there will be the games and raffle.

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STOP PRESS

Andy Cook from Canine Partners will present the certificates at the Bronze Good Citizen Awards on 29th November 2007.

Andy will also be attending our Christmas Party on Thursday 13th December 2007 where we will be holding a raffle in aid of Canine Partners.

Would you please bring lots of raffle prizes so that we can raise a good sum of money for this worthy cause.



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Opening doors to independence

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If you think it looks the same as last year you are right - it is!

CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT (continued)

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Beryl Greenslade will have had her surgery on her leg, so we wish her well in her recovery, I'm not sure who will miss who the most. Beryl missing us at club, or the club missing Beryl. Anyway my friend look after yourself.

The dark nights are drawing in so time to

hibernate with your feet by the fire, but don't stagnate too much as your dogs still need some training, so this is when the sofa training comes into its own. Presents, perfect ones of course can be achieved, as can retrieves and think of all the little tricks you can teach a dog while you are sitting down with the glass of alcohol on the arm of the sofa.

That's enough from me for a while, take care if you are out walking after dark make sure you and your dog are clearly visible to the traffic, no accidents please.

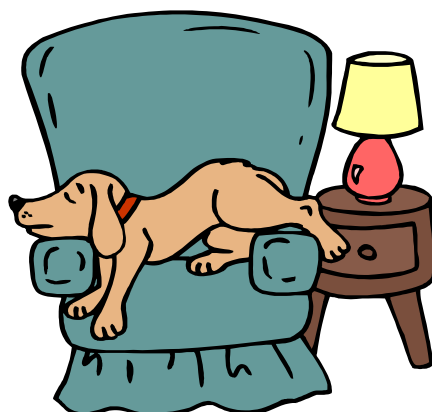
Carole

VETERINARY ADVICE

With the darker mornings and evenings and cooler weather it can sometimes be harder to maintain our dogs' exercise levels. Regular exercise, however, is important for both their quality of life and their general health.

Pet obesity is on the rise and exercise will also help to keep your dog trim. Excess weight carries increased risks of cancer, heart, respiratory, liver, and joint disease, and is linked to an increased incidence of diabetes. Obese dogs may thus have a reduced life expectancy and a poorer quality of life. You should be able to feel, but not see, your dog's ribs, and your dog should have a 'waist', both from

side to side and top to bottom. If you are concerned about your dog's weight, do



contact your vet to arrange a weight check. Many surgeries run 'Weight Watchers' clinics, often free of charge.

Remember to wear reflective clothing and to provide your dog with a reflective collar or coat when walking in the dark – happy trudging!

Mark Scott, MRCVS
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Haslemere & District Dog Training Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 18th October at Grayshott Village Hall to which 40 people came along. The trophies awarded are listed separately but for those of you could not come (or perhaps could not be bothered to come?) this is a summary of what else was discussed and agreed upon.

As you know, the Agility class fees have already been increased and the Committee has agreed that the Obedience fees should also be increased by 50p per class (not £50 as Carole's Freudian slip indicated!) to £3 per class payable in advance in a block to cover the number of weeks in the session. It was also proposed and agreed by the Club members that the annual subscription be increased for Single membership from £6 to £8, Family from £9 to £12 and Junior from £3 to £4. Don't panic this doesn't apply until September 2008.

We also had to choose the Charity to sup-

port in 2007-08 and following Sue Monk's nomination for the International League for Protection of Horses in memory of Sue Henwood who recently died, Becky Layphries' nomination for Kerry Greyhound Connection, the Club voted for Patricia Bland's proposal to support Canine Partners which won by a very, very narrow margin. The 2006-07 Charity was The Blue Cross and we will be sending them a cheque for £1,100.

Unfortunately, due to venue problems and also the lack of support by way of reciprocal ring parties for other agility shows, we will not be running our hugely successful Open Agility Show in Spring 2008. The Show has been a victim of its own success because, like Topsy, it has just grown and grown. Carole West, Chairman, explained the problems very thoroughly and expressed her disappointment at the Agility Division's lack of enthusiasm and even apathy for helping out at both our own shows and others.

There being no new nominations for the Club's Officers and Committee, the Club members voted for the existing Committee to be voted in again en bloc. A list of the people and their contact details are also shown in this newsletter.

Following the formalities of the AGM, Norman Pettet gave us a picture show of the last year's events - most enjoyable and very professionally done. A few *oohs and aahs* and *oh that's me* were heard! Finally, an impressive buffet supper with a glass of something ended the evening with everyone mingling and chatting.

GOOD CITIZENS

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme passes were as follows:

Gold 19th July 2007 Examiner Jane Wood

Sylvia Gamble with Buddy
Pat Hawkins with Willow
Jan Kiley with Kerry

Silver 5th October 2007 Examiner Julia Harborn

Sue Thornton with Elle
Heather Holden with Kerris
Jenny McFarlane with Flora
Carole West with Larry
Pam Kerr with Harley

Annual Awards at AGM

Awarded for Obedience:

Margot's trophy – puppy making most progress
Missee cup – most improved pet bitch
Tai Tai cup – most improved pet dog
Junior shield
Capu trophy – most points exemption shows
Logie cup – Pre-beginner
Nikki pot – Beginners
Frickas bowl – Class A
Suil Cup – Class B
Collie Trophy - Class C
Tammy Cup – most points overall

Barbara Lidgley with Keira
Pat Hawkins with Tansy
Jan Kiley with Campbell
Kathryn Souster with Lottie
Tina Gould with Moss
Jan Kiley with Kerry
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N/A
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N/A
Jan Kiley with Kerry

Awarded for Agility

Starter cup – elementary and starters
Novice cup
Fergie Shield – intermediate / senior
Poppy cup – most unplaced clear rounds
Nat West trophy – best mini
Nat West cup – best midi
Onslow cup – most points overall
Muriel's veteran trophy – handler over 60
Veteran dog cup – dog over 9 years
Junior shield – most improved junior

Claire Saxton with Misha
Nicky Holden with Casca
N/A
Deanne Bateup with Bess
Nicky Holden with Pip
Tina Coote with Sprite
Claire Saxton with Misha
Deanne Bateup
Deanne Bateup with Murphy
N/A

Guide Dog Trophy – Chairman's personal award

Richard Pendrill

N/A = Not awarded

Hampshire Rally Sunday 22nd July 2007

A fabulous warm sunny day to set up our gazebo, tables and chairs, at Basingstoke War Memorial Park.

A breakfast coffee for us and our judging team and a small walk for the dogs.

All the rings ran very much to time and competition was strong.

Dash sadly let his team down by doing beautiful sits facing backwards. I thought the judge would die laughing. Sylvia and Buddy, Sarah and Campbell, Pat and Tansy, Jan and Kerry



were all placed in their classes, with Haslemere coming 5th overall. I would like to thank everyone on the teams for producing such a very handsome picnic. I believe that it was much enjoyed and a very happy day was had by all and a personal thank you to Judy Steel for her helpful lists.

Gaye Wells

IN THE BEGINNING

How did the Club start? Not by just walking in with your dog and there it was, do your class then go home. You won't find many direct dates in this article, it was a long time ago, so I've just generalised.

In the autumn of 1967 an advertisement was put in the local paper asking if anyone was interested in training their dog. On the first evening the local church hall in Haslemere was packed and Sam House

took over the training. After several weeks the hall was lost, probably due to shortage of money and a move was made to the Small Hall (now the library) at Grayshott. Sam still took all the classes, but started to send people off on courses to learn about training. Jackie Reid went two years running to the NDOL down at Totnes and brought back the Star System, for progressing through the classes. This system was in place for

a number of years. Getting through the five stars earned you a club medallion to go on the dog's collar.

Courses were run by Crawley and Findon Down dog clubs and taken by Len Pearce, these produced more trainers for the Club. The trainees first job was to sit with the newcomers to watch the Beginners, until they were ready to be included in the class, usually about three weeks.

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Coming Up - Be There or Miss Out!

Friday 23rd November - you must have seen our splendid adverts for this date - we are celebrating the Club's 40th Anniversary by having a Barn Dance at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club starting at 8pm. Not only is this an exciting event but for Club members it's **FREE**. However, for people unlucky enough not to be members, they have to pay a measly £10. Tickets are available from Anthony Haigh who comes to Obedience training every Thursday but can also be reached on 01420 487454 or electronically on anthaigh1@hotmail.com.

Thursday 29th November - we regularly run Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme tests and will be running the Bronze level on this date at Grayshott

Village Hall. You need to put your name down on the list and check with your trainer whether you are ready or not. The Kennel Club has recommended that we ensure that all participants are actually ready to take the test rather than use it as a practice run, as it is not fair on the Examiners to test handlers and dogs who are not up to scratch as these Examiners often travel quite a distance to test us - all voluntarily.

Thursday 13th December - busy day this with not one but **TWO** events laid on for your delectation! During the day at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club we will have another Kim Innes Training day starting at 9am. The cost is £30 for handler with dog and £12 for spectators.

Contact Carole West on 01428 723572 or e-mail carols.west@virgin.net for more information or download an application form from our website on www.hddtc.co.uk. This event finishes at 4.30pm which gives you enough time to go home for a quick wash and brush up (the dog or you?) ready for the Club's Christmas party for humans and dogs at Grayshott Village Hall starting at about 7.30pm. Please bring a small plate of people buffet food to share and, if you can, please do bring a raffle prize as all proceeds will go to this year's Charity which is Canine Partners. This party is for **EVERYONE** - Obedience and Agility folk alike - come on join in the fun.

IN THE BEGINNING (continued)

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In July 1968 the Club applied to the Kennel Club for registration, the Secretary resigned and I took over as Secretary for the next 15 years.

Soon Susan Wood joined me as Treasurer and paid for the Hall's fees a month in advance. "That's all very well," she was told "but what about the previous three months?" We had no money, all the members lent a hand and we ran a jumble sale, with a well filled cake stall. As luck would have it John Noakes, of the Blue Peter fame, lived locally and signed autographs for us all day. We were solvent again, but only just and had to beg or borrow most of the secretarial stock we needed.

In those days people did not just attend to train their dogs. There was a coffee/tea rota and always homemade cake available for every class.

Soon Sam made us spread our wings even further. All the Sundays were allocated to outside meetings. One Sunday was a multiple dog walk on Hankley Common, usually about 20 dogs, I can't remember

any fighting. One Sunday was gundog training at Westbrook where there was a river and the other two Sundays were for Working Trials - Sam's favourite, held on the Flashes, just below the Devil's Jump.

The first night I attended with a twelve week old puppy, there were thirty of us all with puppies of different breeds and twenty adult dogs. No one was turned away and all the puppies had their class at the back of the car park. The adult dogs were in the small hall. There were not the number of dog clubs or private groups in those days, so they all came to Haslemere!

As numbers grew we took over the large hall at Grayshott, keeping the small hall for Ringcraft and Catchment (the class we used to filter the dogs through to Beginners).

We used to arrange Club outings as well as the Sunday events and Christmas parties. I think the best outing the Club had was to greyhound racing at Wembley. We took two minibuses, driven by Tim-ber Wood and Buster Guard. Dinner was

served at tables overlooking the track and we didn't even have to move to have our bets taken.

Several members became interested in formal Obedience and we had regular matches with other Clubs in the area. As part of the hall was in Hampshire we were invited to join the Hampshire Rally. This we won several times and therefore had to host the event the following year. Again members all rallied round, their children helped with scoring and husbands were given jobs to do.

I think how we progressed with Open Obedience Shows, Open Working Trials and very early Agility Shows deserve a separate article, which I will do for the next newsletter.

C C Guard

Overseas News

Well not really but it is further away than the Isle of Wight. What am I talking about? Jersey of course. Our past Chairman Neville Uden, as most of you know, now lives there. He is now fully retired but is spending a lot of his time with The Kennel Club working specifically with the Young Kennel Club and he will be Judging their Obedience Competition at Crufts in 2008. Neville is also doing well with Robbie, his Collie, and is a reserve for the Channel Islands in the World Obedience Championship. We all wish him the very best.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 5th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 8th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Sunday 11th	Heelwork to Music with Gina Pink at Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club Please contact Carole West for details.
Monday 12th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 15th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 19th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 22nd	No Training Hall in use
Friday 23rd November	Barn Dance at Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club Please contact Anthony Haigh for details & Tickets
Monday 26th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 29th	Bronze Good Citizen Test + normal training for others

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 6th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 10th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 13th	Kim Innes Training Day Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club Start 9 am Christmas Party Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 17th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

No further training until 2008

JANUARY 2008

Monday 7th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 10th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 14th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 17th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 21st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 24th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 28th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 31st	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Monday 4th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 7th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 11th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 14th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 18th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 21st	No Training Hall in use
Monday 25th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 28th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall