



CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT

A new Club year, with a new doggy charity, Labrador life-line trust.

Thank you to those of you who turned out for the Club's AGM, which I felt went extremely well with positive feedback.

To my 4 new Committee members, Richard Pendrill as Treasurer, Len Davis representing the agility section, Sue Thornton and Helen Souster from the pet side of our club, welcome.

I would especially like to congratulate all members who received awards at the AGM, but particularly those junior members who were awarded trophies for their progress over the year with their dogs - well done everyone.

Is there anyone who would

like me to possibly organise a coach trip to Crufts on the Saturday, could you please contact me either at club, email or telephone. I need positive numbers before I book the coach, as previously the coach was only half full costing the club money.

Telephone- 01428723572 or email carols.west@virgin.net Neil Short, an Obedience ticket handler of Golden Retrievers is holding a training day with us on Saturday 10th January 2009 at Grayshott Village Hall. Well worth coming to either as a handler or spectator. See the advert for further details or again speak to me.

We will be holding a sponsored spring walk of 6 miles in April, in aid of the new

charity. Fit handlers and dogs welcome. We will hopefully end up at a pub for a few bevs and grub.

To end our year and celebrate Christmas we will be holding our usually Xmas party with silly doggy games on Thursday December 18th, please bring a plate of food, a raffle prize, and enjoy the silliness.

Wishing you all a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**, but please be careful with your dogs and do not feed them loads of turkey, no human chocolate, grapes, raisins and watch the Xmas decorations don't disappear from the tree.

Carole

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LETTER OF THANKS — CANINE PARTNERS

Dear Patricia

Have I heard about the cheque for £1,500?.....I've heard of nothing else all morning!!!! Becca was waving it around in the office with so much excitement we had to pin her down in the end so that it could go to the Accounts Office and be properly processed (by a responsible adult)!

Needless to say, Becca and Ann very much enjoyed spending the evening in your members' company yesterday, as have all of us who have been lucky enough to work with you this year. Erin doesn't mind that she didn't get a chance to demonstrate her skills. Another time maybe. She is a star of stage and screen now, having appeared on the Alan Titch-

marsh Show on Wednesday.

This has been a major event for us, to have a local group raise so much money so that our work can continue to flourish. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you all, not only because you have raised such an incredible sum of money, but also because you have helped raise so much awareness of our work. The fact that you were able to help out at the Cold Wet Nose Show was a massive bonus too. Whoever gets to work with your fantastic team next year will be very lucky indeed.

As for our plans - this has been an amazing year for us. We will have placed 40 dogs with disabled people this year, by the time we reach Christmas.....that's 40 very different people whose lives have all

been changed in very different ways by their dogs. Next year is going to be even better as we will be able to start using the new accommodation for our disabled clients - fingers crossed the money will be raised in time to get the building work finished by about Easter. This will really make life much better for all the people who attend courses with us, to learn how to work with their dogs. (At the moment we have to hire facilities in Dorset - our trainers have loaded the vans up to head down there this weekend to run the next course. It will be so much easier to have our very own accommodation). Not only that but we will place 45 dogs next year.....and do you want to know the best bit? One of the first placements will

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YOUR NEW COMMITTEE 2008-2009

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THANKS

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be with our Flatcoat!!

All best wishes – do keep in touch and tell your members they're very welcome to join in one of our regular Information Sessions, if they haven't been already – and they will be able to see the accommodation units progressing.

If there are people who would like to be added to our mailing list for newsletters, just send me their details. That way they'll hear all about some ground-breaking projects we've been working on, training things that have never been trained before in this country, maybe even in the world.

Many thanks again – please pass on all best wishes to all your people and thanks for all their hard work this year. You have been brilliant.

Kind regards

Andy



CANINE PARTNERS

Opening doors to independence

Andy Cook
Director of Operations
Canine Partners

CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 2008

We held our AGM on Thursday 23rd October at Grayshott Village Hall to which a sterling 40 people came. Two representatives of Canine Partners, Becca Meaton and Ann Fennel, also came along together with lab Erin and they kindly presented our many trophies to the worthy winners and in turn we were able to present them with a cheque for £1,500. Andy Cooke, their Director of Operations, wrote a super letter of thanks and this is reproduced elsewhere in the newsletter. As you can tell from his letter, they are really pleased with our support and if you would like to continue hearing from them, please sign up for their newsletter. This year's charity nominations were for Freedom of Spirit Trust for Border Collies, run by Barbara Sykes, put forward by Carole West and Labrador Lifeline Trust proposed by Barbara Renshaw from whom she got her chocolate Lab Carter and it was this latter Charity that was voted in for 2008/09. Please help sponsor this Charity by coming to the various events we will run to raise funds for it. There are posters up at Agility and Obedience telling you more about it plus details on our website www.hhdtc.co.uk.

As most of you know, Stuart Greenslade has been in hospital for an operation and is now back home and recovering well. However, he decided to stand down as Treasurer and Richard Pendrill, our auditor who gave Stuart's report at the AGM

as he was still in hospital, was voted in as his replacement. As a gesture of our thanks for all the work that Stuart had done in being Treasurer and also the mainstay of the Agility Show organisations, the Club presented him with a pair of crystal goblets and, of course, a case of wine to go with them. Anthony Haigh also stood down from the Committee owing to work commitments. We had three nominations to replace the two Committee Members who had left and it was decided to accept all three - we don't turn down willing helpers! Full details of the Committee and their various jobs are also listed with this newsletter.

You will be delighted to know that as the Club is financially stable, we made no increase in membership subscriptions or class fees.

Norman Pettet once again produced a picture show of last year's events and then, as usual following the formalities of the meeting, we adjourned for a buffet supper with drinks and also had the opportunity to chat with Becca and Ann about the work they do with Canine Partners.

Patricia Bland - Secretary

Should you want a copy of the full Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, these will be available by email from me at p.bland@btconnect.com

NEWS FROM THE VINEYARD

I've been usurped, replaced but not yet laid to rest! What am I on about? My Pets As Therapy work. I must admit I was finding it a bit tiring and so like the Food Provider and the Old Geezer I have taken up retirement but don't seem to notice any pension coming in. I loved seeing all my friends at the Day Centre and could still count on the nuns for the odd biscuit when no-one was looking but the car journey was stressful although getting in and out was made so much easier with the fluffy ramp. I did take the odd 40 winks nap at the Day Centre when the FP was waffling on with people - supposedly helping them with the Friday quiz but I suspect that the answers she gave were not always right and then we went home so didn't get into

trouble for any errors. Medoc is now going instead of me and I find it hard to



believe but she even goes to the PAT Chats and behaves herself! Still I did get my moment of glory by having my picture not in the Surrey Advertiser but ON the Front Page. The photographer took

loads of pictures and as one of them had all four of us in our posh yellow Pets As Therapy coats, the OG is publishing it here - courtesy of the Surrey Ad of course. The FP does even more now with the Charity as she became a Temperament Assessor and is now an Area Co-ordinator too but still gives talks about it and what we do so if you would like her to give this to your other Clubs, just let her know.

Good luck to all of you taking your Bronze Good Citizen stuff - I took mine so long ago but I do recall how proud I was of my big rosette which is still on the wall - along with my Silver and Gold ones I hasten to add!

Chablis - retired from PAT work but not retired from biscuit munching!

GOODS FOR SALE - GOODS WANTED - GOODS TO BORROW - not quite Ebay!

CLUB SHIRTS - SALE

These were so popular that we had to re-order. However, we still only have a few left and unless we are absolutely inundated with orders, we won't be buying any more so these will become collectors' items! In stock are a few poloshirts in small, medium and large and sweatshirts in only small and large - all in the superb new royal blue colour. Poloshirts are £14 and sweatshirt are £15 but if you buy one of each we give you a massive discount and charge you only £27. Please contact Patricia Bland on 01428 685154 or email p.bland@btconnect.com to place your order.

DUMBBELLS - SALE

There are a few of these left for sale - see Carole or Beryl at Grayshott if you would like to buy one.

TOYS R NOT US - WANTED

Have you seen the toys in our box at Grayshott? They need to be replaced NOW. If you have any suitable toys, ragers, etc in a clean and good condition, would you like to donate them to us for use at the Obedience classes - particularly the Puppy, Junior and Bronze classes? Just bring them along on a Thursday evening and leave them at the desk with Beryl Greenslade or Sue Thornton to check them over for suitability

BOOKS & VIDEOS - ON LOAN

Many of you know but some of you may not know - we have a library of books and videos on dog training that you may borrow. They are in the Obedience small hall so whilst the Junior class is going on it's difficult to get at them but Helen Souster, a new member of our committee, will be looking after this facility so please ask her for the list to see if there is anything you would like to borrow - free of charge! Or give her a call on 01428 656389 or email helms88@fsmail.net if you need more information. A sample of what we have will be out by the Notice Board - talking of which do check these boards out - it's on the table by the kitchen hatch at Obedience and on a table just inside the door at Agility.

Guest Trainer at Agility



New comers being assessed

The Agility Section was delighted to welcome guest trainer, Amanda Rogers, to their session on 3rd November. Amanda is a highly experienced dog trainer and judge, who normally works at Merrist Woods' North Downs Dog Club. She has just been appointed as an Agility Judge for Crufts 2012.

Amanda kindly took two classes on a cold, clammy, night at the Priory, and all the participants were extremely pleased with the results. Standing in for regular Competition Class trainer, Andy Drury, Amanda brought a fresh eye and some new techniques the job. Afterwards Tina Coote said that the class was both helpful

and fun. Amanda also gave many useful hints to the Intermediate class, with everyone learning the 'weave waddle' - a weird but effective walk for handlers past the weave. Len Davis found that dispensing with verbal commands made Sam much less vocal and more controllable. And we always said he talked too much! So many thanks to Amanda for a most useful and instructive evening. Let's hope we can do it again soon.

Len Davis



ANNUAL AWARDS AT AGM

Obedience

Margot's Trophy - puppy making most progress
Lynne, Chloe & Callum Mitchinson - Molly
T'ai T'ai Cup - most improved pet dog
Edith Daynes - Harvey
Missee Cup - most improved pet bitch
Kathryn Souster - Lottie
Capu Cup - most points Companion Dog shows
Tina Gould - Moss
Logie Cup - pre-beginners
Sue Monks - Rufus
Nikki Cup - beginners
Pat Hawkins - Tansy
Tammy Cup - most points overall
Pat Hawkins - Tansy
Junior Shield
Richard Casalis de Pury - Amber

Chairman's Award

Guide Dog Trophy Beryl Greenslade

Agility

Clive Bradley Cup - grade 1-2
Claire Saxton - Misha
Novice Cup - grade 3 - 4
Nicky Holden - Casca
Fergie Shield - grade 5
Claire Saxton - Misha
Poppy Cup - most unplaced clear rounds
Dee Batehup - Bess
Nat West Cup - best mini overall
Nicky Holden - Pip
Onslow Cup - most points overall
Claire Saxton - Misha
Muriel's Veteran Trophy - handler over 60 years
Dee Batehup - Murphy
Veteran Dog Cup - dog over 9 years
Dee Batehup - Murphy
Junior Trophy
Rowan Saxton - Misha

IT'S ALL HAPPENING HERE!

Make a diary note of these events and do come along

Thursday 4th December Kennel Club **Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bronze** level will be run at Grayshott Village Hall - only a few spaces left as we must limit the number of entries or the Examiner will be there all night! If you are unsure whether you and your dog are ready for this, please ask your class trainer.

Thursday 18th December at Grayshott Village Hall will be our **Christmas Party** for everyone - Agility and Obedience handlers alike. Last year's party was hilarious and the games are for fun. Please bring a plate of food to share and as we will run a raffle for our new charity, Labrador Lifeline Trust, goodies to raffle will be much needed and appreciated.

Saturday 10th January 2009 Looking ahead to next year when we will have the benefit of **Neil Short** to show us how it's really done in the world of Competition Obedience - never fear this sort of work is useful to everyone. Like most of us, he started with his dogs as pets and now his Golden Retrievers are Obedience Champions - hope for us all then? The day at Grayshott Village Hall will start at 9.30am and go on until 4.30pm and cost £30 for handlers with dogs and a mere £15 to spectate and as we all know, you can learn a lot from just watching. Handlers will be limited to 12 in number so don't delay, contact Carole West on 01428 723572 or email carols.west@virgin.net to find out more or book your place.

Saturday 7th March 2009 - Crufts. As mentioned in her Bits & Pieces, Carole is willing to organise a coach trip to Crufts on the Saturday which is Gundog Day - in addition to all the usual exiting stuff of shopping, obedience competitions and various displays. If you are interested, please let her know as this coach will only be run if we have definite interest - we don't want to lose money on it as we did a few years ago.

Sunday 19th April 2009 Gosh - more forward planning. This time for our **Sponsored Walk** in aid of Labrador Lifeline Trust, the Club's Charity for 2008/09. Bear this in mind as sponsorship forms will be available next year.

LABRADOR LIFELINE TRUST

As voted at the AGM our sponsored Charity for 2008/09 is the Labrador Lifeline Trust.

The Labrador Lifeline Trust is a Registered Charity with an operating area of Hampshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Lincolnshire and part Nottinghamshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Their helpers are all unpaid volunteers and all money raised is used in the rehoming and welfare of our dogs.

They keep in contact with the dog for the remainder of its life and previous owners may contact them for information at any time. They observe strict confidentiality at all times and do not put donors in touch with recipients.

Dogs are not supplied for working purposes, as the majority are already family pets and would not adapt to living outside.

The main reasons for Labradors needing to be rehomed are domestic crisis, divorce, finance, and bereavement. Fortunately very few are as a result of cruelty. The Trust deals with over 300 cases per year and will take dogs irrespective of age or infirmity.

For more information please see their website www.labrador-lifeline.co.uk.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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 - Skittles Evening @ The Black Fox, Liphook
Monday 24th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 27th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

DECEMBER

Monday 1st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 4th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall and Bronze Level Good Citizen Dog Scheme
Monday 8th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 11th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 15th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre Becky Layphries will organise some games
Thursday 18th	Club Christmas Party Grayshott Village Hall

JANUARY 2009

Monday 5th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 8th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Saturday 10th	Neil Short and Competition Obedience Grayshott Village Hall Start 9.30 am
Monday 12th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 15th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 19th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 22nd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall Start of new 6 week course
Monday 26th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 29th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 5th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 9th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 12th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 16th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 19th	No Training—Hall in Use
Monday 23rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 26th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall