

DISCOVER DOGS 2010

On the 13th and 14th of November at the invitation of the Kennel Club we took a team of 8 dogs and handlers, 4 assistants, and team leader to Discover Dogs at Earls Court, London, to put on a total of 4 displays based on the Kennel Club's Silver Good Citizen Dog Scheme. The opening and closing routines were various intricate manoeuvres with dogs and handlers to the music from Begorah. In between these routines were exercises all included in the Silver test as set by the Kennel Club, these included such things as food manners, the right and wrong way of travelling dogs in vehicles, recall to handlers with distractions, vet's inspections, and play with your dogs. Due to the Kennel Club not giving me the music until just 3 weeks prior to the weekend the team only had 3 rehearsals to the music, very difficult, and then when we did arrive on the Saturday at 8am we did not get a full rehearsal time, doubly difficult as the width of the ring was something we were not used to, 10 minutes was all we had to practice the opening routine. Nightmare! The team consisted of Kathryn Souster with Cavalier King Charles spaniel Daisy, Heather Holden with Golden Retriever Fumba, Pat Pettet with Golden Retriever Connie, Deanne Batehup with Border Collie Skye, Sue Thornton with Brittany Cyd,

Becky Layphries with cross Blue, Janice Davis with Border Collie Sam, Gina Pink with German Spitz Bailey. The team also included the assistants Beryl Greenslade, Len Davis, John Souster, Norman Pettet, and Helen Souster, and Team Leader was me. The team also com-

peted in a fun game called temptation alley, which consisted of toys and lots of bowls of food which the dogs had to ignore. This was a race against Dogs for the Disabled and Battersea Dogs' Home, the gauntlet was thrown down and with lots of audience participation and shouting from Heidi Lawrence "go for it gal" we won. Great fun, with some dogs unable to resist the grub in the bowls but star of the race was Fumba. The team worked really hard and pulled out all the stops for the weekend, but we had to leave poor Gaye Wells out as she had hurt her knee and

Carole



it was too painful for her to work Dash her little Cocker Spaniel. Bad luck Gaye. A huge thank you to the team for all the effort and hard work in making it a successful display.

Chairman's Report At AGM

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for coming to your Club's Annual General Meeting. I would also like to welcome our guest Wendy Smith from Trophy Foods, our Sponsors at the Companion Dog Show. This has been a very exciting and productive year for our Club. We are moving from strength to strength in both the Agility section and the Obedience section. Financially the Agility section under the care of Judy, Len

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and Tessa is at last showing a profit but I will leave it to our Treasurer to explain in his report. Both sections of the Club have waiting lists. Currently we have 139 members of whom 30 are life members, 59 new members and the remaining 50 are renewed members. We have one new Life member for this year - Peta Etherton. The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme tests in all three levels have an excellent pass rate and we have been complimented by the Examiners as having a very high standard of work, so well done to all you handlers who passed your tests. This leads me on to the trainers who have endeavoured to maintain and, in fact, strengthened the standard of these awards - thank you one and all. Several of our trainers have been on or are going on courses and this in turn will be cascaded down to you our members in little hints and in some cases big hints on ways to help you and your dogs, both in training your dogs and the welfare of your dogs so that they will become useful, happy members of your home and of society. This is so important in

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AGM Report

CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 2010

We held our AGM on Thursday 21st October at Grayshott Village Hall to which 41 members came. Unfortunately no-one was able to come from The Oldies Charity to present our many trophies to the worthy winners but Wendy Smith from Trophy Foods, who sponsor our Companion Dog Show, very kindly came along to the meeting and did us proud. We will be sending a cheque for £1,300 to The Oldies making a total of £1,783 being donated to them. There was only one nomination for this year's Charity - Hounds For Heroes - which was put forward by a number of Club members and Patricia Bland gave a short talk on their behalf. Please help sponsor this Charity by coming to the various events we will run to raise funds for it. If you would like to know more about Hounds For Heroes do log onto <http://www.houndsforheroes.com>

Some Officers and Members of the Committee were willing to stand again for this year and were voted in en bloc with no dissension from the floor. Following the resignation of Patricia Bland as Secretary, Sue Thornton has taken over this task and

Wendy Smith from Trophy Foods kindly presented the following trophies:

Obedience

Margot's Trophy - Puppy making most Progress

Kerry Lethbridge - Harvey

T'ai T'ai Cup - Most improved pet dog

Marguerite Wills - Merlin

Missee Cup - Most improved pet bitch

Heather Holden - Fumba

Capu Cup - Most points Companion Dog Shows

Patricia Bland - Syrah

Nikki Cup - Beginners

Sue Monks - Rufus

Frickas Bowl - Class A

Neville Uden—Robbie

Suil Cup - Class B

Neville Uden - Robbie

Tammy Cup - Most points overall

Neville Uden - Robbie

Labrador Lifeline Best Rescue

Chris Pooley - Ruff

Junior Shield Kathryn Souster

(To be presented at Club as Shield not available at the AGM)

Agility

Clive Bradley Cup - grade 1-2

Terry Pocock - Max

Novice Cup - grade 3 - 4

Deanne Batehup - Ziggy

Poppy Cup - most unplaced clear rounds

Deanne Batehup - Ziggy

Rose Bowl Agility Best Midi Overall

Sarah Stanbridge - Yogi

Onslow Cup - most points overall

Deanne Batehup

Muriel's Veteran Trophy - handler over 60 years

Deanne Batehup

Veteran Dog Cup - dog over 9 years

Bess - Deanne Batehup

Steve Smith is now the Club's Treasurer following in Richard Pendrill's footsteps. Sylvia Gamble took over from Pat Pettet who left - well it is a bit too far from Axminster. 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, but we are making a small increase in membership subscriptions with effect from September 2011. Class fees remain the same as before.

We will be running various events during the year both socially and with dogs - do look out for details on your Club notice boards and in the newsletters.

Patricia Bland - Secretary at the Meeting

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.

On a personal note, Richard and I were delighted with the garden tokens we were given following our departure from the Committee - we have already spent some of them as we are replanting our shrubbery.

New Agility Trophies as Club Awards

Beginner's Tankard - Most Promising Beginner

Richard Goude - Tula

Improver Cup - Most Improved Improver

Edith Daynes - Harvey

Sprite Trophy - Team who has made Most Progress

Giles Edwards - Brandi

Competition Cup - Team who has made Most Progress

Lucy Rogers - Barney

Chairman's Award

Guide Dog Trophy

The Souster Family

Carole West, as Chairman, reported that she was breaking with tradition and was going to award this to more than one person. These three people have in fact always supported the Club and her in any task asked of them. They have always been cheerful and helpful and so she would like the Souster family - Helen, Kathryn and John - to accept this award with her thanks.



MORE DISCOVER DOGS

The weekend we had all been waiting for had finally arrived and off we set at 6.15am on Saturday 13th November for Discover Dogs at Earls Court.

Kathryn and I had been several years ago before we got our dogs and for anyone who hasn't been it is a dog event aimed at both dog owners and also people who are considering getting a dog to find out what being a responsible dog owner involves. As well as lots of doggie stalls there are stands with over 200 dog breeds and their owners to give lots of information. There are also several rings with various dog displays which run all day. It's a great event as there is really something for everyone. We met with the rest of the team which consisted of Carole West as our team leader, Deanne with Skye, Heather with Fumba, Becky with Blue, Pat with Connie, Janice with Sam, Sue with Cyd, Gina with Bailey and Kathryn with Daisy. The assistants were Beryl, Len, Norman, John and me. Our supporters were Heather's husband Jo and Sue's husband Richard. We set up our little camp opposite the Canine Partners Information Stall, and settled the dogs in the benching area. There was time at 8.40am for a quick run through of the opening part of the routine to music and then back to wait anxiously until our first display just after 1pm. So how to fill the time? Unfortunately there were so many inviting stalls with all manner of doggie goodies that no one returned from "a wander around" without a new bag or two!

Carole called us over to get into place and the display was underway at last. After the beginning to music it was straight into "play with your dog" then food manners to "food glorious food" which involved weaving the dogs past 3 plates of pizza and chips. Next the gates came out and Cyd handled by Kathryn and Fumba with Gina met their respective owners (Sue and Heather) in a controlled greeting.

2 min stays and vet checks followed - Pat and Connie with a sit, Gina and Bailey with a down and Deanne and Skye with a stand stay, all this at the same time as newly qualified vets Len and Beryl(!) examined Blue and Sam. Gina was so confident with Bailey that at one point she was leaning on the ring fence having a good old chat with members of the audience! Skye slipped gently down into a sit hoping no one noticed and to my amazement Deanne quietly without moving an inch commanded him to stand which he did bearing in mind this was a silver demo not advanced obedience.

The car routine came next with Beryl, Norman/John and me rushing to a plywood car and not securing our stuffed toy dog 'Goldie'. More music and a screech of brakes and with the help

of Norman/John our backseat driver Goldie goes over our heads and through the windscreen, on comes Len and Carole with a stretcher and rush Goldie off. Next Kathryn and Daisy and a dog crate come in to show how a dog should be secured in a car. Yet another crash and Daisy is safe. Recalls one at a time and then split into 2 sides 4 dogs recalled while the others wait and then the next 4 to rejoin handlers apart from Connie who in one display thought it would be more interesting to do a lap of honour and greet the commentator before returning to Pat - a real crowd pleaser. So as not to feel left out Sam thought he would not return to Janice but, back to Len who was standing at the edge of the ring to roars of laughter from the spectators.

After the display it was back to the benches to give the dogs a well earned rest and chat about how it all went. Carole cracked open a bottle of wine for all the team to celebrate, my thoughts are that maybe this contributed to the 2 crashes per display that I was responsible for!

On Sunday we entered Bailey, Fumba, Connie and Daisy for temptation alley, at first Daisy had not realised what was expected of her and went straight for the first bowl and stole a mouthful of food. However at the second run through she had got the idea and beat a speedy Staffie. In the final It went to a run off and Fumba excelled as always and just beat the opponents. It was a close call but, Carole appealed to the judge and the other team offered a bribe and the decision went in favour of us and rightfully so.

I have to say that although we had our ups and downs with Gaye and Dash having to pull out right at the last minute with much regret. It was down to Becky and Blue who had been our reserve stepping into to her place for the first time on the actual display and doing brilliantly. Then we had Sue's Cyd hurting her shoulder on our last rehearsal with 48 hours to go. Luckily with rest and dosed up on arnica she was fine which is not bad considering she is 11 years old.

All in all it was a great experience although very tiring with 2 displays each day, arriving at Earls Court for 8am both days and not getting home until after 6pm. We had a super team spirit and the dogs all settled really well and took the atmosphere and noise all in their stride like real pros. Many thanks to Carole and all the team, we had a great weekend.

Helen, John, Kathryn and Daisy

Future events for 2010 and 2011

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday 16th December we will hold our Christmas Party for everyone - Obedience and Agility people - at Grayshott Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Bring your dog, a sense of humour and a plate of people food to add to our buffet supper. We will provide the drinks both soft and alcoholic - plus tea and coffee of course. There will be silly games to play for you with your dog and then the supper. There will also be a raffle in aid of our Charity of the Year, Hounds for Heroes, so do bring your purse but no prizes required on this occasion.

SKITTLES EVENING

This is always a resounding success and we have to limit numbers so make a note now and book yourself in as soon as the form is sent out. It will be at the Black Fox in Liphook on Thursday 17th February and full details will be available after

the New Year.

TALKS EVENING

This will be sometime in 2011 so keep an eye on the Calendar and your Club's Notice Board at both Obedience and Agility. The subjects have yet to be decided upon but will probably be of the holistic nature and your Committee will be arranging some interesting speakers on topics which will be well worth listening to.

SPONSORED WALK

Again sometime in 2011 and in aid of Hounds for Heroes. Hopefully on a less muddy route than in 2010 but if the fund raising for that one was anything to go by, we hope to get a *huge* amount next year. Keep your eyes peeled for details.

Chairman's Report at the AGM (continued)

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this day and age when society is or can be anti-dog with parks, beaches and open areas being closed to dogs, either for part of the year and in some cases all of the year. It is really down to you and me to help educate the general public and our children that dogs can be man's best friend.

Talking of the Kennel Club, this Club has been honoured - we are taking a team of 10 handlers and dogs, plus husbands, partners and friends to Discover Dogs on 13th and 14th November at Earls Court, London. The team will have a long routine consisting of all the exercises in the Silver Good Citizen award plus opening and closing routines to Seventy Six Trombones' music. The team is going to be putting a lot of time and effort into perfecting this routine, so I personally would like to thank them for supporting me in this dream that I have nurtured for a couple of years, after actually being part of the Winchester team three times at Discover Dogs and Crufts. It is a tremendous honour for me to be asked to be Team Leader by Heidi Lawrence on behalf of the Kennel Club.

In November we went to the Black Fox in Liphook where we held our Skittles Evening which has become a bit of an annual event, the meal being paid for by the Club and a raffle held in aid of our Charity for that year. Thank you to Gaye for organising the event.

In March Len Davis led a sponsored walk round and about Frensham and this raised a whopping £800. Thank you Len. Next we held our Companion Dog Show at BOSC, Bordon. This was another success helped by the good weather, raising £397.47 and again thanks to all who turned up on the Saturday to put up rings and tents and again on the Sunday to run the event. Thanks also to Deanne and Edith for cooking the bacon butties first thing in the morning and to Helen for running the catering for judges and officials.

In May on a bitterly cold day we took a team to the Hampshire Rally which is another charity event organised by Eastleigh's Kathy Case and team. Not an easy event to complete in as it is a team event but never-the-less we did really well.

A smaller display team did a routine for Bordon School Fun Day in September and the money from this, £35, will go into our next charity.

In August, the Agility section agreed that Trophy Foods could

borrow some of our equipment for their two-day Fun Dog Event at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, in aid of Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital just outside Chichester and for Greyhound Rescue. Len Davis oversaw the transporting of the equipment and also kept an eye on it at the event. Unfortunately, due to appalling weather on the Saturday the equipment wasn't used on Health & Safety grounds. I judged there for the two days, the Novelty Classes, and on the whole all breeds of dogs were well behaved. A grand total of £3,500 was raised which, considering the awful weather on the Saturday, was amazing. A letter of thanks has been sent to us.

So you can see, we have been quite busy. During the next year I would hope to see the Agility section run more fun events and for the trainers to be able to go on Agility Trainers' Courses. We will be renewing some of the old equipment such as the A-Frame and items that are becoming a Health & Safety issue. I know Diana Lowe, our new Competition Agility Trainer, has lots of ideas to try and give you the incentive to try your hand at a few Agility Competitions over the next year. She has also suggested that the trainers go on some more courses and I feel this would benefit the Club immensely. A huge thanks to Amanda Rodgers and Diana Lowe for stepping into the breach and running the Competition Class for me.

A few more thank-you's before I finish. To Anne Colles for the use of her lawn for rehearsals and also for garaging the Club's trailer. To Sue Monks for organising the puppy classes and answering the 'phone on all puppy related queries. A huge thank-you to Pat Pettet who left the Committee to move to Devon and to Richard Pendrill and Patricia Bland for the wonderful job they have done whilst acting as Treasurer and Secretary. It goes without saying, to the Committee - thank you for your continued support and hard work.

Later in the year I am hoping to organise an evening of Speakers on doggy related subjects so if any of you have ideas on subjects, please speak to me and I will put it to the new Committee.

As always, enjoy your dogs in whatever doggy activity you partake - they should be a privilege to own - thank you.

Carole West

HEALTH MATTERS

LUNG WORM I recently went on a Canine First Aid & Health course organised by Julia Robertson of Galen Therapy (helped Chablis and Merlot with massage) and a local vet. Apart from learning how to bandage Medoc's front legs in very fetching purple stretchy stuff, I learnt that lung worm is unfortunately becoming more prevalent in this country. This can be life-threatening and is spread by slugs and snails. Your dog doesn't have to eat these bugs but eat or lick the grass where the slugs have been or just pick up a ball that's been left outside for these slimy critters to crawl over. That vet said that all dogs due to have an operation with them, must be treated for this potentially deadly disease because it can severely affect the blood system by poor clotting. My own vets have also advised that they now insist that all dogs be treated for lung worm prior to ops as they had a terrible experience with a spaying as the dog bled to death and there was nothing they could do - the dog had no symptoms of lung worm prior to the op. Without advertising any products I would advocate that your dogs are treated

for this, especially if an op is imminent. Younger dogs are more likely to be infected and the preventative treatment is easy whereas the cure is harder especially if the symptoms are not obvious. Speak to your vet about what you should do.

POISONS As Christmas approaches do be aware of products that can poison our pets. Obviously chocolate is number one on our list because at Christmas there's always a lot around including those lovely dangling, shiny ones on the tree. Grapes - even a small amount can make your dog seriously ill. Related to them are raisins - no Christmas cake for pooch. Did you know that onions are also poisonous - even cooked ones so no left-over stock veg. Similar to that - daffodil bulbs so take care when you are out planting. Cocoa mulch is also popular for spreading on your flower beds - teach the canines not to eat it. It's amazing what dogs find of interest to pick up and chew.

Patricia Bland



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

DECEMBER

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	Club Christmas Party Grayshott Village Hall Start 7.30 pm (with Dogs)
Monday 20th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

JANUARY 2011

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
Monday 24th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 27th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 31st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

FEBRUARY

Thursday 3rd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 7th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 10th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 14th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 17th	No Obedience Classes Skittles at Black Fox Liphook
Monday 21st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 24th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 28th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

MARCH

Thursday 3rd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 7th	No Agility Classes
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