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From the Editor

Well we're into 2023 folks, seems like Spring has all but rushed by but as I write the weather is still struggling to warm up.

The weather at Crufts this year was interesting with sub-zero temperatures and snow on the ground.

I took the motorhome over to be close to the NEC to ensure I could man the Discover Dogs stand and quickly found the heater controls as it was -6°C (see below)

It's a shame the Kennel Club have elected not to do Discover Dogs at the Excel later this but we will continue to promote our breed through the website and Facebook pages.



Regards

Carl

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AGM Chairman's Report 2023

Overview

Before I report on our main activities in 2022 I would just like to highlight a couple of things that have been central to your Committee's focus last year.

Firstly, we were acutely aware that throughout 2020 and most of 2021 the Club's activities were curtailed by the impact of Covid and consequently we saw our membership and Club finances slowly declining. For the first time that I can remember, available Club funds at the end of 2021 were at a similar level to Breed rescue funds at around the £1300 mark and 2022 was our first real opportunity to start to improve on this.

Secondly, we were consciously aware that attendance levels at Canine activities across the board in 2022 were in decline. This has been partly due to a hangover from Covid but more likely to the increasing cost of travel and people being much more selective on the number and location of events that they are prepared to attend. The emerging Cost of Living Crisis in the second half of 2022 continues to mean that people are prioritising their personal budgets. Against this backdrop and from a positive perspective, 2022 saw us continue to stabilise and grow our Club Membership and we had a good year in which we improved Club finances. I will leave James to cover the detail in his Treasurer's Report.

Club Show.

We held a very successful Club Show on the 9th of April at Bearley. This was colocated and co-hosted with the Catalan Sheepdog Club Show. The Spring weather was fantastic as was the turnout of dogs and humans. We had 25 Long Haired and 12 Smooth Faced entered along with another 10 or so other PSD that came along just to chill out, meet friends and have a go at the other activities on the day. Including our friends from the Catalan Club Show we had just over 60 humans on site which created a very positive and relaxed atmosphere within which to enjoy the day. The day was also a success financially. The sharing of costs and fund raising with the Catalan Club, worked

well and we were able to generate a profit of £135 for Club funds having absorbed c.£190 of Costs for our International judge Johann Wuldeputte. With a UK Judge selected for 2023 we should see the Show make a £250 - £300 contribution to finances this year. I would just like to thank everyone who attended and made the day such a success. As is custom I would also just like to acknowledge Sandytrail Ensocélé (Blue) who was our Crufts Best of Breed winner in 2022. This was Blue's 3rd BOB title at Crufts, she was also Top Pyrenean Sheepdog and Brood Bitch in the Our Dogs Top Dog Competition last year. Well done to her.

Club Walks

At the beginning of the year in January we held a North East Regional Winter Walk at Redcar Beach. It was a great success with 8 Member's and 15 Dogs taking part. The weather was dry but very cold and the bracing wind kept everyone on their toes. The dogs loved it and the human's enjoyed some hot soup and drinks back in the car part. We had a couple of non-members come out to specially meet the breed and enquire about acquiring a pup. 12 months later I am pleased to welcome new club members Alan and Maureen Bray who eventually acquired a new puppy from Peggy Bedu's "de la Mesta Pastores" Kennel in France. Whilst we had hoped to have a Summer Walk, the really hot weather conditions and the lure of the various summer competitions (Show and Agility) convinced us not to go ahead. Carl Stretton did organise an Autumn Walk along with a Club Agility Day in the South in October and whilst numbers interested were marginal, we had planned to go ahead. Unfortunately, the venue organiser had to cancel due to some potential health risks at the venue, which was disappointing but understandable. We remain committed to holding walks as a way of connecting with members and more are planned for 2023.

Discover Dogs (Crufts and Excel)

We attended both events again in 2022. Our double sized breed stand for both Long Haired and Smooth Faced was well manned throughout both events and I do believe looks really impressive and always seems to draw a lot of interest. Supporting Discover Dogs is such an important opportunity to showcase the breed and get our messages about our "little bergers" across to a wider

audience. Just as important however is that it is one of our corner stone events from a financial perspective. After expenses, Discover Dogs contributed £286 to Club funds in 2022. Finally I would just like to thank all those committed PSD owners (LH and SF) that did such a brilliant job manning the breed stand at Crufts and Excel in 2022. Massive thanks to Liz & Chris Lewis, Pauline Keable, Margaret Challans, Roy and Roz Norman, Shane Flint, Rebecca & Katie Robson, John & Julie Farrar, Carl & Teresa Stretton, Vicky Wilford, Pauline Mc Geoch, Dave Anderson, Jo Brett, Jess Barton, Sally Cooper, Anne Coogan and of course all their wonderful Pyreneans for performing so well.

Man Trailing Day

A PSD Man Trailing Day was organised by Vikki Lucas in July. This was a first for the Club and was open to Non Member PSD'S. All 6 places were snapped up very quickly and everyone attending had a fantastic day out learning just how talented the Pyrenean Sheepdog is. We have had really positive feedback from those attending and at the time of writing this report a second event, organised by Vikki has just taken place. I managed to get along to this and would recommend this activity to anyone interested but a little bit unsure of taking part. I learned so much about myself and my Dog and it was fantastic to see how all the dogs improved throughout the day. The 2022 event contributed £50 to Club funds. Thanks to Vikki for all the organisation.

Club Calendar

Rebecca Robson completed another fantastic calendar for 2023. Rebecca's work on the Calendar in the last couple of years has really established a core following amongst Club members with the Calendar yet again selling out completely and making another healthy contribution to Club finances. The calendar generated £540 of income and a profit of £176. Massive thanks to Rebecca for the many hours she puts in generating and editing photos and creating the final copy for printing as well as following through in the sales process to ensure that all the Calendars were sold.

Club Magazine

Under the editorship of Carl Stretton we provided Club members with 3 super

magazines during the year. For a small club I really do think that we produce a very professional communication and in relation to much larger Clubs I think our magazine compares very favourably. Once again, I would like to thank Carl for all the hours and focus that he puts into the magazine, ensuring that it comes out on time. As was announced in the December Mag. Carl is looking to stand down as Editor in 2023, having completed 5 years in the role and we are now looking for a new volunteer to take over. Carl remains on Committee as Vice Chairman and I know will happily be around to support whoever takes up the challenge.

2023 Activities

Committee have had a wide ranging discussion on ideas for 2023 the following activities were agreed:

- PSD Mantrailing event (Feb) **Action: Vikki**
- AGM 25th Feb 12. Noon/Zoom Meeting **Action: Rebecca/Eion**
- Crufts /Discover Dogs 9th - 12th March **Action: Rebecca/Eion/Carl**
- PSD Agility Training Day 24th March - **Action: Vikki**
- Club Show 9th April **Action: Rebecca/Shane**
- Club Activity Day 17th June at Sara's home, Lochmaben **Action Sara**
- Club Walk /Cafe Visit 29th June, Kirkby Lonsdale/ Cumbria **Action Sara**
- Club Agility Fun day, End Sept tbc. - not to clash with Elevage **Action: Carl**
- Discover Dogs Excel London October **Action: Rebecca/Eion/Carl**
- Breed Education Seminar Bearley Village Hall c. October tbc **Action: Eion**
- Club Winter Walk December **Action: Eion**

Eion Flint

Chair PSD Club of GB

Around the Show Ring

March saw the annual pilgrimage to Crufts followed shortly after by our own Club Breed Open Show in early April. The snowy conditions on the Friday at Crufts proved pretty challenging for those entered in the breed competitions. We had come down from Yorkshire the day before to a local Travelodge but it still took us over 5 hours to travel the 40 miles to the NEC. Glad to say however that judging in the breed rings was pretty slow and we weren't actually judged until mid afternoon and so there was plenty of time to get all the dogs settled including ourselves.

It is always good to have an international judge that knows the breed and this year the Long Haired were judged by Anna Albrigo from Italy. Her judging of the breed was very thorough and knowledgeable. Massive

congratulations to Rebecca and Katie Robson who took top honours with Hera (Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit). Hera and Rebecca really stood out from the rest in the breed judging this year and looked absolutely stunning later on when shown by Katie in the Pastoral Group ring. This was Hera's 2nd Best of Breed at Crufts and she really is in peak form and hard condition right now.

From a personal point of view I was so proud that 12 of this year's 18 Long Haired exhibits were Sandytrail bred dogs, the culmination of a lot of

time and work over the years and of course some wonderful owners.



Forgive me if I make one small "brag" but I was absolutely delighted with my new youngster "Tiggi" (Sandytrail Sauterelle) who won Best Puppy but also went on to win Reserve Best Bitch at only 9 months. She looks very special and Eion is looking forward to getting her out and about this year.



"Tiggi"
Crufts 2023
Best Puppy &
Res Best Bitch

The Smooth Faced of course have to compete in the Imported Breed Register Classes which includes a number of different breeds. With 53 exhibits this year the competition was particularly tough. It was a shame that the Imported Breed Register Competition took place in a completely different hall and at the same time as the Long Haired

classes which meant we were unable to support each other. However, big congratulations to Vicky Wilford with Midas, Iffa and Roxy and also to Teresa Stretton with Pan for qualifying the breed for this year's competition. Really pleased to see that Teresa managed to gain a nice VHC 5th place in Post Graduate Dog with Pan.



Following on from the success of last year, this year's Club Show on the 9th April was another very successful event which seemed to be enjoyed by all. Feedback has been very positive.

We had a total of 38 dogs entered (26 Long Haired, 8 Smooth Faced and 2 not for competition) which was a fantastic entry and much appreciated by our Judge Bridgette Bodle. The Show Sub-Committee has worked hard to try and make our annual show a welcoming event particularly as we are aware that many of the dogs are not regular show dogs but with super Spring



weather, fantastic cafe lunches and ample free cake and drinks, as well as breed Temperament Testing and Rally activities on offer, everyone seemed to get involved. The 9th of April was of course Easter Sunday and Easter Eggs and chocolate were also on the agenda with all 1st place in class winners getting a personalised bag of hand made mini eggs. Cream eggs were given to everyone taking part in a show class as well as having a go on any of the activities. We also gave everyone coming to the show a welcome gift which was a very nice quality Club key ring. These were donated by Rebecca Robson and myself and are a limited edition run. We have a number still available and we hope to sell these in the coming week's to Club members. When we get 5 minutes we will organise an advert with details on the Club Website. If anyone is interested please contact either Rebecca or myself (contact details in the inside cover of the Mag.).



Just a few highlights on the Show results themselves.

Not surprisingly Bridgette Bodle's pick for top honours in the Long Haired competition followed recent Crufts form with Best in Show Going to Rebecca and Katie Robson's "Hera".



Reserve Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show went to my young girl Tiggi shown by Eion.





Massive congratulations to Pauline Keable and "Effie" (Sawara Echo Beach) who won Best Post Graduate in Show. Effie looked stunning and didn't put a foot wrong.

Also massive congratulations to Vikki Lucas and "Tangie" (Sandytrail Sirene at Shiningtor) who won Best Junior in Show. Tangie is so full of character and expression and really performed for Vikki (Just sorry there were no photos of Tangie)



In the Smooth faced Competition Bridgette awarded Best of Breed and Best Dog to Vicky Wilford's "Midas" (Cavronscourt Midas Touch) who is in full coat and looking magnificent at the moment. Best Bitch was Vicky's "Iffa" (Iffa des Forges des Thor at Cavronscourt) who just pipped Teresa Stretton's "Finn" Tottakai Voin Olla Valopilkku at Notterts) in the Veteran Class

Congratulations to everyone that took part in the show and thank you for coming to support us.

For those that like to follow the details I have included full results and judge's critiques for Crufts and the Club Show elsewhere in this edition of the Magazine.

Hope you enjoy your summer with your "little Bergers".

Shane Flint
Sandytrail Pyrenean Sheepdogs



Crufts 2023 - Judges critique

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Mrs Anna Albrigo

Main Results

Best of Breed: Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit (Mrs R & Miss K Robson)

Best Dog: Sandytrail Sorcerer (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

Res Best Dog: Sandytrail Stargazer at Shiningtor (Ms V Lucas)

Best Bitch: Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit (Mrs R & Miss K Robson)

Res Best Bitch: Sandytrail Sauterelle (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

Best Puppy: Sandytrail Sauterelle (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

Best Veteran: Gastibelza de L'Oustaou de Padel (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

It was really pleasant to judge this beautiful breed today here at Crufts, a breed full of history and tradition not only in the country of origin, but esteemed, appreciated and well bred all over the world. The quality of the dogs in the ring today was very high and a particular appreciation goes to the Veterans all over 10 years old, for the wonderful general conditions in which they were shown, which denotes the excellent health of the breed.

Veteran Dog (1)

1 Flint's Bel/Fin CH Gastibelza de L'Oustaou de Padel - 11 years old boy in great shape and still enjoying his day in the ring. Only slightly long in body proportions, typical masculine head, correct eyes and ears. Good reach of neck, correct top line, broad croup correctly sloping with good tail set and carriage, correct and well balanced front and rear angulations, smooth and typical movement and still full of energy. Excellent coat quality with excellent texture, complete and typical in every part. **Best Veteran**

Puppy Dog (2,1)

1 Robson's Sandytrail Seraphin - 9 month old nice puppy, just a little long in body proportions, lovely head with nice breed expression, correct eyes and ears. Good reach of neck, correct topline and croup, well balanced front and rear angulations, smooth movement. Still puppy coat, but with correct texture.

Post Graduate Dog (1)

1 Lucas's Sandytrail Stargazer at Shiningtor - 5 years nice breed type dog with correct body proportions, excellent head and wonderful breed expression, lovely eyes, correct ears. Good neck, topline well stretched out and relaxed, correct croup, but too high tail set, correct and well balanced front and rear angulations, smooth movement, but too high the tail carriage. Excellent coat quality, excellent texture. I deservedly award him the Reserve Best Dog. **Reserve Best Dog**

Open Dog (1)

Flint's Sandytrail Sorcerer - 6 years dog of excellent breed type, with correct body proportions, excellent head and wonderful breed expression, lovely dark eyes, well set ears. Medium reach of neck, strong topline, slightly short in croup, not ideal tail carriage just too closed in a tight ring. Correct in front and rear angulations, excellent

smooth movement. Great quality of mature coat with typical texture. Well deserves today the Best Dog. **Best Dog**

Veteran Bitch (2) Flint's Bel/Fin CH Sandytrail Ensorcele - 10 years old lady of great class. Correct and harmonic in body proportions, feminine head, dark eyes and lovely breed expression, acceptable ears. Good reach of neck, correct topline and croup with good tail set and carriage, well balanced front and rear angulations, smooth and typical in movement. Excellent coat still very dense and complete.

2 Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko - Almost 10 years semi-long coat with correct body proportion. Nice feminine head, lovely expressive eyes, a little heavy ears. Good neck and topline, excellent front and rear angulations. She moves correctly with sufficient drive. Correct coat in the semi-long variety.

Puppy Bitch (2)

1 Flint's Sandytrail Sauterelle - 9 month old very nice puppy. Like all puppies, not yet well balanced between all parts of the body, but very typical in general appearance. Lovely feminine head with nice breed expression, correct eyes and ears. Good neck, typical top line with slightly arched loin ending in broad well strong croup without tail, correct front and rear angulations smooth movement. Still puppy coat but with correct texture. Very nice temperament. Best Puppy of today and Reserve Best Bitch. **Best**

Puppy & Reserve Best Bitch

2 Lucas's Sandytrail Sirene at Shiningtor - 9 month old puppy. She appears too long in body proportions because short in legs. Nice feminine head, correct eyes and breed expression, correct ears. Good reach of neck, correct topline and croup, too short in forearms. She moves with short steps covering little ground. Correct texture of puppy coat.

Junior Bitch(1)

1 Kopecka's Ann de La Petite Noire - 17 months old bitch very reserved in temperament. Correct in body proportions, feminine head, correct eyes and ears and lovely breed expression. Good neck and topline, correct croup, quite correct front and rear angulations. Not so smooth in movement with too high stepping in front. Not yet well defined the density of the coat, however of good texture. She needs more confidence in the ring.

Post Graduate Bitch (4,2)

Hawkswell's Sandytrail Angelique - 4 & 1/2 years old Bitch, just a little tall, but of correct body proportions. Head overall correct, but not very feminine, lovely eyes, good ears, Good reach of neck, correct top line and croup, well balanced front and rear angulations giving an excellent movement full of drive. Good quality of coat.

2 Lucas's Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor - 4 1/2 years full sister of 1st, but longer in body proportions. Nice head, correct eyes and breed expression, correct ears. Good neck not well stretched out and relaxed topline, too short in forearms. She moves with a modest drive. Good coat quality with correct texture.

Open Bitch (4)

1 Robsons's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit - 6 years old top quality Bitch. From the first moment she came into the ring, she immediately imposed herself with her beauty, her class and she filled the ring with her stylish presence. The great harmony of body proportions, the great femininity and the lightness of her movement have put in the background her size not so ...moderate. lovely feminine head, dark eye with a so nice breed expression, perfect ears. Good reach of neck, correct topline with slightly

arched loin, correct sloping croup very well balanced front and rear angulations giving her extraordinary movement : smooth, light with an effortless stride, so typical in this breed. Excellent coat, dense complete without exaggeration. Really happy to find such a nice bitch in my ring today and pleased to award her Best Bitch and BOB. **Best Bitch and BOB**

2 Gwilliam's Ready Or Not du apic D'espade Of Amienko - 2 & 1/2 years old bitch with correct body proportions. Head overall correct, but not very feminine, lovely eyes, good ears. Good neck, topline and croup, correct in front and rear angulations, smooth movement. Good quality of coat, correct texture. 3 Morgan's Sandytrail Suzette. 4. Vykýdalova's Dot de la Belle Folle.
Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch (1)
1 Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko

AV Imported Breed Register (Pastoral)

Judge : Mrs P Hollins

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Smooth Faced) Results

Post Grad Dog: VHC (5th place) Stretton's Notterts Bra Vo Pan Pan Pan

Breed Records for July to September 2022

Joint KC/BVA hip dysplasia scheme

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Smooth Faced)

(Imp) NOTTERTS CHAR LY ARLECCHINO (A.I.) AZ2 RH 5 / LH 3 total 8
(07/09/2022)

Joint KC/BVA elbow dysplasia scheme

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Smooth Faced)

(Imp) NOTTERTS CHAR LY ARLECCHINO (A.I.) AZ2 - 0 (07/09/2022)

**PSD Club Breed Open Show (April 2023)
Results & Judges Critique**

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Ms. Bridgette Bodle

Main Results

Best in Show: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit

Res Best in Show & Best Puppy : Flint's Sandytrail Sauterelle

Best Veteran in Show: Flint's Bel/Fin CH Gastibelza De L'oustau De Padel

Best Post Graduate: Keeble's Sawara Echo Beach

Best Junior: Lucas' Sandytrail Sirene at Shiningtor

A big thank you to both clubs for the invitation to judge both PSD and Catalans on the same day. It was a really enjoyable day and the sun shone for most of it. Grateful thanks to my very capable steward Ally King who helped to ensure everything ran smoothly. Really enjoyed the lunch and those fabulous home made cakes. It appears every effort was put in to ensure exhibitors and visitors had a wonderful experience.

Temperaments in the main were very good with just one or two a little aware or unsettled on the day but I know from past experience that you cannot push this breed. However the standard states they can be wary of strangers so this has to be taken into account when judging the dogs.

Puppy Dog (2) 1 Sandytrail Seraphin 10mth black who was a little unsettled to begin with but did allow me to go over him, pleasing head shape and oval eye giving an alert expression, he has a good length of neck and reasonable length of leg, topline needs to settle but this does level out on the move, just slightly more together on the move in front action than 2 Sandytrail Si Speciale another one who has much to like about him, racy in outline with a well proportioned triangular head, lovely dark eye and correctly set ears, lean in body with a reasonable spring of rib and well angulated quarters, an energetic mover but not quite as together on the out and back as the winner.

Junior Dog (0)

Post Grad Dog (2,1abs) 1 Sandytrail Scaramouche 4yr black of steady temperament, he is a little short on the leg for perfect balance, good width of skull and proportionate muzzle with good eye and nose pigment, goes forward well in profile but is rather wide in front when coming to.

Limit Dog (1) 1 and RBD Sandytrail Stargazer at Shiningtor mid sized boy of 5 yrs in great coat and overall condition, triangular well proportioned head with dark eye and an alert intelligent expression, very good neck and excellent front to slightly sloping pasterns and oval feet, deep chest and well ribbed body, tended to fly his tail on occasion but still a very nice dog who was a sound and fluid mover.

Open Dog (1) 1 and BD Sandytrail Sorcerer I liked the outline and balance of this black dog and he has that racy and windswept look, head is well proportioned and ears well used, neck clean and strong allowing him to carry himself well on the move, body is taught and slightly longer than height and he is in muscled condition with good hind angulation and strong hocks.

Veteran Dog (3) 1 and BVD, BVIS Bel/Fin CH Gastibelza De L'Oustaou De Padel (imp) an 11 yr old handsome male, presented in fit hard condition with a good coat of the correct texture, with an excellent head and expression and neat high set ears, straight

forelegs and slightly sloping pasterns showing no weakness on the move, he is well ribbed with a short strong loin and shapely quarters, such a smooth and easy mover. 2 Norlyght Tiga Sembilan a heavily coated fawn which hid his shape somewhat and therefore not the raciness in outline of the winner, reasonable length of neck and a level topline with well ribbed body, not as forward going as the winner today.

Good Citizen Dog (2) 1 Geordi De L'oustaou De Padel (imp) 12 yrs old and another exhibit whose condition belies his age but I understand that he has been a fairly successful agility dog so he has clearly maintained that level of fitness. I liked his head and bright intelligent expression and he has that lovely windswept look to his coat which moved with him across the ring, his good angulation and muscled quarters allowed him to move easily and without effort. 2 Norlyght Tiga Sembilan.

Puppy Bitch (2) 1 and BPIB, RBB and RBIS Sandytrail Sauterelle What a stunning puppy this is, alert racy and very well proportioned with a delightful temperament, good head shape and lively expression, pleasing neck into a good lay of shoulder with well angulated quarters, she still needs to strengthen in pasterns as you would expect but her effortless movement and togetherness coupled with that touch of star quality meant she could not be overlooked. 2 Sandytrail Sirene At Shiningtor another nice puppy, a little longer in body than the winner but I liked her head and expression, lean in body and like the winner she has good angulation all through, not quite as together on the move.

Junior Bitch (1) 1 and BJIS Sandytrail Sirene At Shiningtor (See puppy)

Post Grad Bitch (4,1abs) 1 and best PGIS Sawara Echo Beach a really lovely grey girl with a super head and expression, totally at one with her handler and needs no input from her to enhance her obvious qualities, she has that beautiful windswept look to her coat which was in excellent condition, long neck into well laid shoulders and good hind angulation, such an easy mover which won her the class. 2 Selkie Des Haies De Chenes Verts At Shiningtor fawn b who looked to be well constructed, she has a pleasing head and bright intelligent eye, if a little wary. Unfortunately as with 3 I was unable to get my hands on her enough to give a proper report. 3 Norlyght Millie Moo, standing quite well initially, she took a sausage or two out of my hand and that was good enough for her patient handler. I really hope she continues to grow in confidence.

Limit Bitch (4) 1 Sandytrail Starstruck At Shiningtor black who has a super head and expression, correctly set triangular ears used to advantage, of sound construction although maybe a tad longer cast than 2 but she has a good straight front with strong flexible pasterns and a firm topline, a willing and easy mover. 2 Sandytrail Magie Noire 6 yr b with good head ratios and dark eye, pleasing length of neck into well laid shoulders, lithe body with good ribbing, tail set low and carried correctly on the move 3 Ready Or Not Du Pic D'espeade Of Amienko. 4 Sandytrail Suzette.

Open Bitch (2) 1 and BB, BIS Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit at the top end of the scale but nevertheless a beautifully proportioned girl with an athletic body and in lovely semi corded coat and fit condition, her head is feminine and eyes exude alertness and confidence and she stands naturally so well allowing me to see her angles and balance, she excels in topline and this continued on in her movement which was powerful, ground covering yet effortless at the same time. 2 Bel/Fin CH Sandytrail Ensorcele Bel Jun CH hard to believe this girl is over 10 years old, again in super condition and probably a better size than 1, she has a good front with slightly sloping pasterns and oval feet and she impressed me with her sound and fluid movement, I see she is highly titled and rightly so but today she didn't quite have the 'look at me' attitude of the winner.

Veteran Bitch (6,1) 1 BVB Rambauds Xonville An amazing 13yr b, clearly nobody told her how old she is! I loved her head and attentive expression, she is in great body condition with ribs extending well back, a short slightly sloping croup and well bent stifles, displayed an effortless gait with total soundness 2 Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko of slighter build than the winner and rather more racy, straight forelegs and strong pasterns, just pipped 3 on her truer movement. 3 Joli. 4 Norlyght Satu Juta. 5 Sandytrail Elegance.

Good Citizen Bitch (5) 1 Sandytrail Starstruck At Shiningtor (winner of LB). 2 Rambauds Xonville (winner of VB). 3 Norlyght Sebelas Of Amienko. 4 Sandytrail Suzette. 5 Sandytrail Elegance.

SP/Working D/B (4) 1 Sandytrail Stargazer At Shiningtor (winner of LD) 2 Sawara Echo Beach (Winner of PGB) 3 Joli

SPECIAL AV IMPORT BREED REGISTER – PSD SMOOTH FACED

Main Results

Special Best of Breed : Wilford's Cavronscourt Midas Touch RL1 Ex

Special Best Dog : Wilford's Cavronscourt Midas Touch RL1 Ex

Special Reserve Dog : Stretton's Notterts Bra Vo Pan Pan Pan

Special Best Bitch : Wilford's Int Sh CH Iffa Noire Des Forges De Thor at Cavronscourt

Special Reserve Bitch ; Wilford's Roxy Blue Fang at Cavronscourt

SP Post Grad Dog (3,2abs) 1and RBD Notterts Bra Vo Pan Pan Pan 5 yr black dog who I found to be a touch longer in body than ideal, he has a reasonable head shape and triangular well set ears, neck is of good length and he has a straight front with a good width and depth of chest.

SP Open Dog 1 and BD, BOB Cavronscourt Midas Touch (RL1) 1 Ex 6 yr dog of sound temperament who is a veritable powerhouse on the move and is in fabulous coat and condition, underneath that coat he has a good length of leg and a short strong loin, he does tend to lay his ears back most of the time but that just emphasises the masculinity in his head, topline is firm with a slight arch over the loin, on the move he is sound and fairly short striding with minimal foot lift.

SP Post Grad Bitch (1abs)

SP Open Bitch 1 and RBB Roxy Blue Fang at Cavronscourt 5 yr merle in hard condition, attractive head and a really nice length of neck into a moderate lay of shoulder, just a fraction longer in body than ideal, medium coat length with well fringed front legs, sound and true in profile but moves rather wide on the away.

SP Veteran Bitch 1 and BB Int Sh CH Iffa Des Forges De Thor At Cavronscourt I preferred the shape and balance of this girl to that of 2, she has well proportioned skull and short muzzle with perceptible stop, strong neck of good length and moderate hind angulation fore and aft with strong low hocks, a free and animated mover, her condition belies her years 2 Tottakai Voin Olla Valopilku At Notterts (ip)a 10yr black who should not be disgraced by coming second. Another one with a sound temperament and such a happy show girl that she almost wagged herself off balance! Not quite as strong in topline as the winner today but both girls are a credit to their owners.

Breed Temperament Testing

I just wanted to give a bit of background to the Breed Temperament Testing that was on offer at the the Club Show, Sunday 9th April.

The test is based on the French Breed Club (RACP) test that has been in place for many years however the French Club re-designed the test back in 2019 with a view to improving the objectivity of the scoring system but also to ensure that the test criteria were focused on the temperament characteristics required of the breed in its primary job as a herding breed. The test is applicable to Pyrenean and Catalan Sheepdogs. There is a slightly different version offered in France for the guarding breeds, the Pyrenean Mountain Dog and Mastiff.

The test has 7 main areas,

1. Reaction to Tester
2. Meeting the Tester (Hands On)
3. Walking on Lead
4. Walking Off Lead
5. Response to Sudden Noise/ Objects
6. Recall
7. Absence of Handler

Excellent (pass 17 - 20 Pts)
Very Good (pass 13 - 16 Points)
Fair (Adjourned 10 - 12 points)
Insufficient (< 10 Points)

The test is not an obedience test and does not require prior preparation. The Dog's connection with it's master/handler and it's response to certain stimulus are observed and graded against defined standards. Each test takes about 15 mins.

Our tester for the day was Liz Lewis, past secretary and one of the original founders of the PSD Club. Liz has had PSD for in excess of 32 years, has a home in France and regularly attends French Breed Club events particularly, the National D' Elevage down in the Pyrenees. Liz has extensive knowledge of the Temperament Assessment and trialed a mini version of the test at the PSD Club's 25 year anniversary weekend in 2017. Liz Tested 14 dogs on the day (7 Catalans and 7 PSD)

The PSD results are listed below. Well done to all those that took part.

Eion Flint

Handler	Pet Name	KC Name	Test Result
Jeannie Gwilliam	Twist	Ready or Not du Pic D'Espade of Amienko	Pass Excellent
Vikki Lucas	Pixie	Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor	Pass Excellent
Sylvia Morgan	Suzie	Sandytrail Suzette	Pass Excellent
Pauline Keable	Effie	Sawara Echo Beach	Pass Excellent
Julie Farrar	Scrumpy	Norlyght Tiga Sembilan	Pass Excellent
Rebecca Robson	Hera	Sandtrail Scheherazade Meslabrit	Pass Excellent
Margaret Challans	Sisi	Jolie	Pass Excellent

Poetry

When God had made the earth and sky,
The flowers and the trees,
He then made all the animals,
The fish, the birds and bees.

And when at last He'd finished,
Not one was quite the same,
God said, "I'll walk this earth of mine,
And give each one a name."

And so He travelled far and wide,
And everywhere He went,
A little creature followed Him,
Until its strength was spent.

When all were named upon the earth,
And in the sky and sea,
The little creature said, "Dear Lord,
There's not one left for me."

Kindly the Father said to him,
"I've left you to the end,
I've turned my own name back to front,
And call you DOG, my friend."

Corner

Anon

My Crufts Journey - Pt 2

So after a very successful summer with Ace, we were lucky enough to qualify for the Crufts G3-5 ABC semi finals, after maintaining a top position on the leader board for consistency.

The semi-finals were held at Discover Dogs in October 2022. This was the biggest event that we had ever attended to date, and my heart was full of nervous energy and fear of the unknown, but thankfully Teresa Stretton met us in the carpark and chaperoned us all the way to the Excel building, which helped reduce my anxiety somewhat, but when we finally got



there, oh my goodness, it was crazy!! So many dogs all squashed into the benches. I found it so overwhelming, but Ace coped so incredibly well, bless him and hopped in his crate, whilst we booked in and got settled. There was an air of excitement from all of the other handlers and dogs, most of which were first-timers like myself! Finally, we got called through to have a few minutes to do a couple of practice jumps on the green carpet to allow our dogs to acclimatise to the astro turf surface, and then the course was set.



The crowds began to gather, and there were television cameras and photographers everywhere and various officials on the peripheral of the white picket fence around the arena. We were then called to walk the course! My excitement levels were brimming, and the pressure was on to do our best, so we all walked the jumping course, which was really nice and flowing. We went back to the benches and visualised the course and then got our dogs ready and started queueing. In a flash, it was our turn to run! Ace produced a very nice steady clear round, putting us in 5th position in

the jumping, which I was hugely pleased with. We then had a couple of hours to chill out and rest our dogs before the final agility round. Now the heat was really on, as I desperately wanted to do well with Ace, more so for all the wonderful people supporting us. The agility course looked great in the course walk, and I was pumped and ready to give it our best shot. This time Ace seemed to be much more confident and we had a really super start and got a fab ketscker turn into the weaves, and then I got lost in the moment and missed out the jump after the weaves, which I was completely oblivious to, and carried on for quite a few obstacles before hearing the commentator announcing that we had missed a jump which had resulted in elimination. I was, of course, annoyed with myself for missing the jump out, but incredibly proud of Ace for coping in such a high-energy environment and giving it his all. I thought that this was the end of our Crufts journey, but somehow luck was on our side, and even with an elimination, we still managed to scrape through for 10th position, which was all that was needed to get us through to the finals at Crufts in March 2023!

To say that I was gobsmacked was an understatement! So after a yet another exciting event competing at the KC Large C5-7 ABC Agility stakes semi finals in December, where we had 2 lovely clear rounds, culminating in an 11th place overall, just putting us outside the cut for the finals at The London International Horse Show (formerly known as Olympia) we were now off to the Large G3-5 ABC finals at Crufts! Oh my goodness, this is something that I could only ever dream of, but the day was finally here! We woke up to 4 inches of snow! The roads were completely



white and icy, and the traffic was literally crawling along at a snails pace. My stress levels were already sky high, wondering if we were even going to manage to get to the NEC in time for our once in a lifetime experience that I had rehearsed in my mind so many times! Thankfully, my wonderful, long suffering husband Richard got us there eventually, and then it was time to make the long journey on foot from the snow covered carparks to the main building with all of our chairs, dog crates and bags for the day! Finally, we arrived amidst the chaos of all the other competitors and exhibitors.



Emotions were high and we were not sure where we needed to go, as it was our first time ever competing at Crufts, but we finally navigated our way to the benches around the perimeter of the main arena. The energy was thick in the air, and the level of excitement was off the scale by this point! Thankfully, we were greeted by my amazing trainers, Lucy Norton & Becci Hodson, who helped put my mind at rest and showed me what I needed to do, and where I needed to be. Ace was very anxious and was quite relieved to be able to go into his soft crate on the benches away from the constant river of people flowing into the halls. We were given the printed course plans before finally being called into the main arena to walk the course! OMG! This was it!! The stuff dreams are made of! The atmosphere was calm, but most of the seats around the arena were full. There were so many people, so many cameras, and the heat from the lights was so intense! I was grinning from ear to ear, thinking this is it!



The 5 minutes that we had to walk the course went by in a nanosecond, then the ring party started to walk towards us in a line, asking us to vacate the course! I felt like a penny being swiped off the end of one of those coin machines that you see in arcades at the seaside! Panic was starting to set in now. Would I remember the course?! I was replaying the course walk through my mind as I ran to grab Ace, knowing we were 2nd in line to run. We were ushered to the famous archway to where each competitor had to wait before being called onto the line before starting their run. I always wondered how it must feel to stand there waiting for your turn,

and now I know! It's a feeling that I just can't put into words! In a blink of an eye, the first competitor had finished her run, and the crowd was cheering and clapping. Suddenly, it was my time to be in the spotlight with my best friend and amazing team mate, Ace. OMG!! I could sense he was as nervous as I was, as he was quiet, which is very unusual for him, as he normally starts barking like crazy on the start line, and throughout his entire run!

I set Ace up in our usual middle position, I whispered that I loved him no matter what, and was told "Alisa, when you are ready!". The audience, the lights, the cameras, and the commentary were a complete blur by this time! I released Ace immediately, and he took the first few jumps tentatively, and then I directed him to the tunnel, but I didn't send him strongly enough and he refused it and then I got flustered, as he never usually worries about tunnels, but he really was unsure and then ended up going through the wrong end of the tunnel, unfortunately picking up an early elimination. We completed the rest of the course, albeit very nervously, but we made it round, and I was so relieved and happy that my amazing boy wanted to play with his toy at the end of his run. I was in absolute awe of him for doing all this for me. The love and gratitude I felt towards him just took my breath away!

It still brings a tear to my eye thinking about it now. Then, after a well-earned rest for a few hours, it was finally time for the agility run! Obviously, I knew that we had no chance of winning due to being eliminated in the first round, which took the pressure off a bit, but I still wanted to do better this time, for Ace's sake, so I went in with a lot more confidence, knowing that I had to really push him into those tunnels, as I think there were several factors as to why he didn't want to go in them. Thankfully the agility run went mostly very well, with just 5 faults with, yep, you've guessed it, a refusal at the scary tunnel, but we got round and were placed 5th in the Agility, and 8th overall! I couldn't be more proud of my amazing boy Ace.

He has made all my dreams come true. Never once did I ever imagine that we would end up competing on the green carpet, in the main arena, at the most prestigious dog show in the country! So, a message to everyone.- Never give up on your dreams. Anything is possible when you have a dog that loves you to the moon and back, and vice versa. I am so very grateful to all the people who have supported and encouraged Ace and I and helped us achieve these amazing goals. I have loved every step of our journey and am so excited to see what summer 2023 has in store for us!

Alisa Atkins

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	DR £	CR £
Balance b/f	2,488.31	
Receipts	2,899.30	
Difference written off		
Payments		1,977.63
Balance c/f		3,409.98
	<u>5,387.61</u>	<u>5,387.61</u>
	0.00	
Balance per bank statement dated 16/12/22		3,363.98
Add: Uncleared lodgements		
21/12/2022	18.00	
28/12/2022	<u>28.00</u>	
		46.00
Less: Unpresented payments		
	<u> </u>	0.00
		<u><u>3,409.98</u></u>

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

RECEIPTS		BANK	CASH	MEMBERSHIP	2023	DISCOVER DOGS	DISCOVER	PSD	PSD	CALENDAR	DONATION	MANTRAILING
DATE	DETAILS											
		£	£	£	MEMBERSHIP	EXCEL ARENA	DOGS CRUFT	CLUB SHOW	RESCUE	2023	TO THE CLUB DAY	£
04/01/2022		18.00		18.00								
07/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
07/01/2022		18.00		18.00								
07/01/2022		18.00		18.00								
10/01/2022		18.00		18.00								
10/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
11/01/2022		18.00		18.00								
11/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
17/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
20/01/2022		24.00		24.00								
20/01/2022		18.00		18.00								
21/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
21/01/2022		22.00		12.00							10.00	
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24/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
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25/01/2022		24.00		24.00								
26/01/2022		18.00									18.00	
27/01/2022		40.00		18.00					22.00			
02/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
28/01/2022		20.00		18.00					2.00			
28/01/2022		12.00		12.00								
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28/01/2022		20.00		12.00					8.00			
31/01/2022		18.00		18.00								
11/02/2022		18.00		18.00								
14/02/2022		12.00		12.00								
25/02/2022		22.00		12.00					10.00			
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07/03/2022		23.50						23.50				
07/03/2022		35.50			12.00			16.50			10.00	
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14/03/2022		17.00		12.00					5.00			
05/04/2022		24.00						24.00				
05/04/2022		22.00						22.00				
05/04/2022		16.50						16.50				
19/04/2022		12.00		12.00								
04/05/2022		327.30						327.30				
20/07/2022		18.00		18.00								
20/07/2022		50.00		36.00					14.00			
12/10/2022		272.00						272.00				
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03/11/2022		100.00								100.00		
03/11/2022		30.00								30.00		

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THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
INCOME				
Membership subscriptions	654.00		760.00	
Calendar sales	450.00		573.00	
PSD Rescue Welfare	111.00		65.00	
Discover Dogs Excel Arena	232.00			
Discover Dogs Crufts	464.00			
PSD Club Show	880.30			
Donation	28.00			
Mantrailing Day	50.00			
TOTAL INCOME		2,869.30		1,398.00
EXPENDITURE				
Stationery				
Postage	138.62		118.31	
Newsletters	269.37		315.00	
Calendars	285.31		244.10	
Club Show	0.00			
Discover Dogs	100.00		212.00	
PSD Dog Show	473.07			
Manning Breed Stand at Crufts	350.00			
Insurance	87.36		43.68	
Kennel Club Show Licence	45.00		45.00	
Website	189.39		147.48	
Justice for Dogs Donation	20.00		20.00	
Kennel Club	35.00			
Audit	50.00		50.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-2,043.12		-1,195.57
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		826.18		202.43
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT B/F		2,589.70		2,387.27
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT C/F		<u>3,415.88</u>		<u>2,589.70</u>

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank	2,032.98		1,222.31	
Cash at bank for Rescue & Welfare	1,377.00		1,266.00	
Petty cash	88.87		88.87	
	<u>3,498.85</u>		<u>2,577.18</u>	
 Prepayments - Web Hosting £39.78 29/1/22 - 29/1/24	 21.47			
Prepayments - Web Hosting £145.50 29/1/22 - 29/1/23	11.56			
Prepayments - Web Hosting £145.50 29/1/21 - 28/1/21			11.16	
Prepayments - Insurance £131.04 1/9/21 - 31/8/22			87.36	
	<u>3,531.88</u>		<u>2,675.70</u>	
 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Audit & Accounts Preparation Fee	-50.00		-50.00	
Deferred Income - Memberships	-66.00		-36.00	
 TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>3,415.88</u>		2,589.70
 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u><u>3,415.88</u></u>		<u><u>2,589.70</u></u>
 INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		<u><u>3,415.88</u></u>		<u><u>2,589.70</u></u>

AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

I have completed the audit for the year ended 31 December 2022 for the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain. The records were complete and represent the state of the club's finances as at 31 December 2022.

I have shown a creditor of £50 for my fees as this relates to this year's expenditure to therefore give a true surplus for the year of £826.18. Overall income is higher compared to 2021, membership income has decreased by £106.00. Expenditure is £847.55 higher than 2021.

I wish to express my and your thanks to James for his good management of the financial affairs of the club.

I am happy to continue to audit the accounts for you next year if this meets with your approval. I wish the club continued success in the coming year.

MRS LORRAINE PHELPS FCCA

14 JANUARY 2023

Treasurers Report 2023 AGM

Memberships

In 2022, the number of members had increased by 8 members to 79 from 56 households from the previous year of 71 members and 52 households.

Memberships for 2023 has so far seen 68 members from 46 households renew. This includes 6 new member households (2 totally new to the Club and 4 lapsed members returning). We have 17 members from 12 households still to renew and a proactive follow up is in place. If everyone renews, Club potential membership for 2023 could reach 85 members in 68 households.

Club Accounts

There were some issues with the bank account caused by internal administrative issues within the bank that took a couple of months to resolve.

Thanks again to Lorraine Phelps for auditing the accounts.

Looking into the account report I would just highlight a number of comments on the Income and Expenditure page as follows:

Membership Income for 2022 is showing as £654 a decrease on £760 in 2021.

However as reported last year the 2021 figure included £96 of Membership income for 2022 that had not been accrued and therefore overstated the 2021 figure. Whilst the accounts cannot be changed the true level of membership income is really £750 for 2022 which is in line with the growth of members highlighted above.

Total Calendar Sales generated £540 of income. Only £450 of this is shown in the 2022 accounts. The additional income and a further £33.15 of postage expense was incurred after the accounts close in January. In overall terms the Calendar generated a net profit of £176.19 for the Club. This was slightly down on last year mainly due to increased printing costs but still represents a very valuable contribution to Club finances. Well done to Rebecca and Eion for the production and selling of the Calendar.

We had more donations to PSD rescue compared with the previous year. Vikki also held a Man- trailing Day which contributed £50 to the Club account.

Income from Discover Dogs needs some further explanation. The accounts show income for DD Excel at £232 however, this relates to a late payment from the KC for our 2021 breed stand activity. We did receive another £272 for Excel in 2022 but unfortunately this has been posted in error as Club Show income. Correcting for this, then the Club in 2022 actually generated £286 income after expenses from the Discover dogs stands at Crufts and the London Excel (£518 when including the late 2021 payment).

The Club held its Club Show for members, something that has been on pause for a few years due to Covid. It included 'Have a go Activities' and the Club show, and provided members with a cooked lunch. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. After correcting for the DD Excel allocation item, income after expenses brought in a profit of £135.23.

There were increasing costs in insurance, website maintenance, Calendars and postage costs, however, with the increased activity of the club, the surplus increased by £623.75 of which £111 was for PSD rescue. I will be standing down from the Treasurer and Membership role and committee at the AGM due to family and work commitments and wish the club every success in the future.

James Gosnold

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 25th February 2023

via Zoom. Online meeting opened at 12 noon

In attendance:

Committee - Eion Flint (EF), Rebecca Robson (RR), James Gosnold (JG), Carl Stretton (CS), Shane Flint (SF), Pat Wescott (PW), David Wescott (DW), Vicky Wilford (VW), Katie Robson (KR), Sara Hawkswell

Members - Chris Lewis (CL), Liz Lewis (LL), Pauline Keable (PK), Teresa Stretton (TS), Penny Varnes (PV)

1. Apologies

Vikki Lucas, Margaret Challans, Angie Fieldsend

2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Liz Lewis and seconded by Katie Robson.

3. Matters arising from minutes No matters arising

4. Chairman's Report

The chairman's report was read out by Eion Flint, there were no questions asked.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read out by James Gosnold and the financial statement and balance sheet for 2022 were explained in detail. There were no queries. Eion Flint acknowledged that James was stepping down as Treasurer due to family and work commitments and thanked him for his diligence and service over the last 2 years. The accounts were accepted. Proposed by Chris Lewis and Seconded by Carl Stretton.

6. Elect the Club's Auditor for 2023

It was agreed to appoint Lorraine Phelps FCCA as the clubs auditor for 2023.

Proposed by David Wescott and seconded by Vikki Lucas

7. Announce the names of Officers and Committee for 2023.

The Chairman confirmed that Carl Stretton, Sara Hawkswell, Vicky Wilford and Pat Wescott were required to stand down as committee members but were eligible for re-election without nomination. All had confirmed their willingness to stand and there being no new nominations received, all were confirmed as committee members for a further 3 years .

Katie Robson was also required to stand down from Committee but had confirmed that she did not wish to stand again, creating a vacancy. In addition the Treasurer's position was also vacant given

James Gosnold's decision to stand down.

Eion Flint asked if anyone at the meeting was interested in joining committee and particularly if any committee member could take on the Treasurer role.

There being no interest Eion Flint confirmed that he would take on the Treasurer's Role on an interim basis in order to ensure continuity but would work to identifying a longer term candidate for 2024 onwards.

8. Presentation of Trophies/Certificates by the Chairman

Points Competitions

Eion Flint announced the following winners in the Club's Annual Points Competitions.

Agility: 1st Vikki Lucas and Pixie (Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor) - 459 Pts

2nd Vicky Wilford and Iffa Ch Iffa Noire des Forges des Thor at Cavronscourt - 1 Pt

Rally: 1st Vicky Wilford and Midas (Cavronscourt Midas Touch - 10 its

2nd Vicky Wilford and Iffa - 5 its

Hoopers: 1st Penny Varnes and Ludo (Larrau de la Mesta Pastores - 468 Pts)

Obedience: 1st Vicky Wilford and Midas - 13 Pts

Show:

Rozimba Best Puppy Cup—Katy Robson and Odie (Sandytrail Seraphim Meslabrit)

Keltara Plate 1st Shane/ Eion Flint and Blue (Bel/Fin CH Sandytrail Ensorcélé) - 269 Pts

2nd Rebecca/Katie Robson and Hera (Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit) - 235 Pts

3rd Shane/Eion Flint and Gasti (Bel/Fin CH Gastibelza de L'Oustaou de Padel) -136 Pts

Certificates of Merit

Vikki and Iffa for Top Pyrenean (Smooth Faced) in Show Competition

Vikki Lucas and Pixie for an outstanding Agility performance and achieving Grade 7 in just over 12 months

Teresa Stretton and Panther for 1st time qualification at Crufts in the Breed Ring.

Penny Varnes and Ludo for an outstanding year in UK Hoopers Competition in 2022 (2nd place overall Pastoral Breed in all competitions and 4th overall (All Breeds) in all Competition.

9. Crufts/Discover Dogs Update

Manning organised. Eion Flint confirmed that there was a draft plan for covering the breed stand for all four days. Action Carl to confirm final volunteers for Smooth face. Action Rebecca to send out tickets and parking passes when they arrive.

10. AOB

Crufts 2023

Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit BOB (Hera Bera Bobtail)



Firstly I would like to say a massive thank you to Shane and Eion Flint for breeding our beautiful Hera. Without them this would not have been possible. It was the biggest honour for me to take Hera into the main arena and I enjoyed every moment. Mum and I are very lucky because Hera loves the limelight and thrives on the exciting atmosphere, so it makes our job simple.

Run at the side of the sassy show off and try not to trip Hera up!

She is a delight to live with and is quite the 'Tom boy' when there is a good hare to chase or a lovely poo to roll in.



Thank you Hera for being such a joy. Love Katie x

Another case for Inspector Song

I'm never moving
house again. I can't
find a thing



Stop moaning, you're
keeping me awake



Happy Easter
everyone



What will be the next case for Inspector Song to solve?

Find out in the next exciting episode of:

Another case for Inspector Song

Well done

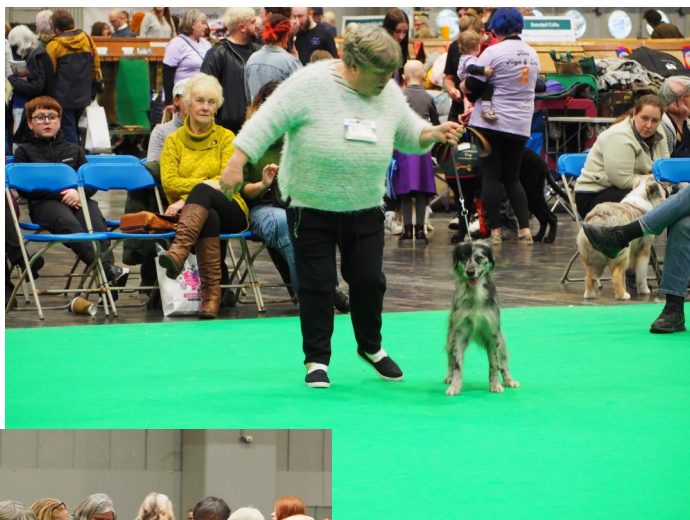
to all the owners and dogs that supported Discover Dogs at
CRUFTS this year

It was a very challenging year due to the weather conditions ,your continued supported is very much appreciated .

Eion and Shane Flint, Rebecca and Katie Robson, Liz and Chris Lewis, Margaret Chal-
lens, Pauline Keable, Vicky Wilford, Pauline Mc Geoch, Sara Hawkswell, Sally Cooper,
Jo Brett, Hannah Broadbank, Jessica Barton, Carl and Teresa Stretton and of course all
the doggies that worked the crowd superbly over the 4 days



Well Done
Bunny and
Panther at
CRUFTS



Can you help?

A call for budding Editors



Having edited the magazine for 5 years I am looking to stand aside after the next edition in April 2023.

If you would be interested in taking on this important role that spreads the Pyrie word amongst our member community please get in touch.

Full training and a proper handover will be given along with any support needed on future editions of our brilliant magazine.

Carl Stretton