

Pyrenean Sheepdog



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SUMMER EDITION

Welcome to the summer edition of the newsletter. In this edition there is a mixture of reports on various PSD activities together with some articles of an informative nature. I hope that we have managed to get the balance right. It would be helpful to receive feed back so that in future the newsletter reflects the needs of the membership. Clearly we want to hear from everyone regarding any issues to do with the Pyrenean Sheepdog, whether they are anecdotes, exploits, health issues or successes in the ring / chosen activities. The best way to contact me is via e-mail riacaud@mac.com . The deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday 30th November, so please get writing. I hope that you enjoy reading this edition.

Chris Lewis



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

89

This is the largest number of members of the club since it's inception, and there is every indication that it is still growing. The next target is 100.

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Bits and Pieces from the Secretary

Nationale d'Elevage

The Nationale d'Elevage is on 20th and 21st September in Argelès-Gazost this year. I already know of several club members who are going with or without dogs. Why not come and join us? It's a great weekend. It's not too late to come along!



Calendar

Only one photo for the calendar has been received so far. If you want your dog to be a "pin up" send a picture to the editor.



Discover Dogs

Discover Dogs at Earl's Court is on the 8th and 9th November. We are very grateful to those people who have volunteered to help.



Breed Notes

Toni Wescott-Smith and Mike Cafferata write the Breed Notes for Dog World and Our Dogs respectively. They are always looking for material for their columns so do send them your results. They are looking for results from all the activities that you do with your dogs and any other interesting snippets of information that you may have. Chris, the Editor, would also like to receive these as well.

The e mail addresses of Chris and Toni are printed on the committee page or they can be contacted by their links on the club web site and Mike can be contacted at mike@merrywood.org



Dog Photographer of the Year

The Dog Photographer of the Year competition is open to any dog enthusiast with a camera and a love of dogs.

The main categories for entries are:

- Dogs at Work
- Dogs at Play
- Dog Portrait
- Man's Best Friend

Entry costs:£3.50

For more information and entry forms:

www.dogimages.org.uk or contact the Kennel Club Picture Library on 020 7518 1035



Welcome to New Members

- Melinda Brown
- Terri Cousins-Brown
- Giselle Flaccavento and Steven Levene
- Edel McMahon and John Allen
- James and Janet O'Donnell
- Simon Potter
- Sue and Neil Robinson
- Joan Snelling
- Chris and Tricia Such
- Françoise Preat

Welcome Back

- J A Readman
- Maureen Sanderson and Wendy Botto

Lacked the drive on the move.

Good Citizen Bitch 2 1
1st. Morley & Rogerson - Merrywood Rising Star avec Chickaramor.



HIP SCORES

Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds (Twiggy)	4,7
Nidasha Rising Star (Taz)	3,4
Fantasia Du Pic De Pioulou avec Rozimba (Imp) (Aisha)	4,4
Cascade de Castlemouly avec Rambauds (Imp)	7,6
Rambauds Triomphe de Noel	5,4
Rambauds Monsieur Remy avec Corriedhu (Remy)	3,3



Effects of long term medication

Just over four years ago Ria had several minor ‘fits’ and as a result was prescribed Genitrix KBR (potassium bromide based) tablets. These seemed to do the trick and there was no more evidence of any ‘fits’ and all seemed to be fine. Our vet checked the bromide levels in Ria’s blood from time to time.

Earlier this year we noticed that Ria sometimes stumbled if going upstairs and then she developed a tremor which was very obvious when she was still. The tremor got worse and the vet wasn’t sure what was going on. He suggested that we decrease her medication for a few days and the tremor improved slightly. We were then referred to see a Neurological specialist at the Animal Health Trust at Newmarket. Ria and I spent a whole day there while she had exhaustive neurological tests, an MRI scan and

a spinal tap. The results of all the tests proved inconclusive and it was suggested that she may have a degenerative condition or an extreme reaction to her medication. A phone call from the vet at AHT a few days later revealed that the bromide levels in Ria’s blood were very high and there was considerable doubt as to whether she had ever had epilepsy.

In the meantime I had contacted the Canine Epilepsy Support Group who told me that they knew of dogs who were on the same medication as Ria who were on the point of being put down because they could barely stand up. The vet from the AHT had recommended that we take Ria off the medication for two days and then gradually reintroduce it. We decided to only increase it to half her original dose and have since reduced it gradually so that she is no longer taking any medication and we have seen no sign of a ‘fit’. Ria is looking fantastic, she has lost over a kilo in weight (I had been struggling with her weight for some time and had her on starvation rations with no effect) and she is back to her very hyper self.

We put Ria on the medication in the first place in good faith thinking that we were doing the best for her. To see a normally very active dog struggling to stand up was a very scary experience and not something we would wish to repeat.

Liz Lewis



INTERESTING QUOTES

“Whoever said that you can’t buy happiness forgot about puppies. 🐾 Gene Hall

“There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. 🐾 Ben Williams

“My husband and I are either going to buy a dog or have a child. We can’t decide whether to ruin our carpets or ruin our lives 🐾 Rita Rudner



Fun Day 2008



Once again we chose Lewknor Village Hall as the venue for the Fun Day and once again it didn't disappoint us. It is such a perfect venue with easy access from the M40, a safe environment where the dogs can be off the lead and with good indoor and outdoor facilities. An added attraction is the Red Kites who fly over the field. It was almost as if they were competing for attention as they soared and swooped over the field. They are a magnificent sight. This year proceedings started with people arriving at 10.30 for tea and coffee. Just before most people left for the walk, Chris Lewis (Chairman) welcomed everyone. Several members of the committee stayed behind to set out the huge amount of food. Everyone had been very generous with their contributions.

When the walkers returned, we settled down to listen to a very interesting and informative talk on nutrition by Sheila Raaf from Royal Canin.

Sheila pointed out the differences between the way we, and our dogs, approach food. She confirmed something that we have always suspected that dogs do not taste their food but it is the smell that attracts them. They do not have a mechanism for chewing like us. The dietary requirements of a dog are different to ours and we should not be tempted to feed them our food. Sheila also suggested that it is better to feed our dogs two or even three times a day instead of once. Sheila then went on to give a more in depth view of the nutrients that dogs require in their diet. Following the talk Sheila answered questions and she also handed out "goody bags" for everyone.



We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch. It's amazing that with no co-ordination we always have a good balance of food. During the lunch break Pat Wescott sold raffle tickets and Pat Phillips ran a competition for a bottle of whisky. Liz Lewis handed out a quiz, which was won by Amanda Marsden. Mike Cafferata won the first prize of a £25

voucher in the raffle. Mike Cafferata was selling PSD merchandise throughout the day and Pat Wescott had home made cards for sale. Both kindly donated a percentage of their proceeds to the club.

After lunch Joy Hitchcock held an agility session. Maureen Sanderson and Wendy Botto had kindly brought the agility equipment from their club. Those people who had some agility experience were able to run their dogs round the course while Joy did some basic training with beginners. For those not doing agility Diane and Sheila held a Fastest Recall competition. They also put on some games for the children.



The ever popular Novelty Classes followed the agility. The results of the Novelty Classes are printed at the end of this article. A rosette and a certificate were presented to each winner. All too soon it was time for people to go and for the committee to tidy up. The weather, while not quite as good as last year, was very kind with only a few spots of rain near the beginning.

This was certainly the biggest gathering we have ever had. We counted around forty dogs (ranging in age from Zillah, the matriarch, at fourteen to a couple of eight week old puppies) and about sixty humans. The dogs all get on very well with each other. It's almost as though they recognise that they are all the same breed and are therefore, more tolerant.

The committee would like to thank everyone who came and made it such a successful day. We look forward to seeing you all next year. If you didn't make it this year come next year and see what you missed and if you can't wait that long, look on the web site at the photos. The date of the next Fun Day will be in the Winter Newsletter.

Liz Lewis

Results of the Novelty Classes

Most Handsome Dog

Bobby owned by Neil Robinson

Prettiest Bitch

Wilma owned by Kim Randall

The Waggiest Tail

Tallulah owned by Lisa Sollitt-Pass

The Most Appealing Eyes

Freddie

Best Catcher

Shonie owned by Julie Farrar

Best Stay

Taz owned by Sophie Kerner

Best Trick

Gypsy owned by Jean Rawlings

Best Child Handler

Sophie Kerner with Taz

The dog the Judge would

most like to take home

Siggy owned by Joan Snelling



Lisa Solitt-Pass writes:

I received this email from Penny who has a pyrenean and now lives in France.

I asked her if she would mind if I passed it on, and she would like everyone to see it.

'Just a quick word of warning if ever bring your Pysheps over to their home land of France (for holidays or to show etc...) We have a major problem of tick fever (piroplasmose) here these days (all over the country and particularly in the central and south). Its bad from Feb through to Oct and has been getting worse since our hot summer of 2003. The vets here are on constant alert to the symptoms (lethargy, blood in urine, yellowing on the whites of the eyes, pale gums) but I don t think its so widely known about in other countries, such as the UK, that dont have this problem. It's a very quick killer (24 to 36 hours) - caused by a parasite that destroys the red blood cells - but can be easily prevented with a vaccine (80% effective) and using the "Frontline" anti-tique drops and if spotted early enough is quickly and effectively treated. Just thought I'd pass this on to any of you that might visit France with your dogs in the near future.

Penny and Alfie
Ferney-Voltaire
France'



Changes to the Constitution and Rules

At the AGM in February several changes to the Constitution and Rules were agreed by the meeting. These changes were then submitted to the Kennel Club for approval. The changes were accordingly approved and the wording of the Constitution and Rules has now been amended. The changes are as follows:

There will be a committee of ten instead of nine.

Overseas members will pay the same subscription as members in the UK.

The President will serve for three years. He/she may attend committee meetings but will have no vote.

Five (including an officer) instead of seven will now form a quorum for a committee meeting.

A Special General Meeting will be summoned if fifteen instead of twenty five, members send a signed requisition. Fifteen members, instead of twenty five, will form a quorum at such a meeting.

The Constitution and Rules can be read and downloaded from the club web site.

Liz Lewis



FIRST DOG ACTIVITY TRAIL UNVEILED IN TEES VALLEY WOODLAND



If your pooch is slapping on the pounds and looking full in the face then a trip to your local wood might now be an even better idea.

The Forestry Commission has linked up with the Kennel Club to unveil the first ever dog activity trail in any of its UK woodlands in 200-hectare (500 acre) Coatham Wood, near Long Newton, Teesside.

With pipes, tunnels, posts, beams, steps and hurdles located along a one mile trail, it has been designed by agility experts to offer dogs of all sizes a stimulating challenge that's sure to get tails wagging. The project could also herald similar facilities being installed elsewhere in woods across the nation.

According to a survey published by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA), the obesity epidemic amongst humans is being mirrored by similar flabbiness in pets,

too often left to dream about walkies by owners rooted to the sofa.

The charity analysed the weight of 4,000 dogs across the UK, reporting that some of the fattest were in north-east England, where 28% of dogs were overweight. The new trail aims to get both man and beast on track to better health and will also develop better training and control of dogs.

Paddy Harrop, Chief Recreation Manager for England with the Forestry Commission, explained:

"Many woodland users are dog walkers, so we may be pushing at an open door with this innovative activity trail. The health benefits are not just restricted to the pet, but owners too, who also need regular exercise to keep mind and body together. We have worked closely with the Kennel Club in recent years to make woods more friendly to responsible dog owners and this latest project is one exciting result of this partnership."

Coatham Wood was acquired by the Forestry Commission in 1999 and since then 500,000 trees have been planted in a project with the Tees Forest to create a vibrant community beauty spot on ex-agricultural land.

Caroline Kisko, spokesperson for the Kennel Club, said:

"Alongside walking, there are many ways that owners can stay fit with their dogs and this activity trail is just a taster of what agility is like, one of the many Kennel Club activities that owners and their dogs can enjoy. The beauty of this trail is that it can be enjoyed by all dog owners and all dogs - large or small - and we hope to work with

the Forestry Commission to see similar trails set up, across the country."

About one third of people who visit woods are dog walkers. Three years ago the Forestry Commission sealed an agreement with the Kennel Club to make its 202,000 hectares (500,000 acres) of woodland in England as canine-friendly as possible for dog walkers. Similar agreements have been signed in recent years with mountain biking and horse riding organisations, resulting in better access and facilities. The new agility trail at Coatham will also be used by the Forestry Commission to promote its Walkies in the Woods campaign and Active Woods health push.

Last year the Forestry Commission received the Dog Owners' Group Recognition Award for 'a national authority which has made a positive impact to help improve the lives of dogs and their owners.'

The Kennel Club exists 'to promote in every way, the general improvement of dogs'. It was founded in 1873 and provides dog owners with a source of information, experience and advice on dog welfare, dog health, and dog breeding. The Kennel Club also organises Crufts. More information at www.thekennelclub.org.uk For more information about other activities that can be enjoyed with your dog, including dog agility, please contact the Kennel Club on 0870 606 6750 (ext 212)

Active Woods is a national drive being led by the Forestry Commission to promote the vast range of health and fitness opportunities offered by Britain's woodlands. Hundreds of events are being organised re-

flecting the campaign's three themes of naturally active, naturally stimulating and naturally relaxing. For more visit www.forestry.gov.uk/activewoods-england.

Walkies in the Woods focuses on the physical and mental health benefits of dog walking as part of the Active Woods campaign to promote the healthy living opportunities offered by woodlands. We, with support from the Kennel Club, want to ensure that dogs and their owners experience healthy, responsible and above all enjoyable woodland visits. Find out more at www.forestry.gov.uk/england-dogs

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Editor's note

This article was forwarded by Peter Titterton who felt that it required wider distribution.



DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30th

Western Berger Day

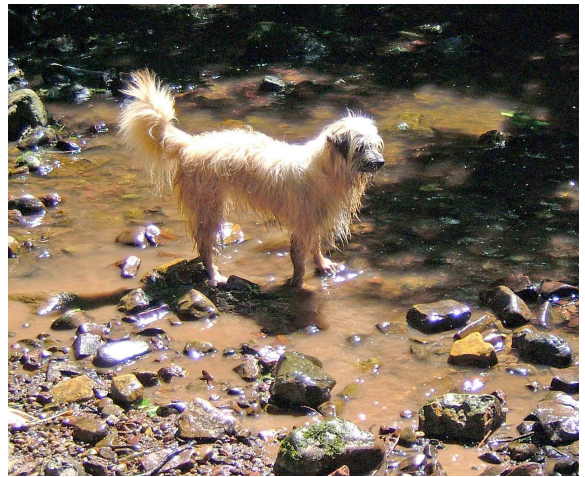
The weather was glorious and the company perfect! However, our numbers were small being half our record number of last year. Many people were involved in other events and this year the cost of travel has affected the distances that people are prepared to travel. We all agreed it was a long way to come but a rather special setting.

We were delighted to meet up with our 'regulars' and to see dogs which we have bred and may only see once a year. Sally Rees joined us from Jersey with her three Pyreneans and two Schnauzers. It was super to see Ollie still going strong at nearly 14 years old together with Coco and her beautiful young grey male Tag from our last litter with Pipilette de Loubajac. I am not sure his litter sister Uni was quite so pleased to see him. Tag was far better behaved than Uni who 'improved' as the day progressed! However, we all agreed that the best behaved was Wendy Smith's Twiggy who was able to join us inside when we had lunch without anyone noticing. I think that Peter and Phyllis Titterton's Monty would have liked to have joined us but he was very busy ensuring that none of those pesky goats came and joined us!



The weather was extremely hot and we had the treat of seeing them all running

together across the fields until we reached the river. The dogs especially were delighted to reach the river and cool themselves, finding all the deeper plunge pools. They then assisted the humans to cool down by providing them with showers every time they left the river. We had 22 dogs on the walk, the 2 being Schnauzers and the 20 being Pyrenean Sheepdogs (OK 14 were the home team).



Roy and Roz Norman with Cato and Fleur very kindly brought a gazebo with them which provided us with some much needed extra shade in the afternoon along with under the garden table for the dogs. The afternoon was spent meeting the alpacas and mainly talking about the dogs, their pedigrees and their breeding. There is still such a lot for us all to observe and learn about our marvellous little friends.

Thank you to all of you who came and joined us.

Meriel Weston and the Rambaud Bergers



Colourful Alpacas, Judges' Seminar and Hips by Meriel Weston

The Seminar was excellent and Alain Pécoult ended with his view that there were only three challenges to be met in breeding these dogs, PDA which can be diagnosed at birth; temperament which is improving all the time and hip dysplasia. The ensuing discussion about HD in this breed and related comments about dogs of other breeds prompted me to write this article.

First, I must state that there is hip dysplasia in our UK gene pool, it has unfortunately been imported along with all the other good and bad points which those dogs have demonstrated more overtly. In the UK we have a very sophisticated scoring system for HD which makes it easier for breeders to ignore if a dog appears to be sound rather than the previous PASS/FAIL system. Breeders are recommended not to breed from a dog whose score is higher than the mean average for the breed, currently 14 for the 77 Pyrenean Sheepdogs scored to November 2007. However, there is no system enforced by the Kennel Club, to prevent such breeding and in a breed where the numbers scored are low, one very high score and one very low score can easily change the mean average - statistics is a very fine art. Perhaps a brief look at the article produced by the BVA/KC on the scoring scheme might help us to understand a

little more of what the numbers are telling us.

Following the initial X-ray by the chosen veterinarian of a dog over one year old, the photographs are sent to the British Veterinarian Association. Two veterinary surgeons assess the X-rays together to ensure modulation. The X-rays of each hip is judged in 9 separate places and scored on a basis of 0 to 6 on each of these points of the hip joint with the exception of the edge of the hip socket which is 0 to 5 (0 denoting perfection). The assessment starts with the angle in which the head of the femur sits within the pelvis and continues with scoring the tightness of the head of the femur within the hip socket, the wear existing in the shape of the head of the femur and the wear in the hip socket. The final two points that are judged are the amount of bone loss through wear and then bone loss and re-growth, which can completely remodel the hip joint and obscure the visible signs of lameness. Full details of the scoring process can be obtained from the KC. The argument is always put forward that the hips weren't in the right position etc and the BVA acknowledge this factor and also point out that the muscle development can affect the hip position. Indeed comparison between different breeds is not helpful because the pelvis can have a different shape both within and between different breeds. The document finishes with the statement that "It must be appreciated, however, that small score differences are relevant only at the lower end of the

numerical range . It can be assumed that any individual hip score of above 10 will be an indication of gross instability* or of clearly established secondary change."

Breeders usually warn new owners to restrict their pup's activities until 26 weeks of age (not easy with this breed) and the environment the dogs experience can affect their soundness. However, the analogy can be made that the hips are like the blue print from which an architect builds a structure, the blue print must be correct first for the structure to be sound.

It is left to the breeder to decide whether to use dogs where they know there is HD in the lines or to decide that as the dog appears sound and the hip score of that individual is low other factors outweigh the risk. In a breed where the gene pool is small, temptation is greater and the results more ruinous. However, this leads me to a story about the establishment of my little herd of alpacas. I had always wanted alpacas, even though we had llamas, but my finances could not run to the generally accepted price of £3K plus per animal. I was delighted therefore when I was offered two pregnant females for less than half the normal price because they were black and the owner had decided to breed only fawns. When I picked them up I was offered the only white male produced that year to be a husband to my girls who duly produced 2 black females (unrelated to my white male) mak-

ing my herd up to 4 blacks and 1 white. Colour did not worry me as they all look lovely and the dog beds I intend making will not show the colour inside! This year all four females have produced the first offspring from my white male and all four are fawn! I wanted to find out where the fawn colouring came from and on looking at the pedigree of my white male I saw that his father was fawn. He had it there all along just waiting to come out. I will not insult anyone with the moral of this story.

If anyone wonders why I am quite so zealous about this fault in our breeding, the answer is simple. I have seen too many lovely dogs crippled by HD (yes, Pyrenean Sheepdogs). I have lived with a beautiful grey bitch who went lame at 7 months and has been on pain killers for the last 11 years. You are welcome to come and meet her and see her last X-ray, she was pick of the litter.

So please, if you are thinking of breeding, have your bitch hip scored and use a male with a low score. Then think of my alpacas and check the breeding behind both your males and females. There are many of us who have this information and will be only too happy to assist.

*Tendency to dislocate

Source Document: The BVA/KC scoring scheme for control of hip dysplasia: interpretation of criteria - Christine Gibbs BVSC,PhD,DVR,MRCVS

LATEST NEWS FROM ZILLAH



Hello just thought that you might like to know what I have been up to since the last Newsletter. Well I must say the weather has not been very good up to now, and we have had quite a lot of rain just lately, and I hate having to go out in it, but the sun did shine on our fun day which was great. What a lovely day, and so many people and their dogs came, and they all seemed to enjoy it. I sat with Carla and Klaus most of the time underneath my latest acquisition,...a fishing umbrella. Carla had the idea of buying one for me, for very hot days, so that I can keep cool. It's quite a big one and does the job very well, I can thoroughly recommend any dog having one, what with my rug, water bowl, and umbrella, I am very comfortable, and that is what it is all about for a dog of my age, keeping comfortable whilst still having fun. I have already made good use of it at my favourite beach in Norfolk at the beginning of June this year, and yes it was hot and sunny, how lucky we were with the weather that week.

Talking about my age (I was fourteen in January) I must tell you that I have had to pay quite a few visits to our vets, because for some time now, I have been getting stiff and weak on my back legs. I have been taking Seraquin tablets, and they have been very good for me, but Carla and Klaus decided to take me to the vets to see if I could get some extra help. The first visit consisted of a consultation with Lisa, who decided that some steroid tablets would

be beneficial, and after a few days I felt quite a lot better, but then I started panting all of the time, day and night, and because I sleep in the same bedroom with Carla and Klaus, and the panting is quite loud, none of us are getting much sleep, and we are all getting very tired.

So after a telephone call to the vets I was put into the car and taken back for a second visit. I thought that when we got into the car that we were going somewhere nice, to the park, or even better to the beach for a short break, or visiting friend but no.....when I got out of the car I found that I was back in the vets car park. We had to wait for a while to see Lisa, and as usual I did all the things that we like to do in the waiting room. Pulling on the lead, looking pathetically at the door that leads to the outside world, and turning my back on any other dog that decided to look at me, then Lisa opened her door and asked us to go inside. They didn't lift me up onto the table this time; they just stood around talking for quite sometime. Oh! This is OK I thought to myself as walked around the room. I investigated what was in box on the floor, (you never know it might have contained a nice piece of cake, (my favourite treat) but after that I got a bit bored and decided to pant even louder.

Lisa explained to Carla and Klaus that she did not know at this stage why I was panting, she had given me a through examination on my last visit, but, she could carry out some tests to see if anything would show up as being abnormal for my age. So I was left there with Lisa, Carla and Klaus went home without me, I felt quite abandoned; but it wasn't too bad after all, and it didn't seem to long before they came back to collect me. The nurse brought me into the waiting room and handed me to them, and off we went. Great I thought to myself, I must make the most of this now, and when we get home I will go straight into the kitchen, and look pathetically at my food cupboard, until they feel so guilty that they will give me one of my favourite chewies. (Cake would be even better though).

Lisa has told Carla and Klaus that the test results are good, and that she can not find anything wrong.

She has sent one liver test away, and will get the results soon. So after all of this nothing untoward has shown up so far.

I heard Carla saying to Klaus that at least now, they felt, that they have had everything investigated as far as they can, without me having an anaesthetic (not good for a dog my age). All of this has made me think that perhaps it might be a good idea not to carry on panting, as I may find myself back at the vets again sooner than I would like.

Well that's all from me for now, but I have been wondering if any other readers would like to take over the Latest News page for a while, and perhaps all of you could write in to tell us about one of your memorable stories. I feel sure that many of you younger dogs, who get out and about a lot more than I do these days, would be able to send in some great adventure stories, as I have done over the years. Don't be shy, write in and tell us what you have been up to; we will all enjoy reading your stories.

Bye for Now
Zillah.



Leishmaniasis

Leishmaniasis is a potentially fatal zoonotic disease. It is endemic in 88 countries and has become a serious problem in southern Europe, especially Mediterranean countries. In France the problem is intensifying in the south and spreading north because of global warming.

Sand fly bites carry the microscopic parasite, which causes the disease and it is therefore essential to protect your pet from sand flies when holidaying in areas where the disease is prevalent (May to September). A Scalibor collar is available to protect dogs against the sand fly. This needs to be put on the dog two

weeks before visiting a potentially dangerous area. Some dogs react to the Scalibor collar. It may cause them to scratch incessantly and lose hair, others may actually develop sores. In this case they can be treated with Advantix instead of the collar.

Symptoms of Leishmaniasis are as follows:
At the beginning the animal will appear normal, but although eating normally it will begin to lose weight.

The general state of the animal will then begin to deteriorate with a fever, looking old, pale mucous membrane and swollen glands. There will be hair loss, followed by ulcers on the muzzle, eyes and ears and dry, flaky skin. Also nose bleeds and/or conjunctivitis.

The sand fly is very active at night and so your dog should be kept in between the hours of dusk and dawn.

With the appropriate precautions your pet should be safe from this deadly disease.

The Processionary Caterpillar

Another danger to be alert for in southern Europe is the Processionary Caterpillar. Apparently this caterpillar lives in candyfloss like structures in fir/pine trees. The caterpillars move down from one tree and cross the ground to move to the next tree leaving a very toxic trail. If an animal sniffs this trail it will develop probably fatal respiratory problems almost immediately.

If walking your dog amongst trees look for the candyfloss structures. If you see them, leave the area immediately.

Liz Lewis



Useful web site: www.openfordogs.org.uk links to Kennel Club scheme regarding access for dogs. If you know of any more useful web sites, send them to me and I will publish a list in the next newsletter.
Chris Lewis

PET RULES

To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door - nose height.

Dear Dogs,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a race track. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the sofa to ensure your comfort. Dogs can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep.

It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight! out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years --canine attendance is not required.

The proper order is kiss me, **then** go smell the other dog or cat's bum. I cannot stress

this enough!

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets:

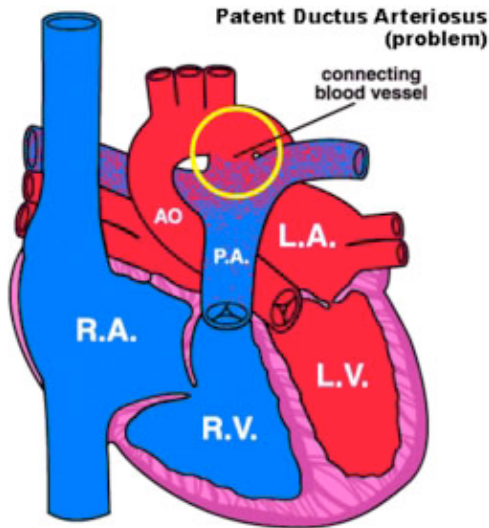
1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly .

Remember:

Dogs are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less
2. Don't ask for money all the time
3. Are easier to train
4. Normally come when called
5. Never ask to drive the car
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
7. Don't smoke or drink
8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
9. Don't want to wear your clothes
10. Don't need a gazillion pounds for uni, and.
11. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children.





What is Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)?

At birth, all mammals must adapt from living in a fluid environment (the amniotic fluid) and acquiring oxygen through the mother's blood, to breathing air and acquiring oxygen through their own lungs. The ductus arteriosus present in the foetus, is a small communicating blood vessel between the pulmonary artery (which carries blood to the lungs), and the aorta (which carries blood to the rest of the body). Before birth, most of the blood from the foetal heart bypasses the foetal lungs via this ductus arteriosus. The lungs gradually become functional fairly late in foetal development. At birth, the blood supply from the mother is of course cut off, the dog (or other mammal) begins breathing on its own, and blood flow through the ductus arteriosus normally decreases dramatically and within a few days, it closes off completely.

However in some animals the ductus or connecting blood vessel does not close, and the dog is left with what is known as a patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). The extent to which this affects the dog depends on the degree of patency, or opening, of the ductus.

Patent ductus arteriosus is an inherited condition but the mechanism of inheritance is very complex.

PDA is the most commonly diagnosed congenital heart defect in dogs. It occurs in many breeds and is seen more often in females.

The breeds reported to be most at risk are the Maltese, Pomeranian, Shetland Sheepdog, and Kerry Blue Terrier.

Other breeds with an increased risk are the Keeshond, miniature and toy poodle, Bichon frise, Yorkshire terrier, English springer spaniel, collie, cocker spaniel, German shepherd, Irish setter and Chihuahua. An increased incidence was also reported in the Pyrenean Sheepdog, however over time with recognition and careful breeding the risk has decreased. Non the less there is still need for vigilance and monitoring.

The degree to which an affected dog is debilitated depends upon the extent of the defect. This can range anything from a small blind pocket off the aorta which doesn't cause any problems, to varying degrees of abnormal blood flow through the ductus or connecting blood vessel between the aorta and the pulmonary artery. Most commonly there is a shunt from the left to the right side of the heart, with blood from the higher pressure aorta continuously shunted to the main pulmonary artery. This means an increased volume of blood to the lungs which results in fluid build-up (pulmonary oedema) and volume overload to the left side of the heart. This results in coughing, re-

duced tolerance of exercise, loss of weight, and eventually, what is known as congestive heart failure. Without surgery, premature death is likely.

Less commonly, there is a right-to-left shunt, this has also been called reverse PDA. This may be the case from birth or, it may develop because the PDA is so large that the pressure in the lungs, and resultant resistance to this pressure, markedly increase. In effect, the circulation is the same as when the dog was in the womb - that is, some of the blood leaving the right side of the heart bypasses the lungs entirely. This results in circulation of poorly oxygenated blood. The symptoms the dog may have, are shortness of breath and weakness or collapse in the hind limbs.

How is PDA diagnosed?

Usually a PDA is first suspected when the vet hears the characteristic continuous "machinery" heart murmur when the dog is examined at the time of vaccination. However given the history within the breed it is important for the breeder to have it specifically checked out at an early stage. There are X-ray and ECG signs to confirm the diagnosis. Generally at this point the puppy will not show any clinical signs relating to the PDA.

The right to left or reverse shunt is a little more difficult to diagnose due to the fact that the murmur tends to disappear. However characteristic signs are seen on X-ray and ECG.

How is patent ductus arteriosus treated?

Surgery is recommended in all dogs less than 2 years of age in which a left-to-right shunting PDA has been diagnosed. Surgical treatment consists of tying off the patent ductus and is quite successful. Surgery should be performed as soon as possible - as early as 8 to 16 weeks of age - before changes have occurred as the heart tries to compensate for the defect. The prognosis for a normal life with early surgery is usually very good. Where there are signs of heart disease, there are increased risks associated with surgery and vets recommend medical stabilization before surgery.

The problems associated with the less common right-to-left shunt are managed medically rather than surgically. Treatment includes rest, exercise restriction, and avoidance of stress. Vets monitor and work with the owner to manage the changes which occur due to the circulation of poorly oxygenated blood.

Breeding advice

Dogs in whom PDA has been diagnosed, with or without surgical correction, should obviously not be used for breeding. Once recognised their parents should not be used for breeding either, and siblings should only be used after careful screening. The club recommends that all puppies are screened by the breeders vet at around the age of four weeks. It is important to inform the vet of the risk.



Working & Pastoral Breeds Association of Wales AVNSC PASTORAL

Venue: The Royal Welsh Showground,
Builth Wells, Powys
Date: 19th April 2008

Judge(s)

Mrs L Lewis

BD

RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

RBD

MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MRS S & MR E FLINT)

BB

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

RBB

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

BOB

RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

BP

MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MRS S & MR E FLINT)

JUNIOR - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

1st

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

2nd

MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MRS S & MR E FLINT)

OPEN - Dog

Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

1st

RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

2nd

CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

OPEN - Bitch

Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

1st

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

West Of England Ladies' Kennel Society AVNSC PASTORAL

Venue: Three Counties Showground,
Malvern, Worcester, WR3 6NW
Date: 25th - 27th April 2008

Judge(s)

Mr Rodney Oldham

BD

CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

RBD

CARABRAE DANIEL DERONDA AT NIDASHA
(MISS D & MISS S NEWTON & JANSON)

BB

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

BOB

CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

BP

MERRYWOOD ESSIEN
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

PUPPY - Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st

MERRYWOOD ESSIEN
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

LIMIT - Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st

CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

OPEN - Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st
CARABRAE DANIEL DERONDA AT NIDASHA
(MISS D & MISS S NEWTON & JANSON)

OPEN - Bitch

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st
MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

**Birmingham National Dog Show
9th May 2008**

Pyrenean Sheepdog

Judge: Mrs J Peak

Best Dog :PHILLIPS Mrs P Carabrae Mad As
A Hatter at Kelltara

Res Best Dog : FLINT Mrs S & Mr E Merry-
wood Efren At Sandytrail

Best Bitch :PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood
Dancing Queen at Kelltara

Res Best Bitch : CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F
A Merrywood Gofa Gold

BEST OF BREED : PHILLIPS Mrs P Carabrae
Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara

Class 869 JD/B (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st:FLINT Mrs S & Mr E Merrywood Efren At
Sandytrail

2nd:SUCH Mr C J & Mrs P M Merrywood
Electra At Norlyght

3rd:SMITH Mrs W A Carabrae Pink Petunia
With Thymewinds

Res:DEUCHAR, Mrs M & DEUCHAR Miss D
Merrywood Essien

Class 870 OD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st:PHILLIPS Mrs P Carabrae Mad As A Hat-
ter at Kelltara

2nd: NEWTON, Miss D & JANSON Miss S
Carabrae Daniel Deronda at Nidasha

3rd:WESCOTT-SMITH Mrs T Riacaud Ultra
Paree Match avec Rozimba

Res:CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Hob-nob's
Baptiste At Carabrae

Class 871 OB (7 Entries) Abs: 3

1st:PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood Dancing

Queen at Kelltara
2nd: CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Merry-
wood Gofa Gold
3rd:MORLEY, Mrs S A & ROGERSON Mrs A
Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor
Res:SOLLITT-PASS Mrs L Carabrae Fleurette

The Scottish Kennel Club AVNSC WORKING/ PASTORAL

**Venue: Royal Highland Showground,
Ingliston, Edinburgh**

Date: 16th - 18th May 2008

Judge(s)

Mrs M Ward

BD
RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

BB
MERRYWOOD ELEKTRAAT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

BOB
RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

BP
MERRYWOOD ESSIEN
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

PUPPY - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1st
MERRYWOOD ESSIEN
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

2nd
MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

3rd
MERRYWOOD ELEKTRAAT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

OPEN - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st
RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

BATH CANINE SOCIETY

AVNSC

Pastoral 23rd-26th May

RBD

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR
(MRS S MORLEY AND MRS A ROGERSON)

BEST PUPPY

MERRYWOOD ELEKTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

OPEN DOG

2nd: RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC
ROZIMBA (MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

PB

1st: MERRYWOOD ELEKTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

OPEN BITCH

2nd: MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC
CHIKARAMOR
(MRS S MORLEY AND MRS A ROGERSON)

Windsor Dog Society Show

AVNSC

Pastoral 26th-29th June

JUNIOR BITCH

3rd: Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds
(Mrs W Smith)

South Wales Kennel Association

AVNSC

Pastoral 3rd-6th July

RBD

MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

BB

MERRYWOOD ELEKTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

RBB

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

BP

MERRYWOOD ELEKTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

PUPPY/DOG

1st: MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

PGD

1st: VERMEIL DE LA BORDE D'OUZOUZ AVEC
RAMBAUDS (IMP)
(MRS M WESTON)

OPEN DOG

Reserve: CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

PUPPY/BITCH

1st: MERRYWOOD ELEKTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

JUNIOR BITCH

1st: CASCADE DU CASTELMOULY AVEC RAMBAUDS
(IMP) (MRS M WESTON)

OPEN BITCH

1st: MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

2nd: MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR
(MRS S MORLEY AND MRS A ROGERSON)

National Working & Pastoral Breeds 12th July 2008

Pyrenean Sheepdog

Judge: Mrs Z Thorn-Andrews

Best Dog : PHILLIPS Mrs P Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara
Res Best Dog : FLINT Mrs S & Mr E Merrywood Efren At Sandytrail
Best Bitch : PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara
Res Best Bitch : CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Merrywood Eshana
Best Puppy : CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Merrywood Eshana
Best Veteran :
BEST OF BREED : PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara

Class 225 JD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: FLINT Mrs S & Mr E Merrywood Efren At Sandytrail
2nd: DEUCHAR, Mrs M & DEUCHAR Miss D Merrywood Essien

Class 226 PGD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Hob-nob's Baptiste At Carabrae
2nd: WESTON Mrs M Vermeil De La Borde D'Ouzoum Avec Rambauds (Imp)

Class 227 OD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: PHILLIPS Mrs P Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara

Class 228 JB (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Merrywood Eshana
2nd: ROBSON Mrs R Ivydale Nightjar
3rd: WESTON Mrs M Cascade du Castelmouly avec Rambauds (Imp)
Res: SMITH Mrs W A Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds

Class 229 PGB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: ROBSON Mrs R Ivydale Nightjar
2nd: CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Merrywood Gofa Gold

Class 230 OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood Dancing

Queen at Kelltara
2nd: MORLEY, Mrs S A & ROGERSON Mrs A Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor

Paignton 11th-13th July 2008

Pyrenean Sheepdog

Judge: Mrs Clare Coxall

Best Dog : PHILLIPS Mrs P Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara
Res Best Dog : WESCOTT-SMITH Mrs T Riacaud Ultra Pree Match avec Rozimba
Best Bitch : PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara
Res Best Bitch : MORLEY, Mrs S A & ROGERSON Mrs A Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor
Best Puppy : FLINT Mrs S & Mr E Merrywood Efren At Sandytrail
BEST OF BREED : PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara

Class 176 JD/B (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: FLINT Mrs S & Mr E Merrywood Efren At Sandytrail
2nd: SMITH Mrs W A Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds
3rd: CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Merrywood Eshana

Class 177 PGD/B (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: PHILLIPS Mrs P Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara
2nd: RANDALL, Mr F J & RANDALL Miss K Kimrand Bonne Amie
3rd: CAWLEY Miss M Rambauds Jaune Hareng Fume (Imp)
Res: CAFFERATA Mr M L & Mrs F A Hob-nob's Baptiste At Carabrae

Class 178 OD/B (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: PHILLIPS Mrs P Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara
2nd: MORLEY, Mrs S A & ROGERSON Mrs A Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor
3rd: WESCOTT-SMITH Mrs T Riacaud Ultra Pree Match avec Rozimba

East of England Agricultural Society

PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG

Venue: East of England Showground, Peterborough

Date: 15th - 17th July 2008

Judge(s)

Mrs A Arch

BD

CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

RBD

HOB-NOB'S BAPTISTE AT CARABRAE
(MR M & MRS F CAFFERATA)

BB

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

RBB

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

BOB

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

BP

MERRYWOOD ESSIEN
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

JUNIOR - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 5 Absentees: 0

1st

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

2nd

MERRYWOOD ESSIEN
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

3rd

MERRYWOOD ELECTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

Res

MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

VHC

MERRYWOOD ESHANA
(MR M & MRS F CAFFERATA)

POST GRADUATE - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st

CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

OPEN - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 5 Absentees: 0

1st

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

2nd

HOB-NOB'S BAPTISTE AT CARABRAE
(MR M & MRS F CAFFERATA)

3rd

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR
(MRS S A & MRS A MORLEY & ROGERSON)

Res

RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

VHC

CARABRAE DANIEL DERONDA AT NIDASHA
(MISS D & MISS S NEWTON & JANSON)

Leeds City and District Canine Association

AVNSC 26th-28th July

PUPPY/DOG

1st: MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

2nd: MERRYWOOD ESSIEN
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

PGD

Reserve: NIDASHA RISING STAR
(DR A and MRS H KERNER)

OPEN DOG

Reserve: CARABRAE DANIEL DERONDA AT
NIDASHA
(MISS D NEWTON AND MISS S JANSON)

VHC: CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT
KELLTARA (MRS P PHILLIPS)

PUPPY/BITCH

2nd: MERRYWOOD ELECTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C & MRS P SUCH)

PGB

2nd: IVYDALE NIGHTJAR
(MRS R ROBSON)

Reserve: CARABRAE HEPATICA
(DR A and MRS H KERNER)

VHC: CARABRAE OVER THE RAINBOW OF
IVYDALE (MRS C WILLIAMS)

OPEN BITCH

2nd: MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT
KELLTARA (MRS P PHILLIPS)

**Editors Note: In addition I have received these
results from Pat Phillips.**

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA

24/5 NEEW&PB Open Show Open 2nd

11/6 Three Counties Open Bitch 2nd & Reserve
Best Bitch

22/6 Blackpool Open Bitch 2nd

CARABRAE MAD AS A HATTER AT KELLTARA

24/5 NEEW&PB Open Show Open Dog 2nd

11/6 Three Counties Open Dog 1st & Reserve Best
Dog

22/6 Blackpool Open Dog 1st & Best Dog

RESULTS FROM ABROAD

Members Successes

Laurac 11.05.08

JUNIOR MALE

3rd&Excellent: Foli du Pic de Pioulou
(Veerle Vlerick)

CHAMPION MALE

1st&Excellent: Ch. Tintin del'Oustaou de
Padel (Veerle Vlerick)

OPEN FEMALE

1st&Excellent: Toyah de l'Oustaou de Padel
(Roland Merckx and Christel van den Bosch)

TB: Diamant du Pic de Pioulou
(Veerle Vlerick)

VETERAN FEMALE

Exc. Orla de l'Oustaou de Padel
(Roland Merckx and Christel van den Bosch)

R.A.C.P. Regional d'Elevage, Marly-la-Ville, Paris. Sunday 25th May 2008

Bebe Male

1st. Tres Promoter CABALIROS DU MEYA
Mme. Françoise Preat

Open Male

1st. & Excellent CHAOS DU VAL DU VENT
DORE Mme. Françoise Preat

5th. & Excellent RIACAUD ULRIC DE PI-
CORS Vicky Wilford

Champion Male

2nd. Excellent Ch. ERACLES DE LA TUILE
AU LOUP Mme. Laurence Bostyn

Open Female

4th DSOURIS DU VAL DU VENT DORE
Mme. Françoise Preat

Brussels International Dog Show **Saturday 21st June 2008**

Junior Male

1st. FOLI DU PIC DE PIOULOU Eddy
Van Pelt & Veerle Vlerick

Open Male

1st. CAC-CACIB CHAOS DU VAL DU
VENT DORE Mme. Françoise Preat

2nd. Res. CAC-CACIB RIACAUD ULRIC DE
PICORS Vicky Wilford

AGILITY RESULTS

May 2008 - Beacon Agility DTC

Meg 3rd Grade 1 Agility

EMDAC 18th July

Ria Primary Agility 10th

Ria Primary Power and Speed 14th

Liz Lewis

Unfortunately we have not received any further results. Please ensure that these are sent in good time for inclusion in the newsletter in the future.

OBEDIENCE NEWS

PARBROOK YESTIN, (Fun) has won Novice at Eden Vale Open Obedience Show, at just 16 months old. This is fantastic news. Jean Rawlings who bred him wonders if this is a first for a Pyrenean Sheepdog in this country. She has included a photo of Fun proudly showing his rosette.

Congratulations go to Fun's Owner Fiona Holdsworth.



Point System:-

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, we are introducing a point system in order to reward those owners who are getting their dogs out and about. Given that we have had a number of new members I have included copies of the forms again. The aim is initially to have three separate schemes, Show, Agility and Obedience. The separate schemes are explained on the forms which follow. In all of the schemes the responsibility is down to the owners to inform the named person of the activities of their dogs and their respective achievements. Clearly this is the first time that the club has run something of this nature and therefore it may need to be modified in the future, depending on how things go. There will be a Trophy awarded to the person in each scheme who has accumulated the most points. Please let us know what you think and above all Good Luck to all those taking part.



