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From the Editor

I hope this edition of the Club magazine finds you well and that you're able to enjoy the long summer days with your furry friends at the same time as staying out of the worst of the heat.

It's great to see the all of the breed shows on the calendar again, there's a great round up from our success in the show rings from Shane starting on page 6.

The Stretton clan have been enjoying travelling in our new motorhome, they were used to a caravan and have quickly taken to the motorhome which I think they associate with holidays, being walked and spoiled. Its amazing how fast they decide which seat is theirs and take up residence!

You'll notice on the back cover there's a Club walk and agility training day being organised for early October. I'm really pleased to have secured a fantastic professional trainer Ryan Hennessy a Championship Judge and handler, if you're free for either (or both) of those days please drop me a line then come and meet other Pyries - it'll be great to see you.

Regards Carl

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From the Chair

I hope that this, our summer edition of the Club Magazine, finds you all well and enjoying the exceptional summer weather with your little "Bergers". At times I know the weather has been extreme to say the least and speaking personally my wife Shane and myself have opted to stay put at home with the dogs rather put them through long car journeys in the extreme heat. We have also had a lovely litter of 5 pups at the end of May and lazing around with the pups in the shade of the trees in the garden has been a much more attractive option. Just a few things to highlight.

Memberships

New memberships continue to trickle in and I would just like to welcome new members John and Christine Sherry and Martin Roach and his daughter Naomi Williams. John and Christine have previously lived for many years in France and are experienced PSD owners. They live in north Wales with their 3 year old PSD Ozzie and have just welcomed a new PSD pup to the fold. Martin and Naomi have been long term members of the Club but the pressures of Covid and the lockdowns over the last couple of years saw us lose contact but it is great to welcome them back.

Summer Walk

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. An Autumn walk will however be going ahead. This is being organised by Carl Stretton and is being combined with the Club Agility day over the weekend of 8/9 October. Details are elsewhere in this edition of the Mag.

Breed Appreciation Day

We had been planning to hold our next Breed seminar in November but given the pent up demand for breed seminars post Covid we have become aware of a large number of events taking place in the last quarter of this year. We have been building a list of prospective judges interested in a PSD event but recent soundings with them made it clear that many were already committed to a number of other seminars in November. We are therefore now targeting our next Breed Appreciation Day for the last weekend in February next year, between our Club AGM and Crufts.

Discover Dogs (Excel London)

Whilst we are still awaiting final booking confirmations from the Kennel Club we will once again be manning the breed stand at Discover Dogs over the weekend of 15/16 October. We will have a double stand to showcase both Long Haired and Smooth faced variants. Whist Committee members will be present on both days, help from Club members in manning the stand is much appreciated. If any members feel they would like to take part then please contact either Rebecca Robson, Club Secretary or myself. Contact details are on the inside cover of this magazine.

Eion Flint Chair

Health Corner



Bee and wasp stings

Most stings from bees or wasps usually only cause minor effects and can be managed at home, however some cases can be more serious.

Contact your vet immediately if your dog has an allergic reaction, or is stung:



Inside the mouth

Around the throat

Many times in one go

During Summer, bee and wasp stings can be more common. Has your dog been stung? or are you wanting to find out more about helping them if they are stung? Find out more

Around the Show ring

I hope everyone has been enjoying our exceptional summer weather and that it isn't proving too hot for your Pyreneans.

Conformation shows are very much back to normal this year with a full programme of 19 Championship shows offering breed classes for the PSD. Show attendance numbers are about 10% down on pre Covid levels overall and it is clear that many are having to prioritise household budgets over the rising costs of travel as well as increasing show entry costs.

PSD registrations here in the UK continue to decline but I am pleased to say we have a dedicated group of around 14 PSD that continue to fly the flag for the breed in show competition. I would just like to thank all of the following exhibitors for their dedication in continuing to get the breed out there - Rebecca and Katie Robson with Hera, Vikki Lucas with Neon, Pixie and Selkie, Sylvia Morgan with Suzie, Sara Hawkswell with Smidge, Jeannie Gwilliam with Twist and Kheva, Charlie Grundy with Whizz and of course my husband Eion with the Sandytrail show gang, Blue, Gasti, Marley, Madge and Roma.

Finally I would highlight the achievements of Vicky Wilford and her Smooth faced Pyreneans Ifffa, Roxy and Midas. Vicky continues to successfully showcase the Smooth Faced in the Imported Breed Register Classes here in the UK as well as at Championship Shows on the Continent with some really great results. Winning through in the Imported Breed Register competitions is not easy as classes are quite large and competitive with a wide variety of breeds. Judges are really beginning to recognise the breed and to select them for top places. Well done Vicky and the Cavronscourt team.

Shane Flint

Sandytrail Pyrenean Sheepdogs



May 2022

The National Dog Show (Judge: A King, 7 entries 1 abs)

Best of Breed/Best Bitch/Best Veteran: Flint's - Bel Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcélé

Best Dog: Flint's Sandytrail Sorcerer

Res Best Dog: Flint's, Bel Fin Ch Gastibelza de L' Oustaou de Padel

Res Best Bitch: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit

Open Bitch 2nd: Flint's Entre Nous Romance Sans Paroles

AV Imported Breed Register Pastoral (Smooth Faced)

Open Dog: (6 entries) 3rd Wilford's Cavonscourt Midas Touch

Open Bitch: (5 entries) 3rd CH Iffa Noire des Forge de Thor at Cavonscourt

Scottish Kennel Club (Judge: J Ritchie 2 Entries)

Best of Breed/ Best Bitch: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit

Res Best Bitch: Hawkswell's Sandytrail Angélique



Bath Canine Society (Judge: S Bird, 7 entries, 3 abs)

Best of Breed/ Best Bitch: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit

(Pastoral group 3)

Res Best Bitch: Gwilliam's Ready or Not du Pic D'Espade of Amienko

Best Special Beginner: Gwilliam's Ready or Not du Pic D'Espade of Amienko

Yearling Bitch: 1st: Grundy's Ricochet du Pic D'Espade of Amienko



June 2022

Blackpool Champ Show (Judge: G Gray, 2 entries)

Best Breed/ Best Dog: Lucas' Sandytrail Stargazer at Shiningtor

Best Bitch: Lucas' Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor



July 2022

East of England Champ Show (Judge: T Forsey, 6 entries)

Best of Breed/Best Bitch/Best Veteran: Flint's - Bel Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcélé

Best Dog: Flint's Sandytrail Sorcerer

Res Best Dog: Flint's, Bel Fin Ch Gastibelza de L' Oustaou de Padel

Res Best Bitch: Morgan's Sandytrail Suzette

Open Bitch: 1st: Flint's Entre Nous Romance Sans Paroles

AV Imported Breed Register Pastoral (Smooth Faced)

Open Dog: (4 Entries) 1st Wilford's Cavronscourt Midas Touch (**Res Best Dog**)

Post Graduate Bitch: (3 entries) 2nd Wilford's Roxy Blue Fang at Cavronscourt

Open Bitch: (4 entries) 1st Wilford's Int Sh CH Iffa Noire Des Forge de Thor at Cavronscourt (**Res Best Bitch/ Best Veteran**)



N.W & P.B.Society (Judge: F Snook, entries 9, 4 abs)

Best of Breed/Best Bitch/Best Veteran: Flint's - Bel Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcélé

Best Dog: Flint's Bel Fin Ch Gastibelza de L' Oustaou de PadelRes Best Bitch:

Gwilliam's Ready or Not du Pic D'Espade of Amienko

Best Special Beginner: Gwilliam's Ready or Not du Pic D'Espade of Amienko

Open D/B 3rd: Flint's Entre Nous Romance Sans Paroles

Leeds Champ Show (Judge: M Taylor, 1 entry)

Best of Breed/Best Bitch: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit

August 2022

Paignton & District Champ Show (Judge: B Bodle, 5 entries)

Best of Breed/Best Bitch: Gwilliam's Ready or Not du Pic D'Espade of Amienko

Res Best Bitch: Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko

Best Special Beginner: Gwilliam's Ready or Not du Pic D'Espade of Amienko

(Special Beginner Group 1)

Open D/B: 2nd Grundy's Ricochet du Pic D'Espade of Amienko

Special Beginner D/B: 2nd Grundy's Ricochet du Pic D'Espade of Amienko



International Shows

Pinkstershow Netherlands 5th June 2022

(Judge: Andreas Polgar (CZ))

Open Male: 1st Excellent/CACIB - Wilford's Cavronscourt Midas Touch (**Best of Breed**)

Douai France 18th June 2022

(Judge: M. Cristian Karcher)

Open Male: 1st Excellent/CACIB - Wilford's Cavronscourt Midas Touch (**Best of Breed**)

Open Female: 1st Excellent/CACIB - Wilford's Roxy Blue Fang at Cavronscourt (**Best Opposite sex**)

Douai France 19th June 2022

(Judge: M. Boris Cavillac)

Open Male: 1st Excellent/CACIB - Wilford's Cavronscourt Midas Touch (**Best of Breed**)

Farewell

Sue Lewis (a founding member of the PSD Club of GB) has recently died following a long and brave fight with cancer.

Although Sue, and her husband John, were really Mountain Dog people, they were staunch supporters of the PSD club until they moved to France. John and their PSD Thomas often helped out on the breed stand and Sue and John often hosted our Fun Days in the early years. At one point as well as Thomas, they had Maggie, the Pyrenean Mastiff, plus their Mountain Dogs. Thus owning three of the four Pyrenean breeds.

Our thoughts are with John and the family at this sad time.



Update from the Breed Records Supplement 2021/2022

2021

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Importations:

Roi Mac Le Noir De La Mesta Pastores (Imp Fra) SSCLOF37260/0
d.17/08/20, c.black, br. Ms A & Ms P Bedu; Mon Gentil Ami Pierrot - Gospel
De La Mesta Pastores; ow - Miss A Hampson, origin France.

Ready or Not Du Pic D'Espade (Imp Fra), b, 08/10/20, c, Fawn, br, Norbert
Gainche; Mignon Du Pic D'Espade - Honey Du Pic D'Espade; ow, Miss J
Gwilliam, origin France.

Ricochet Du Pic D'Espade (Imp Fra) SSCLOF1B.PYR.P.L 37417/0,
b, 08/10/20, c, Fawn, br, Norbert Gainche; Mignon Du Pic D'Espade - Honey
Du Pic D'Espade; ow, Miss J Gwilliam, origin France.

Rockafella Du Pic D'Espade (Imp Fra) SSCLOF1B.PYR.P.L 37418/0,
d, 08/10/20, c, Fawn, br, Norbert Gainche; Mignon Du Pic D'Espade - Honey
Du Pic D'Espade; ow, Miss J Gwilliam, origin France.

Eternal Sunshine Ticket To Fly (Imp Bel) LOSH1314693, d, 01/07/20, c
Harlequin, br, Ms Tamara Cuypers, Rayan Du Pic Du Pioulou - Elena Du
Mourioche; ow, Miss T Bennett; origin Belgium.

Selkie Des Haies De Chenes Verts (Imp Fra) SCCLOF37477/0, b,
03/02/21, c, Fawn, br, A C Girard; Ours Du Pic D'Arbizon - Neste Des Haies
De Chenes Verts; ow, Ms V Lucas; origin France.

Roxy Blue Fang At Cavonscourt (IKC) IKCA50752, b, 19/02/18, c, Blue
Merle br. Mr Van De Winkel Honors & Ms Devits; Josie of Nobels Kingdom -
Larry Loup De La Patonniere; ow, Mrs V Wilford; origin Belgium

Change of Name:

Sandytrail Stargazer At Shiningtor (Late Sandytrail Stargazer AU4) Ms V Lucas

Sandytrail Starstruck At Shiningtor (Late Sandytrail Starstruck AV3) Ms V Lucas

Ready or Not Du Pic D'Espade At Amienko (Imp Fra) (Late Ready or Not Du Pic D'Espade (Imp Fra) AY2) Miss J Gwilliam

Ricochet Du Pic D'Espade At Amienko (Imp Fra) (Late Ricochet Du Pic D'Espade (Imp Fra) AY2) Miss J Gwilliam

Ricochet Du Pic D'Espade At Amienko (Imp Fra) (Late Rockafella Du Pic D'Espade (Imp Fra) AY2) Miss J Gwilliam

Selkie Des Haies De Chenes Verts At Shiningtor (Imp Fra) (Late Selkie Des Haies De Chenes Verts (Imp Fra) AY3) Ms V Lucas

Transfer of Ownership:

Sandytrail Ours Noir, AX4. From Mr E & Mrs S Flint to Mr R & Mrs R Norman

Ricochet Du Pic D'Espade At Amienko (Imp Fra), AY2. From Miss Gwilliam to Mrs C Grundy

Rozimba Bareges, AL1. From Miss S Gibbons & Mrs T Wescott- Smith to Miss S Gibbons

KC/BVA Hip & Elbow Scores:

Sandytrail Starstruck At Shiningtor AV3 RH8/ LH7 Total: 15 (21/04/21)

Eternal SunshineTicket To Fly (Imp Bel) AY1 RH5/ LH4 Total: 9 (01/10/21)

Ready or Not Du Pic D'Espade At Amienko (Imp Fra) AY2 RH6/ LH7 Total: 13 (08/12/21)

Quarterly Kennel C - PSD Long Haired Registrations

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
2020	0	0	0	3	3
2021	1	3	2	1	7

2022 Quarter 1—Pyrenean Sheepdog Smooth Faced

New Registrations:

Mrs T Stretton, 18/05/15, Ginny De La Patonniere At Notterts (Imp Fra)

(Aws) AZ1 - Tottakai Voin Olla Valopikku At Notterts (Imp Fin) (Awb) AZ1 (22/04/13, 2/10)

Notterts AL FA ACE De Pique, d, c, Black

Notterts Al FA Black Beauty, b, c, Black

Notterts AL Fa Petit Mischief, d, c, Black

Notterts AL FA Tieva La Diva, b, c, Black

Mrs T Stretton, 15/01/17, Ginny De La Patonniere At Notterts (Imp Fra)

(Aws) AZ1 - Tottakai Voin Olla Valopikku At Notterts (Imp Fin) (Awb) AZ1 (22/04/13, 2/10)

Notterts BRA VO Black Raven, d, c Black

Notterts BRA VO Nemesis, b, c Black

Notterts BRA VO PAN Pan Pan Pan, d, c Black

Notterts BRA VO Prancin Pony, b, c, Black

Notterts BRA VO Skye At Night, b, c, Black

Notterts BRA VO Two Zero, d, c, Black

Importations:

Cavronscourt Midas touch IKCA11589 d, 24/02/16, c, Fawn, br, Mrs V Wilford: Jester of Nobels Kingdom - Iffa Noire Des Forge De Thor At Cavronscourt (IKC) IKCA41058 AZ1: ow, Mrs V Wilford; origin Republic of Ireland

Ginny De La Patonniere (Imp Fra) (AWS) SCC1BPYRFR3276/0, d, 07/06/11, c, Black, ow, A Baria; Darros De Loubajac - Bottine Noire De La Patonniere; ow, Mrs T Stretton; origin France

Iffa Noire Des Forges De Thor (IKC) IKCA41058, b, c, Black, br Jean Paul Derache; Vitalis Des Forges. De Thor - Feerie Noire De La Patonniere; ow, Mrs V Wilford; origin Ireland

Jester of Nobels Kingdom (IKC) IKCZ31098, d, c Blue Merle, br, Ms A de Clerc; Ares De La Vie Pastorale - FR CH Saphir Bleu De Loubajac; ow, Mrs V Wilford; origin Belgium

Tottakai Voin Olla Valopilkkku (Imp Fin) (AWB) Fin30375/13, b, 22/04/13, c, Brindle, br, S Vikman; Halson, De La Vallee Du Mouton - Cannelle Des Haut Fontclaire; ow, Mrs T Stretton; origin Finland

Changes of Name:

Ginny De La Patonniere At Notterts (Imp Fra) (Late Ginny De La Patonniere (Imp Fra) AZ1) Mrs T Stretton

Tottakai Voin Olla Valopilkku At Notterts (Imp Fin) (Late Tottakai Voin Olla Valopilkku (Imp Fin) AZ1) Mrs T Stretton

Transfer of Ownership:

Notterts AL Fa Petit Mischief, AZ1. From Mrs T Stretton to Miss J Barton

Notterts AL FA Tieva La Diva, AZ1. From Mrs T Stretton to Miss H Broadbank

Notterts BRA VO Black Raven, AZ1. From Mrs T Stretton to Mrs S Cooper

Notterts BRA VO Nemesia, AZ1. From Mrs T Stretton to Miss A Van Belle

Notterts BRA VO Skye At Night AZ1. From Mrs T Stretton to Mr D Anderson

Notterts BRA VO Two Zero AZ1. From Mrs T Stretton to Mrs J Brett

Corrections:

Roxy Blue Fang At Cavonscourt (IKC) AY4. For correct breed read Pyrenean Sheepdog (Smooth faced) (Imp)

Roxy Blue Fang At Cavonscourt (IKC) AY4. For correct dam read Josje of Nobels Kingdom

Roxy Blue Fang At Cavonscourt (IKC) AY4. For correct sire read Larry Loup De La Patonniere

PSD Mantrailing Day

On 14 July the Club hosted our first mantrailing training day run by the fabulous instructor from Sniff and Trail, Julie Magson. We had six teams taking part on the day. We met at a country park which was an ideal venue with lots of paths, fields and woods.



We started the day with practicing how to use a longline. Mantrailing is done with the dog on a harness and a longline. There's quite a bit of skill involved to make sure that when you're holding the longline you're helping and not hindering your dog. So we practiced in pairs taking it in turns to be the dog or the handler.

We then had a little demonstration by Pixie who has been mantrailing for over a year now. She was able to show how a more experienced dog is able to sniff an item dropped by someone with their scent on it (the scent article) and then, with no help from their handler (me), she was able to track them down. Mantrailing is often described as hide and seek for dogs and that really sums up the point of the game.

All the dogs worked really well. We worked them one at a time so each dog got the time they needed. Our first trail was where the trail layer called the dog and stayed in sight. This was to let the dogs get the idea that we wanted them to follow the person, although we got them to sniff the scent article first. When the dog reaches the trail layer they are then rewarded with a pot of food.



We repeated this process several times and Julie adapted it to suit each dog. We quickly progressed to turning the dogs away so they

couldn't see where the trail layer had gone. This required them to use their nose a bit more rather than sight to find the person.

By the time of our second go, you could really see the dogs growing in confidence. In some cases the trail layer actually hid out of sight which is what we normally do with mantrailing once a dog has the idea. Although we did all have a chuckle when Amanda's Mac disappeared off into the trees. Amanda was convinced he was off flushing out deer but no - he was quite correct that Roy was hiding in there for him to find!

So overall the day was a great success. Thank you to everyone that came and special thanks to Julie for such a fun day. Several people have already booked on mantrailing sessions with Instructors closer to home so hopefully there should be lots more Pyreneans out there enjoying mantrailing!

Vikki Lucas

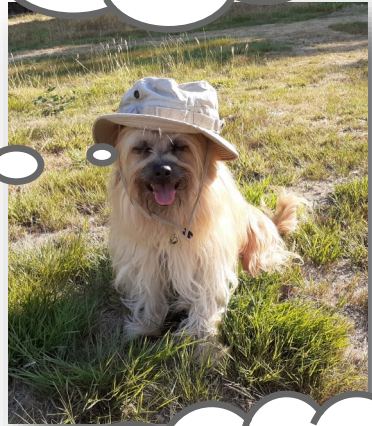


Another case for Inspector Song



I could have sworn my
summer hat was in
here

Ha ha, just what I need
in this hot sun



Caught on camera, the
villain in the pool &
with my hat on !!



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

Find out in the next exciting episode of:

Another case for Inspector Song

RAINBOW BRIDGE



*The following Pyries
have sadly passed over
the Rainbow Bridge*



Jester

(Jester of Nobel's Kingdom at Cavonscourt

10 Dec 10 - 01 Aug 22

Vicky Wilford

Daisy

(Ivydale Marguerite) 1 Apr 10 - 31 July 22 .

Sadly Mary Abbott has had to say goodbye to Daisy, her much loved 12 year-old,

Club calendar

Please send any high—quality photos of your PSD to the Club secretary for this years' Club calendar.

Pictures to be sent to: bexerob@aol.com

Well done

**Hera Bera Bobtail
Sandytrail Scheherazade
Meslabrit BOB under
Mrs S Bird and then Pas-
toral Group 3 under Mrs
C Vines. Bath Champ
show**



**Congratulations
Veerle**

**Had a fantastic very hot day in
Luxembourg ! at the club show of
the Luxembourg French Berger
club .**



**Amazing results : So-
leil D'Estive Du Châlet
des Pyrénées (just 9
months old) became 1
excellent CACL in jun-
ior class, also Junior
Youth Champion of
Luxembourg AND also
Best Of Breed !!! un-
believable ... Her
grandmom Jolie-
Joyeuse De L'Oustaou
de Padel (jade) be-
came 1 excellent
CACL in working
class !**

Well done

Reserve Best Bitch

what a great team Smidge
and Amelia-Jayne are!



Vicky and Midas

4th and 5th at the Kennel Club
Obedience competition held at
Crowland.



Twist Res Best Bitch and Best Special Beginner
National Working & Pastoral Breeds Society



Pixie goes Grade 4 . 1st in Grade 3 Agility and 3rd in the combined Grade 1-7 agility!



Meeko caught his first dragon and gained another win towards Grade 5 at Caerphilly agility show



Luca starts agility with an Any size Jumping win at Lune



Ace wins the large 5-7 ABC KC Olympia qualifier



Raven Wins into Grade 6

Wow Pixie is on a roll this summer
First grade 4 show and 3 jumping
wins. That's strike 1 and 2 to grade 5.



Strike 1 with an Agility Win for
Tabi at Kelluki



Skye wins the
Intermediate
Crufts ABC
qualifier at
High peak in
May and then
3rd in the KC
Intermediate
Novice cup in
July . Good
luck in the
Semi's



Ludo with his
hoopers rosettes



Rudy starts his Agility
journey and has won
into Grade 3

Club Walk and Agility Day

CLUB WALK

There will be a club walk on Saturday 8th October at East Hagbourne, near Didcot, Oxon, the postcode is OX11 9JZ

There are two choices of walk, 3 miles or 5 miles. The walks are mainly woodland with some off-lead areas.

Please let me know (carl.stretton@btinternet.com) if you are planning to come and whether you prefer 3 miles or the 5 mile route.

AGILITY TRAINING DAY

The following day, Sunday 9th October there will be an Agility training day at the same venue with training provided by **Ryan Hennessy**, a professional trainer and Championship judge.

There will be 2 sessions 10:00 to 12:00 for beginners, up to grade 3 or those just wanting to give Agility a go.

Bring your own lunch from 12:00 to 13:00.

From 13:00 to 15:00 there will be a training session for those in Agility grades 3 and above.

Cost for agility training will be £25 per dog, all are welcome to stay and watch, the emphasis is much more on socialising (your dog and yourself)

Those wanting to stay over there is a campsite at North Moreton (3 miles away)

St Peters Campsite, Bear Lane North Moreton, OX11 9AS . Tel 07794 175307.

The nearest Premier Inn is West Hagbourne, OX14 4TZ (4 miles away)

Please let me know (carl.stretton@btinternet.com) if you are planning to come and which session(s) you want to book.

Carl Stretton