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PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG

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The Newsletter of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of GB





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Welcome to the winter edition of the Newsletter of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain. This is a bumper edition and I hope we have managed to get the balance right. There are reports of a number of new club activities which have occurred since the last newsletter showing the vitality of the club. At the same time we have a number of regular features. There is hopefully a balance between the informative, instructive and anecdotal. The bottom line is that this is your Newsletter so please let us have your views regarding the new format and the overall content. If there is any thing else you would like to see please let us know. Thanks go to all our contributors for all the work they have put in to make this Newsletter what it is.



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BITS AND PIECES FROM THE SECRETARY

AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will take place at 11.00 on Sunday 15th February 2015 in the large room of Swannington Village Hall, Swannington, Leics LE67 8QL. The hall is on the main street and has a notice board outside. There is parking behind the hall. The committee would like to invite all those members attending the AGM to stay for lunch afterwards. It will be an informal affair, so just bring your own lunch and join us for a chat.

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules, Sheila Janson, Diane Newton and Kim Randall are required to stand down as committee members but are eligible for re-election without nomination. They are all willing to stand again.

The Secretary and the Treasurer are required to stand down annually but are eligible for re-election without nomination. Liz and Carla are both willing to stand again.

Nominations, accompanied by a Proposer and Secunder, for anyone wishing to stand as Secretary, Treasurer or a committee member, should be received by the Secretary by **20th January 2015**. Applicants need to have been a member of the club for at least a year to be eligible for election to the committee or an office. Nominations will be accepted by email provided they are properly worded and signed. Any items for inclusion on the Agenda, accompanied by a Proposer and a Secunder, should be received by the Secretary by the **20th January 2015**.



Points System

If you have been showing your dog this year or competing in agility or obedience, don't forget to send your points in by **20th January 2015**. If your dog has achieved something

special please let Liz know as he/she may be eligible for a Certificate of Achievement.

Showing points should be sent to Pat Phillips, St James View, Weston Road, Weston Coyney, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST3 6EE or by email to kelltara@btinternet.com Agility, Obedience

and Junior Handler points should be sent to Liz Lewis, 10 Asquith Boulevard, Knighton, Leicester LE2 6FA or by email to riacaud@mac.com Please use the "official" forms which can be downloaded from the club website. If you have any problems please contact Liz.

A trophy is awarded for the dog with most showing, agility and obedience points and Certificates of Achievement are presented to those who come second and third.

Please do send in your points so that we can celebrate your dog's achievements.



Constitution and Rules

The changes to the Constitution and Rules, which were agreed by the membership at the AGM, were submitted to the KC with the Annual Returns. The KC has approved all the proposed changes. The amended Constitution and Rules is now on the club website and can be downloaded if required. If any member does not have access to a computer and would like a hard copy please contact Liz Lewis.



Discover Dogs at Earl's Court

Discover Dogs was held on 8th and 9th November at Earl's Court for the last time. In future the event will be at ExCel in London and will be on 17th & 18th October 2015. Only two car park tickets were allocated per day, which reduced the number of helpers that we could have on the stand. Kim Randall with Fern and Jonathan Pattison with Meg set up the stand and were soon joined by Steph Grundy with Max and by Jeanna Gwilliam with Kheva later in the day. On Sunday Julie and John Farrar with Scrumpy and Chris Lewis with Geordi manned the stand.

Both days were very busy with what appeared to be some very genuine interest in the breed. Thanks go to all those who gave up their time to help on the stand. We could not promote the breed in this way without you.

Discover Dogs at Crufts

Crufts 2015 is from the 5th to 8th March with Pastoral breeds being shown on the Friday. As usual we need as much help to man the breed stand as possible. We are pleased to see that quite a few young dogs are becoming great ambassadors for the breed on the stand and we hope to see them again on the stand at Crufts.

Car park and entrance tickets are provided by the KC, as is a sum of money to be shared between the helpers each day to cover food and travel costs. A committee member will be there each day to provide support. You don't have to be an expert on the breed to help on the stand. If you live with a Pyrenean Sheepdog you can tell other people about your experience. If you can help or need to know more about what is involved, please contact Liz Lewis.



Fun Day

The Fun Day 2015 will be held on **Sunday 5th July** at Bearley Village Hall, Snitterfield Road, Bearley, Nr Stratford on Avon CV37 0SR. Make sure that this is one of the first dates to go in your 2015 diary or even better on your PSD calendar.

We will be looking for a new venue for 2016. If you know of a suitable venue please let a committee member know.



Open Shows

The club's first Open Show on 31st August 2015 is advertised elsewhere in the Newsletter.

We now have the date for the second Open Show, which will be on 10th April 2016 at Bearley Village Hall, near Stratford on Avon. The judge will be Norbert Gainche from

France. More details will be announced in due course.



PSD Merchandise

A page featuring the PSD merchandise will soon be on the club website. You will then be able to order merchandise direct from Kim.



Calendars

The 2015 calendar is available from Kim Randall at a cost of £5 plus p&p.



JOINT KC/BVA HIP DYSPLASIA SCHEME HIP SCORES

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Total:-14

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Total:-15

Rambauds Allevard Aussi RH 6/LH 6
Total:-12

Remmiwoods Moaning Myrtle RH 9/LH 8
Total:-17

Sandytrail Ensorcele RH 6/LH 6
Total:-12

Sawara Dreamer RH 7/LH 6
Total:-13

Sawara Double Trouble RH 8/LH 7
Total:-15

Elbows RH 0/LH 0 Total:-0





First official dog walk of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of GB

10 valiant dogs and their owners braved the wet and windy shore at picturesque Old Hunstanton beach for the first official dog walk of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain.

After the dogs' immediate and communal 'beach marking' we set off along the sand in a pleasant breeze and high spirits. We were almost entirely successful in keeping the dogs from marking strangers' beach equipment and they were all getting along famously; even including Jack, the honorary PSD of the day.

Most of the dogs dipped a toe in the water – some even revelling in it (though it may have been because Lily chased them in) Geordi, Lily and Sooty spent their time playing furiously, Bobby took rather a shine to Fern, we spent quite some time calling the wrong Megs to us and the veteran Ria was proudly central. A little way along the beach, we were joined by our newest member, Yupi – all the way from London.

About 40 minutes in, the heavens decided to open upon us but we fearlessly ventured on with a good old British "it'll blow over in a minute"... After realising that this was not the

case, we desperately negotiated with the dogs to stand on a pebble wall "just for a minute" for a photo and, for want of a better phrase, power-walked back to the car park, head first into the driving rain.

Once into the shelter of the café, with steam coming off our wet jeans, we were treated to a gloriously clear view of the sunshine over the waves (typical) but we made the best of it and tried the photo again – this time with every person and dog looking at the camera!

Needless to say, a fun time was had by all and this will hopefully be the first PSD walk of many.

(Keep your eyes peeled for information for the next PSD walk on the website, facebook and in the newsletter)



TYLER RETIRES FROM CANI-CROSS



Canicross ; cross country racing with your dog, and depending on your point of view, one of the best ways to be in partnership with your dog while enjoying forests and countryside, or your worst nightmare come true. This is because unlike other dog sports, it requires sustained physical effort on the part of the handler if the dog is to run at its best.

It was Nov 2006 when I found Canicross and decided to give it a go. It was a race near Swindon, Wiltshire and I said that if it was poorly organised with bad time keeping I wouldn't go again.

8 years later I am still competing so it must have been ok! From 3 dogs I choose Tyler as my running partner, being the right age and size. I ran in old trainers and kit, he was on a flat collar and lead and we were useless. I was unfit and he couldn't run in a straight line but it was great, I was hooked.

We set about improving, getting fit, and better kit. This was a running harness for Tyler and a waist belt and trainers for me. I soon found that a winter sport and a hairy dog don't really go together and I would have loved to have trimmed his hair which was a no no as he was still competing in the show ring. In fact in 2008

we competed at Crufts in the Canicross where at the end he went straight into the lake, and the following day he won Best of Breed in the show ring. Must have been something in the water!

Tyler is now 12 and just over a year ago he let me know that while he still enjoyed trotting round the courses he didn't want to be dragging me along and so he went into semi-retirement and at the end of this season he will be retired completely and will take his place on the supporters bench.

During our 8 competing years, we have run in approx 128 races , covered 651 Kms (405mils) Carried Clare Balding's pedometer around the Crufts course (good television coverage). Ran 2 half marathons and have been in the UK team for 2 European Championships, highest position 5th.

While Tyler takes life at a slower pace Pyrenean Sheepdogs will still be represented at Canicross by Heather and Henry and if Henry enjoys his racing half as much as Tyler has he will have a great time. Go Henry!!

Diane Newton

Pussel and Cynthia at Radio 5 Live



On Sunday evening 9th November I received a phone call from Radio 5 Live Breakfast asking me if I would go to the BBC studios at Media City, Salford Quays the next morning, and take part in an interview on behalf of "Pets As Therapy."

The trigger for the request had been the immense coverage in all the major newspapers over the weekend, of a lady terminally ill in a hospice, and her wish to see her horse for one last time before she died. The family took her horse to the hospice and hospital staff took the lady in her bed outside. The touching photo showed the horse nuzzling her face in recognition.

This story fitted in nicely with the voluntary work that I do with Pussel, and my fellow volunteers, visiting care homes, hospices, hospitals etc.

I was picked up by taxi cab at 6.15am and taken to the studio, Pussel came too (after

being granted special permission by the powers that be at the BBC to enter their smart building!)

The building is new and very modern. Pussel negotiated the revolving doors at the entrance carefully, and we were escorted to the first floor via lift and taken to "The Green Room" (But it's not green!) to relax and have coffee and a light breakfast.

I expected a researcher to come and talk to me before we went on air and discuss the format of the interview, but this didn't happen. At 7.50am Pussel and I were taken to the studio. My husband was listening at home and he said that about 10 minutes before I went "Live" Nicky Campbell, one of the interviewers, said " We should have a dog and its owner on its way to the studio" It sounded as if I hadn't arrived and Ric's thought to himself was, " Oh no, she's always late, I can't believe she's late for this!"

I was told where to sit and Rachel Burden the other interviewer was next to me. Pussel made a huge fuss of her and she responded.

The interview commenced, and after introducing me she introduced Pussel AND named his breed. I explained the work of PAT dogs. Rachel asked about the "Read to Dogs" project and Nicky Campbell rounded the interview off by linking it back to the horse story and expressing his view of how pack animals connect with humans and us with them.

Rachel closed the interview by thanking me and saying Pussel was "Absolutely gorgeous, very friendly and sociable."

I was so proud of my boy!

We were whizzed back home by the waiting taxi cab and I was back home by 9.15am, a surreal experience, but another new experience and adventure for Pussel and me.

LATEST NEWS FROM LILY.



Hello thought that you might like to hear what's been going on just lately in my world and what I have been doing this summer.

In September we held our Agility day, at Clare, in Suffolk. It was the first time that we have held this event and I must say everyone enjoyed themselves, in fact it was so good that it was decided that we should organise another one to be held next year, which, has been on my mind a little. Although all of the others enjoyed themselves and joined in with the training, I just did not like it at all. I have previously been for some training and initially did very well, but after a while I just didn't want to carry on anymore. We went to Tomlinson's which is in our village and we know of other dogs who have got on very well there, but after the first month I just got fed up with it and demonstrated the fact by doing nothing at all. Carla and Klaus decided not to take me after that and I was very pleased that it had come to an end. But, in September we went to Clare and I was told that we were going to have another try. We had a very nice trainer called

Helen and she tried to help me around the course but I was just did not feel that I could do anything that she asked of me. As soon as Klaus took my lead off I was away, running back to the gate that leads into the field wanting to get back to the safety of our car. After a few attempts Helen and Klaus gave up with me so we went to sit with the others who were watching .Klaus said it was a great shame as he thought if I would only give it a try I would really get to enjoy myself. Needless to say Klaus has given into me now which I am very glad about, though' I did hear him talking to Liz about perhaps having a sheep herding day, which I found very interesting, and leads me onto our holiday this year spent in the Lake District.

In October we stayed in Ambleside for a week with our friends Freda and John, mainly to walk but also to have a relaxing time. We had arranged to stay in a guest house and dogs stayed with their owners, in their bedrooms. Dogs were also allowed in the lounge and the dining room, but only after everyone had finished their breakfasts. We dogs had a great time playing around and hoovering up any crumbs that had been left on the floor, and we all were given a cooked sausage each day. Every day we set off for a walk into the hills, and a lot of the time I was able to run off the lead, exploring and looking into everything and



anything that needed to be investigated. There was one time that Klaus and Carla were not paying attention to our surroundings and had not noticed that there was a few sheep scattered around the valley far away in the distance. Unfortunately for them, but great fun for myself I spotted them immediately and shot off as fast as I could run. Of course, I had a plan in my head, to round them up, all together, and herd them into the corner of the field right up against the stone wall. After I was satisfied that I had completed the task I turned direction towards Klaus and Carla and made my way back to them. Job Done! I thought to myself, (I have often heard Klaus make this remark but this time it was me that had done a very good job or so I thought) .Unfortunately when I returned to them feeling very proud of myself I did have a good telling off from Klaus, but I pretended not to know what all the fuss was about,.... I find it's the best way in this situation.

In November we went to Old Hunstanton for a day to join other club members for a walk along the beach. We all met at 11.30am at the Cliff Car Park and headed straight for the beach. When we got to the bottom of the cliff we were allowed off our leads so that we could run around in the sand and sea, I was ready for some exercise, and needed to stretch my legs and paws as it takes around two hours travelling for us to get there. I was glad to see Geordi there who is great to go walking with as he is a fast runner like myself and is not afraid of getting his paws wet in the sea, well, getting all of himself wet in the sea, actually. We ran around like mad things going far away from our owners which made them do a lot of shouting to get us back and under some sort of control. Do you know we all love the beach; it is so big and has so many dead things to roll around on. I like to find a dead fish or two as they smell especially nice and their smell lasts a long time. I find that the smell will last in the

car for some days afterwards, that's a bonus I think. We all had a great time on the beach that day but as the walk went on the weather got wetter and we decided to return to our cars and make our way to the little café on top of the cliff. Dogs are very welcome inside even though people are eating at tables. Everyone had a hot drink and something to eat before heading for home.

I was quite tired when we set off in the car, and was glad of the rest. I do hope we can all go back again soon it was great for us all to get together.

Well that's all for now as I must go and meet my friends down at the playing fields and catch up with the latest gossip.

Bye for now Lily.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Shane and Eion Flint's Sandytrail Encorcele (Blue) who has been awarded the status of FCI "Junior Champion" for her show achievements in Belgium in 2014. Blue has had an outstanding year and made UK breed history by becoming the first UK bred dog to achieve this status and also the first to take top honours in her class at this year's Nationale D'Eleavage in Argeles Gazost.

Congratulations go to Pat and Steve Phillips and their dog "Chilli" Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara who was awarded Puppy Group 3 at the City of Birmingham Dog Show under judge Valerie Foss. This is another step forward for the breed, making breed history as the first PSD puppy to be placed in a group at a Championship Show.



ALLEZ TEAM PSD **OBREEDIENCE**

First of all what is Obreedience?

Obreedience was first seen at Crufts this year when a demonstration was put on featuring selected breeds. The aim is to show that Obedience can be fun and that all breeds can have a go. Each team consists of four dogs (and one or two reserves) of the same breed. The teams are required to do heel work (as a team) and then each dog does a specific exercise, these being a scent, a retrieve, Stop the Dog and Go to Bed.

When it was suggested on Face Book that the Pyrenean Sheepdogs had a go, the idea was met with enthusiasm by a few people. A very basic audition was held at the Fun Day and basically if you showed an interest you were in the team! Initially the team consisted of Diane Newton and Tyler, Cynthia Milnes with Pussel, Pauline Keable with Fizz and Liz Lewis with Geordi. We have since been joined by Jeanna Gwilliam and Kheva. The application form was filled in and sent off in October and we decided that if we were going to take it seriously we would need to find a trainer. We were extremely fortunate to find Anne Bussey in Staffordshire, who was prepared to take us on! We had our first training session on 11th October and then I think we then realised what we had let ourselves in for!

Anne had worked with the "Staffie" team before they did Obreedience at Crufts so she

had some idea of what was needed. She put us all through all the exercises that would we need to do and we came away with brain ache and long lists of what we needed to practice before our next session. From that moment Obreedience has taken over our lives! The dogs are stuffed full of treats and it's costing a small fortune to provide them! Some training takes place most days and emails are flying backwards and forwards as we compare notes on progress or lack of it.

Our second training session was on 1st November and again we all did all of the exercises but by then we had some idea of strengths and weaknesses and we were able to decide which dog was going to do which discipline. Kheva will do the scent, Fizz the retrieve, Tyler the Stop the Dog and Pussel the Go to Bed and Geordi will be the reserve.

On 16th November we attended an audition at the KC building at Stoneleigh when more than twenty teams competed for ten places for the "showdown" at Crufts. The dogs have been equipped with purple leads with "Team Pyrenean Sheepdog" embroidered on them in yellow and the handlers wore pink polo shirts with the club logo on. Most teams were wearing some sort of "uniform". All the teams completed the heel work exercise in the morning session. Our team did well managing to keep their line and spacing pretty well. In the afternoon the dogs completed their individual exercises. First up was Kheva who retrieved the scented article perfectly, next was Tyler who stopped immediately when Di commanded him to do so, then came Pussel who ran to his bed and lay down as soon as Cynthia told him to. By now those of watching were holding our breath as with only one exercise to go we were doing really well. Pauline threw Fizz's dumb bell twice as far as anyone else, but Fizz retrieved it beautifully and finished well. We couldn't believe that the dogs had done so well. We are now waiting with baited breath to see if we have got through. It would be wonderful to see a team of Pyrenean Sheepdogs competing in Obreedience at Crufts.



PSD AGILITY DAY

The first PSD Agility Day was held on 27th September at Jenni Gemmill's home in Sussex. There is a full agility course set out in one of their fields and this was an ideal venue. Geordi and I arrived in good time and were pleased to see that some members had already arrived, soon to be followed by the rest. Those attending had been split into three groups according to ability and experience, each group having about an hour of training. There were four or five in each group, which was ideal as everyone was able to spend a reasonable amount of time with Helen Anderson, the trainer.

The first group were the Beginners. Those in this group had more individual attention from Helen as their needs were more diverse. Helen proved to be a very sympathetic trainer who understood the needs and character of a Pyrenean Sheepdog.

The next group were those who run at Grades 1-3 at KC shows. Our focus was front crosses and Helen broke the course up so that we could practise on just a few items of equipment. The dogs worked very well and the hour went very quickly.

The third group were those who run at Grades 4-7 at KC shows. Again they worked on just a few items of equipment for their training.

Lunch followed the three training sessions. We were all pleased to take a break as the day had turned out to be very hot. After lunch, each group had the chance to run a full course, putting what they had learned into practice. The runs were judged as they would be at an agility show. First and second place rosettes were awarded to each group and then an overall first and second to those dogs which Helen thought deserved them most.

Our first Agility Day was very successful and there is demand for another one next year. It was good to see some different club members especially the Stretton family with their two Face Rase dogs.

Liz Lewis



A RISING STAR



I am Adam Stretton, and this is how I and my dog Jet went from running out of the ring to winning from Grade 1 to Grade 4 at 15 KC shows in 2014.

Jet is a Face Rase Pyrenean Sheepdog who was imported from France at 7 months old in January 2012. He was always a shy dog and never really liked the idea of strangers walking up to him. I started obedience classes with him on a Friday night with Ramsey Dog Club. We then started agility training with him at RVA at 12 months in the beginners group. We also did agility classes with Jeanette Tandy on Saturdays.

At the start of the agility season in 2014, we did our first run, a helter skelter. When I was expecting a nervous run from Jet when he ran and jumped over the first pole, and shot off over the second pole I saw my dog jump his first pole in competition. But now I was now playing catch-up with him as he bounced around the ring. When we had finished it was hugs and treats all around. All those months of hard work had finally paid off.

We came fourth in that run, but as the weeks went by, he got faster and faster on agility courses, the shy dog I knew outside the ring soon vanished as soon as he saw that first pole. He proved to me that he was ready for us to do it this year. After all the hard work training with Ray and Jeanette (who never gave up on me, even when I did) I was finally ready to move out of Grade 1.

So on the 27th of April 2014, I did just that. It was at a Lincoln Enthusiasts show, and I had won a Large 1-2 Agility in a time of 27.442 I was shocked at the time when I heard my name as I had not really been keeping track on how I was doing in that class. I was heading back to the caravan after a run with my collie Jo, when I heard my name called out on the Tannoy, when I got to the tent, there was the Judge standing there with a 1st place rosette and a silver plate.

That was me saying goodbye to Grade 1. My family were taking a bit of a break off agility, doing only 15 shows this season. Our next competition was run by the East Anglian Border Collie Club in June, were I managed to win out of Grade 1 by beating all the Grade 1's and also all of the Grade 3s in the combined class. I did this in a time of 37.612, which was pretty good, considering the size of the course. So, I was now Grade 2.

I was competing at my second show in Grade 2, it was run by Rushden DTC, it was the 1st of July, and judging the ring that would put me out of Grade 2 was Ray Burke. I completed this route in 31.830 seconds, putting me up to Grade 3.

Soon came the KC festival at Rockingham Castle, where I competed in the International Young Handler qualifiers. I came fourth in the Agility and seventh in the Jumping. This qualified me for the finals on the Saturday. I was extremely pleased with him to have come so far in the short space of time. Unfortunately I was nervous and this transferred to Jet. Jet came out of his weaves twice. I think it was the judges (Matt Goodliffe) hat and sunglasses that distracted him. We shall have to work on that. Maybe next time I will qualify for Crufts.

I would have liked to have stayed in Grade 3 for the rest of the year, considering that Jet had very little experience in the ring, but he had other ideas. Our first show in Grade 3 was Dogs In Need, and with me focusing on the junior classes, I had one run a day in Grade 3 Agility. My first run In Grade 3, I came second to Alan Bray. My second run of the week, I beat him and won the grade 3 Agility, with him in second place. Taking me out of Grade 3 and putting me up to Grade 4. I was amazed to have beaten Alan Bray who is an agility champion dog handler, who was well respected for his training and handling in the agility community, so I was immensely pleased that I had beaten him.

After this, I realised that evening when I was adding up my warrant points that I had achieved enough to claim my Bronze Warrant Award. So I sent my warrant book off to the KC and two weeks later I received my first warrant award in my time of competing in agility. (A picture of this is at the start of the article)

The remainder of our shows took place in the 25 days between the changing between the two grades. This only left me one show at Grade four. This just happened to be the RVA Autumn show at the East of England showground. I had a second in the Jumping against a dog that I knew would be hard for Jet to beat. This had proved to me that even though he is still finding his feet, Jet is getting faster.

Places	Quantity
1st	16
2nd	6
4th	3
5th	1
6th	5

This is a table is of all my rosettes won by Jet throughout the year.

In September, I was taking part in the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club fun agility training day. I had a

great time and it was nice to meet so many Pyreneans and their handlers. I like to thank the committee for organising that and to Jenny Gemmill for allowing use the use of her field and to Helen Anderson for the agility training classes.



I have just sent my warrant book to the YKC, hoping that I will qualify for the ABC junior's Large final next year at Crufts. Jet has improved so much in his confidence since we first imported him from France. And he makes me wonder what we will be able to achieve in the years to come.

We now have two Pyrenean Sheep dogs, the other one called Finn who is from Finland (Left on the picture above) and she is also showing great promise in her beginner training classes. We plan to have a litter from these two. I will also be the first litter of the Face Rase in the UK.

If you would like to follow Jet and Finns progress, visit their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/nottertsfacerasespyreneansheepdoguk>

By Adam Stretton,
Age 13



HEALTH CORNER

The Kennel Club Breed Health Co-Ordinators Symposium 2014 was held at the KC Building at Stoneliagh Park in September and I attended on behalf of the Club.

This year the focus was looking back into history and how this can provide the key to looking forward into the future.

Phillipa Robinson of the Karltan Index started the day with a time line overview of Dog Health, looking back at some of the major milestones of the past. She started in 1844 when the College of Veterinary Surgeons was given a Royal Charter. The next big step was in 1873 when several Dog Breed Fanciers Clubs joined together and formed an umbrella organisation- 'The Kennel Club'.

She then continued forward through history, pointing out various Veterinary and Research Organizations that formed and evolved. In 1942 the Vet Education Trust became the Animal Health Trust, an organisation with which the KC works.

The steps the Kennel Club have taken, including with the British Veterinary Association the introduction in 1965 of 'Hip Scoring' and 'Eye Testing' Schemes, the DNA testing that is now available, and in 2013 the KC and AHT launch 'Estimated Breeding Values' [EBV's].

That brought us up to the present day.

Dr. Dan O'Neill followed with a presentation on 'Vet Compass'.

This is a new collaboration involving many Veterinary Practices. Information on animals visiting these surgeries is to be collated within the practice and then shared anonymously within the Vet Compass group as a whole. The combined gathered data will be an invaluable overview to the general health of the dog population. It will help to identify possible risk factors in certain diseases, identify numbers of cases with particular problems and with the shared information on treatments, lead to better outcomes.

Dogs go to the vets for treatment for health

problems, but also for annual vaccinations. For many dogs this may be the only time that they ever go to the vets, and the information on normal healthy dogs is as important, if not more so, as it puts the statistics for breeds and the dog population as a whole into proper proportions.

Dr. Dan gave us an example of how useful this collaboration can and will be. Taking a particular breed which is perceived as having a specific health problem, he provided figures collected through the Vet Compass programme, and it gave a different picture. Far from this problem being top it was actually quite low down.

Many Vet Practices are already participating in Vet Compass, around 300 clinics are recorded as actively contributing clinical data, with over 1,500,000 animals recorded so far, with around 812,000 of those being dogs. It is hoped that the vast majority of Vet Practices will eventually want to be part of the scheme.

After lunch Bonnie Wiles the KC Health Data Coordinator took us into the future, and gave a presentation of the KC Pedigree Health Survey which at this moment is scheduled to be launched late in the year. The survey has been compiled and developed after consultation with the AHT & Royal Veterinary College. It is intended to gain robust data on all breeds, no personal data would be released, the collective information will be anonymous.

There will be breed specific reports, and the information will be freely and publicly available for people to see.

As I understand it at this moment, it is targeted more at Breeders but anyone can fill in the survey forms, they are intended to be filled in online.

There were several questions about this, some feeling that paper versions should also be available to those who wanted them. The KC are going to look again at this.

They are in the process of finalising the details, but probably by time you read this it will have been launched.

A Conversation with Alain Pécoult

--To finish - a Workshop- we were asked to form groups and take on the task of a Breed Health Committee and tackle the problems of a newly introduced imaginary breed of blue & pink coloured dogs, which to say the least were rather ugly and looked as if they were the wrong way round !!

[er-- think baboons here!!]

It caused much hilarity as it was read out how many litters they could produce and how many up to the minute 'colourful celebrities' were carrying them round as extra jewellery!

I am pleased to report that we made a good constructive group, everyone worked together well, everyone contributed something and our final action plan was considered excellent and exemplary, which was very pleasing.

Throughout the day there were opportunities to meet other delegates and find out their experiences as Breed Health Coordinators. The thing that struck me most was the difference in the length of time a breed has been in the UK, recognised by the KC and the numbers registered.

The Pyrenean Sheepdog is still relatively small in breed number, they average around 4 in a litter, and they do not breed easily.

One Breed Health Coordinator told me the breed she represented has been recognised by the KC since 1905, and the breed club had been going for the same length of time, so in 2015 their breed club will 110years! Quite a thought.

After talking with others, taking into consideration the time & numbers difference, I feel the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of GB is making good progress. At this time in history with computer programmes, DNA mapping, Veterinary knowledge and research, the future is quite exciting.

Vicky Wilford



Alain Pécoult is the President of the French breed club--Réunion des Amateurs de Chiens Pyrénées--or RACP. Formed in 1923 the club has had only 4 presidents. M. Pécoult has served since 2000 and has initiated and overseen many important changes to the modern club. Alain is also the President of our club.

The Berger des Pyrénées was formally recognized as a breed roughly 80 years ago. Has the dog changed—in type and character —since that time?

It is most probable that the breed has changed because of selective breeding on one hand and of some unavoidable drifting on the other hand. In my opinion, essentially, it is the temperament that has changed, and not for the better I think, as well as the hardiness.

Museau normal and Face Rase dogs have different breed standards in France (FCI). How are they different in type aside from the obvious coat differences?

These differences are also morphological. The Face Rase has a shorter back and its angulations are more open than that of the museau normal.

Some countries have included both breeds in a single standard. What is your opinion of this?

This does not bother me, as they are 2 varieties of the same breed. It does not bother me either that they are judged together, but one has to hope that the judge is truly proficient!

Do foreign breed clubs (other than those that are FCI members) ever consult with the RACP on their breed standards?

Many important members of foreign clubs are members of the RACP and keep themselves informed; one can say that that yes, foreign clubs take into account the orientations of the RACP.

What is the Charte d'élevage?

The Charte d'élevage is a commitment from the breeder towards the RACP. When he or she signs the charte, the breeder commits him/herself to follow the RACP guidelines, to enter dogs at our conformation shows and to follow our code of ethics. In recognition of this, the RACP identifies those breeders on his Website and on the breeder lists.

Why was this program developed?

So that our breeding practices are more coherent and to emphasize the "fancier" aspect of the club, i.e. the dedication to the breed. It is a way to say that even the professional breeders that sign the charte are not breeding for money but for the betterment of the breed.

What is the CANT?

It is a test to show the natural herding instinct of the dog. Young dogs, supposedly not trained, are tested to see if they show the natural instinct of a herding dog.

Why was this program developed?

This test was developed to be able to identify at large the dogs that are more susceptible to work because dogs that are really working with sheep are few. A new test will be developed for the Great Pyr. The CANT is a test for all herding breeds.

Are testers given any special training or certification?

Yes, all the testers are herding trial judges.

What are the biggest challenges that modern breeders of Berger des Pyrenees in France face today?

There are many challenges: uphold the type, give a bit more substance and good heads (too many small, round heads), get a better coat (often the hair is thin and soft) and a

better gait (a better, longer reach) and, of course, work on tails and ears, which is something new for us in France. We also hope that something will be done to have a better temperament, dogs that are more self-confident.

What can foreign breeders do to help safeguard the genetic heritage of the little shepherd?

Ideally, do not cut the bridges with the source, bring in new blood to avoid a restricted gene pool, too much consanguinity, and the development of self-sustaining populations, a situation that can lead to problems.

Do you have any other advice for foreign breeders of Berger des Pyrenees?

Look at what is being done by coming to the French NE (ed. note--National Specialty), which is a true international conformation show that will give you a perspective of things.

Do you have any advice for foreigners who wish to import a puppy from France?

The advice would be the same I would give to a newcomer in France. Think before you buy, look at the pedigrees, the performance of the parents and their offspring. Know what you need in order to import a dog that will complement what you have. In short, know the breed well!

How can a foreign breeder or individual fancier become a member of the RACP?

Simple! Fill an application form and send it with the required fee to the RACP treasurer.

What are the requirements for foreign members?

There is no particular requirement and we are very happy to have many foreign members in the RACP.

Questions posed by Terri Walker

Translated from French by Marie-Jo Thuot

Saturday, August 11, 2012

Many thanks to Terri Walker and Alain Pécoult for allowing to reprint this article.



VET'S CORNER



Keeping your dogs safe at Christmas

Around Christmas and New Year there are a few dangers for your dogs, some of which are not common knowledge. In this article I wanted to highlight some potential risks to help keep your animals safe and happy during the festive season.

Poisons

- **Chocolate**
 - Contains a chemical called 'theobromine' which is poisonous to dogs and cats. The amount does vary with the amount of cocoa, but even white chocolate contains the chemical. Signs you may see are vomiting, diarrhoea, tremors and seizures. Prompt treatment is crucial and chocolate can be fatal to dogs. Remember to put chocolate decorations high up in Christmas trees and do not put any presents containing chocolate under the tree in case naughty puppies open them early!
- **Raisins, Grapes, Sultanas, Currants.**
 - Any quantity ingested should be a concern- it has been known for 1 or 2 grapes to cause a serious illness. Grapes cause an acute kidney failure and all parts of the grape are poisonous. Initial signs you may see (within 2 hours of ingestion) are vomiting, lethargy and increased thirst. Over the next few days signs of kidney damage will be evident. It is vital prompt treatment is sought and it is likely your pet would need a drip to support the kidneys whilst recovering. Remember which Christmas foods have these in (mince pies, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding etc) and keep them in high places and never leave a plate unsupervised!
- **Onions and garlic**
 - These substances cause destruction of your dogs red blood cells. A rule of thumb is the stronger the product the more poisonous it is (e.g. dry onion powder etc) but a small quantity can harm your pets. Signs usually take about 3-5 days to show and can include weakness, reluctant to move, unwilling to exercise or becomes tired quickly. The urine may change to an orange/ brown colour. Urgent veterinary attention is required and in severe cases a blood transfusion may be needed.
- **Human drugs (paracetamol/ ibuprofen).**
 - These can cause liver failure and is commonly seen due to dogs accidentally chewing a packet they found. Signs include lethargy, vomiting, difficulty breathing, swellings in the face and limbs, seizures, jaundice and abdominal pain. Please take care to keep human medication out of reach of animals and ensure they are taken out of handbags.

- **Sugar free products (chewing gum, nicotine chewing gum etc)**
 - These contain an artificial sweetener called 'xylitol' which causes a low blood sugar level if ingested by dogs. Signs you may see are vomiting, increased heart rate, tremors and seizures. Signs usually take a few hours after ingestion but can take 24-48 hours to develop.
- **Macadamia nuts**
 - This is a mild to moderate poison to dogs which is unlikely to be fatal but is very uncomfortable. Signs you may see are vomiting, lethargy, tremors, increased body temperature and joint stiffness. Prompt treatment must be given alongside supportive care.
- **Antifreeze**
 - I thought this would be worth mentioning even though it is only cats that are usually affected (due to a sweet taste). They can become ill even though you haven't seen or own any antifreeze because they have found some when out and about. The chemical is called 'ethylene glycol' and signs include vomiting, depression, tremors, twitching and 'acting drunk'. Symptoms are almost always sudden and it can cause severe kidney failure. Treatment is difficult and must begin as soon as possible otherwise the prognosis is very poor, making it even more important to call your vet as soon as possible.

If you suspect your dog may have eaten anything poisonous it is crucial you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible. Often, a drug (called apomorphine) will be given to cause vomiting to try and get rid of as much as the toxin as possible from the stomach. Depending on what has been eaten your vet may recommend further supportive treatment (e.g. fluids given via a drip) to limit side effects as much as possible. Unfortunately a lot of the above mentioned poisons can be fatal and I cannot stress how important it is to seek veterinary attention as soon as possible! Try and take any packaging/ leaflets as this will help speed up the treatment process for your dog.

Foreign objects

As we all know- dogs like to chew! Sometimes they accidentally swallow inedible objects that can cause an intestinal blockage or internal damage- we call these 'foreign bodies'. This includes anything small enough to swallow – E.g. Christmas decorations, batteries, needles, bones, tinsel.

In some instances the object may be small enough to pass through the digestive tract, but often this is not the case and it can become stuck which starts to cause damage to the internal organs. In most instances surgery is required to remove the blockage and this does unfortunately carry some risk and complications.

Common clinical signs can include vomiting, lethargy, not passing faeces, abdominal pain (often seen as stretching or adopting a "praying position") and inappetance. It is important to seek veterinary attention if your dog becomes unwell or you suspect he has swallowed a foreign object. Please take care to keep objects out of reach for animals- E.g. keeping decorations higher on trees, not giving bones to chew after dinner.

Gastrointestinal upset

The temptation of lots of tasty food around Christmas is sometimes too much for our pets and they can get scraps/ raid bins. Commonly this can cause a gastrointestinal upset and some lethargy, vomiting and diarrhoea. Depending on severity, if this does happen, you can try feeding a bland home cooked diet (chicken and rice) in small frequent meals to settle the problem. For mild cases this often does the trick but more severe cases often need some intravenous fluids and medication to help.

A condition called 'pancreatitis' (inflammation of the pancreas) can occur typically when a dog eats high fat foods and is commonly seen after raiding bins. This condition can be quite serious- it is important that care is taken around Christmas to keep all scraps out of reach and bin lids on tightly to prevent this problem.

Fireworks and noise phobias

Fireworks are becoming more common around Christmas and New Year and can cause a lot of distress for our pets. There are a few things you can do at home to make the time more comfortable:

- Closing curtains to block out the bright lights.
- Turning TV/ radio on at a high volume to block out the sound.
- Ensuring they have been to the toilet/ out for a walk before dark.
- Making a 'den' that they can hide in- often best in a room where you will be sitting for the evening and with familiar bedding.
- Using an 'Adaptil' diffuser- this is a dog pheromone plug-in that can help with anxiety.
- Giving over-the-counter calming medication from your vets (E.g. 'Calmex' or 'Zylkene').
- Using special 'thunder shirts' which uses pressure to relieve anxiety.
- Try and act as calm and normal as possible- your pets pick up on your concerns. Try playing with a favourite toy or rewarding normal behaviour and ignore the sound of fireworks.

If your pet has a severe phobia there are stronger medications that can be prescribed by a veterinary surgeon after a consultation and examination of your pet and sometimes it is necessary to seek advice from an animal behaviourist.

Early next year consider using an 'acclimatisation' CD which plays firework sounds gradually over 3-4 months to help make your pets feel more comfortable with the noises next year.

(<http://www.soundtherapy4pets.co.uk>)

I hope this article helps with any queries you may have over the Christmas period and has highlighted some important topics. As always this article is not a substitute for veterinary attention and if you have any concerns please visit your local vets.

Heather and Henry x

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Viewpoint

News and Views from the Breed Notes



It is hard to believe that Xmas is nearly upon us and 4 months have passed since our last club news letter and, whilst I have reported much in the weekly breed notes since the summer, I have no hesitation in selecting the report on the RACP's Nationale d'Elevage held in September down in the Pyrenees as the focus for my "Viewpoint" article in this edition of the Club Newsletter.

For those of you that are familiar with this event you will know that it is more than just another dog show. For many it is a return to the "spiritual and cultural" home of our little French herder with the chance to meet top breeders and exhibitors and of course to compete with some of the very best dogs in the breed. For my wife and myself it is about the 8th year in succession that we have managed to attend the event and this year was even more enjoyable as we were able to plan the trip around an extended 2 week holiday. Over the year's we have been going to the Nationale d'Elevage, the objective of most of the UK exhibitors has been to learn from the event and as a minimum to have their dogs achieve a grade of excellent against the "breed standard". The idea of taking top positions in the classes and competition overall was just a dream given the standard and numbers of dogs present. The last couple of year's has seen a shift however, with some notable results being achieved and this year

has been another very successful year for the British entries.

My October breed note for Dog World sums up the position at this year's event but I should point out that this very much focuses on our UK dogs and we should not forget our International Club members achievements who are always strongly represented at the show and provide excellent company, friendship and support for the British contingent.

The complete membership results are shown following this article.

Merry Xmas everyone and best wishes for a fantastic 2015 with your Pyreneans.

Eion Flint
Dog World Breed Notes

Dog World Breed Note (Oct 2014):

"The RACP's Nationale D'Elevage was held at Argèles-Gazost in September in the Haute Pyrenees region of France. As reported in past breed notes the RACP is the French Breed Club that for more than 100 years has been the guardians of the 4 main Pyrenean Breeds: - Pyr Mountain Dogs, Pyr Mastifs, Catalan Sheepdogs and Pyr Sheepdogs, (PL and FR).

The Nationale d'Elevage is without doubt the premier show for these 4 breeds globally and is truly an international event with significant numbers of dogs coming from across Europe, particularly Scandinavia, Belgium and increasingly the UK. This years event even had dogs flying in from the USA and Canada. It goes without saying however that attendance is dominated by dogs from the top French Kennels making competition very tough. Total entries at this years show were over 450 dogs across the 4 breeds with 186 PSD's on display making for some very large and competitive classes. Nowhere else do you get these sort of numbers and I would encourage anyone in the UK with a PSD to make the trip at least once as the whole event

is a unique spectacle with much to see and learn about your breed. The traditional mountain setting in Argelès and the fact that the show is the centre piece of a wider festival and celebration of the local Basque culture and the role these iconic breeds of dogs from the region have played in local peasant life make it so much more than just a show.

So what about the results themselves? Normally the UK has 5 or 6 PSD exhibitors at the show but this year there were only two. Pat and Steve Phillips with 3 dogs and my wife and myself who took over 2 dogs and although



slightly down on numbers, this year's results were absolutely outstanding.

On the Saturday in a very strong Open Male Class of 43 dogs Steve Phillips with Gazost II



Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Oscar) and our own (Flint's) Gastibelza de L'Oustaou de Padel came through an extremely competitive competition to reach the final 12 dogs to be considered by judge Jean - Jacques Dupas. Mr Dupas certainly put the final group through their paces. The process was one of continual movement in a very large ring requiring a fair bit of stamina by the handler as well as the dog. After seeing the final group move judge Dupas would select one dog to be removed and then everyone would be moved again before the next dog was eliminated. It really felt likeand then there was 11... and then there were 10 etc etc. You certainly had to be on your toes doing your best to ensure that your dog continued to perform and catch the judges eye even though the whole process was exhausting. Our own Gastibelza was eliminated in 11th position and Oscar was eliminated in 7th position just missing out on one of the final 6 awards up for grabs in the Open Dog competition. Oscar in particular was eye catching in his movement and drew comments from some who thought that a higher placing was justified. Well done to him.



On the Sunday Steve and Pat Phillips' took a very creditable 5th place and grade of excellent in Jeune Female with Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara but the highlight for Steve and Pat was taking 2nd place and the Res CAC in a very large class of 42 in Open Female with Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara.



This is the second year "on the trot" that Friponne has taken the RCAC which is a fantastic achievement and only pipped this year by another outstanding French Dog that also could really move. Finally our own young



home bred female Sandytrail Encorcele (Blue) showed her socks off to take 1st place and top honours in a very strong Intermediate Female class under judge Jean Jacques Dupas.

As Intermediate winner, Blue went on to compete with Friponne and the winner of the Open Female class for the CAC/RCAC. Having both Blue and Friponne competing in the final 3 for top female honours certainly sent a few key signals to many of the French breeders as well as sending the UK contingent off with a spring in their step for some well deserved celebrations. "

(Thanks to W, Bruggeman for taking the original photos at Argeles)

Eion Flint Sandytrail

MEMBERS RESULTS FROM THE NATIONAL ELEVAGE



FACE RASE

Veteran Male:-

1st Exc. Vitalis des Forges des Thor
Marie Lou Derache

Open Male:-

1st Exe.CACS Best Male
Fox du Pic d'Espade
Norbert Gainche

Int. Female :-

1st Exc. Hermione des Forges de Thor
Marie Lou Derache

Open Female:-

2nd Exe. RCACS
Frimousse du Pic d'Espade
Norbert Gainche

Champion Female:-

1st Exc. Ch. Fifi-Brin-d'Acier des Forges de Thor
Marie-Lou Derache

3rd Exc. Ch. Jadore of Nobel's Kingdom
Ann de Clercq

Venerable Female:-

1st Exc. BOB
Ch. Saphir Bleu de Loubajac
Ann de Clercq

LONG HAIRED

Open Male:-

4th Exc. Hob-Nob's Scandinave
Monica Westerburg

Exc. Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel
Shane and Eion Flint

Exc. Gazost du Pic d'Espade Kelltara
Pat Phillips

Exc. Haro du Pic d'Espade
Norbert Gainche

Champion Male:-

3rd Exc. Ch.Hob-Nob's Fantome
Monica Westerburg

5th Exc. Ch. Davalar de l'Oustaou de Padel
Dora Buelens-Moortgat

Young Female:-

5th Exc. Intrepide du Pic d'Espade
Pat Phillips

Intermediate Females:-

1st Exc. Sandytrail Ensorcele
Shane and Eion Flint

4th Exc. Honey du Pic d'Espade
Norbert Gainche

Open Female:-

2nd Exc. RCACS
Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara
Pat Phillips

Champion Female:-

4th TB Ch Kline du Pic de Pioulou
Veerle Vericke

Veteran Female:-

Exe.Tiffene du Mont Saint Germain
Marie-Lou Derache

Exe. U'Zoe du Pic d'Espade
Norbert Gainche



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GREAT NEWS

At the time of going to press we heard that the PSD Club of GB Obreedience team has qualified for Crufts 2015. Congratulations to all concerned especially given the limited time they have had to prepare. Over twenty teams of a variety of breeds competed for just ten places and there was stiff competition. In actual fact twelve teams have gone through to the final such was the high standard.

We look forward to seeing them compete at Crufts and in doing so show casing our wonderful breed.

**Driffield Agricultural Society 2014
Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)**

**18th-21st September
Judge: Mrs Meriel Weston**

BEST OF BREED : Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH
Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH
Res Best Dog : Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit Sh.CM
Mrs R E ROBSON & Miss K L ROBSON
Best Bitch : Norlyght Satu Juta
Mrs C E BROWN & Mr & Mrs SUCH
Res Best Bitch : Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou (Imp) Mr
C J & Mrs P M SUCH
Best Puppy : Kimrand Pixie Belle
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

Class OD (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Norlyght Biassono Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH
2nd Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit Sh.CM:
Mrs R E ROBSON & Miss K L ROBSON

Class GCD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit Sh.CM
Mrs R E ROBSON & Miss K L ROBSON

Class PB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Kimrand Pixie Belle
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

Class JB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Norlyght Satu Juta
Mrs C E BROWN & Mr & Mrs SUCH

Class OB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou (Imp)
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH
2nd: Ivydale Nightjar Meslabrit Sh.CM
Mrs R E ROBSON & Miss K L ROBSON

Class GCB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Nightjar Meslabrit Sh.CM
Mrs R E ROBSON & Miss K L ROBSON



Belfast Dog Show Society

27th & 28th September 2014

AVNSC Pastoral

Judge: MR PAUL HARDING

RBB

Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramor AWS
(MRS S A & MRS A MORLEY & ROGERSON)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST

Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramor AWS
(MRS S A & MRS A MORLEY & ROGERSON)

**Midland Counties Canine Society
23rd - 26th October**

AVNSC Pastoral

Judge: Stuart Plane

Open - Dog

Entries: 6 Absentees: 1

RES Swe Ch/Nor Ch Hob-Nob's Soleil Of
Jentilima(Imp Swe) (Mrs C M MILNES)

**Working and Pastoral Breeds Ass.
of Scotland**

1st November 2014

Judge: Mrs Ruth Wright

Puppy Dog/Bitch:

1. Buchanan- Hislop's: Sandytrail Solitaire avec Ciopar (Best Puppy)
2. Gallagher's: Sandytrail Sans Egal avec Calindi

Post Graduate Dog/Bitch:

1. Hawkswell's Rozimba Cassia

Open Dog/Bitch:

1. Flint's: Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel (Best of Breed)
2. Morley and Rogerson's Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramor
3. Flint's: Sandytrail Encorcelé

Class OD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Class JB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS
2nd: Kimrand Pixie Belle
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

Class OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara Imp Fra
(Imp) PHILLIPS Mrs P
2nd: Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou (Imp)
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

**Judging for Best in Pastoral Group
Judge: Mr Michael L Vines**

3rd : Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara Imp
Fra PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG (Long Haired)
Mrs P PHILLIPS



Mrs P Phillip's Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara Imp with group judge Mr M L Vines having been awarded Group 3.

This is Friponne's 5th group placing and congratulations go Pat and Steve Philipps on their superb achievement.

**Darlington Dog Show Society 2014
Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)**

12th-14th September

Judge: Mrs B Bodle

BEST OF BREED : Rozimba Bareges,
Miss S GIBBONS & Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH
Best Dog : Rozimba Bareges
Miss S GIBBONS & Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH
Res Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH
Best Bitch : Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara
(Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS
Res Best Bitch : Kimrand Pixie Belle
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL
Best Puppy : Kimrand Pixie Belle
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL
Best Veteran ; Merrywood Rising Star Avec
Chikaramor AW(S)
Mrs S A MORLEY & Mrs A ROGERSON

Class VD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor
AW(S), Mrs S A MORLEY & Mrs A
ROGERSON
2nd: Kimrand Bonne Amie
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

Class OD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Rozimba Bareges
Miss S GIBBONS & Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH
2nd: Norlyght Biassono Mr C J & Mrs P M
SUCH

Class PB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Kimrand Pixie Belle
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

Class YB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara Imp Fra
Mrs P PHILLIPS

Class PGB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Seacourt Esprit du Vent For Thymewinds
Mrs W A SMITH

Class OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS
2nd: Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou (Imp)

SHOWING RESULTS

The Welsh Kennel Club 2014

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

15-17th August

Judge: Mr S Hall

BEST OF BREED : Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Dog : Swed & Nord Ch Hob Nob's Soleil of Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C M MILNES

Res Best Dog : Dutch Ch Caloy de Loubajac (Imp) Ger Mrs M P WESTON

Best Bitch : Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Res Best Bitch : Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Puppy : Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Class OD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Swed & Nord Ch Hob Nob's Soleil of Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C M MILNES

2nd: Dutch Ch Caloy de Loubajac (Imp) Ger Mrs M P WESTON

Class JB (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Class OB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

City Of Birmingham Canine Association 2014

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

29th-31st August

Judge: Mrs J Peak

BEST OF BREED :

Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C M MILNES

Best Dog : Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C M MILNES

Res Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Best Bitch : Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou (Imp) Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Res Best Bitch : Intrepide du Pic d'espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Puppy : Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Class OD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C M MILNES

2nd: Norlyght Biassono Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Class PB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

2nd: Kimrand Pixie Belle Mr F J RANDALL, & Miss K RANDALL

Class JB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Norlyght Satu Juta

Mrs C E BROWN & Mr & Mrs SUCH

Class PGB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Seacourt Esprit du Vent for Thymewinds Mrs W A SMITH

2nd: Norlyght Satu Juta Mrs C E BROWN & Mr & Mrs SUCH

Class OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou (Imp) Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

2nd: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Pastoral Puppy Group

Judge: Mrs V Foss

3rd : Intrepide du Pic D'espade Kelltara (Imp) - PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG (Long Haired) - Bitch Mrs P PHILLIPS

Richmond Championship Dog Show 2014

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

5th-7th September

Judge: Wendy Smith (Thymewinds)

BEST OF BREED : Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Best Bitch : Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara Imp Mrs P PHILLIPS

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Championship Dog Shows 2015

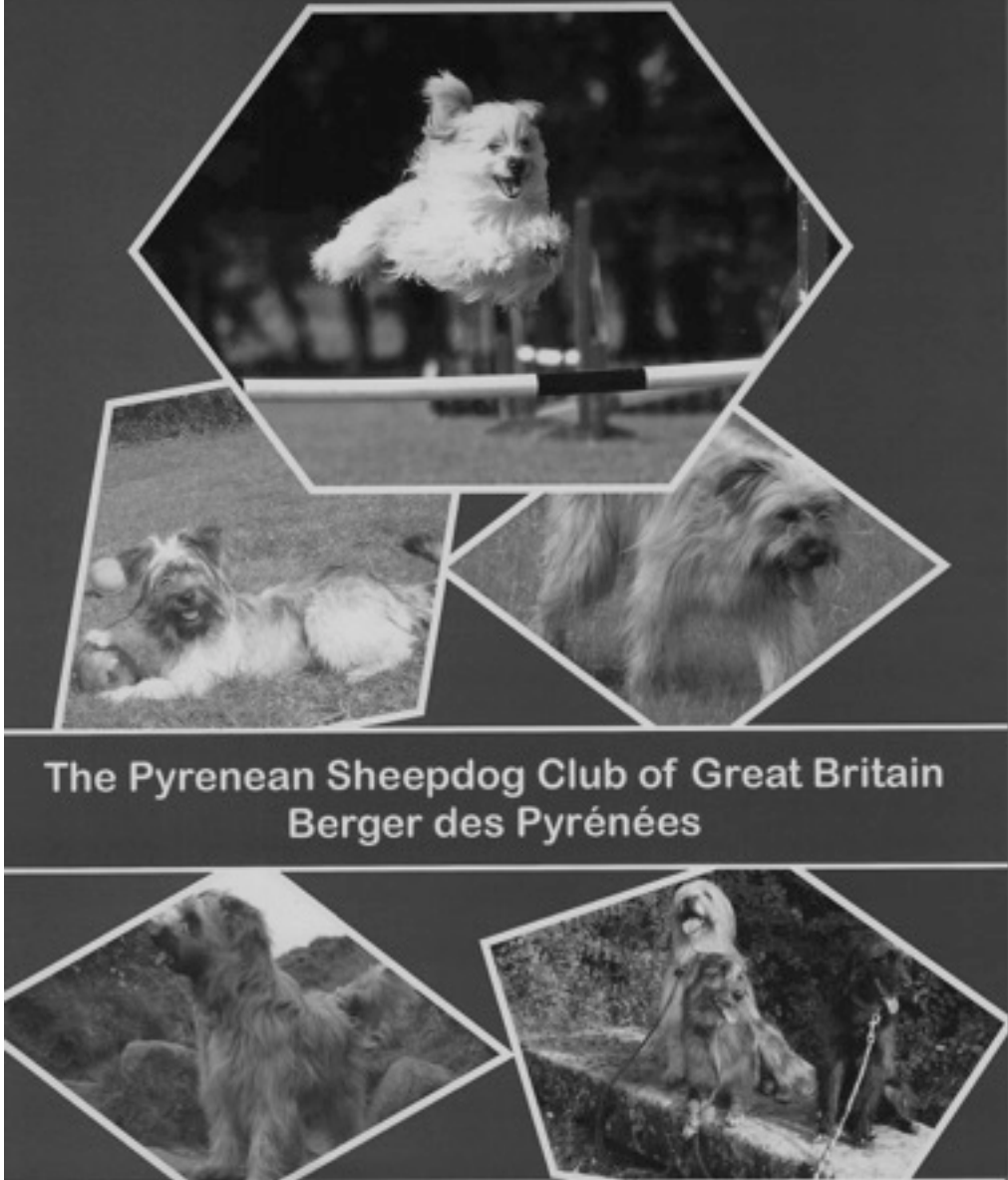
<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Jan 8 th Jan 17 th	Boston & District Canine Society Manchester Dog Show Society	Peterborough Stafford
Mar 6 th	Crufts ****	NEC Birmingham
Apr 18 th Apr 24 th	Working & Pastoral Breeds of Wales **** West of England Ladies Kennel Association	Builth Wells Malvern
May 7 th May 17 th May 24 th May 31 st	Birmingham Dog Show Society (The National) **** Scottish Kennel Club Bath Canine Society **** Southern Counties	Stafford Edinburgh Bath Newbury
Jun 5 th Jun 21 st Jun 28 th	Three Counties Agricultural Show Border Union Agricultural Society Blackpool & District Canine Society ****	Malvern Kelso Blackpool
Jul 3 rd Jul 11 th Jul 12 th Jul 26 th	Windsor Dog Show Society **** National Working & Pastoral Breeds **** East of England Agricultural Society **** Leeds City & District Canine Society ****	Windsor Malvern Peterborough Harewood Estate
Aug 3 rd Aug 10 th Aug 22 nd Aug 29 th	Paignton & District Fanciers Association **** Bournemouth Canine Association Welsh Kennel Club **** Scottish Kennel Club	Clyst Devon Brockenhurst Builth Wells Edinburgh
Sept 5 th Sept 12 th Sept 19 th Sept 27 th	City of Birmingham Canine Association **** Richmond Dog Show Society **** Darlington Dog Show Society **** Belfast Dog Show Society	Stoneleigh Guildford Ripon Belfast
Oct 1 st Oct 9 th Oct 24 th	Driffield Agricultural Society **** South Wales Kennel Association Midland Counties Canine Association	Wetherby Builth Wells Stafford
Nov 7 th Dec 12 th	Working & Pastoral Breeds Association of Scotland **** Ladies Kennel Association	Edinburgh NEC Birmingham

**** Indicates shows which gave us breed classes in 2014

Open Shows which have confirmed PSD Class(es) 2015

14 th Feb	National Working & Pastoral Breeds	Sec Mrs C Canty 01636 892310
19 th April	Sunderland & District Canine Society	Sec. Mrs Morrison 0191 523 5202
2 nd May	Seaham & District Canine Society	Sec. Mrs Wake 0191 520 2930
4 th July	Ashington & District Canine Society	Sec. Mrs Purves 01670 503 420
29 th Nov	Sunderland & District Canine Society	Sec. Mrs Morrison 0191 523 5202

Pyrenean Sheepdog 2015 Calendar



The Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain
Berger des Pyrénées

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WALK AT OLD
HUNSTANTON BEACH
SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER





PSD Club of GB Obreedience Team strut their stuff at the auditions for a place at Crufts 2015