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From the Editor

The word I have kept repeating for the Smooth-Faced PSD this year has been “momentous”.

We manned the breed stand at Crufts for the first time, 12 Smooth-Faced came along—over half the UK population I was so please and proud—it was momentous.

The KC rolled out the red carpet as well with broadcast from the red sofa with Clair Balding and Iffa to interviews that went on the KC website (see here https://www.kennelclub.cre8media.online/1073239/10223862-teresa-stretton-pyrenean-smooth-faced-sheepdog?fbclid=IwAR0oieGtw0c5Zuztluz1p5_f0wtNSgHkumuHEaIjguYy-10xOVJI-vBylly)

And finally to be in the show ring at the PSD club show in April was yet another momentous event.

I’d like to say thanks once again to the support given to our new breed from the Club—without which none of the above would have been possible.

The next step will be to enter the next shows and to try to learn a new discipline with our amazing Pyries.

Regards Carl

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From the Chair

There are just a few points that I would like to highlight in this, our Spring edition of the Club Magazine.

Club Membership: Firstly I would just like to thank everyone for renewing their Club membership so promptly this year. As a small rare breed club your membership fees are so important to our very existence and underpin the finances that allow us to promote and protect our breeds and run the activities that we do.



After a difficult period through Covid our membership numbers have held up well with nearly everyone renewing this year. In addition we have managed to add a few new or returning members which bodes well for the future. A warm welcome to members Jono & Emma Slack, Janet Jessop, Tina & Clive Pickering, Jeannie Gwilliam, Sally Cooper and Joanna Boyle.

2022 AGM: We held a well attended and successful meeting with 24 members in attendance (incl. committee) via the Zoom app. On line AGM's appear to work well for us although we will take nothing for granted and remain open to member's views with regards to future AGM's. Post the AGM we had a very useful informal discussion with attendees on the relative decline of the breed here in the UK. Our numbers have reduced to 131 dogs, under 12 years of age and 78 of these are over the age of 7 years. There are another 50 dogs or so over 13 years of age.

This represents approx, a 50% reduction on the UK population of 15 years ago. Clearly we need to halt the decline and your Committee will be working on initiatives to reverse this trend. However the likely solutions are unlikely to be a quick fix, we will keep you informed.

Club Show: At the time of going to press with this magazine we have just completed a very successful Club Show. The weather was fantastic as was the turnout of dogs and humans. We had 25 Long Haired and 12 Smooth Faced entered along with another 10 or so other PSD that came along just to chill out, meet friends and have a go at the other activities on the day. At last count and including our friends from the Catalan Club Show we had just over 60 humans on site which created a very positive and relaxed atmosphere within which to enjoy the day. More details are covered elsewhere in this magazine but I would just like to thank everyone who attended and made the day such a success.

Finally I would just like to thank all those committed PSD owners (LH and SF) that did such a brilliant job manning the breed stand at Crufts in March. Massive thanks to Liz & Chris Lewis, Pauline Keable, Margaret Challans, Roy and Roz Norman, Shane Flint, Rebecca & Katie Robson, John & Julie Farrar, Carl & Teresa Stretton, Vicky Wilford, Pauline Mc Geoch, Dave Anderson, Jo Brett, Jess Barton, Sally Cooper, Anne Coogan and of course all their wonderful Pyreneans for performing so well. Hope you all enjoyed it.

Eion Flint
Chair

Around the Show Ring

Well Spring has well and truly arrived and although the temperatures are still a bit crisp it is great to have had some lovely long sunny dry spells. through March and April. Everything is growing fast and I just love getting the Pyreneans out at this time of year with the winter mud well and truly behind us. From a personal and a Club point of view, March and April has been a busy time in terms of Show activity, with Crufts week in March and also the Club's Breed Open Show taking place on the 10th April.

For those that don't get the dog papers I have listed the full results from both shows and have included the judge's critique from Crufts. When I get the critique for the Club Breed Show I will include this in the next Magazine.

All the dogs at both events did a really great job of representing the breeds and both judges were very pleased with the entries that they received.

We had a great turnout at the Club Show with 25 Long haired and 12 Smooth Faced entered. The weather was great we had a super crowd attend and the atmosphere was very relaxed and I think everyone really enjoyed themselves.

At Crufts I was so proud that my Blue (Sandytrail Ensorcélé) won her 3rd Best of Breed at Crufts at the grand age of 9 years and went on to be shortlisted in the Pastoral Group. The TV coverage was excellent and I hope everyone saw it.

Finally, in this edition I have tried to capture a good selection of photos from Crufts including Discover Dogs as well of course a selection from the Club Show. Best wishes for a great summer with your little Bergers.

Shane Flint
Sandytrail Pyrenean Sheepdogs



PSD Club Breed Open Show April 2022 - Judge Johan Wul- teputte

Main Results

Best in Show: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit

Res Best in Show & Best Veteran: Flint's Bel/Fin CH Gastibelza
de L'Oustaou de Padel

Best Post Graduate: Lucas' Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor

Best Junior: Lucas' Selkie des Haies de Chenes Verts at Shiningtor

Class Results

Post Graduate Dog

1st: Flint & Snelling's Sandytrail Chevalier Noir

2nd: Norman's Sandytrail Ours Noir

3rd: Such's Norlyght Wickety Wicket

Limit Dog

1st: Lucas' Sandytrail Stargazer at Shiningtor

Open Dog

1st Flint's Sandytrail Sorcerer (*Res Best Dog*)

Veteran dog

1st: Flint's Bel/Fin CH Gastibelza de L'Oustaou de Padel (*Best Dog*)

2nd: Robson's Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit

3rd: Varnes' Larrau de la Mesta Pastores

4th: Farrar's Norlyght Tiga Semblian

Good Citizen Dog

1st: Robson's Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit

2nd: Varnes' Larrau de la Mesta Pastores

3rd: Farrar's Norlyght Tiga Semblian

Junior Bitch

1st: Lucas' Selkie des Haies de Chenes Verts at Shiningtor

Post Graduate Bitch

1st: Lucas' Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor

2nd: Ready or Not du Pic d'Espade of Amienko
3rd: Keable's Sawara Echo Beach

Limit Bitch

1st: Morgan's Sandytrail Suzette (*Res Best Bitch*)
2nd: Keable's Sawara Double Trouble
3rd: Bacon's Portia du Pic de Pioulou

Open Bitch

1st: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit (*Best Bitch*)
2nd: Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko

Veteran Bitch

1st: Flint's Entre Nous Romance Sans Paroles
2nd: Slack's Sandytrail Dona Sabine
3rd: Batt's Norlyght Satu Juta
Res: Challans' Jolie
VHC: Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko

Good Citizen Bitch

1st: Morgan's Sandytrail Suzette
2nd: Lucas' Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor
3rd: Keable's Sawara Double Trouble
Res: Batt's Norlyght Satu Juta
VHC: Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko

Special Working Dog or Bitch

1st: Lucas' Sandytrail Starstruck at Shiningtor
2nd: Keable's Sawara Echo Beach
3rd: Challans' Jolie

Special AV Import Breed Register - Pyrenean Sheepdog Competition

(Pyrenean Sheepdog Smooth Faced)

Main Results

Special Best of Breed: Wilford's Int SH CH Iffa Noire Forges des Thor at Cavronscourt

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

Special Res Best Dog: Wilford's Jester of Nobels Kingdom at Cavronscourt

Special Best Bitch: Wilford's Int SH CH Iffa Noire Forges des Thor at Cavrns court

Special Res Best Bitch: Stretton & Cooper's Notterts Char Ly Arlecchino

Class Results

Special Post graduate Dog

1st: Stretton's Notterts Bra Vo Pan Pan Pan (*Best Dog*)

2nd: Cooper's Notterts Bra Vo Black Raven

3rd: McGeoch's Cavrns court Mirren

Res: Coogan's Notterts Char Ly Blazing Sun

Special Open Dog

1st: Stretton's Notterts Bra Vo Pan Pan Pan

2nd: Wilford's Cavrns court Midas Touch

Special Veteran Dog

1st: Wilford's Jester of Nobels Kingdom at Cavrns court (*Res Best Dog*)

Special Post graduate Bitch

1st: Stretton & Cooper's Notterts Char Ly Arlecchino (*Res Best Bitch*)

2nd: Stretton's Notterts Al Fa Black Beauty

Special Open Bitch

1st: Wilford's Int SH CH Iffa Noire Forges des Thor at Cavrns court (*Best Bitch*)

2nd: Stretton's Tottakai Voin Valopilkku at Notterts

3rd: Stretton's Notterts Al Fa Black Beauty

Special Veteran Bitch

1st: Stretton's Tottakai Voin Valopilkku at Notterts

Crufts Results - Critique

Crufts 2022 Results

Pyrenean Sheepdog Long Haired

Judge: Mr Keith Baldwin

Best of Breed: Bel/Fin CH Sandytrail Ensorcélé. (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

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

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

Best Bitch: Bel/Fin CH Sandytrail Ensorcélé (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

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

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

Veteran Dog

1: Flint's Bel/Fin CH Gastibelza de L'Oustaou de Padel. 10 years young black boy, fit and energetic for his years, he must have been fun to show giving you lots of lovely memories, masculine head with expressive dark eyes and scissor bite with nice big teeth, ears well placed, neck of good length set well into shoulders, prominent wither and front legs viewed straight, body lean and muscular with loin slightly arched, rear quarters well muscled with hocks low set, harsh coat that is corded over rear, moved out with vigour holding his head high **Best Veteran**.

Post Graduate Dog

1: Lucas's Sandytrail Stargazer at Shiningtor. 4 years old black of excellent breed type, masculine head with dark brown eyes that are almond shaped, dark pigmented mouth and scissor bite, long neck set well into his shoulder, ribs extending well back, short loin slightly arched, nice harsh coat this corded to the rear, well angulated front and rear quarters, moved smooth and free, well shown, **Reserve Best Dog**. 2: Norman's Sandytrail Ours Noir. 18 months old black, a bit overwhelmed with the whole idea of showing, handler coped well but he would not be handled. Fine in muzzle and proud tail on the move, also I prefer much better movement going away. More attention to road work and socialising required.

Open Dog

1: Flint's Sandytrail Sorcerer. 5 years old black/grey brindle, stands out for breed type and is well constructed, crisp, clean outline that makes a racy silhouette in profile and so easy to go over, masculine head with well placed ears, dark brown oval shaped eyes, scissor bite, neck of good length and fitting well into his body, carrying a bit too much weight on the loin, excellent coat corded to the rear, ample bone and well angulated quarters, moved with vigour, **Best Dog**. 2: Norman's Sandytrail Ours Noir. Repeat of 2nd in Post Grad.

Veteran Bitch

1: Flint's Entre Nous Romance Sans Paroles. 7 years old black that is tail-less, feminine head and scissor bite with dark pigmented mouth, very alert and attentive to handler, front legs straight with slightly sloping pasterns, nice body shape with harsh coat, she seemed to enjoy her day out. 2: Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko. Eight and a half year old reddy fawn, feminine head, body very slender and thin, coat not very dense and flat, front legs viewed straight but very dainty, she is just too racy for me today.

Junior Bitch

1. Ready or Not du Pic d'Espade. 17 months old light fawn, feminine head with dark brown eyes that are oval in shape, ears placed on top of head, scissor bite, muscular neck setting well into her long shoulder, ribs extending well back, nice harsh and slightly wooly coat, well angulated rear quarters, on the move she twists her rump to the right kicking her left hock out, well shown.

Post Graduate Bitch

1: Morgan's Sandytrail Suzette. Three and a half years old, sandy fawn with black overlay to ears, feminine head with dark brown eyes that are almond shaped, dark pigmented mouth with scissor bite, long neck setting well into her shoulder, ribs extending well back, nice harsh flat coat, well angulated quarters, moved smooth and free, well shown.

Open Bitch

1: Flint's Bel/Fin CH Sandytrail Ensorcélé. 8 years young grey, my star find of the day that pleased me immensely, typical feminine head with skull and fore-face parallel and minimum stop, correct dark eyes, scissor bite, ears are well placed and mobile in use, muscular slightly arched neck into firm body, lovely body shape in profile, coat coarse and wooly with cording to the rear, front legs parallel stood with ample bone and good feet, balanced angulation throughout that all came together on the move which was free with vigour.

Best Bitch & BOB. 2: Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit. 5 years old red/ fawn that is stunning and pushed the winner all the way, feminine head with dark brown eyes almond shaped, scissor bite, long neck setting into her shoulder, front legs viewed straight with flexible pasterns, ribs extending well back, nice harsh coat that has corroded to the rear, well angulated rear quarters, moved effortless and freely, well shown. **Reserve Best Bitch**

Good Citizen Bitch

1: Gwilliam's Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko. Repeat of 2nd in Veteran.

Pyrenean Sheepdog Smooth Faced AV Imported Breed Register (Pastoral)

Open Dog

VHC - Wilford's Cavronscourt Midas Touch

Crufts Breed Showing

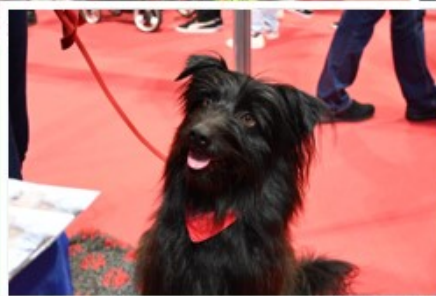




Crufts 2022 Discover Dogs

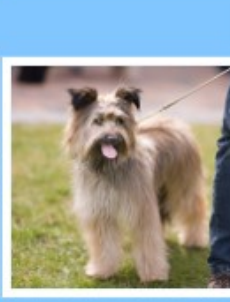
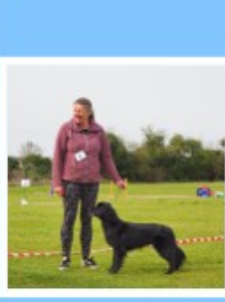
- 4 very busy days manning the breed stand at Crufts
- Long Haired and Smooth Faced on the breed stand together
- Fantastic support from owners and Club members with 21 owners and 23 dogs doing a great job to represent the breeds to a very enthusiastic public





Breed Open Show April 2022





Scrumpy's day at Crufts Discover Dogs

There's nothing worse than being rudely awoken at 5am on a Sunday. I for one love my bed and this was not my idea of fun, though, this did lead to an early breakfast, I love my food.

I should have known something was happening as uncle Keith came to stay and this normally means Mum and Dad are up to something.



We left home about 6.15am leaving my two pals behind but knew they would be ok with uncle Keith. Time for a bit more shut eye. We stopped after about an hour or so to have a break and then carried on with the rest of our journey.

I knew we were nearly there when we started queuing for what they call the car park and I could see all these people and dogs walking pass so took my chance and had a bark at them. We finally stopped and I was taken out of the car and we started walking just like the dogs I had been barking at.

It took us about 10/15 min to walk to the NEC, showed our tickets and we were in. We made our way to the Discover Dogs section and found the Pyrenean Sheepdog stand and were met by our Smooth Faced companions for the day, Finn and Panther. We got ourselves settled and were then joined by Blue and Marley for the Long Haired side of the stand.

I have done Discover Dogs for a few years now so knew what I had to do and as soon as I could I was out there stopping people as they walk past so that they had to make a fuss of me, also I have found that sitting on their feet makes them stay a bit longer.

Some of the bags that these people were carrying did smell rather good, so I tried to put my nose into them but for some reason this was frowned upon....but this didn't stop me trying,

It was quite a busy day with people stopping and chatting and it's amazing how tiring it is looking handsome and being made a fuss of and getting treats as well.

The day flew by and all too soon it was time to say our goodbyes and make our way out of Crufts, stopping at a stall or two on our way and walk back to the car.

Needless to say I slept well on the way home..

Thanks

Julie & John Farrar

Annual General Meeting 2022

The Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain

Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 20th February 2022

Via "Zoom" Online Meeting APP

Meeting opened at 12:05pm

In attendance:

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

Members - Penny Varnes (PV), Cynthia Milnes (CM), Anne Coogan (AC), Margaret Challans (MC), Chris Lewis (CL), Liz Lewis (LL), Carla Senkpiehl (CSe), Klaus Senkpiehl (KSe), Pauline Kesble (PK), Teresa Stretton (TS), Roy Norman, Julie Farrar (JF), John Farrar (JF), Kim Randall (KR).

Apologies - Mary Abbot, Joan Snelling, Sara Hawkswell, Angie Fieldsend.

Minutes of last Meeting 2021 AGM

EF clarified that the date was amended as there was a typo and the date read 2001 which RR had corrected to 2021.

The minutes were approved by Liz Lewis and Seconded by David Wescott.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was read out by Eion Flint which will be printed in the Club's Spring Magazine that is sent to all members.

EF praised Vicky Wilford's health survey as it was a great success, 46 people submitted a survey totalling 76 dogs.

Treasurer's Report

James Gosnold read out his Treasurer's report which will also be printed in the Club's Spring Magazine.

Liz and Chris Lewis asked if the PSD rescue/welfare funds could be audited/identified separately in future. JG did point out that the Rescue/welfare funds were separately identified and accounted for by the auditor on the Club's balance sheet. It was agreed that it was sensible to differentiate between the Club's available income for active expenditure items and flagged that it would be possible to have a separate Bank account for Rescue, but this was probably not appropriate given the limited activity on Rescue and Welfare balances.

Margaret Challans asked if any rescues had been funded. EF said none had been funded to his knowledge in the last 10 years but placements/re-homes did occur from time to time although largely not involving the Club and those that have, have not cost the club any money.

EF highlighted that Sara Hawkswell was responsible for co-ordinating the Club's Rescue activity. The Club's Rescue Policy had been formally defined and could be found on its own page on the website. Work was still required to identify the Club's Rescue process, including identifying volunteer resources for moving dogs around the country, completing

new home checks, temporary foster homes and ultimately building an appropriate listing of individuals seeking a rescue dog.

Chris Lewis acknowledged that a good job was being done to hold membership levels at current levels but that from a financial point of view it would be important not to let membership fall.

EF flagged that the 2019 Seminar made £379 profit and that activities like this were a good balance against falling membership income

CL asked why Crufts was late in sending money. JG explained that the Kennel Club should have paid it in November but their own operational problems had delayed payment until January. They also had sent the money twice and he had to return it. JG highlighted that there were still some small accounts posting issues but he was trying to tidy these up going forward so that Income and Expenditure was transparent for members.

The accounts were approved: Nominator Carl Stretton, 2nd Chris Lewis.

Elect the Club's Auditor For 2022.

It was agreed to continue with Lorraine Phelps FCCA as Club Auditor. Nominated by Katie Robson, 2nd Klaus Senkpiehl.

Announce Names of Officers and Committee for 2022

No new nominations had been received for Committee and therefore EF confirmed the following appointments:

Secretary: Rebecca Robson - confirmed, nominated by Eion Flint, 2nd Sara Hawkswell
Treasurer: James Gosnold - confirmed, continues without need for nomination
Committee: David Wescott - confirmed, continues without need for nomination
Vikki Lucas - confirmed, nominated by Sara Hawkswell, 2nd Katie Robson.
Angie Fieldsend - confirmed, nominated by Pat Wescott, 2nd Shane Flint

Presentation of Trophies/Certificates by the Chairman

3 new disciplines:

Scent work: 1st Anne Coogan & Luca

Hoopers: 1st Anne Coogan & Luca

Rally: 1st Vicky Wilford & Midas

Agility: This was a close fought competition in the 2nd half year, with some very high points totals highlighting the efforts made to get out and compete.

1st Vicky Lucas & Pixie

2nd Pauline Keable & Effie

Show Points:

Rozimba Puppy Trophy- this was a 3 way tie between Roz and Roy Norman's Bear, Joan and Mick Snelling's Bob and Vicki Lucas and James Gosnold's Selkie.

It was agreed that the winners would have the trophy for 4 months each.

The Keltara Trophy was donated by Pat and Steve Phillips and is awarded for most show points to encourage people to get out and fly the flag for the breed in the show ring. This year the trophy went to Shane and Eion Flint's Gastibelza, runner up was Marley and 3rd was Blue.

EF thanked all the winners for keeping the breed visible in the various competitions and asked all winners to take photos of their dogs when they receive their certificates/trophies

and send them in before the end of March to Carl Stretton so they can be printed in the Clubs Spring Magazine.

Discover Dogs

Sara Hawkswell has taken a step back from this duty and Carl Stretton now has the stand materials at his house. Carl lives in a central location and the stand materials can be easily picked up by other committee members if needed.

Now we have the Smooth Faced recognition we have 2 stands and we had a lot more space at November's Discover Dogs. We are hoping the same will apply at Crufts. Rebecca Robson has ordered the tickets and Car park passes and they should arrive in the next week and will be sent out to those manning the stands. Carl Stretton is travelling down the day before and putting up the stands.

A list has been formulated for each day,

Long haired - Thursday- Liz & Chris Lewis and Geordie, Pauline Keable x2 dogs, Margaret Challans x1 dog

Friday- Eion Flint x2 dogs, Roz & Roy Norman with Bear

Saturday- Shane Flint x2 dogs, Katie & Rebecca Robson with Hera

Sunday- Eion Flint x2 dogs Julie and John Farrar x1 dog,

Smooth Face - Thursday- Carl & Teresa Stretton (no dogs as setting up), Jess Barton with Meeko, Jo Brett with Jack, David Anderson with Skye

Friday - Vicky Wilford with Iffa, Pauline McGeogh with Mirren

Saturday- Sally Cooper with Raven and Nevar, Anne Coogan with Luca

Sunday- Carl and Teresa with Pan and Jess (plus dismantling the Stand)

AOB

Breed Supplements: Liz Lewis mentioned that she would like to see the information from the KC breed supplements put into the Club Magazine as used to happen. This was acknowledged.

Merchandise: LL queried the selling of merchandise on the Club website. EF explained that there is a fully functional shop application on the website that could be up and running on a commercial basis, but card transactions would be charged a % from the profits. EF analogy was using a sledgehammer to crack a walnut. It was thought better to try and find limited quality items that could be ordered via email to the committee member in charge of merchandise and despatched within say a week and the monies be paid straight into the club account.

LL flagged that merchandise has been talked about at length for years by the club's various committees, past and present and always found it difficult to develop an effective approach. The dilemma is, what products to buy as we are partly constrained by funds and being left with stock. The idea of buying to order seems much better if the supplier is reliable.

EF looking into having some artwork done to use on items to make them bespoke to our club.

Shane Flint has identified some glass Patio Lanterns for indoor or outdoor use that can be engraved. Also some hanging leaded window glasses and slate/glass coasters. The items are not expensive but the engraving pushes up the price and it may be too expensive for the club. The items would be more of a keep sake. The items identified by SF are for the auction at the club show in April which Shane and Eion are donating.

Kim Randall suggested that we start the auction on line before the show so as not to exclude members who are not able to attend the Club show. EF will take this forward, if it is not feasible for the Show auction items then the idea of an on line Auction fundraiser on some new items/donations is a good idea.

LL suggested printing on acrylic that she had seen, EF will look into this and confirmed that glass or metal items can be done by sandblasting, laser cutting on slate. There is an initial cost for setting up the artwork.

Chris Lewis noted that there was an issue to find items and to limit the amount of items. He had found that car stickers were good sellers and smaller items could be taken abroad to be sold by hand.

Cynthia Milnes mentioned badges and the cardboard cut out prize cards as they were extremely popular. EF said they were very expensive to have made but it was worth looking into again. KR had organised these originally.

EF confirmed that the club needed to boost it's finances through merchandise and not have to rely solely on membership subs.

Smooth Faced Registrations: Teresa Stretton is having problems registering her puppies with the KC and that is why not many Smooth Faced are seen in the ring and could the club help with contacting the KC. Vicky Wilford agreed and said it had posed a real problem for her.

Eion Flint said he would help TS as much as he could and that they may have an opportunity to talk to a senior decision maker at Crufts.

EF will also contact our President Jeff Horswell to discuss registrations of the smooth faced.

Teresa Stretton has been trying to get the registrations sorted since September and she doesn't want to fall short of her puppy owners.

The meeting was closed at 13:33

An informal discussion continued after the meeting about the future and direction of the club which will be discussed further by committee.

Chairman's Report AGM 2022 (20/02/2022)

Covid

I really look forward to a time when I don't need to open my Chairman's Report with commentary about the Covid Pandemic but for a second year the virus and all the government and KC restrictions and guidance continued to have a massive impact on Canine activities including those of the club. The 1st half of 2021 was effectively constrained by "shut down" conditions, stopping shows and other competitive activity. Crufts was cancelled for the 1st time in its history and the timing of our own Club Show in June and restrictions on our venue at Bearley, meant that we had to unfortunately cancel.

Against this back drop your committee have worked hard to maintain interest and support for the Club and I am pleased to report that Club membership numbers in 2021 have been maintained at similar levels to 2020. In 2018/2019 we did see a drop in our historic membership numbers but 2020, 2021 has seen membership numbers stabilise at the 70-75 mark and after a really proactive effort last month we are on track to maintain this in 2022. I feel this is a real achievement given the very difficult Covid environment and the continued decline in PSD numbers here in the UK.

Club Show

We unfortunately had to cancel our 2021 Club Breed Open Show which was scheduled for the 7th June as the prevailing government Covid restrictions and decisions taken by the venue (Bearley Village Hall) meant that our booking had to be cancelled. We did have a potential date to rearrange in late August but resolving judge availability, dates and KC licence requirements proved too difficult to pull together. In addition some informal sounding out with potential attendees suggested that entry numbers would be quite poor and so we took the decision to postpone until 2022. As reported in our summer magazine we have taken the decision to co-locate our show with the Catalan Club Show in April. We believe this has the potential to raise the profile for both club's with all the added benefits of shared costs and fund raising, more attractive judging appointments with a fixed calendar date each year and of course we look forward to including classes for the Smooth Faced for the first time.

July to October saw canine activities starting to safely open up with the return of a number of major show competitions in both the Show Ring, Agility and Obedience. A number of club members were active with their PSD's at training events or trying out new disciplines such as man trailing and scent work which seemed to have flourished in the restricted environment.

Whilst I am not able to record and acknowledge our Crufts Best of Breed winner for 2021, as per custom, I would just like to acknowledge that the Our Dogs Top Dog Competition did take place in the year and the Top Pyrenean Sheepdog title went to joint winners BelFin CH Gastibelza de L'Oustau de Padel and BelFin CH Sandytrail Ensorcelé. Well done to them.

RACP Nationale d'Elevage (Argeles- Gazost)

The NE at Argeles Gazost managed to go ahead although under strict Covid restrictions. Numbers were down on historic levels but the event was another success for the RACP Committee with a remarkably good turnout given the Covid travel restrictions in place. The club was represented by club members, Vicky Wilford, Vikki Lucas, James Gosnold and Belgian members Ann Marie and Rudy Vercoetere. Well done to Vicky W for again winning the Champion Class with her Smooth Faced girl "Iffa" and also to Vikki and James with some "excellent" gradings for their PSD's Neon, Pixie and Selkie. Hopefully 2022 will see the normal UK and Belgian contingent able to make the "annual pilgrimage" to Argeles.

Smooth Faced Interim Breed Standard

At last year's AGM we were able to confirm that we had been able to achieve KC recognition for the Smooth Faced variant of the Pyrenean Sheepdog which took effect from 1st April 2021. Following this Vicky Wilford, Carl Stretton and myself continued to work with the KC in order to define and gain acceptance for an Interim Breed Standard. The KC were definitely in proactive mode and a new Interim Standard was approved in July allowing the Smooth Faced to be placed on the Import Breed Register. I am pleased to say that we were able to influence the KC very successfully in this process and all of our requirements and descriptions of the finer points of the breed were accepted without change which was a real achievement. From the 1st of September the Smooth Faced variant was able to compete at shows (Import Breed Register Classes) and I am pleased to acknowledge that Vicky Wilford will be Competing at Crufts 2022 with "Iffa and Midas", another important milestone for the breed here in the UK.

2022 Calendar

Rebecca Robson completed another wonderful Calendar for 2022. The calendar was another new, really innovative and creative design that is packed full of great photos of our little harders. Rebecca contributed hours of effort, generating and editing photos and creating the final copy for printing as well as following through in the sales process to ensure that all the Calendars were sold. The Calendar was received very positively and I know that Rebecca has had some lovely feedback particularly from those Club members not on the internet and who rely on the Calendar for their daily "Pyrenean fix". The Calendar was also a very important financial success for the club generating an income of £573.00 and a profit of £257.00 after costs. I hope that Club members agree that this was a fantastic effort and I would just like to thank Rebecca for her enthusiasm and creativity which made the project such a success.

Club Walk

With the easing of Covid restrictions Carl Stretton organised a Club walk in September at the lovely midlands venue of Pineshade Woods in East Northamptonshire. We had 5 members and 5 dogs attend the event although our Face Book advertising did identify 2 or 3 non members planning to come along. On the day however we received last minute apologies although hopefully we will be able to attract these individuals to future events. The venue was just brilliant as was the weather and all the dogs and humans really enjoyed a really chilled out walk. The dogs were great with each other as well as with the occasional other dogs that were met on the walk and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Carl and Teresa for all their efforts in making the event happen which was thoroughly researched and visited beforehand. A full programme of regional walks is planned for 2022.

Discover Dogs (Excel)

November saw the return of Discover Dogs at the Excel and the Club decided to fully man the breed stand over the Saturday and Sunday. This was the first opportunity for the Club to have both breed variants officially on the stand. We now qualify for a double stand which really gives a great space for visitors to come and meet both breeds. We made some small changes to our breed stand material with the addition of 2 new banners highlighting the differences between the breeds and we do intend to upgrade all the stand banners as a refresh. All the dogs we're kept very busy and did a great job for the breeds. I was really surprised at the number of people that wanted to talk in detail. So proud of all the dogs and how they met their public. Massive thanks to Carl and Teresa Stretton, Sally Cooper, Anne Coogan, John and Julie Farrar and Roy and Roz Norman and my son Dan for manning the stand with me and for bringing all their wonderful dogs.

Club Administration

I would just like to extend my thanks to all my Committee colleagues for their commitment and time that they give to the Club during the year. Your committee has remained active during the year and our Face Book Committee page allows us all to be in contact on a "real time" basis. We held 3 official Committee meetings via the Zoom app in March June and November. Under the editorship of Carl Stretton we continued to produce 3 excellent Club Magazines and for a small club I believe these are of exceptional quality. Looking towards 2022 we have set out our initial programme of activities for the year. The highlights are as follows:

- Crufts Discover Dogs/Breed Stand - (10th - 13th March)
- Breed Club Open Show at Bearley - (10th April)
- Regional Walks - (Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter) - dates/venues to be confirmed
- Club Members Agility Day - (end May or end September) - dates to be confirmed
- Breed Seminar - (end October) - date/venue to be confirmed
- Discover Dogs Excel - (November)

At time of writing this report our North East Regional Winter Walk has already taken place at the beginning of February. It was a great success with 8 members and 15 dogs taking part. Hopefully we can keep up this momentum throughout the year as we move to other regions with clusters of members. Finally, I would just like to thank Vikki Lucas for her past contribution as Club Secretary. Vikki took the decision to step down from the role in May due to ongoing health problems. Vikki will remain on Committee where she will be able to continue her contribution albeit on light duties. Equally I would like to thank Rebecca Robson for stepping up to take on the role during the year as Acting Secretary. Rebecca has really made her mark on the role, picking up her responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm and is committed to continue with the role going forward.

Elon Flint

Chair PSD Club of GB

Treasurer's Report 2022

Memberships

In 2021 we had 52 Member households representing a total of 71 members for the year, a reduction of 5 member households from the previous year. The accounts show an increase of £760 for membership subscriptions which is misleading, as £60 of this is in fact 2022 membership renewals that happened in late 2021, so has been misallocated. The renewal of memberships for 2022 has so far seen 43 households representing a total of 60 members having renewed. In addition, 3 new member households (5 members) have joined the club. Two of these household members had missed renewing last year. A couple of members have notified us they are not renewing their membership this year for various personal reasons leaving 7 households still too renew and the normal follow up/reminder process is underway.

Annual Accounts

2021 has been another challenging year, given the ongoing Covid pandemic and vaccines only just being rolled out, the decision was taken by the Committee not to hold the club show during 2021. As a result of this the Club has seen a reduction in income, however the club has been prudent in resources and has seen profit from areas that it has been involved with. The membership income has remained at a similar level to 2020, and calendar sales has seen a large increase by £426 from the previous year, a £256.88 profit. For the first time there was a stand for the Face Rase as well as the Poil Long at the Excel Discover Dogs for 2 days. A new banner was produced (£72) and manning the stalls (£140) combined expenditure recorded in the accounts of £212. The Kennel Club were to reimburse us £232 at the end of November, but we weren't reimbursed until well into January this year so it's not been reflected in the accounts. There was no Crufts last year so hence there was no income, and no merchandise has been sold. We haven't had all the expenses yet from postage of newsletters through so the postage expenses is a little light. We were overcharged by £15 for the last newsletter so we will be paying less for the next one when it's due. The red banding on the top of page 2 is just a date error format that can be disregarded.

James Gosnold

Treasurer

**AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT
BRITAIN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

I have completed the audit for the year ended 31 December 2021 for the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain.

The records were complete and represent the state of the club's finances as at 31 December 2021.

I have shown a creditor of £50 for my fees as this relates to this year's expenditure to therefore give a true surplus for the year of £202.43.

Overall income is slightly lower compared to 2020, membership income has increased by £66.00. Expenditure is £760.62 lower than 2020.

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

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

MRS LORRAINE PHELPS FCCA

19 JANUARY 2022

Club Accounts 2022

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	DR £	CR £
Balance b/f	2,623.26	
Receipts	1,146.00	
Difference written off		
Payments		1,280.95
Balance c/f		2,488.31
	<u>3,769.26</u>	<u>3,769.26</u>
	0.00	
Balance per bank statement dated 31/12/21		2,488.31
Add: Uncleared lodgements		
Less: Unpresented payments		
		0.00
		<u>2,488.31</u>

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

RECEIPTS

DATE	DETAILS	BANK	CASH	MEMBERSHIP	2022 PSD MEMBERSHIP RESCUE	DONATIONS	CALANDERS	OPEN SHOW
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	4/1/21	18.00		18.00				
	4/1/21	12.00		12.00				
	5/1/21	38.00				38.00		
	7/1/21	12.00		12.00				
	11/01/2021	12.00		12.00				
	11/01/2021	12.00		12.00				
	19/01/2021	18.00		18.00				
	25/01/2021	18.00		18.00				
	30/01/2021	18.00		18.00				
	25/02/2021	12.00		12.00				
	25/02/2021	12.00		12.00				
	01/03/2021	10.00		10.00				
	07/04/2021	18.00		18.00				
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	18.00		18.00				
	16/04/2021	28.00		18.00		10.00		
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	22.00		12.00		10.00		
	16/04/2021	17.00		12.00		5.00		
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	14.00		12.00		2.00		
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	16/04/2021	12.00		12.00				
	05/08/2021	12.00		12.00				
	27/09/2021	10.00					10.00	
	08/10/2021	10.00					10.00	
	21/10/2021	10.00					10.00	
	21/10/2021	60.00					60.00	
	04/11/2021	10.00					10.00	
	05/11/2021	10.00					10.00	
	08/11/2021	10.00					10.00	
	08/11/2021	30.00					30.00	
	08/11/2021	10.00					10.00	
	11/11/2021	22.00		12.00			10.00	
	24/11/2021	20.00					20.00	
	29/11/2021	10.00					10.00	

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank	1,222.31		1,422.26	
Cash at bank for Rescue & Welfare	1,266.00		1,201.00	
Petty cash	88.87		88.87	
	<u>2,577.18</u>		<u>2,712.13</u>	
Prepayments - Web Hosting			1.38	
Prepayments - Web Hosting £145.50 29/1/21 - 28/1/21	11.16		11.56	
Prepayments - Insurance £131.04 1/9/21 - 31/8/22	87.36			
	<u>2,675.70</u>		<u>2,725.27</u>	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Audit & Accounts Preparation Fee	-50.00		-50.00	
Deferred Income - Memberships	-36.00		-288.00	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>2,589.70</u>		<u>2,387.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,589.70</u>		<u>2,387.27</u>
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		<u>2,589.70</u>		<u>2,387.27</u>

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

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Membership subscriptions	760.00		694.00	
Calendar sales	573.00		147.00	
PSD Rescue Welfare	65.00		31.00	
Donations			43.00	
Donations for calendars			185.00	
KC Crufts			232.00	
Merchandise sales			62.50	
TOTAL INCOME		1,398.00		1,394.50
EXPENDITURE				
Dog show expenses:				
Kennel club licence			35.00	
Stationery			27.59	
Postage	118.31		233.84	
Newsletters	315.00		360.00	
Calendars	244.10		433.16	
Discover Dogs	212.00		270.00	
Insurance	43.68		88.96	
Kennel Club Show Licence	45.00		45.00	
Website	147.48		317.64	
Justice for Dogs Donation	20.00		20.00	
Hall hire for committee meetings			75.00	
Audit	50.00		50.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-1,195.57		-1,956.19
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		202.43		-561.69
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT B/F		2,387.27		2,948.96
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT C/F		<u>2,589.70</u>		<u>2,387.27</u>

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Ginny de la Patonniere at Notterts.

11 Jun 2011—22 Jan 2022

Sadly, we lost Jet at the start of 2022, a very special boy who changed all our lives for the better, siring a new breed into the country and representing the breed in international agility competitions.

RIP Jet our little champ

Adam Stretton



Well done



Vicky Wilford with Iffa and Midas opening CRUFTS 2022 at the newly recognised Kennel club breeds press day.



So pleased with Magic today.

The only dog to score the full 100 marks at his level 2 scent trial.

What a star, just needs 1 more point now for his Excellent title. Debbie Deuchar

Magic has now gained his excellent title and is working towards level 3. Congratulations Debbie and Magic



Strike one
and two to-
wards grade
6

Sally Cooper
and Raven

Pixie wins G2 jumping at Inspire



Neon passed his gold, Pixie
passed her silver and Selkie
passed her kennel club
good citizen bronze award.

Vikki Lucas

Ace's 2nd strike towards G5! He was such a good boy. So proud of him!

Alisa Atkins



Suzie has got her Gold Good Citizen award

Sylvia Morgan



Mirren got a 1st at the Paignton obedience show

Pauline McGeogh

Another case for Inspector Song



(River) What's this,
stolen Easter Eggs?
Who would do such a
thing?

(River—searching)
Nope, nothing here



Aha what do we have
here. I think this case
is closed



(Scrumpy) I could
have sworn I'd hid-
den the eggs in here!

