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# PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG

The Newsletter of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain



*Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. I hope that you like the new format. The committee would love to hear your comments so that the Newsletter can evolve over the next few editions, the sooner these comments are received the sooner any changes can be made. This is your newsletter so do tell us what you want in it. In the meantime I hope you will enjoy this one.*

**MAKE  
A  
NOTE  
IN  
YOUR  
DIARY**

**29th  
June**

**Pyrenean Sheepdog Club  
Club of Great Britain  
FUN DAY  
Bearley Village Hall  
Snitterfield Road, Bearley  
Bearley. CV37 0SR  
10.30 - 4.00  
Bring your own lunch  
Afternoon tea provided  
Walk, Talk on PAT Dogs, Games**

**COME AND HAVE  
FUN WITH OTHER  
OWNERS AND  
THEIR DOGS**

***FUN DAY:- PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE AND A CHAIR FOR SITTING OUTSIDE AS WELL AS YOUR OWN LUNCH. CHECK OUT OTHER DETAILS IN SECRETARY'S BITS AND PIECES.***

**DIRECTIONS:-** From South:- Junction 15 M40 Take A429/A46 exit to Warwick/Stratford. At roundabout take 2nd exit onto Stratford Rd A46. Continue on, through roundabout, turn R onto King's Lane, continue taking 1st R onto White Horse Hill and follow onto Smith Lane, Bearley Rd, and finally Snitterton Rd, Hall on your right.

From North:- Junction 16 M40, Take A34 on exit to Henley, at roundabout take 2nd exit onto Stratford Rd A3400 Continue to follow A3400, take L turn onto Snitterton Road. Hall is almost immediately on your left.

*The star of our new style front cover is Lily (Seacourt Esprit de la Vie) selected because of her contribution to the Newsletter over the last year. In future we would like to feature other dogs or PSD events so please send in your photographs for inclusion in future editions. Ed.*

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## **Bits and Pieces from the Secretary**

### **AGM**

The proposed amendments to the Constitution and Rules were discussed and some changes made. The amendments were then approved by the members present at the AGM and will now be sent to the Kennel Club for approval.



### **Breed Standard-**

It was agreed that the height of a Dog would be changed from 17ins to 16.5 ins.. The Secretary has contacted the Kennel Club and because this is such a minor change, it will not need to go before the Breed Standard Committee and will be changed in the near future.

The minutes of the AGM are included in this issue of the Newsletter.



### **Newsletter**

It was agreed at the AGM that the next three issues of the Newsletter will be produced in A5 format, professionally printed and all copies sent out by post. This is a trial for this year and we would really welcome your feedback.



### **Health Issues**

Vicky Wilford our Health Co-ordinator would welcome any information on health problems that your PSD may have. A form for reporting any health problems or cause of death will shortly be available as a download on the club website. It will greatly help Vicky with her research if you could send her a form with any relevant information.



### **2015 Calendar**

Once again we are looking for pictures for the next calendar.

Please send any photos to Chris Lewis or Kim Randall by **25<sup>th</sup> May**.

## **Obreedience**

Obreedience made its debut at Crufts this year. The aim of Obreedience is to encourage more breeds to have a go at some obedience based exercises. It is a team event, each team comprising four handlers and four dogs of the same breed. The first section sees all four dogs completing a round of heelwork as a group, with the dogs being assessed on their ability to complete different moves while remaining synchronised with their team mates. The second section features four different Obedience style exercises each one completed by a different team member. The test consists of a retrieve, Send to bed, Stop the Dog and Scent Over Articles.

A lot of comments were made and interest shown when Obreedience was mentioned on the PSD Facebook Group, so we have decided to try and enter a PSD team at Crufts next year. If you and your dog wish to be considered for the team we will be holding a “qualifier” at the Fun Day so come along and have a go.



### **Nationale d’Elevage**

The Nationale d’Elevage organised by the RACP for the four Pyrenean Breeds takes place on the 20th and 21st September at Argelès-Gazost. This is always a wonderful weekend where all things Pyrenean can be celebrated.



### **Points System**

Thank you to everyone who sent their points in and congratulations to all the winners. While the response was better this year, we know that there are many more of you out there competing with your dogs. Please start recording your points now to send in next year. We would also love to publish your Agility, Obedience and any other results in the Newsletter. Why let the show dogs have all the glory?



## CRUFTS 2014

Crufts was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March. Chris and Klaus set up the Breed Stand on the afternoon of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday was Working and Pastoral day meaning that the PSDs were in the ring on the first day. There was a very good entry to go under judge Mr Vic Salt. Friponne du Pic d'Espade was awarded Best of Breed and went on to the Pastoral Group under Mrs Valerie Foss. The full Crufts results can be seen in the results section.



The Breed Stand in the Discover Dogs section was manned and busy over all four days. It was great to see so many young dogs on the stand this year. They are the new generation to showcase the breed. The committee would like to say a big "Thank you" to the following members and their dogs who helped on the stand:

Thursday- Vicky Wilford, Jonathan Pattison with Meg, Cynthia and Ric Milnes with Pussel, Liz Lewis with Geordi and Klaus and Carla Senkpiehl with Lily who covered the stand while the judging was taking place.

Friday- Diane Newton and Sheila Janson with Tyler and Heather Davies with Henry.

Saturday- Sarah Hawkswell, Jenni Gemmill with Sooty, Catherine Brown with Roué and Chris Lewis with Geordi.

Sunday- Klaus and Carla Senkpiehl with Lily, Andy, Mandy and Olivia Green with Jacque and Pauline Keable with Fizz and Pyre.



This year, as far as we know, only one PSD represented the breed in other disciplines. Kheva (Norlyght Sebelas of Amienko) took part in demonstrations of the Silver Good Citizen Dog Scheme on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Once again Crufts proved to be a good showcase for the breed in several respects and hopefully we will go from strength to strength next year.

Liz Lewis



**Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired) Results CRUFTS 2014**  
**Judge: Mr V Salt**

<b>BEST OF BREED</b>	FRIPONNE DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA) (MRS P M PHILLIPS)
<b>BEST PUPPY</b>	SANDYTRAIL ENSORCELE (MR E & MRS FLINT)
<b>BEST DOG</b>	SWE/NOR CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA (IMP SWE) (MRS C M MILNES)
<b>BEST BITCH</b>	FRIPONNE DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA) (MRS P M PHILLIPS)
<b>RESERVE BEST DOG</b>	GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP FRA) (MR E & MRS S FLINT)
<b>RESERVE BEST BITCH</b>	SANDYTRAIL ENSORCELE (MR E & MRS S FLINT)
<b>Post Graduate - Dog</b> Entries: 4 Abs: 0	<b>1st</b> GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP FRA) (MR E & MRS S FLINT) <b>2nd</b> BON SOOTY DE LA BELLE FOLIE (IMP DEU) (MISS J GEMMILL) <b>3rd</b> NORLYGHT SERRAGLIO (MRS S B J MAY) <b>Res</b> SEACOURT ESPRIT DE LA FORET (MISS H DAVIES)
<b>Open - Dog</b> Entries: 5 Abs: 0	<b>1st</b> SWE/NOR CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA (IMP SWE) (MRS C M MILNES) <b>2nd</b> GAZOST II DIT OSCAR DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA) (MRS P M PHILLIPS) <b>3rd</b> IVYDALE CHOIRBOY MESLABRIT (MRS R E & MISS K L ROBSON) <b>Res</b> NORLYGHT BIASSONO (MR C J & MRS P M SUCH) <b>VHC</b> CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA (MRS P M & MRS C PHILLIPS & WILLIAMS)
<b>Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Dog</b> Entries: 1 Abs: 0	<b>1st</b> IVYDALE CHOIRBOY MESLABRIT (MRS R E & MISS K L ROBSON)
<b>Veteran - Bitch</b> Entries: 2 Abs: 1	<b>1st</b> KIMRAND BONNE AMIE (MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)
<b>Special Junior - Bitch</b> Entries: 8 Abs: 3	<b>1st</b> SANDYTRAIL ENSORCELE (MR E & MRS S FLINT) <b>2nd</b> PIPANABBEY REMEMBER ME (K BELLAMY) <b>3rd</b> NORLYGHT SATU JUTA (AQ3) (MRS C E BROWN) <b>Res</b> SAWARA DOUBLE TROUBLE (MRS P L KEABLE) <b>VHC</b> NORLYGHT SEBELAS OF AMIENKO (MISS J R, MR C & MRS T GWILLIAM & SUCH)
<b>Post Graduate - Bitch</b> Entries: 3 Abs: 0	<b>1st</b> SEACOURT ESPRIT DU VENT FOR THYMEWINDS (MRS W A SMITH) <b>2nd</b> NORLYGHT SATU JUTA (AQ3) (MRS C E BROWN) <b>3rd</b> RAMBAUDS XONVILLE (MRS P L KEABLE)
<b>Open - Bitch -</b> Entries: 5 Abs: 0	<b>1st</b> FRIPONNE DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA) (MRS P M PHILLIPS) <b>2nd</b> ROZIMBA PIAU ENGALY AVEC SANDYTRAIL (MR E & MRS S FLINT)  <b>3rd</b> IVYDALE NIGHTJAR MESLABRIT SHCM (MRS R E & MISS K L ROBSON)  <b>Res</b> JASLYN DE PIC DE PIOLOU (MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)  <b>VHC</b> ROZIMBA CELESTE AVEC SANDYTRAIL (MR E & MRS S FLINT)
<b>Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch</b> Entries: 2 Abs: 0	<b>1st</b> IVYDALE NIGHTJAR MESLABRIT SHCM (MRS R E & MISS K L ROBSON) <b>2nd</b> NORLYGHT SEBELAS OF AMIENKO (MISS J R, MR C & MRS T GWILLIAM & SUCH)

## **Jacques's first experience at Cruft's**

Jacques entering the world of Cruft's, a scary but exasperating experience which Jacques has never witnessed. As a family we were just as apprehensive as Jacques was, because this is also our first time taking one of our dogs out by themselves. Entering the NEC for Jacques was a loudness he had never yet heard, the howls, barks and the wonderful atmosphere of pampered pooches ready to be entered into their various categories. meeting a wide variety of dogs was a new experience that started from the car park.

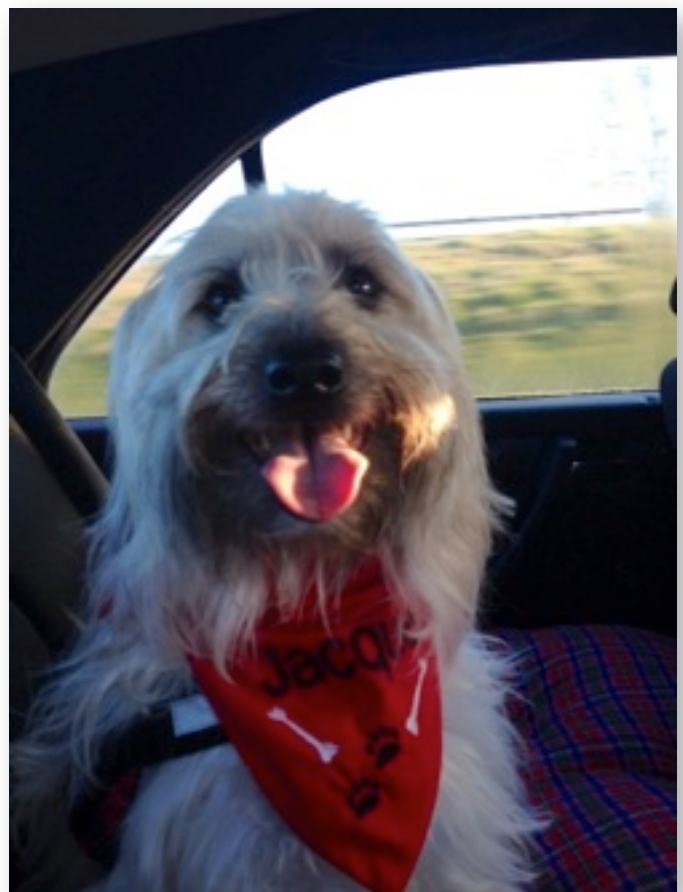
Jacques is the youngest member of our family pack, mainly influenced by the leader of our pack Tashi, a calm Tibetan Terrier with a laid back temperament although he is also influenced by our loveable fussy Ruby our Working Cocker Spaniel.

At the arrival to Discover dogs he was greeted by his unknown pretty sister Lily a completely different dog from Jacques, confident, dark-haired, who straight away took to him, but unfortunately he had a different idea from the constant attention she gave him. Lily was then distracted by another two beautiful Pyrenean Sheepdogs, Piri and Fizz who gave the same reaction to Lily as Lily did to Jacques.

After the first hour after our arrival Jacques finally settled down, and started to enjoy himself and relax more. He soon discovered that if he was near the front of the pen, he would get more fuss and even more if he stood on his hind legs, with his personalised bandana. Many pictures were taken by the excitable visitors. The Pyrenean Sheepdog stand was busy, so as one bit of fuss ended another mesmerised visitor would be taken in by the puppy-dog eyes of each Pyrenean Sheepdog.

After the wild stampede of visitors finally died down every Pyrenean Sheepdog in the pen was worn out, either from too much fuss or too much play fighting. Either way all four dogs were nodding off and stealing Jacques's pillow, which had been invaded all day by every dog apart from Jacques.

But as just as usual all good things must come to an end, and unfortunately it was the end of our day at Cruft's. One tired out dog was a blessing for me as the journey home would have been a constant mithering from Jacques, but also a blessing for my parents as they didn't have me moaning that I was tired. We had a car full of souvenirs, one tired/asleep dog and one tired/asleep thirteen year old. It was the result from a fabulous day out which we could never forget, but may be created again for many years to come.



By Olivia Green, 13



## My two lovely golden oldies.

Shonie on the right in both pictures turned 15 on the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 and Chloe on the left was 15 in August 2013 – both are the late Brenda Judson's Carabrae dogs.



The picture above was taken a few weeks ago and they both look bemused about having their photo taken. The one on the right is in their younger days back in 2006.

Shonie we've had from a puppy and she's been a delight from day one. She's my little shadow and apart from being a bit arthritic & a bit deaf she's not doing too badly.

She's always been willing to please so has been really easy to train and we've done a lot of different things together over the years. She loved doing agility but was never one for being quick round the ring in a show but in training, that was a different matter. In a show she would love to stand at the top of the A Frame losing valuable seconds to take in the view and probably look for her dad.

Chloe we rehomed back in 2006 so am not sure of her actual birthday but know she was born in Aug 1998. From day one she has not been a problem & a delight to own – she loved

chasing her ball and would still be doing this now if we let her. Her eyesight is going & she has what we call little trembles where she loses her balance so we have to be careful with the stairs but again she's not doing too badly. She follows my husband everywhere and she is his little shadow.

We did try Chloe at agility but she ducked out of more jumps than she actually jumped over so we decided this was not for her nor was heelwork, but give her a ball and she was in heaven.

They both manned the stand at Discover Dogs for many years and though Shonie was not really one for meeting strangers she seemed to put up with it on these occasions and they both seemed to actually enjoy the fuss.....though it could also be something to do with all the treats & nice food that they got as well....



Everyday is a bonus with them as you never know what is round the corner but they still manage to chase the youngsters round the garden and an occasional mad scoot round the garden as well.

Julie and John Farrar





## LILY

Hello,

Last time I said I would let you know how I was getting on with my agility classes. I had already had one lesson to see if I liked it and was fine with that, so I have been going to half hour, one to one classes since then, but, I am afraid it is not going as well as we hoped it would. On the one hand I am good on the apparatus, but, on the other hand I can't seem to concentrate on what I should be doing. For example I like to stop in the middle of the tunnel, sit at the top of the A frame, and run off and stand in the corner and will not come back to Klaus when he calls me. As you can imagine this is frustrating for Klaus! He says he cannot understand it as sometimes I go around the course at a very fast speed, and I love the weave, (that's my favourite,) but I just somehow cannot do it properly. My trainer is very good she has tried making the course shorter, but I still have the same problems. My latest trick is going around the course stopping at the top of the A frame, having a look around then coming off properly but running up to the exit door and waiting to go out. Klaus says that perhaps I am not ready for it yet and might be better when I am a little older. We are going to

keep trying as we have fun but of course I cannot go to proper classes until I can get around the course properly. So, if anyone has any suggestions we would like to hear from you.

In March we went to Discover Dogs at Crufts, and I was on the stand Thursday afternoon and all day Sunday. The week started with Klaus and Chris going on the Wednesday afternoon to take the banners and posters to the stand. It looks quite smart now as we have new banners that we had made last year. On the Wednesday afternoon we were on the stand with Geordie who lives near me and Liz, Vicky, Jonathan and Meg.

Later in the afternoon everyone except Geordie left the stand to do other things, we both stayed with Carla and Klaus for the rest of the afternoon. It was good to meet up with Geordie again as we had not seen each other for a while and we were able to play around in the pen and meet lots of people some of them had treats for us which were very welcome.

It was 8.30 on Sunday morning when we arrived at the stand and were soon joined by Jacque, who came along with Andy, Mandy, and Olivia, Pauline and Joel who brought Fizz and Peri.

It was a strange at first being all together in the pen, Jacque is my brother but we had not seen each other since we were puppies, and I had not met Fizz and Peri before. Jacque sat at the back of the pen; he was very quiet and just watched what was going on for a while. Eventually he came and joined us and we all stood together. I decided it was time to have a play around in the pen, the other joined in and we had a great time. We kept having a rest

now and again but we did play for a long time, on the way home I felt quite tired.

Oh I must tell you all that I have just started the Silver Good Citizens award classes, with Delia who I did the bronze with. I could not concentrate at all the first week. I don't know why as I try very hard but I can't help it, I just have to look to see what the others are doing, but they seem to be in the same frame of mind and are no better, well....perhaps a little!

Klaus says I'm too nosey and will struggle with the wait this time, (two minutes) and the wait



at the door while he goes through first. I have to practice this in all sort of places now, all good for me, so, I've been told! I will have four more lessons and the test to get through so I have decided that I will try harder because then I will be able to get on with agility which is more fun and hopefully get into proper classes with other dogs which I will enjoy.

Next week we are all going to Suffolk to stay with our friends for a couple of days. They will have an eight month old hearing dog puppy staying with them whilst her socialisers go away on holiday for a couple of weeks. Carla

has told me that I have to play very gently with her because we don't want to frighten her. It will be good practice for me as I usually prefer to go mad and run around like a thing possessed, I expect that there will be a lot of supervision going on so I had better be careful and not get to carried away, I will let you know how we get on.

Well! That's all for now, must go and get a bit of training in before breakfast.

Love Lily.

## CONGRATULATIONS



### **Top Pyrenean Sheepdog**

Dog World/Arden Grange Top Dog Competition  
Fripone Du Pic d'Espade Kelltara

### **Top Sire**

Dog World/ Royal Canin  
Top Stud Dog Competition  
Aramits Du Pic D'Espade

### **Top Breeder**

Our Dogs /Arden Grange  
Top Breeder Competition  
M.Norbert Gainche

### **Top Puppy**

Our Dogs/ Dorwest Top Puppy  
Sandytrail Ensorcele  
& Pippanabbey Remember me .

## HEALTH NEWS

By the time you read this, I hope that the sun is shining and the ground beneath our feet is finally drying up after the record breaking wet winter. I myself am quite pleased not to have to wash and dry my dogs after every walk. There have been some cases of dogs becoming ill after going into flood water, even if they have not drunk any, the washing and drying to ensure dogs are not ingesting bacteria when licking themselves clean is a wise precautionary measure.

### Sensitivity to Anaesthetic

As it was reported in the Clubs Health Survey 2011/12, some Pyrenean Sheepdogs can be sensitive to Pre-Med and Anaesthetic.

Adjustment to pre-med, using lower doses than normal, made recovery times much quicker.

[It seems that it is the sedation that affects them more. No extreme reactions were reported]

--Recently I found some research on the subject.

This can have a genetic base, and is called 'Malignant Hyperthermia.'

It is over sensitivity to Anaesthesia or Succinylcholine – a muscle relaxant

[The PSD is down as being affected, but it is thought all breeds have the potential to be affected. ][source- mydogdna]

Should your dog need some treatment / diagnosis that warrants Sedation or an Anaesthetic, mention to your vet that there is a possibility of sensitivity to these types of drugs.

### Eye Testing

PRA – Progressive Retinal Atrophy

Progressive slow blindness, typically affects middle aged dogs [3 – 8 years]

First often noticed by owners when dog seems

to have poor night time vision

Dogs usually adjust as sight loss is gradual.

PSD's with PRA have been reported in the USA and other countries.

No cases in the UK had been reported to the Club in the 2011/12 Survey.

Eye testing is not a requirement for the breed, it is up to individual owners.

I would like to encourage members, if they have the opportunity, to have their dogs eye tested.

So you may ask- why bother if there does not seem to be a problem?

The dogs here in the UK will in their history, share the same DNA so there is always the possibility.

By having dogs tested you can be sure what the general status of the breed is at a given moment in time. It is important -- if not more so -- to have and record proven clear results.

That way should a problem start to appear, you can say at what point this started, see if there a pattern and use this information to eradicate / minimise the problem.

For those who are not familiar with Eye Testing it is a non invasive procedure where a light is used to look at the back of the eye, more or less the same as the optician does, and it does not take long. Your Veterinary Surgery will be able to advise when and where a testing session is to be held locally.

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If you feel you have any information on health that would be of value to the breed, please get in touch.

A new 'Health Report Form' on which it will be possible to report a health problem/condition or cause of death/euthanasia will soon be available on the clubs web site.

All information is held in confidence, no individuals information would be disclosed.

Vicky Wilford

# Canine idiopathic epilepsy: The influence of a diet on improving seizure control.



Continuing with research into canine idiopathic epilepsy at the Royal Veterinary College, the Clinical Investigation Centre and the Epilepsy Clinic at the RVC is working with a small animal health and wellness company to confirm the efficacy and safety of a novel diet in the management of dogs with idiopathic epilepsy being treated with phenobarbitone and/or potassium bromide.

The influence of diet on epilepsy severity is established in humans, with many diets having been shown to improve seizure control. However, there is little data to support the use of diets in veterinary medicine. A new diet has been developed which could improve the management of epileptic dogs, not only by reducing seizure frequency, but also by decreasing the level of side-effects seen with standard antiepileptic drugs.

To confirm the efficacy of this new diet, we would like to recruit dogs which are suspected of having idiopathic epilepsy.

Dogs which have a seizure frequency of at least three seizures in the last three months.

Dogs receiving phenobarbitone and/or potassium bromide treatment.

## Client incentives:

- A comprehensive investigation of the idiopathic epilepsy by our neurologists Ms Emma Davies or Dr. Holger Volk with a special interest in this field.
- Free diagnostic tests including haematology, biochemistry, metabolic profiling and a dynamic bile acid test.
- Serum phenobarbitone and potentially potassium bromide concentrations will be assessed.
- A six month supply of dog food.

## Inclusion criteria:

- Dogs suspected of having idiopathic epilepsy.
- Unremarkable MRI and CSF analysis.
- Dogs aged  $\geq 6$  months and  $\leq 11$  years.

## **Chairman's Report to the AGM 2014**

May I take this opportunity to welcome everyone to this year's AGM. As always it is good to see you all.

The year started with Crufts. There was a good entry in the show ring, including a number of dogs from abroad. Congratulations go to Friponne du Pic d'Espade, owned by Pat Phillips and handled by Steve Phillips, who was awarded Best of Breed and then went on to be shortlisted in the Group. This was a first for the breed at Crufts and therefore much to be applauded.

This year our bred stand in Discover Dogs had had a makeover with seven new banners. These contained new photographs and updated information. The banners made the whole process of setting up the stand so much easier. The stand was well covered over the four days and our thanks go to all those who gave their time and their help, especially those doing it for the first time. It is always a bit of a headache trying to get members to support the stand, but it is a very important showcase for the breed and therefore needs to be supported.

The breed was mentioned in a short television piece about sheepdogs presented by Frank Kane. Pussel, Meg and Lily were all featured briefly. Veerle Vlerick, another club member, with Khesha, was also featured in a piece on Channel 4 about exhibitors from abroad.

Our annual Fun Day was held again at Bearley Village Hall on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. This proved to be highly successful with more than forty members and their dogs attending. This was our best attendance ever despite the fact that it coincided with Windsor Dog Show, which had put on classes for the PSD for the first time. The weather was good and we were able to go for a walk at the start of the day. A very interesting and informative talk on First Aid for Dogs was given by Heather Davies who is both a club member and a vet. Lunch took a different format with everyone bringing their own. The group photo was taken after lunch

followed by the usual Novelty Classes and team games organised by Diane and Sheila. The day ended with afternoon tea provided by the committee. All in all a good day was had by all, with lots of opportunity to talk about the breed and experiences of owning these wonderful little dogs.

The first Club Show was held under the auspices of the National Working and Pastoral Breeds Society Championship show on the 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> July in Malvern. Meg Purnell-Carpenter was the judge. Twelve dogs were exhibited in various classes and Best of Breed was won by Friponne du Picd'Espade. This was a very positive and significant first milestone for the breed and the occasion was celebrated appropriately by all those who attended. Our thanks must go to the committee of the NW&PBS for giving us this opportunity.

A BBQ/camping weekend was organised by Diane and Sheila on 30<sup>th</sup> Aug/1<sup>st</sup> September. Sadly this was very poorly attended but very much enjoyed by those who did go.

The Nationale d'Elevage organised by the RACP was once again held in Argelès-Gazost in September. A significant number of club members attended. Friponne du Pic d'Espade, handled by Steve Phillips and owned by Pat Phillips, was placed second in Open Female and obtained her RCAC. This was a remarkable achievement for a British owned dog and one worth celebrating. As always this was a wonderful weekend, the weather was perfect and it was a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and experience everything Pyrenean Sheepdog.

Discover Dogs was held at Earl's Court in November and this year we were able to cover both days which was extremely positive and thanks go to all members who gave up their valuable time.

The membership remains stable at around 100 members and there is plenty of evidence of owners getting their dogs out and about, taking part in a variety of activities, thus ensuring that the breed continues to be kept in the public eye.

The web site has shown more flexibility over the last year, since we have been able to change the front page more easily. Over the last fourteen months there have been over 5,400 hits. The Face Book group has over 400 members from all over the world and has been a very active way for everyone to share information. We, as a committee, welcome any new ideas for the future development of the club.

As Chairman of the committee I have great pleasure in thanking the committee for all their hard work and enthusiasm over the past year, especially Pat and Steve Phillips and Wendy Smith who are retiring this time. As usual we have to give our appreciation and thanks to the Treasurer and Secretary for all the additional work that they carry out for the club.

## Top Puppy

Sandytrail Ensorcele owned by Shane and Eion Flint 94 points



## PSD Club of GB Points Results

### Showing



1st Norlyght Biassono owned by Tricia and Chris Such 233 points  
 2nd Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit owned by Rebecca and Katie Robson 229 points  
 3rd Ivydale Nightjar Meslabrit owned by Rebecca and Katie Robson 134 points  
 4th Seacourt Esprit de la Forêt owned by Heather Davies 118 points

### Agility



1st Merrywood Essien (Asti) owned by Debbie Deuchar 302 points  
 Award received by Margaret Deuchar on behalf of her daughter Debbie.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rambauds Noisette (Quincey) owned by Joy Brough 217 points



3<sup>rd</sup> Rambauds Waville at Remmewood owned by Michelle Griffiths 98 points



**Obedience**

Norlyght Sebelus of Amienko (Kheva) owned by Jeanna Gwilliam 10 points  
Award received by Tricia Such on behalf of Jeanna Gwilliam



**Certificate of Achievement**

Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Liz Lewis for gaining his KC Good Citizen Gold Award



**Junior Handler**

Katie Robson



## **Appendix I AGM Minutes**

### THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

#### MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 HELD AT SWANNINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SWANNINGTON, LEICS

The chairman opened the meeting at 11.00

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mary Abbot, Debbie Deuchar, Margaret Challans, Jeanna Gwilliam, Sarah Hawkswell, Wendy Smith, Richard Milnes, Norbert Gainche and Chris Such

#### MINUTES OF 2012 AGM

The minutes were read and agreed. Proposed by Pat Wescott and seconded by Pat Phillips.

#### MATTERS ARISING

None

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chris Lewis read his report to the meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Carla presented the report to the meeting. We have £3,994.76

Lorraine pointed out that the amount of £12.46 had been paid twice to Liz Lewis. £12.46 will be deducted from future claims from Liz.

Diane Newton questioned the expenditure for the "disabled" dog stand. This is an error and should be just dog stand.

Jenni Gemmill wondered why we have such a healthy bank balance for such a small club. The Chairman explained that in the early days of the club the building society that we used was privatised and we received a substantial payment as a result.

Tricia Such asked where money for Rescue comes from. It was explained that for a period of time we had received a regular payment from a club member and that the proceeds of the Fun Day raffle go towards Rescue.

Tricia suggested that there should be an option on the membership renewal form for members to make a donation to the rescue fund and this was agreed.

At present we have 84 members and 2 juniors.

#### ELECTION OF CLUB'S AUDITOR FOR 2014

Lorraine Phelps is prepared to continue as auditor. This motion was proposed by Klaus Senkpiehl and seconded by Sheila Janson.

#### NAMES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2014

No other nominations were received for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer therefore Liz Lewis and Carla Senkpiehl were re-elected. There were three vacancies on the committee due to the fact that Pat and Steve Phillips and Wendy Smith were standing down. Nominations were received from Jonathan Pattison, Eion Flint and Cynthia Milnes and they were duly appointed to the committee.

## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Draft copies of the Constitution and Rules had been circulated to the membership before the meeting. Minor changes were highlighted in pink and additions in green. The Chairman read out each highlighted wording and asked the members if they agreed. All amendments were agreed except for the wording in Paragraph 3 regarding co-opting members, Paragraph 4 regarding membership and Paragraph 12 The Judging Lists. It was decided that it should read "co-opted committee members shall have voting rights at committee meetings unless co-opted for a specific purpose". The wording in the first sentence of Paragraph 4 should be changed from "current form" to "appropriate form". It was thought that judges should be appointed by a Judging sub-committee. The sub-committee will consist of five members two of whom should be committee members and they will be chosen annually.

NEWSLETTER (This item was to discuss the implications of sending a printed copy by post to every member compared to sending it out by email).

Most members receive their Newsletter by email but it is thought that it is not necessarily read. Photocopied copies sent out by post are of very inferior quality. If the Newsletter is produced in A5 format it would be cheaper to post. To produce the Newsletter "in house" we would need a new printer and Chris is not prepared to print a large number. After a lively debate, Vicky Wilford proposed that a professionally printed Newsletter should be sent out by post for a year. This will be done for 2014 and it will be reviewed at the next AGM. This was seconded by Pat Phillips.

## BREED STANDARD

- i) Amendments to height as discussed at the AGM 2013

It was agreed that the wording for Height of Dog should read 42-48cms (16.5-19) inches. This will now go to the Kennel Club for approval.

- ii) Proposal from Tricia Such to amend the wording "with upper arm well laid back" in sentence three, Forequarters paragraph. After some discussion it was agreed that after accepting so many changes to the Breed Standard last year that they are unlikely to accept any more changes and it was pointed out that this wording had actually come from the KC. It was agreed that no action should be taken although the concern should be noted.

Proposal from Vicky Wilford that the PSD Club of GB express their support for the smooth faced variety (Face Rase) of the Pyrenean Sheepdog.

It was unreservedly agreed that this should be the case and that the club would support both types of Pyrenean Sheepdog. Jenni Gemmill said that there was no support for the Face Rase. The Chairman disagreed but said that there are only four in the country at the moment. Klaus said that we have pictures of the Face Rase on the Breed Stand and they are mentioned. Some members wondered why Vicky had put forward this proposal but Vicky said that it needed to be minuted.

## PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The Chairman presented the following trophies and Certificates:-

The Kelltara Trophy for most Showing Points was won by Tricia Such with Norlyght Biassono. Rebecca and Katie Robson were second with Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit and third with Ivydale Nightjar Meslabrit and Heather Davies with Seacourt Esprit de la Forêt was fourth. They were not present to receive their certificates.

The Rozimba Cup for Best Puppy was won by Shane and Eion Flint with Sandytrail Ensorcele.

The Durendal Fidele Trophy for most agility points was won by Debbie Deuchar with Merrywood Essien . The trophy was accepted by Margaret Deuchar on Debbie's behalf. Joy Brough was second with Rambauds Noisette and Michelle Griffiths was third with Rambauds Waville but was not present to receive her certificate.

The Parbrook Pyrenean Sheepdogs Trophy was won by Jeanna Gwilliam with Norlyght Sebelus. The trophy was accepted by Tricia Such on Jeanna's behalf.

A Certificate of Achievement was presented to Liz Lewis with Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel for gaining the Good Citizens Dog Scheme Gold Award.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Tricia Such asked if the club would pay for three plinths for the rose bowls that she had given at the Club Show. This was agreed.

Jenni Gemmill said that if we wanted to get more members to the AGM maybe it should be held on the same day as the Fun Day. It was stated that since we have to hold the AGM before the 31<sup>st</sup> March we couldn't do that, but we would look at the possibility of combining a social event with the AGM.

Margaret Deuchar said that we have had some good seminars but we need to provide judges with hands on experience and we wouldn't necessarily need to bring someone from abroad. Those attending could be given a certificate.

Jenni Gemmill said that if a person is disqualified from the club, the punishment is not necessarily proportionate to the crime. Perhaps there should be a "scale of punishments". The committee agreed to think about it.

Pat Phillips said that the committee must think carefully about rescue dogs and we should only take dogs with "papers". Di said at present that we couldn't even rehome pure bred PSDs and the breeders will not necessarily take dogs back.

The meeting closed at 1.05

Liz Lewis (Secretary)

Chris Lewis (Chairperson)

## Appendix 2 Audited accounts

### AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

I have completed the audit for the year ended 31 December 2013 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 2013.

I have shown a creditor of £40 for my fees as this relates to this year's expenditure to therefore give a true deficit for the year of £57.01. Overall income is lower compared to the previous year mainly due to no seminar being held in the year, membership income is £51 lower than in 2012 (2012 was £227.70 lower than 2011). Expenditure is £530.76 lower than 2012, again mainly due to no seminar being held in the year. There is no depreciation charge in this financial year due to the photocopier being fully depreciated by the end of 2010.

I have included an amount of £12.46 in current assets as a receipt for stationery and postage appeared to have been paid twice on cheque numbers 000143 and 000146. This is not a significant amount but could be deducted from future receipts regarding purchases made by Liz Lewis to reimburse the club.

I wish to express my and your thanks to Carla for her continued 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

5 February 2014

**PYRENAEN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

|                                                | 2013      |   | 2012      |   |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|
|                                                | £         | £ | £         | £ |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                  |           |   |           |   |
| Membership Subscriptions                       | 827.00    |   | 878.00    |   |
| Seminar                                        |           |   | 861.00    |   |
| Fun day donation                               | 50.00     |   | 5.00      |   |
| Fun day raffle                                 | 83.00     |   |           |   |
| Crufts disabled dogs                           | 105.00    |   |           |   |
| Donation for Rescue Dog                        | 200.00    |   |           |   |
| Building Society interest                      | 1.77      |   | 1.66      |   |
| Discover Dogs                                  | 5.00      |   | 60.00     |   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                            | 1,271.77  |   | 1,805.66  |   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                             |           |   |           |   |
| Fun Day:                                       |           |   |           |   |
| Expenses - refreshments & flowers              | 26.00     |   | 114.46    |   |
| Hall Hire                                      | 137.00    |   | 98.00     |   |
| Rosettes                                       | 72.17     |   |           |   |
| Seminar:                                       |           |   |           |   |
| Flights & accommodation                        |           |   | 457.96    |   |
| Room hire & buffet                             |           |   | 361.95    |   |
| Gift                                           |           |   | 40.50     |   |
| Kennel fee for rescue dog                      | 90.00     |   |           |   |
| Donation for rescue dog                        | 200.00    |   |           |   |
| Tent hire for camping weekend                  | 20.00     |   |           |   |
| Stationery                                     | 34.55     |   | 65.56     |   |
| Christmas cards                                | 155.67    |   |           |   |
| Postage                                        | 55.40     |   | 219.85    |   |
| Insurance                                      | 73.50     |   | 52.50     |   |
| Kennel Club                                    | 45.00     |   | 45.00     |   |
| First Aid Course                               |           |   | 70.00     |   |
| First Aid Kits                                 | 31.08     |   |           |   |
| Website                                        | 67.19     |   | 180.06    |   |
| Banners for disabled dog stand                 | 148.20    |   |           |   |
| Sponsorship Nantwich & District Crufts Society |           |   | 10.00     |   |
| Crufts expenses                                |           |   | 17.70     |   |
| Justice for dogs donation                      | 20.00     |   | 20.00     |   |
| Discovery dogs food donation                   | 5.00      |   |           |   |
| National Working & pastoral donation           |           |   | 9.00      |   |
| Hall hire for AGM                              | 65.50     |   | 22.00     |   |
| Hall hire for committee meeting                | 35.00     |   | 35.00     |   |
| Refreshments for meetings                      | 7.52      |   |           |   |
| Audit                                          | 40.00     |   | 40.00     |   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                       | -1,328.78 |   | -1,859.54 |   |
| <b>DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>                    | -57.01    |   | -53.88    |   |
| <b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT B/F</b>      | 4,051.77  |   | 4,105.65  |   |
| <b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT C/F</b>      | 3,994.76  |   | 4,051.77  |   |



## The Ladies Kennel Association 2013

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th  
December,

**Judge: Miss Ann Ingram (Tirkane)**

BEST OF BREED :

Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp)

Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Res Best Dog :

Gazost 11 Dit Oscar du Pic D'Espade Kelltara

(Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Bitch: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara

(Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

**PGD (3 Entries) Abs: 2**

1st: Gazost 11 Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade

Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

**OD (5 Entries) Abs: 2**

1st: Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

**MPB (4 Entries) Abs: 1**

2nd: Norlyght Satu Juta

Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

3rd: Norlyght Sebelas Miss J R GWILLIAM

**JB (4 Entries) Abs: 1**

3rd: Seacourt Esprit Du Vent For

Thymewinds Mrs W A SMITH

**OB (7 Entries) Abs: 2**

1st: Friponne Du Pic D'Espade Kelltara (Imp)

Mrs P PHILLIPS

## BOSTON & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

9TH-12TH January 2014  
AVNSC Pastoral

Judge(s): TONI JACKSON

**BP** Sawara Double Trouble (Mrs P L Keable)

**Open - Dog (3 entries) Abs:0**

3rd: Rozimba Bareges (Miss S & Mrs T

Gibbons & Wescott-Smith)

**Puppy - Bitch (6 entries) Abs:4**

**1ST** Sawara Double Trouble (Mrs P L Keable)

**Post Graduate - Bitch (3 entries) Abs:1**

**2ND** Rambauds Xonville (Mrs P L Keable)

## Manchester Championship Show 2014

16,17,18 & 19th January  
AVNSC Pastoral

**Judge: Mr D Ericsson**

Best Bitch: Friponne Du Pic D'espade Kelltara

(Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

**PB (5 Entries) Abs: 2**

1st: Sawara Double Trouble Mrs P L KEABLE

2nd: Norlyght Satu Juta Mrs C E BROWN &

Mr & Mrs C SUCH

3rd: Norlyght Sebelas Miss J R GWILLIAM &

Mr & Mrs C SUCH

**LD/B (6 Entries) Abs: 2**

3rd: PHILLIPS Mrs P Gazost 11 Dit Oscar Du

Pic D'espade Kelltara (Imp)

**OD (9 Entries) Abs: 1**

3rd: Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of

Jentilima (Imp)

Mrs C MILNES

**OB (8 Entries) Abs: 3**

1st: Friponne Du Pic D'espade Kelltara (Imp)

Mrs P PHILLIPS

Res: Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp),

Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH & Dr J Hill

**AV RARE BREEDS Working/Pastoral**  
Judge MR D Guy

**PB (6 Entries) Abs: 2**

2nd: Norlyght Satu Juta

Mrs C E BROWN & Mr & Mrs SUCH

3rd: Norlyght Sebelas

Miss J R GWILLIAM & Mr & Mrs C SUCH

**LD/B (4 Entries) Abs: 0**

Res: Gazost 11 Dit Oscar Du Pic D'espade

Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P PHILLIPS

**OD (8 Entries) Abs: 3**

2nd: Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of

Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C MILNES

3rd: Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

**OB (5 Entries) Abs: 2**

2nd: Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (imp)

Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH & Dr J HILL

Ch Hob-Nob's Soleil of Jentilima also achieved  
2nd place in the Good Citizen's stakes at the  
same show.

Crufts 2014

CH. HOBNOBS SOLEIL  
OF JENTILMA



SANDYTRAIL ENSORCELE



GASTIBELZA DE  
L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL



FRIPONNE DU PIC  
D'ESPADE KELLTARA



SEACOURT ESPRIT DU  
VENT FOR THYMEWINDS



IVYDALE  
CHOIRBOY  
MESABRIT



KIMRAND BONNE AMIIE

**PSD Club of GB  
Agility Day**

**Saturday 27th September 2014  
Bench Barn Farm, Stoke Road,  
Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 8HQ**

**Start time 10.15 Finish 4.00**

**Come and have a go at Agility with an experienced trainer.  
Classes for all levels from beginners to those competing.**

*Come and have fun with other  
owners and their dogs.*



*Make a note in your diary*

*Bring your own lunch.*

*Cost £20 to cover trainer's fee*

*(Subsidised event)*

*Check the web site for details and application form.*

***There will be three classes:-***

***Class1:- Complete beginners 10.15-11.15***

***Class 2:- Some experience but not competing 11.30-12.30***

***Lunch :- 12.30 - 1.30 ( please bring your own)***

***Class 3:- Competing dogs 1.30-2.30***

***Competitions :- 2.45 - 4.00 (Rosettes will be awarded)***

***Other breeds are welcome to spectate and enjoy the farm walks.***