

Pyrenean Sheepdog



SPRING 2011



A newcomer to the stand at Discover Dogs at Crufts Matt (Ivydale Automatic) was a real star and for a dog so young really took to the lime light like a seasoned professional. Here he is with his meet and greet pose.

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Newsletter. I always worry just before I start to put it all together whether there is going to be enough to make it interesting. However by some kind of magic, articles appear out of the ether and before I know it we have accumulated over 20 pages.

However as usual I have to make a plea for more for the next issue, the more we have the better. At the end of the day the Newsletter is about keeping the membership informed about what is happening in the PSD world. We are interested in anything from the erudite to the anecdotal, from the serious to the comical. Pictures are also welcome. The more the merrier.

There are a number of important reminders.

Firstly please can we have photos for next years calendar. After the successful production last year we have used up all our stock photos and desperately need more. We need these ASAP so that we can get it produced before the Fun Day in July.

Secondly by popular request it was decided to hold the Fun Day further North for once and so this year it will be held at the Canine Academy, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire, on July 3rd. The more we have attending the better. Let us make it the best ever.

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We have been fortunate in securing the services of a new web-master and hopefully any remaining difficulties following on from the resignation of the previous incumbent will soon be resolved.

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BITS AND PIECES FROM THE SECRETARY

Nationale d'Élevage

The Nationale d'Élevage will once again be held in the Parc de Casino in Argelès-Gazost on **17th and 18th September**. I already know of several club members who will be there. Why not come and join us?

Webmaster/site

Mike Williams is our new Webmaster and we are pleased to welcome him. Photos for the website can be sent to Liz Lewis and they will be passed on to Mike. If you have any ideas for improving the site, please let us know.

Health Survey

You will find a Health Survey included with the Newsletter. We are trying to compile a database regarding the Health of the Pyrenean Sheepdog and will be very grateful if you can take the time to fill it in. Please fill in a form for every Pyrenean Sheepdog that you have owned (living or dead). If you have problems copying or reproducing the forms please let Liz or Chris Lewis know and we will post more copies to you.

Photos

Once again we are appealing for photos of your dogs. We are planning to produce a calendar for 2012, which will be on sale at the Fun Day. Initially email your photos to Chris Lewis. He then may want a copy of the photo on CD if it is to be put in the calendar.

We are sure that you all took photos of your dogs in the snow. Please let us have them either for the calendar or the Christmas card. Please send all photos to Chris by **31st May**.

Points System

Forms for collecting your points for 2011 can be downloaded from the website. Please start collecting your points now ready to send them in next January.

Code of Ethics

The Kennel Club has asked us to amend the wording in Clause 2 of the Code of Ethics. An amended version of the Code of Ethics is included with the Newsletter

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Michelle Griffiths
Sylvia Morgan
Dirk and Anja Neitzel
Jan Webb
Monica Westerberg
Jenny Butters



Obituary

Shirley Kent, one of our American members, died at the end of January after a short illness. We would like to pass on our commiserations to her husband Stephen and their two sons. Shirley was immensely proud of their PSD Baradou dit Bip de l'Oustaou de Padel.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM 2011

May I first take the opportunity of welcoming everyone to the AGM.

The club's activities started as usual with Discover Dogs at Crufts. We were able to man the stand all four days although it has to be said that it is never easy. We were pleased to see some new faces on the stand offering their support. Although quite a tiring experience it is always a gratifying and positive experience to be in the mix at the world's premier dog show. Thank you to everyone who helped on the stand. Congratulations go to Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramor, owned by Sue Morley, who won Best Bitch and Best in Breed at Crufts 2010.

Crufts 2010 was a very positive outing for the breed, not only in the breed ring but also the agility ring with Anne Collen winning the Novice Cup Medium Agility with Rambauds Ortie. Note also has to be given to Tyler (Carabrae Daniel Deronda with Nidasha) and Diane Newton, who achieved their fifteen minutes of fame when they had an encounter with Clare Balding from the TV Channel More 4 during the Cani Cross event.

The annual Fun Day was held at Lewknor Village Hall in Oxfordshire on the 4th July. This year the committee had invited the Eurasiers and their owners to join us. They had previously joined us in the Breed Match earlier in the year. As usual the day started with a walk, followed by four interesting short talks given by Diane Newton (Cani Cross), Brigitte Morden-Grimm (the Eurasier), Jenny Harnett (the Good Citizen Dog Scheme) and Jean Rawlings (Obedience). Lunch was followed by Bronze Good Citizen Testing, Novelty classes and games culminating in afternoon tea. Although we had a very enjoyable day and the Eurasiers were lovely guests, it has to be said that had it not been for them, we would have been very thin on the ground.

Meriel and Colin Weston held their annual Western Berger Gathering in August and it attracted a number of members and their dogs. They had some interesting uninvited guests as was reported in the Christmas Newsletter.

The Nationale d'Élevage was yet again held in Argelès-Gazost in September. This was very successful and had the largest ever entry of dogs from Britain. As always it was a very enjoyable experience.

Discover Dogs at Earl's Court One was held in November. This time we had some young dogs and their owners on the stand for the first time, alongside the usual stalwarts. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those that helped out.

On the whole the membership of the club remains reasonably stable.

I am able to report that the total number of dogs registered last year was the largest ever in one year (thirty six). This included the largest litter (seven) born to the breed in this country.

As Chairman of the committee, I have great pleasure in thanking all the committee for their hard work and enthusiasm over the past year especially the Secretary and the Treasurer. Special thanks go to Carla Senkpiehl who took on the role of Interim Treasurer when Toni Wescott-Smith resigned. Charlie Stratton unexpectedly resigned as Webmaster but we have been fortunate in acquiring the services of Mike Williams as Charlie's replacement.

This has been a fairly quiet but reasonably successful year. Owners have been campaigning their dogs very positively in a variety of disciplines and I am sure that will continue in the year to come.



CRUFTS 2011

Crufts this year was held from 10th to 13th March. Our planning begins in January when offers of help to man the stand start to come in and the rota begins to take shape. Once again we were able to man the stand for all four days. Chris and Klaus were able to set the stand up on the Wednesday afternoon, which is an enormous help. Thanks go to the following people for their invaluable help on the stand: Diane Newton and Sheila Janson with Tyler, Jackie and Alan Fisher with Cassie, Lin Bergen with Matt, Wendy Smith with Twiggy, Rebecca Robson with Dee Dee and Brutus, Pat and Steve Phillips with Sophie, Mike Cafferata with Foxy, Roy Norman with Fleur, Jonathan Pattison with Meg, Kim Randall with Lulu and Vicky Wilford with Skooter. Special thanks go to Peter and Phyllis Titterton with Monty who "held the fort" on the stand while the breed judging was taking place. Without this help from everyone mentioned, we would not be able to provide such an important showcase for our special little dogs.



The stand was not in a very good position this year, but people managed to find their way to us none the less. Chris and I with Ria and Meg were there on Friday and visitors seemed to come in waves. As usual, interest ranged from some who are very interested in the breed to those who have never heard of the Pyrenean Sheepdog. We still hear the comment "Oh, I thought they would be big!" It's always good to receive French visitors who know something about the breed and are owners themselves.

The breed was not quite as much in the limelight as last year but one or two were out and about showing how versatile the breed is. A Belgian lady was competing in the agility with her PSD. Diane Newton and Tyler once again took part in the Canix event. Club member Angela White, who is a KC accredited trainer,

was very much in the limelight. She had a five-minute spot on three of the four TV programmes, with presenter Clare Balding demonstrating basic obedience techniques. The breed judging took place on the Friday, which was Pastoral Day. The judging of the other breeds before us in the ring seemed to take for ever and it was quite late in the afternoon before our breed went into the ring. After having had such a long wait, it was quite difficult to motivate the dogs to sparkle.



Eventually the judging got under way. The judge, Sue Hewart-Chambers appeared to give the dogs a fair examination and Swedish and Norwegian Champion Hob-Nobs Soleil of Jentilima (Pussel) was declared Best of Breed. Pussel is owned by Cynthia Milnes but was handled in the ring by Ulrika Lundh. They were presented with the Kimrand trophy for Best of Breed. Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou was Best Puppy. Many congratulations to Cynthia and well done to everyone who entered the show ring. A full list of results is printed below.

Once again we were privileged to be part of the biggest dog show in the world. Crufts always provides an opportunity to meet up with old friends and also to make new ones. It is always a pleasure to show off our super little dogs to those who are interested in the breed. Now we can all put our feet and paws up until we do it all again next year!

Liz Lewis

BRIEF ENCOUNTERS

The worst aspect of having a Hearing Dog Puppy is giving it up after a year. The bond that forms between you and the puppy is too strong to avoid upset. There is an emptiness that descends on the household, a break from routines that surprises you and constant reminders of the happiness and fun the puppy brought to its temporary owners.

Temporary, yes, but you never, ever forget. And in the months following the puppy's departure you seek news of its progress through the training, until the day when your puppy, now fully trained at the centre, goes out to work with its 'recipient'. Hearing Dogs for the deaf will always remain the owner of the dog and they go to great lengths to ensure that the dog and its recipient are well matched. The welfare of the dog is highly important to them and even those dogs which fail training are found loving owners from a long waiting list of eager people.

Both of our Hearing Dog puppies have been cross-



breeds: Victor is a cocker-poo and Honey, a cava-poo. The organisation realises that all dogs have different temperaments and it strives to find the mix of breed which best suits their needs. The poodle mix, they say, gives the dog intelligence and a willingness to learn, as well as a coat which doesn't moult.

Victor certainly learnt very quickly that he shouldn't come on our bed and he would lie on the floor nearby, content with the knowledge that we couldn't escape without him knowing. However, when our friends Carla and Klaus came to stay,

Victor knew that he could get on their bed because they were not aware of the rules – and even if they were, they are just a pair of softies! Victor loved everybody and everything, but could change his behaviour depending on who he met. Our neighbour, Doug, would encourage him to jump on his lap. This was fine when Victor was a small puppy, but he continued to leap on the seated Doug and lick his face, even when he was much older. Victor slipped out of his lead during a visit to a National Trust property: luckily we were in the enclosed concourse area; unluckily he ran straight into the cafe area, round the tills and into the kitchen. Obviously, the smell of fresh-cooked National Trust pastries was too much for him. Amidst our embarrassment, a man in the queue cried out: 'That dog's jumped to the front of the queue!'

Honey loves to escape into the garden and run at incredible speeds in what seem to be pre-arranged circuits around certain trees and flower beds. Though she will retrieve her throwing toys for a treat, she would prefer it if she were chased. This, however, is something Hearing Dogs tell us we should never do! Chasing games are therefore restricted to when Honey meets another dog silly enough to oblige her. She runs close to the other dog as if to say 'catch me' and then bounds away in a circuit which takes her close again to the other dog, but not quite so close enough to be caught. This could go on for some time, depending on how patient or talkative the other dog owner is. Eventually, both dogs collapse, panting, but if the other dog comes over to see Honey, she's off again in mesmerising circles.



Honey goes to town as part of her training, where she is usually no trouble at all. Victor was more of a handful, as he chased any wind-blown leaf or piece of paper. Honey does have one inexplicable reaction to certain long skirts which flap around people's ankles. These, to Honey, are opportunistic toys and we have to keep an eye out for any female hippie-types coming towards her! It is sensible to have bags of time when going shopping. Not that Honey and Victor are un-welcomed by shop owners, but that passers-by will be forever stopping to ask about the dogs, or simply to fuss them.

It is a pleasure to explain about the Hearing Dog organisation and show how friendly the puppies are. People will tell us how good it is that we should commit our time to such a worthy cause, but they also add that they would never be able to give the puppy up after a year. And, yes....we dread it.

John and Freda Mitchell

Hearing Dog Socialisers

Newmarket



ARGELÈS-GAZOST 2010 FAROU'S DIARY

Hello friends,

I am very happy to be here again after my difficulties last year. In fact a thorn was stuck in my paw and prevented me from keeping my diary. It took six months of treatment before it was better.

Here we are again at the Hotel Picors for new adventures. In order not to bore my faithful readers, I will not linger over the "classic" activities of the stay, but I will develop the new ones a little.

On Wednesday 14th September, the welcoming party, comprising Dora & Stan, Eddy & Veerle, Christel (without Roland, who unfortunately was detained in Belgium by his work), Pierre & Monique and Koen & Sandra were waiting for my owners Michel & Olga to wish Michel a happy birthday as well as a long and happy retirement. After aperitifs, the traditional "garbure" (a duck stew typical of the region) was served accompanied by excellent wines courtesy of the hotel's owners Régis & Nathalie.



The next day, as a warm up, we set off for the Lac d'Estaing. This is a lovely spot. One can walk around the lake or go as far as the National Park along a little path, which gently ascends the mountain.

As soon as they saw the lake Tintin, Foli and Jaz (the new little one) ran towards it for a good bath. They really enjoy swimming. Personally I prefer a gentle little paddle. After an hours walking, we found a nice little place for a picnic and little siesta.

Towards 4pm we started back to find other members of the group who had chosen other activities. In fact they had visited the Beret Museum at Nay. There they learnt that since the thirteenth century, this woollen headgear has protected the Béarnais as much from the rain as the sun. Even if the beret is still strongly linked with military costume, it has also become a fashion accessory, made in many colours. There are now only two companies who make them. Over the course of their stays in the Pyrenees, this

accessory has become very popular among the members of our club.



Others came back from St Jean de Luz, ideally situated in the heart of the Basque coast, this charming town offers the possibility of taking a little walk along the beautiful beach, followed by strolling around the shops in the pedestrianised streets in the historic centre of the town. It may be a little too urban for us four legged ones. Then the owners set out for Hendaye a few kilometres away for a stroll round the port.

Thursday 15th

The usual walking group, accompanied by Tiny and her two dogs, chose the Lac d'Estom at 1804 metres, in the Latour valley as the venue for their walk. The lake is easily reached from the Fruitière car park. The wide path is well marked and never too steep. However, my mistress gave in half way up, while we bravely climbed the slope despite a little drizzle. Unfortunately during the picnic, the rain started to fall and the descent became slippery and we pleased to return and get dry.

At around 6pm the owners met in Stan and Dora's gite for an aperitif. Ann & Lieven took the opportunity to show off their new dog, Beni, who had come from a Canadian breeder. He is an adorable six month old face rase puppy, already well settled into his new way of life. At supper, Liz and Chris, our English friends joined us accompanied by two more compatriots and also Willy and Christianne two new members of our club. The meal was served as always by the good-humoured Norbert.

Friday 16th

Oh how gloomy Friday was! It drizzled in the morning, but it wasn't too serious because the masters had planned a day of tourism and gastronomy. A group of about fifteen set out for the Auberge Miniquette in the valley de l'Esponne, while others preferred the pool at the hotel and a little walk round the village. As we had plenty of time, we stopped to visit Campan Ste Marie, well known by the Tour de France and also for numerous large dolls made from material and painted by hand, which adorn many houses.



Intrigued by this decoration, I benefited from a meeting with a very old local Pyrenean Sheepdog and had a chat with him while we quenched our thirst at one of the village fountains. In the past, when a man from the Campan valley made an unusual marriage, for example if a widower married a young girl, he was the object of a hulla-balloo, demonstrated by quite violent mocking. The couple were represented in the form of large dolls- les Mounaques (from the Occitan monaca meaning doll). Since then they have kept the decorative role, which attracts many visitors.

Towards midday, we arrived at the restaurant where, as each year, the owners gave us a warm welcome. The choice of dishes was difficult with so many mouth watering suggestions. Garbure, Confit de Canard, mushroom omelette, salmon steak en croûte and much more. All very succulent! We little four legged ones scarcely have this kind of worry, it's dog food or.....dog food! The meal continued in a joyful atmosphere and after coffee kindly offered "on the house" by the owners, it was time to take a walk towards Chiroulet before meeting back at the hotel. There



w e met more English friends of Liz and Chris who had also come for the Nationale d'Élevage.

Saturday 17th

This was a big day for our friend Christel. In the morning she was going to get her new puppy-little Fäisse aged eight weeks. She was over the moon to hold this little bundle of fluff in her arms. When I saw all her friends in ecstasy at this scene, I said to myself, that humans very quickly become mad! They forgot all about the different tests and activities that were happening in the park. The park had suffered a lot during the winter and many old trees were up-rooted.

Before going to Ann and Lieven's for a drink in the afternoon, Stan, Dora and my masters went to the Foire aux Cotelettes at Arrens-Marsous, where they met Willy and Christianne.

Then it was time for the parade. We left the park, heading for the square near the church along the little streets of the town. While we Pyrenean Sheepdogs were very numerous, we were visually supplanted by the Pyrenean Mountain Dogs who had come out in force this year. The mayor of the town, as well as the President of the RACP, expressed their pleasure in welcoming us to the town. The group Las Danzas, danced several traditional dances and then a glass of wine was offered by the committee. This is an occasion to see old friends and meet new ones in a friendly atmosphere.

Sunday 18th The Day of the Big Show

"Our corner" in the park was saved from the storm and once again we settled into our Belgian/British camp.



Then the wait to go in the ring. Stress, joy and sometimes disappointment was the rhythm of the day. Happily the ambiance in our group was very good, like the weather. We received numerous visitors, one of whom was M Pécoult, and Stan, our public relations person, welcomed them with his legendary good humour and little tastings (vervain liqueur, sloe gin and curaçao) accompanied by savoury and sweet snacks. Everyone was having a good time!

While certain people ran from ring to ring, it's not easy when you have several dogs to show, my mistress and I visited the different stands spread out across the park. We found the Basque sauce seller, the cutler and this year, Steve our Swiss friend, who was giving a presentation of Pyrenean Sheepdogs working with ducks and sheep. It was great to see these dogs carrying out the tasks for which they have been bred.

The day ended with the parade of entrants from different countries and then the Ring of Honour. This year the winners of Best in Show were from Sweden with Boutas de Loubajac owned by Monica Westerberg.

Farou's adventures will be continued in the next Newsletter.

Farou is owned by Michel and Olga Stree. Many of the people mentioned in the article belong to our club. They also belong to a club in Belgium and they get together every month for a walk.

Translated from the French by Liz Lewis

POINTS SYSTEM RESULTS

The results for the Points System 2010 are as follows:



Showing The Kelltara Trophy

- 1st Rebecca Robson with Ivydale Nightjar (Dee Dee)
- 2nd Pat Phillips & Caroline Williams with Cortex du Pic d'Espade
- 3rd Pat Phillips with Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara (Rosie)
- 4th Rebecca Robson with Ivydale Choirboy (Brutus)



Best Puppy The Rozimba Cup

Rebecca Robson with Ivydale Choirboy (Brutus)



Junior Handler

Katie Robson

Obedience The Parbrook Pyrenean Sheepdogs Trophy

- 1st Jean Rawlings with Riacaud UMBER French Folly (Gypsy)
- 2nd Jean Rawlings with Parbrook Yodel (Wispa)

(Unfortunately Jean was unable to attend AGM to receive her Trophy.)



Agility

Liz Lewis with Ribalette de l'Oustaou de Padel (Ria)

Certificates of Achievement

Diane Newton with Carabrae Daniel Deronda at Nidasha (Tyler) for representing the UK in the European Canix Championships

Anne Collen with Rambauds Ortie (Tiggie) for winning the Novice Cup Medium Agility at Crufts 2010

Anne Collen with Rambauds Ortie (Tiggie) were part of the winning Irish Nations Cup Team at the 2010 International agility Festival

Shane Flint with Rozimba Celeste avec Sandytrail (Celeste) for obtaining the Gold Award in the Good Citizen Dog Scheme

Congratulations to all those who entered their points and those who received Certificates of Achievement. Sadly the response to the Points System was very disappointing with only four people sending in their points. The aim of the Points System is not really about winning a trophy (although that, of course, is an added bonus) but about celebrating what you and your dog have achieved. The forms for the 2011 Points System can be found at the end of the Newsletter. Please start recording your points now and send them in at the beginning of next year. Also let us know if you and your dog have achieved something special during 2011.



NATIONAL COMPETITION RESULTS 2010

DOG WORLD / ARDEN GRANGE TOP DOG COMPETITION 2010

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA



OUR DOGS / ARDEN GRANGE TOP BREEDER 2010

MIKE AND FELICITY CAFFERATA



OUR DOGS / MOLAR TOP PUPPY 2010

IVYDALE CHOIRBOY



DOG WORLD / ROYAL CANIN TOP STUD DOG 2010

HOB NOBS BAPTISTE AT CARABRAE



HIP SCORES

MERRYWOOD FOXGLOVE RH7 / LH 16 TOTAL: 23

ZURIBLUU DIVA RH 5 / LH 3 TOTAL: 7



CONGRATULATIONS

to

SWE + NOR CH HOB-NOBS SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA (Pussel) who has been awarded the Bronze Good Citizen Award.

FROM ANGUISH TO ARGELÈS AND BEYOND



In the spring of 2007 I found myself, for the first time in over forty years, without a canine companion. After my first dog, a poodle, not my choice, there was a succession of Labradors and Border Collies. All had to work for their supper and al fresco living was the norm. As I had put my gun down years ago and no longer having sheep of my own I wanted to try something different. A blank canvas, what to choose? After much research a Greonendale Belgian Shepherd was the choice. Jane and I went to the SKC show to see some breeders and dogs. I noticed that Jane was not very interested in the Belgian ring, but was in deep conversation with a lady who had a small blue merle bundle on her lap, Misty as it turned out. As Jane's GSD was nearing her sell by date we thought we would replace her with one of these little blue merle Pyrenean Sheepdog pups. No problem, check the local paper, get an order in, job done! That was the theory. Over one year later Liz Lewis, who has been a font of assistance and advice, phoned. The good news, she had found one, the bad news, we would have to wait a bit longer as the pup was in Belgium.

In February 2009 we took the ferry to Zebrugge. Veerle Vlerick gave us a beautiful blue merle bitch pup for which we had waited so long. We called her Nem, Catalan for "Lets go". In May, just a few short months later, we had to go south for a few days work. Jane and I left the dogs at home in the very capable hands of our youngest daughter. On the day we were returning Nem took fright and headed off. There was no stopping her. To cut a long story short I found her at ten o'clock that night

on the railway. At least it was quick, that's all you can say. We were devastated, it was not just the loss, but it was the sense of waste that got to me most. Also I felt so bad for Veerle.

Our middle daughter soon went back on the internet, she probably spoke to all of you! Another import was arranged, this time from Champ d'Onix. We called her Helle. Her kennel name is Ellenora after Helenoura du Pic du Pioulou. We took her home to Scotland in April 2010. Not wanting to be caught out again we went to classes about five times a week. She started Agility and as I wanted to show her we worked on that too. The Elevage National at Argelès-Gazost was the aim, primarily for the various tests that were there, two of which must be done before the dog is eighteen months old. She had already been shown in France before we collected her and I wanted to have another go. The tests went really well, especially as she was one of the few who passed the willingness to herd test. The CANT. In the show ring to be placed six out of six doesn't do it for me, but Helle was categorised Très Bon, better than Bon I guess. To be fair she hates the judge coming anywhere near her. This is an ongoing situation. I know where the problem lies and it is not with Helle. Either we can do more work or I can give her to someone else who can show her properly, not some stressed out idiot who hates losing. Was Argelès worth it? Definitely. It is a beautiful part of the world and the Pyrenees always hold an attraction. The dogs are not bad either! I feel it is good to put the dogs up for the various assessments and it is interesting to see the entries from all over Europe. A word of warning, if you brush your dog you will be in a minority, if you bath your dog you will be in a minority of one. A very large proportion of the exhibits carry cadenettes. I personally don't get it. Yes definitely your dog should run around the countryside, work, get filthy, even roll in Lama poo. Why not? But to allow your dog's coat to become matted is, for me, neglect. To actually make these matts, or cadenettes is, again for me, designer neglect. All the more bizarre as they take hours to do. I am aware that at least one Crufts judge and most continental breeders and exhibitors think that brushing your dog is the work of the devil. Suggesting otherwise is probably as helpful as telling Alexander Fleming he

SKOOTER'S FRENCH RESULTS

should have kept his laboratory cleaner. I am not for one second saying abuse, that is something altogether different. I also understand that a matted coat is not necessarily a dirty coat and that there has been previous correspondence in these pages about grooming. I agree that Pyrenean Sheepdogs should be kept close to their roots, but just because they were and some still are, working dogs doesn't mean there is a requirement for a coat that looks as if the dog is owned by a shepherd who should go to Spec Savers. Victor Meldrew, I love you like a brother!

Rant over. What does the future hold? I recently had Helle measured so that she could compete at Agility. The measurer asked me why on earth I had got myself a Pyrenean? "They are a nightmare!" For the breed to become more popular that perception needs to be worked on. Many people do find them too nervous. There are of course some that are bomb proof and if I breed from Helle I will definitely seek out one of these. I know where you live! Hard working active, great. Alert, even better. Nervous, wary of strangers, I am not so sure. Nerves were a contributory factor in my loss of Nem, and I am aware that unfortunately I am not the only person who has lost a dog that has, for whatever reason, run off. There are too many of us. Can you breed out one characteristic without losing the other? Do you need to? There are others, many of you, with more experience and knowledge than me who can play with that one.

For me a Pyrenean Sheep Dog is a great dog with which you can share your life, especially if you have an activity that you both love. Helle's first Agility competition in December was unfortunately cancelled due to the snow. She will make her debut in February, two years to the day since we picked up Nem. I hope we can prove the measurer wrong; it would be a fitting tribute.

Sandy Readman.

PS. 6th February Helle's first Agility competition. Four classes entered. One elimination, one five faults, both due entirely to driver error, also one first in Agility and one first in Jumping.

Anguish, what anguish?

Happy, just a lot!



Riacaud Ulric de Picors CDEx. UDEx. WDEx.
AMIENS, France 1st May 2010
1st & CAC Open Male

LISIEUX, France 17th September 2010
1st CAC Open Male - & Best of Breed



Regionale d'Elevage de la RACP
OLHAIN, France 10th October 2010
1st Open Male

ROZIMBA PUPPY PARTY

On Saturday 26th March we held a 1st birthday party for our 2010 litter of Puppies. This was Aisha and Ricaud's litter of 7 Puppies born on 1st March 2010, the largest litter of PSD puppies recorded in the UK.



Only 3 of the Puppies were able to make it to the party but we did receive pictures and very nice messages from the puppy owners who were unable to make it. The puppies attending were Eion and Shane Flint's Piau, Lisa Sollitt - Pass's Pierre and the Wach family's Patch who travelled all the way from Basingstoke.



The day was cold but fine so all the pups (including Cosmo and Celeste, Ricaud and Aisha) were able to play together in the garden and do a little agility and ringcraft training. Pat made a doggy birthday cake of liver, bacon and cream cheese, the pups managed to blow out the candle with help from Lisa's son Finn and all the dogs really enjoyed the cake. It was lovely for us to see the puppies growing into strong healthy young dogs and we thank the owners for bringing them along.



Pat, David and Toni.

Junior Handler's Success

Proud grandmother and club member, Sylvia Morgan phoned me recently to tell me of the success that her six year old granddaughter Piper has had in the ring with Sylvia's dog Purdy (Ivydale Naiad). At the Matlock and District Canine Society Show on 20th February, Piper and Purdy won Best of Breed and went on to be placed fourth in Group 4.

Tail Tails

A dog goes to a Post Office to send a telegram. He dictates his message to the person at the counter.

"Woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof. " The official said "You can have another woof for the same price since it is on offer this week." The dog looked disbelievingly at the official and replied. " you must be joking that would make the message unintelligible!!!!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL FUN DAY

3RD JULY 2011

AT

THE CANINE ACADEMY

TOLLERTON

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ARRIVE AT 10.30 FOR TEA OR COFFEE

TO BE FOLLOWED BY A WALK

ENJOY GAMES AND NOVELTY CLASSES

THERE WILL BE A SPEAKER (SUBJECT AND NAME TO BE ANNOUNCED)
COME AND MEET OTHER DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS



PLEASE BRING A SAVOURY FOR LUNCH, A RAFFLE PRIZE AND CHAIR FOR SITTING OUTSIDE

THIS FUN-DAY WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EURASIER SOCIETY UK

THE DAY WILL FINISH AT 4PM WITH AFTERNOON TEA

2 miles south of Nottingham; Off the A52 Lings Bar Road (opposite Morrisons & The Goose at Gamston). Take Tollerton Lane (signed Tollerton & Nottingham Airport); we are the first on the right (approx 1 mile north of Tollerton)

Children Free Non PSD Members £5

NANTWICH & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY OPEN SHOW 6TH MARCH 2011

PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG [Long Haired] Judge – Vicky Wilford

Class 100 JUNIOR 3 Entries 0 Absent

- 1st 232 Mr & Mrs E Flint's ROZIMBA PIAU ENGALY AVEC SANDYTRAIL
One year old bitch with good head, excellent ear set and very good eyes. Good texture of coat. Very well constructed with very good balance with excellent movement and reach in faster pace.
- 2nd 234 Mrs R Robinson's IVYDALE CHOIRBOY
Fifteen months old dog, with excellent head and lovely dark eyes.
Well constructed. Excellent rhythm & movement in trot.
- 3rd 233 S Gibbons & T. Westcott-Smith's ROZIMBA BAREGES
Very nice one year old dog which is litter brother to the class winner.
Of the same stamp, very well constructed with very good movement.
A little unsure of the surroundings to-day, and needing to mature, but bags of potential which should be realized in the future

Class 101 POST GRADUATE 3 Entries 2 Absent

- 1st 235 M & F Cafferata's MERRYWOOD FOXGLOVE
Nice dark haired bitch, which is just two months away from her third birthday.
Excellent coat and colour, nice head and showing very good balance of construction. Moved nice and freely, giving a very pleasing picture.

Class 102 OPEN 5 Entries 2 Absent

- 1st & BOB 238 M & F Cafferata's HOBNOBS BAPTISTE AT CARABRAE
Seven year old dog with excellent head and ears and very good depth of colour in coat. Excellent construction and proportions. Looked good, moved really well and gave a mature and all round polished performance – well done.
- 2nd 239 Mr & Mrs Flint's MERRYWOOD EFREN AT SANDYTRAIL
Such a lot to like about this three and a half year old dog.
Excellent overall construction, lovely coat texture and excellent paces
- 3rd 242 Mrs R Robinson's IVYDALE NIGHTJAR
Four years old bitch. Lovely little dog also with very good colour of coat.
Very good overall construction. Moved and shown beautifully by her young handler. A pleasure to watch this partnership. Well Done.

To Nantwich & District Canine Society, those who entered and everyone I met on the day- it was a pleasure and an honour to be in your company. Thank You.

SHOWING RESULTS

LKA 2010

11th-12th Dec.2010

AV Pastoral Not Separately Classified

Judge: Mr S Parsons

Class 845 PD (6 Entries) Abs: 1

3rd: Ivydale Choirboy Mrs R ROBSON

Class 847 PGD (7 Entries) Abs: 2

2nd: Merrywood Essien
Mrs M DEUCHAR, & Miss D DEUCHAR

Class 848 OD (8 Entries) Abs: 2

3rd: Cortex Du Pic D'espade (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS, & Mrs C WILLIAMS

Class 849 PB (6 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Ivydale Suzette For Seacourt Mr S PHILLIPS
2nd: Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou Avec Norlyght (Imp)
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH,& Dr J HILL

Class 850 JB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

3rd: Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou Avec Norlyght (Imp)
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH,& Dr J HILL

Class 852 OB (9 Entries) Abs: 1

3rd: Merrywood Dancing Queen At Kelltara
Mrs P PHILLIPS

Boston & District Canine Society

AVNSC PASTORAL

7th- 9th Jan 2011

Judge(s)

MR K BALDWIN

Junior - Dog Entries: 6 Absentees: 2

Res

IVYDALE CHOIRBOY (MRS R E ROBSON)

Puppy - BitCh Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

VHC

IVYDALE CERISE WITH KIMRAND (MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)

Manchester 2011

20th-23rd January 2011

AVNSC Pastoral

Judge: Mrs G J Lilley

Class 1487 PD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

2nd: Ivydale Automatic Mrs L M BERGAN

Class 1490 JD/B (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Suzette For Seacourt Mr S PHILLIPS

Class 1493 OD (8 Entries) Abs: 0

3rd: Cortex Du Pic D'espade (imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS,& Mrs C WILLIAMS
Res:Swed Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)
Mrs C MILNES

Class 1494 OB (10 Entries) Abs: 0

Res: Merrywood Dancing Queen At Kelltara
Mrs P PHILLIPS

AV Rare Breeds (Working & Pastoral)

Judge: Mrs G J Lilley

Class 1503 PB (5 Entries) Abs: 0

3rd: Ivydale Cerise With Kimrand
Mr F J RANDALL, & Miss K RANDALL

Class 1504 JD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Choirboy Mrs R ROBSON

Class 1506 LD/B (9 Entries) Abs: 0

3rd: Ivydale Nightjar Mrs R ROBSON

DFS Crufts 2011 Results

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge(s): MRS S HEWART-CHAMBERS



SWE CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA
(IMP SWE)

BEST OF BREED

SWE CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA
(IMP SWE) Dog

Owner: MRS C M MILNES

BEST PUPPY

JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP) Bitch

Owner: MR C & MRS P & DR J SUCH & HILL

BEST DOG

SWE CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA
(IMP SWE)

Owner: MRS C M MILNES

BEST BITCH

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW

Owner: MRS S A & MRS A MORLEY & ROGERSON

RESERVE BEST DOG

RIACAUD ULRIC DE PICORS CDEX UDEX WDEX

Owner: MRS V G WILFORD

RESERVE BEST BITCH

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA

Owner: MRS P PHILLIPS

Classes

Veteran - Dog

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

1st RIACAUD ULRIC DE PICORS CDEX UDEX
WDEX (MRS V G WILFORD)

2nd HOB-NOB'S BAPTISTE AT CARABRAE
(MR M & MRS F CAFFERATA)

Special Junior - Dog

Entries: 1 Abs: 0

1st IVYDALE CHOIRBOY (MRS R E ROBSON)

Open - Dog

Entries: 4 Abs: 0

1st SWE CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA
(IMP SWE) (MRS C M MILNES)

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

3rd CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE (IMP)
(MESDAMES P PHILLIPS & C WILLIAMS)

Res LUX/NL/CIE CH FOLI DU PIC DE PIOULOU
(MR E & MRS V VAN PELT & VLERICK)

Veteran - Bitch

Entries: 1 Abs: 0

1st CARABARAE ANNABELLA AT KIMRAND
(MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)

Special Junior - Bitch

Entries: 3 Abs: 1

1st JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)
(MR C & MRS P & SUCH & DR J HILL)

2nd ROZIMBA PIAU ENGALY AVEC SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

1st MERRYWOOD FOXGLOVE
(MR M & MRS F CAFFERATA)

2nd CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 6 Abs: 1

1st MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW
(MRS S A & MRS A MORLEY & ROGERSON)

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

3rd KIMRAND BONNE AMIE
(MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)

Res IVYDALE NIGHTJAR (MRS R E ROBSON)
VHC IR CH MERRYWOOD ELEKTRA AT NORLYGHT
(MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch

Entries: 4 Abs: 0

1st MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW
(MRS S A & MRS A MORLEY & ROGERSON)

2nd IVYDALE NIGHTJAR (MRS R E ROBSON)

3rd ROZIMBA PIAU ENGALY AVEC SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

Res CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB of GREAT BRITAIN–HEALTH SURVEY 2011

??? Would you consider filling in a Health Survey Form? ? ?-----

---- What is the reason for a Health Survey Form? -----

As a club we have a duty to gather information that will be of value to the members

The aim is to take a general overview of the health status of a breed.

-----So why does the questionnaire seem so detailed? -----

We need to strive to assess the overall picture as accurately as it is possible

Hard facts are best, but anecdotal evidence and observations can be of value

----- Why should I fill in a Health Survey Form?-----

We have a unique opportunity-

To be able to contribute to the knowledge of the breed of dog we love.

As there are not a large number of Pyrenean Sheepdogs in this country, an overall view of health at this time will prove invaluable, now and in the future

Your participation is important.

The more people take part, the more full and accurate the results

-----Please be assured---

The information gathered will be collated and general overall figures and results will be published

No individual's information will be published

--So what of the future?-----

With continued gathering of information, problems – real or potential – can be based on facts.

It is envisaged to undertake a health survey at approximately four-year intervals.

Please give details of all dogs owned even if the individual is now deceased.

Each complete returned questionnaire will be allotted a raffle ticket!

There are three prizes on offer and the draw will take place

at the Fun Day Sunday 3rd July 2011 at the Canine Academy at Tollerton

*1st prize – a Years Free Single Membership

*2nd prize – a Pyrenean Sheepdog Club Calendar

*3rd prize – Tea Towel

Please return completed Health Survey Forms by 16th June 2011 to; PSD Survey, c/o Mrs. E. Lewis, 10 Asquith Boulevard, Knighton, Leicester LE2 6FA

Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain - Health Survey 2011

Please fill the questionnaire for each dog, past or present

Name		
Address		
Dogs Registered Name		
Date of Birth	Sex:- Male/Female	Neutered :- Yes / No
Colour		
Sire		
Dam		
Has your dog had any Health Tests or Checks If Yes Please indicate results below	Hip Score / Heart / DNA / Other	Yes / No

If the answer to any of the following is 'Yes' please could you outline the main details and continue overleaf if necessary.

Has your dog ever suffered from a serious problem needing Veterinary Treatment with the following;

Please include the age at which your dog was affected / diagnosed

The Digestive System (including mouth and teeth)
Respiratory System (nose to lung)
Musculo-Skeletal System (bones,muscles & joints)
Skin & Hair
Eyes & Ears
Nervous System & Brain
Liver and Urinary System
Endocrine System (Hormones & Body Balance)
Reproductive System
Any other condition not covered by the above

or a condition not warranting continual visits to the vet.
Has your dog ever had a reaction to Flea or Worming Treatments ?
Has your dog any food intolerances ?
Reaction or suspected allergic reaction to any thing else ?
For unspayed females that are not part of a breeding program -- What is the average time between seasons and have you encountered any problems?
If your dog has been used in a breeding program, Male or Female (with or without success) Would you also please fill in a Health Survey Breeding and Litter Form. Thank You
If this dog is now deceased please tell us about the cause of death or reason for euthanasia and at what age.

Add other information you feel may be of value :-

Please return completed forms by 16th June 2011 to :-

PSD Survey, c/o Mrs E M Lewis, 10 Asquith Boulevard, Knighton, LEICESTER ,LE2 6FA



Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain - Health Survey 2011

Breeding & Litter Health Form

If the answer to any of the following is 'YES' please could you outline the main details and continue overleaf if necessary

Name
Address

---SIRE---

Registered Name	
Date of Birth	Colour
Any Test/s to ascertain the dogs sexual health If yes please indicate test & results :-	Yes / No
If not already noted - Any Health Tests or Checks? Hip Score / Heart / DNA / other If yes please indicate test & results below:-	Yes / No

---DAM---

Registered Name	
Date of Birth	Colour
Any Test/s to ascertain the dogs sexual health If yes please indicate test & results :-	Yes / No
If not already noted - Any Health Tests or Checks? Hip Score / Heart / DNA / other If yes please indicate test & results below:-	Yes / No
Any difficulties with fertility or the mating process	Yes / No
Any other information you feel may be of value	

--- IN WHELP & WHELPING ---

Any Veterinary Tests or Treatment while in whelp?	Yes / No
Gestation period	
Bitch whelped on her own	Yes / No
Veterinary assistance / intervention at Whelping	Yes / No

LITTER DETAILS -- please fill in a form for each litter

Puppy	Male / Female	Colour	Puppy	Male / Female	Colour
1			5		
2			6		
3			7		
4			8		

<p>Any Puppies unwell or lost after birth? If yes put a cross X for unwell or D for deceased by the puppy on the table above and age. Note symptoms, treatments or cause if known</p>
<p>Any Veterinary treatment for the bitch after the birth and up to the time of weaning?</p>
<p>Any other information you feel may be of value</p>

Please return completed forms by 16th June 2011

to:- PSD Survey, c/o Mrs E M Lewis, 10 Asquith Boulevard, Knighton, Leicester LE2 6FA



AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

I have completed the audit for the year ended 31 December 2010 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 2010.

I have again shown a creditor of £30 for my fees as this relates to this year's expenditure to therefore give a true deficit for the year of £10.01. This year shows less membership subscriptions received for the year, and expenditure is only £98 lower than 2009. Also 2010 is the final year for depreciation regarding the photocopier, excluding this depreciation there would have been a surplus for the year of £92.

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

8 February 2011

PYRENAEN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Membership Subscriptions	872.00		975.50	
Seminar receipts			509.00	
Breed Match Receipts	313.60			
Fun Day non members			54.50	
Fun day raffle			99.00	
Shop sales			16.62	
Donations for Resecue & Welfare	152.00		296.50	
Building Society interest	1.60		9.22	
Discover Dogs Food Allowance	50.00			
Competition winnings			25.00	
TOTAL INCOME		1,389.20		1,985.34
EXPENDITURE				
Seminar:				
Flights for speaker			363.20	
Field Head Hotel			386.50	
Gift for speaker			20.00	
Rosettes			19.20	
Fun Day:				
Expenses			54.01	
Prizes				
Hall Hire	90.00		93.75	
Rosettes	46.50		22.00	
Hall Hire for dog show	125.00			
Stationery	203.55		64.66	
Depreciation	102.00		102.00	
Postage	61.59		116.35	
Insurance	126.00		62.48	
Breed Match buffet	264.10		33.00	
Breed match rosettes	32.19			
Present for judge	7.80			
Kennel Club	45.00		45.00	
Crufts trophy			35.00	
Leaflets	87.00			
Train tickets	39.60			
Canine Academy	30.00			
Justice for dogs club tea towels	20.00			
Donation Bella Moss Foundation			50.00	
Committee meeting refreshments	88.88			
Audit	30.00		30.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-1,399.21		-1,497.15
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		-10.01		488.19
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT B/F		3,874.06		3,385.87
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT C/F		3,864.05		3,874.06

**PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
PHOTOCOPIER	408.00		408.00	
DEPRECIATION B/F	-306.00		-204.00	
DEPRECIATION CHARGE 25% STRAIGHT LINE	-102.00		-102.00	
		0.00		102.00
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank	3,004.53		2,912.54	
Cash at Bank held for Rescue & Welfare	826.00		826.00	
Total cash at bank	3,830.53		3,738.54	
Prepayments - insurance	63.52		63.52	
	3,894.05		3,802.06	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Audit & Accounts Preparation Fee	-30.00		-30.00	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		3,864.05		3,772.06
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,864.05		3,874.06
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		3,864.05		3,874.06

THE PYRANEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN - LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT

Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2010

	£	£
Balance per bank (statement number 44) dated 1 Dec 2010		3,875.53
Less: Unpresented payments		
Cheque 00072	-9.00	
00075	-36.00	
		-45.00
Balance per ledger		3,830.53