

# Pyrenean Sheepdog



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

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FRIPONNE DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA) OWNED BY PAT PHILLIPS AND HANDLED IN THE RING BY STEVE PHILLIPS BEST IN BREED CRUFTS 2013 AND THE FIRST PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG TO HAVE BEEN SHORTLISTED IN THE GROUP AT CRUFTS.



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## BITS AND PIECES FROM THE SECRETARY

### AGM

Following Cynthia Milnes' proposal that the committee should be more responsible to the membership, the committee is going to try to keep the members more up to date with what is happening. As a result of this you will find the minutes of the AGM included with the Newsletter.

As you will see in the minutes, it was decided at the AGM that the wording of Paragraph 16 of the Code of Ethics re the age at which a bitch is first mated, is to be changed. This change will have to be submitted to the Kennel Club with the Annual Returns in June/July and will hopefully be agreed.

The Newsletter, the Newsfeed on the website and the Facebook group will be the principal means of circulating information.

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### Calendar

I'm afraid it's that time of year again and we are looking for photos for the calendar. Please send photos to Chris Lewis initially by email by **31<sup>st</sup> May** if you want your pride and joy featured in the 2014 calendar.

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### Fun Day

An ad for the Fun Day appears elsewhere in the Newsletter but please note one change from the usual format. This year we are asking members to bring **their own lunch**. Afternoon tea will be provided by the committee.

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### Nationale d'Elevage

The Nationale d'Elevage organised by the RACP for the four Pyrenean Breeds takes place on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the pretty little town of Argelès-Gazost. If you haven't already made the pilgrimage for this wonderful weekend, you really should consider it.

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### Points Results

Thank you to everyone who sent their points in this year and congratulations to the winners. However the committee was disappointed that only one person sent in Agility points and nobody sent in Obedience points. We know you are out

there doing things with your dogs. Please tell us about them and celebrate their success.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Debbie Deuchar was unable to be at the AGM to be presented with the Durendal Fidele Agility Trophy.

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### THE KARLTON INDEX

The Karlton Index is a social enterprise launched in March 2011 with the aim of measuring progress in dog breed health and welfare issues. It is run on a not-for-profit basis by dog welfare campaigner Philippa Robinson, innovatively using a business improvement tool to measure which breed communities are most active in terms of breed health.

There will be eight awards with the aim of:

- Recognising the positive work done on breed health by breeders and breed clubs
- Sharing good practice and innovation in breed health
- Rewarding those working tirelessly and often unnoticed in this area
- Raising awareness of progress and achievements in the realm of improved breed health

The Kennel Club is joining forces with the Karlton Index and supporting the Breed Health awards which are due to take place at Discover Dogs in November this year.

### HIP SCORES

Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel (Imp Fra)

RH 8 / LH 7 Total 15

Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel (Imp Fra)

RH 4 / LH 5 Total 9

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUPPIES  
REGISTERED WITH THE KENNEL CLUB IN

2012 = 12

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

STEPHANIE GRUNDY

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### NOTE FOR DIARIES

**The National Working and Pastoral  
Breeds Society are allowing us to hold  
a Club Show at their Championship  
Show in Malvern on 13.07.13  
Schedules and details from Higham Press.**

# Chairman's Report to the AGM 2013

Make I take this opportunity to welcome everyone to this years AGM. As always it's good to see you all.

The year started as usual with Crufts. Pyrenean Sheepdogs were taking part in a variety of activities. Debbie Deuchar and Asti were competing in agility, Jenny Butters and Theo were taking part in Obedience and Diane Newton and Tyler were taking part in the Canix. There was also a good entry in the show ring. Congratulations go to Cortex du Pic d'Espade owned by Mrs Pat Phillips and Mrs Caroline Williams, who was awarded Best of Breed.

Many dogs also helped to promote the breed in the Discover Dogs area. We were able to man the stand for all four days, but, as in previous years it has to be said that it is becoming increasingly difficult to do so. This is the key event of the year when we can showcase the breed and it is therefore very important that we are well represented. I'm afraid that I'm becoming repetitive about this. Looking back at previous reports, the content has been very similar. Hopefully we can move on to a time when this is no longer necessary.

This years Fun Day was held on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> at Bearley Village Hall, Warks. This was a new venue for us, but proved to be very successful. Unlike previous years, the Eurasiers were not able to join us, but it didn't matter as the membership came up trumps with a really good number attending. Given the appalling summer weather, we were blessed with reasonable weather on the day. The day took the usual format, with a walk to start off with, followed by a talk and demonstration of clicker training by Angela White. Angela is a long term club member of the club and was the first KC accredited Obedience Trainer. It was a very practical session, which all the participants clearly enjoyed.

After lunch, there were the usual Novelty Classes and team games organised by Diane

and Sheila. The day ended with afternoon tea. All in all it was a very successful day with about 35 members and even more dogs and fortunately NO RAIN.

The Nationale d'Elevage organised by the RACP was once again held in Argelès-Gazost in September. There was a significant number of club members present, exhibiting their dogs and renewing friendships.

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, we held our fourth Judging Seminar at The Fieldhead Hotel, Markfield. We are indebted to Elina Haapaniemi, an internationally renowned Finnish judge for giving up her precious time to come and give the assembled gathering the benefit of her vast experience, insights and knowledge of the breed. The seminar was well attended and proved to be highly successful.

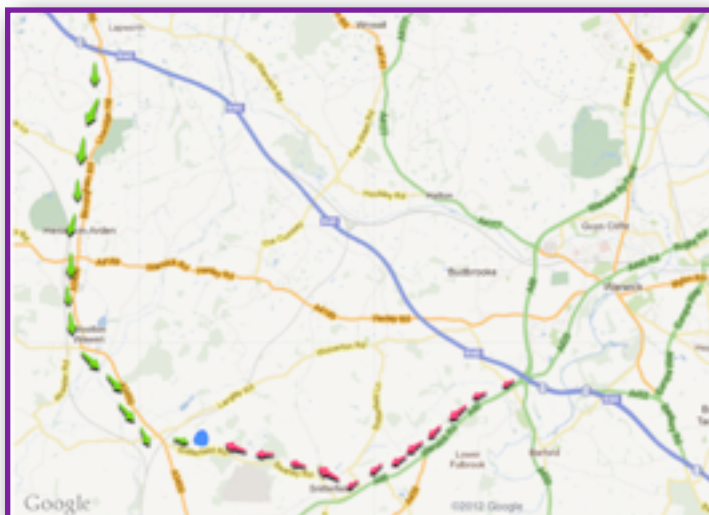
Discover Dogs was held at Earl's Court in November. Unfortunately, for the second year in succession, we were only able to man the stand for one day due to lack of appropriate offers of help.

On the whole, the membership remains stable. Dogs and their owners continue to take part in a variety of activities, ensuring that the breed continues to be kept in the public eye.

We are gradually trying to change the website and now have a new front page which will allow greater flexibility. At the same time there is a counter on the site and it demonstrates that in the last two months there have been over 600 hits. The Facebook group has over 300 members from all over the world and clearly is a very active way of sharing information. We continue to welcome any new ideas for the future development of the club but the bottom line is that the club can only be as good as the enthusiasm of the membership.

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 the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Chris Lewis



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**OUR ANNUAL FUN DAY**  
**SUNDAY 30TH JUNE**  
**AT**  
**BEARLEY VILLAGE HALL**  
Snitterfield Road, Bearley,  
Nr Stratford on Avon, CV37 0SR

ARRIVE AT 10.30 FOR TEA AND COFFEE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY WALK, GAMES AND NOVELTY CLASSES ,TALK ON FIRST AID FOR DOGS. COME AND MEET OTHER DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH, A RAFFLE PRIZE AND A CHAIR FOR SITTING OUTSIDE THE DAY WILL FINISH AT 4PM AFTER AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

**DIRECTIONS:-** From South:- Junction15 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.

## Caption Competition



This is a picture of Louis (provided by Pat Phillips) Can you think of an appropriate caption for the picture?

Send in your answers to the editor in time for the Fun Day on the 30th June and the winner will receive a small prize.  
([riacaud@mac.com](mailto:riacaud@mac.com))

If you think you have a suitable picture for a caption competition send it into the editor in time for the next Newsletter.

# COLOURS...

Pyrenean sheepdogs are not the easiest to breed. The good thing about them is that they're sturdy, the bitches are good mothers and, as a rule, whelping is no problem. Everything else is complicated!

It's no picnic to keep size, type, coats or movement in order, but then, it wouldn't be fun if it were, would it?

Let's talk about colours.

As we all know the colours favoured by the standard are the "solid" colours, the deep fawns, the greys, the blacks, the blue merles... But we have the pale colours, the brindles, the "dirty" merles...

So what do we do? What should we do? Hard to tell really! The trouble when breeding fawn to fawn, particularly the rich "reds", is that they tend to eventually bring in weak pigmentation... Which is probably the reason why fawns are often bred to greys or blacks. As a matter of fact, there is no real rule but the good old trial and error rule. Unfortunately, it seems that breeding fawns to greys or blacks may cause a dilution and weakening of good colour.

However, it seems important to always breed one "strong" colour to a "weaker" one, or two "strong" ones together.

One colour that the standard seems to frown on while it used to be quite common in the mountains is the "off white" colour. It is also the colour of the Lourdais cattle, by the way. As a rule those dogs with that "off white" coat seem to have the best pure black pigmentations... As a matter of fact it is definitely different from the washed out fawns or greys.

The question of the brindles seems to have become irrelevant. There was a time when the colour was only to be found in face-rases, but those days are long gone now, and the brindle

is just another colour in the breed. Here again, the "deeper" the better. As for blue merles... I expect everybody is aware that brindles and merles are very different. Brindles are fawns with black "stripes", merles are silver grey with black "splashes" (or rather, they're black with diluted parts...)

It's a complicated story! Ideally, blue merle should be bred to black. Everybody knows that merle bred to merle may cause health problems or puppies with too much white, so it is really a question of knowing what sacrifices one may be prepared to make and these days, sacrifices are very much frowned upon, so better keep out of trouble as much as possible. Can merles be bred to fawns? That is not recommended, but those who do it find they end up with really nice blue merles in many cases, along with puppies that can only be sold as pets when they are fawn-merles or fawns with wall-eyes (disqualifications in the French and FCI standard). At least these are not health issues, only standard issues.

Another problem is that sometimes there's a fawn puppy in the litter with perfectly brown eyes and just a few black specks on the nose at birth that soon become invisible, and when bred one day, surprise! They produce merle puppies!

But the time has come for me to upset all your elaborate plans for breeding good colours. What if it were even more important to breed good pigmentation? Not so long ago lips, palates and eye-rims not to mention noses and feet pads were the deepest black. Not so today, and that is worse than a pale coat and no excuses, pigmentation of the nose that is not pure black is a disqualification in the French and FCI standard...

As you can see, I am not much help and have no recipes for successful colour breeding... finding out for oneself is probably part of the fun of breeding. I wish you a lot of fun!

Alain Pécoult



## LILY



Hello! it's me here again, writing to you with my latest news. Well! Where were we when I last wrote to you all, I think that I had just settled into my new home and was telling you about the puppy school that I was going to attend shortly with my new owners Carla and Klaus. I was very apprehensive about going, I can remember worrying about it, but I needn't have done, after the initial shock on the first lesson, I managed very well and settled down to do as many things as I could with the help of Klaus.

After I became confident being in the room with all the other people and dogs, I decided that it would be fine to get down from Klaus's knee and take a few steps forward onto the floor. The other people had taken their puppies onto the floor already, so I decided that I must get on and do the same sort of things that they were doing, otherwise, I would get left behind and never be able to catch up. Klaus helped me to sit by holding treats in front of me, and he kept saying what a good girl I was whilst telling me to sit for a little while longer. We practised this in the class a few times and then we went onto, stand, lie down and wait. I don't mind trying to do these things as I always get a treat whilst we are practising and I like being told that I'm a good girl when I get it right. I made friends with the other puppies and their owners and I must say that when I became confident with them all I could think about was running, and playing puppy games with them. This of course led to me being

told to concentrate and stop being silly, but I do find that it takes me all my time to listen, as I am mostly very determined to do my own thing and not take notice of what Klaus is asking me to do. Well, I have mastered the basic commands used at puppy school, and, I have been presented with a Certificate of Puppy Training, in recognition of completing the Training and Socialisation course. Just when I was starting to feel pleased with myself, and thinking that this was the end of the learning classes, and I could put my paws up, and get more playing time in, I overheard them talking about Obedience classes that would be starting in January, and, would we be attending!. Well, they said we would! So off we go again, more learning and trying to be good, where will it all end I ask myself! We started attending our Obedience classes at the end of January, and I have completed the first sessions for The Puppy Foundation Assessment, and received my Certificate on the 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Also in March I was taken to Crufts, Discover Dogs where we spent Thursday and Sunday afternoon manning the PSD Stand with other committee members and their dogs. On the Thursday when we arrived at the stand I met Kim with her dog Bonnie, and Jonathan with his dog Meg. Bonnie and Meg were doing a great job of standing in the pen and meeting people. They were being stroked and made a fuss of they seemed to be enjoying themselves. I hadn't been to anything like this before and at first I wasn't sure about how to behave and what I was supposed to do. I went into the pen with the others and made friends with them. I was not too sure about the people at first; it took me a while before I went to the front of the pen to see the people. Klaus did a great job of helping me get used to this new situation, and told them to stroke me from underneath not over the top of my head. Until I get to know people well I am much happier being approached in this way and was very happy to meet them. By the time we got home that evening I felt very tired, and after dinner I went to sleep for ages. I was still tired on Friday after my morning walk, and Carla told me to have a good rest because we would be going on a long

walk on Saturday and would be meeting our friends and their dogs that had come over from Belgian to take part in the Crufts dog show.

On the Saturday morning we drove to a village called Woodhouse Eaves, and parked our car in the pub car park. We waited for a while then three cars arrived and parked next to us. People and dogs got out of the cars and Carla told me that we were all going on a lovely walk with our Belgian friends and their dogs. So many people to meet and dogs as well, this is very exciting I hope that we can get going soon as I am thinking I could get some playing time in, that is, if, someone will play with me. It seemed ages to wait while everyone put on their walking shoes, hats, coats, and scarves, and we were put on our leads and all ready to go. After a short walk between some houses we arrived at the start of a footpath and then we all had our leads removed which we were all very pleased about. I love exploring and ferreting about in the long grass, I can find all sorts of interesting things to carry around, though I do get told off quite a bit as I collect a lot of unsavoury stuff, according to Klaus, he says it would be much better if I could manage to leave it alone. As we were going along I introduced myself to the other dogs and we all began to play and run together.



I didn't know that one of the dogs whose name was Foli was in fact my Dad until Klaus told me; I think Foli is very handsome and I got on very well with him, and we ran, and

ran, only stopping to have a drink now and again from a muddy puddle or two. We had a great time together it was very nice to meet all of these new dogs for the first time. The weather managed to stay fine for our walk, and we dogs managed to find plenty of muddy streams to run about in and get very and dirty.

Sunday at Crufts was very exciting, there were different people and dogs to meet, some of the dogs stayed for a short while then went off with their owners to the show ring, but the best time of all was when my Brother Henry arrived. At first I didn't recognise him but when I went over and asked him if he wanted to play I realised who he was. We played and played for ages together running round and round the pen like silly puppies having a great time just like we used to do! I like Henry it was lovely to see him again I hope that I will meet him soon, perhaps at our fun day! We finished our day by dismantling our stand and putting all of the banners and posters away, and loading them onto our trolley. Oh I thought to myself as I settled down in the car for our journey home, I don't think I could do this sort of thing every day, it's very tiring being on my best behaviour.

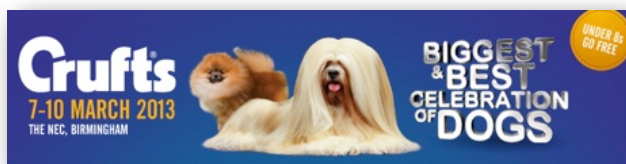
Hope you have enjoyed my news, I will be writing again in the next Newsletter, bye for now, Lily.



Congratulations to Lily (Seacourt Esprit de la Vie) on achieving the Good Citizen's Foundation award.

Congratulations to Sooty (Bon Sooty de la Belle Folie) on achieving the Bronze Good Citizen's award.





Even before Crufts actually started, one Pyrenean Sheepdog was in the limelight. Debbie Deuchar's Asti (Merrywood Essien) was featured doing agility in the advertisement for Crufts shown on More 4.

### Wednesday 6th March

Chris and Klaus went to the NEC to set the Breed Stand up in the Discover Dogs area. The committee had decided that the stand needed a make over and Chris had designed six banners with new photos and updated information for the stand. The idea of having banners was that hopefully it would be much quicker and easier to set the stand up in the future. This proved to be the case although some bars going across the top of the stand made things a little tricky. However Chris and Klaus were pleased with the end result.



### Thursday 7th March

Kim Randall with Bonnie, Jonathan Pattison with Meg and Eion Flint, were on the stand bright and early. They were joined later in the day by Klaus and Carla Senkpiehl and their puppy, Lily. This was Lily's first time on the stand but from all accounts she quickly settled down and enjoyed all the attention. Carla said that people coming to the stand admired the new banners and enjoyed reading the information.

### Friday 8th March

Chris Lewis with Meg was joined by our Belgian friends and club members Roland Merckx and Christel van den Bosch, Veerle Vlerick and Eddy van Pelt with Foli and Kesha (making her first appearance on the

stand) and Dora Moortgat. Agnès Audibert from France was also with them visiting Crufts for the first time. Jenni Gemmill and Sooty who was making his debut on the stand, also joined them. A busy day was had by all with plenty of people enquiring about the Pyrenean Sheepdog.

### Saturday 9th March

Manning the stand today were Diane Newton and Sheila Janson with Tyler, Jacquie and Alan Fisher with Cassie and Heather Davies with Henry (also making his debut). Another busy day was had by all.



### Sunday 10th March

This was Pastoral and Working Day and the Pyrenean Sheepdogs would be in the show ring. The number of individual PSDs entered was 24 with 28 entries. Four dogs were entered in the Good Citizen classes. Cynthia and Ric Milnes with Pussel, Liz and Chris Lewis with Meg and Geordi and Heather Davies with Henry were on the stand to start off with, along with some of the Belgian contingent. Klaus and Carla with



Lily and Jonathan Pattison with Meg, arrived a bit later. There was great excitement when Frank Kane stopped at the stand to say that he was hoping to get a small group of sheepdogs together to do a short piece to be shown on the Crufts coverage that evening. Eventually a small group of different breeds of



sheepdog were assembled and the piece was filmed with several re-takes! There was great coverage of Pussel, Meg got a brief mention and there was a brief shot of Lily. They all got their five minutes of fame when the piece was shown later that evening. Another club member, Veerle Vlerick also got her five minutes of fame in the Channel 4 coverage on Sunday evening. Several exhibitors from abroad, were interviewed and asked to give their thoughts about Crufts. Veerle was shown several times.



There was a very long wait before the Pyrenean Sheepdogs finally got into the show ring. After such a long wait the judging seemed to be all over and done with in no time. Congratulations go to Best of Breed Friponne du Pic d'Espade Keltara owned by Pat Phillips and handled by Steve Phillips. The full results are printed in the results section.



Pat and Steve then had to go to the Main Arena to show Friponne in the Pastoral group. There was a very strong group of dogs, but Friponne was pulled out into the last eight, which is a remarkable achievement. It is the first time that this has happened at Crufts and is a major step forward for the breed. All in all Sunday was a very exciting day.

As far as I know no other Pyrenean Sheepdogs were competing in other disciplines at Crufts this year.

It was good to see so many young dogs on the breed stand in Discover Dogs. They are the future of the breed and they are much needed to replace some of the stalwarts who have earned a rest from such a busy and tiring day. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help out on the stand. Without you all we would not be able to promote our lovely breed. Let's hope you'll all be there next year to do it all again!

Liz Lewis





#### MY DAY AT CRUFTS 2013

On Sunday the 10th of March 2013 my mum and I got up at 5 am! We were going to Crufts to compete on the working and pastoral day with our two Pyrenean sheepdogs called Dee Dee and Brutus. I was so excited because I was also competing in the Young Kennel Club handling competition. Mum had packed the car the night before and I got my outfit ready. We had breakfast in the car on the way, delicious butter brioche, mum always gets these on dog show days, my favourite.

On arrival at Birmingham NEC it was my job to make sure Brutus did his business because he has a habit of doing it when you least expect. In the mean time, mum unpacked the cages and things. It seemed such a long walk to the Halls this year because it was so cold and windy. Brutus' hair was blown up into the air and he looked like a hedgehog, lol. There was not much of a queue to get in to hall 5 but the noise inside was deafening. It made me really nervous, with dogs barking, people bustling about and everyone clamouring for their catalogues. I weaved through the stands to make room for mum and the mountain of cages... she always brings everything.. probably the kitchen sink as well.. Hahahaha. I found our bench in hall 4 quite easily and held Brutus and DeeDee until mum unravelled everything, boring bungees twanging, bags flying here and there, water bottles dropping, mum ordering me about and not too sweetly.. lol hope she doesn't mind me saying.. hahahaha. I was competing in the YKC handling at 12:00 pm and thought I had loads of time. I had to go and check in for the YKC, so swerving my way through to hall 3 took another half an hour. I must admit I did stroke a few dogs on the way. I was so nervous because I haven't qualified in two years, but my mum was continually giving me positive support before I went in the ring. Waiting to go into my class was the most nerve racking of all. Everyone was swarming around the YKC ring and the noise was terrifying. There was music blasting, loud voices over the tannoy, dog's treading on my feet and other competitor's faffing with their dogs. Mum was videoing me and kept waving and getting me to smile. Suddenly they were getting us into order and I heard someone call my name. I felt sick. I got DeeDee's lead sorted and jogged into the ring. The noise disappeared and I focused on the judge. It seemed to take forever to get to my turn and then my turn was over and the next person stepped up. That's when the noise hit me again, my head was spinning and my legs felt like jelly. DeeDee jumped up for a treat and I came back to reality. I didn't get a place this year and at the time I was very disappointed. Mum gave me a big hug when I came out of the ring and whispered, 'lets go and get your junior Handling Trophy from discover dogs'. That made me smile and I had my picture taken holding my trophy with Mr Lewis.

The rest of the day floated by even though we had to wait ages for the breed classes and I did not feel nervous anymore.

Katie Robson

## CONGRATULATIONS



### Dog World/Arden Grange Top Dog Competition

Top Dog  
Cortex du Pic d'Espade  
Pat Phillips and Caroline Williams

### Our Dogs/Arden Grange Top Breeder Competition

Top Breeder          Norbert Gainche

### Dog World /Royal Canin Top Stud Dog Competition

Top Stud  
Hob-Nobs Baptiste at Carabrae  
Mike and Felicity Cafferata

### Our Dogs/ Dorwest Top Puppy Competition

Joint Top Puppies  
Gazost II Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade Kelltara  
Pat Phillips

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

## An educational evening at Manchester Museum

I wrote in the last newsletter about a very successful event "The British and Their Dogs" which was held at the Manchester Museum in conjunction with the KC.

I was invited to return in January with Pussel, Swe /Nor Ch Hob-Nob's Soleil of Jentilima, to take part in an evening session this time, rather than all day. However the format was similar.

Again the public were encouraged to meet, ask questions, and generally make a fuss of the dogs on show, but this time there were also lectures taking place covering topics such as, the formation of the early dog shows in the nineteenth century, and the development and evolution of dog breeds.

Although attendance was nothing like as huge as it had been last year it was still a worthwhile exercise. A hundred or so people went home with some insight into our breed, and in all but one instance, they had met a breed they had never heard of before that evening.

Cynthia Milnes

## DAISY



Well Done to Ivydale Marguerite (Daisy) and her owner Mary Abbot who live in Cumbria. Daisy is shown with her array of rosettes won at their local Annual Fun Day Show.

From left to right:-

- 1.Prettiest Bitch
- 2.Pastoral Class
- 3.Obedience
- 4.Obedience



## SHOWING RESULTS

### The Ladies Kennel Association 2012

15th-16th December

Av Pastoral Not Separately Classified

Judge: Mr Lee Cox

**Best Dog** : Cortex du Pic d'Espade (Imp)  
Mrs P Phillips & Mrs C Williams

**Res Best Bitch** : Friponne du Pic d'Espade  
Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P Phillips

**PD (1 Entries) Abs: 0**

1st: Bon Sooty de la Belle Folie (Imp) Miss  
J Gemmill

**JD (2 Entries) Abs: 1**

1st: Gazost 11 Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade  
Kelltara Imp F Mrs P Phillips

**PGD (2 Entries) Abs: 1**

1st: Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel  
Mrs E Lewis

**OD (6 Entries) Abs: 1**

1st: Cortex du Pic d'Espade (Imp)  
Mrs P Phillips & Mrs C Williams

**OB (2 Entries) Abs: 1**

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

### BOSTON & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

11th-13th January 2013

AVNSC Pastoral

Judge(s): Kevin Young

**Puppy - Dog**

Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

**2ND**

Seacourt Esprit du Troupeau  
(Mr S R Phillips)

**Post Graduate - Dog**

Entries: 7 Absentees: 1

**2ND**

Ivydale Choirboy (Mrs R E Robson)

**Open - Bitch**

Entries: 9 Absentees: 3

**2ND**

Friponne du Pic d'Espade at Kelltara  
(Imp Fra) (Mrs P M Phillips)

**VHC**

Ivydale Nightjar SH CM (Mrs R E Robson)

### Manchester Championship Show 2013

17,18,19,20 January 2013

AVNSC Pastoral

Judge: Mr Ronnie Irving

**Res Best Bitch** : Merrywood Dancing  
Queen at Kelltara Mrs P  
Phillips

**Best Puppy** : Seacourt Esprit du Troupeau  
Mr S Phillips

**MPD (2 Entries) Abs: 1**

1st: Seacourt Esprit du Troupeau  
Mr S Phillips

**PGD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 1**

1st: Ivydale Choirboy Mrs R Robson

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

Res: Cortex du Pic d'Espade (Imp)  
Mrs P Phillips & Mrs C Williams

**OB (8 Entries) Abs: 4**

2nd: Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara  
Mrs P Phillips

Res: Ivydale Nightjar Sh.CM Mrs R Robson

## NATIONAL WORKING AND PASTORAL BREED SHOW

9th February 2013

**Judge : Mrs B Bodle**

### **BEST OF BREED**

Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp Fra)  
(Mrs P M Phillips)

### **RESERVE BEST OF BREED**

Ivydale Choirboy (Mrs R E Robson)

### **Junior**

**1st** Seacourt Esprit du Troupeau (Best Puppy)  
(Mr SR Phillips)

**2nd** Seacourt Esprit du Vent for Thymewinds  
(Mrs W A Smith)

### **Post Grad**

**1st** Ivydale Choirboy (Mrs R E Robson)

**2nd** Gazost II Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade (Imp Fra) (Mrs P M Phillips)

**3rd** Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel (Mrs E M Lewis)

### **Open**

**1st** Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp Fra) (Mrs P M Phillips)

## NEWARK & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

23 February 2013

### **BEST OF BREED**

Norlyght Biassano (Mr C J & Mrs P M Such)

### **RESERVE BEST OF BREED**

Ivydale Nightjar (Mrs R E Robson)

### **(BEST PUPPY & PUPPY PASTORAL GROUP 4)**

Seacourt Esprit du Vent for Thymewinds (Mrs W A Smith)

### **Junior**

**1st** Seacourt Esprit du Vent for Thymewinds  
(Mrs W A Smith)

### **Post Grad**

**1st** Norlyght Biassano  
(Mr C J & Mrs P M Such)

**2nd** Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel  
(Mrs E M Lewis)

**3rd** Ivydale Cerise with Kimrand  
(Mr F J & Miss K Randall)

**Res** Ivydale Choirboy (Mrs R E Robson)

**VHC** Ivydale Naiad (Mrs S Morgan)

### **Open**

**1st** Ivydale Nightjar (Mrs R E Robson)

**2nd** Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds  
(Mrs W A Smith)

**3rd** Kimrand Bonne Amie  
(Mr F J & Miss K Randall)



## CRUFTS 2013 RESULTS

### Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge(s): MRS V O FOSS

#### BEST OF BREED

FRIPONNE DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA)

Bitch Owner: MRS P M PHILLIPS

#### BEST DOG

SWE/NOR CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA (IMP SWE)

Dog Owner: MRS C M MILNES

#### BEST BITCH

FRIPONNE DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA)

Bitch Owner: MRS P M PHILLIPS

#### RESERVE BEST DOG

GAZOST II DIT OSCAR DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA (IMP FRA)

Dog Owner: MRS P M PHILLIPS

#### RESERVE BEST BITCH

ELLENORA DU CHAMP D'ONIX AVEC LOUSLITGES (IMP FRA)

Bitch Owner: MR A H READMAN

#### Classes

##### Veteran - Dog

Entries: 1 Abs: 0

**1st** Riacaud Ulric de Picors Cdex UDEX WDEX (Mrs V G Wilford)

##### Special Junior - Dog

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

**1st** Gazost II Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp Fra) (Mrs P M Phillips)

**2nd** Bon Sooty de la Belle Folie (Imp Deu) (Miss J Gemmill)

##### Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 5 Abs: 0

**1st** Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel (Mrs E M Lewis)

**2nd** Ivydale Choirboy (Mrs R E Robson)

**3rd** Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel (Imp Fra) (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

**Res** Norlyght Biassano (Mr C J & Mrs P M Such)

**VHC** Norlyght Serraglio (Mrs S B J May)

##### Open - Dog

Entries: 5 Abs: 1

**1st** Swe/Nor Ch Hob-Nob's Soleil of Jentilima (Imp Swe) (Mrs C M Milnes)

**2nd** Dutch CH Figaro du Pic d'Arbizon (Mrs G & Mr D Van De Kerke- Teune & VD Kerke)

**3rd** Cortex du Pic d'Espade at Kelltara (Imp Fra)

(Mrs P M Phillips & Mrs C Williams)

**Res** Lux/NL/Cie Ch Foli du Pic de Pioulou (Mr E Van Pelt & Mrs V Vlerick)

##### Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Dog

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

**1st** Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel (Mrs E M Lewis)

**2nd** Ivydale Choirboy (Mrs R E Robson)

##### Veteran - Bitch

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

**1st** Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara (Mrs P M Phillips)

**2nd** Kimrand Bonne Amie (Mr F J & Miss K Randall)

##### Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 4 Abs: 1

**1st** Ellenora du Champ d'Onix avec Louslitges (Imp Fra) (Mr A H Readman)

**2nd** Ivydale Cerise with Kimrand (Mr F J & Miss K Randall)

**3rd** Kesha du Pic de Pioulou Lux Jr Ch (Mr E Van Pelt & Mrs V Vlerick)

##### Open - Bitch

Entries: 5 Abs: 0

**1st** Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp Fra) (Mrs P M Phillips)

**2nd** Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds (Mrs W A Smith)

**3rd** Rozimba Piau Engaly avec Sandytrail (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

**Res** Ivydale Nightjar SH CM (Mrs R E Robson)

**VHC** CZ CH Antoinette de l'Horizon Etendu (Mrs Kopecka)

##### Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

**1st** Ellenora du Champ d'Onix avec Lousitges (Imp Fra) (Mr A H Readman)

**2nd** Ivydale Nightjar SH CM (Mrs R E Robson)

# ANNUAL POINTS RESULTS

## SHOWING

1. Norlyght Biassono Chris and Tricia Such 319 points
2. Ivydale Nightjar Rebecca Robson 249 points
3. Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel Shane and Eion Flint 216 points
4. Ivydale Choirboy Rebecca Robson 107 points

TOP PUPPY Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel Shane and Eion Flint

JUNIOR HANDLER Katie Robson

AGILITY Merrywood Essien Debbie Deuchar 505 Points



Tricia Such receiving the Keltara Trophy for the most showing points.



Katie Robson receiving the Trophy for the Best Junior Handler.



Shane Flint with Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel receiving the Rozimba Trophy for Best Puppy.

# CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS 2013

20 <sup>th</sup> April	Working & Pastoral Breeds of Wales **	Builth Wells
27 <sup>th</sup> April	WELKS	Malvern
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Birmingham National **	Stafford
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Scottish KC	Edinburgh
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Bath Canine Society	Bath
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Southern Counties Caine Assoc.	Newbury
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Three Counties	Malvern
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Border Union Agricultural Society	Kelso
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Blackpool & District Canine Society **	Blackpool
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Windsor Dog Show**	Windsor
5 <sup>th</sup> July	East of England Agricultural Society**	Peterborough
13 <sup>th</sup> July	National Working & Pastoral Breeds ** PSD Club Show	Malvern
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Leeds & District Dog Show	Harewood
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Paignton & District Fanciers Assoc.**	Exeter
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Bournemouth Dog Show	Poole
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Welsh KC	Builth Wells
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Scottish KC	Edinburgh
31 <sup>st</sup> August	City of Birmingham	Stoneleigh
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Richmond Dog Show**	Guildford
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Darlington Dog Show**	Rippon
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Driffield Dog Show	Wetherby
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Belfast Dog Show Society	Belfast
12 <sup>th</sup> October	South Wales Kennel Assoc.	Builth Wells
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Midland Counties Canine Society	Stafford
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Working & Pastoral Breeds of Scotland **	Edinburgh
14 <sup>th</sup> December	LKA	Birmingham
	NEC	

\*\* PSD classes

Note for diaries :- The National Working and Pastoral Breeds Society are allowing the PSD Club of GB to hold a club show at their Championship Show on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The show will take place at the Three Counties Agricultural Show Ground, Malvern, Worcs. WR13 6NW.

Check Higham Press for schedule and details.

# PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

## HEALTH SCHEMES

### **BVA / KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme**

### **PSD Club --- PDA Heart Testing**

#### BVA / KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme

The British Veterinary Association jointly with the Kennel Club runs a scheme for X-Raying and assessing Hip Structure, and recording the results for future reference.

A Veterinary Surgeon will take X-Rays of the dogs Hips, these are studied and points awarded for each of 9 aspects of the X-Rays of both hip joints.

These are then added up for each hip joint, and then a total combined score is arrived at.

Min Score 0 --- Maximum Score 106 [ 53 each hip ]

The lower the total score number - the better.

Each Breed has a different overall structure and so results should be compared with that Breeds Average Scores -- called the "Breed Mean Score"

BMS for the Pyrenean Sheepdog is 14 [2013]

It is recommended that dogs should be Hip Scored, and that individuals with results well above the BMS should not be included in a breeding programme. [Dysplasia means abnormal development.] The Ideal is to aim to breed with those around the mean score or below.

The current cost for one dog Scored is £55 plus Veterinary & X-Ray fees.

#### The PSD Club - PDA Heart Testing

Patent Ductus Arteriosus is when the small duct that by passes the lungs in the womb, and which becomes redundant and closes off after birth, fails to do so.

In the womb, the mothers blood supplies all nutritional and oxygen needs of the growing pup.

When it is born the lungs take over.

If the duct fails to close it decreases the efficiency of the heart.

The condition can be detected at around 4 weeks of age

The Club recommends that all puppies are tested.

For both Tests contact your Veterinary Surgeon.  
The BVA & KC Website can give more detailed information

## PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN HEALTH SURVEY

COMPILATION OF INFORMATION SENT IN BY MEMBERS 2011/12

The Club received completed questionnaires from 26 individuals and 3 joint ownerships.

A total of 50 dogs of which 44 are still alive and well.

\*\*\*\*Even though some surveys have been returned without a positive response to the question of heart tests, it is noted that a lot of the dogs will have been tested as puppies as they have come from sources where the breeder always has the puppies tested\*\*\*\*

It is a shame that the club did not receive more completed questionnaires. Also by the nature of things people are more likely to take part in these exercises if they have encountered a problem.

To make a proper balance and put these issues into perspective, more questionnaires and completed questionnaires from owners of perfectly healthy dogs are also needed to begin to get a more complete picture.

The information gathered in this survey was sent in on a voluntary basis by members of the club, and was gathered and received in good faith, and will be kept in confidence.

It is an excellent basis on which to start collecting and collating information. If you sent in a completed health survey form ..... 'THANK YOU' ..... *This is really all your work.*

Please Note that at any time, if you feel you have information that would be of value please get in touch with the Secretary of the Club.

No of Dogs	11	20	6	13	50
<b>SEX</b>	MALES {Entire}	FEMALES {un-spayed}	NEUTERED MALES	SPAYED FEMALES	TOTAL

No of Dogs	25	14	5	0	6
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	0 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	10 – 15 years	16	Deceased

No of dogs	12	27	4	1	0	4	1	1
<b>COLOUR</b>	FAWN MALE	FAWN FEMALE	BRINDLE MALE	BRINDLE FEMALE	GREY MALE	GREY FEMALE	BLUE MERLE MALE	BLUE MERLE FEMALE

No. Dogs	8	14	12	18	1	2	2	1
<b>HEALTH TESTS</b>	HIP SCORE MALE	HIP SCORE FEMALE	HEART TEST MALE [all clear]	HEART TEST FEMALE [all clear]	EYE TEST MALE [clear]	EYE TEST FEMALE [both clear]	DNA PROFILE MALE	DNA PROFILE FEMALE
<b>Age Range at Death / Euthanasia</b>	0 – 5 years		5 – 10 years	10 -15 years			16 years +	
Dogs	1		0	4			1	
<b>Cause of Death / Euthanasia</b>	Road Accident at 15months [f]			10 ½ yr Malignant Tumour in neck [f] 10 ½ yrs Heart Failure? [f] [dog unwell exact cause is unknown] 11 ½ yrs Stomach Cancer [f] 14 ½ yrs Old Age [f]			16 yrs Old Age [m]	

## **PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN BREED HEALTH**

PSD Club of GB Health Survey in 2011/12  
A synopsis of the information gathered is below.

In General, as a breed, the Pyrenean Sheepdog has good health with many individuals living into old age. Keeping your dog active in mind and body as well as maintaining an "Ideal Weight" is also key to a long and healthy life span.

As with all breeds some diseases do occur.

With responsible breeding instances should be kept to a minimum.

The sharing of information is key.

With this in mind the PSD Club of GB held its first Health Survey in 2011 / 12.

50 completed Surveys were received

The Club will continue to gather information and conduct more surveys in the future.

Next survey provisionally pencilled in for 2014 / 15

But if you feel you have any relevant information at any time please do contact the club

### Hip Dysplasia

Some hip dysplasia has been recorded in the breed.

The clubs 'Code of Ethics' requires that dogs for breeding must be hip scored and stock with a significantly higher than the breed average should not be bred from. The Breed Mean Score is the average score of the dogs that have taken part in the BVA/KC scheme.

Information and results can be accessed via the KC website.

### Epilepsy

One dog experiencing episodes have been reported. The origins are not known and it is thought it may be inherited.

With the continued gathering of information the situation can be monitored.

### Eye Problems

There have been cases of PRA reported in the USA and in other countries, but there has been no confirmed cases reported to the PSD club of GB at this moment in time. [Dec 2012]

### PDA- Heart Testing

A responsible breeder will have puppies tested before they leave the mother. The clubs 'Code of Ethics' requires that all puppies are tested before they are sold and documentary evidence that the test has been carried out is required. No instances of PDA were reported in the survey.

### Sensitivity to Sedation

It is reported that two PSD's have taken time to recover after Anaesthesia

It seems in these cases that with the pre-med adjusted, recovery times have improved.

No serious cases of extreme reaction have been reported, but it may be worth mentioning to your Vet that sensitivity can occur. Modern sedatives and anaesthetic are generally very safe.

### Allergy & Food Intolerance

A couple of dogs are reported to have an allergy to fleas and one to grass.

Enteritis brought on by food intolerance and Colitis by sensitivity to medication

There is no evidence to suggest at this moment that these cases would more than would occur in any other breed.

### Breeding Health

Females-- Variable intervals between seasons from as little as 5 months, to 10 months.

Most at 6 months, 8 months and 10 months.

Difficulties spotting seasons and achieving mating were reported which follows with anecdotal evidence that the Pyrenean Sheepdog is not easy to breed.

Whelping-- Ten litters reported – with one caesarian.

Males – One Crypt Orchid and One low fertility

December 2012

AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

I have completed the audit for the year ended 31 December 2012 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 2012.

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 £53.88. Overall income is higher compared to the previous year but this is due to the seminar income, membership income is £227.70 lower than 2011. Expenditure excluding the seminar expenditure is £89.06 lower than 2011. The seminar broke even giving a surplus of 59p. There is no depreciation charge in this financial year due to the photocopier being fully depreciated by the end of 2010.

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

2 February 2013

**PYRENAEN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	878.00		1,105.70	
Seminar	861.00			
Fun day donation	5.00		67.50	
Fun day raffle			100.00	
Donations for Resecue & Welfare			30.00	
Building Society interest	1.66		1.59	
Discover Dogs	60.00		25.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		1,805.66		1,329.79
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Fun Day:				
Expenses	114.46		57.50	
Hall Hire	98.00		195.00	
Rosettes			10.00	
Seminar:				
Flights & accommodation	457.96			
Room hire & buffet	361.95			
Gift	40.50			
Hall Hire for dog show			22.00	
Rosettes			9.00	
Stationery	65.56		110.94	
Postage	219.85		75.97	
Insurance	52.50		63.52	
Kennel Club	45.00		45.00	
First Aid Course	70.00			
Website	180.06		241.76	
Leaflets			160.00	
Sponsorship Nantwich & District Crufts Society	10.00			
Crufts expenses	17.70			
Justice for dogs donation	20.00		20.00	
National Working & pastoral donation	9.00			
Hall hire for AGM	22.00		37.50	
Hall hire for committee meeting	35.00			
Audit	40.00		40.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		-1,859.54		-1,088.19
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		-53.88		241.60
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT B/F</b>		4,105.65		3,864.05
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT C/F</b>		4,051.77		4,105.65

**PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012**

	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
PHOTOCOPIER	408.00		408.00	
DEPRECIATION B/F	-408.00		-408.00	
DEPRECIATION CHARGE 25% STRAIGHT LINE	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		0.00		0.00
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at Bank	3,115.27		3,216.78	
Cash at Bank held for Rescue & Welfare	856.00		856.00	
Petty cash	<u>22.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Total cash at bank	3,993.27		4,072.78	
 Prepayments - web hosting	0.00		72.87	
Prepayments - room hire for 2013 AGM	25.00			
Prepayments - insurance	<u>73.50</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
	4,091.77		4,145.65	
 <b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>				
Audit & Accounts Preparation Fee	-40.00		-40.00	
 <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>4,051.77</u>		4,105.65
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u><u>4,051.77</u></u>		<u><u>4,105.65</u></u>
 <b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>		<u><u>4,051.77</u></u>		<u><u>4,105.65</u></u>