

Pyrenean Sheepdog



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Judging Seminar

We had been thinking about having a Judging Seminar for some time and eventually we "bit the bullet" and decided to get one organised.

There was only one name that came to mind for the speaker, that of Alain Pécoult, President of the RACP (the French club). Not only is Alain an expert on the Pyrenean Sheepdog, having owned and judged the breed for many years, but his English is also impeccable. We also knew that pinning him down to find a date would be difficult as he is an extremely busy man. However, we eventually settled on March 29th and we were able to set things in motion.

It was decided to choose a venue in the Midlands with hopefully easy access for everyone attending. How many people would be attending, how big a room should we book? We had no idea. We eventually decided to choose a hotel near Leicester, with a moderately sized room to seat sixty, which would provide a buffet lunch and where Alain would be able to stay.

Having settled these details, we could now advertise the seminar and send out booking forms. At first applications came in slowly but after Christmas more and

more came in and all sixty places were taken before the deadline. We then had to set up a waiting list. People were kind enough to tell us if they were unable to come and some on the waiting list were able to take their places.

Alain flew into Birmingham airport on the Saturday morning where he was picked up and taken to the venue. He had a little time to freshen up before getting the audio-visual equipment set up. Following a very pleasant buffet lunch we settled down to listen to Alain. He showed us an American Power Point presentation on the Pyrenean Sheepdog. Alain would be the first to admit that this was not ideal as the Americans have some different ideas on the breed! We then saw some photos of dogs so that Alain could highlight good and bad points. He then took questions from the floor and was able to talk much more naturally and really show us how much he knows about these dogs. After a short break for tea and coffee the questions continued for a bit longer.

After a couple of hours to rest, Alain was entertained to dinner in the hotel before having an early night. (He must have been exhausted). On Sunday morning Alain was taken back to airport for his flight home. He had literally made a flying visit.

We, the committee, were absolutely delighted at the response we had for the seminar. It proved to be most interesting and informative. We have already received some very positive feedback. It only remains to thank Alain for giving his valuable time and making the seminar such a success.

Liz Lewis

EDITORIAL NOTE

This is my second attempt at editing the newsletter. Please let me know your opinions. The aim of the newsletter is to keep the membership informed as to what is happening within the Pyrenean Sheepdog world. Please send me have22 any anecdotes, results or information which you feel would interest other members. This is best done by e-mail, riacaud@mac.com The final call for the next edition is 1st August.

Chris Lewis

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Memories of Brenda Judson

If I remember rightly, the first time I ever saw Brenda, we didn't speak to each other. It must have been 1979, at the Bern World show, she was having lunch with some friends, I happened to walk past with M. Mansencal and he stopped to say hello. They exchanged a few words and he then told me something like "this is Brenda Judson, she breeds **Mountain** dogs in England."

Then I went to Towcester to judge the PMDC of GB's jubilee show in 1986, an unforgettable day, and who should do a lot of the winning there but Brenda Judson and her Carabrae dogs. After that we exchanged a few letters. A few years later I was asked to judge at a show in Malvern where, again, her dogs did very well. That day may have been the day when I was to meet a few more of Brenda's friends, Lesley Waters, Ans van den Berg and Elina Haapaniemi.

By then Brenda and I had become friends. We talked a lot, she visited me and she eventually decided to turn her attention to the Pyrenean Sheepdog, not getting perhaps the recognition she deserved with her mountain dogs. By then we were coming to the 90's.

I felt honoured and a little awed when she asked me for 2 puppies to be the future studs she would build her breeding on. Things didn't go too badly, and Brenda did a wonderful job with the "bergers" as she had with the "montagnes".

But the reason we became friends does not have to do with the dogs she bred only. It had to do with the way she bred, and the way she lived.

Brenda was a strong woman, she was determined, always showed a no-nonsense attitude to things, never made rash decisions but stuck to what she believed to be right and never wavered, she was honest to herself and to the world. What I am saying could have made for a hard, insensitive woman. Brenda was anything but. And that may be what I most admire in her personality. She could assess a dog for what he was worth in a breeding pro-

gramme and still consider it like a pet. She never fussed as so many do, but cared for all her dogs and treated them with great respect and love.

And she enjoyed a good laugh too, having both a terrific sense of humour and an equal sense of irony. Being clever and educated, she knew how to put words together to maximum effect! One thing that made her laugh was counting the photos of yours truly in the French bulletin. She never failed to tell me how I had done when she got a new issue!

She taught me a lot through the way she was and I miss her personally, she was a great person. When she discovered her illness she dealt with it in her usual no-nonsense way, put up a good front, assessed the situation and made what she deemed the reasonable decision. She went about settling everything so there would be no loose ends after her demise, took great care in leaving her breeding documents into good hands and finding homes for her dogs, she entrusted me with 3 and found the strength to face the drive to Provence in early August with her son and daughter in law to deliver them in person. I am so glad Carabrae On Top Of Old Smokey could be shown at the national and win his class. It made her happy that day. Of course she would have loved it even more had he been shown under M. Mansencal!

Considering what she taught me, I can only imagine the loss to her son Robert —her pride and joy, and to Lesley, who was like a daughter to her. But she made them strong too, and true.

She left no unfinished business, yet we miss her considerably and long will she live in our hearts. Thank you Brenda.

Alain Pécoult

President

Reunion des Amateurs de Chiens Pyrénéens



Bits and Pieces from the Secretary

Nationale d'Elevage

The Nationale d'Elevage is on 20th and 21st September in Argelès-Gazost this year. I already know of several club members who are going with or without dogs. Why not come and join us? It's a great weekend. It's not too late to come along!



Calendar

No photos for the calendar have been received so far. If you want your dog to be a "pin up" send a picture to the editor.



Discover Dogs

Discover Dogs at Earl's Court is on the 8th and 9th November. We are very grateful to those people who have volunteered to help but would be pleased to see anyone else who would like to help on the stand. Car park tickets are provided by the Kennel Club as are vouchers towards the cost of food and drink.



Breed Notes

Toni Wescott-Smith and Mike Cafferata write the Breed Notes for Dog World and Our Dogs respectively. They are always looking for material for their columns so do send them your results. They are looking for results from all the activities that you do with your dogs and any other interesting snippets of information that you may have. Chris, the Editor, would also like to receive these as well.

Chris and Toni can be contacted by their links on the club web site and Mike can be contacted at mike@merrywood.org



Dog Photographer of the Year

The Dog Photographer of the Year competition is open to any dog enthusiast with a camera and a love of dogs.

The main categories for entries are:

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Dogs at Play

Dog Portrait

Man's Best Friend

Entry costs:£3.50

For more information and entry forms:

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Chairperson's Report to the AGM 2008

I have great pleasure in welcoming everyone to this meeting. It has been a very eventful year for the club. Last March saw the first classes for the breed at Crufts. a culmination of a lot of work by our secretary in ensuring that the breed eventually came off the Import Register. The whole event was a major success with a large number of our Belgian members coming over. They were conspicuous on the day in their fluorescent yellow T-shirts which all added to the occasion. At the same time Maryse Gunderson, our first President, and the person who introduced the breed to the country, was also able to attend. As everyone knows Tyler (Carabrae Daniel Deronda) was given the distinction of the first ever Pyrenean Sheepdog to be Best of Breed at Crufts. Following the judging a large number of people stayed behind for celebrations, including a super cake to mark the event organised by Cynthia Milnes. The club marked the occasion by providing a silver salver, which was presented to the winner. During the judging we tem-

porarily shut up the stand at Discover Dogs so that everyone could experience the occasion. As always the club manned the stand at Discover Dogs over the four days of Crufts. Our thanks go to all who gave their time to help on the stand.

A very successful Fun Day was held at Lewknor in Oxfordshire in July. This was made even better as for the first time we were joined by members of the IPSF. A large number of members attended with their dogs and various activities were organised, including a walk, games and novelty classes. Thanks go to all who contributed to make the day such a success. The feed back regarding the location and facilities was so good that we have decided to go back there this year. Thanks should go to Meriel Weston who suggested the venue.

In September, a number of members of the club made the trip to Argelès-Gazost for the Nationale d'Élevage. It was good to see so many there as well as renewing existing friendships.

November saw Discover Dogs at Earl's Court. The stand was manned both days and as usual a substantial amount of interest in the breed was generated. Thanks go again to those who helped out on the stand.

As members will know, I have taken over the editorship of the Newsletter. My role as Editor is still very much in it's infancy. Clearly we are looking for as many articles to include as possible in future editions. Ideas for future developments will be gratefully received.

Obviously I have to thank the officers of the club as well as the committee members for all their efforts during the last year and most especially our secretary. There is more interest from people wishing to join the committee, which is very positive and can only assist in fostering more ideas. At the end of last year the membership rose to the largest number we have ever had, which all points to a very healthy position.

We look forward very positively to the coming year. As well as Crufts, Discover Dogs and the Fun Day, the club is holding a Judging Seminar on March 29th in Markfield. We are honoured in that Alain Pécoult, President of the Réunion des Amateurs de Chiens Pyrénéens has agreed to conduct the seminar. The fact that he has taken the time out of his very busy schedule is fantastic and it has to be said that the logistics are such that it shows a real commitment to helping establish the breed in this country. We could have no better person. Interestingly, the interest in the seminar has been so great that all the places are filled.

The dogs (with their owners) continue to be out and about whether in the show ring, at agility competitions, obedience, cani-cross and working trials. Clearly the more they are seen the more interest is generated. Unfortunately the demand for dogs still outweighs availability.

All this is very positive and we look forward to future initiatives. The club is dependant on its membership, not only for future ideas, but also to future contributions. We always need help on the stand at Discover Dogs and it is a very positive experience.

Lastly, I feel I must mention the sad loss of Brenda Judson who died at the end of last year. Although not a member of the club her commitment to and enthusiasm for the breed has to be acknowledged. Our condolences go to her family.

Chris Lewis

Welcome to New Members

Eddie von Pelt

Stan Moortgat

Debbie and Margaret Deuchar

Laurence Bostyn

Lesley Waters
Carole Conway

Games & play on the garden agility equipment

Meet

Total membership as of now stands at 71

Rambaud Pyrenean Sheepdogs

Everybody Welcome, No Charge but please contribute to a communal lunch

Please bring Boots for crossing the river to the woods!

HIP SCORES

Carabrae Mad as a Hatter at Kelltara

AG2 RH8/LH8 Total 16 (19.10.07)

Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara

AF2 RH9/LH7 Total 16 (19.10.07)

Parbrook Wispa

AF4 RH4/LH4 Total 8 (27.11.07)

Merrywood Gold Dust of Jentilima

RH6/LH8 Total 14

It is very important that all dogs which are being bred should be hip scored. Please let me know the scores of individual dogs and I will record them in the newsletter. As a result we will be able to develop a database for future use, and it will also assist in our overall knowledge of conditions affecting the breed.

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WESTERN BERGER GATHERING

27 July 2008

Pant Y Bara, Carmarthenshire

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Coffee and Farm Walk (dogs off lead) before Lunch

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CRUFTS 2008

Thankfully the build up to Crufts was much quieter this year now that the Pyrenean Sheepdog has a much lower profile being in the second year of showing at the biggest dog show in the world!

Carla and I were at the NEC bright and early on the Thursday morning to set up the stand. Having got everything ready we were soon dealing with a steady stream of people who were enquiring about the breed. It was nice to see some familiar faces too. John and Julie arrived



with Shonie and Chloe who of course attracted a lot of attention. Cynthia and Jenny arrived in the afternoon, closely followed by Chris so Carla and I headed home.

Chris returned to the NEC on Friday and Charlie and Izzy kept him company. Izzy was a little star and kept visitors to the stand entertained with her repertoire of tricks. By early afternoon Izzy was tired so Charlie took her home and Klaus and Carla took over with Zillah. Even at the age of fourteen Zillah still likes to do her stint on the stand but she can't stay for long. Also on Friday Diane and Tyler took part in an exhibition of Cani Cross round the NEC. Sadly, even though the event was covered on TV, we didn't see them.



Saturday was Working and Pastoral Day so the Pyrenean Sheepdog was in the ring. The judge this year was Fred Randall who is a club member. There was an entry of fifteen dogs one of which was from Belgium and one from France. (The overseas entry from last year had doubled!) A full list of results is printed on the results page but Carabrae Daniel Deronda (Tyler) owned by Diane Newton and Sheila Janson was Best of Breed for the second time. Congratulations to Tyler, Diane and Sheila but also to everyone else who entered.



We closed the stand while the judging was on but otherwise, the stand was manned by Mike Cafferata with Amie and Micou, Joy Hitchcock, Peter and Phyllis Titterton, Roy Norman and Fleur and Lisa Sollitt-Pass and Fleur.

On Sunday Pat Phillips with Bailey and Rosie were on the stand in the morning and Pat Wescott and Diane and Sheila with Tyler did the afternoon stint and took the stand down.

A big thank you goes to all those who gave up their time to help on the stand. However we really struggled to cover the stand this year (especially Friday and Sunday), which is surprising as we have more members and therefore potentially more help. Dogs, for one reason or another were in short supply but at the end of the day it is dogs that visitors to the stand want to see. Don't feel that you have to be an "expert" on the breed to help on the stand. If you live with a

Pyrenean Sheepdog you can talk about it (the good and the bad). It would be nice if we had enough help for people to only have to do half a day on the stand. Most people who do help seem to enjoy the experience. There would always be a committee member there as well to support you. Car park and entry tickets are provided by the Kennel Club, as are vouchers for food and drink. I will be asking for help for Discover Dogs at Earl's Court in November in the next Newsletter.

There was the usual interest shown in the breed by visitors to the stand and it's always a pleasure to promote this special breed of dog. I particularly enjoy meeting up with people that I only see once or twice or a year, especially those from overseas, as it's a good chance to catch up with what's been happening in our "doggy worlds". Here's to Crufts 2009!

Liz Lewis



Remy's Adventure

"Yesterday I went to get a couple of my BC bitches hip scored and I got Remy done too. He has excellent hips, the vet is very good at predicting the result which is why I travel 4 hours each way to get to him.

When I went to book in, I saw a little blonde dog in the waiting room and thought, gosh, that looks like a Pyrenean, surely not. Well as fate would have it, it WAS another Pyrenean (Merrywood Rising Star). Once we'd got over the surprise of both having Pyrs almost the spitting image of each other, the lady realised she she knew all about Remy as she had seen him on my website. I got Remy in and he and Paris seemed to like each other immensely!

The vet sedates and x-rays them while you wait so there was plenty of time to talk dogs. I can't think what the odds are of meeting another Pyr (only the second one I've met, the first being Monsieur himself!) when neither of us use that vet normally and both being hip scored on the same day. Amazing.

The vet told me Remy is the worst dog they've ever had in to sedate. He said to me, "this dog is an alien", he fought the sedative and they couldn't believe how difficult it was to knock out a small dog. I said, sounds typical!!

He is none the worst for his adventure although his voice was rather muffled on the way home!" The Sisson's are such nice people, I have no problem keeping in touch and luckily Remy is such a character there is usually some tale to tell of his exploits that week.

I saw there is a Champ show with Pyr classes in Ripon in September. I think I will go to that since my friend lives near Ripon. Will you be going?

He was quite interested in the sheep until my bitches came into season then he seemed to prefer the idea of being a stud dog to a sheep dog!

I am just letting him run around when I am training other young dogs in the hope it sparks his interest. Either way it doesn't matter, he has a home for life whether he works or not. I would like to have a pup to rear myself to see what it was like, but he is a good introduction to the breed I think!

Laura Sutherland

TWENTY YEARS OF SHARING OUR HOME WITH A PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG



DIVA, 11 YEARS

I was just saying to a friend the other day that it is twenty years since we first met and fell in love with our first Pyrenean Sheepdog Diva. It all happened in such an unexpected way. A colleague at work who I had got to know quite well was always talking about her Old English Sheepdog, and one day I happened to say that I would quite like to have a dog again, (our last one had died of old age, she was a Caviller King Charles spaniel called Sophie). She asked me what sort of dog I might like and I had told her that perhaps we should get one from the dogs home, but that I would have to have a long coated one that wasn't too big. The next day she bought a copy of the Kennel Gazette dated August 1988, to work for me to have a look at. She told me that there was an article about Bearded Collies, so at lunch time I settled down with the magazine and some sandwiches.

After reading about the Bearded Collies I turned the page and there they were.....four lovely looking fawn dogs sitting on a lawn in the sunshine, with a heading reading introducing the Pyrenean Sheepdog. I read the article which was very informative and interesting; I kept looking at the pictures all through the afternoon (concealed in my desk draw) and couldn't wait until I got home to show Klaus.

After seeing and reading all about them Klaus wanted to find out more. So we wrote a letter to the Kennel Gazette asking them to forward it to Mrs Maryse Gunderson, she was the lady in the photographs who owned these dogs and had recently breed a litter of puppies. Mrs Gunderson replied to our letter saying that she would like to phone us so that we could have a proper conversation. After asking us many more questions than we asked her, she invited us to her home so that we could have a look at all of the dogs. That day we fell in love the Pyrenean Sheepdog and so we brought home our very own puppy, Diva.

And so here we are twenty years later, writing this article for the newsletter, with Zillah sitting on top of my feet, and waiting to be taken for her second walk of the day.

Over the years we have got to know this breed very well. The temperament of the breed is ideally suited to its work, and also activities such as agility. They are wary, vigilant, intelligent and fairly independent, but always wanting to please. As soon as I move, Zillah moves with me, everywhere she can follow she will, even though she is now fourteen years old she will follow along at the side of us, of course we don't take her for long walks anymore, she can manage an hour but we usually go for less than these days. Zillah (her real name is Carabrae Collette) didn't come to live with us until she was eight years old; her owner whose husband had died was going to live in South Africa and didn't want to take Zillah with her so she contacted us.

The previous year Diva our first Pyrenean had to be put to sleep as she had an incurable cancer. By the time the vet had noticed it the cancer had grown and an operation was imminent. The vet removed a large cancer from her liver, she did recover from the operation which we found very traumatic but had to be put to sleep a year later as the cancer had returned. The operation and the recovery was very stressful at the time as we had to keep her still for over a month, this was almost an impossibility because as you know Pyreneans love jumping and running about. So we spent the next two months living and sleeping in our lounge with the curtains

drawn so that she could see nothing of what was going on in the outside world. And neither could we! We had some great times with Diva she was such an energetic dog and loved nothing better than to be running free in the fields where we live.

But now there is Zillah and although getting on a bit still loves her walks and her holiday adventures.

The very best advice that I have ever read was a quote from Mr Alain Pecoult President of the Reunion des Amateurs de Chiens Pyrenees, who is an expert on the breed.

“The Pyrenean Sheepdog does not like being ‘robotised’. One must not ‘train’ him, but ‘educate’ him with intelligence and firmness, he is not a servant, he is a collaborator.

Carla Senkpiehl

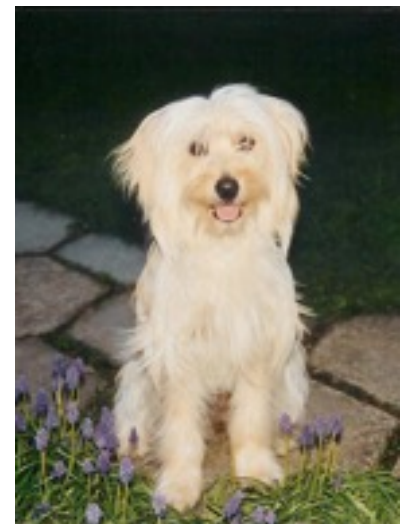


ZILLAH

Twenty Years On.....

I really can't believe that this year marks twenty years of owning Pyrenean Sheepdogs. We first saw a Pyrenean Sheepdog, appropriately enough, in the Pyrenees in the 1980s. We were watching the 14th July celebrations when a hairy little dog left its owners and came up to us. Of course I now realise that this was not typical behaviour. We asked the owners what type of dog it was but when they told us it didn't mean anything to us. We owned an Old English Sheepdog at the time and this hairy little dog looked like a miniature version. Something must have stayed in our minds and when our Old English Sheepdog died, I contacted the Kennel Club to enquire about the Pyrenean Sheepdog. I was told that there was only one lady with this breed and we were put in touch with Maryse Gunderson. At that time Maryse had four adult dogs and a litter of six puppies. We went to visit Maryse and her dogs. The puppies of course were gorgeous but the adult dogs displayed typical PSD behaviour and we decided that with two small boys these dogs were not for us. We started looking at other breeds but somehow nothing quite fitted the bill. In the end we went back to Maryse and bought one of the female puppies in August 1988.

Damselle de Ribamaric or Dilly to her friends quickly settled into our household. Sadly her time with us was cut short when she escaped from my parents' garden when we were on holiday and ran straight under a car when she was just fifteen months old. We knew that we just had to have another of these special little dogs. Maryse would not be breeding again but she acted as a "go between" for us with M Mansencal, the then President of the RACP. After six long months M Mansencal decided that he had the right dog for us. Three month old Estive was flown into Gatwick in February 1990 to spend the next six months in



quarantine. We knew that socialisation or rather the lack of it would be a big problem and we did our best to overcome this under difficult circumstances, but despite our best efforts Estive suffered from territorial aggression when she came home. Within the family she was a super dog and we had ten happy years with her before she developed a tumour in her neck and eventually had to be put down.

Knowing that the prognosis for Estive was not good, we began to set the wheels in motion for acquiring our third Pyrenean Sheepdog. I had always admired the l'Oustaou de Padel dogs bred by Agnès and André Audibert. We had been lucky enough to be introduced to the Audiberts in April 2000 by our friend Roland Merckx and I contacted them to ask if they had any puppies



prised ourselves by saying that we would like her. Rambauds Madame Mystique avec Riacaud aka Meg, became the fourth Pyrenean Sheepdog to enter our household. For the moment we will content ourselves with those two, but who knows what may happen in the future!

Owning Pyrenean Sheepdogs has changed our lives in many ways. We have become familiar with a very special breed of dog and by becoming involved with the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of GB we have learned a huge amount about the dog world and have become more than just the pet owners that we once were.

If anyone had told me twenty years ago that by 2008 we would have imported two dogs, taken a dog to Paris to be mated, raised a litter of four puppies, travelled several times to the Nationale and shown dogs there, competed in agility and probably the steepest learning curve of all for me, being Secretary of the Breed Club with all that it entails, I would have laughed and said impossible but that's life with dogs!

Liz Lewis



available. There were two fawn female puppies and Agnès chose the one that she thought would be the most adaptable. In August 2000 we drove down to the Ardèche region of France to collect Ribalette de l'Oustaou de Padel aka Ria. This was a bitter sweet trip because we knew that we were going to have to leave Ria with foster parents in France for eight months while the Pet Passport process was completed. We visited Ria three times during her stay in France and couldn't wait until the 23rd April 2001 when she finally came home. She certainly had proved to be adaptable and very quickly made herself at home. Ria is a very special dog with her bouncy character and her atypical very sociable temperament. In March 2003 after a romantic trip to Paris, Ria gave birth to four puppies.

We have only ever owned one dog at a time, so when Meriel Weston said that she had a black puppy looking for a home in May 2004 we sur-



LATEST NEWS FROM ZILLAH



Hello everyone me again with more news. Well first of all how did your Christmas go? We had a nice time and as usual I got quite a few extra interesting bits and pieces to try with my usual meals. I must say I have taken a liking to cake. Klaus says that Carla should not give it to me because of (waistline problems) But she always manages to sneak me a bit of something, as Carla said to Klaus whilst I was eating my cake, "it's her only weakness", his reply was that Carla had been watching too many episodes of Lark Rise to Candleford on Sunday nights..... Oh yes there is a Character in Larkrise called Zillah, I must say up until this programme appeared on the television I thought that I was the only one with this name. Actually Zillah is not my real name, Zillah in Hebrew means dark or shade and was given to me by my first owner, my real name is Collette, Collette is the name that appears on my pedigree.

On Christmas day my Human Grandma and Grandpa came for dinner, and I suppose my human brother Tim, and his girlfriend Lucy, he must be my human brother because he always calls Carla mum and when other people speak to me about her they will always say where has you mum gone or if I am waiting by the door your mum will be back soon! Tim is very nice to me he loves dogs and his dog was called Tetley, Klaus thought of the name for him it just seemed to suit him. Sadly he died about two years ago, he was very old and as you can imagine Tim was very upset at the time. Tetley was a rescue dog and he looked just like me, but his legs were a bit shorter than mine.

Between Christmas and the New Year we went to visit our friends John and Freda in Suffolk. While we were there Carla and Freda went to Freda's school, All Saints in Newmarket, they had gone to see if there was anything that they could use for the New Years Eve Party, I was not sure what they had got in there bags when they came back, I usually have a sniff around at anything different that is brought into the house but they put the bags straight into the car, along with my travel bags and rug. We set off for Markfield in our separate cars and it didn't seem very long before we arrived back at my house, it was still light and I was able to have my afternoon walk as usual, I like to check that everything around the village is the same as when I left it. There weren't many people about but I managed to say hello to a few villagers that I know. I always have to stop so that they can have a word with me I know quite a few people now. I must say that I am not very interested in the dogs that I meet I much prefer people to dogs, it is strange because I have often heard people say they much prefer dogs to people. Anyway after my walk and my tea of course, I sat in the kitchen and began to watch everyone get ready for their party. Out came the bag from the car and after a few moment of searching around in the chest of drawers in the bedroom, clothes and strange items appeared on the kitchen table. "Lets try these on to see how they look" Freda said to John "We can put a label on the back of Klaus's jacket" Carla said to Freda. What are they doing I thought to myself I have never seem anything like this before. After they had finally got ready I still didn't know what they were up to but at that moment the telephone rang and someone who was going to the same party was on the phone to Klaus. "Yes" he said "we are about to start out for your house we have tried to make ourselves look as authentic as possible but it has turned out to be more difficult than we had expected. We will be at your house for 8pm, we are very much looking forward to Murder Mystery Evening" After they had told me that they would not be long and switched the radio on for me they locked the doors and stared to walk up the road. I don't know how to describe what they looked like but from what I had heard them saying they should be looking like a Consultant Doctor, a Nurse a Hospital Porter and

an Ambulance Driver. I am so glad that I am not going with them goodness knows what I would end up looking like, although, perhaps, they could have taken me along as a Sniffer Dog, I'm an expert in searching for items like cake.

Well that's about it I think Oh except I must tell you about my adventure at the Dog Club Committee and AGM Meeting. I was taken along because Carla and Klaus thought it would be too long to leave me on my own, and my friend Marco who occasionally comes to sit with me and let me out for a toilet break was away in Italy. Well the first meeting the AGM went OK it didn't take too long and I was able to walk around the room and sit next to everyone so that they could pat me. After the AGM was closed we had a break for lunch. Klaus drove me to the pub and I waited in the car whilst they had their Lunch inside with the rest of the Committee Members. Afterwards we went back to the hall and settled down for the Committee Meeting. There was a lot to get through so it seemed to take a long time. After doing my usual thing of walking around everyone I could find, so that I could get more attention, I found that people were becoming more interested in the meeting than me, I tried sitting down on my own but as no one was paying me any attention I began to get a little bored. It was getting quite hot in the hall by this time And Steve who was sitting near the door propped a chair in front of the door to keep it open so that the air could come in. Oh I thought to myself let's have a wander in the lobby area and see who is out there. Well there is no one here to talk to, but look, the outside door is open, perhaps I can find someone in the car parking area then. Let's venture outside to have a look, not a soul about, I will have to go further I will cross the road over there and have a look around. Just at the moment that I almost reached the gate to the car park which had been left open Carla Steve, and Klaus came running, shouting, "Zillah stay don't go any further", come back here!. I don't know what all of the fuss was about I don't know why I can't go further up the road to find someone to talk to, after all everyone in the Committee Meeting is ignoring me now, a dog has to be made a fuss of you know! Anyway I trotted back to the meeting, the door was

promptly closed and I was told to sit on my mat and wait quietly. I must say unless more people make a bigger effort to make a fuss of me I might not go to another Committee meeting again, and what's more I really I don't know what they find to talk about!.

Bye for now Zillah.

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TYLER'S TALES

By Carabrae Daniel Deronda.

I haven't written to you for ages as it is too time consuming and when you are a busy Berger, time is precious. What a weekend! I was almost tired. It was Crufts again, doesn't it come round quick. We arrived at the NEC on Friday and to my surprise, with not much grooming stuff. I thought this was a bit strange but Diane must know what she was doing. I managed to push my way through all those legs and then I came to a different place to what I was used to. When we got there I was so surprised because there were all my friends from the Canix. What was happening? There was the usual hustle and bustle as all my friends and myself were getting our harnesses on. It seemed to take ages to get going. There was one briefing after another, we just wanted to get on with it. At last things started to move, we lined up in order for the start and went into this very noisy place with thousands of people watching us. It was soon my turn to race and we were off. Once round the lake and a quick dip at the end to cool down, although I was not that hot as we didn't run that fast. I would be much faster if I didn't have to wait for Diane!

The next day was not so enjoyable as the grooming brush was in use very early on. I knew we were not going for a good run today. Again I had to push my way through all those legs. We got to my bench and out came the brush again and again. I met Taz and a few more friends especially Rosie, I like Rosie

she's a cutey. Soon it was time for me to go in the ring and do my thing, as I know I have to strut my stuff and before I knew it I had won. I don't mind this showing thing because I do like showing off and every one makes a fuss of me. Its just all that brushing that I could do without, so I nearly always give a good shake afterwards, but that doesn't seem to go down too well.

Sunday came and we went for a long walk and I got really dirty up in the fields with Peggy and Kaz and had a wonderful time, every thing back to normal. What a surprise I had when I found myself back at Crufts for the third time. This time I didn't have to push my way through all those legs. I walked right round the outside of Halls 1,2 and 3 and came in to Discover Dog through the back door. I have done this duty a few times now so I have got it sussed. I normally sit in my travel crate but as I was only doing the afternoon shift it didn't come with me. I thought of another plan. I laid down in the corner looking very cute and closed my eyes. Every one felt sorry for me as it must be tiring being here all day. When I did get up I only did so for a tit bit or to have my photo taken and then I stood just out of reach of the people who wanted to pat me. It was soon time to go home and get back to those muddy fields. So that is it, Crufts is over for another year!

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Barking Mad In Wales

If we are honest, we love our dogs but they can be a little noisy at times! If you have a Pyrenean Sheepdog in your street there is no need for any other guard dogs, they will tell everybody if they think there is someone coming! We have one French dog who was brought up in a town situation and if there is a car which hoots its horn on the telly he starts the whole house barking be-

fore he realises that there is not a car coming into the house.

It is for this reason that we bought a small farm in Wales at the bottom of a long track so that the barking noise would not carry to neighbours close enough to know it was our dogs and not the kennels a mile or so away. So no real barking problems except when the 'phone rings. BUT imagine our concern when we kept hearing barking outside, we counted all the dogs, none missing, they weren't worried so there was no strange dog about. We kept hearing it at different times of the day and it did sound like a Pyrenean Sheepdog - imagine our surprise when we found that one of the resident crows had learnt to bark just like a Pyrenean Sheepdog

Meriel Weston

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“It came to me that everytime I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them.

And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart.

If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are.” -Unknown

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A little star in the making

Merrywood Gold Dust of Jentilima (Jenny) featured in Dogs Monthly March 2008 edition as a crossword clue/photograph.

Must be a first for the breed, that is unless you know better. ed

Scooters Special Invitation to the “2008 Working Trials versus Blood Hounds Challenge”

I had read about the Challenge, and my friend had told me all about it after she had taken part a couple of years ago. It had sounded good fun and I rather fancied having a go. She asked would I be interested in taking part sometime, I said I would, but I thought that with only five dogs needed each year, that I would probably never get the call.

So it was a lovely surprise to come home one day and find there was a ‘call’ and I was invited to take part if I wanted to! I had no hesitation in accepting. So started a fitness campaign – for both dog & handler! My W.T. friends were brilliant helping get us ready for the day and Skooter and I really enjoyed the days spent training.



The “W.T. versus B.H. Tracking Challenge” is an annual event generally alternating between the north and south of the country. This year it was the turn of the south and it took place on the week-end of the 2nd & 3rd. February at Stow-on-the-Wold. The lovely undulating Cotswold grassland provided very good tracking ground, and also lots of ideal places from which you could watch the dogs & handlers progress across the fields. After some not so nice weather in the days preceding the event and a forecast of snow, it was so nice to get up on the Saturday to a very cold & frosty but beautifully sunny morning with conditions for tracking quite good. The ‘tracks’ are laid over several fields so you have to negotiate gateways, over & under fences and through streams etc. The WT dogs have two articles on the track, one half way and one at

end to encourage them as they are used to tracking for articles, but in this competition following the track is the most important factor.

For the blood hounds the tracks are described as ‘trails’, and to begin with the handlers work them on an a long line, but when hound & handler pass certain criteria the dogs are licensed and are then allowed to hunt without one if the handler so wishes. Two years ago one hound did two miles in about seven minutes! No chance of keeping up with that! At the end of the trail the hounds have to go up to the ‘trail layer’ who is stood waiting, and touch them. In the higher stakes there will be up to three people stood waiting and the hound has to indentify and touch the correct person or they have failed the test. It’s amazing watching them, as long as they enter the field and exit the field exactly where the trail layer did they have successfully negotiated the trail, wandering about in between is not a fault, but if the dog is deemed to have lost concentration and they take too long they will be penalised.

Skooter and I had a track of one mile, half an hour cold. He completed the track in well under 20 minutes and he went like a dream, I was so proud of him. We had crossed a public footpath - twice– I didn’t know! He was so good I would never have guessed and he negotiated the two gateways without hesitation. At the two fence obstacles he went straight under following the scent, he stood still and waited as I clambered over and continued instantly he was asked to do so. In tracking terms- it was the stuff of dreams!



A very enjoyable evening was had having dinner at the local golf club making new friends, recounting

the experiences of the day and looking forward to the next.

On the Sunday morning as I had done my bit I followed my friend Irene & her dog Kern on foot as did some of the others, as spectators are allowed. Just don't get in front of the judges! Their track was two miles long & one hour cold and although it was cloudy & a bit windy, conditions were still good. After about half way there was quite a long climb up a hill and we jested about fitness when Irene, going purple in the face had to stop to catch her breath about two thirds of the way up- [Truth was, we were all secretly more than grateful to have a rest as well!] At the top of the hill there was a road to be negotiated and the traffic was held back as we all filed across, climbed through the hedge & over the wire fence on the other side and then started on a down hill bit- which was good as it was less hard work! But it meant Kern could get speed up so Ruth, another competitor from the day before and I were running to keep up!! The others kept a steady pace and caught up when we stopped to negotiate the next obstacle-a cotswold stone wall. It's a long way for a dog to keep mind and body on nosework, but they put in a good performance only needing a little guidance when a crosstrack seemed to occur at the same point as a gateway and when Kern ended up following the wrong track. Very understandable, after getting him to jump over a wire fence he picked up the track from the day before which was on more receptive sheltered ground, the track he was supposed to follow went through a more open and decidedly boggy bit where the scent will have diluted. It was an interesting experience following and watching the way the dog was working.

In the afternoon there was a splendid tea at which the judges gave their summing up.

For my dog 'Brilliant' was one judge's comment and 'Skooter just didn't put a paw wrong' said the other. Coo- I was on cloud nine after the track, now it's number ten!!

Skooter won his bit, that's right he beat a bloodhound! Its cloud twelve now!!!

The Working Trials Team - Jean & Jed, Ruth & Bud, Skooter & me, Irene & Kern, Ann & Lottie -

all the dogs & handlers did WT proud and achieved their task really well.

Blood Hounds Team— Pearl & Gigolo Gill & Justice, Billy & Dream, Ron & Phoebe, Ian & Trooper. The Blood Hounds won overall, but not without the Working Trials giving them a good run for their money, it was a close run thing.

I hope the judges have recovered, they both followed all the competitors -that's eight miles both days, and with the terrain and the adrenaline running it's a heck of a lot more demanding than it appears on paper. But as an advert for the sport keeping you fit and healthy, Ron Brooks ran his hound Phoebe over two miles, he's 82 years young! A mention for Master Billy Page who is 13 years old who worked his hound Dream beautifully and absolutely charmed us all with his mature attitude and delightful manners. It was a pleasure to meet them both and indeed every one else. Thank you to Len Newman from ASPADS Working Trials Group and Barry Allen from the Blood Hounds Club for organizing it all, Judges Marney Wells & Malcolm Page, and the teams of helpers for making it all possible.

It really was a brilliant week-end, and if anything similar is in your area, and you have an interest in dogs working, it is worth going to watch.

Vicky Wilford

Interesting Quotes

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons."

-- James Thurber

"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man."

-- Mark Twain

"Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in."

-- Mark Twain

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So true!

Some basic rules for dogs who have a house to run

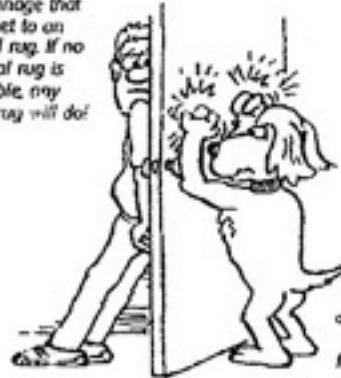


If you have to throw up, get into a chair quickly. If you can't manage that in time, get to an Oriental rug. If no Oriental rug is available, any good rug will do!

When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and thereby stand a better chance of being stepped on, picked up, and consoled with food.



Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It's not necessary to do anything; just sit and stare.

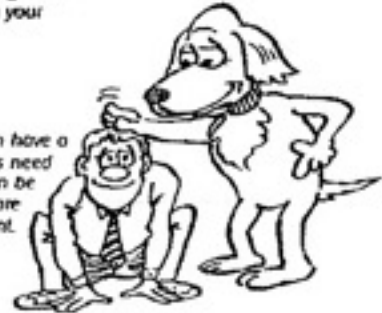


Do not allow closed doors in any way. To get a door opened, stand on your hind legs and hammer with your forepaws.

Once a door is opened, it's not necessary to use it. After you've ordered an outside door opened, stand halfway in and halfway out and think about several things. It's particularly important during very cold weather.



Begin people training early. You'll then have a smooth running household. Humans need to know the basic rules. They can be taught if you start early and are consistent.



Something to make you smile !!!

It was a slow day in Heaven so God phoned Satan to see what was going on down there.

"It is a slow day here too," said Satan

"Well," God said, "I think a dog show might be fun."

"Sounds good," said Satan, "but why are you calling me? You've got all the dogs up there."

"I know," answered God, "but you've got all the judges!"

ODE TO BIJOU

Bijou, Prize Jewell
Most loyal and fine friend
Her charms and her foibles well known!
'Neath a bright February sky
In the garden she'll lie
Forever, though her spirit has flown

Night strolls to the Lifeboat
Guided by stars
They've dimmed now, because she is not there
Reading e-mails from doggie chums:
Or barking displeasure
On beach, barn or flat, in cottage or Square.

Big black orbs and black nose
Are occasionally seen
Through the cashmere, soft greyness of fur always curling
Whether patiently waiting
Protecting, defending
Bijou was amazing, delightful, enchanting!

One man and his dog,
Two dutiful soldiers
Feisty and faithful, each knowing their station
The secrets they shared
Always private to them
This pair more than rare, a unique combination!

We salute you, Dear Bijou
Crown Jewell of the Realm
Rest in Peace now
God Bless you
It's for us to go on.....

Advance Notice

The PSD Fun Day will be held on Sunday 29th June at Lewknor Village Hall Oxfordshire. This is the same venue as last year which proved to be very successful. It is very easily accessible being just off Junction 6 of the M40. follow signs for Lewknor turning right into the village and continuing along the main street past the school on your left, continuing on to the end of the road where you turn right.

The day will start at 10.30 with tea or coffee, followed by a walk in the nearby countryside. This will be followed by a talk on Nutrition supported by Royal Canin. Lunch will take the form of buffet so please bring a contribution either savoury or sweet or both if so inclined!

Contributions to the raffle will also be gratefully received.

There will be an Agility demonstration and a chance for you and your dog to have a go as well as various fun classes to join in with.

The whole event will be free and above all it will be a chance to meet other owners of Pyrenean Sheepdogs and compare notes. Felicity and Mike Cafferata will also man a stall selling various items of PSD merchandise.

Put the date in your diary and come along

Mike and Felicity Cafferata are going to put together an order for PSD clothing, items will be available to be picked up at the Fun Day, however they will need to be ordered in advance. All the clothing will have a PSD head on the left breast.

The likely prices are as follows:-

Fleeces £25 Sweatshirts £20 Hoodies £20 Polo Shirts £15 T-shirts £10

All are very good quality. Colours available are:- Pink, Yellow, Red, Light green, Light blue and Light grey.

If you are interested, please send your name, telephone number, preference in colour and size (Medium, Large and Extra Large) to Mike Cafferata. His e-mail is mike@merrywood.org or he could be contacted by telephone 01477 533094

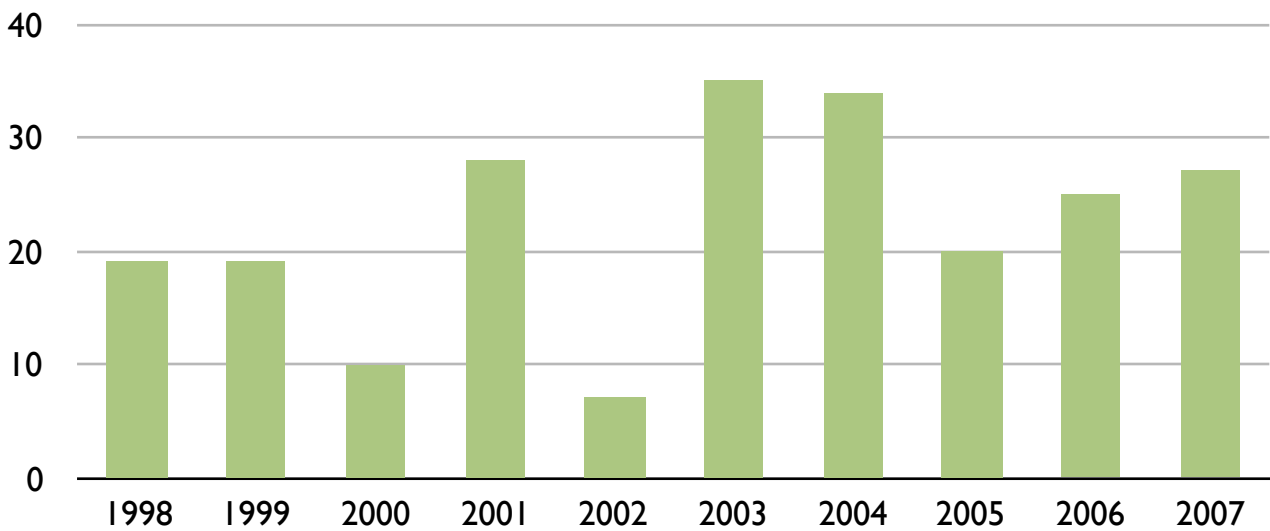
It is best not to delay and to get your order in as soon as possible. Mike would like your order by May 1st.

Quarterly Registration Statistics

From Kennel Club Breed Records Supplement

2006	2007
• 1st Qtr 2	9
• 2nd Qtr 9	10
• 3rd Qtr 12	5
• 4th Qtr 2	3
Total 25	27

Number of New Registrations of PSD's per year as logged by the Kennel Club since 1998



Total number of Pyrenean Sheepdogs registered with the Kennel Club since 1998 = 224

Number of Export Pedigrees issued in 2007

France 3

Sweden 1

USA 2

Diary of Shows with PSD Classes

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

MONTH	SHOW	Show Secretary
MAY 09.05.08	BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL STAFFORD	MRS VALENTINE 01536 791399
JULY 09.07.08	PAIGNTON EXETER, DEVON	MRS HODSALL 01364 642420
JULY 12.07.08	NATIONAL WORKING and PASTORAL BREEDS MALVERN, WORCS.	MRS ANN ARCH 0161 7629390
JULY 17.07.08	EAST OF ENGLAND PETERBOROUGH, CAMBS.	MRS CROCKER 01636 892297
SEPTEMBER 06.09.08	RICHMOND GUILDFORD, SURREY	DR R. JAMES 05602 318955
SEPTEMBER 13.09.08	DARLINGTON RIPPON, YORKSHIRE	MRS MARSHALL 01325 312484

OPEN SHOWS

MONTH	SHOW	Show Secretary
OCTOBER	South West Working and Pastoral Clevedon North Somerset	MRS PAYNE 01752 862654
NOVEMBER	Northwich Cheshire	MR WEBSTER

PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2007

INCOME	£	£
Subscriptions	626.50	
Fun Day Raffles and Donations	122.50	
Crufts	40.00	
New account set up in previous year	50.00	
Bank Interest:		
Woolwich Building Society	0.84	
Leeds Building Society	17.11	
TOTAL INCOME		856.
EXPENDITURE		
Web Site Host	-28.20	
Insurance	-95.00	
The Kennel Club Subscription	-45.00	
The Kennel Club Publication	-15.00	
Presentation plate for Crufts	-88.00	
Postage	-59.49	
Stationary	-59.07	
Depreciation	-102.00	
Hall hire for AGM	-50.00	
Room hire for Fun Day	-50.00	
Donation to St Wilfred's Hospice	-25.00	
Audit & Accounts Preparation	-30.00	
Catering at Fun Day	-46.90	
Prizes for Fun Day	-40.00	
Rosettes for Fun Day	-61.00	
Table Cloth Alteration		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-794.66
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		62.29

PROFIT & LOSS B/F :

WOOLWICH BS	2,387.05	
HSBC	277.94	
TOTAL		2664.99

PROFIT & LOSS C/F **2727.28****PROFIT & LOSS C/F MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:**

LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY	2,757.28	
CREDITOR	-30.00	
		2727.28
		<u>2727.28</u>

FIXED ASSETS

PHOTOCOPIER	408.00	
DEPRECIATION 25% STRAIGHT LINE	-102.00	<hr/>
		306.00

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH AT BANK :

LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY	2,451.28
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CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

MRS L PHELPS - AUDIT & ACCOUNTS PREPARATION	-30.00
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TOTAL NET ASSETS **2421.28****TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** **2727.28****PROFIT & LOSS RESERVES**

LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY	2727.28
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TOTAL PROFIT & LOSS RESERVES **2727.28***Accounts of the PSD Club of GB as presented to the AGM*

Agility, Show, and Working Trials Results.

Show Results

AVNSC

Manchester Championship Show 17-20 Jan 2008

Junior Dog/Bitch

Reserve Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramor (Parys)

Limit Dog/Bitch

3. Carabrae Mad asa Hatter (Bailey)

Open Bitch

2. Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara (Rosie)

RBB Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara (Rosie)

OPEN SHOWS

Mansfield and District Canine Society 02.02.08

Junior

1. Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramo (Parys)

2. Ivydale Naiad (Perdy)

Open Dog/Bitch

1. Carabrae Mad as a Hatter (Bailey)

2. Riacaud Ultra Patee Match avec Rozimba (Riacaud)

3. Hob-Nob's Baptiste at Carabrae (Micu)

Reserve Carabrae Hepatica (Lottie)

BP Ivydale Naiad (Perdy)

RBOB Carabrae Mad as a Hatter (Bailey)

BOB Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramo (Parys)

Newark and District Canine Society 09.02.08

Junior

1. Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds (Twiggy)

2. Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramor (Parys)

3. Ivydale Naiad (Perdy)

OpenDog/Bitch

1. Riacaud Ultra Patee Match (Riacaud)

2. Carabrae Mad as a Hatter (Bailey)

3. Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara (Rosie)

Reserve Carabrae Daniel Deronda at Nidasha (Tyler)

BOB Riacaud Ultra Patee Match Riacaud)

National Working and Pastoral Breed Society 16.02.08

Junior

1. Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds (Twiggy)

Open

1. Nidasha Rising Star (Taz)

2. Riacaud Ultra Patee Match avec Rozimba (Riacaud)

3. Carabrae Daniel Deronda at Nidasha (Tyler)

BP Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds (Twiggy)

BOB Nidasha Rising Star (Taz)

CRUFTS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 6-9 March 2008

Postgraduate Dog

1. Riacaud Ulric de Picors (Scooter)

2. Hob-Nobs Baptiste at Carabrae (Micu)

3. Nidasha Rising Star (Taz)

Open Dog

1. Carabrae Daniel Deronda at Nidasha (Tyler)
2. Riacaud Ulric de Picors (Scooter)
3. Dutch CH Vitalis des Forges de Thor

Reserve Lux CH Eracles de la Tuile au Loup

VHR Carabrae Mad as a Hatter (Bailey)

Special Junior Bitch

1. Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds (Twiggy)
2. Merrywood Rising Star avae Chikaramor (Parys)

Postgraduate Bitch 1. Merrywood Gofa Gold (Amie)

Open Bitch

1. Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara (Rosie)
2. Merrywood Gold Dust of Jentilima (Jenny)

Role Of Honour at Crufts

BP Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds (Twiggy)

RBB Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds (Twiggy)

RBD Riacaud Ulric de Picors (Scooter)

BB Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara (Rosie)

BOB Carabrae Daniel Deronda at Nidasha (Tyler)

Tyler and his owners Diane Newton and Sheila Janson were also presented with the Kimrand

Shield which had been kindly given by Fred Randall and will be competed for each year at Crufts.

AGILTY RESULTS

EMDAC 19.01.08

Meg

14th Introductory Power and Speed

16th Introductory Agility

EMDAC 16.02.08

Ria

9th Primary Helter Skelter

12th Primary Agility

13th Primary Jumping

Unfortunately these were the only results available at the time of going to press. ed.

Point System:-

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, we are introducing a point system in order to reward those owners who are getting their dogs out and about. The aim is initially to have three separate schemes, Show, Agility and Obedience. The separate schemes are explained on the forms which follow. In all of the schemes the responsibility is down to the owners to inform the named person of the activities of their dogs and their respective achievements. Clearly this is the first time that the club has run something of this nature and therefore it may need to be modified in the future, depending on how things go. There will be a Trophy awarded to the person in each scheme who has accumulated the most points. Please let us know what you think and above all Good Luck to all those taking part.

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB of GB Points System (Showing)

NAME

ADDRESS

DOGS NAME

Breed/AV Classes:- First – 6, Second-5, Third-4, Fourth-3, Fifth-2. BOB 12, RBB/BOS 8, Res Best Dog-4, Res Best Bitch-4, Best Puppy-4, Group 1 – 20, Group 2 – 15, Group 3 – 10, Group 4 – 5. BIS 25, Res BIS 20, BPIS 10, Res BPIS 6.

Stakes Classes Puppy, Junior, Open, Veteran (Not included – Champ Stakes
 First -10, Second -8, Third -6, Fourth -4, Fifth -2. YKC & Members Stakes)
 Best Overall – 10.

If a dog is being shown in more than one class at show, points will only count for the class in which the dog achieved its best placing.

Start 1st January 20.... Finish 31st December 20.....

Responsibility for the sending of the results remains with the exhibitor and not with the club and should be sent to Pat Phillips by 20th January and she will collate them.

Her e-mail is phillips@kelltara.orangehome.co.uk . The winner will be presented with a Trophy at the subsequent AGM that year.

Date	Name of show	Champ/ Open	Placing	Points	Total

The Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of GB Points System (Agility)

Name.....

Address.....

Dogs name.....

This scheme is based on the Agility warrant scheme. It is based on awarded places, so for example if the show was placing to 5th and the dog came 7th it will be only possible to claim points for a clear round. This therefore makes it easier for the competitor to keep track of what is happening. Pairs and team are not included. Fun classes should be worked as to whether they are agility based or jumping, so Power and Speed = agility and Helter Skelter = jumping etc

Jumping Points:- 1st 10, 2nd 9, 3rd 8, 4th 7, 5th 6, 6th 5, 7th 4, 8th 3, 9th 2, 10th 1.

Clear round 1 point

Agility Points:- 1st 20, 2nd 19, 3rd 18, 4th 17, 5th 16, 6th 15, 7th 14, 8th 13, 9th 12, 10th 11etc

Clear round 2 points

Start date 1st January 20.... end date 31st December 20....

Responsibility for sending the results is that of each competitor and they should be sent to Liz Lewis by 20th January. Her email is riacaud@mac.com The winner will be presented with a Trophy at the AGM that year.

Date	Venue	Agility Places	Agility Points	Jumping Places	Jumping Points	Total

Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of GB Points System (Obedience)

Name.....

Address.....

Dogs Name.....

To enter and/or compete in any class or type of show, one point is awarded.

Exemption / Limit / Companion Dog Show / and Inter-Club Matches

1st.. 5 points, 2nd.. 4 points, 3rd.. 3 points, 4th.. 2 points

OPEN and CHAMPIONSHIP OBEDIENCE SHOWS

Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice Classes

1st.. 9 points, 2nd.. 8 points, 3rd.. 7 points, 4th.. 6 points, 5th.. 5 points, 6th.. 4 points etc

Class A and above, or working any Obedience class at Crufts, add one point to the above placings.

Start date 1st January 20.... Finish date 31st December 20....

The responsibility for sending the results in remains with each competitor and should be sent to Liz Lewis by 20 January. Her e-mail is riacaud@mac.com The winner will be the person who has accumulated the most points during the year and will be presented with a Trophy at the following AGM.

Date	Venue	Show Type	Class	Points	Total

