

# Pyrenean Sheepdog



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

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## Seasons Greetings

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Club a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. This has been another very successful year. The membership continues to grow and there is increasing interest in the breed. As can be seen from the range of articles and results included in the Newsletter the dogs are increasingly getting out and about, which is all to the good. However we do need to hear more from the membership in terms of what they are doing with their dogs so that it can be shared with everyone. The Newsletter is only as good as its contributions. At the moment it does seem that we are depending on a very few stalwarts for articles, we need more variety and more IDEAS.

So lets make this everyone's New Year Resolution for 2010!!!



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## Bits and Pieces from the Secretary

The AGM will be held at 11.00 on Sunday 28th February at Lubenham Village Hall, Lubenham, Leics.

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules, one third of the committee is required to retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. These committee members are Chris Lewis, Klaus Senkpiehl, Pat Wescott and Toni Wescott-Smith, all of whom are willing to stand for re-election.

The Secretary and the Treasurer are required to retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. Liz Lewis is willing to stand for re-election as Secretary. Carla Senkpiehl wishes to stand down as Treasurer but is willing to stand for committee. Nominations for Treasurer are therefore invited and must have a Proposer and Seconder.

Nominations for anyone wishing to stand for the committee, with a Proposer and a Seconder, should be received by the Secretary by 28th January as should nominations for the Treasurer. Applicants need to have been a member of the club for at least a year to be eligible for election to the committee.

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda should be submitted to the Secretary by 28th January.

It is proposed that after the AGM we adjourn to the local pub for lunch before the committee meeting in the afternoon. If you wish to join us please let Liz Lewis know by 20th February.

Directions to Lubenham Village Hall are as follows. Lubenham is 10 miles from the M1 Junction 20 and one mile from Market Harborough. From the M6 Junction 1 turn left towards Lutterworth on the A426 and at the Lutterworth roundabout, follow the signs for Market Harborough crossing over the M1 on to the A4304. Follow the A4304 for approximately 10 miles to Lubenham. Take the second left towards Foxton, then immediately first left. The hall is on the left.

## Points System

Don't forget to send in your points forms. You can not claim points for events after 31st December. The deadline for returning your forms or letting us know what you and your dog have achieved is 20th January. Showing forms (including Puppy classes) should be sent to Pat Phillips, Cockett Farm, Ferryhill, Basford, Nr Leek, Staffs ST13 7ET.

Obedience and Agility forms and any other claims to fame should be sent to Liz Lewis, 10 Asquith Boulevard, Knighton, Leicester LE2 6FA. Junior Handler forms should be sent to Toni Wescott-Smith, 24 Beech Avenue, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, Huddersfield HD9 75X



## Crufts

Crufts 2010 is on 11th to the 14th March at the NEC Birmingham. Pastoral Day is on the Thursday this year. As usual we will need as many volunteers as possible to help on the stand. Car park and entry tickets are provided by the Kennel Club, as are vouchers towards the cost of lunch. You don't need to be an expert on the breed. If you live with a Pyrenean Sheepdog you can tell other people what they are like. There will always be a committee member on the stand to lend support. If you are able to help, please contact Liz Lewis.



## Calendar

We are now looking for photos for the 2011 Calendar. Photos should initially be sent to Chris Lewis by email. All chosen photos will be required to be sent on a CD so that they will be of sufficiently good quality to be reproduced in colour for the calendar.



## Breed Match

We are holding a Breed Match on 31st January at Lewknor Village Hall in Oxfordshire. This is the same place that we have held the last three Fun days. The three breeds taking part will be the Pyrenean Sheepdog, the Catalan Sheepdog and the Eurasier. The Judge will be Barry Denyer.

We are hoping that people who don't normally show their dogs will also come along and have an enjoyable day.

If you have not received a booking form either by e-mail or post and want to enter please let me know and I will send you a form.

It is important that everyone gets their booking form in as soon as possible.



## SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Karen Dalgish (Corinlea Border Collies) who had been a member of the club for a number of years. She lived in Lanarkshire and had two Pyrenean Sheepdogs.

The Committee sent a card of condolences to her family and our thoughts remain with them.



## GOOD NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER WAS ENTERED IN THE THIRD MIDLAND COUNTIES/DOG WORLD COMPETITION FOR BREED CLUB PUBLICATIONS. THIS ENTAILED TWO DIFFERENT NEWSLETTERS BEING SENT TO BE JUDGED. APPARENTLY MORE THAN 60 CLUBS ENTERED THEIR PUBLICATIONS.

THEY WERE SPLIT INTO FOUR CATEGORIES, HANDBOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSLETTERS AND A RARE BREEDS SECTION.

THE JUDGES REPORTED THAT THE STANDARD WAS PARTICULARLY HIGH AND SHOWED AN

IMPROVEMENT COMPARED TO WHEN THE COMPETITION WAS RUN THREE YEARS AGO.

I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT OUR NEWSLETTER WAS AWARDED 'VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED' IN THE RARE BREEDS SECTION AND THE CLUB RECEIVED A PRIZE OF £25.



# 124

This is a Magic number since it represents the number of members of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain.

This is largest membership we have ever had and demonstrates that the club goes from strength to strength. Clearly we need to maintain this status and continue to grow.

The Club is becoming very international. As well as having members from the UK, we have members from:-

Belgium, France, Ireland, South Africa, Norway and USA

"From small acorns....."



# WELCOME

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO NEW MEMBERS:-

LUCY BURTON

TERRI WALKER

LIN BERGAN

MARTYN AND NAOMI ROACH



## The Western Berger Day

This event took place a week later than usual to leave a space between this and the National Pyrenean Sheepdog Day in Lewknor. Even so, one of our main attendees, Sally Rees, was unable to join us due to pressure of time spent on the mainland and away from Jersey. We were delighted with the numbers who were prepared to come and join us, Roy and Roz Norman with Fleur and Cato and Wendy Smith with Twiggy who have now become regulars with Roy and Roz. We were also joined this year by two families who live in Wales with their Pyrenean Sheepdogs! The first family purchased a dog from me several years ago and I had not seen him until now, his two litter sisters went to Ireland and they are as small as he is big! They were delighted to hear of his sisters and how well they are doing in agility and especially working trials. They are just starting agility work with 'Indy' as he is called. The second family came with their Rozimba bred dog whom they bought as a pup last year. Jenny had been on my waiting list for some time and I had pointed her in the direction of the Rozimba litter as I didn't think I would be able to help her until early this year. Having spoken on the 'phone at some length it was great to see her and their new dog 'Alfie'. I think her son's only disappointment was to see my Holly and her daughter's Soye and Blue's football skills!

The walk is always the main attraction of the day and for me, I always feel very privileged to be able to run my dogs loose across the fields so it is wonderful to share this experience with other people. Although the day remained dry and sunny, there was a great deal of rain in the week preceding the day which meant that the river crossing was a little hazardous - this was Twiggy's first opportunity to shine when she found herself a position higher than the bank and jumped towards Wendy, a few feet closer and she would have landed in her arms but Twiggy was content to reach her 'mum' and continued happily whereas my Pipi turned tail

and decided home was better! We continued on the walk and I had slowed slightly to watch out for my Lucy who loves to go down the badger holes - not a good idea at this time of the year. As we came to the top of a rise, Wendy and I saw a dog rolling and rolling in something disgusting and I still remember the picture of 4 clean feet wagging in the air. We both shouted and the dog jumped up and I swear she was grinning - it was Twiggy! The only dog due to go to Paignton Championship Show the next day. Twiggy's 'posh' name is Carabrae Pink Petunia with Thymewinds but she was now a slimy green smelling of wet alpaca 'poo' and no-one wanted to be down wind of her! Three baths later and Dorwest Herbs Pennyroyal Shampoo restored her to her normal colour and smell, she just had a softer coat than usual with a decided wind blown look all over.

I had a super day and would like to thank everyone who came - next year I might have to start issuing hazard warnings!

Meriel Weston



## TRAVELLING WITH A DOG

As we all travel with our dogs at some time I thought you might be interested in a website that can help out. It's [www.driving-withdogs.co.uk](http://www.driving-withdogs.co.uk) For a small subscription fee it lists hundreds of tried and tested dog walks from motorway service areas or close by. Or you can buy a book, some of the proceeds go to border collie rescue. It's well worth a look.

Diane Newton



## KENNEL CLUB INTERNATIONAL AGILITY FESTIVAL



From Left to Right: Ollie, Tag, Coco, Zen, Daena, Tiggy, Bobby, Meg, Ria, Asti and their owners.

The International Agility Festival was held on 14th-16th August in the grounds of Kelmarsh Hall which was a lovely setting for the event. Pyrenean Sheepdogs were well represented with four club members, Sally Rees, Ann Collen, Jenni Gemmill and Debbie Deuchar, competing plus Mary Dolan from Eire and Inge Dillen from Belgium. Not only did they compete but they proved how good at agility these little dogs are. Ann Collen and Tiggy qualified to compete at Crufts as did Inge Dillen with Zen. These will be the first Pyrenean Sheepdogs to compete in agility at Crufts. Well done to all of you but especially to Ann and Tiggy.

Although Ria and Meg are on the photo, they were just visiting. Meg went to have her second KC measuring and Ria enjoyed a play with her favourite grandson Bobby!

Fri 14th	Class 44	G5 Jumping	5th	Mary Dolan	Daena	Rambauds Ouste
	Class47	G6 Jumping	4th	Inge Dillen	Zen	Donjuan of Nobels Kingdom
Sat15th	Class68	G3 Agility	4th	Sally Rees	Tag	Rambauds Urepel
	Class80	G5 Jumping	1st	Jenni Gemmil	Bobby	Parbrook Yaron
	Class83	G5 Agility	4th	Anne Collen	Tiggy	Rambauds Ortie Cdex Udex
	Class83	G5 Agility	6th	Sally Rees	Coco	Rambauds Chamarre
Sun16th	Class134	G5 Agility	5th	Sally Rees	Coco	Rambauds Chamarre

Fri 14th	Class 10	Novice Cup Jumping	1st	Jenni Gemmill	Bobby	Parbrook Yaron	
		Novice Cup Ranking	Qualified	Anne Collen	Tiggy	Rambauds Ortie	10th
			Qualified	Sally Rees	Coco	Rambauds Chamarre	11th
				Jenni Gemmill	Bobby	Parbrook Yaron	25th
				Mary Dolan	Daena	Rambauds Ouste	34th
Sat 15th		Novice Cup Final	2nd	Anne Collen	Tiggy	Rambauds Ortie	

Fri 14th	Class 14	British Open Agility	12th	Inge Dillen	Zen	Donjuan of Nobels Kingdom	
		British Open Ranking	Q	Inge Dillen	Zen	Donjuan of Nobels Kingdom	12th
Sun 16th		British Open Final	4th	Inge Dillen	Zen	Donjuan of Nobels Kingdom	

Sun 16th	Rest of the World 1	Nations Cup Team Jumping	3rd	Inge Dillen	Zen	Belgium
	Ireland 1	Nations Cup Team Jumping	4th	Anne Collen	Tiggy	Ireland
	Ireland 1	Nations Cup Team Jumping	4th	Mary Dolan	Daena	Ireland
	Rest of the World 2	Nations Cup Team Agility	4th	Sally Rees	Coco	Jersey
	Rest of the World 1	Nations Cup Team Agility	5th	Inge Dillen	Zen	Belgium
	Rest of the World 1	Nations Cup Team OVERALL	3rd	Inge Dillen	Zen	Belgium
	Rest of the World 2	Nations Cup Team OVERALL	6th	Sally Rees	Coco	Jersey

### **Other Agility Results**

LIZ LEWIS AND RIA			LIZ AND RIA		
BAA AUGUST FINALS 29.08.09	Primary Agility Qualifier	10th	AGILITY NUTS 11.10.09	ABL Starters Agility	1st
	Primary Steeplechase	11th		ABL Starters Up and Under	1st
BAA AUGUST FINALS 30.08.09	Primary Agility	3rd		ABL Starters Jumping	4th
	Primary Agility Final	9th		ABL Starters Power and Speed	2nd
			LIZ AND MEG	ABL Elementary Jumping	9th
				ABL Elementary Up and Under	12th

## CANI CROSS

September already and off to the first venue of the season, Exeter Racecourse. We were to race on Saturday and Sunday. There is a "back to school atmosphere" as we gather on Saturday. I ask my rivals about their summer. Nobody has done much training, on holiday, injured, too much work. I don't believe them because I say the same its mind games.

Before the first race I know I am racing for 3<sup>rd</sup> place Me and Tyler must beat Gill and her dog Toby a greyhound. It is a mass start in our age groups. When the klaxon goes everybody sprints off, except me and Tyler. We must stick to the plan which I forgot to tell Tyler about, which is going off at a steady pace. We track Gill and the gap is not increasing, after the first mile we start to shorten the gap, my plan is to get on their heels and take a breather. Tyler is going well, very alert and listening. We get on their heels but at that moment Toby stops for a pee and we must go by. They are now on our heels and Toby is "packing" he is pleased to have another dog to run with and is putting in more effort. We must pull away and I give the instruction for more effort, "walk on" and Tyler responds I can't talk and breathe now, its an uphill stretch to finish and Gill is catching us, Toby is running next to me but now Tyler can hear the crowds shouting and puts more effort into the harness, we move away and cross the line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Job done.

Gill is shattered and sits down, I am feeling the same but I stand and say that it should be easier tomorrow as we know what to expect. Mind games. Sunday we are to set off at 10 sec intervals. Gill is drawn to go just before me, and all we have to do is track her and Toby. This doesn't go according to plan because at the 1<sup>st</sup> corner Toby stops and we have to go by. We open up a short gap but we catch another team on a narrow stretch and have to slow, Gill and Toby are right behind now so I wait until the track narrows again through a gap in a fence then we "Walk on" getting ahead but not leaving enough time for Gill to overtake the slower team.

The tactics worked and we held them off to the finish. 3<sup>rd</sup> on both days. Tyler and Toby have their on conversation while Gill and I say how hard it was and we should have done more training during the summer. The next race we will be faster. Mind games.

Diane Newton



## The Cinnamon Trust

Many charities are well known but a lesser known charity is the Cinnamon Trust. Founded in 1985 by Mrs Avril Jarvis and named after her Corgi, Cinnamon, its aim is to provide help and support for the elderly and their pets.

16,000 volunteers visit the housebound and walk, feed and generally look after pets in their home. This means that the elderly and seriously ill can continue to have the comfort of their dogs when they need them most.

If an owner is hospitalised their dog will be taken into a foster home and looked after until their return. If a dog is bereaved it will be placed into full time life care.

Thanks to the Trust so many people are able to keep a dog and have the peace of mind knowing that if anything happens to them their friend will be looked after. Volunteers are always required for walking in all areas of the country, so if you think you could help or would just like more information visit [www.cinnamon.org.uk](http://www.cinnamon.org.uk).

Diane Newton



## The Nationale d'Elevage



The 29<sup>th</sup> Nationale d'Elevage was held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September in the Parc de Casino in the pretty little town of Argèles-Gazost, in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Sadly the weather was not as good as it has been for the last few years but it didn't mar the occasion.

As usual Saturday was reserved for the various tests for the dogs. The Test de Comportement tests the dogs reactions to certain situations, The CSAU is more of an obedience test and the CANT tests a young dogs aptitude for herding sheep. These tests take place all morning and the CANT ran on into the afternoon. Veerle Vlerick's Fleche received an Excellent in the CSAU and Dora Moortgat's young dog Dixie took part in the CANT but wasn't overly interested in the sheep. The local agility club set up some agility equipment so that people could have a go. A new feature this year were ring craft classes given by Agnès Audibert. These proved to be very popular and Agnès instructed several small groups.



The AGM of the RACP takes place in the afternoon after which a procession of dogs and owners is led by Alain Pécourt from the Parc up into a square in the town. The Mayor and the President of the Tourist Breed welcome Alain and all the participants and Alain in reply thanks them for their hospitality. We were then entertained by some folk dancers before partaking of refreshments provided by the RACP. The rain had held off all day but started just as people were leaving.

Sunday dawned cool and a bit damp. The Belgian/British contingent arrived at the Parc early to secure our usual place under a large tree, which usually provides us with shade but this year kept us reasonably dry. There were showers on and off all day. Several club members were showing their dogs and the results will be printed at the end of this article. Sadly I was the only British person showing Pyrenean Sheepdogs this year. Meg was in Open Female with 51 dogs entered. The judge decided to take the dogs in groups of six and the class seemed to go on forever especially as Meg was the second dog judged. Ria was in the Veteran class for the first time. There were only six in her class but the judge only pulled out the winner and didn't place the

rest. 416 dogs were entered in total this year. 232 of which were Pyrenean Sheepdogs, 35 Face Rase and 197 Long Haired.



one of their groups. Sadly the other Audibert group won but we were just pleased to have taken part.



There is always plenty going on in the Parc for the exhibitors and the residents of Argelès-Gazost to see and do. Not only is there the showing of the four Pyrenean breeds to watch, there are many artisanal stalls selling local produce or demonstrating traditional skills. The folk dancers were there to entertain us and there was also a local choir. Also for the first time on the Sunday, the agility equipment was set up again.

Once all the showing has finished, everyone's attention turns to the Ring d'Honneur. The parade featuring all the participants from overseas is always a lively affair, some waving their national flags and the Belgians wearing their fluorescent yellow T-shirts! People come to the Nationale from all over the world. There were people there from America, South Africa and Australia as well as from all over Europe. The parade is followed by the groups that are entered by individual breeders. The numbers in the groups vary but the breeders are aiming to show type. I was extremely honoured and proud when André Audibert (Ria's breeder) asked if we would join

Then comes the time to choose best dog of each breed and then eventually the Best in Show. The Best Pyrenean Sheepdog this year was a Face Rase Ch Saphir Bleu de Loubajac owned by club member Ann de Clerq. Best in Show went to a Mountain Dog from Spain.

Once again we thoroughly enjoyed our weekend at the Nationale. The town of Argelès-Gazost gives a warm welcome to all the participants and the setting is ideal. Where better to hold a show for the Pyrenean breeds than in the cradle of the Pyrenees? The whole atmosphere is friendly and festive and I particularly enjoy being able to catch up with people especially those from overseas and also to meet new people. As I have said before and I make no apology for repeating myself if you have an interest in a Pyrenean breed you should make one trip at least to the Nationale. It is a wonderful experience and seems to get bigger and better every year.

Liz Lewis



## Results from Nationale d'Elevage

Owned by Veerle Vlerick and Eddy van Pelt

### Pyrenean Mastif

#### **Open Female Class**

1<sup>st</sup> Excellent CACS Zalute Zuccessfullness  
Owned by Sue Lewis

### Pyrenean Sheepdog-Face Rase

#### **Female Puppy Class**

1<sup>st</sup> Promising Ilalableue of Nobels Kingdom  
Owned by Ann de Clerq

#### **Champion Female Class**

Exc 1<sup>st</sup> Best Face Rase and Best Pyrenean Sheep-  
dog Ch Saphir Bleu de Loubajac  
Owned by Ann de Clerq

### Pyrenean Sheepdog-Long Haired

#### **Very Young Male Class**

4<sup>th</sup> Quite good Davalar de l'Oustaou de Padel  
Owned by Dora Moortgat

#### **Champion Male Class**

2<sup>nd</sup> Exc Ch Tintin de l'Oustaou de Padel  
Owned by Veerle Vlerick  
Exc Ch Foli du Pic de Pioulou  
Owned by Veerle Vlerick and Eddy van Pelt

#### **Intermediate Female Class**

5<sup>th</sup> Exc Grimaldi of Nobels Kingdom  
Owned by Ann de Clerq

#### **Open Female Class**

Exc Rambauds Madame Mystique avec Riacaud  
Owned by Liz Lewis  
Good Fleche du Pic de Pioulou

### **Veteran Female Class**

Exc Ribalette de l'Oustaou de Padel  
Owned by Liz Lewis

#### **A SMALL MIRACLE**

"I had begun to feel I would never be sending you this message" writes Jean Rawlings, "but last Saturday Gypsy (Riacaud Umber French Folly at Parbrook) actually managed to work in the Obedience ring as she can in training, I was really pleased with her, and even more so when I checked her marks afterwards, she'd lost 3/4 Heel on Lead, 1 on Heel Free, 1/4 on Retrieve, and Clear Recall. Her Sit and Down Stays were also Clear and at the end of the day she finished 5th out of 55 dogs.

It shows one should never give up hope, but she brought me down to earth with a bang the next day, by running out of the ring in the middle of doing a Retrieve, still she's proved she can do it, so perhaps one day another miracle will happen.



I have sent a photo of Gypsy with her 5th place rosette and card."



# Judging Seminar

It was decided to hold a second Judging Seminar after there had been a certain amount of demand for one. Alain Pécoult said that he could come on 7<sup>th</sup> November and we went ahead with the arrangements. We were unaware at that time that the Working and Pastoral Breeds of Scotland had decided to put classes on for the Pyrenean Sheepdog for the first time. This obviously meant that some people went to show their dogs in Scotland as the classes needed to be supported and judges that we hoped would attend the seminar were judging. This meant that numbers attending the seminar were well down on last time.



However those who did attend the seminar, especially those who attended the last one, were very impressed with Alain's brand new Power Point presentation. Having chosen the photos himself he was able to talk much more freely on the good and bad points of the Pyrenean Sheepdog. Towards the end of his presentation he put several pictures of dogs on the screen and invited comments from the floor. After a tentative start this led to quite an animated discussion about the dogs.

Chris Lewis had found some video footage of dogs moving at the Nationale a few years ago and Alain was able to point out the good and bad points. Following this, three dogs were brought in so that those who weren't too familiar with the Pyrenean Sheepdog could see them and Alain

could give his opinion on them. One of the dogs has "cadenets" where the coat is corded. This proved to be of great interest and it was important that prospective judges could see them and realise that they are perfectly acceptable.

Despite the lower number of attendees I think we all agreed that the seminar was a great success. We can always learn something new about the breed even if we have known these wonderful little dogs for many years. We are very fortunate that such an expert in the breed as Alain was able to come to talk to us. We would like to thank him for giving up his very valuable time.

Liz Lewis

## TO DO LIST

1. REMEMBER TO GET YOUR APPLICATION FORM IN FOR THE BREED MATCH ON 31.01.10 AT LEWKNOR.
2. REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR
3. REMEMBER TO SEND IN ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER
4. DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR POINTS TO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE
5. DON'T FORGET THE DATE OF THE FUN-DAY AT LEWKNOR = 4TH JULY
6. HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



# Discover Dogs 2009

Discover Dogs was held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November this. There was a slight change of venue this year as it was held in Earl's Court 1 instead of 2. Earl's Court 1 is bigger than 2 which meant that another events ring could be fitted in and there was generally more space between the rows of breed booths and traders stalls.

We now have a regular little group of members who volunteer to help us out on the stand at Discover Dogs. Chris and I with Ria and Meg were there in good time to start setting up the



stand. We had a corner site this year, which was nice and open but only had two walls instead of three so there was less space to put all our pictures on. Before too long John and Julie Farrer appeared. They were not officially on duty until Sunday but they had come to do some shopping and helped set up the stand before going off to look round. They were closely followed by Roy Norman and Fleur and then Peter Titterton, who had decided not to bring Monty with him on the train.

As the morning progressed we began to get quite busy as people approached the stand to enquire about our lovely breed. There are still a few people who have never heard of the Pyrenean Sheepdog but in general the interest is quite informed. Fleur is a fantastic ambassador for the breed and takes everything in her stride. She even copes well with children even though she isn't particularly used to them. Ria has to meet

and greet everyone who passes the stand and checks out their bags for goodies. Meg prefers to be a casual observer but enjoys being stroked by visitors to the stand.

We had a steady stream of interest throughout the day but by 4pm the crowds were beginning to thin so we called it a day. The dogs as well as their owners find the constant attention and talking very tiring. We were glad that we wouldn't be there again the next day.

On Sunday Klaus and Carla Senkpiehl, John and Julie Farrer (again!) this time with Shonie and Chloe and Amanda and Peter Marsden with Lara and Radley were representing the breed. It was Radley's first time on the stand and from all accounts he coped very well. So well in fact that Peter and Amanda stayed longer than they had intended. Although this may have had something to do with Peter's penchant for shopping! It appears that another good day was had by all.

I would like to thank all those who gave their time to help on the stand. Their help is invaluable. It is important that we man the stand to promote the breed and we can't do that



without help.

It would seem that the new venue was a success and the Kennel Club has reported a rise in visitors from last year.

Liz Lewis

# RESULTS

**Paignton 3-5.08.09**

**Pyrenean Sheepdog  
(Long Haired)**

**Judge: Mrs Karen Kennedy**

**BEST OF BREED :**

Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**Best Dog :**

Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**Res Best Dog :**

Riacaud Ulric De Picors CDex UDex Wdex  
Mrs V G WILFORD

**Best Bitch :**

Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**Res Best Bitch :**

Merrywood Elektra At Norlyght  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

**Best Puppy :** Rozimba Cosmo

Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH

**Class 180 JD/B (1 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Rozimba Cosmo Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH

**Class 181 PGD/B (4 Entries) Abs: 2**

**1st:** Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**2nd:** Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds  
Mrs W A SMITH

**Class 182 OD/B (4 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**2nd:** Merrywood Elektra At Norlyght  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

**3rd:** Riacaud Ulric De Picors CDex UDex Wdex  
Mrs V G WILFORD

**Res:** Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor  
Mrs S A MORLEY & Mrs A ROGERSON

**Bournemouth Canine Society  
10.08.09**

**AVNSC Terrier, Pastoral and  
Working**

**Judge: Mr D Smith**

**Limit Dog**

1st Riacaud Ulric de Picors CDex UDex Wdex  
Mrs V G Wilford

**Open Dog**

3rd Carabrae Daniel Deronda at Nidasha  
Miss D Newton and Miss S Janson

**Best Dog**

Riacaud Ulric de Picors CDex Udex Wdex  
Mrs V G Wilford

**Welsh Kennel Club 21-23.08.09**

**AV Not Separately Classified  
(Pastoral)**

**Judge: Mrs P Marston-Pollock**

**BEST OF BREED :**

Rambauds Qui Vive Mrs M P WESTON

**Best Dog :**

Rambauds Qui Vive Mrs M P WESTON

**Res Best Dog :** Not Awarded

**Best Bitch :** Cascade Du Castlemouly Avec  
Rambauds (imp Fra) Mrs M P WESTON

**Class 943 OD (1 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Rambauds Qui Vive Mrs M P WESTON

**Class 944 OB (1 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Cascade Du Castlemouly Avec Rambauds  
(imp Fra) Mrs M P WESTON

## Richmond 11-13.09.09

### Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Mr Kevin Young (Sunkap)

#### **BEST OF BREED :**

Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

#### **Best Dog :**

Riacaud Ultra Pree Match avec Rozimba  
Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH

#### **Res Best Dog :**

Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

#### **Best Bitch :**

Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**Res Best Bitch :** Merrywood Eshana  
Mr M L & Mrs F A CAFFERATA

**Best Puppy :** Rozimba Cosmo

Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH

**Best Breeder :** Cafferata

#### **Class 864 JD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Merrywood Foxglove  
Mr M L & Mrs F A CAFFERATA

**2nd:** Rozimba Cosmo  
Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH

#### **Class 865 PGD/B (4 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**2nd:** Merrywood Eshana  
Mr M L & Mrs F A CAFFERATA

**3rd:** Merrywood Essien  
Mrs M DEUCHAR & Miss D DEUCHAR

**Res:** Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds  
Mrs W A SMITH

#### **Class 866 OD/B (7 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**2nd:** Riacaud Ultra Pree Match avec Rozimba  
Mrs T WESCOTT-SMITH

**3rd:** Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor  
Mrs S A MORLEY & Mrs A ROGERSON

**Res:** Hob-nob's Baptiste At Carabrae  
Mr M L & Mrs F A CAFFERATA

**VHC:** Ivydale Nightjar Mrs R ROBSON

## Darlington 18-20.09.09

### Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Mr Steve Hall

#### **BEST OF BREED :**

Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

#### **Best Dog :**

Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**Res Best Dog :** Merrywood Essien  
Mrs M DEUCHAR & Miss D DEUCHAR

**Best Bitch :** Merrywood Rising Star Avec  
Chikaramor AW,

Mrs S A MORLEY & Mrs A ROGERSON

**Res Best Bitch :** Ivydale Nightjar  
Mrs R ROBSON

#### **Class 1422 PGD (1 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Merrywood Essien  
Mrs M DEUCHAR & Miss D DEUCHAR

#### **Class 1423 OD (1 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Carabrae Mad As A Hatter at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

#### **Class 1426 PGB (4 Entries) Abs: 2**

**1st:** Ivydale Nightjar Mrs R ROBSON

**2nd:** Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds  
Mrs W A SMITH

#### **Class 1427 OB (6 Entries) Abs: 0**

**1st:** Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor  
AW Mrs S A MORLEY & Mrs A ROGERSON

**2nd:** Merrywood Gold Dust of Jentilima  
Mrs C M MILNES

**3rd:** Merrywood Elektra At Norlyght  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

**Res:** Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara  
Mrs P PHILLIPS

**VHC:** Kimrand Bonne Amie

Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

## Driffield 01-04.10.09

### AV Not Separately Classified Working & Pastoral

**Judge: Mr Nev Newton**

#### **Res Best Bitch :**

Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

#### **Class 428 OD (7 Entries) Abs: 3**

**Res:** Merrywood Efren At Sandytrail  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

#### **Class 430 JB (7 Entries) Abs: 4**

**1st:** Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

#### **Class 433 LB (2 Entries) Abs: 0**

**2nd:** Ivydale Nightjar Mrs R ROBSON

## South Wales Kennel Association 8-10.10.09

### AVNSC PASTORAL

**Judge: Mrs Sue Garner**

#### **BD**

CORTEX DUPIC D'ESPADE (IMP) TAF  
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

#### **RBB**

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA  
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

#### **BOB**

CORTEX DUPIC D'ESPADE (IMP) TAF  
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

#### **POST GRADUATE - Dog**

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

#### **1st**

RAMBAUDS QUI-VIVE  
(MRS M P WESTON)

#### **OPEN - Dog**

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

#### **1st**

CORTEX DUPIC D'ESPADE (IMP) TAF  
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

#### **2nd**

RAMBAUDS TRIOMPHE DU NOEL  
(MRS M P WESTON)

#### **OPEN - Bitch**

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

#### **1st**

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA  
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

#### **2nd**

CASCADE DU CASTELMOULY AVEC RAMBAUDS  
(IMP FRA) (MRS M P WESTON)

## Midland Counties Canine Society 22-25.10.09

### AVNSC PASTORAL

**Judge: Mr Rodney Oldham**

#### **POST GRADUATE - Dog**

#### **1st**

MERRYWOOD ESSIEN  
(MRS M & MISS D DEUCHAR)

#### **OPEN - Dog**

Entries 9 Absentees: 0

#### **Res**

CORTEX DUPIC D'ESPADE (IMP) TAF  
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

#### **OPEN - Bitch**

Entries 4 Absentees: 0

#### **2nd**

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA  
(MRS P PHILLIPS)

# Working and Pastoral Breeds of Scotland- Championship Show 07.11.09

## Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

**Judge:Mr T M Jones (Herwr)**

**Best Dog:**

HOB-NOB'S BAPTISTE AT CARABRAE  
MR M L & MRS F A CAFFERATA

**Res Dog:**

RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA  
MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH

**Best Bitch:**

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW  
MRS S A MORLEY & MRS A ROGERSON

**Res Bitch :** IVYDALE NIGHTJAR

MRS R E ROBSON

**BEST OF BREED:**

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW  
MRS S A MORLEY & MRS A ROGERSON

**Junior Dog or Bitch Entry 2 Abs 0**

**1st:**

ROZIMBA COSMO  
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

**2nd:**

ROZIMBA CASSIA  
(MRS S HAWKSWELL)

**Postgrad Dog/Bitch Entry 3 Abs 0**

**1st:**

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

**2nd:**

IVYDALE NIGHTJAR  
(MRS R E ROBSON)

**3rd:**

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS  
(MRS W A SMITH)

**Open Dog or Bitch Entry 4 Abs 1**

**1st:**

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

**2nd:**

RIACAUD ULTRA PAREE MATCH AVEC ROZIMBA  
(MRS T WESCOTT-SMITH)

**3rd:**

MERRYWOOD FOXGLOVE  
(MR M L & MRS F A CAFFERATA)

## La Spéciale de Races de Tarbes 27 .09.09

**Young Male :**

3rd. TB DAVALAR DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL  
DORA & STAN BUELENS-MOORTGAT

**Champion Male :**

BEST OF BREED 1st Exc. CACIB  
CH.TINTIN DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL  
VEERLE VLERICK

3rd. Exc. CH. FOLI DU PIC DE PIOULOU  
VEERLE VLERICK & EDDY VAN PELT

**Open Female :**

BON FLECHE DU PIC DE PIOULOU  
VEERLE VLERICK & EDDY VAN PELT

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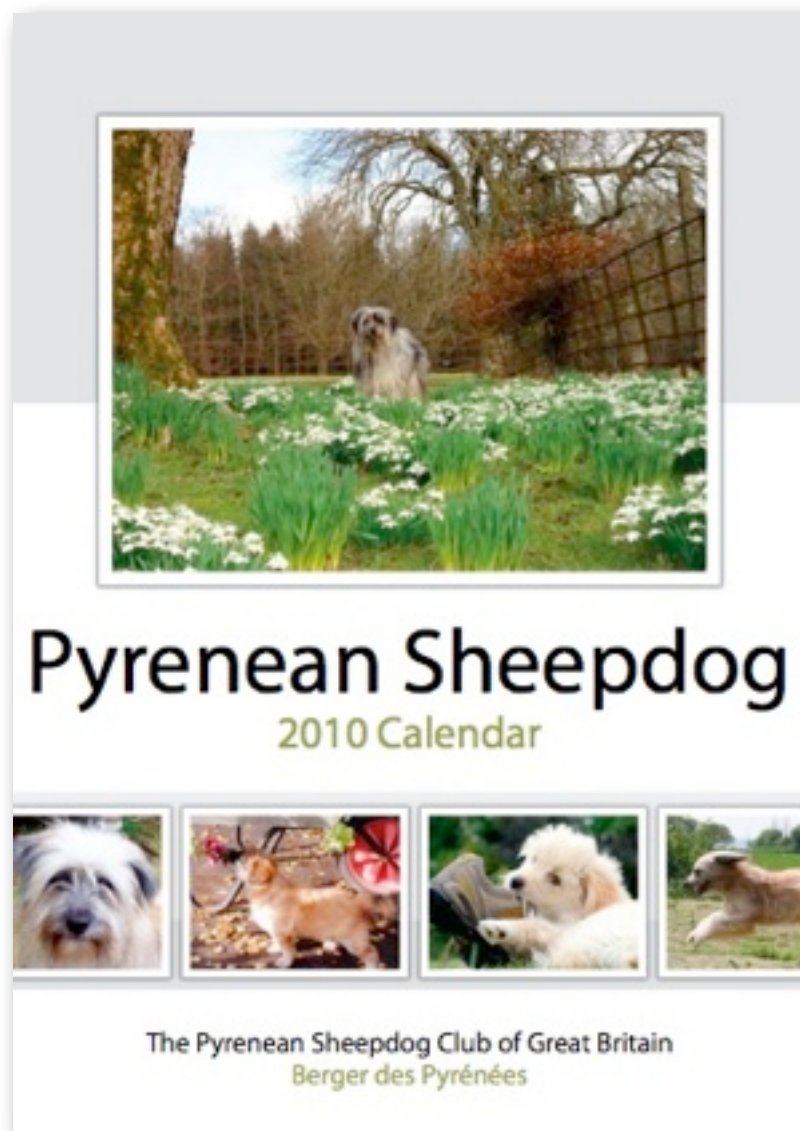
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- 4 **Additives** and other dietary inclusions
- 5 **Types of Diet** - what influences costs, relative values and how to compare diets, including home-made diets.
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**Dr John Lowe BSc., PhD., CBiol., MIBiol., RNutr**, has worked as nutritionist for over 30 years, specialising in companion animals. He has worked within the industry as nutritionist, technical director of a large pet food company and now works free-lance all over the world, lecturing and advising in all aspects of pet nutrition and pet food formulation. He is currently consultant nutritionist to Chudleys. He is past chairman of the UK Pet Food manufacturers association. He is visiting Lecturer in companion animal nutrition at Nottingham University, where he also has a number of post graduate students working in aspects of pet nutrition and pet food production. He has published many papers, conference lectures and book chapters on companion animal nutrition and feeding.

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