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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



The Newsletter of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain



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Bits and Pieces  
from  
the Secretary

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will take place at 11.00 on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Swannington Village Hall, Swannington, Leics LE67 8QL.

The committee would like to invite all those members attending the AGM to join them for lunch afterwards. It will be an informal affair, so bring your own lunch and join us for a chat. In accordance with the Constitution and Rules, Kim Randall is required to stand down as a committee member, but is eligible for re-election without nomination. Kim is willing to stand again. Chris Lewis has decided to resign from the committee, thus creating a vacancy on the committee.

The Secretary and the Treasurer are required to stand down annually, but are eligible for re-election without nomination. Diane Newton is willing to stand again, but Liz Lewis is resigning from the post of Secretary, thus creating a vacancy for the role of Secretary.

Nominations for anyone wishing to stand as Secretary, Treasurer or a committee member, must be accompanied by a Proposer and a Secunder and signed and should be received by the Secretary by **14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Applicants need to have been a member of the club for at least a year to be eligible for election to the committee or an office. Nominations will be accepted by email provided they are properly worded and signed electronically.

Any items to be included on the Agenda should be properly worded and signed and accompanied by a Proposer and Secunder and should be received by the Secretary by the **14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

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Membership Renewals

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules memberships should be renewed by the **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**. If you have not renewed your membership by then you are deemed to no longer be a member of the club. Please try to renew your membership by the end of January. Membership renewal forms will go out with the Newsletter. Payment can be made by cheque, bank transfer or direct debit.

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Annual Points Competition

If you have been showing your dog this year or competing in Agility or Obedience, don't forget to send your points in by **20<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. If your dog has achieved something special this year, please let Liz know, as he/she may be eligible for a Certificate of Achievement.

Showing and Junior Handler points should be sent to Shane Flint, The Aspens, Marston, Sinnington, York YO62 6RD or by email to [sandytrail@btinternet.com](mailto:sandytrail@btinternet.com)

Agility and Obedience points should be sent to Liz Lewis, 10 Asquith Boulevard, Knighton, Leicester LE2 6FA or by email to [riacaud@mac.com](mailto:riacaud@mac.com)

A trophy is awarded to the dog with most points in each discipline and Certificates of Achievement are presented to those who come second and third.

Please do send in your points so that we can celebrate your dog's achievements.

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Date for your diary

The Open Show and the Fun Day will both be held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Venue to be confirmed.

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Discover Dogs at Crufts

Crufts 2018 is from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March with Pastoral breeds being shown on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.

As usual we need as much help as possible to help man the breed booth over the four days. We know that you are all proud of your dogs so why not tell other people what great dogs these are.

Car park and entrance tickets are provided by the Kennel Club, as is a sum of money to be shared between the helpers each day to cover food and travel expenses. At least one committee member will be there each day to provide support.

If you can help or need to know more about what is involved, please contact Liz Lewis.

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### Website

The new look website will be launched very soon. The website address will remain the same so take a look and see what you think.

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### Calendars

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas present? Then why not buy a PSD calendar? The calendars cost £5 plus p&p and are available from Kim Randall.

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### **APOLOGIES**

We need to apologise to Sheila Taylor. Unfortunately we omitted to include her in the list of people to thank following the 25th Anniversary Show. Thanks and appreciation go to her for providing some of her merchandise to sell and also for donating 10% of the proceeds to club funds.



May I wish everyone, on behalf of the committee, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This is the last Newsletter I will be editing. I have been doing it for the last ten years and the time is right to pass the baton on to someone else. I am pleased to announce that Carl Stretton has agreed to take over. I wish him all the best in his endeavours. The format may change but the content as always will depend very much on the membership. I hope that everyone will support him in this role.

On a personal note both Liz and I have decided to step down from our roles and also the committee. We have been involved with the committee from the very start and have seen many changes. There is never a very good time to do this but having had the 25th Anniversary Celebrations it seemed as good a time as any.

It is also a time for new initiatives, new enthusiasms and new expertise. We wish the committee and the club all the best for the future. We know it will be in good hands. We will obviously continue to support club events and activities in the future. So this is not a good-bye but merely adieu.

Chris Lewis

PS Since this is my last edition I have used a little editorial licence in the use of photographs of our dogs.

## NATIONALE D'ELEVAGE 2017

The Nationale d'Elevage was held over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. The home of the Nationale (where the four Pyrenean breeds are represented) is undoubtedly the pretty town of Argelès-Gazost which is nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees.

Once again we made the decision to attend the Nationale especially as Geordi and I wanted to compete in the Championnat d'Agility which was being held at the Nationale for the first time. However, we also decided that the weekend would be too much for seventeen year old Ria, so Chris stayed at our house in France with her, while Geordi and I made the journey to Argelès.

On the Friday evening Patricia Princehouse usually puts on wine and nibbles for anyone who has already arrived. This is a good start to the weekend and a first opportunity to meet old friends.

As already mentioned, there was an agility competition taking place all day on the Saturday. There was also the CANT test. This is the test when a dog's aptitude for working with sheep is tested and the test has to be taken before a dog reaches the age of eighteen months. A basic obedience test precedes the CANT.

The Test de Comportement (which tests a dogs sociability and temperament) was held on Saturday morning. Classes were held during the course of the day by Agnès Audibert, Marcel Procureur and Celine Rei on how to present your dog in the show ring. Discussions on the Pyrenean Mountain Dog, the Pyrenean Sheepdog and the two Spanish breeds were held in the afternoon. A parade of many of the dogs entered was held at 6.30 on the Saturday evening. The parade starts in the Parc de Casino and winds its way up to one of the squares in the town. The Mayor of Argelès-Gazost and a representative from the Tourist Board welcomed everyone to the town and Alain Pécoult responded. Wine and nibbles are then served to the assembled company.

Once again we were up quite early as judging started at 9.00. The rings were soon up and running as the judging started. Geordi and I joined our Belgian friends in their traditional camp complete with flags and bunting and bar. Three hundred and twenty-nine dogs were entered of which one hundred and seventy three were Pyrenean Sheepdogs (Long Haired). Once all the individual classes have been judged everything stops for lunch. The afternoon events start with the parade of entrants from countries other than France. This year dogs from ten different countries were represented. Each group carries a flag from their country and other items of clothing in the national colours. The largest group is always that from Belgium. Following the parade, the pairs, couples and groups are judged before the selection for Best in Show starts. Best of Breed is chosen first and all those dogs who came first to third in their class go back into the ring and Best Male and Best Female are chosen before the Best of Breed is chosen. Hibarette des Haies de Chênes Verts, a black Long Haired Pyrenean Sheepdog was Best of Breed. Best in Show went to a Pyrenean Mountain Dog Ch Aran Patou von Traumberg from Czechoslovakia.



Only three club members were showing dogs at the Nationale this year. Jolie-Joyeuse de l'Oustaou de Padel handled by Veerle Vlerick was second in Champion Female class. Séverine Chomant had entered three dogs: Fidji de l'Oustaou de Padel who was Excellent in Open Male, Jaizhibel de l'Oustaou de Padel was Excellent in Open Female and Castille

was Excellent in Veteran Female. Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel handled by Veerle Vlerick and owned by Liz Lewis was classed as Excellent in a very strong class of forty-two dogs in Open Male class.

As always we had a great time at the Nationale. The weather was perfect, the setting was spectacular and the company was great. Thanks go to the committee of the RACP and the Tourist Board of Argelès-Gazost for all the hard work which goes into putting on such a successful event.

Liz Lewis

## CHAMPIONNAT D'AGILITY NATIONAL D'ELEVAGE 2017

When I heard that a Championnat d'Agility was to be held for the first time as part of the Nationale d'Elevage in 2017, I thought that it would be a good idea for Geordi and me to enter. It would be the first time that we had competed in France.

When I embarked on the entry process I began to wonder if it was such a good idea!

Setting up an account with CNEAC, which is roughly equivalent to Agility Shows Online here, was relatively straightforward. Actually entering the show proved to be a little more complicated. No schedule was available so I wasn't able to choose which runs I wanted to do. Having got so far in the process, the screen said that I needed an electronic signature from the President, but which President-Alain Pécoult, Emmanuel Macron....? I waited a week but no progress was made so in desperation I phoned my friend Fabienne Lentz who regularly competes in agility in France. She told me that the signature is of the President of the agility club to which you belong in France and obviously didn't apply to me. She was also able to tell me that the temporary licence which Geordi needed in order to be able to compete, would be sent to the club which was organising the show and not to me. All dogs competing in France have to have a licence. Fabienne told me to send my entry fee to Catherine Ballet and in due course our names would appear on the list of entrants on the CNEAC website and they did!



All competitors had to be at the Parc de Casino at 7.30 on the Saturday morning to be given their numbers. It was barely light, but already there were many tents erected round the ring even though it was just a day event. A list had been pinned up showing the numbers and eventually just after 8.00 the numbers were given out. You have to wear your number while you are competing. Another list had been pinned up and you had to look for your number to find out which classes you were in. Everyone had two agility and one jumping run. I set up my chair and Geordi's cage (no tent for us) next to Fabienne's tent. Fabienne was running three dogs. We were both in the first class which was our first agility run. Competitors run in strict numerical order. A scribe stands in the middle of the ring alongside the judge who has a microphone and commentates! Any faults or eliminations were pointed out but a good run or manoeuvre, were praised. At the end of the run the judge announces the score and the time. All this is written down by the scribe on the score sheet. This meant that almost as soon as the class was finished, the results were pinned up.

At the end of our first run Fabienne pointed out that Geordi had worn a collar while he was running. I said that this was the collar that he always wears when doing agility as it has no "dangly bits". Fabienne explained that the dogs are not allowed to wear a collar at all



Unlike in the UK where you are placed after each class, the results of both agility classes were combined to give a final result. The running order for the jumping classes was determined by how well you did in the agility. I had noticed that the runs for the jumping weren't being called in numerical order, so I thought I would just go and queue. When I gave my number, the lady calling the numbers said that she had been calling me for ages. I could only apologise and say that I hadn't realised what was happening.

The day ended at around 5pm after many trophies had been presented. Having been rather apprehensive at the start of the day, I really enjoyed the experience even though the whole thing had been a steep learning curve. Everyone was very friendly and helpful. The event seemed to be very popular so hopefully it will become a regular feature at the Nationale d'Élevage. I would like to thank the members of the Club des Rives de l'Adour for putting on the event, Catherine Ballet for patiently fielding a barrage of emails with questions that she usually couldn't answer and Fabienne Lentz for eventually pointing me in the right direction and keeping me company on the day.

So, how did we do? We were eliminated in both our agility runs, but I was pleased with the way Geordi ran and he was sensible and didn't disgrace me! We got five faults in our jumping run and when I looked on the CNEAC website, I was surprised to see that even with five faults we had been graded Excellent.

Liz Lewis



when they are running. Fortunately the judge hadn't noticed otherwise we would have been eliminated.



# VET'S CORNER



## What weight should my dog be?

This is a very common question I get asked every day and there is no easy answer. As we all know, even within a breed the size of the dog can vary. The most accurate way to assess your dog (or cats) weight is by looking at their 'body condition score'.

It is important to assess your dogs' weight regularly, especially when there is a change in food type, exercise or after a surgery/ illness. Dogs that are overweight are more prone to conditions such as diabetes, joint disease and reduced exercise tolerance/ stamina.

Body fat (adipose tissue), is considered a very active organ and has been shown amongst other things, to release inflammatory mediators into the body which lead to conditions such as osteoarthritis. Overweight animals are less likely to exercise and so are more likely to gain further weight. These inflammatory mediators also cause discomfort and reluctance to exercise, making the situation even worse.

Assessing your dogs body condition score, appreciating when it is escalating and then taking measures to reduce food/ increase exercise; all contribute to maintaining a healthy weight and trying to stay out of that vicious cycle which is so easy to fall into!

The body condition score is a subjective assessment of the condition of the dog, so it is more reliable when done by the same person or few people. Try assessing your own dogs score using the information below, then get someone who is not part of your close family / friends (e.g. vet / vet nurse) to also assess as some studies suggest that occasionally there can be a misconception by owners to underestimate the score on their own pets (what one of my clients calls "blinded by love").

There are two charts available, a 1-5 or a 1-9 scoring system. It is generally felt that the 1-9 system is more accurate. Below is a chart showing the physical characteristics and description expected from each number in the scoring system.

If in doubt, or for discussion about weight management, veterinary nurses often offer weight clinics to assess your pet in detail and can give you tailored advice for your pet.

Image taken from <https://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/Body%20condition%20score%20chart%20dogs.pdf>



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## Body Condition Score



### UNDER IDEAL

- 1 Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance. No discernible body fat. Obvious loss of muscle mass.
- 2 Ribs, lumbar vertebrae and pelvic bones easily visible. No palpable fat. Some evidence of other bony prominences. Minimal loss of muscle mass.
- 3 Ribs easily palpated and may be visible with no palpable fat. Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible. Pelvic bones becoming prominent. Obvious waist and abdominal tuck.

### IDEAL

- 4 Ribs easily palpable, with minimal fat covering. Waist easily noted, viewed from above. Abdominal tuck evident.
- 5 Ribs palpable without excess fat covering. Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above. Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side.

### OVER IDEAL

- 6 Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering. Waist is discernible viewed from above but is not prominent. Abdominal tuck apparent.
- 7 Ribs palpable with difficulty; heavy fat cover. Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent or barely visible. Abdominal tuck may be present.
- 8 Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure. Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent. No abdominal tuck. Obvious abdominal distention may be present.
- 9 Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and base of tail. Waist and abdominal tuck absent. Fat deposits on neck and limbs. Obvious abdominal distention.

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## Pyrenean Sheepdog Gathering Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

At Willowfield, Lochmaben, near Dumfries DG11 1SA

Informal gathering- chance to meet other Pyrenean Sheepdogs and have some fun with them.

Have a Go Agility and Hoopers  
Lunch, Walk and Tea.

Open to all Pyrenean Sheepdogs and their owners and friends

Please let Sara Hawkswell know if you are coming  
so we know how many to cater for Email: [sara@dynamicdogs.uk](mailto:sara@dynamicdogs.uk)



# Life Skills for the Family Dog

As a dog trainer I deal with all sorts of different breeds and types of dogs, most of whom are family pets. Although owners may have specific requests for how their dogs will behave, they mostly want a relaxed, happy dog who fits in with family life. That includes basic skills such as house training, travelling in the car, being left alone for short periods, going on walks, coming when called etc.

I started to wonder if any of the day-to-day skills are especially relevant to Pyrenean Sheepdogs as pets. Based on my own experience (living with my PSD girls Abi & Fiz) , and knowing lots of other PSD owners, I reckon that the two things most essential are a reliable recall and some really good impulse control. So I thought that I would tackle these two issues in my training articles for this and forthcoming PSD newsletters. But before we get into any specific exercises there are a couple of fundamentals we have to cover before you can work with your dog.

## **Its all about Rewards**

Before I tackle any training though I need to make sure we are all singing from the same hymn sheet in terms of approach. All the training I do with dogs is *kind, fair and effective* (heard that somewhere before? Its the strapline for the Association of Pet Dog Trainers APDT of which I am proud to be a member). I don't use any form of punishers in training and think that they have no place in modern dog training.

So in all these training games and exercises I will be using rewards to help the dogs learn. You need to identify what rewards work best

for your dog as well as what are appropriate for each game. In general dogs will find food, treats, toys and attention (strokes and snuggles) rewarding.

What does your Pyrenean Sheepdog like best? Mine are definitely foodies – but they only like high quality treats such as cheese, dried liver, chicken etc. They are really not bothered by a bit of dry kibble. They love toys and have their favourites – Abi loves things she can throw in the air and catch while Fiz is more of a tugger. Fiz likes really gentle snuggles whereas Abi likes a bit of rough and tumble. Knowing this means I can give them rewards that mean the most to them as individuals. Spend a little time working out what toys, games, treats etc your dog prefers – and use these to get great response from them in your training.

## **The Focus Game**

This is easiest done with a handful of treats – whatever suits your dog. Its also best played sitting down. How easy is this game!

Drop a treat on the floor to one side of you – let your dog eat it and, if needed, sniff around looking for more treats. Once they look at you, immediately say *Yes* (marking the fact that they have looked at you) and drop another treat just in front of your dog. You can then just keep repeating this – your dog has to look away to get the treat so he will have to turn back to you if he wants another treat. Repeat with about 20 treats each session and do this every day for a week. Your dog will be lightning fast to grab the treat and look at you.

If your dog tries to grab the treats out of your hand then you may have to stand up – this means you may find dropping the treats a bit more erratic so it can slow the game down.

## Getting your dogs Attention -

### The Name Game.



You should be able to use your dog's name even when they are busy doing something.

Before you teach your dog anything your dog needs to know his name – this specific sound is the cue for him to look at you and listen. He needs to be able to pick it out from all the general jibber jabber that us humans make. When you say your dog's name you want an instant response. The best way to do this is pre-load your dog's name with value.

When you are in the house near your dog, but not interacting, say your dog's name in a cheerful voice – if you get ANY response reward the, any way you like – throw them a treat, or a toy, go and cuddle them. What counts as a response? Well if your dog turned and looked at you – well done your dog already has great name recognition. If your dog lifted its ear – then he is responding to you – reward them. Was your dog snoozing and they raised an eyebrow? It's a response reward it!

Start off when your dog isn't doing much else – just sitting around or resting – if you keep repeating the exercise you will get to the point where you dog will turn his head to you instantly – he knows something good is coming. If the reaction is fast – give them a big reward.

Once you have a great reaction start calling your dog's name while he is busy. Perhaps playing with a toy or another dog or chewing a bone. Remember you are looking for acknowledgement so if your dogs turns and looks at you then reward them BUT don't stop them doing what they were busy with. So if they were eating a bone and they lift their head and look at you give a verbal Good and drop a bit of cheese next to the bone so they can eat the cheese and then get back to the bone. Eventually your dog might choose to stop what they are doing and come over to you – then reward them and let them go back to what they were doing. Make sure the quality or the reward matches what they stopped doing - so for my dogs leaving a bone would need a really big reward whereas leaving a toy less so.

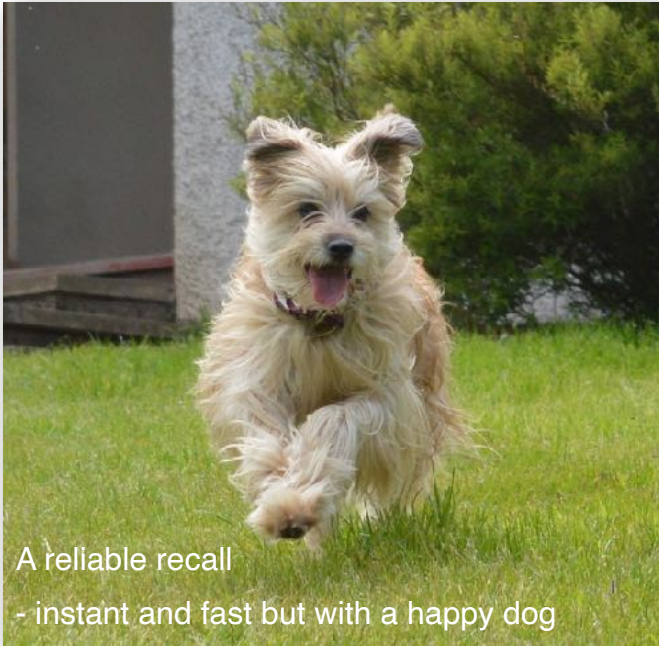
Remember at this stage we are not doing a recall – the name is all about attention.

### A reliable recall – what is it?

OK – so your dog knows his name and you know what he really loves then you are ready to teach a recall. A reliable recall means that when you call your dog *once* (using whatever word you like – I'll talk about this later) your dog *instantly* stops whatever it is doing and comes back *directly* to you - *quickly* with no detours.

Recall is essential because your Pyrenean Sheepdog needs to have plenty of opportunities to do what he is designed to do and that is RUN!! Pyreneans LOVE to run –

as much as they can, wherever they can and as much as they can – fast and carefree. Whether you are able to take your dog to enclosed spaces, country parks, beaches or woods you have to be able to call them back in. So this skill is essential for every Pyrenean.



A reliable recall  
- instant and fast but with a happy dog

Where do we start then? Well, I like to break down any big life skills into small steps that can be turned into training games to help owners make rapid progress and enjoy training – whether you have an 8 week old puppy or a veteran. If your dog has a poor recall - then going through this programme can retrain a recall.

### **Coming for Rewards**

Now we move on to expecting the dog to come to us to get its reward – meaning that not only do you expect them to acknowledge you (as in the Name Game). You are using the reward itself as the cue to come to you.

Be quite near your dogs (again no more than 2 meters away). Have a toy or treat in your hand – call your dog's name and show them their reward. You have their name on cue so they should turn as soon as you say their name.

Waggle the toy or treat to keep their intention and hold it out, as soon as they come to you let them have it. No sitting or anything else - all they need to do is come to you to get the reward. Start off just a short distance only 2 meters away from your dog. You may find that your dog then follows you to see if you have another treat or if he can have another play. Wait until you have some distance before calling them again. You can always throw a treat away for them to find while you move away.

When you dog takes its toy or treat make sure you give them a quick pet so they expect to be handled on their return (you don't want them to grab the treat and run). Once they are coming in quickly you can gently slip you hand under their collar as you pet them – don't restrain them.

### **Baby Recalls**

Once you have your dog coming reliably to you when you show him the reward you can introduce your recall word. Choose a word that you will use only for calling them right to you – most people use “Come” – but I find that a lot of people use this to mean “Come on follow me” when they are on a walk as opposed to come right here up to me now. It really doesn't matter what word you choose as long as you are consistent and only use this word for a full recall. If your dog has a poor recall and you are retraining use a new word – this will help as the old word may well “poisoned”. If you are stuck “Here” is a common word that works well.

You need to introduce the Cue word before you show your dogs the reward – so the sequence is 1. Dogs name 2. Recall word 3. Show them the reward and then they come right into you. If they don't come DON'T repeat the cue word just keep waving the toy/ treat. What you are doing is pairing the cue

word with the reward – so that your dog realises that when they hear the cue worked the reward will appear. It is essential that you are consistent with this and keep doing this exercise even when you think your dog has got it.

Gradually move a little further away once you notice that your dog start to move towards you when they hear the cue but before they see the reward. Then start surprising your dog. Test him out when they won't expect it - play the game in different places and gradually move a little further way from your dog.

### **Playing Ping Pong**

Now you have your Recall cue working in action you can start to have fun with it. This game is designed to really start to proof the command. You get two people to play baby recalls with your dog. Each person needs to have rewards for the dog. One person says the dog's name followed by the cue word and then shows them the reward when the dog reaches them they give the dog his reward and stroke him, then the next person calls him. Start off quite close together and in sight of each other so you dog only has to travel a

short distance between you. Once he is racing to get to the other person you can start to up the challenges.

Move further apart, move out of sight or each other, confuse your dog by not keeping on calling him to the other person (let him wander off sniffing and then call him back to the same person) add in more people (this can be great fun if you have 3 or 4 people playing – but make sure they all know the rules - Dogs Name, Recall Cue, Offer reward – and that the dog *always* get the reward).

Remember you will NEVER repeat the cue word – once said you can use the reward to lure the dog but don't start repeating the word. If the dog isn't coming to you approach him and offer the reward and then make the games easier for him.

In the next magazine I will introduce some more recall games and start to look at some impulse control games.

**Sara Hawkswell**

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# HEALTH NOTES

## Sensitivity to Anaesthetic

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

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

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

-- I found some research on the subject.

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

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

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

Nowadays the drugs for sedation and anaesthesia are quite sophisticated and very safe, but should your dog need some treatment / diagnosis that warrants Sedation or an Anaesthetic, it is worth to mention to your vet that there is a possibility of sensitivity to these types of drugs.

## Eye Testing

PRA – Progressive Retinal Atrophy

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

First often noticed by owners when dog seems to have poor night time vision

Dogs usually adjust as sight loss is gradual.

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

No cases in the UK had been reported to the Club in the 2011/12 Survey, and none have been reported to the club to this date.

Eye testing is not a requirement for the breed, it is up to individual owners, but I would really like to encourage members, if they have the opportunity, to have their dogs eye tested.

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

The dogs here in the UK will in their history, share the same DNA as those in other countries so there is always the possibility of it occurring over here.

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

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

For those who are not familiar with Eye Testing it is a non invasive procedure where a light is used to look at the back of the eye, more or less the same as the optician does, and it does not take long. Your Veterinary Surgery will be able to advise when and where a testing session is to be held locally. Also eye testing sessions are some times held in conjunction with Breed Shows, and some Breed Clubs hold eye testing clinics. They are often advertised on the KC website and these days facebook is a good source of information.

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## Dog Coat Colours

If you are interested in dog coat colours you could spend some this winter evenings reading up on this subject- and probably getting brain ache! There are lots of websites to look at, but *doggenetics.co.uk* is very informative and has a section 'Quick Summary' nearer the bottom of a lot of the pages, so you don't have to work through all the information every time when you wish to refresh your memory. A lot of the info will not be particularly applicable to the PSD, but I think it explains well the fact that a dog can look one colour, but it may well genetically test

to be another. (Merle for example is not always clearly manifested in a dogs coat.) It is a complex subject but it is fascinating. Very important if you are breeding to know exactly what genes your dog is carrying and likely to pass on.

The website *mydogdna* will give you more information on the colour and genetics of the Pyrenean Sheepdog and is a very good source of informations.

If you feel you have any information on health that would be of value to the breed, please get in touch. A 'Health Report Form' on which it will be possible to report a health problem/condition is available on the clubs web site. Even if your psd has recently become deceased it would be good to know why – ie died of old age, but had lived a long and happy life with no real problems.

Recording those that had no specific problems during their life time is as important, if not more, so information on the breed is more balanced.

\*ALL information is held in confidence, no individuals information would be disclosed\*

*Vicky Wilford – Breed Health Co-ordinator*

## Breed Health Co-Ordinators Symposium 2017

*Vicky Wilford- Breed Health Co-ordinator*

This year, this was held at the KC building at Stoneleigh and I was able to attend on behalf of the Club. There were three main Seminar presentations:--

### **\* The Kennel Club 'Breed Health Conservation Plans' (BHCP)**

*Dr Katy Evans*

*(Health Research Manager, The Kennel Club)*

The aim of this initiative is to enable the identification of the most significant issues in each breed, and point to where further research and support is required.

Decisions would be made in collaboration of the relevant stake holders including Breed Clubs, researchers and Breed Club Health Co-ordinators, to create bespoke plans for each breed.

The first 17 Breeds to take part in this collaborative programme are expected to have this process completed in around autumn / winter time 2018. A further 50 breeds are currently being identified to have BHCP developed, once the initial 17 are completed.

In time all breeds will have their own BHCP. These will continue to be reviewed going forward.

-More information is available on the Kennel Club website

### **\* Epilepsy**

*Professor Holger Volk  
(Royal Veterinary College)*

Epilepsy is the most common neurological condition in dogs. The causes of epilepsy can vary enormously and is an extremely complex subject. Recent research has been concentrating on the quality of life for both dogs and owners.

More factors are involved then just the genes. Influences are - Food – Genetic Make Up - & Environment. A holistic approach is most effective and research into dogs diets gave surprise results – with diet being more effective than expected. A Hypoallergenic Diet and Omega 3 supplementation were identified as being very helpful, but it also highlighted that drugs are not the only answer of getting back control when managing a patient with epilepsy.

A genotype has been found to have an influence on epilepsy, but it is considered to be a combination of factors.

*Professor Holger Volk is an Internationally recognised Award Winning Specialist in Neurology and Neurosurgery.*

*-More information on the Royal Veterinary College website*

**\* Sniffing out the Science: How to interpret information about dog health**

*Dr. Zoe Belshaw (Centre for Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine, University of Nottingham)*

This was a very interesting presentation covering the principals that can be used to find and interpret good quality information about dog health.

Nowadays there is a lot of information on the internet on all sorts of subjects from various different angles. In general, all this has to be a good thing, but caution needs to be exercised. Finding good quality information takes time, and then to decide if it is trustworthy.

Who produced it? Interpreting what you see, has it real relevance to your project? – can you double check this information? Has the same info / research been undertaken elsewhere? And how old are these reports / papers?

Are they from Scientific Research? – that is expert opinions – or just from individuals, can it be backed up, or is it from sources that may have a commercial interest?  
- Is it Trustworthy and is it of value?

--Next we had an  
**Update on the ‘Give a Dog a Genome Project’ (GDAG)**

*Dr. Cathryn Mellersh, Head of Kennel Club Genetics Centre (Animal Health Trust)*

*Dr. Louise Burmeister, Postdoctoral Research Scientist (Animal Health Trust)*

To put it simply the ‘Give a Dog a Genome project’ is a research programme in which a dogs DNA is unravelled and mapped. The aim is to compare the DNA of various breeds and look for differences that may be a contributing factors in different diseases & conditions.

There were 77 breeds that signed up to the first phase of the GDAG project and work has been underway for some time.

It is a big undertaking, the genomes of two different dogs could differ in 2 to 3 million places!

Sequencing takes 8 weeks at the lab. One dog takes 100Gb of data- and One hour to download from the lab. It is the equivalent of reading Harry Potter- the series – 440 times! 5 samples will fill and average PC.

There is some very good news, all this work is beginning to produce results. Because of this work, DNA tests have been developed for two breeds, the Hungarian Vizsla- a test for cerebellar ataxia, and the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen-a test for primary open angle glaucoma mutation.

This large research project is being supported by the KC, and as a result breeds can take part by contributing a £1000 for their breed to be included. (this is about a 1/10th of the normal initial costs for a single breed club to fund a project that is looking for a gene / genes responsible for a specific condition. The GDAG project is a fraction of the price. It would make sense to seriously consider taking part for the sake of our own PSD breed, and it would also contribute to the understanding of genetically based diseases in all dogs)

I have asked for the Pyrenean Sheepdog (long haired) to be added to the list of interested breeds for the GDAG2. At this moment this is pencilled in for 2018.

As a Club we are not committed at his stage, we will be contacted nearer the time.

\*\*This is an amazing project and to find out more details of what it is about and how it is progressing – type ‘Give a Dog a Genome’ in the search box on your computer and it will give you options to access the GDAG pages on the Animal Health Trust website.



After a long morning, it was time for a Buffet Lunch during which I got to chat to several other Breed Health Co-ordinators.

The day then continued with Question and Answer Booths where you could take your turn to ask any of the speakers, KC staff or other specialists present, any specific questions you may have.

I took the opportunity to speak to **Dr Dan O'Neill of VetCompass.**

He had not given a presentation, but I have heard him speak at a previous KC Symposium.

I had hoped he would be able to supply me with some information on the Pyrenean Sheepdog that the Vet Compass Programme may have collected. Unfortunately as the breed is numerically small in the UK there is not enough data available through this programme as yet to make any judgements about any health issues that may be of concern in the breed.

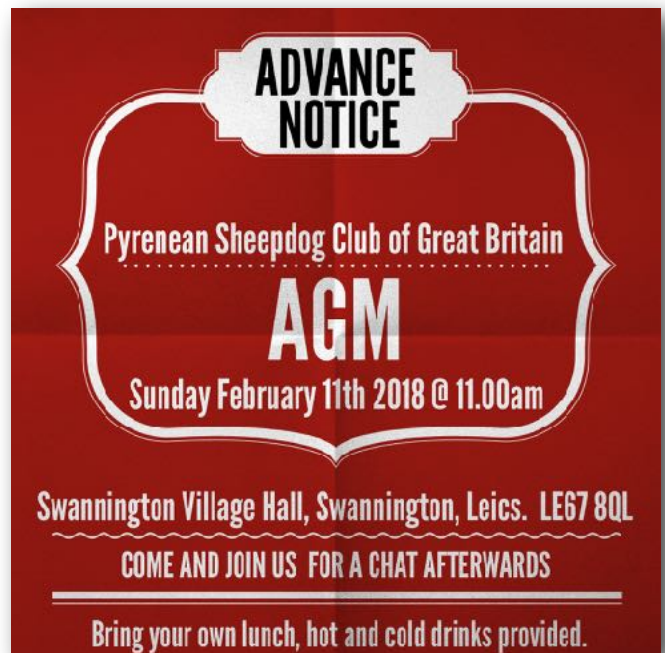
Led by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), the aim of the VetCompass Small Animal Health Surveillance Programme is to collect data from participating Veterinary Practices.

Using this evidence based information it will contribute to research and improvements in veterinary treatments and assist in the training of veterinary professionals. VetCompass only collects anonymous data from each participating veterinary practice, so no animal names, no client details or financial information are shared. VetCompass employs strict protocols for the secure transfer and storage of data and fully complies with the Data Protection Act.

Initially interested in the diseases / conditions affecting dogs, cats, rabbits and exotics in the UK, it will be able to give pointers to breed health issues if numbers of animals in a certain breed are presenting with the same conditions.

For more information – type VetCompass into your search bar on your computer and it will give you options to access the VetCompass

pages on the Royal Veterinary College website.



**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain

**AGM**

Sunday February 11th 2018 @ 11.00am

Swannington Village Hall, Swannington, Leics. LE67 8QL

COME AND JOIN US FOR A CHAT AFTERWARDS

Bring your own lunch, hot and cold drinks provided.



**THE KENNEL CLUB**  
*Making a difference for dogs*

**Breed Record Supplement**

**Importation:**

PORTIA DU PIC DE PIOULOU (Imp Bel)  
*b.13/07/16, c. Fawn, br Mrs V Vlerick  
s. Fidji de l'Oustaou de Padel  
d.Kline de Pic de Pioulou **Belg. Ch**  
owner - Mr P Bacon; origin Belgium*

**Transfer of Ownership:**

PIPPANABBEY REMEMBER ME  
From Mrs K & Mr P Bellamy  
To Mrs C Moloney-Geany

## LATEST NEWS FROM LILY.



Just writing to let you know that sadly I shall not be sending any more stories for inclusion into the Newsletter.

Carla has been writing with me for five years now, and before that she wrote with Zillah and Diva for around twenty years, and so she has decided it is time to stop. We have had a lot of fun writing about our outings, and holidays together with our friends and family. Along the way we seem to have run out of new Ideas, which lead us onto thinking that it would be good to give someone else a chance to write a short story for the Newsletter.

Perhaps other writers would be able to write about their experiences with agility, fly ball, or Cani Cross or just everyday experiences that we all find amusing and would be of interest to other dog lovers.

Next year we hope that other dogs will forward their stories and adventures, and of course we will look forward to reading all about them.

We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Carla and Lily.





**PSD CLUB DOG WALK -  
OLD HUNSTANTON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**



What A Day!!

For anyone that knows Hunstanton, you will be familiar with the usual weather forecast of chill wind and drizzle when taking a walk along the beach, but not this time. We were truly blessed with some great weather, possibly the best day I can remember in going there for over 30 years. There was no biting wind, lovely sunny weather, and the tide was on its way out, so there was more than enough sand for our little group of dogs, as well as all the other people out for a Sunday walk.

We had a crew of 8 Pyrenean Sheepdogs including 3 Face Rase and Jack - the Honorary PSD.

The dogs were keen so we all walked for about 1 1/2 hours- all the way to the headland, and then back again.

It's so interesting to see which dogs charge right into the water and which ones choose a dainty paddle. Bertie and Panther certainly gave each other a run for their money for who could go the deepest!

What a smashing time we had seeing all 9 dogs run around playing together in the sunshine. Even baby Jasper joined in for a paddle.

If anyone would be interested and would like us to consider putting on a dog walk near you, then please let me know ([jonathan@hal5000.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@hal5000.co.uk)) or if you think you could organise one yourself, then please let me know and we can help by advertising in the Newsletter and creating an event on Facebook to get the word out.

Jonathan

MORE IMAGES FROM THE WALK



# Discover Dogs 2017

Discover Dogs at ExCel was held on 21st and 22nd October. We were able to man the breed booth on both days this year. On the Saturday Kim Randall with Pixie, Jonathan Pattison with Bertie and Steph Grundy with Max were there to represent the breed. All three dogs proved to be excellent ambassadors for the breed and attracted a lot of interest from the public. Several people seemed genuinely interested in the breed.

On the Sunday Julie and John Farrar with Scrumpy and Chris Lewis with Geordi were in attendance. Both Scrumpy and Geordi were also good ambassadors for the breed and as on the Saturday there was some genuine interest some of which has been followed up with further enquiries about the breed.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time to help on the stand. It means travelling a long distance and is a long and tiring day for the dogs and their owners. The Kennel Club has asked me to pass on their thanks to those who helped man the breed booth.

Liz Lewis



## JUDGE'S COMMENTS



A big thank you to the club for its invitation and the to the many exhibitors for introducing me to their dogs. It was an honour to judge the Open Show as part of the club's twenty fifth anniversary.

The breeding of a Pyrenean Sheepdog is difficult, there are different types of head, different sizes, different textures and different colors and in addition there are two varieties, the Long Haired and the Face Rase.

Overall, the proportions of heads are good, however, it is necessary to pay attention to the width of the skull which must be almost equivalent to the length of the skull.

The bodies are well built.

The point to work on particularly, is the movement, the typical movement of the Pyrenean Sheepdog, is the union between an excellent angulation of the foreleg and a good thrust of the hind leg. In the absence of a good forward angulation, the dog can have a regular movement but it is not the typical movement sought.

The male Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel won the Best in Show for his typical head and his excellent construction.

The Best Bitch was Ibarolle de la Pastorale Auteyrac, a pretty female who might have a wider skull but her movement is typical.

The best movement could be seen in the Open Bitch class.

The veteran Foli du Pic de Pioulou is very complete. The puppy Sandytrail Sorcerer is very pleasing, probably a dog of the future.

When I came to Crufts a few years ago, I saw a number of dogs with poor pigmentation of their noses, at this show there was a good selection of dogs from different breeders and all the dogs presented, had correct pigmentation.

Regarding the Face Rase, we started with a little reminder about the specifics that characterise the breed.

Head proportions are different, muzzle longer, body shorter (closer to being square), and angulations less open.

Some remarks concerning the dogs presented:-the dentitions must be complete, the bodies must be shorter and care must be taken that the skulls are flat.

These are the first litters of the Face Rase, it is a very interesting variety, but there is a big job of selection to achieve.

Congratulations to all and see you soon

Norbert Gainche

Translated from the French text

# JUDGE'S FIRST PLACE CRITIQUES

**Class 1 Minor Puppy Dog:** *Sandytrail Coeur de Lion Mr & Mrs E & S Flint*

Dentition complete, excellent ear carriage, the eye could be darker, the nose seemed rather long but he is an 8 month old puppy and isn't "finished". Excellent top line, thigh and hock. Regular movement.

**Class 2 Puppy Dog:** *Sandytrail Sorceror Mr & Mrs E & S Flint*

Excellent head and eye, excellent ear carriage, excellent construction and angulation, excellent differentiated coat texture. The subject must "finish", but interesting and to see again.

**Class 4 Special Yearling Dog:** *Kimrand Master Bertie Mr J Pattison*

A very good dog, masculine with an excellent male head, good ear carriage, excellent top line, thigh and hock. Regular movement.

**Class 5 Post Graduate Dog:** *Bon Sooty de la belle Folie Miss J Gemmill*

Very good head and eye, excellent ear carriage, excellent coat. Roach back with limited movement.

**Class 6 Limit Dog:** *Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel Mrs E Lewis*

Excellent dog with an excellent construction, excellent head. Correct coat texture but the length is atypical. Excellent movement

**Class 7 Open Dog BOB** *Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel Mr & Mrs E & S Flint*

A good dog with a typical head, excellent neck, excellent pigmentation and ear carriage, excellent top line, typical coat differentiated with cadettes. The shoulder is straight and doesn't allow a good coverage of the ground but nevertheless a regular movement.

**Class 8 Veteran Dog:** *Bel Ch Foli du Pic de Pioulou Mr & Mrs E & V van Pelt & Vlerick*

Excellent dog with a typical head. Excellent head, eye and pigmentation, excellent ear carriage, excellent coat colour and texture, excellent movement for his age.

**Class 9 Good Citizen Dog:** *Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel Mrs E Lewis*

Excellent dog altogether with an excellent movement

**Class 10 Stud Dog:** *Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel Mr & Mrs E & S Flint*

**Class 11 Minor Puppy Bitch:** *Sandytrail Scherherazade Meslabrit Mrs & Miss R & K Robson*

Excellent Female with a pretty expression, excellent pigmentation, excellent construction for her age, excellent movement.

**Class 13 Junior Bitch:** *Sawara Echo Beach Mrs P Keable*

Subject too light but with a good head and a good neck. Excellent top line and angulations, with limited movement

**Class 14 Special Yearling Bitch:** *Kimrand Miss Pepper Mr & Miss F & K Randall*

Dog presented with very heavy coat, very good head. The muzzle is a little long, undershot. Very good neck, excellent top line, excellent croup and hindquarters and nice movement.

**Class 15 Post Graduate Bitch:** *Sandytrail Solitaireavec Ciopar*

Altogether a pretty dog with a pretty expression. Excellent neck, top line and excellent coat texture. Regular movement.

**Class 16 Limit Bitch:** *Kimrand Pixie Belle Mr & Mrs F & K Randall*

Dog presented with a heavy coat, excellent head, the eye is round, excellent ear carriage, excellent construction and hindquarters, regular movement.

**Class 17 Open Bitch:** *RBOB Ibarolle de la Pastorale d'Auteyrac Mrs S Chomant*

A pretty dog typical of the breed, with an excellent expression. I would have preferred a slightly wider skull, very good neck. She is missing PM2. Excellent pigmentation, excellent ear carriage, excellent top line and excellent coat. Excellent movement typical of the breed.

**Class 18 Veteran Bitch:** *Rozimba Cassia Mrs S Hawkswell*

Typical dog, skull would preferably be wider, excellent pigmentation, excellent coat, regular movement.

**Class 19 Good Citizen Bitch:** *Ivydale Marguerite Mrs M Abbot*

Very good head but the eye is a little round, skull preferably wider, a lot of undercoat, which gives the impression that the coat is too heavy, good thigh and hock, regular movement.

**Class 20 Brood Bitch:** *Sandytrail Ensorcelé Mr & Mrs E & S Flint*

Pretty dog, well constructed with a typical head, coat texture differentiated. Straight shoulder which does not permit a typical movement but a regular movement.

**Class 21 Special Veteran Dog or Bitch:** *Bel Ch Foli du Pic de Pioulou Mr & Mrs E & V van Pelt & Vlerick*

Dog in perfect state and very well preserved, typical of the breed.

**Class 22 Brace:** *Foli du Pic de Piolou & Jolie-Joyeuse de l'Oustaou de Padel Mr & Mrs E & V van Pelt & Vlerick*

Altogether a pretty dog, excellent pigmentation and head, excellent ear carriage, excellent body and hindquarters. A dog that shows herself well, when she wants to...!



# SHOW RESULTS

## The Welsh Kennel Club 2017 18,19,20 August

**Judge: Mr Gordon Rual**

BEST OF BREED : Norlyght Biassono  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH  
Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH  
Res Best Dog : Bel / Fin Ch Gastibelza de l'  
Oustaou de Padel (Imp) Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Best Bitch : Bel /Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcele  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Res Best Bitch : Mizu Dite Maggie du Pic  
d'Espade With Seacourt (Imp)  
Mr S R PHILLIPS  
Best Puppy :Sandytrail Sorceror  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
**PD (2 Entries) Abs: 1**  
1st: Sandytrail Sorceror Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

**OD (2 Entries) Abs: 0**  
1st: Norlyght Biassono  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH  
2nd: Bel / Fin Ch Gastibelza de l' Oustaou  
de Padel (Imp) Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

**PGB (4 Entries) Abs: 1**  
1st: Mizu Dite Maggie du Pic d'Espade with  
Seacourt (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS  
2nd: Norlyght Satu Juta Mr & Mrs C SUCH  
3rd: Norlyght Sebelas Of Amienko  
Miss J R GWILLIAM, & Mr & Mrs C SUCH

**OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0**  
1st: Bel / Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcele  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
2nd: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara  
(Imp) PHILLIPS Mr S R

## City Of Birmingham Canine Association 2017 1st,2nd & 3rd September

**Judge: Mr S Wilberg**

BEST OF BREED : Bel / Fin Ch Gastibelza de  
l' Oustaou de Padel (Imp Fra)  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Best Dog : Bel / Fin Ch Gastibelza de l'  
Oustaou de Padel (Imp) Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Res Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH  
Best Bitch :Bel / Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcele  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Res Best Bitch : Friponne du Pic d'Espade  
Kelltara (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS  
Best Puppy :Sandytrail Sorceror  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

**PD (1 Entries) Abs: 0**  
1st:Sandytrail Sorceror Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

**OD (2 Entries) Abs: 0**  
1st: Bel / Fin Ch Gastibelza de l' Oustaou de  
Padel (Imp) Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
2nd: Norlyght Biassono  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

**PGB (3 Entries) Abs: 1**  
1st: Mizu Dite Maggie du Pic d'Espade with  
Seacourt (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS  
2nd: Kimrand Miss Pepper  
Miss K RANDALL & Mr F J RANDALL

**OB (3 Entries) Abs: 0**  
1st:Bel / Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcele  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
2nd:Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp)  
Mr S R PHILLIPS  
3rd: Kimrand Pixie Belle  
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

## Richmond Championship Dog Show 2017 8th, 9th, & 10th September

**Judge: Mrs Sue Hewart-Chambers (Sunha)**

BEST OF BREED : Sandytrail Sorceror  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Best Dog : Sandytrail Sorceror  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Best Puppy : Sandytrail Sorceror  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

**Class JD (1 Entries) Abs: 0**  
1st: Sandytrail Sorceror Mrs S & Mr E FLINT



**Darlington Dog Show Society 2017**  
**15th, 16th, & 17th September**

**Judge: Mrs C Pierpoint**

BEST OF BREED : Bel / Fin Ch Sandytrail  
Ensorcele Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Best Dog : Bel / Fin Ch Gastibelza de l'  
Oustaou de Padel (Imp) Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Res Best Dog : Sandytrail Sorceror  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Best Bitch : Bel / Fin Ch Sandytrail  
Ensorcele Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Res Best Bitch : Friponne du Pic d'Espade  
Kelltara (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS  
Best Puppy : Sandytrail Scheherazade  
Meslabrit Mrs R E & Miss K L ROBSON  
Best Veteran : Friponne du Pic d'Espade  
Kelltara (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS

**Class PD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 0**

1st: Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit  
Mrs R E & Miss K L ROBSON  
2nd: Sandytrail Sorceror Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

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

1st: Mizu Dite Maggie du Pic d'Espade with  
Seacourt (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS  
2nd: Kimrand Miss Pepper  
Mr F J & Miss K RANDALL

**Class OD/B (5 Entries) Abs: 0**

1st: Bel / Fin Ch Sandytrail Ensorcele  
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
2nd: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara  
(Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS  
3rd: Bel / Fin Ch Gastibelza de l' Oustaou de  
Padel (Imp) Mrs S & Mr E FLINT  
Res: Norlyght Biassono  
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH  
VHC: Kimrand Pixie Belle  
Mr F J & Miss K RANDALL



**Driffield Agricultural Society 2017**  
**Av Not Separately Classified**  
**Working & Pastoral**  
**28th, 29th, 30th September &**  
**1st October**

**Judge: Mr Kevin Young**

Res Best Bitch: Mizu Dite Maggie du Pic  
d'Espade with Seacourt (Imp) Mr S R  
PHILLIPS

**Class OD (5 Entries) Abs: 0**

VHC: Gazost 11 Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade  
Kelltara (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS

**Class PB (5 Entries) Abs: 0**

3rd: Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit  
Mrs R E & Miss K L ROBSON

**Class JB (4 Entries) Abs: 0**

1st: Mizu Dite Maggie du Pic d'Espade with  
Seacourt (Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS

**Class PGB (6 Entries) Abs: 2**

2nd: Intrepide du Pic d'Espade Kelltara  
(Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS

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

2nd: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara  
(Imp) Mr S R PHILLIPS

**South Wales Kennel Association**  
**6th, 7th, & 8th October**

Judge(s): DYLLIS KNIGHT

BB Rambauds Allevard Aussi  
(MRS M P WESTON)

BOB Rambauds Allevard Aussi  
(MRS M P WESTON)

Open - Bitch  
Entries: 3 Absentees 2  
1st Rambauds Allevard Aussi  
(MRS M P WESTON)

**Midland Counties Canine Society**  
**26th-29th October**  
**AVNSC - Pastoral**

Judge: MR BARRIE CROFT

**RBB** Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara  
(Imp Fra) Mr S R Phillips

**BP** Sandytrail Scheherazade Mesleabrit  
Mrs R E & Miss K L Robson

**Puppy-Bitch**

Entries: 4 Absentees:0

**1st** Sandytrail Scheherazade Mesleabrit  
Mrs R E & Miss K L Robson

**Post Graduate - Bitch**

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

**1st** Mizu Dite Maggie du Pic d'Espade  
with Seacourt (Imp Fra) Mr S R Phillips

**Open - Bitch**

Entries: 10 Absentees: 5

**2nd** Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara  
(Inp Fra) Mr S R Phillips

**Working & Pastoral Breeds**  
**Association of Scotland**  
**4th November**

PUPPY JUDGE: Mr S Hall

PUPPY GROUP 2

SANDYTRAIL SCHEHEREAZADE

MESLABRIT

MRS R E & MISS K L ROBSON

Judge(s): MR E PATERSON (CAMARGUE)

**BD** BEL/FIN CH GASTIBELZA DE  
L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL ( Imp Fra )  
Mr E & Mrs S FLINT

**BB** BEL/FIN CH SANDYTRAIL  
ENSORCELE (MR E & MRS S FLINT)

**RBB** SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE  
MESLABRIT (MRS R E & MISS K L  
ROBSON)

**BOB** BEL/FIN CH GASTIBELZA DE  
L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP FRA) (MR E  
& MRS S FLINT)

**BP** SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE  
MESLABRIT (MRS R E & MISS K L  
ROBSON)

**Puppy - Dog or Bitch**

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

**1st** SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE  
MESLABRIT (MRS R E & MISS K L  
ROBSON)

**Open - Dog**

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

**1st** BEL/FIN CH GASTIBELZA DE  
L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP FRA) (MR E  
& MRS S FLINT)

**Open - Bitch**

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

**1st** BEL/FIN CH SANDYTRAIL  
ENSORCELE (MR E & MRS S FLINT)  
**2nd** SANDYTRAIL SOLITAIRE AVEC  
CIOPAR (M/S P BUCHANAN-HISLOP)



If love could have saved you.....you would have lived forever....



**Toyah de l'Oustaou de Padel ( 24)/05/2002 – 01/09/2017**

We hebben je heel lang bij ons mogen houden... hebben samen heel wat avonturen beleefd...  
Er zijn zo veel mooie momenten geweest... zoveel herinneringen die we koesteren...  
Maar houden van is ook loslaten.... we laten je gaan ...  
Een laatste knuffel... een laatste lieve woordje... een laatste kusje....  
Slaap zacht mijn lieve alles...

Nous avons eu la chance de te garder près de nous pour très longtemps...  
Au fil des années nous avons eu beaucoup d'aventures ensemble ...  
Nous avons passé tant de beaux moments ...il y a tant de beaux souvenirs que nous chérissons ...  
Mais s'aimer, c'est aussi se séparer et laisser partir... nous te laissons partir maintenant....  
Un dernier câlin .... un dernier mot doux.... un dernier bisou....  
Dors doucement ma belle... mon amour...

We have been with you for a very long time....we had a lot of adventures together...  
There have been so many wonderful moments ... so many sweet memories we cherish....  
But loving somebody is also let her go....so we let you go....  
One last hug.... one last word whispered in your ear.... one last kiss...  
Sweet dreams my everything...

XXX  
Christel, Roland & Faysse



## Meg (Rambauds Madame Mystique avec Riacaud) 8.4.04-3.8.17

When we bought Meg from Meriel Weston in May 2004, she was to be my second agility dog. However Meg had other ideas and despite all my attempts to encourage her, she decided that agility was not her thing.

This pretty much sums up Meg's character. She was very much an individual and only did what suited her. However, she did do well in the show ring in France, gaining seven Excellent classifications under seven different judges at the Nationale d'Elevage and also, more recently, aged eleven and twelve, winning Best Veteran at our first two club shows.

Meg's main interest in life was food and given half the chance she would steal anything. Imagine our surprise when we were in a market in France one day and we looked down to see that Meg had a large dried sausage (worth about 40 Euros) in her mouth. We were pretty sure that she had not taken it from a stall, but more likely from the bag of an unsuspecting shopper!



When we bought Geordi in 2011, he and Meg became good friends and they had some good times together as you can see from the photo on the front cover.

We had to say Goodbye to Meg at the beginning of August. She had not been well for a little while. We greatly miss our funny little girl, but we know that she is in a happy place where she is no longer in pain. Run free our little Meglette dog.

Liz and Chris Lewis

## Championship Show Schedule 2018 Show Dates - PSD Classes

| Show            | Location     | Judge (2017) | Date         |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Manchester      | Stafford     | D Clarke     | 20 January   |
| Crufts          | NEC          | S Hall       | 8 March      |
| WPBAW           | Builth Wells | TBC          | 21 April     |
| National        | Stafford     | G Jipping    | 13 May       |
| Bath            | Bath         | TBC          | 27 May       |
| 3 Counties      | Malvern      | TBC          | 8 June       |
| Blackpool       | Blackpool    | TBC          | 24 June      |
| Windsor         | Windsor      | TBC          | 30 June      |
| East of England | Peterborough | TBC          | 8 July       |
| NWPBS           | Malvern      | TBC          | 14 July      |
| Leeds           | Harewood     | TBC          | 29 July      |
| Paignton        | Exeter       | TBC          | 6 August     |
| PSD Club show   | TBC          | TBC          | 4th August   |
| WKC             | Builth Wells | TBC          | 18 August    |
| Birmingham      | Stoneleigh   | TBC          | 1 September  |
| Richmond        | Guildford    | TBC          | 8 September  |
| Darlington      | Ripon        | TBC          | 15 September |
| Driffield       | Wetherby     | TBC          | 20 September |
| SWKA            | Builth Wells | TBC          | 5 October    |
| WPBSS           | Edinburgh    | TBC          | 3 November   |



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