

Championship Shows 2018

Date	Show	Location
5-7 Oct	South Wales Kennel Association	Builth Wells **
25-28 Oct	Midland Counties Canine Association	Stafford
03-Nov	Working & Pastoral Breeds of Scotland	Edinburgh **
15-16 Dec	Ladies Kennel Association	NEC Birmingham
** Indicates shows with breed classes in 2018		

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Last Laugh



"It's always Sit, Stay, Heel - never Think, Innovate, Be yourself."

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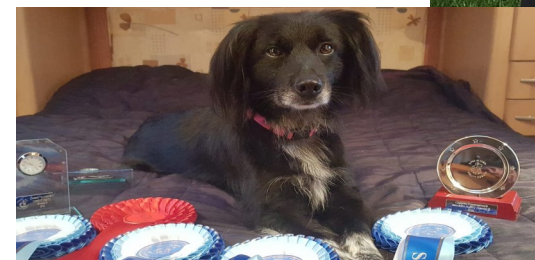
PYRIE BOMB AT KCI INTERNATIONAL AGILITY FESTIVAL

It was great to have a good gathering of Pyrenean Sheepdogs at the Kennel Club International Agility Festival held at Rockingham Castle in August. About 20 PSD met up at lunchtime - and we tried a photo shoot! great to see so many Pyreneans competing at all levels in agility.

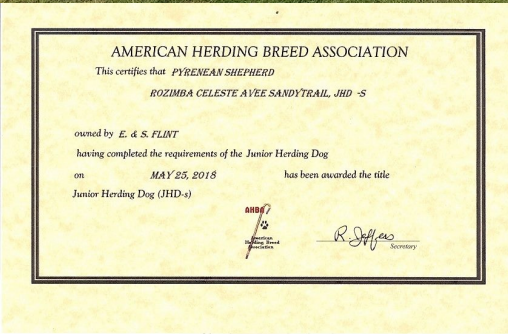


MEEKO IS ON A FLYER

Meeko (Notterts Al Fa Petit Mischif) and handler Jessica Barton won their intermediate certificate at Flyball and wins out of grade 3 in Agility this summer on the same day as sister Jess (Notterts Al Fa Black Beauty).



Mirren (Cavronscourt Mirren) won her pre-beginners certificate at Worcester DTC. Well done



Eion and Celeste gain their Junior AHBA certificate



ADAM QUALIFIES FOR OLYMPIA

Adam Stretton and Finn (Tottakai Voin Olla Valopilkku) qualified for the ABC Large Agility Finals to be held on 19th December 2018 at the Olympia Horse of the Year Show in London

It is the second time that Adams has qualified—last time it was with Jet—just going to prove that he is a consistent handler

From the Editor

One of the topics we regularly discuss amongst ourselves as Members and Committee members of the PSD Club GB is the size of our gene pool in the UK and the need to keep a watchful eye on the stock of our favourite breed.

Great efforts are put into trying to maintain records of dogs, their breed lines and owners in the UK and wider afield where we can.

It is important to keep us informed, even if you are not a member (and why wouldn't you be!) when you move or if you decide to transfer ownership of your Pyrie.

As I only have Face Rase Pyries (four of the little darlings) I do not attend Breed shows—my thing is Agility—a sport at which both PSD varieties excel—and I get to know a lot of dog owners in this way.

During the summer I have become aware of two very high level competitors in the Agility world importing Poil Long from Europe and I will make it a task to approach them with an old Newsletter to introduce them to the club so we can make contact and record the dogs in question so the potential of breeding from or with these dogs is at least known to us and the owner.

Please be a warden for our breed and keep alert for any such happenings in your own circles; if you do see a new face please try to pass on details of the club website, our Facebook page or the contact details in this section.

Regards Carl

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BITS n BOBS from the Secretary

CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The proposed amendments to the Club Constitution and rules agreed at the 2018 AGM have now been approved by The Kennel Club.

The new version is available on the club website

www.pyreneansheepdog.co.uk

Forthcoming Events:

Discover Dogs is to be held at the Excel Centre, London on 21st & 22nd October 2018. Car Park and entrance tickets are available for anyone wishing to help.

Club Fun Day

As well as the Open Breed Show (see page 12) we also held a fun day show at Tollerton on the 4th Aug.

Among the many dog related activities our Judge, Katie Robson presided over the Novelty classes



Judge Katie Robson declared this the waggiest tail (and possibly bum as well!)

tractions. Hopefully if you say your dogs name he will turn towards you and you can give them a treat. Try this a few times with the lead hanging loose. If your dog then focusses on you waiting for treat just throw a treat away from you so that they have to go and fetch it.

Once your dog does this reliably you need to add a little gentle pressure on the lead immediately before calling your dog. So it goes – lead pressure, dog's name, dog turns back, dog gets treat.

The order is critical – we want the dog to recognise that pressure on the lead is a precursor to you calling them and them getting the treat. What you are looking for is the dog to start to respond to pressure on the lead – he is pre-empting you calling him. Once this link is firmly established over several training sessions your dog will turn to you when pressure is applied. Now you can drop the name and use just the lead to bring the dog back in close.

Putting it all together

All this has been done sitting down!! Now we are going to put in in practice walking around. Start walking around house and garden with the dog on the lead – reward them as they follow you. If they get too far away gentle pressure on the lead to bring them back to you followed by a reward. Increase the distractions but keep up the rewards.

At this stage your dog should know that it can walk with you the lead provides a boundary and can be used as a gentle signal to the dog. Keep making sure your dog gets rewarded for walking nicely. This means treats and toys but also having to walk properly before being let off the lead or allowed to play with other dogs etc.

Enjoy walking your dog - it should be a relaxing experience for your both.

Sara Hawkswell

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This can cause them to learn to pull on a lead when they feel pressure. This is the opposite of what we want when a dog is learning loose lead walking – any pressure means they have gone too far and should come back to the handler.

Getting started

Starting to teach loose lead walking – ditch the lead!! The aim is to avoid using the lead to “control” your dog so get rid of it. Work in your house and garden – you need to practise in a safe environment with as few distractions as possible. So clear away all the toys, shut the other dogs away and ask someone else to watch the children. To start off with you just want your dog to follow after you. Arm yourself with lots of treats and walk away from your dog. Call your dog to follow you – I just use “Lets Go” – if they follow you give them a treat. If your dog doesn’t come drop a treat on the ground next to you, wait until they have eaten it and then walk off. If your dog is not food orientated you can use a toy and play tuggy for following you.

As your dog gets the idea that they get a treat when they come over to you, start to walk briskly and keep changing direction. Reward your dog every time they turn and follow you, following for three or four steps is enough to deserve a reward. Play this game a few times until your dog realises the game is on and automatically follows you.

Taking it up a step

Now make it harder for your dog – do sudden turns and figures of eight. Make it so your dog needs to concentrate to follow you. Then reduce the frequency of reward so your dog has to follow you for ten paces or so before getting a treat. Vary dropping the treat on the floor and making the dog catch up with you with feeding out the hand. Add in distractions play the game while there are other people around, with the TV on with a noisy dog programme (barking etc), if you have another dog get someone to play with one dog while you do “Lets Go” with the other. All this time you are working on with the dog off lead.

Teaching lead pressure

Pressure on the lead should mean that your dogs need to come towards you – when you are walking they get to the end of the lead they need to recognise its time to turn back to you. We teach this when we are not walking first. So put your dog on the lead, arm yourself with treats and sit down. Again start off with no dis-



This year I decided to attend the BASE (Berger Agility Summer Event) held in Astén-Heusden in the Netherlands.

There were 2 official runs per dog per day. I was only running one of my three Pyreneans, Sooty but I messed-up both runs on Saturday due to nerves.

There was then a free 'fun-run' at the end of the day, which we redeemed ourselves in and came 3rd.

The camping was friendly and social and I played a prototype "Agility Board Game", which was very cool.

Sunday's 2 official runs were better for us, our best result being 10th in the agility round. I didn't make the finals, but had a really great time cheering everyone on.

It was so nice to be watching Pyrees from debutante level right up to world class dogs all competing over the same weekend. Well worth the journey over, to watch and to join in too. I'll definitely go again.

Jenni Gemmil

Note from the Editor. Next years BASE is in the Czech Republic—I am definitely thinking of going—the mix of Agility, lots of Pyrenean Sheepdogs and a European environment sounds too good to miss.



I have been herding with my PSD's for just over 12 year's now and most of this has taken place at Jackie Goulder's Glebe Farm very close to where I live up here in North Yorkshire. We have been to France to put some of the dogs through their CANT (French herding instinct test) as well as to other shepherds here in the UK and Belgium that offer training, but Jackie is a rare example of a working shepherd that is also a great trainer and has a genuine interest in working with a wide range of traditional herding breeds.

It has been great fun and I have really enjoyed it and certainly there is nothing like herding to really capture the full potential of your PSD and to get close to understanding their original purpose, underlying qualities and to really appreciate why they are like they are.

In the UK competitive herding is the sole province of the ISDS (International Sheep Dog Society) and of course the Border Collie. It is somewhat sad that the Kennel Club have historically defaulted to the ISDS as the sole organisation that looks after herding, as this totally neglects most of the traditional herding breeds captured under the KC's own Pastoral Group. Whilst this is very much the UK scene, there are 3 other International Herding Organisations that do offer structured programmes of herding development and competitive trials offering the chance to recognise dog and handler achievements through the award of a system of herding titles.



The 3 organisations are:

The FCI which is the Governing body covering most of the various individual National Kennel Clubs throughout the world (excluding our own UK KC of course). The FCI offer a compre-

And now for the next instalment in our life skills series

—where Sara Hawkswell passes on those skills which can make living with your Pyrenean Sheepdog even more pleasurable!

Life Skills for the Family Dog — part 3

As the nights get darker more of our dog walks will have to be on lead through Autumn and Winter. So many people tell me that walking their dog is always a struggle. The dog pulls, lunges away to

sniff at things and so lead walks become a battle. Some people think that when the dog is on the lead it should be walking at heel and are constantly pulling the dog in close. Remember for a dog this isn't natural. They want to keep away from your feet to avoid being trodden on and want to be able to look around, take in the sights and smells. So the solution – is perfecting a comfortable everyday walking style for you and your dog.

Loose lead walking

This is the type of walking that you should be aiming to let your dog do on most of its walks. The dog needs to be walking comfortably with you without pulling or dragging you along but he doesn't need to be focused on you. He is allowed to sniff the breeze, pee at a tree and explore the environment whilst still remaining in control and relaxed on his lead. This is completely different to heelwork which you also might want to teach your dog – but it's a separate exercise.

Equipment

Slip lead and half checks collars should only ever be used on a trained dog and aren't for every day walking. Pressure on the neck can cause damage and anything that tightens should your dog pull in any direction must be avoided. Plain flat collars are great but if you have a novice or young dog then harnesses are perfect as they take pressure of the neck and avoid any damage. I also like harnesses for young dogs as you can play great grabbing games with them. I like to use a 6 foot lead for walking a dog – not too long to get tangled in or difficult to manage in your hands but long enough to allow plenty of freedom.

And while we are on the subject one quick word about extending leads –they have their place in your toolbox but should never be used on a dog in training or on a collar. To work the dog has to keep pressure on the lead to move away from you.

Rally - the latest craze in dog activities

Rally is a relatively new canine activity.

Dog and handler work around a course laid out in advance with signs denoting the tasks to be completed.

A judge watches them perform the tasks and mark each on, deducting errors for mistakes.

Think of it as an obedience course!

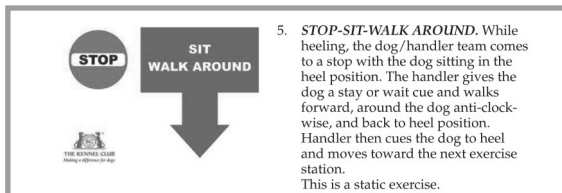
The dog and handler keep moving from sign to sign following the written instructions with no interference from the judge or steward. This makes it more relaxed than competitive obedience and of course many of the exercises are different.

More and more clubs are holding Rally competitions and offering training. Whilst it is best to go along to a session so you understand the rules and what to expect in a competition any dog can take part in Rally. Dogs work up through the Levels as they become more skilled. At Level 1 (for Newcomers to the support) your dogs will need to walk to heel on lead and have some basic exercises such as sit and down. As you move up the levels the exercise get more and more difficult and your dog will be required to work off lead.

At the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club Fun day we held a Rally competition for all comers – based on a level 1 course. Most of the people who had a go had never done a Rally course before or any formal obedience. We also had a few experienced dog



and handler teams who showed everyone else how it should be done. Competition was fierce and we ended up with a run off for first place between Pauline Keable and Piri and Margaret Challans and Diva -- both veterans of the club obreedience team.



hensive system of herding titles, trials and tests with 2 principle routes. One for "Non Traditional Working Style" breeds which includes Border Collies and Kelpies (very similar to what is offered by the ISDS) and the other for "Traditional Working Style" breeds which covers most of the European Pastoral breeds including our own PSD's of course.

ASCA which is the Australian Shepherd Club of America. Originally just a herding programme developed for the American breed club, it has been established for more than 50 years and is offered to all breeds (traditional and non-traditional working styles) across the world.

The AHBA, which stands for the American Herding Breeds Association who also offer a comprehensive "all breeds" herding programme and is available internationally.

Over the last couple of years I have been working with Jackie Goulder here in the UK to establish and make available the AHBA programme for UK based dogs. After a lot of work we have established 3 UK shepherds who are now accredited as AHBA judges and can now offer the programme here. In 2017 we held the first ever ABHA herding trial in the UK which was assessed by visiting American shepherds but in 2018 we have gone one step further and have held two very successful trial and testing weekends at Jackie's Glebe Farm. Breeds competing have included Australian Sherderds, Australian Cattle Dogs, Bearded Collies, Swedish Vallhunds, Border Collies and of course my own PSD's.

In the next edition of the Club Magazine I will try and expand on the AHBA herding titles and the nature of the test and trial and what the dog has to do to win a herding title. In the meantime I thought you might like to see some photos of two of my PSD's taking part in the various competitions this year. Celeste (Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail)

has gained her JHD and HCT titles and my youngster Madge (Sandytrail Magic Noire) has gained her HCT title at 20 months and just her 3rd introduction to sheep. Hope you enjoy the photos.



EAST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

I had the pleasure of judging the breed at this years East of England Championship Show in July. I really enjoyed the day and was so pleased to see some exhibitors from Belgium make the long trip over. Although my judges critique has been published in the official dog press I am conscious that most exhibitors and many Club members may not get the dog papers. Competing in the show ring requires many qualities in both the handler and the dog in order to win top honours but right at the heart of show exhibiting is the opportunity for owners/exhibitors to get a detailed critique and feedback on the construction and breed qualities of their PSD 's. Of course different judges may have different opinions about what they like and the performance of handler and dog can vary greatly from show to show but that's what makes it a competition. I thought club members might like to see my views from East of England Show.

Pyrenean Sheepdogs

Thank you to all my exhibitors for a nice entry and particularly those that came from as far as Belgium on the day, it was much appreciated. Really pleased with my BOB, who for me had everything I look for in a Pyrenean Sheepdog, super rustic presentation with that alert sound working type character. Lots of good quality and potential in my other exhibitors which hopefully I have picked up in my critique but for me my BOB is the benchmark that we need to be aiming for here in the UK.

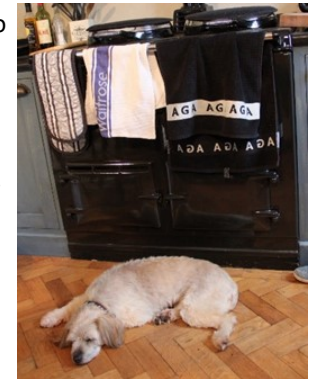
Puppy Dog (1,0) 1. Such's Norlyght Terzo Millennio. 9 month old handsome fawn with black mask. Very masculine youngster, up to size, with masculine head of good proportions, with the darkest of almond shaped eyes and excellent pigmentation. Correct ear set, good length of neck, excellent ribbing of correct length and depth. Saw glimpses of true Pyrenean movement once settled. A bit loose at the moment but it will come with age and confidence. If he can build his confidence he will be one to watch for the future.

Post Graduate Dog (1,0) 1. Pattison's Kimrand Master Bertie. Handsome grey brindle boy with very nice head of correct proportions, correct mobile ear set which he used throughout. Excellent dark eye and pigmentation. Excellent forequarters with correct shoulder placement and length of foreleg. Depth of rib to just above elbow as it should be but would like a bit more length. Good bone throughout, well muscled thighs and strong low set hocks complemented an excellent front. Lovely harsh jacket which will continue to darken with age and has the potential for a truly rustic look which would complement his profile. A bit disappointing on the move. Didn't demonstrate that breed typical fluent drive and reach which he is clearly capable of.

Meg and Bertie both gave her a good sniff and wagged their tails at her and she didn't seem phased by them. We took them on a lovely little walk at Box Hill and decided to take her home that day. Jean (Gypsy's owner) was pleased to see her going to a loving home but I can't imagine how difficult it must have been for her to see Gypsy go.

As soon as we got her home we said to each other that we should have fetched her as soon as we heard about her. She's well behaved, has a beautiful calm temperament and is much less of a handful than the other two!

It took a little while for Gypsy to get to know us. She hasn't got the best eyesight or hearing so we learned to raise our voices and approach her slowly where we knew she could see us. Just to make sure she felt at home, we put her own blankets that Jean had given us all around the house so that she could choose her spot. And Jonathan built Gypsy her own special step to make it easier to get out of the patio door.



After only a week of settling in, with only minimal amounts of feeling left out from the other dogs, we took Gypsy on holiday with us to a cottage in Exmoor. Three dogs, four adults and two babies. (Our friends that we went with adore her too) We took her on the steam railway, which didn't phase her, out for cream teas, on a walk over the Tarr steps and to the beach. She seemed to have an especially nice time paddling in the sea. We were so impressed with her although very aware that she had lost some muscle tone in kennels, so didn't want to walk her too far.

At home, we take her on a ramble around the village and a little jaunt in the field every evening. I really enjoy spending the time all together with the three dogs, Jonathan and Jasper on his little bike. We let Gypsy have some 'me time' while Meg and Bertie get their long walk of a morning. Gypsy tried to choose the baby's bedroom as her sleeping spot but she seems happy with her second choice of the lounge, which she gets all to herself at night. Although she has two beds in there, we often find her asleep on the settee in the morning!

I can't help but wish we had adopted Gypsy as soon as we heard about her, but at least she's with us now and I hope that she's happy and she knows that we truly feel she's a part of our family.

Jonathan Pattison

2 RESCUE

Adopting Gypsy has been, and is, a joy.

From the moment we heard that a couple of older Pyrenean Sheepdogs had been moved to kennels as their owner was too poorly to care for them, we couldn't stop thinking about them.

There was a lot of umming and aching in our house as we were sure that someone else who perhaps had fewer commitments and fewer dogs would end up taking them home.

Our lovely Meg can be a bit grumpy with other dogs in her space, which was a worry. And our son was 18 months old at the time and we knew that the dogs hadn't had a lot of experience with young children.

On the other hand, we have space and could make sure that there were available baby free and dog free areas.



When we heard that Gypsy and Wispa were on the list for Battersea dogs home, we couldn't imagine that a 15 year old dog would likely be rehomed from there or have a particularly nice time. So we decided that our Meg and Bertie should meet Gypsy and, if they got on, then she would have a better life with us.

We came to the conclusion that Wispa had a better chance, being younger, and from the descriptions of her temperament, she was likely to clash with Meg. (We were glad to hear that Wispa is in a lovely foster home at present)

We got the dogs in the car and took them on the three and a half hour journey to Surrey to meet Gypsy. Truth be told, I wanted to take her home regardless. I couldn't imagine letting her go back into kennels and we had made arrangements so that we could take her straight home, all being well. We didn't recognise her at first as the kennels had clipped her hair short and she didn't look like a Pyrenean. Needless to say, we loved her straight away.

Veteran Dog (2,0) 1. Such's Norlyght Biassono. Mid sized dark fawn boy. Typical triangular head of correct proportion with well set mobile ears and dark expressive eyes. Correct head hair producing windswept effect. Just enough neck, well set into excellent forequarters. In good condition throughout with firm short loin with tuck up. Balanced front and back. Correct tail set and carriage and neat low set hock's finished a very nice profile. Didn't disappoint on the move with a free and regular gait. Moved true out and back. BD,BV.

2. Robson's Ivydale Choirboy SHCM. Handsome dark brindle boy of good size. Very masculine head with excellent breadth. Excellent pigmentation throughout with the darkest of almond eyes. Ears set a bit low and not so mobile, not helped by a bit too much head hair which also lost that windswept expression. Excellent length of neck well set into excellent shoulder structure of correct angulation. Very good straight front with the correct longer foreleg proportions. Good length of back and well muscled throughout. Strong well constructed rear provides balance. Abundance of coat of good length but texture is too soft. Moved out with excellent reach and drive. A lot to like and hard to separate from my No.1 but just preferred the all round features and performance of my BV today.

Post Graduate Bitch(1,0) 1. Randall's Kimrand Miss Pepper. Very feminine grey brindle bitch of excellent type. Gorgeous head with all the breed characteristics. Darkest expressive eye, neat well set ears and excellent head shape. No exaggerations and very feminine. Sound but alert in character. Constructed well throughout, loved her length and excellent amount of coat which was of the correct type. Her overall proportions and profile were excellent but would love to see her move out at a higher tempo gait which would really show the potential she has for that unique Pyrenean movement. Liked her a lot but condition will be key to unlocking her potential and achieving top honours.

Open Bitch (3,0) 1. Vlerick and Van Pelt's Jolie Joyeuse de L'Oustaou de Padel Lux/NL/Bel Youth CH. Rustic but very feminine rich fawn 4 year old bitch of top quality. Stood out as soon as she set up in the ring. Full of breed type and true Pyrenean character, alert and vigilant but so sound. No need to list points of construction for this girl which were excellent from nose to tail. Her excellent expressive head, superb length of back and correct croup all emphasized by her thick rustic double coat in cadenettes, created an outstanding profile. In excellent condition throughout with enough hard lean muscle in the correct places. Moved out in that high tempo working gait demonstrating that typical ground skimming front reach that is so unique to Pyreneans. Built for working and in a class of her own today. Could have watched her all day. BB and BOB.

2. Vercoutere's CH Lorelei du Pic de Pioulou. Attractive 6 year old mid fawn female of good size. Similar head to my No.1 with excellent head shape and proportions, gorgeous dark and expressive almond eye with excellent pigmentation throughout and excellent mobile ear set. Lots of breed type and

presented rustically in excellent harsh double coat with cadenettes. Lean hard body condition, well muscled throughout with excellent length and correct depth of rib and nicely constructed front and back. Initially unsettled by the flooring but once settled showed that she was capable of that breed typical movement suggested by her excellent construction. Another excellent bitch of quality and a good second to my winner today. RBB.

3. Randall's Kimrand Pixie Belle. Attractive 4 year old female of excellent breed type and gorgeous deep red fawn coat that is so sought after. Probably one of the best heads on display today, so expressive with all the correct features and proportions. Well constructed throughout but just didn't compete on the move with her fellow competitors today.

Veteran Bitch (2,0) 1. Such's Jazlyn du Pic de Pioulou. Attractive, alert and a very youthful 8 year old fawn female. Very good head of good breadth and proportion, lively and expressive, excellent mobile ear set which she used throughout. Balanced bitch in good lean condition with excellent loin, shape of croup and low set tail and carriage, all of which contributed to her impressive racy outline which she held on the stand and on the move. Whilst a demi long she was perhaps a little lacking in coat but this didn't detract from her energetic performance and alert character. Moved out well with a sound even gait.

2. Randall's Ivydale Cerise with Kimrand. Pretty 8 year old fawn bitch with excellent head type with correct skull shape. Lovely dark eye and pigmentation and the softest of expressions. Neat ears set well but a little bit weighed down with too much head hair. Nice forequarters with sound construction overall, finished off in a good jacket. A very honest girl but condition today didn't really allow me to make an assessment on the move.

Shane Flint

Other show results

National Dog Show 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th May 2018

JUDGE: MR GERARD JIPPING

Best of Breed FLINT MRS S & MR E BEL / FIN CH GASTIBELZA DE L' OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IM)

Best Dog FLINT MRS S & MR E BEL / FIN CH GASTIBELZA DE L' OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)

Reserve Best Dog FLINT MRS S & MR E SANDYTRAIL SORCEROR

Best Puppy LUCAS MS V SANDYTRAIL STARGAZER

Post Graduate Dog/Bitch (1 ENTRIES) ABS: 0

1ST: LUCAS MS V SANDYTRAIL STARGAZER

Junior Dog/Bitch (1 ENTRIES) ABS: 0

1ST: FLINT MRS S & MR E SANDYTRAIL SORCEROR

Open Dog (1 ENTRIES) ABS: 0

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

PSD Agility Day



This years PSD Agility training day was once again organised by Jenni Gemmil; the instructor was Mel Wright who runs an Agility Training school in Norfolk.

There was a good turn out of 15 Pyries—including 6 Face Rase

The weather was fine, although it got a bit soggy after lunch. Mel was a great instructor and worked very hard to pass on her thoughts and observations on the tough but very enjoyable courses.



It was great to catch up and share experiences with other Pyrie owners—thanks again Jenni.

PSD CALENDAR

This year's calendar features member's dogs and is published in aid of club funds. The 2019 calendar is on sale now, it is the perfect gift for every Pyrean Sheepdog owner

Contact Sara on sara@dynamicdogs.uk if you would like one.



PSD Breed Rescue

Can You Help?

Fortunately PSD Breed Rescue doesn't get inundated with dogs which require a new home. Having said that we have no idea what the future holds and what the Club would like to do is put into place a system whereby we can call on volunteers to assist with the rehoming of a dog who is in need.

What we are looking for is anyone who could collect and transport a dog, anyone with experience of home checking potential owners, someone who could provide a temporary foster home and of course anyone whose circumstances would allow them to permanently rehome a dog.

I would like to compile a list of helpers covering the whole of the UK so if you think you could help in any way please get in touch and I will add your name to the list. Remember your breed may need you!

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Blackpool & District Canine Society 22nd, 23rd & 24th June 2018

Judge MRS CHRISTINA CHAPMAN

Best Dog NORLYGHT BIASSONO (MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Reserve Best Dog NORLYGHT TERZO MILLENNIO (MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Best Bitch SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE MESLABRIT (MRS R E & MISS K L ROBSON)

Best of Breed SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE MESLABRIT (MRS R E & MISS K L ROBSON)

Best Puppy Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

NORLYGHT TERZO MILLENNIO (MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Best Junior Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

NORLYGHT TERZO MILLENNIO (MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Richmond Championship Dog Show 7th, 8th & 9th September 2018

Judge Harry Tast (Finland)

Best of Breed FLINT MRS S & MR E SANDYTRAIL SORCEROR

Best Dog FLINT MRS S & MR E SANDYTRAIL SORCEROR

Post Graduate Dog (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: FLINT MRS S & MR E SANDYTRAIL SORCEROR

Darlington Dog Show Society 14th, 15th & 16th September 2018

Judge MS A KING

Best of Breed ROBSON, Mrs R E & ROBSON MISS K L SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE MESLABRIT

Best Dog FLINT MRS S & MR E SANDYTRAIL SORCEROR

Reserve Best Dog FLINT MRS S & MR E BEL & FIN CH GASTIBELZA DE L' OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IM)

Best Bitch ROBSON, MRS R E & ROBSON MISS K L SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE MESLABRIT

Reserve Best Bitch

SUCH MR C J & MRS P M JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)

Best Veteran FLINT MRS S & MR E BEL & FIN CH GASTIBELZA DE L' OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)

Post Graduate Dog/Bitch (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: FLINT MRS S & MR E SANDYTRAIL SORCEROR

2nd: ROBSON, MRS R E & ROBSON MISS K L SANDYTRAIL SCHEHERAZADE MESLABRIT

Open Dog/Bitch (3 Entries) Abs: 0

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

2nd: SUCH MR C J & MRS P M JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)

3rd: SUCH MR C J & MRS P M NORLYGHT BIASSONO

PSD Club of Great Britain Open Breed Show

4th August 2018

It was a pleasure judging this show and I would like to thank the hard working committee for the invitation and my steward, Frances Richards. My thanks must also go to the exhibitors for allowing me the pleasure of going over your dogs and the sporting way you accepted my decisions. Mouths do need to be watched, however. Highly delighted to discover that my best dog and best bitch were litter brother and sister. I think this is the first time I've judged where there have been no absentees!

PD (2) 1 Lucas' Sandytrail Stargazer. Very impressed with this young man of nearly 10 months who was on his best behaviour. Correctly proportioned head with dark eye and excellent pigment. Long neck into nice length of shoulder and good return of upper arm. Balanced angulation which allowed him to move freely. Would like to see more weight on him.

BJ & BPIS 2 Such's Norlyght Terzo Millennio. Not quite the composure of the winner, but a promising young fawn boy. Balanced head proportions with dark eye and pigment. Not the forechest of 1 but nice lay of shoulder with good length. Good rib and in fit condition. **RBPIS. JD (1)** Sandytrail Stargazer. **PGD (2)** 1 Flint's Sandytrail Sorceror. Really taken with this black boy of 20 months. Lovely head with the darkest of eye and pigment, correct dentition. Good forechest, lay of shoulder and upper arm. Barrel shape to rib with good length and not too deep. Loved his balanced movement which allowed him to move freely.

BPG, BD & BIS. 2 Farrar's Norlyght Tiga Sembilan. 5 year old fawn dog with dark eye and pigment. Good length of shoulder and rib, in very nice condition and moved well.

LD (2) 1 Pattison's Kimrand Master Bertie. Rising 3 year old grey brindle dog, dark eye and pigment and correct dentition. Nice forechest and length of shoulder and upper arm, good rib, moved well. Preferred his overall shape and length of leg. 2 Lewis' Geordi De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp Fr).

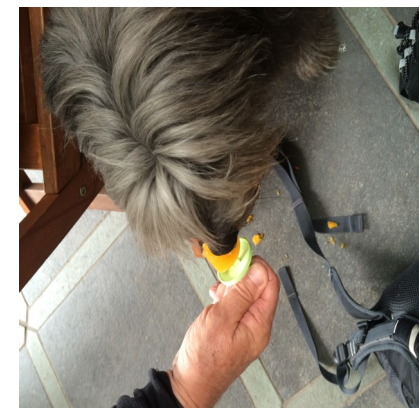


Best in Show and Reserve with our judge Lynn Dumbrell

Doggy Paradise

If you should find yourself in the Lake District you should try to incorporate a visit to Holker Hall. We called in there for lunch recently when we were doing a walk in the area and were surprised at the facilities that they have for dogs. There is a covered outdoor sitting area in the corner of which is table of doggy delights.

There were five different types of dog biscuits, dog kibble, balls, poo bags and rugs. You can avail yourself, or rather your dog, of any of these items in return for a donation to a local hospice. As it was quite a hot day, doggy ice lollies were also available and as you can see on the right, Geordi really enjoyed his. Liz Lewis



Agility-Why?

All that training together

In all kinds of weather

Some people think we're not very bright

And there are times you know

When it's trying to snow

That you'd have to agree that they're right

But you have to admit

That it does keep us fit

And slows down the approaching senility

At least that's my excuse

'Cause why else would I choose

To devote half my life to Agility...?



If you would like to share any experiences you have with your Pyrenean Sheepdog .

Send me an email on

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Cheers Carl Stretton

Poetry corner

RAINBOW BRIDGE



Ria was our third Pyrenean Sheepdog and she was the most exceptional little dog.

We had always wanted a dog bred by Agnès and André Audibert but until the quarantine regulations were slightly relaxed, allowing a dog to live with a family in France instead of in a quarantine kennel, this was not possible as Agnès and André would not let a puppy go into quarantine.

We drove to the Ardèche to meet Ria when she was eight weeks old. It was only then that we realised that Ria was a daughter of Fède who was probably the most famous

Oustaou de Padel dog, and arguably the most successful Pyrenean Sheepdog in France, having won the Championnat de France at Longchamp in 1993. We felt very honoured to have one of her puppies. Despite Agnès thinking, when we left, that she would never see Ria again, she probably saw her more than some puppies who stayed in France, as we saw her regularly at the Nationale d'Elevage. The day after we had met Ria we went back to pick her up and then drive the six hour journey to near Strasbourg where Ria would live with a French family for the next eight months. After spending three days with her, we had to leave our furry little bundle and return home. Weekly phone calls were made to follow her progress and we visited her three times, spending time with her so that she would know us when we brought her home. Agnès had chosen her because she thought she would be adaptable and she was right. Finally after eight months we brought Ria home. She settled quickly into our household and after some basic obedience training we started agility.

I had never done agility before so we were on a steep learning curve. Ria was headstrong and it was some time before we settled down into a very successful partnership. Having cropped ears and a docked tail, she could not compete in KC shows but she did extremely well in unaffiliated shows and we often competed in finals.

In January 2013, Ria and I went to the outskirts of Paris where she was mated with Ricaud du Domaine des Elweis. The mating resulted in the birth of four lovely puppies on 13th March 2013 (three boys and a girl). The puppies gave us a great deal of pleasure and went on to produce their own puppies and further extend Ria's influence on the breed in this country.

Ria retired from agility when she was twelve and then she led a quieter life, but she enjoyed travelling twice a year to our house in France. From the age of sixteen she became frailer, but she still retained her independence and very strong personality, right to the end.

It was because of Ria that we got to know so many people in the Pyrenean Sheepdog world, especially our very good friends in Belgium. After a chance meeting at Crufts 2000, Roland and Christel introduced us to Agnès and André and even came to visit us and Ria while she was still living in France. Saying "Goodbye" to such an exceptional little dog was very hard but we had to respect her dignity. We miss her greatly in so many ways but we also have some wonderful memories of her. She is now reunited with so many of the other wonderful Oustaou de Padel dogs. Her passing is truly the end of an era.

Rest in peace our little girl.

Liz and Chris Lewis



Grey dog of 7 years. Good head with lovely eye and pigment. Correct depth of chest and length of rib. Moved well.

VD (2) 1 Such's Norlyght Biassono. Alert 8 year old fawn with lovely head, eye and pigmentation. Good neck and front assembly with correct forechest. Depth of chest to elbow and nice length of rib. Moved well. **BVIS** 2. Robson's Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit. Another 8 year old and a grey brindle. Not quite the head of the winner, but a good neck, rib and strong over the loin. Preferred the overall proportions of 1.

GCD (3) 1. Geordi De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp Fr). 2 Ivydale Choirboy Meslabrit 3. Norlyght Tiga Sembilan.

PGB (4) 1. Robson's Sandytrail Scheherazade Meslabrit. 20 month fawn, natural bob, bitch of excellent type. Lovely eye and pigment and good mouth. Long neck into good length of shoulder and good return of upper arm. Correct depth of chest and good length of rib. Overall very pleasing proportions and covered the ground effortlessly. A serious contender for BIS but today had to settle for

BB & RBIS. 2. Batt & Such's Norlyght Satu Juta. 5 year old fawn with good head, dark eye and full pigmentation. Correct neck into good front assembly and lovely length of rib. In good condition and moved accordingly. 3. Williams & Challans' Joli (Imp France). **OB (1)** Randall's Kimrand Pixie Belle. Lovely red bitch of 4 years old with great outgoing personality. Good head with lovely eye and pigmentation. Nice length of shoulder and rib. Moved OK.

VB (3) 1 Flint's Rozimba Piau Engaly avec Sandytrail. 8 year old fawn, slightly taller but with pleasing proportions and shown in excellent condition. Good head, dark eye and pigmentation, long neck, good front and rib, covered the ground well. 2. Such's Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp Bel) Another 8 year old fawn very typical of this kennel. Good head, eye and pigment, long neck into good lay and length of shoulder. Correct shape and length of rib. Moved well. 3. Hawkswell's Rozimba Cassia.

GCB (2) 1 Norlyght Satu Juta. 2 Morgan's Ivydale Naiad. 11 year old fawn bitch in good condition with correct forechest and rib. Her movement in profile was very tidy. **Stud Dog & Brood Bitch** These classes were won by the Norlyght kennel who presented Norlyght Biassono and Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp Bel) who in themselves were of a definite type and produced this in some of their offspring who were on show. Well done. **SVD or B (1)** Ivydale Naiad.

Sp Working Dog or Bitch (4) Nice to see this class well supported. 1. Rozimba Piau Engaly avec Sandytrail. 2. Geordi De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp Fr) 3 Rozimba Cassia.

Judge: Lynn Dumbrell

Régionale d'Elevage Grospierres 6th May 2018

On Friday 4th May Chris, Geordi and I drove from our house near Perpignan to Joyeuse in the Ardèche, where we were to stay with our good friends Roland and Christel at their house, Le Guischet, along with Veerle and Eddy.

Not long after we arrived, Christel, Veerle, Chris and I with various dogs, walked down the valley where we eventually met Agnès Audibert and several other owners and their dogs from the l'Oustaou de Padel kennel.



André was also there rounding up his sheep to take them home after their day in the pastures. It was lovely to see so many PSDs together and to see Garinche working the sheep.

The following morning everyone except Geordi and I repeated the walk but as Geordi was recovering from an injury and had walked the previous day, we drove down and met the others at the bottom of the hill.

In the afternoon, we went to the Chateau du Bornet near Grospierres, where the AGM of the RACP was to take place. Marie-Anne and Rudi were already there, installed in their camper van. The AGM was an interesting experience. Several members of the committee were standing down and members of the RACP had been asked to vote for new or existing commit-





Breed Show
August 2018



tee members. Some members left it right to the last minute to vote. Alain Pécoult, who had been on the committee of the RACP for forty years having held the positions of Treasurer, Secretary and latterly, President, was standing down along with four other committee members. The AGM was much like any other but one interesting point was that each committee member gave a brief resumé of the particular area for which they have responsibility. Half way through the AGM there was a break while the final votes were counted during which we watched a very interesting film about a transhumance. When the meeting resumed, the new committee members were announced and the meeting closed, leaving the committee to choose their new President. Jean-Bernard Moings now has this honour.

We then stayed at the chateau until the dinner at 8pm.

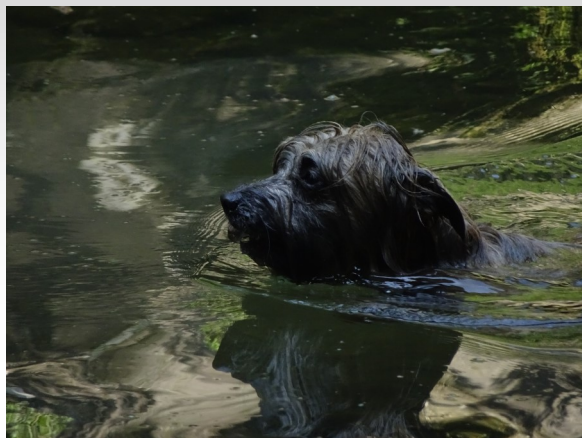
On the Sunday morning we were all up bright and early in order to get back to the chateau for the start of the judging. We set up camp in our usual spot and in due course things got under way. Norbert Gainche and Guido Massimello were our judges for the day, judging the four Pyrenean breeds which were represented. One hundred and eleven dogs were entered, sixty three of which were Pyrenean Sheepdogs (Long Haired). Geordi was in the Open Male class handled by Veerle. The judging progressed well and soon it was lunchtime. It was already quite hot by this time and everyone was seeking the shade.



The afternoon started with the judging of the Pairs, Couples and Groups in the Ring of Honour. This was followed by the process of finding the Best of Breed and finally Best in Show. This honour went to Jales de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by M Tallon. Jales is litter brother of Veerle Vlerick's Jade.

All too soon it was time to pack our things away and leave the lovely grounds of the chateau. Once again the RE had been a very enjoyable occasion with the opportunity to catch up with many old friends and to also to meet new ones. The show would not seem quite the same without the very loud noise of the mating frogs in the nearby lake! Thanks go to Agnès and André Audibert for organising another successful show. We are looking forward to the next one in 2020.

Before leaving the beautiful Ardèche area, we had one last walk on the Monday morning. We picked up Agnès and Marie-Anne and Rudi and their dogs en route before driving up to a small village. From there we walked to a waterfall. The dogs really enjoyed the water, especially Foli and Jade, who swam. Once again it was hot and we all enjoyed a refreshing drink at a local café before the weather broke. We had spent a lovely weekend in the company of many good friends and look forward to the next time.



Liz Lewis

Club members' results

Champion Female Class

1st Exc Ch Jolie-Joyeuse de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Veerle Vlerick and Eddy van Pelt

2nd Exc Ch Lorelei du Pic de Pioulou owned by Marie-Anne Ver-coutère

Open Male Class

6th Exc Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Liz Lewis

BREED INFORMATION

New Registrations

Mr E & Mrs S Flint 06/10/2017

Gastibelza De L'Oustaou De Padel – Entre Nous Romance Sans Paroles (IMP Fin) (B'tail) AS3 (05/02/15 1/2)

Sandytrail Scirocco (B'tail),d,c. Brindle

Sandytrail Stargazer,d,c. Black

Mr C J & Mrs P M Such 06/10/2017

Gaznost Ti Dit Oscar Du Pic D'espade Kelltara (IMP Fra) *AP2 – Jazlyn Du Pic Pioulou (IMP Bel) AL4

15/02/10, 08/05/15, 3/13)

Norlyght Egoista,b,c. Fawn

Norlyght Faena,b,c. Fawn

Norlyght Gallardo,d,c. Fawn

Norlyght Silhouette,b,c. Fawn

Norlyght Terzo Millennio,d,c. Fawn



Importations

LOTHIRIEL DU MOURIOCHE (IMP DEU) (VDH/17/08601216), b, 30/05/17, c, Brindle, br Mrs S Lange, Cirion Du Mourioche – Mon Gentil Ami Jule, ow – Miss T Bennett; origin Germany

NEW TEMPTATION DU DEBUT DE REVE (IMP FRA) (SCCLOF35455/0), b,21/01/17, c, Fawn, br. Mrs J Rooding, Jarnake Dit James Du Debut De Reve – Artique Tresor De Chioula; ow- Miss M Shaw: origin – France

Quarterly KC PSD Registrations

	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total
2017	7	0	1	9	17
2018	0	0			0