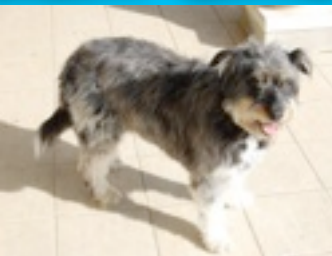


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Merry Christmas

& a Happy New Year



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BITS AND PIECES FROM THE SECRETARY

AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will take place at 11.00 on Sunday 16th February 2014 at Swannington Village Hall, Swannington, Leics LE67 8QL. The hall is on the main street and has a notice board outside it. There is parking behind the hall. The committee would like to invite all those members attending the AGM to stay for lunch afterwards. It will be an informal affair, so just bring your own lunch and join us for a chat.

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules, Wendy Smith, Pat Phillips and Steve Phillips are required to stand down as committee members but are eligible for re-election without nomination. However all three have decided not to stand again. There are therefore three vacancies on the committee.

The Secretary and the Treasurer are required to retire annually, but are eligible for re-election without nomination. Liz and Carla are both willing to stand again.

Nominations, accompanied by a Proposer and a Seconder, for anyone wishing to stand as Secretary, Treasurer or a committee member should be received by the Secretary by **19th January 2014**. 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.

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda, accompanied by a Proposer and a Seconder,

should be received by the Secretary by **19th January 2014**.

Points System

If you have been showing your dog this year or competing in agility or obedience don't forget to send in your points by 20th January 2014. If your dog has achieved something special let Liz know, as he/she may be eligible for a Certificate of Achievement. Showing points should be sent to Pat Phillips St James View, Weston Road, Weston Coyney, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST3 6EE or by email to kelltara@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 Junior Handling results should be sent to Toni Wescott-Smith 24 Beech Avenue, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SX or by email to toniwescott@hotmail.com Please use the "official" forms which can be downloaded from the club website. If you have any problems please contact Liz.

A trophy is awarded for the dog with most points for showing, agility and obedience 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.

Constitution and Rules

It recently became apparent to the committee that we need to make some changes to the Constitution and Rules. Several changes have been made and agreed at committee level. These changes now need to be ratified by the membership at the AGM before being sent to the Kennel Club for approval. A draft copy showing the changes will be sent to the membership with the Agenda for the AGM.

Discover Dogs at Earl's Court

Thank you to all those who braved the traffic and were frustrated by parking difficulties to help on the stand at Discover Dogs. On Saturday the stand was manned by Klaus and Carla Senkpiehl with Lily, John and Julie Farrar with Scrumpy, Jackie Murphy with Inca and Jenni Gemmill with Sooty. On Sunday the stand was manned by Kim Randall with Bonnie, Jonathan Pattison with Meg, Jenni Gemmill with Sooty and Jeanna Gwilliam with Kheva. It's great that so many young dogs were there to fly the flag for the breed.

Discover Dogs at Crufts

Crufts is from the 6th to 9th March 2014 with Pastoral Breeds being shown on the Thursday. As usual we need as much help as possible to help on the breed stand. It would be great if members with younger dogs could help out as many of the stalwarts who have been great ambassadors for the breed are now too old and are taking a well earned rest. 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 go towards food and travel expenses. A committee member will be there each day to provide support. You don't have to be an expert on the breed, if you live with a Pyrenean Sheepdog you can talk to other people about it. If you can help or need to know more about what it involves please contact Liz Lewis.

Fun Day

The 2014 Fun Day will be held on Sunday 29th June at Bearley Village Hall, Snitterfield Road, Bearley, Nr Stratford on Avon CV37 0SR. Make sure that this is one of the first dates that goes on your 2014 diary or better still on your PSD calendar.

Calendars

The 2014 edition of the PSD calendar is now available from Kim Randall at a cost of £5 plus p&p.



HIP SCORES

Bon Sooty de la Belle Folie (Imp Deu)
RH 5 / LH 4 Total: 9

Rambauds Yvette en Or
RH 4 / LH 8 Total: 12

Rozimba Piau Engaly avec Sandytrail
RH 4 / LH 7 Total: 11



YKC CAMP 2013

Hi everyone, I have had such a busy summer with Brutus and DeeDee. We have been to shows in the rain, hail and finally the sweltering heat. I am not sure which I prefer they all had their down sides, lol... The highlight of my summer was Young Kennel Club Camp 2013, my last one I am afraid... because I am now too old. How sad is that! I have been four times now and it has just got better and better every year. This year as usual we had 16 training sessions throughout the week and in between that we had team time.



The training sessions for me included, Handling (of course), agility, obedience, good Citizens and the dreaded grooming... I hate grooming (good job really) lol... I always use DeeDee as my grooming dog... much to her disgust.. last year the lady wanted to clip her nails.. it really wasn't going to happen... DeeDee kept snatching her paw away, almost like she was playing rock, paper, scissors... This year DeeDee decided to just fall asleep... it was far too hot to grumble and be awkward... lol. The agility was such fun, both Brutus and DeeDee actually performed to perfection without being on the lead... however my performance was not technically sound... I sent them the wrong way or over the wrong jump... but they did exactly what I asked... my poor 'old' brain was fried by the end of each session... Agility is for quick thinkers.. I really admire all of you out there that compete in this fun sport.. it is really hard.. Obedience and Good citizens are basically the same for me at my level... all I want is for DeeDee

or Brutus to come back to me when I say... this can be tricky when there are 50 plus dogs and kids yapping and screeching all around me... I must admit when they are obedient I feel so happy.. this year that was most of the time.. thank goodness.. Young Kennel Club is about having great fun with your dogs and being with like minded people. This year was the busiest I have ever known, every class was full and as always the instructors are amazing, they have immense patience and dedication.

I was kept entertained from 9 am until 9 pm, mum and dad were exhausted by the end of the week, all that BBQing,boiling beans and frying bacon.. it was much appreciated though because I did work up an appetite. Did I mention team time? This is without the dogs... dancing, street dancing, tee shirt design... our teams Tee shirt got picked as the winner and will be worn by the YKC mascot Rufus at Crufts 2014.. We decorated cakes, made a crufts scene out of plasticine, had a sports night, a fancy dress disco and the famous YKC talent night. We all learn a dance routine all week then perform it in front of 'prestigious' judges on the last night,, It makes me sad knowing it was my last year, but I always have the happy memories and the friends I have made..



This year was extra special as I got to meet Pudsey and Ashleigh winners of Britians got talent. We were also on the TV's daybreak breakfast programme... We had to get up at 5 am and were on TV at 7.30 am for a few minutes.. it was worth it. I have added a few pictures of my best moments..

By Katie Robson 2013

RESCUE FROM THE PYRENEES

The one thing I believe most clubs do not want is to be rescuing one of their breed especially when it has come from the Pyrenees only a week earlier, none stop in a car, this is what happened to us.



Diane rang me on the Sunday 11 August to say that she had a distraught lady on the phone saying that she cannot cope with what she thought was a Pyrenean sheep dog with her other two collies, she came by this dog through a friend of its owner and offered it a home hence the drive up from the Pyrenees, the owners were having to re home (Jenny as she was named) because of ill health in the family they being in their late seventies early eighties, they seemed to come to England fairly often and were looking to come back and stay, The part of the Pyrenees that Jenny came from was a remote area, she was purchased I am told from a farmer in the area for twenty Euro and a piece of cheese hence she did not have a pedigree, the lady with two collies and Jenny was getting very stressful and she could not cope and of course the dogs were getting stressed so it was decided by Diane and myself that I would take Jenny to the kennels that I used to work for as they had agreed some years earlier that they would be a rescue point for our breed, so a phone

call to the Retreat Kennels was made and Jenny was booked in, On the 14 August Jenny arrived at my house at about mid day having been driven up from Harrogate, when she jumped out of their vehicle it was obvious to me she was not a PSD, she had some PSD in her I believe but also Collie, no matter she was with me with a passport from France that said she was a PSD, what ever she was she was a lovely dog very well behaved and seemed fully trained, when you consider the trauma this poor dog had had since leaving France and its owners it was amazing how loving she was, The owners left her with me not wanting any refreshments so her bedding and food were unloaded and they left back home to Harrogate,

The two of us soon bonded and after a bit of love and fuss we set off for a walk to the Kennels on the way we met Carla with Lily returning from their walk, Jenny seemed happy with Lily even though Lily is a bit full on when she meets dogs, we carried on our walk and arrived at the Kennels, Sharon the owner was waiting to greet us, she took Jenny off for a walk to bond whilst I put her bedding in her kennel. With her now settled and some form of normality in her life we the committee tried to find a home for her, with this going on I arranged to walk Jenny daily and found she was wary of vehicles so slowly I got her used to cars and buses she really was a quick learner and seemed to want to please, After seven days with Sharon in her kennels and lots of walks we were nowhere nearer to re homing her than when we first had her this might have been because she was not a pure breed and five years old. I rang Diane and said we were not helping this dog by keeping her in these kennels and the expenses were slowly mounting up, so we both decided she needed to go to an organisation where lots of people can come and see her and who are trained in re homing, so it was decided I would take her to the Leicester Animal Aid who find suitable homes for dogs and who do not put them down if no home can be found.

On Wednesday 21 August Carla and myself drove Jenny to the Animal Aid this was not an easy thing



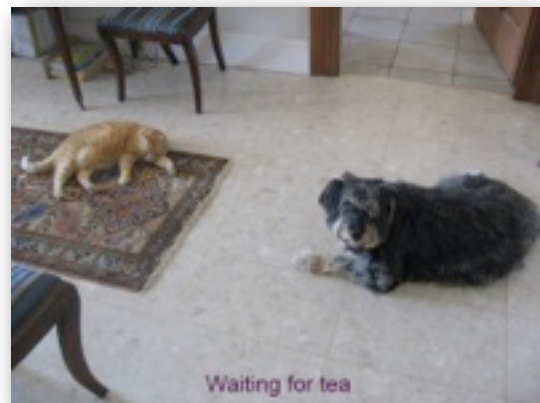
Jenny (who is now re named Maisy) live two villages away from us and we now all go for walks together regularly Lily plays with Maisy and she is now a very happy dog ,as is her owner and from the end of the month Lily and Maisy are going to agility classes. Perhaps not the best route to re homing but the right outcome.

Klaus

RECENT PHOTOS OF A VERY CONTENT DOG

to do as I had bonded well with Jenny and it wouldn't have taken a lot to keep her but with a puppy of our own we knew it would be impossible, we were taken into an office where Jenny's particulars were recorded to help find her a new home her bedding was handed over and another member of staff took Jenny off to her new kennel and health check. That was it! A new adventure is what the manager said is what Jenny is going to thus we could not take her to her kennels, we donated £200 pounds to the Animal Aid which was donated by the original owners in France. I must state that the original owners were kept informed as to what we were doing for Jenny and her welfare all the time, they didn't want Jenny just dumped, and thanked us all for our hard work in trying to find her a new happy home. Well as luck would have it we had no worries, within 24 hours Jenny was re homed by a lady who had lost her previous dog to old age she was just passing the kennels when the manager saw her and said we have just the dog for you,

Three days later Jenny was with her new owner a single lady who loves her to bits, the Animal Aid gave the lady (Ann) our phone number if she needed more information, she got in touch with us for any history we could give her and we forwarded her the phone number of the original owners in France who were over the moon with the final outcome of Jenny's re homing .Ann and





THE NATIONALE D'ELEVAGE 21ST/22ND SEPTEMBER 2013

For the twelfth year in a row the pretty little town of Argelès-Gazost, nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees, welcomed the RACP (Réunion des Amateurs de Chiens Pyrénéens) and their four Pyrenean breeds. The Pyrenean Sheepdog and Mountain Dog, the Catalan Sheepdog and the Pyrenean Mastiff. The Parc de Casino is the ideal venue for the show as it is surrounded the Pyrenean mountains—the origins of these dogs. Once again the committee of the RACP was trying the format, first tried last year, of holding the show over two days. This year the AGM was held on the Saturday afternoon instead of Friday as last year.

Three hundred and sixty dogs (149 of which were Pyrenean Sheepdogs, long haired and Face Rase) were entered coming from Germany, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Spain, France, Finland, Great Britain, Italy, Norway,

Holland, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia.

The judging of the male dogs took place on the Saturday. Also taking place were the Test de Comportement and the CANT (sheep herding aptitude test) for the male dogs. Once the judging was completed, all those dogs who were placed in their respective classes came together in the Ring of Honour to contest for Best Male in the four different breeds and ultimately Best Male. The best Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired) was Ermios du Pic d'Arbizon.

A parade representing the exhibitors from the various different countries also took place.

At 6.30, following the AGM, many exhibitors gathered in the Parc to take part in the parade through the town to one of the squares. After speeches by the Maire of Argelès, Alain Pécoult (President of the RACP) and a representative from the Tourist Office, an aperitif was offered on behalf of the Tourist Office and an exhibition of some regional dancing took place.



On Sunday the female dogs were in the ring and the Test de Comportement for female dogs was also taking place. Friponne du Pic

d'Espade handled by Steve Phillips and owned by Pat Phillips, was placed second in Open Female and obtained RCAC. This is a remarkable achievement for a British owned dog. Well done to them all.

Once again when all the judging was completed and everyone had eaten lunch, attention turned to the Ring of Honour. The parade of exhibitors from the different countries took place before the serious events of the afternoon. The couples, pairs and groups and breeders groups were judged before the Best Female for each of the four breeds was chosen. Best Female and ultimately Best Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired) went to Calypso du Pic d'Espade. The honour of Best in Show this year went to a Pyrenean Mastif, Caliope de Cantarrana.



As always it was a wonderful weekend. The weather was perfect, even a little too hot on Sunday. The gathering of so many dogs in their native environment is a truly spectacular sight. It is always a pleasure to meet up with old friends and to make new ones and to just talk about the thing we love most in the world-our wonderful dogs. I make no apology for repeating what I say every year-a true aficionado of the Pyrenean Sheepdog should make the trip to

the Nationale at least once. It really is worth it.

Liz Lewis

Club Members Results from Nationale d'Elevage

Pyrenean Sheepdog Face Rase

Open Male

2nd Excellent Fox du Pic d'Espade owned by Norbert Gainche

3rd Très Bon Jester of Nobel's Kingdom owned by Vicky Wilford

Champion Male

1st Excellent Vitalis des Forges de Thor owned by Marie-Lou Derache

Intermediate Female

3rd Assez Bon Lours of Nobel's Kingdom owned by Ann de Clercq

Open Female

1st Excellent CACS Fifi-Brin-d'Acier des Forges de Thor owned by Marie-Lou Derache

3rd Excellent Dana's Valley de Pic d'Espade owned by Marie-Lou Derache

4th Excellent Frimousse du Pic d'Espade owned by Norbert Gainche

5th Excellent Jadore of Nobel's Kingdom owned by Ann de Clercq

Baby Class

Très Prometteur Iffa Noire des Forges de Thor owned by Vicky Wilford

Venerable Female

1st Excellent BOB Saphir Bleu de Loubajac owned by Ann de Clercq

Pyrenean Sheepdog Long Haired

Intermediate Male

2nd Excellent Hob-Nob's I-Phone Noir owned by Monica Westerberg

Open Male

4th Excellent Aramits du Pic d'Espade owned by Norbert Gainche

Excellent Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Shane and Eion Flint

Très Bon Hob-Nob's Fantome owned by Monica Westerberg

Champion Male

3rd Excellent Davalar de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Dora Buelens-Moortgat

Young Male

1st Excellent Haro du Pic d'Espade owned by Norbert Gainche

Veteran Male

Excellent Riacaud Ulric de Picors owned by Vicky Wilford

Open Female

2nd Excellent RCACS Friponne du Pic d'Espade owned by Pat Phillips

Excellent Kline du Pic de Pioulou owned by Veerle Vlerick and Eddy van Pelt

Young Female

Très Bon Hesta de Loubajac owned by Monica Westerberg

Female Puppy

Très Prometteur Sandytrail Ensorcelé owned by Shane and Eion Flint



CONGRATULATIONS

GOLD AWARD

Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel

SILVER AWARD

Bon Sooty de la Belle Folie

Norlyght Sebelas

BRONZE AWARD

Norlyght Sebelas





LILY

Hello again, I thought that you might like to know what I have been up to since the last Newsletter. I have been having loads of fun as usual and I have made some very nice new friends. In the mornings we often go to our village community fields and we are all allowed to run about off our leads. Sometimes there are quite a lot of dogs to play with and we all get on very well, we all like running around and chasing each other from one end of the field to the other. This is good practice for our recalls although sometimes we get into trouble because we pretend not to hear our owners shouting us to come back. My friend Bracken who is a spaniel/collie cross is a great runner and she loves to chase after her ball. I of course love to chase after her and we run madly around until we are quite out of breath. Barney is my best friend, he is a Shih Tzu Dachshund cross, I just love to make him chase me around, and he is always very willing and we have a great time together, and we all look forward to our play times.

On the 14 August a dog called Jenny was brought to our house to see Klaus, and she stayed at a kennels in the village where I live. Jenny who now has a new owner and a new name (Maisie) lives not far away from where I live and we have also become great friends. We meet up and have walks,

well runs mostly, and we are going to start Agility classes soon. We have already had a one to one class with our teacher to see if we liked it, so I will be telling you all about how we get on in the next Newsletter.

In September we went on holiday to the South Downs. It was my first experience of staying in a Bed and Breakfast accommodation. I was very excited when we arrived, even though I had been taken a long walk. We knocked on the door and was greeted by the owner and her dog. It was a surprise to see another dog standing in the doorway so as usual I started to do my best barking, and a few jumps up and down with my lead on. Carla apologised for my behaviour and explained that I was better behaved off the lead. Oh let her off exclaimed the owner! she will be fine with my dog. Well I was beside myself with excitement and as soon as I got inside, joined in with my new friend running up and down the stairs, in and out of every door that was open. The owner took this as very normal behaviour so we had a good time. The South Downs was a great place to visit, we had lovely long walks every day, but I was put on the lead sometimes when there was sheep in the fields.

One particular day after walking for a long time we reached the top of a steep hill and we all sat down. I did a bit of wondering around investigating what was behind the trees etc. I was having a good sniff round, and could smell where the squirrels' had been and was looking for them. Under the leaves at the bottom of a tree I found a piece of cloth, this looks very interesting I thought and dragged it out of its hiding place. I am sure that I had seen something like this before, at home perhaps? Well, due to the lack of anyone around to play with I decided to drag the cloth along the grass and have a good game with that. I ran in front of Carla and Klaus who were talking to their friends Freda and John, waving and shaking the cloth above my head. "Oh what's she got now" Klaus said and they all

started to laugh. I don't know why, they are all laughing I thought, I'm always running around with bits of things that I find, unless of course I can find someone to play with. And so the more I ran around the more they laughed, and then other people who were sitting on the hill joined in. I didn't care just carried on and on, I did hear Klaus say to his friend that he wondered who the underpants belong to and hoped that they didn't want them back anytime soon.

I must tell you all about a short break we all had in the Lake District at a village called Ings. We stayed in a Bed and Breakfast guesthouse, (www.meadowcroft-guesthouse.com) which was lovely for us dogs. The owner who had two dogs of her own was very welcoming and made us all very comfortable. She even left clean towels for us dogs every day so that we could dry off after our walks. There is also a Pub called The Watermill at Ings, which is a micro brewery five minutes' walk along the lane where you can take dogs and have a meal. I went and sat at the side of the table. It was very interesting for me as most of the people there had their own dogs with them and some of the dogs had brought their own mats to sit on; there was even a water bowl for us in every room.



November we went to Discover Dogs at Earls Court, it was an early start for us arriving at 8.30 so that we could put the banners and pictures up on

the stand. There were two more dogs in the morning with me Scrumpy, and Inca, then in the afternoon Sooty came along to join us. We all got on very well and did quite a lot of playing around in the pen. Lots of people crowded round us to see what we were doing, they said it was lovely to see us having fun. It was a long day, we were on the stand for eight hours, and I was glad to get my paws up and have a sleep on the way home, but great fun playing with my new friends.

Would you believe it, I started coughing in the night, quite a lot, and this morning I have ended up waiting outside of our vets! I am outside because I bark too much and the receptionists can't hear what people are saying on the phone. I can't go in there I just have to stand by the door until it's my turn to see Diane. Well! It's lucky I did have to wait outside because Diane said I have something called Kennel Cough, I can't mix with other dogs and I need to take antibiotics, whatever they are! The worst thing about all of this is that I can't play with my friends for two weeks, or be let off the lead. I can feel a deep depression coming on now; I will just have to sit by the back door and look pathetic, sometimes this results in me getting some treats and a new toy to play with.

Well that's it from me for now,

Lily.



DISCOVER DOGS AT EARLS COURT

Well it was a shock to the system up at 5am for our day at Earls Court, the car had been loaded the night before so all that was to be done was shower cup of tea and take Lily for a walk as she would be in the car for at least 2 hours, 6.30 and we were ready for the off, sat nav set Lily in cage, Carla about awake, even with the sat nav we wondered how many times we would take a wrong turn, twice is the answer so not too bad, 8.30am we arrived at the car park which was quite full but we still managed to find a space, after unloading a quick visit to the gents and we were off to the hall, there were dogs, trolleys and people everywhere all marching to the entrance.



The entrance for dogs and trolleys was at the side of the main flight of steps, thankfully, there was a slope for us otherwise it would have been a nightmare trying to get into the building with the equipment., We walked around and around looking for our pen finally finding it right at the end of the building if that wasn't enough being there the pen was a corner one! our brand new display wasn't made for two walls but three!! After a little head scratching and looking through our box of bits and pieces, thankfully Chris and his Velcro came to the rescue. Up went the first row of banners on their hooks then we had to Velcro the other banners below, this seemed to work and it didn't look too bad, whilst I was doing this John, Julie and Jackie arrived with their dogs Scrumphy and Inca and helped finish off the stand. Scrumphy and Lily hit it off and played in the pen much to the pleasure of the

people walking by, Inca was a little overwhelmed with it all but did play from time to time, (comments were made that it was nice to see dogs moving about and playing) as the morning progressed it began to get busy and soon we were all talking to lots of people the majority saying that they had never seen this breed!! I think this shows that the majority of people coming to this event are pet owners, the morning was busy and the dogs did us proud Scrumphy lapping up the attention and Lily lapping up any treats that had to be had before she would allow any fuss, Inca sort of looked on taking it all in, as the day progressed it was soon the afternoon and Jennie arrived with Sooty a black PSD, she said it was a night mare to get to the stand as it was very busy with people and dogs and she was right it was a busy day. As the afternoon went on Lily and the other two dogs who had been there from the start were getting tired, so John Julie and Jackie packed up and left, leaving Lily and Sooty but Lily was now tired so half an hour later we packed up and left at about 3.45 leaving Jennie to finish of the day, she was happy with this arrangement and was in full swing talking PSD to people.



The journey home was slow this might have been as there was two football matches on we were informed. We didn't get lost or take a wrong turn going home (more luck than skill) we arrived home about 7pm all very tired and with sore throats from talking all day, so it was an Indian take away for tea and a couple of pints, I would like to say a big thank you to John Julie Jackie and Jennie for all their help (and their dogs) as without them there would not be a stand for the public to see these wonderful dogs and not forgetting Kim, Jonathan, Jenni and Jeanna with their dogs on the Sunday.
Klaus



Jackie with Inca & John & Julie with Scrumpy arrived at Earls Court on Saturday 9th November 2013 to find Carla & Klaus, with Lilly, setting up the stand.

By the time the stand was set up we had about a minute to breath before people started to come



and say 'hello' to our PSDs

Inca & Scrumpy are brothers and were 7 1/2 months old at this time and it was their 1st time at Discover Dogs. Inca unfortunately got a bit spooked by something & spent the first hour or two in the corner of the pen but.... with Scrumpy

and Lilly playing he slowly decided he couldn't resist & had to join in the fun & then lapped up all the attention by his admirers.

They both coped very well and the morning whizzed by & people loved to see the dogs enjoying themselves when they were playing together.



Jenni with Sooty arrived for the afternoon shift and we eventually left mid afternoon later than planned, but by this time I think the youngsters had had enough and were ready to go home.

A couple of very tired boys soon fell asleep in the car.

Julie & John Farrar



A Personal Statement from Meriel Weston

That Litter!

Yes it was my litter, the one which the puppy buyers have queried many of you about; have chosen to use the PSD Club Facebook page to query and agitate. Therefore, I felt it was best to tell all those who haven't been party to the discussions, this is what has been and still is happening.

On 16 September, I had litter of pups from my home bred Yvette En Or (Rambauds Qhi-Vive/Cascade du Castelmouly) with Ned Ch Caloy de Loubajac. It was Yvy's first litter, I had had a litter from Cascade with Caloy in March and I was delighted with them – hopefully I will get the bitch out to some shows next year. Caloy sired 8 litters on the continent before I imported him. I was able to meet people who had used him and were obviously very fond of him at Argeles last year.

There were three girls and one boy and although Yvy was a bit stressed by the whole procedure, she was a very good mum throughout. My vet checked all their hearts at 4 weeks old and thought them a very good litter with all hearts OK. I had a slight concern over the boy and biggest girl in week six but all progressed well and I didn't raise it with my vet when he vaccinated and microchipped at 7 weeks. The pups were 8 weeks on the Monday and owner X and his wife collected their pup on the Sunday, being a dog behaviourist he wanted the pup as early as possible. As he wanted a pup for agility, I gave him the choice of two pups which I knew would be suitable, he was certain he wanted the little pup. On the day she was very quiet and didn't want to come and speak to them. This is not unusual so I wasn't worried. The next day, owner Y collected his pup, I pointed out that the pup had a very small hernia which

was not inherited but probably caused by the bitch at birth. Owner Y left very happy and emailed several times during the following week to tell me how well she was doing and how delighted he was with her.

I had a 'phone call from owner X on Wednesday morning telling me that his pup had had a seizure, going rigid and eyes flickering and then wobbling when she tried to walk. I said I would ask my vet if he had any ideas as I was taking the 3rd bitch for her vaccination and microchip. My vet was surprised as he did not feel the bitch was that much smaller and expressed the view that it might be a one off or it could happen again. Owner X thought that she must have had a seizure before they collected her on the Sunday. She was fine at breakfast. He had sent me an email to tell me about the seizure. I offered to swap her for the other bitch but he declined the offer. Owner Z came to see the boy on the Saturday but not before I had had another 'phone call from X saying the pup was having seizure after seizure and he was going to the vet with a view to putting her to sleep. I agreed that that may be necessary if she wasn't coming out of the seizures, later he left a message on my answerphone to say he had put her to sleep.

Owner Z spent the Saturday playing with the boy pup and the little bitch which was left because the man who said he wanted her just dropped out with no contact. On the Sunday, the boy pup was falling over and almost unable to walk. When he sat, he shook his head or held it on one side. Z was very distressed about the boy pup but decided to leave with the little bitch. I am delighted to report that all is going very well with them both. Owner X rang me later the day but didn't confirm that the little bitch had stayed in a fit but had apparently been sick and wet herself on the way to the vet. He and his wife did not want to make

an insurance claim he just wanted his money refunded. My son encouraged me to contact PetPlan, as he works for their parent company, and they were very helpful and considered there should be no problem with a claim. Therefore I wrote to X and sent him a half filled claim form and encouraged him to claim under the puppy insurance cover.

Meanwhile, the little boy was doing superbly, playing with my six month old pup and making use of mum and me to cuddle up to whenever he got tired. The day was set to take him to my vet for his 2nd vaccination, on the Thursday morning he was again barely able to walk and was falling over and head wobbling again. My vet thought it might be caused by a liver shunt, similar to PDA with the heart but here, with the liver. He took blood for tests and gave him an anti-inflammatory and painkiller injections. When I got home I opened an email from owner Y who was clearly very unhappy, demanding his money back because his puppy was ill and had an umbilical hernia and he couldn't breed from her (he had not previously said he wanted to breed) and the pup was much younger than I had said! I admitted to him that I had put the 26th on the reg certificate instead of 16th of September. My vet wanted the contact details of his vet and after Y gave them to me, he rang Y's vet and assured him that the rest of the litter had not all been put to sleep, one, yes possibly, and he would like to speak with that vet. He also found out that like the boy, the girl's tests did not show she had a liver shunt. Another email stated that owner Y had contacted the PSD Club of GB so I contacted Liz and Chris Lewis who had not had contact with him but knew that another club member had contacted Vicky Wilford (Breed Health Rep) about the little bitch who had suggested speaking with their vet and contacting the breeder.

Following all of this episode, Owner Y confirmed he had contacted the Facebook page and met with owner X and his wife through that and I found he had also contacted other Facebook contributors. Hence, the title, 'That Litter' yes it was my litter. Y is going to return the bitch pup and get his money back. I have of course changed the names of the central characters except Chris and Liz to whom I give my thanks for their support. This litter was my 27th litter, my vet has encountered more Pyrenean Sheepdog puppies than any other vet in the UK except for my and Brenda Judson's vet in Sussex. I have never had a problem like this before- when I have had a pup that isn't right, I have kept them and they have stayed with us unless I find the right home..... And, at the moment, I am not sure whether That Litter will be the one to end them all.

Meriel Weston

PS As I write, the dog pup is doing very well!!

SHOWING RESULTS

The Welsh Kennel Club 2013

16th-18th August

AVNSC (Pastoral)

Judge: Mr A H Brace

BEST OF BREED :

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

Best Dog :

Swed & Nord Ch Hob Nob's Soleil of Jentilima
(Imp) Mrs C M Milnes

Best Bitch :

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

Class JD/B (3 Entries) Abs: 0

3rd: Seacourt Esprit de la Foret
Miss H Davies

Class OD (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Swed & Nord Ch Hob Nob's Soleil of
Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C M Milnes
3rd: Cortex du Pic d'Espade (Imp)
Mrs P Phillips & Mrs C Williams
Res: Dutch Ch Caloy de Loubajac (Imp) Ger
Mrs M P Weston

Class OB (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp)
Mrs P Phillips
Res: Cascade du Castlemouly avec
Rambauds (Imp) Mrs M P Weston

City Of Birmingham Canine Association 2013

30th August-1st Sept.

AVNSC (Pastoral)

Judge: Mr Jack Watson

Res Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M Such

Class PGD (4 Entries) Abs: 3

1st: Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M Such

Class OB (3 Entries) Abs: 0

3rd: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp)
Mrs P Phillips

Richmond Championship Dog Show 2013

6th-8th Sept.

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Ms Marion Hodgson (Ddalrus)

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 : Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de
Padel (Imp) Mrs S & Mr E Flint

Best Bitch : Ivydale Cerise With Kimrand,
Mr F J & Miss K Randall

Res Best Bitch : Ivydale Nightjar Sh.CM
Mrs R Robson

Best Puppy : Sandytrail Ensorcele
Mrs S & Mr E Flint

Class PD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Sandytrail Ensorcele Mrs S & Mr E Flint

Class PGD/B (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Cerise With Kimrand
Mr F J & Miss K Randall

2nd: Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel (Imp)
Mrs S & Mr E Flint

3rd: Seacourt Esprit de la Foret
Miss H Davies

Class OD (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M Such

2nd: Ivydale Choirboy Mrs R Robson

3rd: Seacourt Esprit de la Foret
Miss H Davies

Class OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Nightjar Sh.CM Mrs R Robson

2nd: Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara

(Imp) Mrs P Phillips

Darlington Dog Show Society 2013

13th-15th Sept.

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Mr K Young

BEST OF BREED :

Friponne du Pic d'Espade Kelltara (Imp)

Mrs P Phillips

Best Dog : Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-Nob's

Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C Milnes

Res Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M Such

Best Bitch : Friponne du Pic d'Espade

Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P Phillips

Res Best Bitch :

Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor AW(S)

Mrs S A Morley & Mrs A Rogerson

Best Puppy : Sandytrail Ensorcele

Mrs S & Mr E Flint

Best Veteran : Kimrand Bonne Amie

Mr F J & Miss K Randall

Class VD/B (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Kimrand Bonne Amie

Mr F J & Miss K Randall

Class PGD (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel (Imp)

Mrs S & Mr E Flint

2nd: Ivydale Choirboy Mrs R Robson

3rd: Gazost 11 Dit Oscar du Pic d'Espade

Kelltara (Imp) Mrs P Phillips

Class OD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of
Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C Milnes

2nd: Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M Such

Class PB (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Sandytrail Ensorcele Mrs S & Mr E Flint

2nd: Sawara Double Trouble Mrs P L Keable

3rd: Sandytrail Sorceress Mrs S Hawkswell

Class PGB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Ivydale Cerise With Kimrand

Mr F J & Miss K Randall

2nd Rozimba Cassia

Mrs S Hawkswell

Class OB (4 Entries) Abs: 0

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

2nd: Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor AW(S)

Mrs S A Morley & Mrs A Rogerson

3rd: Rozimba Piau Engaly Avec Sandytrail

Mrs S & Mr E Flint

Res: Ivydale Nightjar Sh.CM Mrs R Robson

Driffield Agricultural Society 2013

19th-22nd Sept

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Mr Keith Baldwin

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 : Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's

Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp) Mrs C Milnes

Best Bitch : Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp)

Mr C J & Mrs P M Such & Dr J Hill

Res Best Bitch : Sawara Double Trouble

Mrs P L Keable

Best Puppy : Sawara Double Trouble

Mrs P L Keable

Class PGD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Choirboy Mrs R Robson

Class OD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M Such

2nd: Swed Ch Norw Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of

Jentilima (Imp)

Mrs C Milnes

Class GCD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Choirboy

Mrs R Robson

Class PB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Sawara Double Trouble Mrs P L Keable

2nd: Sandytrail Sorceress Mrs S Hawkswell

Class PGB (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Rozimba Cassia Mrs S Hawkswell

Class OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp)

Mr C J & Mrs P M Such & Dr J Hill

2nd: Ivydale Nightjar Sh.CM Mrs R Robson

Class GCB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Ivydale Nightjar Sh.CM Mrs R Robson

South Wales Kennel Ass.

11th-13th October

AVNSC PASTORAL

Judge(s): Mrs Christina Chapman

RBD

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

BB

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

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1ST

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

Open - Dog

Entries: 5 Absentees: 0

2ND

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

3RD

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

Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 2

1ST

Norlyght Satu Juta
(Mr C & Mrs P Such & Dr J Hill)

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1ST

Cascade du Castelmouly avec Rambauds
(Imp Fra) (Mrs M P Weston)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST

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

2ND

Cascade du Castelmouly avec Rambauds
(Imp Fra) (Mrs M P Weston)

**Midland Counties Canine Society
24th-27th October**

AVNSC (PASTORAL)

Judge(s): Peter Jolley

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 9 Absentees: 1

2nd

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

Open - Dog

Entries: 8 Absentees: 2

VHC

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

Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 7 Absentees: 2

2nd

Norlyght Satu Juta (Mr C J & Mrs P M Such)

Res

Sawara Double Trouble (Mrs P L Keable)

VHC

Norlyght Sebelas (Miss J R Gwilliam)

**Working and Pastoral Breeds Ass.
of Scotland**

2nd November

Pyrenean Sheepdog

Judge(s): Mr K Nathan

BD

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

RBD

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

BB

Sandytrail Sorceress (Mrs S Hawkswell)

RBB

Rozimba Celeste avec Sandytrail
(Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

BOB

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

BP

Sandytrail Sorceress (Mrs S Hawkswell)

Junior - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1ST

Sandytrail Sorceress (Mrs S Hawkswell)

2ND

Sandytrail Ensorcele (Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

3RD

Norlyght Satu Juta (Mr C J & Mrs P M Such)

Post Graduate - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

1ST

Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel (Imp Fra)

(Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

2ND

Jazlyn de Pic du Pioulou

(Mr C J & Mrs P M Such)

3RD

Ellenora du Champ d'Onix avec Louslitges

(Imp Fra)

(Mr A H Readman)

RES

Rozimba Cassia

(Mrs S Hawkswell)

Open - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST

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

2ND

Rozimba Celeste avec Sandytrail

(Mr E & Mrs S Flint)

Seasons Greetings



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