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AND THEN THERE WERE THREE!!.....by Gary and Elaine Whiting

I think it is fair to say that some 11 years ago we didn't even know what a Flatcoated Retriever was. I had just started working for myself and it looked as though the venture was going to be successful so we decided we could give enough time to a puppy - but what breed.

We knew that we wanted a gundog but decided a pale coloured one would require too many baths and the hairs would show up too much! What about a Chocolate coloured Labrador, we thought. A close friend of ours, not a doggy person, put us in touch with a friend of hers who lived close by and whom she thought had "some sort of gundog but they were all black". And so we met Karen Roberts and her lovely "Hartshead" gang. We were immediately smitten. Karen gave us the usual warning chat but we had to have one. She had a litter due, but many of them were already spoken for, so she put us onto Jenny Donnelley who introduced us in turn to someone who had a litter from a dog of her breeding. And so, in 1989, we were the proud owners of our first Flatcoat, Max.

We loved him to bits (and still do) and tried our hand at a little showing, obedience, etc. We were still keen to have a Hartshead dog however and some 3 years later we got Leo from Karen and Gordon. Sadly, we lost him at an early age and, heartbroken, decided that whilst we wanted another Flatcoat we could not face having a dog and were lucky enough to be able to get Maggie from Sandra and Bob Kitching.

We were definitely not going to breed however. But time went on and three years later, with lots of help from Bob, we decided to have a litter so we could get a "pick of litter" bitch. This was a good theory, but Gary fell so much in love with the stud dog, Oliver, that he decided it would be nice to keep a dog instead. And so now we have young Fred who, like his role model, Max, seems to be turning into an even mannered, thoroughly friendly (if somewhat boisterous) dog. He has made his debut in the show ring this year and we hope to go on and do some working training with him as he matures.

And how did we get involved with NEFRA? Well, really because we happened to see the inaugural meeting advertised in the dog press on a weekend when nothing much better was happening and we decided to go along for a "nosy"! This was fine until the post of treasurer needed filling and because of my job, I became one of the nominations! At this time, I now realise, I still knew very little about the breed or the general running of the dog scene. Needless to say, time has been a great teacher and thankfully, because we can pull from a vast source of knowledge from our friends around us in the dog world, continues to be so.

It is fair to say that Flatcoats and NEFRA have very much become part of our lives and we don't regret a minute of it.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Already we are at the end of May and so far we have had very few days on which you could say there are any signs of summer. The Spring has been so cold that the effect on the dogs' coats is quite noticeable, all of them reluctant to shed their "woollies" for lovely shiny summer coats.

We had our Spring Show on May 1st at Newstead Miners Welfare (results and dog report on centre pages). Rather an unprepossessing building from the outside but all you needed inside. Food was provided with their usual flair by "Brenda's girls". Best in Show was a 7 year old bitch from Veteran, Mrs J. Branston's Cleovine Irish Lace at Delaneige. For a secretary, The majority of the hard work for a Show is done behind the scenes so on the day it is rather like the conductor of an orchestra attempting to produce good music.

We had a first on 11th May. A show match held with the Irish Setters Breeders Club North West Region Social Group at Winwick near Preston. The judge was Mrs Margaret Hibbs and 32 dogs in total were judged. Best in Show went to the Flatcoat, Carroll & Ryder's Jaskar Strathmore Water and Reserve Best in Show was the Irish Setter, Burrenmist Lord of the Dance. Everyone attending the evening said what a nice social event it was.

We are considering the possibility of adding to our programme a second Training Day in the Autumn. This idea was enthusiastically welcomed by the members at Tatton this Spring. It is good that we have such a strong working interest as well as the showing side, not forgetting the "fun" events which may seem frivolous but from which we always learn something.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a successful "Summer Season"...

Audrey

NOTE FROM THE NEWLETTER COMMITTEE

We are happy!!!! - We have had five letters from you members to publish in this issue. Thank you very much to all contributors to date. There are still 300 plus of you out there and I am sure you will feel passionately about something so why not air your feelings here! Tell us how good or bad something is - how happy or sad something made you - what makes you angry or fills your heart with joy!

You will also see on the back page that we have started putting some details of forthcoming shows. We hope that this will be useful to our members and Open show secretaries alike. If you have a show you would like published (exemption or open) in the area please let us know in plenty of time with as full details as possible.

WORKING TEST RESULTS - St Helen's - 20th March 1999

Puppy Test:

- 1st Mr T. Sparkes' Gorgeous Lady of Churchwood
- 2nd Mr D. Showell handling Mrs J. Showell's Gayplume Dark Delusion by Cleovine
- 3rd Mrs J. Morgan's Be Smart at Hillwolf
- 4th Mrs J. Hewison's Casblaidd Dutch Courage

Open Test:

- 1st Mrs V. Orme's Hartshead Blaisden Ebony of Elmstock
- 2nd Mr S. Burns' Field Maple

Unfortunately, no other awards were made in Open as the other dogs failed one of their tests.

Novice:

After four tests, those dogs which had had no failures were called into a 5th test consisting of a mock drive.

- 1st Mrs A. Williams' Gaewill Sunshine
- 2nd Mrs J. Hewison's Casblaidd Bridget
- 3rd Mrs D. Brooks' Gilduffe Fane of Castlerock
- 4th Mrs J. Morgan's Wolfhull Quest for Fame

Report from Mr Brian Holmes:

On March 20th judges Pat Robertson, Sally Collins, Terry Bailey and myself met with NEFRA members who had entered the working tests at St Helens. The weather was just right, warm with a light breeze. Liz was dropped right in it when Peter and Audrey were delayed with a puncture. She must have gone through two packets of fags before getting us under way.

My first test in the Open class was a mark in rhododendrons that was quite hard to see. I must say that all the dogs made a good job of this - a great start to the day. All the dogs then went to Terry for a double. We then went out of the woods on to stubble for a four dog walk-up with a mark in front and a blind behind both with gunshot. My first four dogs did this very well. Most marked in front and were then running into the wind for the blind, using it very well. The leading dog at this stage decided to have an extra retrieve and ran in, so back to the drawing board. The next line of dogs worked well with no hiccups. They all then went to Terry for the fourth test which was a mark out of the wood over a ditch onto stubble.

All the dogs were then lined up the wood for a mock drive. The dogs were slightly elevated and got a good view of the line of beaters and the dummies. They were then sent in order for an unseen dummy in a bit of boggy rough ground with varying degrees of success. This sorted out the winner.

Lunch was taken in the cricket pavilion, a delicious beef casserole followed by fruit pie and custard provided by Bob Kitching.

In the Novice, I can only comment on the test I judged and the run off. If the open dogs were good in the morning, the novices were very indifferent. I judged the double, a seen dummy in front over a fallen tree and into rhododendrons with the unseen to the left over a stream. My hearing is just recovering as some of the handlers made far too much noise. Most never turned their dogs towards the unseen but just cast them off with a casual wave. No wonder the dogs got it wrong. Only about four dogs did this test well.

All dogs did four tests. We then went to the mock drive which was just a slight variation on the open. Again, even the dogs that survived the cut did not give a convincing display. Two or three got the wrong dummies, but this sorted out the awards.

Many thanks to NEFRA for asking me to judge. I really enjoyed the day, as did all the judges.

Report from Sally Collins

I would firstly like to thank Liz Geoghegan and the committee for the invitation to co-judge the Puppy test with Mrs P. Robertson. I was really looking forward to the day and wasn't disappointed. The weather forecast was awful, the weatherman had put a big black raindrop over St Helens. Thankfully he was wrong and we had a cloudy, windy day giving the dogs good conditions to work in.

The puppies were tested with a mark into light cover (young rhododendron shoots), a double mark on grass, a short blind into an area of rough grass and for control with heelwork, steadiness and recall.

It was lovely to see all of the puppies being handled with sympathy and encouragement although some suffered from their handlers' nerves. The more experienced handlers had whistles in their mouths as soon as the dog started the exercise and were ready to help the dog whereas others panicked and flustered if the dog didn't do exactly as required. Always try to be prepared for the unexpected, especially with a Flatcoat, and don't panic if your dog does something it doesn't usually do, for example, if your puppy drops the dummy, there is no point calling it in, putting the dummy into its mouth and telling it to hold. The dog will not relate that to dropping the dummy two minutes earlier.

Enjoy Puppy tests, I enjoyed judging this one. Use them as a time to see any gaps in your training.

OPEN SHOW - NEWSTEAD MINER'S WELFARE - 1st MAY 1999

DOGS - Judge - Mrs. Liz Geoghegan (Fenfleet)

As usual the sporting exhibitors provided a wonderful atmosphere at this show, applauding all the placings in each class.

BIS was Branston's Cleovine Irish Lace at Delaneige, RBIS Kitching's Clowbeck Dark Spruce and BPIS Colson's Windyhollows Nelly Moser

Class 1 - Minor Puppy (7,2 abs) - 1st Egginton's Pajanbeck Prince of Thieves (BPD) - just 7 mths. Lovely head with dark eye and gentle expression. Good length of neck and good tight feet. True mover. In lovely coat and condition. In challenge for BP gave away a little too much in age and maturity but is very promising. 2nd Colson's Windyhollows Tumbling Ted - almost 9 mth liver. Excellent bone. Pleasing head with good topline and prominent forechest. Fair throat. Abundant coat in good condition. Unfortunately in this class his movement was a little erratic. 3rd Johnson's Angico Merry Minstrel, Res. Whittaker's Bramatha Hot Chocolate **Class 2 - Puppy** (4,2) - 1st B. Hot Chocolate, Well boned 7 mth liver. Pleasing head. Fair forechest but would prefer just a little more length of neck. Movement still has to come together but plenty of time. 2nd Hewison's Spenbeck Circle of Life. Black with pleasing head, good feet and strong level topline. In lovely coat and condition. Unfortunately not very happy in the ring today. A little more ringcraft should help. **Class 3 - Junior** (10,4) - 1st Hewison's Casblaidd Don't Pay the Ferryman, nice headed black. Very good bone and excellent front with level topline. Well angulated both ends with good tailset. In lovely coat. Moved well to take this class. Unfortunately, in novice his front movement fell away and he had to pay the price. 2nd Watson's Wheelers Black Rain, lovely balanced youngster. Good head, dark eye. Superb feet. Well angulated rear. Excellent mover. Was beaten by the better front of the winner. 3rd Cooper's Billowen Magic at Midnight, Res. Burroughs' Elmstock Midnight Legend **Class 4 - Special Yearling** (8,2) - 1st Garnett's Ribot Moss Campion, quality youngster. Lovely head with kind expression in his dark eyes. Really excellent feet. Level topline and super tailset and carriage completing a balanced picture. Moved well off muscled quarters. 2nd Lynott's Wistosa Rhythm 'n Blues at Avening, medium sized dog. Dark eye, good feet. Well angulated both ends. Better forechest than I but topline still needs to strengthen. A very enthusiastic character. 3rd Ashcroft's Steeplehouse Gamekeeper, Res. C. Don't Pay the Ferryman **Class 5 - Novice** (7,0) - 1st B. Magic at Midnight, 14 mth black. Pleasing head. Good front with level topline. Excellent muscular condition. Still needs to develop a little more width in his quarters but time is on his side. 2nd C. Don't Pay the Ferryman, 3rd B. Hot Chocolate, Res. E. Midnight Legend **Class 6 - Graduate** (9,1) - 1st Hall's Ghilgrange Magic Magician, have done this dog well before. His lovely head and kind dark eye really appeal to me. Very best of feet. Good length of neck with lovely tailset and carriage. Good accurate mover. In hard condition. Was considered in the challenge for best dog but feel he still needs to deepen and mature. Not in his best coat today. Very well handled. 2nd R. Moss Campion, 3rd S. Gamekeeper, Res. Showell's Cleovine Tresillion **Class 7 - Post Graduate** (6,2) - 1st Romeo-Dieste's Goldingale My Choise for Hopevalley, Well balanced dog in super coat and condition. Good front, well angulated both ends with good tailset and carriage. Would prefer slightly tighter feet. Really enthusiastic mover. 2nd Malkin's Steeplehouse Ashe, typical head leading to good length of neck. Well boned with good tight feet. Well angulated behind but lost to I on his front angulation. Good accurate mover. 3rd Brook's Gayplume Sea Fever of Culmquill, Res. Cross' Hartthead Sir Lancelot **Class 8 - Limit** (5,1) - 1st Kitching's Clowbeck Hobsons Choice (BD) Excellent and sympathetic handling produced the best from this dog. Pleasing head with good length of neck. Presented an extremely balanced picture with superb feet and good bone. Fair forechest with good angulation both ends. In super coat and condition. Moved with drive. Just lacked a little

depth through the loin against the BB and RBB, 2nd Townsend's Steeplehouse Chipper, (RBD) really stylish dog. Lovely head with dark eye. Good bone and tight feet. Well muscled with good second thigh. Strong level topline. Well angulated behind. Very good mover but wish he would carry his tail a little lower. 3rd Jury's Torwood Paradox, Res. Joyce's Stranfaer Trooper **Class 9 - Open** (4,3) - 1st Johnson's Lindcoly Wayfarer of Downstream. Have always liked this medium sized dog with no exaggerations. Good head. Reasonable tight feet. Extremely well balanced and in really hard condition. Covered the ground with style but just needs to tighten a little on his front movement. **Class 10 - Veteran** (8,1) - 1st Showell's Fossdyke Bronze Justin, 7 yr. old. One of the best movers of the day covering the ground with real style and drive. Good length of neck leading to level topline. Well developed forechest. Not in best coat. 2nd Jury's Dark Delight Henry Boy from Torwood, 10 ½ years. Smaller type but so well balanced. Good head. Plenty of bone. Well muscled for his age with excellent quarters and a very good mover. 3rd Joyce's Stranfaer Murchiessan, Res. Pendleton's Goldingale Black Magic **Class 11 - Special Liver** (3,0) - 1st W. Tumbling Ted, got his act together in this class and moved well to beat his sire. Just preferred the youngster's head. 2nd F. Bronze Justin, 3rd B. Hot Chocolate

Class 23 - Brace - 1st Tate, my co-judge and I had no hesitation in awarding first to Tate's matched pair moving as one with their extremely young handler. Well done. 2nd Whittaker, 3rd Jones, Res. Goulette

BITCHES - Mr G. NICOHLS (Weaverdale)

Class 12 - Minor Puppy (10,0) - 1st Colson's Windyhollows Nelly Moser (BPIS), 2nd Matthews' Eskmill Nymph, 3rd Fox's Wistosa Sings the Blues, Res. Egginton's Pajanbeck Born Free **Class 13 - Puppy** (7,1) - 1st Emblen's Dunctonwood Catch the Wind, 2nd Summers' Shiredale Magic Hope of Abercairny, 3rd Stead's Glenugie Gearbox, Res. Walker's Spenbeck Debutante **Class 14 - Junior** (14,2) - 1st Brook's Gayplume Pretty Smart of Culmquill, 2nd Perry's Lakemere Castaway, 3rd Watson's Here Comes the Rain, Res. Watson's Rainy Days and Sundays **Class 15 - Special Yearling** (14,1) - 1st G. Pretty Smart of C., 2nd L. Castaway, 3rd Goulette's Steeplehouse Breeze, Res. Ellison's Blackflight Henrietta **Class 16 - Novice** (10,1) - 1st Tate's White Lodge Willow, 2nd Swift's Cast a Spell of Fossdyke, 3rd Matthews' Eskmill Moondance, Res. Alexander's Rehyrb Oak **Class 17 - Graduate** (8,2) 1st Wells' Gilduffe Shannagh, 2nd Fox's Perfect Pickle, 3rd G. Pretty Smart of C., Res. Garnett's Ribot Black Vanilla **Class 18 - Post Graduate** (14,1) - 1st Bunting's Mossdew Black Magic, 2nd Whiting's Clowbeck Peacock Fly of Spenbeck, 3rd Goulette's Steeplehouse Teazel, Res. Holland's Heronsflight Charm of Falconcliffe **Class 19 - Limit** (13,2) - 1st Rees' Verdant Treacle Toffee, 2nd Wells' Gilduffe Irish Mist, 3rd Jones' Shargleam Legend of Benvellyn, Res. Hewison's Casblaidd Duty Free **Class 20 - Open** (7,2) - 1st Kitching's Clowbeck Dark Spruce (RBIS), 2nd Branston's Delaneige Winter Wren, 3rd Colson's Windyhollows Gypsy Moth, Res. Whittaker's Bramatha Northern Dancer **Class 21 - Veteran** (8,2) - 1st Branston's Cleovine Irish Lace at Delaneige (BIS& BV) 2nd Watson's Torwood Bizzie Bee, 3rd Collins' Riversflight Jian, Res. Emblen's Ch Daisy May at Dunctonwood **Class 22 - Special Liver** (5,0) - 1st W. Nelly Moser, 2nd Fox's Wizardwood Tawny Ramin, 3rd B. Beat the Blues, Res. Suskim Imp

Junior handling:

Ages 7-11 - 1st Sarah Trevor, 2nd Lucy Tate, 3rd Isabelle Nowicki, Res. Joseph Tate **Ages 12-16** 1st Samantha Moulton, 2nd Vicky Egginton, 3rd Lindsay Trevor. Judge - Kelly Holland

Letters Pages

From Mrs Josie Templeman of Sedbergh:

A note to let members know that Kilncroft Boarding Kennels, High Newton, Grange over Sands, Cumbria run a Hydrotherapy unit for all dogs (Tel Nicola Shaw on 01539 531263). This should prove more useful than having to take animals to the South of England.

Mrs Templeman would also like to pass on her thanks to the flatcoat owner who wrote a letter last year about a Flattie having to have a leg amputated. She writes: "I remembered her advice when we found ourselves in the same awful position. She encouraged owners to press on rather than the alternative. Our Flattie, Jasper, had a malignant tumour on one of his back legs - which came up in 2 weeks - and we decided he was worth keeping, even after nine years of being a typical Flattie - eating every conceivable thing he can find in the fields, running off regularly on his own Flattie type excursions, downing dead moles, voles and rabbits in one swallow and eating the most incredible amount of paper hankies, snatched on many occasions! Well, we are glad we decided to take the awful step and he is now back to at least half of his bad habits - on three legs - and seems very happy. Like that previous Flattie owner, I would say "take heart", have the amputation if you have to and, after just a few weeks, your Flattie will be fine."

From Tanya - a Flatcoat from Huddersfield (via Mrs Cherry Wood)

My name is Tanya and my best friend is a Labrador called Abba. We live with four more dogs - two flatties and two labs. As we are about the same age we have trained together and my mum says it can't be true that flatties are slower to learn than labs as I picked things up (there's a pun here somewhere!) much quicker than Abba. In fact I was a little goodie-goodie while Abba's dad says she is thick as two short planks. Mum and I thought it was very funny watching him jump up and down with frustration. But when we were taken to working tests Abba was the one that did everything right and came home with the rosettes. I was far more interested in investigating the fresh ground and didn't listen to mum's whistle. Abba even won a novice test so we have to work very hard to catch up with her as soon as possible. Although we are not quite two years old, we have been picking up since last August and it's been great fun, but, soon after a short rest, it's back on the dummies and doing the rounds of the working tests. We look forward to seeing you all again soon

Love from Tanya

From Mrs Elizabeth Palmer, Newcastle upon Tyne

I thought it might be of interest to the readers to hear that Shadow "Darillens My Fair Lady" has become a PAT dog. She was allocated a job at Northgate Hospital, where sadly the clients are both physically and mentally handicapped, and after a few months she was required to help out in the occupational therapy department, where she shows off her yellow PAT dog lead with great pride! More recently we have been attending two residential homes both in Hexham and Otterburn so we are kept busy. Apart from one or two people, she is greeted with much love and admiration and in turn she reciprocates in true Flattie fashion with licks and paw giving.

I must apologise for not attending any of your meetings, shows, work days, etc. But you will understand now that Shadow and I lead a fairly busy life.

From Mrs Brenda Scott, Newcastle Upon Tyne

Dear Polly (alias Llecan Soot)

I'm running out of excuses
How can it be true?
No-one would believe
My black eye was caused by you!
The evidence is a clear cut case,
But doubts arise when they look at your face
That sweet and gentle feminine smile
Hides a little demon by a mile!
But if you're still left in doubt
You'll soon believe me - When you hear me shout.
But wounds aside, I love you so
And as Flatcoated Retrievers go
You're no different from the rest
A lively happy puppy, ready for any test
You certainly keep us on our toes
Because by the minute, anything goes
So I'll forgive the bruises and the black eye
And even the chewed ankle if I try
Because teeth aside
You're very special I say
And my life has never been the same
Since you arrived on that Bank Holiday Monday!

From Mrs Sally Riches of Denmark:

A tribute to MY champion BONEDDIGES BYGWYTH (Glidesdown Kingfisher x Willowmere Samphire) 14-12-88 to 7-5-99 - put to sleep to take away the pain from severe lung cancer and metastases.

The name everyone loved to hate, but simply "Bug". She was my first pure bred dog, whom I got as a companion to my flatcoat cross of 5 years. As I then lived in Wales, no-one had ever seen a Flatcoat, so I had many funny comments like "isn't it supposed to be yellow" to name but one!

Through a friend who showed, I was encouraged to show her at an exemption show in the puppy class - she won and then went on to win best in show! My friend did not make much of it but I now realise it was good!! I then went to a championship show!!!! I made such a mess of it that I was determined to do better and so that is how I became hooked on showing.

Thus then led me to thinking, I have a working dog and what to do about that. I obtained lists of working clubs throughout Great Britain but none were nearby. I then plagued flatcoat owners nearby where to go and was eventually told to do it from Susan Scales book "Retriever Training the Modern Way", which I duly did. I finally found someone about an hour away who was willing to help me. On our first visit my heel work was terrible, but this quickly corrected. The rest of the work I had done was very good - my trainer was amazed!

Later my life changed and without Bug I would not have met Peter and definitely would not be in the position I am today with the dogs. The flatcoats are my love and I still train them. I am fortunate through being with Peter to have experience of other breeds, and can honestly say that the flatcoat has something "just that little bit special" from all other dogs.

Why is/was Bug my champion? She was my first pedigree dog. (My cross is now 15 1/2 years old). Prior to that I was petrified of dogs, but as a result of her ended up working as a veterinary nurse!! As an insulin dependent diabetic, she was able to tell, before me, when my bloodsugar was dropping and so let me know.

She was a PAT dog and everyone who met her could not believe that a dog could detect how much "bounce" she could use on each person. For one person she sat perfectly still, as the person could not tolerate being nudged because of the pain it caused. Even I was amazed at this feat. She was always there for me - like all flatcoats - and through her I learnt all the bad and wrong ways of doing things, so had to retrain her, but she did it all with typical flatcoat style.

Although I now have her first, second and third generations with me, all of whom have some of her specialities, there will of course never be an exact replica. One habit none of them yet has is licking my feet, which with my nerve problems gave me tremendous relief over the years. At first I hated it, but then did she know before it was apparent to me???? There is so much more I could say, but these are my special feelings which I want to share, as she will always live, if not in a living form.

We all hope our loved ones will live as long as us, but life is not that kind. This decision was the hardest, especially as the flatcoat will do anything for their owner, but as a friend said to me, at least with animals we can end their suffering and so remember them being fit, happy and full of life. I therefore dedicate this to her, and say thank you for all the joy she gave me, and in opening up my world to dogdom.

"Thank you, Bug, my first (unofficial) champion flatcoat". My thanks also to everyone who helped and supported us.

Health Information - Common Ailments - Giardiasis

What are Giardia?

Giardia are sometimes confused with worms because they invade the Gastrointestinal tract and can cause diarrhoea. They are not worms: instead they are one celled parasites classified as protozoa and have been largely overlooked until recently.

Most dogs that are infected with Giardia do not have diarrhoea or any other signs of illness. When the eggs (cysts) are found in the faeces of a dog without diarrhoea, they are generally considered a transient, insignificant finding. However, in puppies and debilitated adult dogs, they may cause severe, watery diarrhoea that may be fatal. In a recent survey in London approximately 15% of healthy adult dogs and 30% of puppies were found to be infected.

How did my dog get Giardia?

A dog becomes infected with giardia when it swallows the cyst stage of the parasite. Once inside the dog's intestine, the cyst goes through several stages of development. In 6 to 8 days, the dog is able to pass cysts in the faeces. These cysts lie in the environment and can infect other dogs. They can also be transmitted through drinking infected water.

How is Giardiasis diagnosed?

Giardiasis is diagnosed by performing microscopic examination of a sample of faeces. The cysts are minute and require special techniques for their detection. Occasionally, the parasites can be seen on a direct smear of the faeces. A blood test is also available for the detection of antigens (cell proteins) of Giardia in the blood. This test is probably more accurate than the faeces examination, but it requires several days to get a result from the laboratory performing the test.

How is Giardiasis treated?

The typical drug used to kill Giardia is fenbendazole, an anti-parasitic drug. It is given for 3 days. Other drugs are also used if diarrhoea and dehydration occur.

Can humans become infected with Giardia?

Giardia can also cause diarrhoea in humans and children are especially susceptible.

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Future Dates for your Diary

Working Test - Saturday 14th August - to be held at Crathorne. (entry form enclosed)

Funday, Sunday 3rd October - to be held at Woodford, near Wilmslow. Entry form will appear in the next newsletter but please be sure to make a note of the date in your diary.

Open Show - Sunday 7th November - to be held at Normanton.

Forthcoming Open Shows in our area

Anyone wishing us to advertise their show should send full details as soon as possible and bear in mind that this newsletter is only published on a quarterly basis. Schedules for the following shows can be obtained from the respective secretaries:

- Nantwich & District Canine Society - Sunday 1st August - Judge Mrs E. Geoghegan (5 classes) Sec: Mrs S. Yoxall Tel. 01829 260223
- Bakewell Agricultural Society - Wednesday 4th August - Judge Mrs S. Pingree (4 classes) Sec: R. Taylor Tel. 01623 798452 (closes 30th June)
- North Riding Gundog (Richmond) - Saturday 28th August - Judge to be announced (4 classes) Sec: Mrs J. Knight Tel. 01677 450548
- Yorkshire Gundog (held at Huddersfield) - Sunday 31st October - Judge Mr. C. Bexon (4 classes) Sec: Mrs G. Earle Tel. 01535 646589

(Working) Tips of the Tail - Training your puppy to come to the whistle - when your puppy is 8 or 9 weeks old, go into the garden with him and, whistle in mouth, watch him carefully. As soon as you see that he's had enough exploring and comes racing back to 'mum' blow several peeps on the whistle as he is coming back and reward with lots of praise. NEVER at this stage blow the whistle when he is busy sniffing something interesting. If you continue this for several weeks you should find that it becomes an inbuilt response to come to the whistle and your pup will not think when he hears the peep peep whistle but comes automatically. You can then progress to blowing the whistle when he is running away from you but if he does not respond instantly go back to only blowing when the pup is already returning. Remember - any instruction ignored is only training him to disobey that command.

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