

# **WAGGING TAILS**

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#### **FOLLOW UP- DOMINIC of WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM (from Sally Collins)**

When Anne, Roz and myself decided to stay at Nailsworth for the Bath Championship show weekend we knew we had to visit Westonbirt Arboretum. Several people had told us how beautiful and dog friendly it was and of course there was the mystery of Dominic's Seat (Wagging Tails - Winter 1998). We were not disappointed. On our way to Nailsworth we called in and collected a free leaflet indicating where you could walk the dogs. It was wonderful, not only can you take the dogs in 80% of the Arboretum but there were dog mess bins-sited at frequent intervals with bag dispensers on each one.

We had a quick walk round the edge of the Arboretum and decided to call back on the Sunday for a good explore, to find the Japanese Maples, the Cherry Glade, the Elms and to look for 'Dominic'. The Maples were beautiful, you can walk all around them and we took a lot of photographs of the dogs against the bushes. We also inspected what felt like every seat, bench and shelter, dedicated to people, dogs, families and companies, in the Arboretum but we couldn't find 'Dominic'. By this time we had lost our bearings (just a bit!) and we had to ask directions from a very nice couple and we decided to go back to Nailsworth.

We were coming home on the Monday but we couldn't leave Dominic behind so back we went to Westonbirt that morning. This time we went to the Visitor's Centre and asked if there was any way we could find where Dominic's seat was. An assistant patiently went through the Books of Dedication and eventually found Miss Siddron's name and a grid reference for the seat. It was by the Hillier Cherry Collection - this should be easy. Off we went (the dogs now think we have shares in this wonderful place) and, yes, after a few false alarms we found it outside the Cherry Collection in an area called The Link. After lots of photographs, we headed for home and the quest to find out who Dominic was.

Once home I thought it would be easy to trace him, we knew he was born in 1970, died in 1979, his owner was Miss P. M. Siddron and we had her address from that time, so we rang the Kennel Club only to be told dogs were recorded in alphabetical order of their registered name. They couldn't help, but if I wanted to write to them someone might look through the records, so I did. Three days later I got a phone call from the Kennel Club with the same reason as to why they couldn't trace Dominic but when I persisted (there couldn't be that many Flatcoated Retrievers registered in 1970 surely) he suggested that I contact the Kennel Club Library. The library staff were wonderful and after hearing the story went and looked through the records. After a while, I got the phone call to say that they had traced him.

Dominic was Yarlaw Black Trap, he was out of Ch. Black Fritta of Yarlaw (bitch C.C. and B.O.B. at Crufts 1974, F.T.A.) by Black Prince of Yarlaw, F.T.A. He was bred by Air Commodore W. Hutton and was born on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1970. There is a piece about this litter in Dr Nancy Laughton's book on page 158, where it mentions Dominic's brother, Yarlaw Black Streak, who was used at stud. When I looked through the Flatcoated Retriever Directory I found that Denise Jury had used Black Streak and he is behind other dogs including Atherbram Ability, so Dominic's breeding lives on.

We also tried to find out about Miss Siddron. Paula Goulette used to live in Nailsworth near to where Miss Siddron used to live. She rang the pet shop and spoke to a friend who still works there. Miss Siddron died a few years ago, but she always had a Flatcoated Retriever, even when she was ill she had someone to help her take care of her last dog, who went to live with a relation after her death. Anne, Roz and I (and especially our dogs) can certainly see why Dominic and Miss Siddron loved Silk Wood at Westonbirt. We will definitely return.

#### **THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE**

The Association passed a milestone during the summer. We now have over 500 members. Our 500<sup>th</sup> member is Mr. D. Price of Thirsk and an engraved glass will be winging its way to him soon. We are now starting on our way to our 1000<sup>th</sup> member.

We have a new innovation for sales in the shape of a calendar made up of photographs submitted to the competition in June. All profits are going to "Dogs for the Disabled". An article about this Charity is included in this newsletter and we will be having one of their representatives at the Health Issues Seminar in February, plus a demonstration from one of their trained dogs and his owner; something I am really looking forward to.

A new programme for the Millennium is now ready (see back page) and includes a few changes. The focal point is a Fun Weekend with some new ideas for activities and the draw for our Millennium Bumper Raffle. Donations of prizes for this raffle will be gratefully accepted. So far we have a colour television, a 6' mesh dog run, a week's dog boarding plus other prizes both big and small. Tickets for the draw will be on sale at events leading up to the fun weekend as well as by post (further details next issue).

Over a very hot weekend in August, Peter and myself, assisted by several different committee members on each day, represented Flatcoats at the Game Fair held at Harwood House. There was a lot of interest shown in the stand and, of course, in particular in the dogs.

On a more serious note, may I enforce Peter's notes on the risk of puppies going to unsuitable homes both here and abroad. Flatcoat people over the years have built up a good "grapevine" and we are all here to help and advise.

Our next Wagging Tails will greet the Millennium so keep the articles, letters and phone calls coming. Also don't forget your Show entries for Normanton in November. Best wishes to you all..... Audrey

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN**

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the sale of Flatcoat puppies to unsuitable homes and locations. Flatcoats have a love a people and when sold into homes and situations where this is not returned will sometimes change in character necessitating rehoming with all that entails. Some of you may breed a litter for the first time. Please make sure a prospective owner is suitable. If necessary ask one of your committee for advice. They will often know of owners near to the prospective new home be it here or abroad and are there to advise you. Do not be flattered by the idea of "Exporting". Be sure of the new home, it is expensive to bring a dog back from abroad. To discourage puppies being bought by prospective "owners" and then sold on abroad "Not for Export" should be endorsed on the puppy's registration certificate by the Kennel Club. Please take great care - your puppy's whole future depends on you. Ask for advice and information from our Litter Recorder who will do her best to help you.....Peter Forster, Chairman



### Why Should Your Dog Work For You?.....from Sally Collins

How does your dog work? Does he work with confidence and attitude, doing a required exercise then asking "what's next?" or does he do the exercise and come to you saying "did I do that right? are you pleased with me or not? am I going to be in trouble?"

I have been training my dogs to work for obedience and more recently gundog work for 25 years (I started very young!) and in all this time my priority was to have a dog that worked in a confident happy manner with attitude. I was told early on by traditional compulsive trainers (You will sit and I will put you in that position and you will not move or else - then I will praise you) that I wouldn't do anything in obedience because I wasn't hard enough on my dogs. Well I did do well in obedience and working trials, but at the same time I used a check chain or half check and trained semi traditionally.

Then about eight years ago I went to a dog training course in Southport, taken by a lady who used lure and reward methods, giving terrific motivation and happy dogs. She questioned how dogs had been trained and how confusing it must be for them. It was like a breath of fresh air to me and the dogs loved it.

She has progressed further and now uses a clicker with motivational training, to see this in action is a revelation. To be able to mark a behaviour precisely, for the dog to understand exactly what is required, know it is right and that it will be rewarded is wonderful. I have used this method totally with my youngster and partially with Bobbin, now nine years old, and they love it.

The "clicker" is a training aid and enables precise timing of the moment of "THAT'S RIGHT" to the dog, it is much more accurate than voice alone. It provides a novel sound to mark the moment and earn a reward. It has been used for years, including training dolphins (you try shaking and eyeballing a dolphin for not holding a certain position). The clicker is only used to train and reinforce the behaviour you require, you don't need it in the ring or in the field. You can use food, praise, toys or whatever else is rewarding to your dog as reinforcement but you don't need to feed all the time or play all the time. Your dog will try harder if the reward comes every now and then and this also prepares them for the ring or field.

Dogs for the Disabled use clicker training with great success on many breeds of dog, a disabled person has to be able to rely on their dog 110% and in many cases may be unable to physically correct a dog if it 'needed it'. They have to have reliability without compulsion, a willing compliance.

Clicker training isn't magic, it is training with positive reinforcement. It isn't the only method that works either but it is fun for handlers and dogs. Training becomes a two way thing, you are not imposing things on the dog, it is a partnership.

Just a final thought, if your dog is compulsively trained and says "I won't do that" - what do you do next?

### HALF YEAR UPDATE ON PRESIDENT'S CUP

With the first six months of the showing season gone, the placings for the President's Cup, up to and including Blackpool Championship Show, are:

1 <sup>st</sup> = Colson's Windyhollows Nelly Moser	26 points
1 <sup>st</sup> = Kilminster's Cassblaid Dublin Whiskey of Witheybed	"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hargreaves' Forgeway Park Royal	21 points
4 <sup>th</sup> = Irvine's Sh Sh Gayplume Fine Fashion of Dravidian	18 points
4 <sup>th</sup> = Branston's Delanerie Winter Wren	"
4 <sup>th</sup> = Kitching & Moore's Clowbeck What a Cracker	"
7 <sup>th</sup> = De Robbio's Spera Sapphire Vivace	15 points
7 <sup>th</sup> = Irvine's Vbos Lady from Louisiana	"
7 <sup>th</sup> = Egginton's Pajanbeck Prince of Thieves	"
10 <sup>th</sup> = Hall's Ghilgrange Magic Magician	14 points
10 <sup>th</sup> = Colson's Windyhollows Tumbling Ted	"

### Our Judges for Cup Open Show - 7<sup>th</sup> November 1999, Normanton

**DOGS - Mrs KAREN JOYCE (STRANFAER)** Mrs Joyce and her husband, David, first became dog owners in 1982 with a working Springer Spaniel and had their first Flatcoat 13 years ago - Torwood Vesta - who has just celebrated her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. To date her most successful dog in the show ring has been Stranfaer Trooper who achieved his J. W. In 1993 and has 1 C.C. and 3 R.C.C. Mrs Joyce was first asked to judge in 1992 and over the last 7 years has judged 65 classes of Flatcoats for 13 Societies around the country as well as 10 AV Gundog and 4 AVNSC classes.

**BITCHES - Mr CHRIS ATKINSON (SEGANTII)** The first breed owned by Mr Atkinson was Irish Setters in 1970. Since then he has owned Pointers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and working Labrador Retrievers. His Chesapeakes not only work well but have also been BOB twice at Crufts and BIS at Club Open Shows with two different bitches. His first judging appointment was at a Limit Show in 1976 and he first judged Flatcoats in 1988. He awards CCs in Irish Setters and Irish Red & White Setters and has judged the Gundog Group and BIS at Open Show level. He was also a founder member of the Association.

We trust our members approve of our continuing policy of appointing a judge from within the breed as well as an experienced all rounder.

### WORKING TEST - 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1999 - RESULTS

There was a very nice entry at the Open, Novice and Puppy Tests held at Crathorne, Cleveland (by kind permission of Lord and Lady Crathorne). The judges were Mr Gordon Cripps and Mr Harry Stangoe (Open and Novice) and Mrs Roz Townsend and Mr Howard Brown (Puppy and Novice). Our thanks go to Joe and Jackie Mescus for all their hard work in cooking and serving lunch, and to Bob Kitching for buying in the provisions and providing the means to cook them.

Out of 10 entries in Open the results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Steve Burns with Field Maple (38 points out of 40)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Peter Forster with Wizardwood Water Wraith (37 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr David Showell with Blithdale Tawny Willow (36 points)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs Pat Robertson with Heatherbank Chief of Warpersmoss (33 points)

Out of 23 entries in Novice the results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Aldo Harkin with Fenstorm Lucky Dip (46 ½ points out of 50)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Paul Egginton with Windyhollows Skylark to Pajanbeck (46 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Sheena Wells with Gilduffe Irish Mist (45 points)
- 4<sup>th</sup> (after a run off) Mr John Taylor with Lady Sarah (44 ½ points)

Out of 22 entries in Puppy the results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Jeff Lewins with Torwood Mannerly (57 ½ points out of 60)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr John Ellison with Blackflight Henrietta (56 ½ points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Dorothy Brooks with Steelriver Mystic Rhythms of Castlerock (53 points)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs Mary Ward with Parsifal Powderbox (51 ½ points)

#### Report from Roz Townsend:

Once again members of NEFRA and their dogs assembled for the Puppy, Novice and Open Working Tests at 9.15 a.m. on a showery morning. The day commenced with the Puppy and Open Tests. Mr Howard Brown and I judged Puppy and Novice Tests, along with Mr G Cripps and Mr H Stangoe who judged Novice and Open. The weather was kind most of the day and I was very pleased with the standard of most of the puppies who I thought tackled all of the tests very well. After another of the famous 'Barbecue Lunches' the Puppy and Open awards were presented and we then proceeded with the Novice Test. On the test I judged, which was a marked retrieve onto a path with heavy cover, brambles and grassy clumps, all of the dogs marked well. However some of the retrievers were spoilt by over handling before the dog was actually sent. At the end of the day we had a worthy Novice winner. The awards were once again presented by Lady Crathorne. Messrs. Brown, Cripps and Stangoe and myself were presented with a beautiful engraved goblet to remember the day (also a little something to go in it!! - I promise I didn't partake on the way home!) Thank you NEFRA for inviting me.

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

#### GUNDOG TRAINING MORNING - LANCASHIRE AREA

Planned for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1999, this morning is to gauge interest and decide if regular training sessions in the area will resume. Puppies (up to 2 yrs) and Novices will be catered for and the session will run from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The aim is provide experience and training in groups for handlers who are keen to get their dogs to Working Test standards. The dogs should already have had basic obedience training. Anybody wanting to attend should contact Liz Geoghegan (01772 812719) by 18<sup>th</sup> September. Should sufficient numbers be interested further details will be circulated.

#### GUNDOG TRAINING AFTERNOON - SWILLINGTON near LEEDS

A training session, to run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., has been arranged on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September for Puppies and Novices (trainers Mrs C. Wood and Mr B. Holmes). Numbers will be limited due to the space at the ground and those interested should notify Gary Whiting (01924 490741) a.s.a.p. Directions to the venue will be sent out.

#### GUNDOG TRAINING - NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AREA

The group is primarily aimed at newcomers, getting started in the right direction. Anyone is welcome, we usually begin with puppies and proceed to the older dogs, but we can adapt to the more experienced dogs. If interested, please contact Karen Ellison (01636 822095 or 01636 822015 - answer machine). The training is held on Thursday nights in summer and Sunday mornings in winter. Any profits to go to flatcoat charity

#### DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DOG?.....from Jane Hedges

If the answer to the above question is yes, then how about Working Trials? Working Trials are a subtle blend of obedience, agility and nosework skills. The gundog's natural ability to use his nose makes him an ideal candidate for this type of work. Harness your Flatcoat's natural enthusiasm for hunting, jumping and retrieving and also have fun at the same time. Training is available at many dog training clubs across the country and contact telephone numbers can be obtained via the Kennel Club. Specialist organisations such as A.S.P.A.D.S. have a web site, for those of you who 'surf the net' the address is [www.aspads.org.uk](http://www.aspads.org.uk).

Most clubs will ask that anyone attending training can recall their dog (as many sessions take place on farmland) and that a play retrieve has been established. Go ahead and have some fun. Working Trials people are all very friendly, no one will laugh if you get it wrong but will help you to the best of their ability. Working Trials Monthly has a list of up and coming trials so that you can go and watch and see if this is for you. They also advertise training days and taster days with experienced trainers. GOOD LUCK.



**Torwood Bizzy Lizzy Back To Hasweth.....4<sup>th</sup> September 1989 to 27<sup>th</sup> May 1999**

What a name, what a mouthful and trying to get that lot into the little boxes that some show entry forms have, well, that is a different story. So what about the bitch behind the name. Lizzy Drip, Whiz Wheels, or just plain our Lizzy.

She was nearly 4 when she came to live with us permanently. She had been to stay for a few days at a time for about a year before and we had taken and shown her at various shows. She came as a gift, a present from her previous owners, Pat and Nigel Beard. She was one of the best presents I have ever had. She was definitely my dog. Stephen may have fed her and taken her for walks and she loved him dearly, but she was my dog. It was me that she followed around the house, sat in the knee-hole of my desk whilst I was at the computer. Sat crying at the bathroom door because I had gone in and would not let her follow me. Or if I dared to go out without her, she would sit at the front door just waiting until she heard the car come back. A loving faithful companion, she didn't have a nasty bone in her body. She loved puppies and smaller dogs, given the chance she would play with them for hours. Letting them climb all over her, pulling her tail and nipping her ears, she never bothered and would never think of retaliating.

So what will I remember most about her? Could it be that tail. The epitome of a Flatcoat, it didn't just wag, it was like a whip lash beating against anything that was in its way, a door, the floor or the back of your legs. It never stopped whether she was being praised or reprimanded the tail wagged on. Or will it be her love of ice cream. No, Lizzy didn't just like ice cream, she adored it. She would mug anybody, friend or stranger, to get at an ice cream and often did. Numerous friends and family can vouch for the fact that Lizzy could jump up and remove the ice cream and top three inches of cone without touching your fingers and without you knowing if you just happened to be glancing away at the time. The look of sheer pleasure on her face as she devoured her steal was something to be seen and it has made for many a swift exit as a stranger discovered that all that was left of their ice cream was the bottom point of the cone. Or will it be how conservation minded she was. She was a great believer in recycling and often practised this act when grubbing around the garden or field. Recycling horse and rabbit droppings was her speciality. Or will it be what a showgirl she was, a joy to show even up to the week before she died, but no, that was just the icing on the cake. It would not have mattered if she had never walked into a show ring she would still have been here to stay. I could go on like this for hours, there were so many things that I could and will remember about her. She was loved and will be missed by many people. We have four other dogs all of whom have their own personality and I love them all dearly but she was my Lizzy, I will always love her and life will never be quite the same without her.

A true Flatcoat to the end, as ill as she was, as the vet gave her the final injection she was still trying to wag her tail. It finally stopped wagging at approximately 11.30 a.m. on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1999.

Rest in Peace dear Lizzy.....Kathleen Jubb

**SHOWING YOUR DOG - SOME RULES YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF**

It was thought that it may be of interest to members to remind them of one or two rules and regulations which apply when showing your dog. Therefore, a letter was sent to the Kennel Club for clarification on the following points:

- When entering a dog for a show, remember you are not allowed to show under the breeder of your dog. It is however permissible to show under the stud dog owner.
- You are not allowed to show your dog under a judge that has handled the dog in the show ring or at any other event (such as a working test) or if your dog has been kennelled at the judge's premises in the previous twelve months.
- If your dog has had an operation which alters the natural conformation of the dog (such as a pin being required following a bone fracture) then, before the dog is entered for shows, you must write to the Kennel Club for permission to show that dog enclosing full details of the pedigree and a report from your vet regarding the requirement for the operation. You must not enter the dog for any show until written permission is received from the Kennel Club.
- The same point as above applies to neutered dogs and bitches however there is no need for a report from the vet. It is necessary to give the name and address of the vet and the date the operation was undertaken. The dog or bitch should be entered on the schedule as D/B (neut.).
- If an exhibitor misses the first class they have entered, they must report the matter to the Show Secretary. They are permitted to enter all other classes that they have legitimately entered and if they become eligible for Best of Breed, etc. they are permitted to challenge. Whether, if they win any awards, these are allowed to stand is the decision of the General Committee at the Kennel Club.
- If a dog misses the only class for which it is entered, it cannot be transferred into any other class.
- If an entry form is not received by a Show Secretary and the owner enters on the day, the Kennel Club will only accept a Proof of Posting Certificate (or Registered or Recorded Delivery certificates) as proof of posting their entry. Therefore, if an award is won and the exhibitor is unable to provide a Proof of Posting certificate, the award(s) would automatically be disqualified.

### Health Information - Lyme Disease

#### What is Lyme Disease?

Common in North America, the disease is now being recognised more frequently in Britain. Lyme Disease (not Lyme's Disease) is caused by a spirochete (type of bacterium) called *Borrelia*. It is transmitted to dogs through the bite of a tick. Once in the blood stream, it is carried to many parts of the body. It is especially likely to localise in joints. It was first thought that only a few types of tick could transmit this disease, but it now appears that several common species may be involved.

#### Can this disease also affect people?

Yes, but not directly from dogs. They get it from being bitten by the same ticks that transmit it to dogs. Therefore, preventing exposure to ticks is important to you and your dog.

#### How is a dog affected?

The characteristic rash that develops in people at the site of the bite does not develop in dogs. Because the other symptoms are delayed or not recognised, and are similar to those of many other diseases, Lyme Disease is often not considered until other diseases are eliminated.

Many dogs affected are taken to a veterinary surgeon because they seem to be experiencing generalised pain and have stopped eating. Affected dogs have been described as if they were "walking on eggshells". They often have high fevers.

Dogs may also become lame from the disease. This painful lameness often appears suddenly and may shift from one leg to another. If untreated, it may eventually disappear, only to recur weeks or months later. Some pets are affected with the Lyme Disease organism for over a year before they finally show symptoms; by this time the disease may be quite wide spread in the body.

#### How is Lyme Disease diagnosed?

There are two blood tests that may be used for confirmation. The first is an antibody test. This does not actually detect the spirochete but does detect the presence of antibodies. It can however give a falsely negative result if, for example, the animal has a suppressed immune system or has been infected for a long period, when there may not be enough antibodies to detect. The second test is the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, also known as DNA testing. However, because not all dogs have the spirochete in their blood cells, the best sample for testing is the fluid from the infected joint.

#### How is Lyme Disease treated?

Because the Lyme spirochete is a bacterium, it can be controlled by antibiotics, however a lengthy course of treatment is necessary to eradicate the organism.

#### How can I prevent my dog from getting Lyme Disease?

The key to prevention is keeping your dog from being exposed to ticks which are found in grassy, wooded and sandy areas. Check your dog immediately after it has been in a tick infected area. If you find a tick moving on your dog, the tick has not fed. Remove the tick promptly and crush it between two solid surfaces. If the tick is attached to the dog, then remove it quickly but take care not to leave any part of the tick attached. This can be done by smothering the tick with Vaseline or with fine tweezers or finger nails grasping the tick very near to the dog's skin. The disease is not transmitted until the tick has fed for approximately 12 hours so speed in removal is of the essence. If you crush the tick, do not get any part of it on your skin as the spirochete that causes Lyme Disease can pass through a wound or cut.

### DOGS FOR THE DISABLED

As all the profits from the sale of our 2000 calendar is going to the above charity, we thought that our members would like to know a little about it.

#### How Dogs for the Disabled began.....

The Charity's founder, Frances Hay, was disabled by the crippling disease bone marrow cancer. Carrying out the simplest functions became impossible without help. Frances, herself a dog lover, found that her own dog, Kim, was instinctively helping her with some basic tasks. Frances began to train Kim to carry out specific tasks, harnessing the dog's natural instincts to retrieve and to pull. She recognised that this was something that could benefit many other people in similar circumstances and in 1986 Frances formed the charity Dogs for the Disabled. The Charity was registered in 1988. Although sadly Frances died in 1990 at the early age of 41, she had inspired those close to her with her ideas and enthusiasm. Realising the improved quality of life and companionship that a trained assistance dog could bring to people with disabilities, her friends and colleagues decided to continue with the work of the Charity.

#### Our Mission Statement.....

Dogs for the Disabled is dedicated to enhancing the independence, security and companionship available to people with disabilities by: i) identifying the practical needs of individual people with disabilities, ii) training dogs to perform practical tasks to meet those individual needs, iii) creating and supporting working partnerships between assistance dogs and people with disabilities

#### What the dogs do.....

Dogs for the Disabled create partnerships between clients and carefully selected dogs which offer greater independence and renewed confidence to many with disabilities. The dogs are trained to meet the particular needs of individuals and to carry out daily tasks which clients find difficult or impossible to achieve. Dogs can be trained to:

- retrieve cordless telephones if the owner has difficulty reaching the phone
- open and close doors - often a difficult task for those with a disability
- retrieve letters and newspapers from the letterbox
- pick up dropped articles such as keys, a bag or even crutches
- retrieve named articles such as slippers, gloves or TV remote control
- activate light switches
- bark on command to attract attention and raise the alarm if a person is in difficulty
- bring in milk using a specially adapted crate
- activate an emergency alarm cord
- empty the washing machine
- carry a light shopping bag
- reach counters in shops and at home where a person may have difficulty
- through use of a special harness help a person with balance difficulties walk..... and much more. The needs of each client are regularly assessed and the dogs trained to complete new tasks as required.



## **Funday to be held at Woodford Village Hall, near Wilmslow**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1999** (closing date 25<sup>th</sup> September)

The programme for the day is to include:

- A training session on motivational training in the morning to be run by Mrs Sally Collins. There will be clickers and instructional booklets available for purchase on the day.
- A trimming demonstration by Mrs Audrey Forster
- A chance to take the test for the Kennel Club Good Citizen's Scheme at Bronze, Silver or Gold levels (please indicate below if you wish to take this test and at what level, i.e. Silver if you already have Bronze, Gold if you already have Silver)
- The ever popular scurry will be running throughout the day
- The main activity in the afternoon will be a Doggy Sports Day (come prepared to have a laugh!)
- There will be a professional photographer on hand if you wish to have your dog's photo taken - fees payable directly to photographer on day.

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE:**

The Hall is situated on the main A5102 between Poynton and Alderley Edge and can be reached from the M60 or M56

## ASSOCIATION ITEMS FOR SALE - ORDER FROM

### NEW FOR 2000 - CALENDARS!!!

We are producing a limited number of 12 page calendars for 2000 incorporating the magnificent winning photos from our 1999 competition. They will be available at the Funday on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the Open Show on 7<sup>th</sup> November. The price on the day will be £ 4.50. **All profit from the sale of these calendars is to go to Dogs for the Disabled** (see article).

However, we are expecting a high demand for the calendars and therefore are offering them at a pre- order price of £ 4.00. Orders, with cheques, must be received by the Treasurer before 30<sup>th</sup> September and the calendars can then be collected at one of the above events or by arrangement with a committee member (please indicate on order form).

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#### ORDER FORM

Calendars.....No.....@ £ 4.00.....£.....

(I will collect at Funday/Show/please pass to.....)

(Delete as applicable)

Other items available:

Car stickers.....No.....@ £ 1.25.....£.....

Metal badges.....No.....@ £ 2.50.....£.....

Ring Clips.....No.....@ £ 3.00.....£.....

Greetings cards (pack of 6 - mixed) No. ... @ £ 3.20.....£.....

Greetings cards (pack of 4 - mixed) No. ... @ £ 2.40.....£.....

TOTAL CHEQUE ENCLOSED .....£.....

ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO N.E.F.R.A. and sent to  
Hon Treasurer, Mrs. E Whiting , Great Gable, 225 Kitson Hill Road,  
Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 9DS Tel: 01924 490741.

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Name: .....

Address: .....



## Dates for your Diary 1999 and Proposed Programme 2000

**Funday, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - to be held at Woodford, near Wilmslow (entry form enclosed).

**Open Show - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - to be held at Normanton. (schedule enclosed).

### **2000 dates**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Seminar (Health) - Kirk Deighton, nr Wetherby

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March - A. G. M. - Old Golf House Hotel, Outlane, Huddersfield

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Working Test - St Helen's

April - Training Day - details to be arranged

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Open Show - Woodford near Wilmslow

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June - Millennium Fun Weekend - Salmesbury Memorial Hall to include Barn Dance and BBQ, Car Treasure Hunt and Funday activities.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August - Working Test - Crathorne

September - Training Day - details to be arranged

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Seminar (Judging) - Ecclestone Village Hall

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Cup Open Show - Normanton near Wakefield

### **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:

- Stockport Canine Society (held at Holmes Chapel) - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Judge Mrs V. Orme (Elmstock) - (5 classes) Sec: Mr C. Donahue Tel: 01270 763849
- Derby Kennel Association (held at Alfreton) - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Judge Mrs A Miller (Keepersend) - Sec Mrs L Potter Tel. 01332 736183
- Goyt Valley Gundog Society (held at Winthenshaw) - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Judge Mr M. Hamer (Northella) - (5 classes) Sec: Mr A. Ryder Tel. 01663 734159
- Yorkshire Gundog (held at Huddersfield) - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Judge Mr. C. Bexon (4 classes) Sec: Mrs G. Earle Tel. 01535 646589
- Border Counties Gundog Club (held at Carlisle) - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Judge Mr. M. Hughes (Candese) - (7 classes) Sec: Mrs M Pearson Tel: 01228 512196

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