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THOUGHTS FROM THE SECETARY'S TABLE

As we move towards the Autumn and away from the excessive heat of the Summer I wonder how you and your dogs coped with the high temperatures. Have you got any tips from the dogs on their anti-heat strategies? Another thought on this subject, as black absorbs more heat than other colours, do liver dogs.

feel the heat less than black ones?

We are now approaching six years since I took over from Sandra and very busy years they have been. Any organization must evolve and grow to survive so how about some new ideas from you the members as to what you would like for the future.

My request for possible show venues in your areas in the last Wagging Tails produced three big venues but we desperately need smaller and cheaper ones especially with good kitchen facilities and some land for outdoor activities. I wait in hope!

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Fun Day on October 5^{th} and the Cup Show on November 2^{nd} .

With regards to you all.

Audrey

NEFRA Web Site

Don't forget that the age of modern technology has reached us and our web site has been up and running for a few months now. After a few minor teething problems it is now fully operational including links to other sites.

If you get chance have a look, we are at

www.nefra.co.uk

Maya Goes To School

A few months ago my boss came home from work with a determined look on her face. This could mean trouble I thought, until she reached for the liver cake & the clicker. We then proceeded to spend the evening learning new tasks. First I was encouraged to stick my head into the washing machine and bring out the socks and knickers. Then I was told I could pull on a tuggie to open the kitchen cupboards. All these new things were very strange to a well-behaved young lady

Then one day after practising the tasks for a few weeks I was very surprised when after my morning walk the boss put a special red coat on me and said I was coming to work with her. After a short car journey we pulled up at a large old building where I was allowed out and given a chance to have a pee. We then walked into the building where I was surrounded by many strange smells; these included cooking food, small rodents (later I found out they were "hamsters") and hundreds of small human smells.

The boss and I were taken into a large open room the "assembly hall" where there was a washing machine and cupboard just like the ones I had been using at home. After a short sniff around over 100 children and their teachers came into the hall and sat down quietly. A lady called the "head teacher" introduced me to the children and they greeted me with my name. I was a little bewildered at first, but soon the boss asked me to do some of the tasks we had been practising and I was able to show off to the children. I also found that if you don't quite do things properly the children will laugh very loudly, that is fun.

Following our "demonstration" I was allowed into a room with some teachers and was given a drink of water whilst the boss had a cup of tea. "Now for the real test of character" said my boss. We were taken to a room of children who were sitting at small tables. They all looked up as we waked in and put the hands in the air. The boss answered all sorts of questions from: what does Maya eat? to how long does it take to train a dog? The boss then asked if anyone would like to stroke me, if so to come 2 at a time. Well of courses I loved every minute of this, I just adored all the attention and I think the children enjoyed it too. The teachers were very impressed at my behaviour and said they wished the children were as good!

Some of the children had been frightened of me, but they soon relaxed when they realised that I wouldn't bite them. One particular child that the boss says is autistic dashed up to me and patted my head for 2 minutes then ran off again. The head teacher stood with her mouth open, as apparently the boy normally hates strangers. I felt very proud of myself.

The boss and I have visited many more schools since this first one and the experience has been just as good, for both the children and me.

A month or so ago the boss and her friend were getting all "poshed up" for a night out. I was expecting to settle down for the night when the boss got out my red coat. "We've been nominated for an award," said the boss. Off we went in the car to a large well-decorated room, lots of balloons, food and people. As soon as I walked in I was surrounded by people wanting to take my photograph and stroke me. We had to sit at a table with some strangers whilst presentations were made, and people were clapping. Then it was our turn to collect an award; the boss was given a bunch of flowers and a certificate. We were asked to give a short demonstration and to explain what we did at the schools. We received a huge round of applause.

The summer holidays have meant that there have been no school visits for a while. I can't wait for September.

Maya is a demonstration dog for DogAID (Assistance In Disability) and has been giving school assemblies as part of the Broxtowe & Hucknall Primary Care, Primary Health Link Programme. DogAID is a registered charity (1098619) For further information log onto their website at www.dogaid.org.uk

NORTHERN ENGLAND FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION 15TH BREED OPEN CUP SHOW

SPEEDWELL ROOMS, STAVELY, nr CHESTERFIELD SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2003

Show opens at 9.00am.
Judging Bitches 10.00 am and Dogs at 10.30am.

Judges

Dogs Bitches Mrs R Townsend

itches Mr J Joller

Referee

Mr D Bellamy (J/Handling& Brace)

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Flatcoats are fun loving nosy dogs but when it comes to your garden or walks are we aware of the hidden dangers?

Puppies can be naughty and, if bored, destructive. How many times as a young puppy have we told them off for eating something disgusting?

Many of you are probably aware of plants that are poisonous to humans but are you also aware of the hidden dangers for your dogs as well?

You may know that chocolate is bad for dogs and that too much can be a killer but did you also know that this also applies to the coco shells that are a decorative mulch used by many to keep the weeds at bay. This mulch, which is environmentally friendly, has an attractive smell and tastes good (to a dog at least) but also has a very strong concentration of Theobromine. This is the toxic substance in chocolate and there have been several cases of dogs being very ill or even dying from eating this decorative mulch.

Another common problem is the snail or slug that tiny pest that we all love to hate as it is munching through our garden we try in many ways to deter its path of destruction by using slug pellets but the tiny blue pellets can be even more of a pest to our pets they contain Metaldehyde which dogs find to be very tasty if eaten they can cause over- excited behaviour, followed by fits and then leading to a coma and death, many of us have been aware of the problem of the pellets and have since moved on from using them but what about your neighbours or holiday homes or grass verges on your daily walks are they also free from slug pellets? Flatcoats sense of smell is as you know one that can beat ours and they will find unseen dangers before you have even noticed them.

Weeds are a full time job keeping them at bay but when it comes to treating them with herbicides please check carefully the contents on the bottle and exclude your dog from the areas for as long as the packet states. That's fine in your own garden but again what about when you are out and about, have the council just been spraying in your area to kill the unsightly weeds from the paths or the verges where your dog walks? One hates to think what could happen if they ingests these herbicides later as they are grooming themselves. You have all seen the dying brown weeds, ask yourself how many times has your dog diced with herbicides? Ring up your local council and find out what they use to spray the weeds with and then try and find out any problems or reactions these may cause in your dog. Complain if the council are using potential killers the public are not made aware

of. You would exclude your dogs from herbicides in your garden, why should you act any differently if you know the local council is actively spraying.

Now that I have put you off from walking your dog in the towns and you all seek sanctuary in the countryside or the woods for your daily walks. Please remember that the farmers don't need to inform you of what they have used on their land, not many farmers are organic and the crop pests need to be controlled somehow.

Woodlands can have hidden dangers as well. Flatcoats as we know love to do nothing better than to chase through the bracken, but did you know the bracken spores which are released between July to October can in some cases develop cancer. This is the time that many of us are visiting woodland areas for either summer holidays or for those Autumnal walks that blow away the cobwebs.

Of course we are all aware that household cleaners can kill but did you also know that as winter approaches and we all treat our cars to a little winter top up, antifreeze can also kill it contains Ethylene Glycol as little as 3-4 teaspoons of antifreeze can be deadly to a medium sized dog. Of course you wouldn't leave it lying around, no, but someone may have spilt some and not cleared it up!!! It apparently tastes very sweet (rest assured I haven't tried it!!).

Unfortunately again you may not be aware of a spillage but if your dog does lap up a puddle on the floor while out for a walk keep a close eye on them. Initial symptoms include an apparent drunkenness in the animal (Flatcoats can look like that all the time!) With staggering, poor coordination and vomiting it is vital to get your dog to a vet as soon as possible please remember that if your dog is sick this may contain some of the anti-freeze and therefore be poisonous to other pets so clear it away carefully.

Having said all the above please don't wrap your dog up in cotton wool after all a flatcoat lives for walks just be aware of the above situations and watch your dog and if you are worried at all or feel you dog is acting strange give your vet a ring immediately

Paraphrased from James Wellbeloved Pet Club Issue 13

Presidents Cup Update

The Presidents Cup is awarded annually with points being awarded from positions attained at Championship Shows as follows;

First Second	3 points; 2 points;	Res CC B.O.B	1 point; 3 points; 1 point;
CC	2 points;	Best Puppy	. P.

Up to and including the East of England Championship Show the following dogs are in contention. They are listed in alphabetical order and not in current placings. Good luck to you all.

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Winton's	Braidwynn Bonnington Branchalwood Lugarwater at Kenjo
Rudkin's	Downstream Revival
Johnson's	Eskmill Ovation For Fenfleet
Geoghegan's	Eskmill Ovation For Temeer
Watson's	Sh Ch Here Comes The Rain
Ashcroft/Long's	Sh Ch Steeplehouse Gamekeeper
Irvine's	Sh Ch Vbos Lady From Louisiana
Colson's	Ch Windyhollows Nelly Moser
	Windyhollows Tumbling Ted
Colson's	Withybed Drummer
Kilminster's	W Ittly Doc 21 minutes

Val Orme

Puppy Seminar at Tollerton on 29th June

Nefra held a puppy seminar on Sunday 29th June with 30 people attending at The Canine Academy, Tollerton, Notts and what a wonderful venue it was! So dog friendly yet very clean and tidy, an ideal venue for an open show maybe?

I went along to this seminar not really knowing what to expect (seminar sounds so formal and serious) I thought it may be a little too involved or maybe just state the basics and I'd possibly go away knowing, no more than I already knew, but neither were the case, the day was very relaxed and informative and offered something for the novice to the old hand. The day started with Rosylyn Brady giving a talk on the Breed Standard and explaining point by point what it really meant, she had a handsome flatcoat boy to model for her too!

"Too much stop", "Correct Tail set", "Good turn of stifle" all was clear at

the end of this session then we had the opportunity to put questions of which there were many forthcoming.

Next, Jenny Bird gave a talk on all aspects of breeding, starting with the question "Why do you want to have puppies?" Advising that this decision should not be taken lightly and that there should ALWAYS be a valid reason for having a litter i.e. both parents have done well in the show ring or field etc and NOT just because £ signs may appeal. Everybody was in agreement on this.

Then she spoke on the importance of choosing the correct stud dog and how the pedigrees should be studied to see if both dogs will match up nicely etc...a very interesting subject indeed and one that a non-breeder would know little about.

Jenny went on to talk about the bitch in whelp and her care, the rearing of the puppies all of which was very interesting and most importantly placing the puppies in responsible homes.

After lunch we had a talk on "preparation for the show ring" I think this was most peoples favourite bit as everyone scrambled as near as possible to get the best view of how to trim

Both Rosylyn and Jenny had a model each to demonstrate on, however it did look like Jenny had drawn the short straw being handed a beautiful liver bitch with extremely raggedy ears and feet, it looked like a mammoth task! Both demonstrated their techniques on trimming the feet, thinning of the ears, cutting the tail both having different methods but each being effective.

As this looked like it would take some time Peter Forster began his talk on Gundog Training of puppies he gave advice on how to start them off on puppy dummies etc and how to progress with them at a steady pace, Peter had brought with him lots of specialised equipment to show us, it was all new to me! There were lots of questions for Peter, some of the group had been rather unfortunate in finding heavy handed trainers which Peter agreed is not acceptable in any type of puppy training and put them on the right tracks.

The day ended with coffee, cakes and a super raffle. I thoroughly enjoyed the day but wished it hadn't gone so quick!

I do hope there will be more seminars of this kind held and would encourage you all to attend as not only would you enjoy the day you are bound to learn something new about this wonderful breed.

Kim Heath

In a letter Karen Coleman writes;

I would like to put into writing my thanks to the Club Members who put time and effort into the 'Introduction to Puppy Ownership' day on 29th June at Tollerton.

I learnt so much, actually sitting down on the evening, dog under legs and plucking his ears into shape, very satisfying and so neat afterwards. The purchase of a nail file occurred next day! Other people were so friendly which made asking those 'silly questions' easy and learning so simple. A big thank you from a more beautiful Inca!

Could you let members know that all County Durham beaches are dog friendly - easy parking, lots of poo bins and clean for owners to walk along. Inca and his owners regularly use them. I'm not sure enjoys it more, him or us.

Best wishes to Club Members

Here is a little something to spend an Autumn evening on a word search. Words can go in all directions and as you can see they are all names of dog breeds including the Flatcoat. The Editor

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From the Litter Recorder

Brenda Adams, NEFRA's Litter Recorder, recently realised that the same questions are being asked by both breeders and prospective puppy owners so to help here are a sample of the 'regular' questions together with her replies

Have you any puppies in my area or not too far away? What do you class as 'my area' Some people are prepared to travel two or three hours to go and view a litter whereas others expect them on their doorstep. Clearly the further you are prepared to travel the more litters I can offer.

Have the parents of the puppies had their hips scored and their eyes tested? I always reply that nowadays with legislation being brought into most purchases, especially with livestock, my enquires about the health of the sire and dam is priority. This is written into NEFRA's code of ethics (see below) which the majority of breeders adhere to and which I always check before putting the litter onto my list using the Kennel Club's breed supplement records to verify the facts.

Can I have another like my previous pet/companion?

If the perspective puppy buyers have just recently lost their pet/companion they will ask this question and then follow with what their dog looked like with size big or small, pointed face, 'lab like' head and much more. One has to ask the question are they buying the puppy because they want another Flatcoat or do they want an identical dog (including looks, nature etc) to the one they have just lost. As I always explain that I do not know all the dogs personally on my list so I cannot give an honest answer nor can I recommend one litter above another.

NORTHERN ENGLAND FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS (July 2001)

This code has been put forward by your Association in conjunction with the Codes of Ethics produced by the Flatcoated Retriever Society, the Flatcoated Retriever Club of Scotland and The Kennel Club. The aim is to help Flatcoat owners to maintain the high standard of breeding and care that has made the present day Flatcoat.

1. Flatcoat owners should make every endeavour to breed from stock of the highest standard, which conform as closely as possible to the Breed Standard and have no serious faults which would preclude them from showing and/or working. All owners with stock used for breeding should take advantage of various KC/BVA schemes.

- 2 Stud dog owners must satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the bitches' breeding and the conditions under which the litter(s) would be reared.
- 3 Bitch owners should not, except in exceptional circumstances, e.g. on Veterinary advice, breed from bitches under two and a half years of age and have no more than two litters from any bitch at intervals of at least one year. No bitch should be bred from over 8 years old and The Kennel Club will not, except in exceptional circumstances, register the progeny of a bitch of this age.
- 4 Stud dog and bitch owners should note that following an accepted proposition at the 2001 A.G.M. 'Yellows and Non Standard colours should not be bred from.
- 5 Breeders/owners shall at all times be extremely careful when advertising and selling Flatcoats.
- 6 Members shall not knowingly sell Flatcoats to commercial dealers, retailers or laboratories. When exporting, all sellers of puppies should ensure the suitability of the new owners and the environment for a Flatcoat. The ethics of the Country with regards to dogs should also be taken into account.
- 7 The breeder of the puppies shall provide a copy of the pedigree, proof of registration, a satisfactory diet sheet, a complete health record and details of worming at the time of sale and advise on the appropriate dates/times of inoculations.
- 8 Owners should be aware that the happiness and well being of their dog is
- Owners should ensure that their own conduct in public places is of a nature that will enhance the reputation of Flatcoat owners and their dogs.
- 10 In order to prevent commercialisation of the breed, it is considered unacceptable to breed more than two litters from any one household, and one on breeding terms, in any twelve-month period.

New puppy owners always want to find a healthy, loving, friendly companion be it for work, show agility, obedience or just to be a couch potato, I hope that this has been both informative and enlightening to both breeders and future puppy owners to the typical questions as a litter recorder I am asked only a regular basis.

Editors Note :-

Please feel free to contact Brenda Adams on 01423 885471 if you have any concerns/queries regarding litters.

FUN DAY ON SUNDAY 5^{th} OCTOBER 2003 AT WOODFORD MEMORIAL HALL, WOODFORD, CHESHIRE.

Our Fun Day will be held at the Woodford Memorial Hall, Woodford, Cheshire. 10.00 am start. As well as the usual activities, such as training and the scurry, there will be an opportunity to participate in the Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze and Silver award with your dog. There will be limited spaces for the award so please pre book. Refreshments will be available as well as tea and coffee. We will also be holding a raffle so if you can donate a prize it will be greatly appreciated.

On the day Peter Forster will have his measuring stick with him, so why not see how your dog measures up to the breed standard.

Prices have been held as last time at £2 per adult with children and dogs free. An application form was enclosed with the last issue of Wagging Tails, however if you require a further application form please contact Mrs A Forster, Cooks Lane House, Cooks Lane, Bradnop, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 7HA.



Directions

From the M56 – Leave at Junction 6 and follow the A538 into Wilmslow. At the traffic lights bear left, at next traffic lights turn right (Station Rd). Follow past station to mini roundabout. Turn left onto A5102 (Adlington Rd). At next roundabout bear right. At next roundabout bear left. Past Deanwater Hotel and venue is on left before the Garden Centre.

From M6 (South) – Leave at Junction 18. Go to centre of Holmes Chapel and turn right for Chelford and Alderley Edge. Bear left into Wilmslow then as above.

From the south – Go to Macclesfield and follow A523 towards Stockport. In Poynton at the traffic lights by the church turn left onto A5149. At mini roundabout bear left onto A5102. Go past British Aerospace. The venue is on the right past the garden centre.

From the Working Secretary's Kennel

Here I am again looking at a beautiful misty autumn morning (I'm a morning person) and wondering where the sun has gone. I'm assured it will be back, just like Christmas, but not immediately. Next spring seems so far away, still there is the shooting season to look forward to. David's shoot is beginning the middle of September this year. This is a direct reply to the anti-gun lobby who have made January shooting less productive, after all what fun is there standing in the middle of a field on a wet cold January morning only to find the birds have been so disturbed that they are unshootable, they don't shoot at low flyers or ground game. So more partridges have been put down and the milder autumn days are now seeing the start of shooting at least a month earlier, and leaving the miserable January days to quick shoots and long sessions in the pub afterwards yarning about shoots that have been.

This summer seems to have been so jam packed with W.T.s, show, game fairs and other doggy activities that it has been hard to fit everything in. How do the Americans manage to do so much with their dogs I don't know? The working season is tailing off now with Cold Game tests and the last of the Working Retriever tests. Up to press there will only have been 2 intermediate tests, basically because of lack of people qualified to run in them, and lack of suitable land. (It must have swimable water) The evening Novice sessions have gone very well but we have been caught out by the closing in of the evenings which have made it difficult for people to get to the grounds before it becomes too dark to run your dog. There always seems to be something!

We welcomed two new testers in Val Orme & Elaine Whitaker and hope to introduce more next year to help spread the organising load as none of us are getting any younger and seem to be taking more and more on. How Peter & Audrey manage to support all the NEFRA events amazes me. I feel we must give more thanks to their super back up family. Well next time I write will be the usual rush for Christmas, how time moves on, or is it us? Good shooting, picking up, or whatever you and your Flattie do together in the autumn & winter.

Future Working Events

NEFRA Cold Game Test - Fur or Feathers
On Sunday 19th October 2003, Judge – Guy Radford
At the Lincoln University Farms, Lincoln on sugar beet
This test will be run on F.T. lines and will be for
NEFRA members' Flatcoats only. The cost will be £15 per dog.
Entries close 10th October

Coffee and tea will be supplied. Please bring your own food for lunch and a cake to share for tea. There will be a raffle so please donate a prize if you can. Spectators are welcome. If you are interested in attending the event and require further details please contact Mrs D Jury, 103 Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, S42 5NX or tel 01246 853575 as there will be a limited number of places available. Directions to the venue will be sent with running order. Anyone else requiring directions ring Denise. Please send a self addressed envelope for a running order.

NEFRA held a special puppy, novice & open WT on Sunday 7th September at Farnsfield Nr Mansfield by kind permission of Mr Trevor Bossons.

Judges were John Greeves for open and Novice with Jackie Winder judging Special puppy & Novice.

Open winners out of 12 entries

1st Dr. Diane Heywood's Sumaha Shadow Dancer at Houndswood. 2nd Cherry Woods Soft Breeze.

3rd Cherry Wood's Cumberwood Cracker

4th Frann Robb with Meldorfer Mudlark.

Novice winners out of 26

Caroline Hewison's Spenbeck Circle of Life

2nd Ann Brook's Culmquill It's a Lovely Day

3rd Julie Matthews Eskmill Nymph

4th Roz Townsend's Rainesgift Reiver.

Special Puppy out of 16.

1st Ellisons Blackflight Arrietta (a repeat from the March puppy test at Preston.)

2nd after a run off for the next three placings was Helen Fox's Blacktoft Imagination (handled by her husband)

3rd Jo Montandon's Waverton Chianti

4th Jonsen's Casblaidd Gipsey Briar (handled by Casper).

The day was fine and the rain that had been promised did not arrive. Unfortunately the water we were going to use had been taken over by the ducks (400 of them) so a stream caused a great diversion as the retrieves were all over the water and many dogs felt a trip up and down the pleasantly rippling water a much more exciting option. Around lunchtime, as this was forestry commission land, a small fire broke out a few miles away in the tree tops, this showered us with black bits of fir tree to enliven everyone's sandwiches.

Denise

NEFRA Items for sale

For all you shopaholics out there, here are the items we have available for sale. Please send your order together with a cheque made payable to the Northern England Flatcoated Retriever Association to Mrs S.J. Wells, Ravensdale, 2 Albert Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5HT.

KOBO, WHILISON, CHESTING, STATES TO COLLECT From the Fun Day on Sunday 5th Why not place your order in time to collect from the Fun Day on Sunday 5 October or browse our stall on the day?

		Cost	P & P
	Printed (S & M)	£16.00	£2.00
Sweatshirts	Printed (S & M) Printed (L & XL)	£16.50	£2.00
	Embroidered	£17.00	£2.00
Sweatshirts	Embroidered	£15.00	£1.00
Polo Shirts	C. Hus marcon	£10.00	50p
Ties	Green, blue, maroon	£ 2.50	30p
Metal Club		2 2.50	
badges		£ 3.20	50p
Ring Clips		£ 1.25	30p
Car Stickers		50p	20p
Pens		£ 3.20	£1.00
Flatcoat Cards	Pack of 6	£ 2.40	21.00
(no message)	Pack of 4		30p
Puppy booklet	How to raise your new puppy	£1.00	
NEFRA mug	White china with logo	£4.00	£1.00
Joan Mason's	The Flatcoated Retriever	£16.00	
book			
Training			
Equipment			
Dummies (1lb)		£ 3.50	£ 1.60
Puppy		£ 2.00	50p
Dummies			
Rope Leads	Green or Black	£ 4.50	50p
Leather Slip		£ 8.50	50p
Leads			
Whistles		£ 2.50	30p
Lanyards		£ 1.50	30p

New Item A Flatcoat print

Keith Aldred drew this black and white print of flatcoats, and part of the proceeds will go to support Dogs for the Disabled Order from Mrs S. Wells £15.00 plus £2.00 pp

Future Dates for your Diary Fun Day - 5th October - Woodford Cold Game Test – 19th October - Lincoln Open Show - 2nd November - Speedwell Rooms, Stavely Working Retriever Tests Intermediate - 21st September at Coventry Farm, Garstang Forthcoming Open shows in our area. Schedules for the following shows can be obtained from the respective secretaries. Yorkshire Gundog Club, Sun 26th October, Mrs E Geoghegan (Fenfleet) Sec Mrs Best 01274601312 Waverley Gundog Assoc Sun 2nd November, Mr H Nelson (Byeways) Sec Mrs A Klein-Woolthuis 0131 663 5832 Retford Canine Soc. Sun 9th November, Fran Robb (Meldorfer) Sec Mrs Trowbridge 01777 706255 West Torrington & District, Sun 22nd November, Mr R Bunting (Mossdew) Sec Mr Spratt 01522810797

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