

Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

April 2014



Above: Wallingford Juniors Team at Crufts 2014

Below: Rory & Ammo 1st and Gio-Gio & Tatti 3rd in Crufts Juniors Individual U12s



Editor's corner

I was lucky enough to go to Crufts again this year, as Basil and I ran as part of the Rescue Agility Display in the main ring on the Thursday and Friday. Basil doesn't like the crowded areas and the stalls, but as soon as we move towards the arena he knows where we are, and he knows it means agility!



I then enjoyed spending the next couple of weeks catching up with all the main ring coverage which is on Youtube, completely free of charge to watch. If you have not already done so, I do suggest you go and have a look at some of the events – the standard of agility is fantastic, and the full events are there so you can see every single run. Well done to Rory and Gio-Gio who both made the Junior final in the main ring!

There was good news, as Trindledown reopened on 9th April (after being closed for over two months), although we still have several flooded fields. And the flooding at Churn subsided too, finally allowing Ian and Jacky to recover the trailer to Blewbury.

Alison Pearce



The adventure of the lost tuggy....

One Thursday night...

Liz Brownsell's tuggger went down here... We couldn't reach!

Jill Lowe squeezed through the gap to retrieve the tuggger.

Here it is!!!





THE KENNEL CLUB

KC Show Results

Wye Valley Sm/Med 5th April

Gill & Mindy 2nd G5 Jumping (20)
Gill & Mindy 3rd G5 Agility (20)
Pam & Martha 3rd G3 Jump (40)
Pam & Martha 3rd G3 Agility (40)
Jose & Pera 3rd C3-4 Jump (33)
Pam & Martha 5th C3-4 Jump (50)
Gill & Bertie CR G5 jumping (20)
Gill & Bertie CR G5 Agility (20)



Nedlo Large G4-7 30th March

Richard K & Shade 1st C1-7 Stch (43)
Jenny K & Guv 1st C4-7 Jump (97)
Jenny K & Guv 2nd C1-7 Stch (43)
Aileen & Rockett 2nd G4 Agility (30)
Aileen & Ozzie 3rd C1-7 Stch (43)
Aileen & Rockett CR G4 jumping (30)
Kevin & Fell CR C1-7 Stch (43)

Nedlo Large G1-3 29th March

Aileen & Mickey 3rd G3 Jumping (80)
Sarah & Merlin 8th C1-3 Jumping (162)

Thames Ltd 22nd March

Aileen & Ozzie 2nd C1-7 H/S (67)
Jose & Pera 2nd C3-4 S/M Jump (27)
Jose & Pera 3rd C3-4 S/M Agility (27)
Lizi & Timmy 3rd C1-2 S/M Jump (25)
Debbie & Blix 3rd C5-7 Jumping (19)
Debbie & Blix 3rd C5-7 Agility (19)
Aileen & Ozzie 4th C5-7 Jumping (19)
Kath & Tilly 5th C1-2 Jumping (52)
Aileen & Rockett 6th C3-4 Agility (62)
Alison & Basil 7th C1-7 S/M H/S (66)
Aileen & Rockett 9th C3-4 Jumping (62)
Debbie & Vibe 10th C1-7 H/S (67)

Dog Vegas 15th March

Annette & Maze 1st G5 Agility (28)
Annette & Maze 1st G5 Agility (25)

Nedlo Sm/Med 8th March

Gill & Mindy 2nd C4-7 Stchase (49)
Gill & Mindy 2nd C1-6 Jumping (23)
Tania & Kia 2nd G1-7 Agility
Pam & Martha 2nd G1-3 Stchase (31)
Pam & Martha 3rd G1-6 Jumping (57)
Gill & Bertie CR C4-7 Stchase (49)
Gill & Bertie CR CG1-6 Jumping (23)
Alison & Basil CR C1-6 Jumping (57)
Alison & Basil CR C4-7 Stchase (26)

Show Results Reminder

Can I remind you all please, if you want your points to count on the Club spreadsheet for the Club Awards next year, and if you do not have access to the Club Wiki website, please do e-mail, or pm me your result - I need the show, class, position and number of dogs in class. Thank you.

Aileen Watson





UKA Show Results

Lydiard Park 5-6th March

Wendy & Foxie **1st Beg Jump** (17)
Wendy & Tatti **1st Nov Agility** (14)
Gill & Mindy **1st Sen Stch 2** (2)
Gill & Shade 2nd Nov Gamblers (22)
Gill & Shade 2nd Nov Jumping (26)
Aileen & Ozzie 2nd Sen Stch (30)
Wendy & Bambi 2nd Champ Stch (5)
Aileen & Rockett 3rd Nov Jump (30)
Wendy & Foxie 3rd Nov Stch (20)
Sarah & Merlin 4th Champ Stch 1 (36)
Pam & Martha CR Champ Stch 2(10)



AWC 29th March

Robert & Ginny **1st Beg Agility** (10)
Robert & Ginny **1st Beg Jumping** (10)
Dawn & Daisy **1st Nov Agility**
Sue & Mischief **1st Beg Stch** (below)



Dinah & Cinders **1st Sen Stch 1** (5)
Gill & Mindy **1st Sen Stch 2**
Jill & Cass **1st Ch Agility** (5)
Gill & Bertie **1st Ch Stch 1**
Robert & Glen 2nd Sen Stch (20)
Gill & Bertie 2nd Ch Stch 2
Pam & Martha 2nd Ch Stch 1 (10)

NADS (UKA) 21st-23rd March

Robert & Glen **1st Beg Jumping** (27)
Robert & Ginny **1st Beg Agility** (13)
Annette & Maze **1st Beg Agility** (31)
Annette & Maze **1st Nov Stch** (12)
Annette & Maze **1st Sen Stch** (17)
Robert & Glen **1st Sen Stch** (16)
Jill & Cass **1st Ch Gamblers** (8)
Jo & Sonic 2nd Beg Jumping
Robert & Ginny 2nd Beg Jumping (10)
Annette & Maze 2nd Nov Gamb (19)
Robert & Ginny 2nd Nov Stch (3)



Above: Sonic and his first ever rosette



Club Awards 2013

Each year at the AGM the Club presents awards to dogs and handlers who have gained the most points throughout the previous year. The awards for 2013 were as follows:

Junior (handlers under 18 yrs)

- 1st Gio-Gio and Bambi (*Pete is standing in for the photo below!*)
- 2nd Gio-Gio and Tatti
- 3rd Rory and Ammo

Starters (people just starting out with new dogs KC equivalent of G1/G2)

- 1st Sarah and Merlin
- 2nd Gill and Mindy
- 3rd Gill and Bertie

Novice (KC G3-5)

- 1st Aileen and Rockett
- 2nd Aileen and Ozzie
- 3rd Annette and Maze

Senior (KC G6-7)

- 1st Gill and Shade
- 2nd Wendy and Bambi
- 3rd Kevin and Fell

Best Small Dog

Pam and Martha

Best Medium Dog

Gill and Mindy

Veteran

Gill and Chi (now retired)

Most Improved (nominated by trainers)

Kathryn and Loki

Highly Commended Improvers

Suzie and Evie
Tania and Kia
Lizi and Timmy

WDTC Winter League 2013

(general performance, achievement and supporting all the league events)
Carolyn and Ollie – large dog
Lizi and Timmy – small/medium dog



A Big Thank You

It was a wonderful surprise being presented with such an attractive trophy at the Club's AGM. It was a mug with a photo of Cinders on it, as a reward for supplying trainers with tea or coffee at our training sessions on Thursdays.

This task is a very small contribution towards repaying for all the benefits Cinders and I have enjoyed since joining the Club. We have been helped by many excellent and very patient trainers, attended fun demos and socials, and made many friends.



Our main achievement was becoming a member of the Club! When Cinders was a year old someone at our obedience training club in Abingdon suggested that she might enjoy agility and someone else mentioned WDTC. When I contacted Wendy she told me that the Club was full but she would put me on the waiting list. A year later she reported that there were 5 vacancies but as there were 20 applicants they had decided to hold 2 assessment sessions at The Malt House.

Cinders and I attended both but when I saw the opposition I felt I might be rejected just because of my age. However, a few days later I was told that the Club still couldn't decide and had arranged a short course of lessons at Blewbury for about 10 of us. These were fun and afterwards when I received a letter from Wendy congratulating us on our selection, I was thrilled. I still have that letter signed by Wendy, Julie, Karen, Pete, Isobel and Louise! Others selected were Bertie, Rockett and Todd, so we were in good company!

Since then, lesser achievements have been winning out into grade 2 and then grade 3, coming 6th in the Tug-E-Nuff final in 2010, and qualifying for the semi-final of CSJ at the UKA Grand Finals last year.

I have been a member of the Club for nearly 6 years now and thank you all for making those years so enjoyable. My only regret is that I didn't hear about agility when I was considerably younger. I intend to continue for as long as I am able and for as long as Cinders enjoys it. Thank you very much for my trophy.

Dinah Payne

Winter League

Something for your diaries – the dates for the 2014/15 matches are:

18th October 2014
29th November 2014
17th January 2015
21st February 2015

Maybe something to aim for if you are just starting out in agility – and hopefully something for all of us to add to our list of competitions and matches! There will be something in the matches for everyone. If you want to know more, please do ask.

Aileen Watson

Honey

Honey was a rescue dog from Wales, found wandering the streets of Cardiff and I got her from Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary in Ascot on 28th October 1997.



Honey was a good agility dog (grade 5), flyball dog and won Clever Dog at Broadland (*below left*). One day at Witney we were doing agility when she suddenly realised it was Ian judging us – so she had to go and say hello to him!



At Newbury Theatre, Honey played Sandy in Annie (*below left*) earning a Best Debut award (*below right*), and also repeated the role in Maidenhead. At Basingstoke she played Toto in the Wizard of Oz.

Honey 14th March 2014 aged 17 ½ years old. What a great little dog to have.

Jose Rostagni



Update on the Wiki

Well not quite up-to-date! – there are definitely some results still to be added! The agility season is now under way and people are beginning to use the Boasts page to celebrate their successes and for those who are not confident putting them onto the spreadsheet (or can't access the Wiki), I thought you might like an update as to where things stand at the moment.

There is a dearth of junior points (although I know there are one or two for Gio-Gio I have yet to enter) – so come on guys! More on that next month!

Starters – at the moment

1st Lizi and Timmy

2nd Maria and Molly

=3rd Sue and Ella

=3rd Kathryn and Loki

=3rd Suzie and Evie ...however Kath and Tilly have just had some great results which have still to be added!

Novice – at the moment

1st Annette and Maze

2nd Aileen and Ozzie

3rd Tori and Bowen ...however there are some UKA results still to be added!

Senior

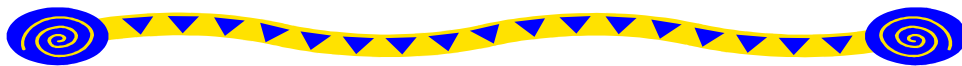
1st Jenny and Guv

2nd Gill and Shade

3rd Robert and Ginny

Hopefully if you have forgotten to add your results you will let me know

Aileen Watson



****Upcoming Demo Dates****

Saturday 21st June

Rush Court Nursing Home, Shillingford

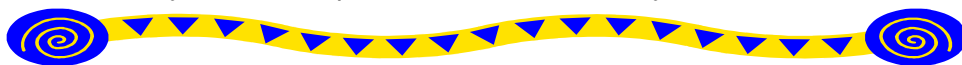
Garden party and Demo pm but set up in morning

Saturday 28th June

Harwell Primary School (Gio-Gio's school) The Styles, Gaveston Road, Harwell, Oxon

Afternoon, but can train all morning if necessary too. Beginners welcome, Set up midday

Fete 4-6 followed by band & bbq till 9, all welcome to stay



Don't forget to send your pictures, successes, stories, show photos, judging reports, demo dates and anything else you think might entertain us for the next issue