

# Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

August 2014



**Above: Martha with her Silver Agility Warrant and G3 Winning Out certificates**  
**Below: Jenny Kimber and Guv with their team mates winning the Nations Cup at KCI**





THE KENNEL CLUB

## Show Results

### Adams 17 Aug

Gill & Mindy 1st G1-7 Jumping –up to G7

Gill & Bertie 1st G4-7 Agility

Gill & Mindy 2nd G4-7 Agility

### DINAS 12-16 Aug

Ian & Dino 1st G5 Jumping

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 2nd G3 Jumping

Ian & Dino 2nd G5 Agility



### KC Festival 7-10 Aug

Gio-Gio & Bambi 1st Young Handler Agility

Jo & Pip 1st Novice Cup Agility

Rory & DJ 1st YKC Agility

Rory & DJ 1st YKC Jumping

Jo & Pip 2nd Novice Cup Jumping

Jo & Sonic 2nd G3 Jumping

Ian & Dino 2nd C4-5 Jumping

Rory & Pilot 2nd YKC Jumping

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 2nd G3 Agility

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 2nd C1-3 Agility

Gio-Gio & Bambi 2nd YKC Jumping -  
Qualified for Crufts

Jo and Pip qualified for Novice Cup Semi  
Final then came 4th so Qualified for Crufts!

### Diamond 2-3 Aug

Kevin & Fell 3rd G6-7 Jumping

### Dog Vegas 25-28 July

Annette & Maze 2nd G6-7 Agility

### Clevedon 19-20 July

Pam & Martha 1st G3-5 Agility – up to G5

### Pam & Martha 1st C3-5 Agility

Pam & Martha 2nd G3-5 Jumping

Pam & Martha 2nd C3-5 Jumping

Pam & Martha 2nd G3-5 Agility

Pam & Martha 2nd G3-5 Jumping

### Nedlo 20 July

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 3rd G1-4 Jumping

### Rugby 12-13 July

Pam & Martha 1st G1-4 Jumping

Pam & Martha 2nd G4-5 Agility

Aileen & Mickey 2nd G3-4 Jumping

Aileen & Ozzie 3rd G5-7 Jumping

Ian & Dino 3rd G4-7 Agility

Gill & Mindy 3rd G4-7 Agility

Pam & Martha 3rd C1-4 Steeplechase

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 3rd G3 Jumping

### Tuffley 5-6 July

Jo & Pip 2nd G3-5 Agility

Jose & Pera 3rd Jumping

Jose & Pera 3rd G4 Jumping

### Wellingborough 5-6 July

Gill & Mindy 1st G4-7 Jumping

Wendy & Tatti 1st G6 Agility

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 2nd G3 Agility

Wendy & Bambi 3rd G6 jumping

### Lune 4-6 July

Ian & Dino 1st G4-5 Jumping

### Lune 28-30 June

Ian & Dino 1st G4-5 Jumping

Ian & Darcey 2nd G1-4 Allsorts Agility & 1st  
small

### Wraxall 28-29 June

Pam & Martha 1st G4 Jumping

Jose & Pera 1st G4 Agility – up to G5

Annette & Maze 2nd G6-7 Jumping

Jose & Pera 3rd G4-5 Agility

### Golden Valley 14-15 June

Wendy & Bambi 1st G6 Jumping

Wendy & Bambi 1st G6 Jumping

Jo & Pip 2nd G4 Jumping

Jo & Sonic 2nd G3 Agility

### Chipping Norton 8 June

Gill & Bertie 1st G4-5 Agility

Gill & Bertie 2nd G4-5 Jumping

### Bitz n Bobs 7 June

#### Gill & Mindy 1st C6-7 Agility

Gill & Bertie 2nd C4-5 Agility

Gill & Bertie 2nd G4-5 Jumping

Gill & Mindy 7th G1-7 Jumping

### Thames 7-8 June

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 2nd G3-4 Agility

Pam & Martha 3rd G1-4 Jumping

### Hinckley 31 May–1 June

#### Annette & Maze 1st G5 Jumping - up to G6

Jo & Pip 2nd Camddwr Cup C3-5 Agility -

*Qualified for final*

### Adams 25 May

Gill & Bertie 1st G1-7 Jumping

Gill & Bertie 1st G4-7 Agility

Gill & Mindy 1st G4-7 Agility

Gill & Bertie 1st G4-7 Jumping

Gill & Bertie 1st G5-7 Agility

Gill & Mindy 2nd G1-7 Agility

Gill & Bertie 3rd CG 5-7 Agility

### Cippenham 15 May

Jo & Sonic 2nd G3 Jumping

Wendy & Bambi 2nd C4-7 Jumping

### Paws in the Park 18 May

Jenny & Guv 1st C4-7 Agility

### Worcester 17 May

Pam & Martha 1st C1-3 Jumping

Pam & Martha 3rd C3-5 Agility

Pam & Martha 3rd Dog Vegas C3-5 Agility (

### Adams 16-21 May

Ian & Dino 1st G1-7 Jumping

Alison & Basil 2nd G1-4 Jumping

Ian & Dino 2nd C3-5 Jumping Derby

Ian & Dino 3rd G5-7 Jumping

Ian & Dino/Aileen & Ozzie Semi Finalists in

Lazer Pairs (*qualified for finals!*)

### Tunbridge 10-11 May

Sarah & Merlin 3rd G3 Jumping

Ian & Dino 3rd G4-5c Jumping

Carolyn & Ollie / Jo & Pip / Ian & Dino /

Annette & Maze 3rd in Crufts Team

### Vyne 5 May

Pam & Martha 1st C2-3 Jumping

Wendy & Foxie-Botts 1st G3 Jumping

Wendy & Bambi 2nd G6 Jumping

Annette & Maze 3rd G5 Agility

### Dordale 3-4 May

Kevin & Fell 2nd G6 Jumping

Sarah & Merlin 2nd C1-3 Jumping

### Cornwall 26-27 April

Kevin & Fell 1st G6 Jumping

### WBSDS 26-27 April

Jose & Pera 1st G3-5 Jumping

Sarah & Merlin 2nd G1-3 Agility

Gill & Mindy 2nd C3-5 Jumping

Gill & Mindy 2nd C3-5 Jumping

Gill & Mindy 3rd C3-5 Agility

Jenny & Guv 2nd G6-7 Agility

Gill & Mindy 3rd C3-5 Jumping

Wendy & Bambi 3rd C6-7 Jumping

### Easter Celebration 19-20 April

Carolyn & Ollie 2nd G6-7 Agility

Jo & Sonic 2nd G3 Jumping

### Adams 18-21 April

Aileen & Ozzie 1st G5-7 Jumping

Gill & Mindy 1st G5-7 Agility

Gill & Mindy 1st G4-7 Jumping

Gill & Mindy 1st G5-7 Agility

### Spring at Shuttleworth 12-13 April

Kath & Tilly 2nd G1-2 Jumping

Kath & Tilly 2nd G1-2 Agility

Pam & Martha 2nd G1-3 Agility

Pam & Martha 2nd G 1-3 Jumping

Debbie & Vibe 3rd G3 Jumping

Debbie & Blix 3rd G4-5 Agility

Pam & Martha 3rd G1-3 Agility

### Golden Valley 13 April

Carolyn & Ollie 3rd G6 Agility

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## 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



# Changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act - Advice for Owners

The amended Dangerous Dogs Act came into effect in England and Wales on 13 May 2014. This law applies to all dog owners no matter what size or breed, whether your pet is a Chihuahua, a Cockapoo or a Collie cross.

## ***Which elements of the existing Dangerous Dogs Act should dog owners be aware of?***

Section 3 of the Act applies to every single dog owner in England and Wales. Under this section, it is a criminal offence for the person in charge of the dog to allow it to be 'dangerously out of control' in a public place.



*A dog doesn't have to bite to be deemed dangerous in the eyes of the law*

Generally if a dog bites a person, it will be presumed to have been 'dangerously out of control', however even if the dog does not bite, but gives the person grounds to feel that the dog may injure them, the law still applies.

Not many dog owners are aware of this, and it is important to hold that thought when looking at the changes.

## ***What's changed?***

While owners need to be fully aware of all the changes, the biggest difference from now on is the Act also covers incidents on private property in addition to public spaces. This includes your own house and both front and back gardens.

In addition:

- It will now be an offence for your dog to attack an assistance dog (Guide Dog, Hearing Dog etc).
- Prison sentences will be increased for those convicted of some offences
- Police or an appointed local authority now have powers to seize a dangerously out of control dog in a private place. The existing legislation already covers public places.

## ***What should dog owners be doing now?***

*Ensure your gardens are safe*

The most important point to consider is how to keep unexpected visitors or delivery drivers safe on your property. The requirement for the law to cover private places as well as public ones has long been campaigned for by the Communication Workers Union. Numerous Royal Mail and other delivery services employees are injured by dog bites each year and up until now there has not been the legislation to enable action to be taken to ensure their future safety.

You need to make sure that any visitor can safely access your front door without encountering your dog.

There is a slight grey area in these changes in that if the person attacked is a burglar or trespasser your dog may not be considered dangerously out of control if it is in a building that is your private dwelling at the time of the attack. However, this does not cover incidents in your



back or front garden so while the law is yet to be tested, all dog owners should ensure that all areas of their gardens where their dogs could encounter unexpected visitors are secure.

If necessary it is also worth talking to your neighbours and asking them not to let their children climb your fences to retrieve balls etc to be on the safe side.

### *Manage your dog when someone knocks*

We all know that fewer letters are being sent through the post, but the rise in internet shopping means that more parcels and especially signed for parcels are being delivered, which requires the delivery person to knock at the door. This change in legislation should be a wake up call to all dog owners to ensure their dogs are under control when they open the door otherwise they risk committing a criminal offence.



It is not unusual for a dog to be reactive to any visitor to your door, so you need to decide now how you are going to manage that situation. The easiest thing to do is to shut your dog in another room or in the garden, provided of course the dog cannot access the front door from the garden. If that is not an option, then you will need to seek the services of an experienced dog trainer or behaviourist to teach your dog some new behaviours around the door.

You also need to consider how your dog greets people. What you view as a dog being friendly by jumping up at visitors may be seen as threatening behaviour by a stranger.

**Owning a dog is a huge responsibility and should not be taken lightly, however by taking some time to think about what these changes mean to you and your dog, you will be taking steps to keep everyone safe and avoid ending up in a position that no one wants to find themselves in.**

*NAWT website*



## **Agility Terrier League**

The Terrier League was started last year by Hannah 'Spana' Grantham, who decided that as terriers were so notorious difficult to run in agility that they deserved their own league to compete against each other. Just like the DARL league you enter your agility wins throughout the year and at the end of the year get presented with an award if you are one of the top achieving terriers.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June the very first Agility Terrier League final was held at the Dog Vegas show at Thetford. The top achieving dogs from different grades were invited to compete in the final. In the terrier league all dogs compete at their own height but they are also competing time wise against the other heights too. There were lots of small terriers, quite a few medium and just 1 large!

The finals for the terrier league took place in the evening after all the rings had finished so everyone could relax and watch the finals. The dogs compete at the grade they were in a year

ago, so my terrier, Bertie was competing in the grade 1-4's. As there were lots of grade 1-4 dogs and not so many grade 5-7 there was just 1 agility course for grade 1-7. Rosettes were given for overall places and then the top grade 5-7 dog was awarded the 'Grade 5-7 champion terrier' and top grade 1-4 dog was awarded the 'Grade 1-4 champion terrier'.

Bertie had been injured and limping just over a week before the finals so I was really worried he might not be able to compete but Bertie showed me how delighted he was to be competing again by shooting around the course like a rocket and getting all his contacts! There was one worrying moment when he shot into the weaves so quickly that he hit a weave pole and was almost thrown out of the weaves, but he made a quick recovery and got a huge cheer as he crossed the finish!



The overall results were read out and Bertie got a 4<sup>th</sup> overall. i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> out of all the grade 1-7 dogs but he was the fastest grade 1-4 terrier so was presented the rosette and prize for Agility Terrier League 2014 grade 1 – 4 champion! We will also be getting a portrait of our Bertie as part of the award.

*Gill Rhodes*



## Dog Agility Rescue League 2014 Finals



Dog Agility Rescue League 2014 Finals were held this year at the Chipping Norton show on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

The league is open to any dog that has been rescued or rehomed. During the year you enter your results from any shows you have entered and the dogs with the most points in that section get a trophy and rosette.

The top dogs from each section also get invited to a final, which is held each year at the Chipping Norton show. It's a lovely event and each dog has a little bit about their history read out whilst they run. It's a celebration of all the rescue dogs and how well they are now doing in their forever homes and competing in agility. It's a great way to meet all the other dogs and owners.

This year both my dogs qualified for the finals. They compete at the level they were at the beginning of last year, so they were in the medium Grade 1-3 group.

Both Mindy and Bertie had clear fast runs. Mindy (Hope's messenger) came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bertie (Bertie Russell) came 3<sup>rd</sup> and both were presented with rosettes, trophies and a bag of dog food from the sponsors. I would encourage all WDTC members with rescue dogs to join the Dog Agility Rescue League.



*Gill Rhodes*



### **Sherrygold Martha Agility Warrant (Bronze)**

Agility points and awards were always been a mystery to me until I got Martha. I never kept a record of Ashley's points, as his wins were few and far between as we didn't enter many shows. Looking back I do think I should have tried harder, as he is such a willing little boy and was capable of much more. (We won't mention Rowan here, as those who know her will remember that she always did things her way, mainly slowly!)

How times and circumstances change. I was able to focus more on the agility scene, by the time I got Martha, the children had flown the nest and I have been able to spend more time training her. The fact that she is fast, furious and fun helps too! I couldn't wish for anything better in an agility dog (well, perhaps longer legs, mine and hers) She is a great little dog to train and to live with, she makes me laugh every day and you can't get better than that.

So, in April she has gained her first agility warrant, the bronze. I am very proud of her and hope to help her to get her silver in the not too distant future.

*Pam Hancock*



*Editor's note: Martha now has her silver warrant and this is featured on the front page!*





## Hairy Harri of Valgrays

Who believes in fate? Or that if it's meant to be, it will happen?  
Well, this is the story of Sky / Colin / Harri...

Val Phillips (Valgrays Border Collie rescue) starts the story... "In February we spotted a picture in the death hole of Petrosani PS (dog shelter in Romania), a black and white dog, looking through the bars... We put him on the list and brought him to Bucharest along with another boy called Casey. When the car arrived late at night, I realised that Casey was Casey but the other one looked a little bit different, same black-white but more black on his forehead... It was a different dog from the one we chose. So Sky came to us by surprise and by pure chance, being taken out "by happy mistake" from the same PS. We could not locate the first dog we chose, we still search for him... But that was the beginning of Sky's chance of a new life in the UK".

Meanwhile in the UK I had started looking for another young rescue. As everyone knows I like scruffy dogs. Wendy tried hard – but nothing was quite right. I searched many rescue websites – but none of the dogs were quite right. I was interested in Honeypot (a Valgrays rescue) but she was spoken for, so that was not to be. I fostered a lovely pup from Many Tears – a Beardie x Springer. She was fabulous – easy going, fun and clever and she was quickly snapped up by Beverley Cuddy (editor of Dogs Today) to join her Beardie and Springer (she's now called Betty and often gets a mention in the magazine). I noticed that Betty's brother was still at Many Tears – so put in to foster him – with a view to maybe keeping him if he was as nice a pup as Betty had been. But on the day before we were to pick him up – he was reserved. That also was not to be.

Back with Sky, and lots of work to get his pet passport, then a long journey back to the UK, along with a few other lucky dogs. Once at Valgray's he settled down and started enjoying life. Sky became Colin as Val already had a Sky. I spotted Colin and he was JUST the sort of dog I liked – big & scruffy. I enquired about him but an owner was lined up for him. Obviously not meant for me.

However, sadly the man had a sudden health problem so they felt that they couldn't take on Colin – so he came up for adoption again, and would be at Easter Celebration on the Saturday. When Val first got Sky/Colin out of the van he was really spooked, and I did worry about that – I didn't want a nervous dog. But he settled down with our pack, and to be honest – I had just fallen in love.

So – this **WAS** meant to be!

Life with Harri is – interesting! For example he climbed into the apple tree (the pigeon he chased flew off); he paddled in the pond, then dug in the border (he has very large feet, which were FILTHY) then played chase through the house with Dino; what a mess!





He's very wary of new things, so it took 10 minutes just throwing titbits into a tunnel until he felt comfortable enough to go through – after which he was running through very happily (thanks Lee). He and Dino went swimming in the fast-flowing river at Catton Hall – paddling furiously upstream and getting nowhere. Dino managed to get into the side – then to my horror Harri turned round and started swimming downstream. As it happened, that was the most sensible thing to do – he was able to swim into the bank where I caught him.

He does chase things (he put up a pheasant, then chased it across the exercise area and through the rings at Catton Hall – luckily early in the morning before the rings had started). I'm working hard on his recall. I was surprised when this great big hairy boy anxiously hovered in the hallway on his first training class (Alison's Wag & Tone sessions) but he saw that Darcy was enjoying herself and after 10 minutes decided to give it a try. Clicker training is great for anxious dogs as it is a 'hands off' training method – and Harri loves learning new stuff for his click & treats.

Yes – he's a fab boy (just look at those gorgeous eyes!) and we're going to have some fun!

Just a quick note about why the UK is importing rescue dogs from Romania. This has been happening since the president of Romania announced his desire to slaughter all stray dogs across Romania and subsequently had a bill passed in order to accomplish this in September 2013. Since then, across the country rescue centres have been trying to save as many stray dogs as possible, working with rescue centres in the UK to export as many dogs as possible to where they know will be good homes. Petrosani Dog Shelter is no exception and Val Phillips works with them to rescue as many as possible, and I'm very grateful for all their hard – and emotional – work.



*Jacky Hutchinson*



## Welcome to Zou Zou

Joining Jose's pack is this little face, please say hello to her if you see her at shows, she really is lovely!

## Eve visits Thames Show

The Thames show at Newbury in June was my granddaughter Eve's first taste of a big agility show. Not the best introduction for her, as on Saturday morning the heavens opened and there was a lot of rain, accompanied by thunder and lightening! (Left: Photo of puddle!)



By 9.30 she was asking...

Eve "Are we going home now?"

Me "No."

Eve "What do we do if it keeps raining?"

Me "We carry on anyway."

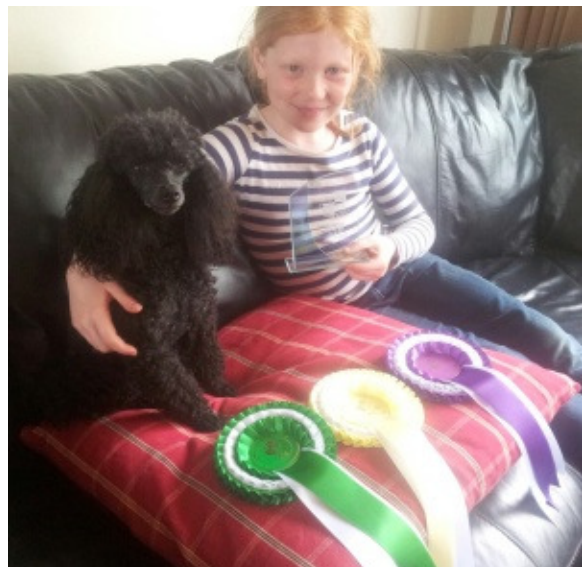
I think that by this time she was beginning to think that Nanny was indeed quite mad!

But after a lull in the rain, and a second breakfast of sausage and chips, she was getting into the swing of it. She couldn't believe that there were so many dogs there, and thought that they were all wonderful. She wanted to take Martha for a walk, but although Martha thinks Eve is fantastic, she wouldn't go with her. Jose to the rescue! Thankfully her dogs were more than up for a walk, even Jose's new dog Zouzou went.

On Sunday Eve was keen to go back for the second day, the sun shone and she thoroughly enjoyed it, playing with Perra and walking Jose's dogs much further than any of them really wanted to go! Poor Poppy, I'm sure that her legs were much shorter at the end of the weekend after countless walks.

So, do we have another convert to agility? Only time will tell, but she jumped at the chance of going to the NAWT open day a few weeks later and then on to the agility demo at Rush Court nursing home in the afternoon. Another mad dog woman in the making I think! Must run in the family?

*Pam Hancock*





## ICE: In case of emergency dog rescue information

 <b>I.C.E.</b> MY NAME _____ *** VETERINARY FEES GUARANTEED TO BE PAID IF REQUIRED *** IF THIS VEHICLE IS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT THERE MAY BE _____ DOG(S) TRAVELLING WITH ME. PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO COLLECT MY DOG(S) IF I HAVE TO LEAVE THE VEHICLE. THANK YOU. NAME _____ MOBILE _____ LANDLINE _____ NAME _____ MOBILE _____ LANDLINE _____ NAME _____ MOBILE _____ LANDLINE _____ NEXT OF KIN: NAME _____ MOBILE _____ LANDLINE _____ NAME _____ MOBILE _____ LANDLINE _____ © Copyright 2014 Racingredd Agility Please turn over for additional information.	 <b>I.C.E.</b> ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ADDRESS _____ _____ KENNELS _____ VET _____ MICROCHIP NUMBER _____ OTHER INFORMATION _____ Please turn over for additional information.
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On a very cold December day, my van engine seized and I had to coast onto the hard shoulder of the motorway. After getting myself and my dogs up the embankment to safety, I had plenty of time to think about the hazards of travelling up and down the country with my dogs whilst I was waiting for the breakdown services.

My van is custom-caged for my eight dogs so when the breakdown truck arrived although I wasn't exactly happy about my dogs being in the van on a flat bed recovery vehicle. At least I knew they were contained, safe and warm - and I was only a couple of feet away from them in the cab.

Imagine how different this scene would be if I'd have been involved in an accident rather than just a breakdown!

- What would happen to my dogs if I was taken to hospital?
- What would or could the emergency services do?
- Who would they call?
- Would my breakdown provider still be prepared to move my vehicle with my dogs inside without me there and what would happen to my dogs if they did?



There were far too many unanswered questions for my liking! This made me determined to design something for friends, family and my Racingredd Agility members to keep in their vehicles.

Wendy Clay via Agilitynet



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