

PAWPRINTS...



BOGNOR REGIS & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB KENNEL CLUB REGISTERED



Arundel Castle

We held our **Annual General Meeting** on the 30th March it was reported that the Club had recovered well after the disruption caused by the Pandemic. Training is now based on the Kennel Club of Great Britain Good Citizen programme and takes place on Thursday evenings, which is supplemented by basic obedience. It was also reported that the Clubs very popular Annual Show which is usually held in June has reluctantly been held over for this year. All of the Officers and Committee were re-elected, with two committee members vacant.

New term Thursday, 20th April
Puppy Class from 6.30 to 7pm. The Bronze Class is from 7-7.45 pm and puppies who passed their Puppy Foundation last term should attend this class. Silver Class is 7.45 to 8.30pm and dogs who passed their Bronze last term should attend this class, bringing with them their Puppy Foundation certificate. Gold/Platinum combined class is from 8.30 to 9.15pm, and dogs passing Silver last term should attend this, bringing their Silver certificate.

We also run an Advanced Class for those who have reached Gold level at 9pm on a Friday night

If you have passed Gold and do not wish to work for Platinum but would like to continue with training, this is the class for you. If you are interested please phone Dave Vivash 01243-606420. before coming.

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Hilary Sykes, Club Secretary.

Training we now do Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards only, but to help with passes we now include a bit more basic obedience training within each class. Classes are £48.00 per term (12 weeks) plus £5.00 pa. Club membership fee, payable at the beginning of term. **We welcome new club members and those who have not done any Kennel Club Good Citizen Awards.** If you have achieved any of the Awards at another club this does not count unless it is the Kennel Club Award, in which case you should bring your certificate with you. If it is just another Club's certificate, then you must start with us in our Bronze Class.

GOOD CITIZEN

We had our Kennel Club Good Citizens Silver test on Thursday 16th March where four dogs and handlers took part, three passed and one was not ready. Congratulations to;

James with Sadie,

Paula with Jacko,

Kim with Lexi.

I would also like to express my thanks to Sue Jillett for judging the Silver test.

Our Bronze test took place on Thursday 23rd March where we had five passes with two who were sadly not ready.

I would like to congratulate the following who passed the Bronze;

Robert with Loki,

Sophie with Rosie,

Paula with Frank,

Ian with Max,,

Teresa with Indie.

We did not have a Gold Good Citizens test this term as unfortunately there were not enough dogs ready to take the test.

SUMMER 2023

DIARY DATES

- ANNUAL SHOW - HELD OVER
- AUTUMN TERM
7 SEPT TO 23 NOV 23
- Xmas Party TBD

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POLLUTION

Things have not improved with the pollution of our beaches. For those of us that use Aldwick beach the news has not improved, however Sandown on the Isle of Wight is faring even worse, having been identified by Surfers against sewage (SAS) as the most polluted along the South coast.

Anyone that takes their Dog to the beach should be cautious about allowing them to swim in the sea due to the massive amount of raw sewage that is still being discharged by Southern Water who claim that it is caused by excessive rain fall ?? SAS have issued new warnings which identifies virtually all of the south coast as polluted . Obviously raw sewage is not something that most people would choose to swim in, frequent updates by Surfers Against Sewage, via their App, will give useful updates on the specific places where it is not advisable for you or your Dog to swim.

PYTHON AT LARGE

In early April Hampshire Police issued a warning after a six foot long python was spotted in two separate popular dog walking locations. The snake, which is non-venomous, was seen around Hawley Meadows in Hampshire on Sunday (April 9), far away from where it was first spotted



just days before.

An appeal was launched by the police, after they said a python had been sighted on Oakfield Road in Blackwater. Officers believe the two sightings were of the same reptile, which means it had travelled nearly two miles in just two days. The snake has so far eluded capture, and has been hiding from officers who have been attempting to find and capture it. It is suspected that it could be a carpet or rock python - both known to eat smaller animals like dogs and cats. At time of printing it was still at large.

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How Dogs Were Domesticated

There are many thoughts and hypotheses, but in reality, we do not have a truly accurate time frame or location regarding the exact origins of the dog or its domestication history.

We do know that one of its closest ancestors is the wolf, though recent scientific evidence suggests that the Altai dog (from Altai mountains of Siberia) may be the forebears of today's dogs, rather than Wolves.

Archaeological evidence points to the domestication of the dog in a time period some 12000 to 15000 years ago when we started creating permanent settlements. This was towards the end of the Mesolithic period and the start of the Neolithic.

Archaeologists have also discovered remains of a burial site at a village called Ain Mallaha in Northern Israel. Where a woman and a young pup are buried together; the woman's left hand is cradling a puppy, which was approximately three to four months old. This may have been to accompany and provide companionship on her journey to the afterlife. What is so important about this find is that it is the earliest chronological evidence pointing to domestication. This suggests that humans had started accepting dogs not just as pariahs and vermin, but as companions and trusted pets.

Many are of the opinion that Dogs may have effectively domesticated themselves. They may have taken advantage of humans according to recent scientific studies some 36,000 years ago. Evidence shows that both were alive at that time

However the move from the early stone age nomadic hunter/gatherer we started inhabiting permanent settlements and becoming hunter/farmers. This could have been that change that stimulated the rapid mutation into full domestication, rather than the wild dog-like state that preceded this.

Article courtesy of Stan Rawlinson

GOODWOOF

Will be held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May.

Held at the Kennels at Goodwood House, it is a great day out for both dogs and people



This year there will be a new off-lead area and larger Field & Trail area with new activities such as Gundog Scurries and Hurdles . All activities are included in the ticket price.