

BOGNOR REGIS & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

March 2019

Kennel Club Registered

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Annual General Meeting: The Clubs Annual General Meeting will to be held on Thursday 14th March at Felpham Memorial Village Hall, at 7-45 for 8-00 pm start. There will, of course, be no training classes on that night, so please do not bring your dogs. The meeting is very informal and usually lasts no longer than an hour followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat and meet trainers and other members of your own and other classes, it also allows everyone to raise any questions or suggest ideas to the committee. Please try and make every effort to attend, as this is your opportunity to help in the future development of the Club, and to raise any questions you may have on the way it is run. If you need further details, please contact Hilary.

Companion Dog Show: This years Show will be held on Sunday 30th June, at the North Bersted Community Centre, Chalcraft Lane. Each year the proceeds support our selected charity, this year it will be the Ability Dogs 4 Young People. This year will also see a change of Show Secretary with Kim Brown taking over from Alison, the club wish to thank Alison for her hard work over the past two years.

We are also delighted to announce that **THW Landscape Construction** have once again kindly agreed to continue to sponsor the Show, this being their third year. The company is based in Felpham and specialise in Paving, Patios and driveways, they are highly recommended by a club member and score 9.9/10 on Checkatrade. We are also very grateful to Laura at **Brick Kiln Garden Centre** who following the success of past two years will once again be sponsoring our Main Ring and Novelty Ring

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring term: 10/11th January to 11/12th April

Summer term 1/2nd May to 25/26th July

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 14th March at 7-45 for 8-00pm.

Companion Dog Show - Sunday 30th June at North Bersted

Field Training: Every Thursday starting 1st August

As usual we will be having both our own stalls and those of outside interests. If you have a business or a craft and would like a pitch please let us know, they are priced at

£10-00, payable in advance to Maureen which will go to our Charity. If you are able to sponsor a class or a trophy, please add your name to the list which will be on display on club evenings after Easter. A class is usually sponsored for £30, or this can be split into three donations of £10 or six £5 whatever you can afford. Maureen will be able to tell you how much is required for trophies. As usual we would ask for goods to sell on our own stalls and a list will be on display after Easter please bring items to club, where they can be stored until the Show. Obviously, things like cakes and plants will need to be taken to the venue on the day. We will need practical help on the day, to erect rings, tents, gazebos etc. traditionally our male members come to the fore to help out with this. It is only for around two hours from about 9am, and again in the afternoon to take everything down and load it into cars - if you can help please let Kim know. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated, **without you the Show will not happen.** Show schedules will be available shortly.

Charity for 2019: This Years selected charity will be the **Ability Dogs 4 Young People** Who are a local Charity based on the Isle of Wight.. They train assistance dogs to enhance the independence of disabled young people and children living on the Isle of Wight and surrounding areas. They train the Dogs to help with physical and mental disabilities, including cerebral palsy, autism, diabetes and epilepsy.

As well as helping with practical tasks (picking up items, opening doors, helping dress and undress, crossing the road), their trained Ability Dogs help increase disabled young people's well-being, confidence and self-esteem, enabling them to go on to further education or gain employment without needing full-time carers. In addition, having a jacketed Ability Dog by their side means that more people feel able to come and talk to them, thereby increasing their general social interaction.

Change of Classes: With the AGM being held on Thursday 14th March, please also note that on Friday, 15th. March there will be no classes as we are having a Trainers' Inset Evening for all Trainers and Assistant Trainers.

CRUFTS will this year be held at the NEC Birmingham from Thursday 7th March until Sunday 10th March. Gundogs will compete on Thursday, Working & Pastoral on Friday, Terrier and Hound breeds on Saturday, Toy and Utility on Sunday, which also has the Best in Show. There are also 100s of Trade stands and many events in the events rings including Heel Work to music, Agility and Flyball. **www.crufts.org.uk**

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ALABAMA ROT

The first case of Alabama Rot has been found in Cornwall. A Springer Puppy was sadly diagnosed with this disease and was put down on Saturday 1st February. The dog was from the St Austell area. It had a history of walking in Lanhydrock woods, which is near Bodmin. This case joins the other six cases that have been confirmed in the England this year. The new cases were in: Woldingham and Caterham, Surrey, Putney, London, Portreath and Redruth, Cornwall, Lostock, Bolton, Greater Manchester

A charity called **The Alabama Rot Research Fund** has been set up to raise funds to promote research into all aspects of the disease (cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy or CRGV) in dogs. They received a £5,000 donation to cover set up costs when the charity was launched. The trustees receive no remuneration, and everyone in the ARRF team is a volunteer. The only costs envisaged are marketing and bank transactions fees. So far, these costs have been within the original £5,000 donation, leaving all funds donated by the public to be available for research. For more details and how to donate visit: www.arrf.co.uk

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DOG IS KILLED BY EATING A CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

Ruby a seven year old Hungarian Vizsla ate a home made Chocolate Brownie and died eight days later. Ironically it was not however the chocolate that killed her, it was the Xylitol sweetened that her owner had used in the home made brownies, to avoid using sugar. Most people are by now aware that the theobromine in Dark chocolate is hazardous to dogs, but not everyone is aware that artificial sweeteners such as Xylitol can be lethal.

Ruby ate just two small brownies and became ill 36 hours after eating them and despite spending £10,000 on Vets bills, she died eight days later.

Other foods hazardous to dogs that not all people know about are: Macadamia nuts which can lead to neurological problems, Onions & Garlic which can result in burst blood vessels, grapes, raisins, & currants which can lead to kidney failure and of course non "Doggy" chocolate especially dark chocolate.

SILVER GOOD CITIZENS

Silver Good Citizen tests took place on 27th January. Five took part and all passed. Congratulations go to: Hilary Sykes with Daisy, Christina England with Meisha, Kim Brown with Cody, Jacky Saunders with Micky, Paul White with Dennis. Helen would like to congratulate everyone who took part and thank Veronica for judging.

Handle every stressful situation like a Dog...

If you can't eat it
OR
Play with it



Then just Pee on it
And walk away !

Mrs. Green's Neighbour and Her Dog

One day Mrs. Green decided to walk to the post office. Her neighbour came up to her and casually mentioned "Hello Janice, how's your dog? I saw her yesterday chasing an old man on a bike.



"Mrs. Green said "Oh. There's no way that could have been my dog. ""Why not?" said Mrs. Green's neighbour. "I'm almost positive that it was her
."Mrs. Green, with a devilish grin on her face stated "Well, my dog doesn't know how to ride a bike.

The Dog and the Stranger

There's a man sitting on a park bench and a dog sitting beside him. A stranger passing by asks the man..... "Does your dog bite?"

"No" the man answered. So the stranger bends down to pet the dog and the dog bites him!

"I thought you said your dog doesn't bite???" the man exclaimed. And the other man replied:

"He doesn't - That's not my dog!"

Newshound & Pawprints can be downloaded from the Club website

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