

# BOGNOR REGIS & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

Autumn 2019

Kennel Club Registered

[www.bognordogclub.org.uk](http://www.bognordogclub.org.uk)



**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Annual Christmas party will be held on Thursday 14th December starting at 7-30 pm. As usual the first event will be the popular Fancy dress (for dogs), followed by lots of doggy games, which includes the grand finale of the Sausage retrieve, although it has to be said that most sausages fail to be retrieved, but get eaten on the way! We provide free refreshments for those attending, and our Doggy friends usually find a delicious piece of liver cake doing the rounds. This is a fun evening for you, your family and most importantly your dogs, so please make a note in your diary, more details nearer the date or watch the web site. If you have anything suitable for Raffle prizes, all donations will be gratefully received, also if you can help with the Buffet by bringing a plate of "people" food like Sausage rolls, crisps, sandwiches, cake etc it would be appreciated. A cheque will be presented to Ability Dogs 4 Young People for the money raised at the Annual Show. The evening normally finishes about 9-00pm.

**CLUB MERCHANDISE:** Looking for a Christmas present then why not persuade your Dog or someone else to treat you to a new Dog Club garment. The Club have a range of Sweatshirts & Polo shirts all are blue with an embroidered club logo. Prices start at £14-95 for Sweatshirts and £12-95 for Polo shirts. Club car stickers are available free of charge and are required when parking in the Hall car park. Further details or to order please see Maureen.

**ANNUAL SHOW:** As everyone will know, we once again had a very successful show, due largely to the superb amount of help and support from club members and some excellent Sponsors. We raised £1700 which will be presented to Ability Dogs 4 Young People at the Christmas party in December.

The Show has now been around for about 40 years and started life at the Southern Leisure Centre in Chichester in those days it was called an Exemption Show, it moved to its current home at the North Bersted Community Centre in the 1980s. One of the clubs most notable shows was in 2008, when it attracted a larger than normal crowd, largely due to the attendance of Olympic Skating Champion Robin Cousins, who opened the show in his capacity of President of the Sussex Pet Rescue, which the Show was supporting. The show has gradually established itself as one of the best in the area and regularly attracts entries from far afield, with visitors over the past few years coming from London, Eastbourne, Isle of Wight, Hastings and Portsmouth. Next years show will be held in June (to be confirmed) and although it may seem a long way off, we start planning the show early in the New Year, so we need to have a rough idea of who is willing to help, without the help of Club members, there will be no Show. If you would like to be involved, please let Hilary, Kim or Maureen know so that we will have a rough idea of how many people are willing to help out and we can plan accordingly. The good news, THW Landscapes have agreed to continue with their sponsorship of the show for the fifth year running.

## Diary dates

**Christmas Party :** Thursday, 12th. December

**Autumn Term:** 5/6th Sept - 21/22nd Nov

## Dates for 2020 (NEXT YEAR):

Spring Term: 10/11th. January - 11/12th April

Summer Term: 2/3rd May - 25/26th July

Autumn Term: 5/6th September - 21/22nd Nov

**SAINSBURY'S** have announced that they are banning the sale of fireworks from all of its 2,300 stores., due to fears for welfare of pets and the elderly

- Sainsbury's announced it will no longer stock fireworks due to welfare fears
- The store traditionally stocked fireworks ahead of Diwali and Guy Fawkes' night
- Animal welfare charities have called for a complete ban on fireworks sales with many people considering fireworks to be a public nuisance and a threat to safety. This is very good news for Dog owners lets hope other Supermarkets and Garden Centres follow Sainsbury's lead.

**FIREWORKS** can be fun for you, But not for your animals

- ◆ keep dogs and cats inside when fireworks are being let off
- ◆ close windows and doors, & draw the curtains, and if the animals are used to the particular sounds of TV or radio, switch them on in order to help block out some of the noise of the fireworks.
- ◆ Do not take your dog to a firework display. Even if your dog does not bark or whimper at fireworks it doesn't mean it's happy. Excessive panting and yawning can sometimes indicate that your dog is stressed.
- ◆ Do not tie your dog up outside while fireworks are being let off, i.e. outside a shop whilst you pop inside, or leave it in the garden or in your car.
- ◆ Do not walk your dog while fireworks are going off. Make sure your dog is walked earlier in the day before the fireworks start.
- ◆ Do not shout at your pet if it is frightened, as you will only make it more stressed.

*Some people find the use of Scullcap Valerian tablets help with their Dogs anxiety over Fireworks. These can be obtained from Dorwest Herbs or from Amazon*

*Extract Courtesy of Blue Cross*

Starts running

## DOG CAFE

Slindon Forge Café is not only Dog friendly, but Dogs catered for, with their very own Menu. !



Christmas was coming - what a joyous day.  
In front of the fire the old dog lay.  
He'd had a great life, but it was time to leave,  
but it upset him to know how the humans would grieve.  
He knew they would miss him, he knew they would cry,  
but the time had come for the kennel in the sky.  
The old dog stretched and then sighed once more,  
just as the people came through the door.  
Their grief knew no bounds they loved the dog so,  
but they'd known for a while it was time to let go.  
Christmas was quiet, not much fun was had  
they all so missed their big, soppy old lad.  
But after a while, with memories so fond,  
they bought a new pup with which they could bond.  
He now lies on the mat in front of the fire,  
but up in the sky with a heavenly choir  
the old lad looks down with eyes so bright,  
in his wisdom he knows everything is alright!  
Dee Heard".

**Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:  
"Windows frozen, won't open."**

**Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."  
Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."**

## Dog Food Review by Stan Rawlinson

**Bakers Complete** dog food is made by Purina. And is their flagship brand. It is advertised everywhere. Purina is owned by Nestlé. I will say no more about that at present. Walk into almost any local supermarket; you will see the shelves stocked high with the brilliantly branded blue bags. It is a great pity that their branding is not a reflection of the ingredients found inside.

I also believe the Supermarkets like Sainsbury's and Tesco's, should understand the ingredients of the dog food they are stocking. Or does profit come before the welfare of our pets? I would love the Supermarkets and shops that sell these products to write to me and explain why they are selling them, in light of the ingredients and additives.

Open the packet and what do you see? Lovely bright colours and shapes. It looks like peas and carrots and meat. Amazing! You could almost imagine it was made in Sellafield. It looks as though it could glow in the dark. So why have Purina added all the shapes and colours? Dogs are red a green colour blind and see colours in a pastel washed-out shades. Therefore, to dogs the colour is meaningless. Especially as they decide on what they like mainly by smell. It is patently obvious to me that the colours and shapes are there to attract the owners to buy this brand, simply because it looks so full of goodness.

It appears that Purina is very good at marketing. This is the top selling dog food on the UK market by far. What truly amazes me is WHY?

With contents that include un-named cereals, meat derivatives, sugars, fats, vegetable derivatives, colourants, antioxidants, and preservatives. The meat content is around the very legal minimum required by legislation. How can Purina describe this as good wholesome food, doggylicious and nutritionally balanced, is totally beyond me? Do dogs like Bakers? They love it. Why? There is a very simple answer. Oils, fats, and various sugars. These are ingredients added as taste enhancers. But like having them in our own diet, they do us and our pets no favours.

I feel it is important to state that Bakers is not the only dog food that uses E numbers, animal derivatives, and unspecified ingredients. Another leading brand that comes to mind is Pedigree, which also uses bulking agents, like cereals, and animal meat derivatives, antioxidants, artificial colourings, and preservatives. Full article [www.doglistener.co.uk/](http://www.doglistener.co.uk/)

*These are the views of Dog Behaviourist Stan Rawlinson and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Bognor Regis & District Dog Training Club*

## LUNG WORM

A warning is going out to dog owners that there have been 63 cases of a potentially deadly disease in West Sussex. According to recent research millions of people are unaware of lungworm, which is spreading across the country.

Lungworm is a parasite that can be deadly to dogs if ingested. It uses multiple animals to help complete its lifecycle, with dogs and foxes as the primary hosts, and slugs, snails and even frogs as the intermediate hosts.

Thousands of cases of the potentially fatal disease have been reported in an outbreak across the UK.

There have been 63 cases across West Sussex, from Chichester to Crawley, with another 27 over the border into Brighton. Locally there have been cases reported at West Meads, North Bersted, Chichester and Littlehampton, with 12 reported at Worthing. Common signs of lungworm include coughing and breathing problems, but also weight loss, vomiting, diarrhoea, tiredness, blood clotting or excessive bleeding from small wounds and changes in behaviour.

*Extract courtesy of Spirit fm*

## GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

We will shortly be holding Bronze & Silver Good Citizens Award tests. The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme is the largest dog training programme in the UK. Now a well-established dog training programme that has been in operation since 1992. The Scheme is open to all dogs, young or old, pedigree or Crossbreed, whether Kennel Club registered or not.

Details of what is required can be found on the clubs web site [www.bognordogclub.org.uk](http://www.bognordogclub.org.uk) or please contact Helen