

# BOGNOR REGIS & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

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Kennel Club Registered

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**Annual General Meeting:** The Clubs Annual General Meeting will to be held on Friday 16th 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. We have two nominations for Committee members, but if anyone else would like to be nominated, please contact Hilary.

**Companion Dog Show:** This years Show will be held on Sunday 17th June, at the North Bersted Community Centre, Chalcraft Lane. Each year the proceeds support our selected charity, will be the Lowland Search Dogs.

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 10/10 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

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. Please note we will be having a bric-a-brac stall

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Spring term:** 4/5th January to 23.24th March 2018

**Summer term** 19/20th April to 19/20th July 2018

**Annual General Meeting** - Friday 16th March at 8-00pm.

**Companion Dog Show** - Sunday, 17th. June at North Bersted

**Field Training West Meads:** 26th July (and every Thursday) at 6-30pm

this year, but we only require small, useful and not broken items. 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 Alison 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 2018:** This Years selected charity will be the **Lowland Search Dogs (Sussex)** Who are a local Search & Rescue Charity based in West Sussex. They provide nationally qualified search dog teams to support the emergency services when looking for vulnerable missing people. 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, come rain or shine. It is a voluntary organisation founded in 2003, who are a group of ordinary people, with everyday jobs, but combine their love of the outdoors and working with dogs, with a desire to help others that are vulnerable. They provide nationally qualified search dog teams to support the emergency services when looking for vulnerable missing people.

**Rat Poison found at the Trundle:** Dog owners are warned to be vigilant after sandwiches containing rat poison were reportedly found at the Trundle at Goodwood and poisoned sausages were also found at Centurion Way. Doug Alexander of AphaPet Veterinary Clinics said: "One of our clients has called in with a report of sandwiches laced with rat poison, found in the Trundle area of Goodwood. The sandwiches have been removed, but please remain vigilant whilst walking your dogs in this area. Although this has not been confirmed by any authority, it is better to be aware. He said most, (not all) rat poisons contain anti coagulants which stop blood from clotting which in turn causes bleeding. "This isn't always visible, as it can be internal, but they might for example bleed from their gums and they would become pale and weak. If you suspect that your dog may have been poisoned don't let them run around and get them to a vet ASAP.

**Change of Classes:** With the AGM being held on Friday 16th March, please also note that on Thursday, 15th. March there will be no classes as we are having a Trainers' Inset Evening for all Trainers and Assistant Trainers. This will conveniently even things up as both Thursday and Friday patrons will miss a class before their end of term tests." End of term tests are the following week - 22nd/23rd March. There will be no puppy classes on those days and could the other classes please note the change to the times of their class for the test, as follows:- On the Thursday - Pre-beginners to come at 6.30pm, Beginners to come at 7.15pm and Novice at 8.15pm. On the Friday - Pre-beginners to come at 6.30pm, Beginners to come at 7.15pm and "A" & "B" classes at 8.15pm. Any queries please contact Hilary - 01243-860083

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## ALABAMA ROT

Yet more cases of this dreadful disease have been reported. The latest cases were from Chippenham (Wiltshire), Taunton (Somerset), Westhoughton (G.Manchester), Chulmleigh (Devon), Lydney (Gloucestershire), Tonypany (Rhondda Cynon Taf), Longhope (Gloucestershire), Salford (G.Manchester), South Molton (Devon) and Brecon (Powys).and closer to home two cases were reported in January at Petworth and Brighton. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 132 since 2012, with 37 cases in 2017 and now 12 in 2018. Please be vigilant and seek advice from your local vet if your dog develops unexplained skin lesions/sores.

For help recognising some of the signs and to see a map of confirmed cases please visit [www.vets4pets.com/stop-alabama-rot](http://www.vets4pets.com/stop-alabama-rot)

## The Latest Dog Sport

Although it has been around for a few years, Rally is the latest dog sport to be recognised by the Kennel Club. It's fun and no matter what level you and your dog may be at it's easy to get involved and start training and competing.

Rally involves you and your dog working as a team to navigate a course with numbered signs indicating different exercises to perform; think of it as a sort of 'obedience exercise obstacle course' including simple exercises.

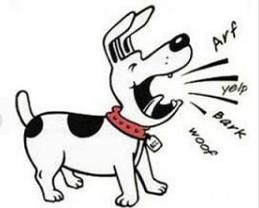
The course is set by the judge or trainer. There is no pause between exercises - you and your dog work briskly through the course without direction from the judge. You are encouraged to talk to and praise your dog during the performance. Any dog can get involved; your dog does not have to be a pedigree dog to take part, but if you want to compete it must be registered with the Kennel Club on either the Breed Register or the Activity Register

Rally is a wonderful introduction to the sport of obedience for dogs and owners, an end in itself, and an opportunity for veteran dogs to remain active, and a chance for shy or anti-social dogs to get ring experience without worrying about being examined by a judge.



## The Barking Dog

Two neighbours (the Smiths & the Jones) haven't been getting along. When Mr Smith leaves for work, he leaves his dog outside all day and the dog never stops barking. Finally, after not being able to hear himself think, Mr. Jones tells his wife: "I'VE HAD IT!" and he stomps outside. Upon returning Mrs. Jones says: "I can still hear the dog barking. What have you been doing?" to which her husband replies: "I put their dog in our back Garden. Let's see how they like it!"



## CRUFTS

The worlds largest dog show is being held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham this year it will be held from Thursday 8th March until Sunday 11th March. Working and Pastoral breeds compete on Thursday, Terrier and Hound breeds on Friday, Toy and Utility on Saturday and Gundogs on Sunday, which also has the Best in Show, with over 22000 Dogs taking part and 140,000 visitors. Once again this year there will be continual coverage on You Tube ([www.youtube.com/crufts](http://www.youtube.com/crufts)) and on Channel 4 and More 4, with even more broadcasts promised for this year. Once again Clare Balding will head up the daily live coverage from Thursday 8 March through to Sunday 11 March, covering everything from the 40th anniversary of the Agility and fast-paced Flyball competition, to the 'The Best in Show' award on the final evening of the event. Clare will be joined by long-standing Crufts commentator Peter Purves, fellow commentators Jessica Holmes and Frank Kane, also with sports presenter Jim Rosenthal and Professor Noel Fitzpatrick.



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