

THE LEADER

The Newsletter of the Banbury & District Dog Training Society

April 2019

HINTON OPEN WORKING TRIAL 2019 13TH & 14TH APRIL

Spring has sprung and it's time to turn our attention to our annual Working Trials competition.

Years ago, when I first started to help Carla with the paperwork for our trial, I had no idea where it would lead. In fact, I have a sneaking suspicion that Carla was always "grooming" me to take over from her and run the trial when she retired. Well, that time has arrived and I now have the daunting title of "Trial Manager". So far, because everyone else knows what they are doing, the preparation is running relatively smoothly and I only have the occasional anxiety dream where I am presenting the awards and realise that I forgot to order the trophies, rosettes, certificates etc....

Fortunately, I still have my mentor, Carla, on hand to point me in the right direction, so fingers crossed...

If any club members want to find out what all the fuss is about, please come along to the Cricket Club in Hinton in the Hedges on Sunday 14th April where you will be able to watch some of the competition.

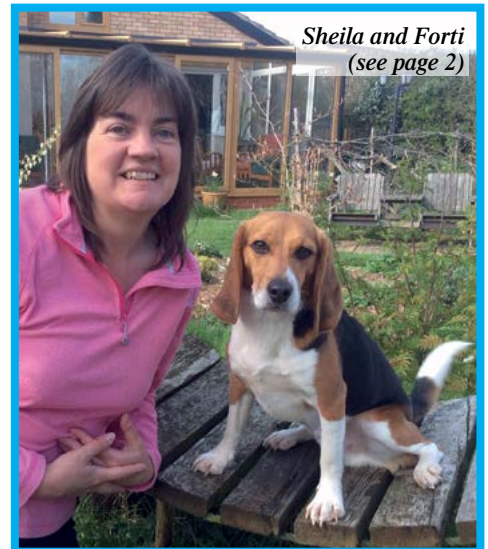
Steph Gordon is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen on the Saturday and the Sunday so



*Mustard's journey
(see page 8)*



*Sharon's new
prospect (see page 7)*



*Sheila and Forti
(see page 2)*

Banbury and District Dog Training Society
are holding

TWO OPEN RALLY COMPETITIONS

(held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations S and licenced
by the Kennel Club Limited)

The National Herb Centre, Banbury Rd,
Warmington, Banbury OX17 1DF

Saturday 29th June 2019

and under a separate licence

Sunday 30th June 2019

SHOW OPENS - 8.30am JUDGING STARTS - 9.30am
Entry Fee - £6 per dog

Closing date for entries 8th and 9th June respectively

**Sunday 30 June Special Class Obreedience Heat
for Crufts 2020, Judge Marney Wells**

**Classes (both days): Levels 1-6 plus fun pay on
the day "Rally meets Obreedience" class**

Proceeds to B&DDTS Charity of the year (Saturday),
Midlands Rally team training fund (Sunday).

For more information contact Show Secretary
Karen Kendall karenkendall15@gmail.com
Tel: 07966 847153 (please phone before 6pm)

if you have a couple of hours to spare over that weekend please contact her.

Banbury Trial is renowned for it's cakes so if anyone wants to contribute one, your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Shirley Simpson

Thursday Nighters

The classes continue to be busy and well supported, though numbers do fluctuate from week to week. Everyone is progressing well and it is rewarding to see how the dogs and handlers gain in confidence as they move up through the levels. Our recent Kennel Club Good Citizen tests illustrated just how well our partnerships are doing, with nine passes at various levels, congratulations to all the successful candidates. It's not all about passing tests on a certain day though, it is the day to day relationship with our dogs that is important, how they behave at home, out in public and the joy that comes from having a well socialised, good mannered pet.

Chacombe Village Hall now boasts a shiny new floor, the repairs are complete and the initial slipperiness has worn off. The pink edging, a shock to the eye at first, has ceased to dazzle and we've all grown used to it.

We have a great team of volunteers helping out and special thanks to Carol for giving up her Thursday evenings to come along and keep us supplied with refreshments, all along with babysitting various dogs whilst their handlers are occupied with other things.

Ann



DOUG GAVE BLOOD!

Amy Wood writes - After hearing about the Pet Blood Bank at Crufts I signed Doug up to go and give blood, we were invited to an appointment and went along. Doug managed to give enough blood to save up to 4 dog's lives! The whole experience was really good and the people taking the blood were very kind and informative.

If anyone wants more information on our experience I'm more than happy to help.

<https://www.petbloodbankuk.org>



KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZEN TESTS FEBRUARY 2019

Congratulations to:

BRONZE judged by Gill Culliford:
Andrew Lines and Indie
Andrea Harding Smith and Maddie

SILVER judged by Liz Noble:
Vicky Lewis and Bess, Peter Ferens and Rosie
Sheila Smith and Forti, Andrea Harding Smith and Maddie

GOLD judged by Gill Culliford:
Amy Wood and Doug, Kate Wilton and Finn,
Selina Farwell and Teddy, Cindy Scott and Hetty



SUCCESS BY MARIE One day Alfie!

Alfie loves this training lark,
But his actions leave me in the dark.
From sendaway to sit and stay,
He really does love to runaway.

He has his bronze and silver haul
But loves to chase and find a ball.
Recall though is all in the name,
To Alfie boy it's just a game.

Blood, sweat and tears have been shed,
At least he knows how to go to bed.
Heelwork and manners are getting there,
I wonder if I'll still have hair.

Through thick and thin,
I will not give in.
And though he is a dog so bold,
One day Alfie will strike gold!

"WITH ORDINARY TALENT AND
EXTRAORDINARY PERSEVERANCE, ALL
THINGS ARE ATTAINABLE."
- Thomas Foxwell Buxton

Kennel Cough Syndrome by Tim Ferens BVM&S, MRCVS

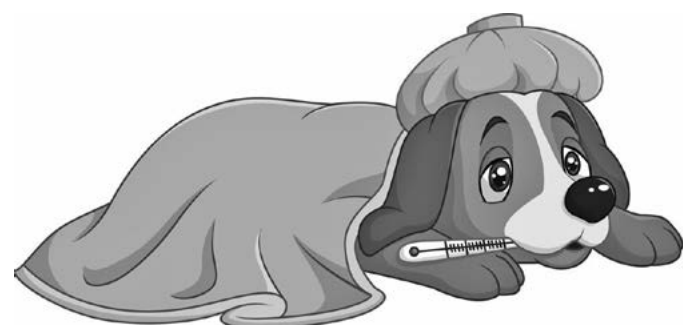
After a recent bout of the Kennel Cough virus forced us to cancel 2 weeks of Thursday night sessions, Ann & Peter Ferens' son Tim, who is a practising Vet, offered to write us an article to explain more about this very contagious virus, how to spot it in our dogs and prevent it spreading. If your dog has a tickly cough at any time, don't just assume that a bit of his dinner has got stuck in it's throat! Keep it at home under observation, because if he has got the KC virus, this would be the time he would be most contagious!

The best way to categorise Kennel Cough (or Canine infectious tracheo-bronchitis) is as a syndrome because it is an infection caused by a bacterial infection (often Bordetella bronchiseptica) and usually one, or sometimes more, viruses (canine adenovirus type two, canine parainfluenza virus, canine distemper, and canine influenza). Because of this mix of different strains the incubation period, symptoms, severity and course of the infection can vary widely.

Kennel cough is spread by aerosol and is highly contagious, which is why it got its name as it spreads through kennels quickly. Any environment where dogs are mixing can allow contagion. It can also be transmitted on toys, food bowls or other shared objects.

The incubation period is between 2 to 14 days. The most obvious symptom of kennel cough is a forceful, hacking cough, which will often sound like your dog has something stuck in their throat. The cough can be dry and hoarse or productive, in which case it can be followed by a gag, swallowing motion or the production of mucus. Some dogs will have a runny nose, sneezing or eye discharge. Dogs are potentially contagious until they stop coughing so keep your dog away from others until they recover.

In uncomplicated cases, dogs will recover from kennel cough with cough suppressants and anti-inflammatories which make them more comfortable as they clear the infection themselves. This can take two to three weeks, but it can sometimes linger for anything up to six weeks. To aid recovery, make sure their environment is well ventilated and avoid using a collar and lead, as any pulling might aggravate the wind pipe further, a harness may be a better option on walks. For severe cases or dogs with poor immunity (puppies or old dogs, those with pre-existing illnesses, brachycephalic breeds) anti-biotics may be prescribed to kill the bacterial infection, Bordetella bacteria – the most common present in kennel cough cases. Kennel cough is an upper respiratory infection but if it seeds into the lower respiratory tract it can progress to more serious life threatening disease such as pneumonia.



Prevention. Some of the viral infections that can cause kennel cough are included in the basic vaccinations dogs need to have as a puppy, and subsequent boosters. These are canine adenovirus type two, canine parainfluenza virus, canine distemper, and canine influenza.

Protection against the bacterial side of the syndrome, Bordetella bronchiseptica, can be given as a separate intranasal vaccine. The vaccination does not guarantee protection but at the very least should lessen symptoms and make it unlikely that treatment will be necessary. Vaccination is not useful in dogs already incubating kennel cough.

The nasal vaccine can be given as young as three weeks, with it providing protection for about 12 months. It takes four days for it to become effective but where possible we recommend to give the vaccine 2 weeks before any potential contagion. Although protection is not guaranteed, many boarding kennels require dogs staying with them to have the vaccine.

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CANINE QUIZ

by John Braybrook

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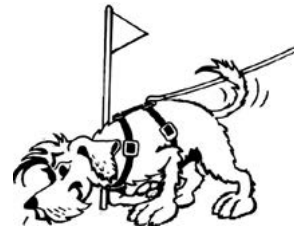
- 1) What was the name of the dog on the HMV advert?
- 2) Which East Anglian county gives it name to a breed of dog?
- 3) Which is the largest member of the Wolf family?
- 4) Which canine area does the London Marathon pass through?
- 5) A dog with a dog collar?
- 6) Where is there a 'doggy' area in West London

(9) Hounslow.
Answers: (1) Nipper, (2) Norfolk, (3) The North American Wolf, (4) The Isle of Dogs, (5) Parson Jack Russell,

WHAT IS SUCCESS - A DOG'S VIEW by Foster Simpson

Winning's not everything, someone once said.
That's not the thought that's in my dad's head.
We both work hard to get near the top.
Where he thinks "first loser" seems like a flop.
When we do well, he's high as a kite.
And it thrills me a lot to see his delight.
When we fail he's in deep despair.
I'm still happy, cos what do I care.
Whenever I'm with him, there's fun to be had.
So success for me is just me with my dad.

Working Trials News



Since I was unable to make many Saturday sessions in January, we decided to switch the beginner training sessions to Sunday mornings instead, and it appeared that all the beginner handlers preferred this, so we carried on with Sunday morning sessions for the rest of the winter term. The group has been very committed to the training and are all progressing well, which showed up in the recent Progress Tests where most of them gained their certificates. It has been great having Ann Ferens training young Rosie in this group as she doubled up as a helper in these sessions, making my job a lot easier. So big thank you to Ann.

TRACKING DAYS

In addition to our regular tracking days last Autumn, we ran some special beginner practice tracking days in February and March as we had been offered some grass fields to train on at Dovecote Events in Adderbury. These were extremely successful, and I am planning on continuing running these during the summer months to help progress our very keen beginner teams.

TRACKLAYING COURSE

I have been asked to organise another Tracklayers Course this summer by some of the newcomers. I would be also be happy to run a follow up course on the same day for those of you who have already attended a previous course and would like to practise more advanced tracklaying. It would be an opportunity to try out more complicated track patterns without having to worry about ruining your dog or somebody else's dog! It would also be nice to create a few more confident TD tracklayers for future trials! Proposed date is Saturday 18th May. If you are interested in joining please let me know, also if you would like to attend, but this date does not suit.



PROGRESS TESTS

The March progress tests went well in spite of the Gales. Sadly, we were not able to park in the field due to a very muddy entrance. Big THANK YOU to all our super judges: Kate Peyton who judged the C & A, Chris Gregory did the Nosework, Steph Gordon the Elementaries and John Simpson helped with the beginner Stays. All tests were nice and straight forward and the dogs who were ready, all qualified. Also, our stewards: Search square steward: Pip Nason, first time C & A steward: Sharon Lord, and old timers: Lynn (Elementaries)



& Colin Bricknell who did all the scoring and certificates. A huge thank you to you all. My full report can be found on the website and the judges' reports are on the next page.

SUMMER TRAINING

We always have a couple of weeks break after our Open Trial, so the summer sessions will be starting again on Saturday 11th May and the first Wednesday session on the 1st May. The first beginner session will be held on Monday 13th May. Wishing you all success at your next trial.

Carla

WORKING TRIALS ACHIEVEMENTS WINTER/SPRING 2018/2019

Once November starts, the trials come thick and fast and several of our members were out there competing.

Steph Gordon and **Kessie** started the season well by gaining a WD open at Surrey in 1st place. They went on to get their first WDX at Tewkesbury.

Julia Edwards and **Jade** also went to Surrey where they qualified another UD open with 2nd place.

Di Assheton-Bowtle and **Inca** had a terrific November where they qualified TD open at Lincoln, coming 4th. A couple of days later, they did it again at Surrey, again in 4th place. In January at Essex 2000, just to prove it wasn't a fluke, they qualified TD again, this time coming 3rd. Best of luck in the Ticket Stake.

Shirley Simpson and **Clover** carried on their qualifying streak in WDX at both Icen, coming 3rd and at Essex 2000 where they went one better and came 2nd.

John Simpson and **Foster** qualified TDX again at Icen. Foster then recovered from a neutering operation and got another TDX at Oxford and then again at Lincoln with 3rd place. At Tewkesbury they came "oh so close" to that 2nd ticket but came away with "the reserve" instead.

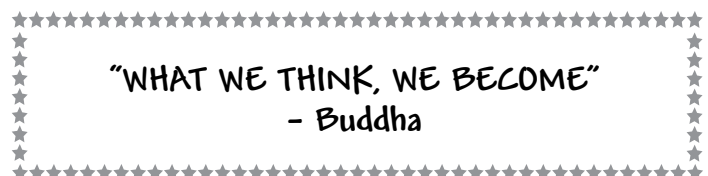
Nicky Crowther and **Poppy** got their first WD open qualification at Wessex with 1st place. At Lincoln Championship they came 4th but missed out on WDX, getting WD open only. However, at Tewkesbury they qualified WDX and won the stake.

Jennifer Speake and **Tariz** started their climb up the ladder by qualifying and winning the CDX at Leamington. They went on to qualify UD open at South Beds and Claybrooke Magna, both in second place.

Ann Clarke and **Ember** qualified TDX at both Leamington and Essex 2000.

Well done all.

Shirley Simpson



Progress Tests

JUDGES REPORTS

LEVEL TWO TO FIVE - NOSEWORK

by Chris Gregory

Thank you to Carla and Banbury DTTS for asking me to judge the nose work section. Pip Nason was my steward and did a great job. It's not easy jumping from level to level but all flowed very smoothly, thank you Pip.

The participants were all very nice too and although there were only 11 entries, it was good to see new faces as well as some more familiar ones.

Overall observations; retrieves were generally a bit scruffy, but it's an exercise that has a number of components, more than is perhaps appreciated, and if one part isn't right then it can have a knockon effect on the rest of the exercise.

Squares were generally of a very high standard. A few dogs either ran out of steam or found it impossible to focus on the job at hand.

1st: Nicky and Poppy (Lab) Level 5, 91Q; In a class of their own really. Excellent square, fast and focused, Poppy was a bit puzzled by the judges article, but Nicky supported her nicely and calmly. Good teamwork.



2nd: Jennifer and Tariz (G.Ret) Level 4, 90Q; Very handsome boy. One of only 2 qualifiers and illustrates the point that, whilst it's nice to be brilliant in all departments, to qualify in working trials you need some fundamental skills, which this team have in abundance.

3rd: Ross and Aiddh (Rottie) Level 2 87NQ; Aiddh wasn't at all sure who the strange judgey person with the bag was, obviously far more interesting than a dumbbell. Ross was patient and did a nice job of getting and maintaining her attention. Nice, nice square, great enthusiasm.

4th: Sarah and Mustard (Cross) Level 2 83.5NQ; Sarah had to work hard to get Mustard ready and focused on the first exercise but she didn't give in, and in the end, did a not half bad retrieve. Really impressed with Mustards square, took a little time to orientate himself with the area but then picked each article beautifully. Lovely delivery to hand, no mouthing at all, the best of the day.

LEVEL TWO TO FIVE - CONTROL & AGILITY

by Kate Peyton

Thank you to Carla and the society for asking me to judge your Progress Tests, and to Carla for her thoughtful and efficient organisation – nothing was left out and the day seemed to run very smoothly. A special thanks to my steward Sharon who did a great job in guiding competitors through the test and generally keeping everyone on track. I would also like to thank Colin who was beavering away in the back of the trailer processing the scores and producing the results.

★ "THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT KEY TO ★
★ SUCCESS IS TO BE A GOOD LISTENER" ★
★ - Kelly Wearstler ★

I tried to set a straightforward test which would give the dogs confidence in competing and enable them to give of their best when under the pressure of performing in public. I thought the standard was on the whole good, and the exercises were completed with little trouble, though as always, the jumps and stays took their toll. These can both be challenging for young and inexperienced dogs, and I am sure anyone who came to grief will soon develop more confidence in the future.

Finally thank you to all participants for taking part and for accepting my decisions, it was a pleasure and a privilege to judge you today.

Results were as follows: -

1st: Nicky and Poppy with a tidy and accurate test, only coming to grief on the redirection. Well-deserved result

2nd: Jennifer and Tariz. Good work from this lovely happy boy, just need to be a bit careful with his exuberance when setting up for the scale. Otherwise well done.

3rd: Ross and Aiddh. A great attitude from this delightful rottie sadly didn't get the return over the scale and needed a second attempt at the long which meant she did not qualify but a happy and willing worker so I am sure she will soon improve on the jumps.

4th: Sarah and Mustard. Another enthusiastic worker producing a very nice control round sadly came to grief on the jumps, but lots of potential for the future. Well done.

ELEMENTARIES & LEVEL ONE

by Steph Gordon

Thank you to B&DDTS for allowing me to judge the Elementaries and Level One.

A big thank you to Lynn for stewarding as always very efficient and to Colin for taking the scores.

A very big thank you to the handlers & dogs for entering as for some of them it was their first time, I hope we put you at ease and you enjoyed the experience.

Weather was very windy but at least we did not have any rain.

We had 5 entries and the results were:

1st Place Q on 92.5pts Ann Ferens & Rosie (Cocker) Elementary Plus. What a super little dog Rosie is. They were a pleasure to watch

2nd Place Q on 76.5pts Kate Wilton & Finn (ESS) Elementary Plus. Kate & Finn have come on so well together. You should be so pleased.

3rd Place NQ on 68 pts Kaye Littlehailes & Richie (Lab) Elementary. Richie was the baby of the group. What a lovely control round Kaye. Well done.

4th Place NQ on 59pts Angela Howe & Sabre (GSD). You should be so pleased with yourself & Sabre and you said you learnt alot. Well done

NQ on 45pts Sharen Smith & Verna (Gordon Setter). I know the nose work did not go to plan but well done on your control round.

Thank you all for accepting my decisions. I really enjoyed the day.

MAKING THE CALL by Sharon Lord

It's never an easy decision
But it's one that we'll all have to take
It's a decision that will one day come to us all
But for me it was easy to make

I thought it was going to be difficult
But I didn't have to deliberate
For I heard what Inka was saying to me
Those jumps are so hard now I'm 8!

As it's tracking that my Inka loves
it's time for her to have fun.
So to UK Tracking we did turn
And passed our level !!

For me as well, time for something new
So I stewarded the progress tests
I hope you all felt it went well
I really tried my best

It was great when things all went to plan,
But then errors started to unfold
And that is when I learnt the most
When you weren't as good as gold.

I knew all was not plain sailing
'From the pole' were my first 3 words
But folk still did such different things
That I thought you hadn't heard!

With Kate in charge, with her expert eye
We had smiles we couldn't hide
For your dogs were fab and did so well
You should all feel such pride.

But a really big thank you to you all
For You taught me oh so so much
But the one thing that we all can learn
Is that there is no need to rush!!

Do you think you have a stubborn dog?

During our recent working trials progress tests some of us were having a conversation about stubbornness in dogs. Are dogs really stubborn or is stubbornness to do with lack of motivation or a lack of confidence perhaps?

According to the dictionary stubbornness means: 'showing dogged (!) determination not to change one's attitude or position on something', 'obstinate', 'difficult to move' etc.

I remember saying that I had never experienced stubbornness in any of my dogs, but then thinking about it afterwards, I realised that the previous owners of my cocker, Olive, had called her stubborn when they were on my puppy course. Thinking back now I remember when she first came to me at 14 months old, she would refuse to jump in the car, which is not uncommon for a lot of dogs that don't like cars. However, she also would go and hide whenever she saw me get the lead or collar. She would do anything to avoid me putting it on her, which included running around with a fluffy duck and refusing to give it up, throwing herself around, so that it was very difficult to get the collar around her neck, or the lead attached to the collar.

It used to make me laugh, and of course once she had learnt to make the association with lead on and getting a treat, and that jumping in the car could result in either finding a treat in there or being given a treat for jumping in, she soon changed her attitude and became very enthusiastic about both the lead and the car. So, was it lack of motivation, or could it have been a learnt behaviour?

I have often witnessed dogs that are reluctant to come back

to their owners being offered a high value treat or squeaky toy as soon as they stop approaching. Instead of the owner moving or running away, keeping the dog guessing if they get anything at all before they reach them, they are teaching them that if they stop, they will offer them an even better reward. For a lot of dogs, reluctance to comply with any request or command, results in being offered bigger and

better rewards, so they are enjoying playing the 'refusal' game. This type of stubbornness is definitely a learnt behaviour.

When I was recently competing with Olive in a gundog working test, she accidentally flushed a pheasant from a large bramble bush. I say accidentally because working tests are about canvas dummies and not birds. More or less at the same time, another spaniel, who was hunting in line with her, flushed out a small muntjac and started to chase it. When somebody threw a dummy within 10 feet of Olive, she refused to retrieve it, as presumably all she wanted to do was either find the pheasant again or catch the muntjac she had seen running past. Stubborn or what?

I have come to the conclusion that dogs who display signs of stubbornness are actually the clever ones, they are the thinking ones that have us humans believing that they cannot or will not do something in order to benefit from the situation. So next time you think your dog is being stubborn, try and outsmart him!

Carla



The Mysteries of Mustard and the Nasty Car

by Sarah Mary Robertson

Whilst he was undoubtedly a cute adorable confident little pup, Mustard, my 'Goldendoodle' was also extremely sensitive when it came to the car. On the journey home he threw up in my lap and continued to do likewise on every trip for many months. His dislike of the car was absolute and even once the sickness finally stopped his reaction to being put in it was absolute fear. This bouncy, hyperactive, over confident bundle would become totally rigid refusing to engage in any way, frothing, dribbling and refusing to take even the tastiest of food. I sought advice from everywhere and tried all sorts.....

Every journey to be short and result in fun. With hindsight I didn't take him out as much as a pup as I had wanted, due to his being sick, though I now think this was a mistake, as I missed some key training opportunities and he still hated the car anyway.

Pheromone scent, DAB scent, VET medication - no change but pricey.

Put him in a crate - no change to his behaviour though he was happy in the crate at home.

Put him in a harness on the back seat - even more distressed. Abandoned very quickly.

Feeding in the car - in the beginning it was near the car, because once in the car, he wouldn't eat anything. Overtime we got to breakfast and dinner in the car every day. Initially with the boot open and me sat on the edge and then eventually with the boot shut and me sat in the driver's seat. I did this for months.

Change his bedding from synthetic to cotton - theory is the synthetic causes static. This was quite late on and I don't know how much this assisted, as I was doing many things at the same time, but I think it did help.

Because I felt guilty about making him get in the car at all, I avoided leaving him in it at any time. I think this might have been a mistake too because when I finally had to (he was under sufferance taking treats by then) I could pop back and reward without the stress of him getting in and out.

All through this I had been lifting him in. Initially fully and then later putting his front paws up and lifting his back end. I really wanted him to jump in but to be honest I was just pleased once it got that he wasn't backing away. But as he was getting less anxious and taking treats in the car, I tried to move it on.

Used a small table, ramp, steps - although his wasn't an issue of heights, I tried these aids in the hope of changing the habit. Eventually he'd get in once we got back home, so I started doing lots of in and out after a walk using all of these.

Loads of very short journeys broken up with an out then play before in again - seemed to help. Attached a lead to the car with the boot open then get in the car and wait - lots of patience was essential but finally he would get in and I would celebrate wildly with some super gold star tasty morsels.

So, 4 years on (yes it really has taken that long) he will finally jump in the car. It's still not instantaneous, but if I give him just a minute to prepare, he does!

★ "CHANGE IS THE END RESULT OF ALL ★
★ TRUE LEARNING." - Leo Buscaglia ★



- **What I would do now if I had this problem again:**
- I am not sure what helped the most, but probably the short trips very often were most important as we rehearsed good stuff a lot. However, I couldn't do that until I had got him being able to eat in the car.
- I would let him hang out in a static car a lot more. Putting him in the car to relax and sleep after a good play session as a young pup. I didn't do it at all, as I felt bad putting him somewhere he hated, but actually, I think he may have got over his irrational fear faster.
- I changed cars and now have a hybrid car and I do wonder if the quietness of electric rather than diesel made a difference. However, I think I just decided it should make a difference, so I acted like it would, and that seemed to have an effect.

Ed note: fretting over anything your dog does not like doing, often results in making the behaviour worse. Accepting he does not like it, but not making a fuss, and acting that he will get over it, usually helps your dog to move on.

WARNING: Never leave a dog in a hot car, especially in the summer, unless you have a specially equipped car where you can leave the back open.

Rally News



WHAT A DAY! by Karen Kendall

On Thursday 7th March I joined my co-managers Julia Bodsworth and Helen Chetwynd at the NEC at 6.30am in time to welcome the Midland Rally Team Members on their big day. All seven (one handler and dog per Rally level plus a reserve), soon settled in and started opening their good luck cards and decorating their benches! Everyone seemed amazingly relaxed before the parade in the Obedience ring, Hall 5.

This year the running order was Scotland, Northern, Wales, South and Southwest, Southeast and East Anglia, Northern Ireland and finally Midlands. We were first to go last year, but it was a lot easier going last as we could see how everything worked. It was fantastic to see our old friend Nikki Kirk in the collecting ring. Nikki escorted our first competitor onto the course and away we went!

By lunchtime Levels 1 to 4 had competed and the Midlands were in the lead. It was great to have some visitors over the break to distract us from the pressure. Thank you to all those club members who came along to cheer us.

Two more to go after lunch, our Level 5 did really well, so close between him and forth place. Then the final round, I could hardly bear to watch as everything could change. No need to worry though as Peta with her rescue collie Billy went out and did an amazing round! Nail biting moments as we waited for the scores to go up and yes first place to Billy which meant first place to the Midlands Team too!!!

Wow what a moment. To the majority of the dog owning population and even to those dog owners who compete in other sports, this discipline of Rally Obedience is still very new. To us though, after all the hard work and hours of training, it felt as though we were like the England Rugby winning the 6 nations!

So huge congratulations to those brave handlers from all 7 teams who competed at Crufts this year and made it such a warm and friendly competition. Thank you to all the Midland Team supporters including our members who came to the tryouts, the money raised at the fun class at the B&DDTS Rally competition last year and to all who wishes us well.

The tryouts and selection events for Crufts 2020 will take place this Autumn. I hope some of our Rally members will be there and hopefully make the team.

Keep training!

Karen



- **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS Sandra and Zeffy in getting a qualifying round first time out at Solihull. Congratulations too, Gill and Violet on 2 amazing rounds at Levels 1 and 2 gaining excellence scores of over 200 points each!**



Noticeboard

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY

Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th April: Open Working Trial at Hinton
Wednesday 1st May: Working Trials Wednesday Training sessions start

Saturday 11th May: Working Trials DIY sessions begin at Hinton

Monday 13th May: Working Trials Beginners evening sessions start

Saturday 20th July: KC Good Citizen Tests

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July: Rally Competitions at the Herb Centre

Sunday 18th August: Hinton Charity Fun Dog Show

Thursday 22nd August: Summer Walk

Thursday 5th September: KC Good Citizen Training - start of the Autumn Term

Saturday 14th September: WT Progress Test

Thursday 24th October: AGM

Visit www.banburyanddistrictdogtrainingsociety.org for up-to-date information



HINTON FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday 18th August 2019

in aid of Katherine House Hospice

At Gaydons Farm, Hinton Crossroads

Nr Brackley, NN13 5NF

Lots to see and do!

Come and join us for a great day out

'HAVE A GO AGILITY CLASSES'

And the ever popular

BALE JUMP SCURRY

plus lots, lots more!



"A MAN IS BUT THE PRODUCT OF HIS THOUGHTS; WHAT HE THINKS HE BECOMES" - Mahatma Gandhi

Don't forget to keep taking photos... for the AGM Photo Competition.

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