

# Jersey Junior Dog Handlers Association



## Newsletter, April 2013

I DON'T know where the time goes, since our last newsletter we have had Channel Island Dog of the Year and Crufts. Our members did extremely well at Channel Island Dog of the Year. In the breed my Cesky Terrier, Lastarean Grace And Favour for Gayteckels was chosen as Reserve Channel Island Dog of the Year while Collette Allen's Shetland Sheepdogs were Channel Island Brace of the Year.

In the Kennel Club of Jersey's annual Handling Points trophies Jade Perez was Best Junior Handler with Tehya-Leigh Mildren runner-up and I won the Senior Handling. In the agility competition Kim Love and her crossbreed George won the large agility class while in the jumping competition Di Poingdestre won the medium class running life member Valery Johnson's Sheltie, Blue. Di then went on to win the large jumping competition with her Labrador Ozzie.

Our members also did very well in the Obedience Dog of the Year competition. The Novice class was won by Heather Speller and her Border Collie Storm with Wendy Wright and her Border Collie Rhia taking the reserve spot. In Class A Carol Pearce and her Border Collie were the winners and again Wendy Wright and Rhia took the reserve. In Class B Wendy Wright and her Border Collie Diva were in the reserve spot. Finally in Class C, the top class the winner was Carol Beadle and her Border Collie Gus.

Hot on the heels of Channel Island Dog of the

Year was Crufts. Jersey was lucky enough to take a Silver Good Citizen demonstration team of nine dogs and handlers to the NEC.

The team demonstrated the tests

involved in the Silver on the Saturday and Sunday doing five demonstrations in total. Club members who were part of that team were Janet Collins who trained the team, Neville Uden who was team leader with me and my Cesky Terrier Taj and Heather Speller and Storm as two of the handlers.

My dogs also took part in the breed at Crufts and I was extremely happy that my Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Limier Didier at Gayteckels Pdh, aka Didi, was reserve in Limit Dog and 1st in the Good Citizen class. My Cesky Terrier Lastarean Kral of Zidout, aka Taj, was 1st in Veteran Dog, 1st in Good Citizen class and Reserve Best Dog while his little niece, Lastarean Grace And Favour for Gayteckels, aka Grace, was reserve in Open Bitch.

**CHRISTINE MARETT**

### A MUST TO BRING TO TRAINING

Even the most well trained dog can have an occasional accident. Please make sure that you have with you on training nights the following: pooh bags, kitchen roll and a non-bleaching spray to clean up should your dog be caught short.

While on the subject of training if you are using treats to train make sure they are tasty, examples would be cooked chicken, sausages and cheese cut into small pieces.

### FUND RAISING:

We have a football card on sale at the table on club nights. It is 50p per go & the winner will receive £20. Please see Liz if you want to take part.

### HOUSEKEEPING:

Could all members sign in at the table each week please before going to your respective class.

### 2013 COMMITTEE

#### President:

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### CO-OP NUMBER

The club's Co-Op share number is 325473, please use it if you do not have one of your own or you may wish to donate your dividend to us occasionally.

### THE JERSEY BIG DOG CLUB

THE JERSEY Big Dog Club was formed in 2011 by a group of large working breed dog owners who met regularly for walks with their Newfoundlands, Leonbergers, Bernese Mountain Dogs and any other dog brave enough to walk and play with them! We soon, under the guidance of David Taylor of the MollyNewfNewfoundland affix, started Water Rescue Training under the Southern Newfoundland Club's standards.

We met every Saturday afternoon whatever the weather, including some very unsavoury conditions! The dogs were willing students and were remarkably quick at developing their swimming and rescue skills. This led to us embarking on the Newfoundland Level 'A' Water Tests towards the end of 2012 on a day that gave us every type of weather imaginable! and all the Newfoundlands passed successfully.

One Leonberger passed the required 'Newfie' standards without any penalty points and my puppy Leonberger passed two out of three of the required modules without any penalties then decided to provide the entertainment, realising that saving a marker buoy as opposed to me was far more interesting! It was a fantastic day full of laughter and enjoyment for all of us and we all learned a great deal. Roll on September 2013 as we have a weekend of tests planned, hoping to attract participants from the UK. As winter was fast approaching we ended our swimming season and decided to attempt carting/drafting on dry land.

Newfoundlands, Leonbergers and Bernese Mountain Dogs, among other working breed varieties were bred for 'working' and thoroughly enjoy being given a job to do. 'Drafting' or 'carting' are terms used to describe the activity of harnessing your dog to some type of vehicle and having them pull it. The vehicle can be a simple two-wheel cart, a four-wheel wagon, a sled or even a vehicle you ride in! The important thing is that this can be a very enjoyable and rewarding activity for both you and your dog.

The type of drafting that you do needs to match the capabilities of your breed of dog. Some breeds work better at faster speeds or longer distances while other breeds are more suited to heavier loads at slower speeds. These dogs have been used for centuries to assist their masters in their daily chores and they typically like to be active. Some of the larger, more sturdily built dogs such as the Newfoundland, Leonberger and the Bernese Mountain Dog are frequently used to haul substantial loads. These dogs have deep, wide chests and strong hindquarters that make them very suitable for pulling carts or wagons at moderate speeds.

Nowadays across the globe this is now conducted as a fun pastime for both the dogs and owners. We have been meeting on Sunday mornings at the Steam Museum and will now be moving to a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm as the swimming season is once again upon us. Once again these fabulous dogs took to the carting with ease and we have started introducing courses including weaves, raised ramps and gates which are all part of the draft tests which we are being planning for later on in the year.

If you have a dog that would be suitable for these activities and are interested in what we do, please do not hesitate in giving us a call for further information on 07700 704423 (Trina) or 07700 341067 or feel free to pop along to an evening session at the Steam Museum to observe. We would kindly ask that you don't bring dogs to watch initially.

### DIARY DATES

#### April 21:

Sponsored Dog Walk with Channel 103. Details on the Facebook page or from club

#### May 9:

Flyball and Rally Demonstration at the Jersey Scout Centre. TBC

#### June 16:

Companion Show at Kennel Club of Jersey 125th anniversary show, pedigree and novelty classes

#### June 22 and 23:

Flyball and Rally Demonstration at the Rose Show at Haie Fleurie, St Martin

#### July 27:

Limit Obedience Show

#### July 28:

Obedience Training Day

### YELLOW DOG PROJECT

THE YELLOW Dog Project, currently recognised in 50 countries worldwide, was created to bring awareness to dogs, who whatever reason, need space.

There are a number of reasons why a dog may need space: the dog may be in training, it may be unwell or recovering from injury/surgery, the dog may be nervous or it may be in season.

A yellow ribbon tied on the leash, or some other yellow marker such as a yellow bandana around the dog's neck, signifies that this dog needs space.

How much space is needed? Well, this is something that only the dog and its people know so please, maintain your distance and give them time to move out of your way.

Yellow ribbons and information leaflets are available from JJDA.

