

Happy New Year from all at DDTC!



This edition is dedicated to Sharon and Molly the Collie

Issue 4

March 2011

Douglas Dog Training Club

Diary Dates

February

26th - Dogs eye testing available at Ballaugh by eye specialist - see Mary Sims for details.

March

10th-13th - Sharon & Molly the Collie to Crufts! Good luck both!!! Consequently, NO AGILITY TRAINING on 12TH MARCH 2011.

26th-27th - Training weekend with Alan and Nicola Wildman - book early, places limited - NO NORMAL TRAINING THAT WEEKEND.

April

2nd-3rd - Agility Judging Seminar. No normal agility training on 2nd April as most of trainers will be on this course.

23rd - Easter Weekend - No agility training

23rd - IOMDO&AC Fun Day at The Glebe - Obedience & Agility

30th - IOMDO&AC Open Agility Show weekend at Gymnasium AFC, Tromode Road, Douglas. No Club agility training that weekend. Schedules and Entry Forms are available at www.simplycanine.co.uk

May

1st - 2nd - IOMDO&AC Open Agility Show cont.

June

12th - DDTC Annual Companion Dog Show, Onchan Park Agility Demonstration, Obedience, Breed & Fun Classes. Includes the 60 Weave Challenge! HELP REQUIRED FROM MEMBERS TO RUN THIS SHOW PLEASE!

19th-20th - IOMDO&AC Open Obedience Show weekend at the Southern 100 Campsite.

July

5th - Tynwald Day - Agility demonstration - hosted by IOMDO&AC - all welcome

9th - Onchan Fair in Onchan Park - Agility Demonstration hosted by DDTC

23rd-24th - DDTC Open Agility Show weekend - venue to be confirmed.

30th-31st - Southern Agricultural Show - Agility both days (Saturday must be pre-entered, Sunday enter on day) - hosted by IOMDO&AC

August

12th-13th - Royal Manx Agricultural Show, Sulby - Agility comp. on Friday 12th.



REMINDERS

Obedience

Class Times

Every Tuesday night at Union Mills Football Club

Class 1 18.30 - 19.30

Class 2 19.30 - 20.30

Class 3 20.30 - 21.30

Agility

Class Times

Every Saturday afternoon at Ballagarey Farm St.Marks

Class 1 (Beginners)

12.00 - 13.15

Class 2 (Intermediate)

13.15 - 14.30

Class 3 (Competition) & Class 4 (Trainers) combined

14.30 - 16.25

General

Please note that the schedule for the IOMDO&AC Agility Show is now out so get your entries in ASAP - Closing date 25th March 2011.

Schedules and Entry Forms are available at

www.simplycanine.co.uk



Congratulations!

Hatchings and Matchings

... to Samantha Moolman on the birth of her daughter, Sophie Isabella Moolman, on 01-01-2011! What a great start to 2011 - Well Done Sam!



Rosettes and Trophies

... to Mary Sims with Murphy, Joanna Roney with Ruby, Sharon Deuchars with Poppy, Ryan Forgie with Zina, Mandy Quayle with Poppy and Sharon Deuchars with Molly who all won rosettes at the Inter-Club Competition.

... To Sharon Deuchars and Molly the Collie who will be off to Crufts in a few weeks time to represent the island - see page 3 for further information.



Member's Profile

Name Sharon Deuchars

How many dogs do you have, what are they called, how old are they, and what breed are they?

Only one! Molly The Collie, WSD



Do you do Agility, Obedience or both? Agility

What's your biggest achievement?

My biggest achievement with Molly is overcoming her bad start and seeing her develop from an ill treated quivering wreck to, at times, an over excited little madam. Although competing/winning is great nothing has a better sense of achievement than watching her happy face bouncing about at training or at home!

What's your favourite food?

EVERYTHING! Better to ask what I don't like...cucumber, Indian food, fresh strawberries and a real bizarre hatred for bananas (taste, look, feel, smell I could go on!)

What's your dog's favourite food?

CHEEEEEEESE!!!!!! And fish!

What are your hobbies?

Apart from agility, I have horses so they keep me very busy too.

I used to be quite arty and am still partial to a bit of "cutting and sticking!" a bit of coloring in and believe it or not the odd bit of sewing, knitting and now and again tapestry!

Where is your favourite place to walk your dog?

Apart from when I go to work Molly is always with me so everywhere!

What's the best thing about living with your dog?

Everything! My favourite saying is "no outfit is complete without dog hair" and if people don't like it don't visit!

What makes you laugh?

Lots of things make me laugh, too many things, I am a great believer in "laughter is the best medicine" not enough people try it!

Pet Peeve... Not being married!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
(ha ha ha)

I am addicted to... Cigarettes! (fag ash lol)

In agility I am addicted to analyzing everything... lines, angles, movements, position etc. I can't help it! Must drive everyone mad!

I am afraid of... SPIDERS and being eaten by sharks

Most special/momentous/memorable/proudest moment in your life?

If we are talking agility my proudest moment has to be Molly getting the Crufts qualifier, it was the grand finale of a fantastic year!

Not many people realise Molly had a really bad start and we have had to overcome a lot of issues (mental, physical and behavioural) and so to achieve what she has in my eyes is incredible.

She gained grade 2 in her first year of competition 2008 and after concentrating on and retraining contacts in 2009 went to grade 5, 2010 she won into grade 6 and has 2 jumping wins towards grade 7, if it happens.....great.... if not no worries!



Inter-club Agility Competition - Sunday 13th February

Dear fellow members,

As always, we had a fantastic turn out of dogs and handlers and the whole afternoon ran like clockwork with the exception of someone forgetting the rosettes! However, the look on Karen's face, when we realised, was almost worth it!

Although the final score was very close, we were pipped to the post by RDTC who managed to gain a 4 point advantage.

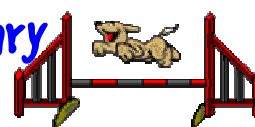
I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who contributed to our final tally of 27

points. It was great to see some of our younger handlers taking part and gaining the experience of running courses under pressure. One or two of our handlers and dogs had not competed in an Inter-Club before and you did us proud.

Thank you to Brenda Charlton for coming along and presenting the Blackberry of Rushen Cup which is in remembrance of her Labrador Retriever, Sally.

It was a pleasure to acknowledge Sharon and Molly the Collie's achievement in winning the Isle of

Man invitation to Crufts in March by way of presenting her with a cheque and well wishes from each club.



GOOD LUCK FROM US ALL!

Thanks to everyone,
Steve

For a full breakdown of the results please see the website.

Good Luck Sharon and Molly the collie



Sharon and Molly are going to Crufts!!!!

Club member and Trainer Sharon Deuchars and Molly the Collie have qualified to represent the Isle of Man in the International Agility Event at Crufts this year. This prestigious highlight event in the dog training calendar is held on 10th - 13th March at the NEC in Birmingham on the Saturday in the NEC Arena. We are all incredibly proud of Sharon and Molly who qualified beyond all doubt, even before the final deciding event was held in November, eventually finishing with an amazing 70 points out of a possible 80, a clear 43 points ahead of the runner-up - absolutely brilliant! Sharon and Molly so deserve to be there, and we will all be there with them, either in person or in spirit, every step of the way - all to ensure they are both HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!!!! Their support crew of a large number of fellow club members, family and friends will be there to cheer Sharon and Molly on.



We wish them both the very best of luck.



Newsletter Name

We have had a number of suggestions for a new name for the newsletter as follows:

Tails of the Unexpected

A Dogs Tail

Weekly Wag

The Lead-er

The Raggie

The Douglas Dog Blog

K9 News

To vote for your favourite please email: newsletter@douglasdogtrainingclub.co.uk



Murphy and Storm demonstrating perfect stops!!



Your club needs you!



In order to save club funds we will be holding interviews for suitable candidates to go on our new rota to act as jump wings!!!

Small, Medium and Large dogs all required!!





Club Officials

Committee Members

Chairman - Samantha Moolman
 Secretary - Mary Sims
 Treasurer - Karen Forgie
 Obedience Rep - TBA
 Agility Rep - TBA
 Helen Cowley
 Laura Crutchley
 Sharon Deuchars
 Sarah Elliott
 Ryan Forgie
 Carole Goldsmith
 Steven Goldsmith
 Sharon Jenkinson
 Sarah Paull
 Joanna Roney

Agility Trainers

Sharon Deuchars, Karen Forgie, Ryan Forgie,
 Steven Goldsmith, Kate Kirk, Nicki Nairn,
 Sarah Paull, Joanna Roney and Mary Sims

Obedience Trainers

Helen Cowley, Sharon Jenkinson, Sarah Paull

KC Registered Agility Judges

Mary Sims, Nicki Nairn

We're on the Web!
[http://
 douglasdogtrainingclub.co.uk](http://douglasdogtrainingclub.co.uk)

Fun Section!

Barbie Dogs!

AGILITY BARBIE: Unlike most slim, attractive versions of Barbie, this Barbie is quite muscular from hauling very heavy A-Frames, Sea-saws, and dog walks. She can carry an A-frame panel with one arm and set up all of the contact obstacles single-handed. Barbie comes complete with a full set of agility equipment, deck chair, cooler, stopwatch, battery operated fans, an open-sided tent for shade, sunscreen, fly-spray, rain suit, waterproof boots, 57 different agility rule books for all occasions, and her very own courier (Ken) who can hand deliver agility entries to the most popular shows and stand in line for Barbie. Ken also helps set up the equipment. Barbie also comes with her own agility dog, Border Collie "

U-Atch Runaround's Speed Demon", or "Contact". Trailer for hauling agility equipment sold separately.

OBEDIENCE BARBIE: Barbie comes with a training bag full of gear, a set of utility articles, a full set of regulation obedience equipment, her own deck chair, cooler, a subscription to Dog Training Weekly, and her very own obedience Golden Retriever "OTCh Sparklepond's Shorestepper's Heelalong Fool" better known as "Two-hundred". Accessories such as HTM ribbons and high scoring club plaques can be purchased separately.

Four wheel drive Sport Utility Vehicles and Mini Vans complete with dog crates are sold separately for all versions of Barbie



NEWS, SKEET AND SCANDAL!



With Easter fast approaching and leftovers from Christmas let's have a look at why Chocolate is so dangerous for our dogs (and cats)

Over-consumption of chocolate in dogs can cause serious illness and perhaps death. Chocolate contains an ingredient called Theobromine. It is this ingredient that can cause harm to our dogs and cats. Dogs and cats, unlike us humans, do not possess the enzyme to break down theobromine, therefore, it accumulates within the body after time. Your pet may not be ill the first time he/she consumes chocolate but as your pet consumes more chocolate, toxicity can occur. After saying this, Dark Chocolate contains more theobromine than milk chocolate. Therefore, toxicity can occur more readily with consumption of Dark Chocolate. It is best if Chocolate is not consumed at all. If chocolate is consumed, the following toxicity symptoms may occur: vomiting, diarrhoea, diuresis (urinary incontinence), hyperactivity, rapid breathing/heartbeat, muscle tremors, seizures, coma. Theobromine causes different reactions in different dogs: dogs with health problems, especially epilepsy, are more affected by theobromine than healthy dogs. Theobromine can trigger epileptic seizures in dogs prone to or at risk of epilepsy. The size of the dog will also be a major factor: the smaller the dog, the more affected it is by the same amount than a larger dog. Furthermore, theobromine can cause cardiac irregularity, especially if the dog becomes excited. Theobromine also irritates the GI tract and in some dogs can cause internal bleeding which in some cases kills them a day or so later.

You know you're a dog person...

... when you dress like a lawyer on weekdays and someone who needs a lawyer on your days off.

... when you plan your pregnancy around the show season so you won't miss shows during the eighth and ninth months. (one for Kate and Sam!)



Dog Facts...

... Dogs (and wolves and foxes) are descended from a small, weasel-like mammal called Miacis which was a tree-dwelling creature and existed about 40 million years ago.

... Dogs, as we know them today, first appeared in Eurasia about 13,000 years ago, and were probably a direct descendant of a small, grey wolf.



If you have any congratulations, pictures, article, news or any info you would like to add to future newsletters please forward the details to Nicki Nairn, Mary Sims or Sarah Paull or email: newsletter@douglasdogtrainingclub.co.uk. **If we don't know about it, we can't write about it!!!!**