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Douglas Dog Training Club

Diary Dates



December

18th Agility Christmas Party - Ballagarey - Time 1:00 pm, please bring food and a raffle prize if possible. Class 1 at 12:00 noon as normal. This will be our last Agility session for 2010.

27th Agility Fun Day - Bride - Time 9:15 am - speak to Karen Forgie for further details.

January

8th Agility classes re-start with a slight change to class layout and timings, see page 3.

February

26th Eye testing available - certification supplied. Recommended for anyone considering breeding or whose dog may have any eye problem. Contact Diana Ballard, tel no 897358 for further details.

March

10th -14th No Agility Training due to Crufts, Good Luck Sharon and Molly x

26 & 27th No Agility Training due to an Alan and Nicola Wildman agility training session, there are still a few spaces left so if you are interested please speak to Karen for further details.

April

2nd & 3rd No Agility Training due to Agility Judges Seminar, please speak to Karen Forgie if you are interested in becoming a KC qualified judge.

23rd EASTER No Agility Training

30th No Agility Training due to IOM Open Show. Don't forget to get your entries in on time - more to follow.

Important
DATE!



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 12.00 - 13.00

Class 2 13.00 - 14.15

Class 3 14.15 - 15.15

Class 4 15.15 - 16.25

See page 3 for new 2011 times

General

Please arrive in good time for your training session and leave your dog in your car in order to help set up equipment. Our trainers come each week to train us on a voluntary basis and any help given means that we get more training time.

All dogs must be kept on leads except when the dog is actually working.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND REMOVE ALL EVIDENCE WHEN YOU LEAVE.

Thanks



Congratulations!



Rosettes and Trophies

... to all those who have won rosettes and trophies in the last 6 months, there are too many to mention them all but a special mention to those who have won out of their grades goes ...

... to Carole Goldsmith & Roxy for winning into Grade 2

... to Joanna Roney & Ruby for winning into Grade 6 and only one more win needed for Grade 7!

... to Sarah Elliott & Ozzie for winning into Grade 4

... to Sarah Paull & Eddie for winning into Grade 5

... to Sharon Deuchars & Molly for winning into Grade 6 and also not far off Grade 7!

... to Steven Goldsmith & Ruby for winning into Grade 3

... to Ryan Forgie & Zina for winning into Grade 3

Hatching and Matching



... to Mary Sims for becoming a Nanny again!! Alfred Alexander Nairn (Alfie) was born on 28th May 2010 at 1:58am just in time

to help Ryan celebrate his 21st birthday. Okay so strictly speaking this should say to Nicki and Ray Nairn for becoming parents but it felt a bit odd to write that about myself!!

... Good luck to Kate Kirk and Samantha Moolman with their impending arrivals.

Could Ryan have an announcement to make too?!!



Members Profile - Samantra Moolman

Name Sam Moolman



Charlie

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

2 Dogs, both cross breeds Bichon x Toy Poodle. One girl called Aalin who is 4 and a half. One boy called Charlie who is 2 and a half.

Do you do Agility, obedience or both?

Just agility - good exercise for the 2 little monsters!

What's your biggest achievement?

In club - competing in my first agility open show just 6 months after starting training - with Aalin and being voted as chairperson this year

Out of club - completing the 40 mile End to End race within the 10 hours, 2 years in a row. Going for 3 this year!

What's your favorite food?

Chinese

What's your dog's favourite food?

Marmite and peanut butter on toast - I know, disgusting!

What are your hobbies?

Dog training - of course! St John Ambulance member. Walking (parish & End to End long distance). Scuba diving (PADI advanced). Shooting with my old man - rifle, pistol and clay. Nothing living ever!!



Completing the end to end



Aalin

Reading / Studying. I should add socialising as we all know I do love a good party!

Where is your favorite place to walk your dog?

Along the old railway tracks to Peel from Union Mills - all the way and back much to Aalin's disappointment! Lazy little puppy!

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

The way they cuddle up to me at night and in the morning by bringing me their toys in bed and standing on my chest to wake me up!

What makes you laugh?

All sorts - I love a giggle and just living life to the full!

Pet Peeve?

People who lie and cheat

I am addicted to.....

Bacon and mushroom baps on a Friday!

I am afraid of.....

Never having children (Editors Note - This was obviously written before Sam became pregnant!!)

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

Most momentous/special - The birth of my baby brother - he's 2 now and the most gorgeous little boy I have ever known. The day he was born I promised I would look after him and protect him no matter what.

Most proud - graduating with a Biomedical Science degree in 2001; then getting my Forensic Science & CSI Diploma in 2008; and most recently, getting my Psychology Diploma in 2010. No more studying



Sam with her Little Brother



Recipe



Festive Fudge (for humans!)

Ingredients

350g granulated

sugar

25g unsalted butter

175ml can evaporated milk

100g dried sweetened

cranberries

300g white chocolate, chopped

Method

Cut a piece of baking parchment large enough to line a



1kg loaf tin or similar.

Put sugar, butter and evaporated milk in a large heavy based pan. Heat gently until sugar has dissolved completely.

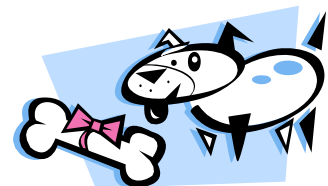
Bring to the boil, stirring continuously with a wooden spoon, then reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

Immediately remove from the heat and add the cranberries and chocolate.

Allow the chocolate to

melt, then quickly stir and pour straight into the tin. It will thicken immediately.

Spread into the tin and chill for an hour or so until firm. Cut into squares.



Annual Dinner Results - See page 4's for further details

Obedience

- Puppy Of The Year**, Sarah Paull & Puzzle
- Child Handler**, Ryan Quiggan & Connor
- Progress Of The Year**, Laura Crutchley & Digger
- Merit Award**, Sue Sayle & Ailsa
- Adult Handler**, Matt Fletcher & Bruce/Jess



Agility

- Starters**, Laura Crutchley & Digger
- Novice**, Steven Goldsmith & Ruby
- Most Entertaining**, Kate Kirk & Meave
- Most Improved**, Linda Qualtrough & Lass
- Junior Handler**, Beth Vickers & Dax
- Adult Handler**, Ryan Forgie & Zina
- Helping Hand**, Ian Sims
- Dog Of The Year**, Sharon Deuchars & Molly
- Agility League**, 1st Sarah Elliott & Ozzie, 2nd Sarah Paull & Eddie, 3rd Kate Kirk & Meave, 4th Steven Goldsmith & Ruby, 5th Tracey Norrey & Kerry, 6th Sarah Paull & Dash
- Bronze Awards** - Samantha Moolman & Charlie, Mandy Quayle & Poppy, Beth Vickers & Dax, Karen Forgie & Elle, Steven Goldsmith & Ruby, Kate Kirk & Meave
- Silver Awards** - Sarah Elliott & Ozzie



Working Dogs in Afghanistan – Toys Donation.



An enormous thank you to everyone who has contributed dog's toys following our appeal for sending to the troops' dogs working in Afghanistan. We have had an absolutely brilliant response and have just sent off a massive box full of toys, which we are sure will be very well received – thank you everyone!

The video link explains what the dogs are doing out there – what canine heroes!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w->

Agility Class Changes for 2011

Starting in the new year there will be a slight change to the timings for each of the agility classes. As a big positive this will mean extra training for everyone - Yeah!

Class 1 12.00 - 13.15

Class 2 13.15 - 14.30

Class 3 & 4 14.30 - 16.25

The classes 3 & 4 will run at the same time.



Guess Who??

We haven't got a photo for this edition so please send in your Guess Who pictures, but here's a photo just for fun!



Ryan wants his old hair back!!!



Answer from last May's Issue—Yes it's Mary Sims with her first dog Snooky - How cute!

Annual Dinner 2010 - Part 2

Novice Agility Award

The recipient of this award has worked tirelessly and with great determination over the past year, despite set-backs with the health of the dog. Thankfully this potentially seriously condition seems to be under control now and the dog is working with as much enthusiasm as ever and showing great potential for moving up further grades next season. This person is extremely dedicated and on occasions beats themselves up with frustration when things don't quite go right, but still comes back to overcome the hiccup. There have been numerous successes for this team of handler and dog this year, both on and off the island, moving up two grades, and long may this trend continue, which we are sure it will. We are delighted to announce the recipient of the Novice Award for 2010 is Steven Goldsmith and Ruby.



All of the winners showing off their silverware!

Most Entertaining Award

The saying that 'dogs are like their owners' has never been more true than in the case of the recipients of this award. The scope of their antics knows no bounds and although we don't see them recently as much as we'd like to, they still don't fail to deliver their comedy duo when they do show up. The best thing of all though is that they also see the funny side of their nutty ways and are sporting enough to laugh along with everyone else. Nevertheless, this team still manage to achieve some brilliant results together and are steadily working up the grades.

We are all very grateful of the entertainment and hilarity that these two provide for the benefit of everyone and it therefore gives us great pleasure to announce the duly elected recipients of the 'Most Entertaining' Award 2010 to be presented toKate Kirk and Meave.

Starters

In the past few months this person has shown a wonderful attitude towards agility in lots of different ways. They have a caring and thoughtful way of handling their dog and always listen to advice and strives to improve, not to mention the fact that they are always willing to help with any tasks. We think that this person has a very promising future in agility and we look forward to watching you both move swiftly up the grades in the near future. The recipient of the Starters Award 2010 is..... Laura Crutchley and Digger

Most Improved

Despite only starting agility late last year this dog and handler has consistently achieved placings in competition and has also competed at their first open show earlier in the year. This person is always keen to improve their handling and is always grateful for the help they receive. We have watched this handlers confidence grow and are sure that dog and handler will continue to improve over the coming year. The recipient of the Most Improved Award 2010 is.....Linda Qualtrough and Lass.

Annual Dinner 2010 - Part 3

Junior Handler

When you have youth on your side it can sometimes be a blessing and sometimes a curse as it puts added pressure on you to perform in front of others. The worry of looking silly can be a barrier, however, we learn that being silly is natural for an adult handler and we have to learnt to see the funny side! This young person has tried very, very hard to overcome this barrier and we have had some laughter, occasional tears and a lot of 'sorries'! All this being said, it is plain to see the enthusiasm that this handler has and their efforts are paying off. Please keep up the hard work. The recipient of the Junior Handler Award 2010 is.....Beth Vickers.



Adult Handler

It's always difficult to decide who is awarded this trophy and this year is no different. This person works extremely hard to improve their technique and to understand their dog and has been rewarded by moving steadily up the grades. This person works hard, puts in the time to train others and is a dedicated member of the Club. They can also be relied upon to provide general entertainment but beware of his throwing technique and sudden arm movements!! Joking aside, we are sure you will continue to develop your own personal technique and will do very well in the coming year. Without further ado the winner of the Adult Handler Award 2010 is.....Ryan Forgie.

Helping Hand

It never fails to amaze us that each year there is always an obvious recipient for this special award. This year the trophy is being awarded to someone who has given up a lot of their own time to help the Club in various ways. It is never any trouble for this person to lend a hand whether it is to move equipment or set up and run our website, this in itself is a mammoth task and a huge asset to the Club. We are fortunate that we have people that are willing to help year after year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Sims for all his help over the past year and hope that you will continue to support our club. This award comes with a big Thank you from all at the Douglas Dog Training Club.

Dog of the Year

Well what can I say about this duo, I guess it will have to be stunning, simply stunning! This award is for dog of the year; however, as we all know it takes a partnership to succeed at agility. This partnership has gone from strength to strength and has been an inspiration to us all. The achievements over the past year are just far too many to mention - but there are a couple which are definitely worth mentioning. This dog achieved grade 6 this year and is now well on her way to Grade 7. As if that is not enough - she is also on her way to Crufts representing the Isle of Man in 2011!



Any excuse boys!!

This dog is a credit to her handler who puts her heart and soul into everything she does and we are very lucky to have them both as members of our Club. We would like to wish both of them good luck for next year - let them have it and be HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY!

I am sure that you now know that the winner of the Dog of the Year Award 2010 is.....Molly the Collie and Sharon Deuchars.



Club Officials

Committee Members

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

Agility Trainers

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

Obedience Trainers

Sarah Paull, Sharon Jenkinson

KC Registered Agility Judges

Mary Sims, Nicki Nairn

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

Fun Section!

A doggie Christmas carol!

Author unknown.

(sung to the tune of Winter
 Wonderland)

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?
 In the lane, snow is glistenin'.
 It's yellow, NOT white - I've been
 there tonight,
 Marking up my winter wonderland.



Smell that tree? That's
 my fragrance.
 It's a sign for wand'ring
 vagrants:
 "Avoid where I pee, it's
 MY pro-per-ty!
 Marked up as my winter wonderland."

NEWS, SKEET AND SCANDAL!



As I am sure you have noticed there has been a slight(!) delay in the publication of this newsletter but I have had a good excuse (see front page)! Alfie is currently asleep so I have 30 minutes to make a start on this edition. Hopefully we should now be able to keep these newsletters coming on a regular basis but we do need your input in order to make them an interesting read and not so Agility biased, so please forward any suggestions, ideas etc on to us see details below.



Well it is coming up for that time of year again, the Christmas holidays are a time that many families look forward to – the decorations, festive food, and lots of fun. However your favorite Christmas treats and decorations can also be very appealing to your dog, and extremely harmful! Please bear in mind the following safety tips this Christmas so the whole family, including your dog can really enjoy the festive season.

All of the following seasonal items are dangerous to your dog if eaten; chocolate, grapes, and raisins. Turkey bones may become lodged in the dog's throat or may perforate the intestinal tract, and onions can cause anemia so don't feed to your dog in any form. Always keep an eye on your dog and seek veterinary attention if necessary.



Poinsettias and Amaryllis are popular at Christmas, but their red glow isn't just appealing to humans, many dogs will find these plants irresistible too. It's therefore important that these plants are kept out of a dogs reach, as they are poisonous and can cause mouth or stomach irritation from just eating a small part of the plant. Mistletoe can also be dangerous, the berries, in particular, can be even more toxic than poinsettias.



You know you're a dog person...

...when your partner does something nice for you and you say "good boy" and pat him on the head.

...when you drive by ANY field ANYWHERE and judge its qualities as a training/show site. (one especially for Kate!)

Competition Re-launch

Unfortunately we haven't had any suggestions for a name for the newsletter yet, so we are still open to any ideas, please try to keep it clean!! As before there is no prize for the winning idea but you will get to see your name used for future editions. All ideas to newsletter@douglasdogtrainingclub.co.uk.

Dog Facts...

...A dog's nose is not just used for smelling, but also to keep him cool. That's why a dog pants. The longer the dog's nose, the better his cooling system works.

...A puppy's eyes do not open until it is 10 to 15 days old. Its vision is usually not complete until it is about four weeks old.

In the meadow dad will
 build a snowman,
 following the classical
 design.
 Then I'll lift my leg and
 let it go Man,
 So all the world will know it's
 mine-mine-mine!



Straight from me to the fencepost,
 flows my natural incense boast;
 "Stay off of my TURF, this small
 piece of earth,
 I mark it as my winter wonderland.



Web Links

Agility

<http://www.agilityeye.co.uk/>

<http://www.agilitynet.com/>

<http://agilityforum.agilityaddicts.net/>

<http://www.cleanrun.com/>

<http://www.agilityclub.co.uk/>

Obedience

<http://www.obedienceuk.com/>

Flyball

<http://www.flyball.org.uk/>

General

<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/>

<http://www.colliewobbles.co.uk/>

Dog Clubs

<http://www.douglasdogtrainingclub.co.uk/>

<http://www.iomdoc.com/>

<http://ramseydtdc.org/>



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!!!!**