

SOUTH COTSWOLD DOG TRAINING CLUB

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PIMMS IN THE PARK!

Their cover is blown. Now we know what the Wednesday Obedience class (affectionately known as Susie's Floosies) really get up to when they say they are training on the George V playing field. Thanks to Lindsey Sherwood for the photo.



Doreen with Lottie, Jill with Oliver, Claire with Charlie, Angie with Lexie, Susie, Hazel with Toby, Jaz with Ren, Jacky with Ellie and Virginia (Chuck just wandered out of the picture).

“Finding Harmony” is an autobiography by Sally Hyder.

It is the story of how Sally's life changed with the onset of MS. Of particular interest to club members is how she was partnered with Harmony, her Canine Partners assistance dog. Canine Partners is our charity for 2014-15, and the book gives a real insight into just how much these dogs mean to their humans. It's a really inspiring and heart-warming story which I thoroughly recommend. Do ask to borrow my copy—Liz.

IN THIS WINTER 2014 ISSUE we look back on activities in 2014 , and meet some of our newer club members:

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Helen bids goodbye to the club by Pat Jones



Helen Oakes joined the club when her lurcher Leila was a very tiny puppy. Leila spent the first few classes hiding under the chair, too frightened to say hello to the other puppies. As her confidence grew, Leila turned into a really lovely dog. She died, very elderly, about 8 months ago.

Helen and Leila worked towards and gained the Bronze, Silver and Gold KC Good Citizen awards. They competed for the club in the Ten Teams Rally many times and Leila proved a steady and accurate member of the team.

Helen was a club instructor for many years, She taught the puppy, good dog and superdog classes. Her favourite was the puppy class as she loved to watch and nurture their progress.

Helen and Tiggy the Jack Russell moved to Dorset a few months ago. They have both settled into their new home and are very happy. But they miss us all at South Cotswold.

Not as much as we miss you Helen!

Pat, Susie and Doreen with Lottie ,(back row), and Angela photographed with Helen, (front right) on her last night at club. Posh Tottie, centre front, has also retired & has gone to a loving new home.

Breed profile : Cockapoo

This popular crossbreed combines the energetic, outgoing personality of the Cocker Spaniel (American or English) with the quick intelligence and low-shedding coat of the Poodle (either Toy or Miniature).

The breed originated in the United States in the 1950's. As they are bred from a wide variety of parents, Cockapoos' appearance and size often vary. Their coats can be tight and curly, wavy or even straighter. The fur is soft, with different colour variations. It rarely sheds, which is good for allergy sufferers, but they do need regular grooming, as the hair still moults and can become matted if it is not removed.



Cockapoos can live for 13 years, and often longer. As they have drop ears they are particularly prone to otitis, an inflammation and irritation of the ear canal, which is sometimes caused by foreign bodies such as grass seeds becoming trapped.

They are friendly, loving dogs that thrive in the company of people. They need plenty of mental stimulation and at least one hour of proper exercise each day. They are highly intelligent and respond well to training: a good choice for a family pet.

The photographs are of Dolly, one of our newer club members, at puppy class.

Abbie

by Val and Gordon Scott

A progress report on our yellow Labrador, Abbie.

Abbie took the place of our much loved Labrador Maisie, who died in 2013, aged 14.

We had Abbie when she was 8 weeks old. She was bred by Catherine and Guy James at Eastington. Her dam Manton (named after a gun) and her sire Lucus, owned by Richard Watts of Hardwicke, are both black Labradors and are working gun dogs.

Abbie has been quite a challenge. She is a very lively and strong-willed girl – but great fun. Much hard work is now beginning to reap rewards and Abbie is proving to be very bright – not always to our advantage. She passed the Bronze Good Citizen Test (what a surprise!) and she won the Gundog obedience cup at club last year (another surprise!). We have now started working towards the Silver test, with a lot of help from the club trainers. The Open Door display last June was her first, and she thoroughly enjoyed it.

She clearly thinks life is about two things; food (priority) and fun. Maybe she has got it right! She loves to play with other dogs and many walks are interrupted by a game with one or more of her doggie friends in Slimbridge. She also loves to play with children, especially a game of football.

Abbie never misses an opportunity for a swim in any water – ponds, ditches and rivers, however dirty they may be, but she HATES being hosed before being allowed back into the house.

There is a super photograph of her on the Vale Vets website and she behaves like a celebrity whenever she visits.



The 2014 Open Door Display

Each year the Club undertakes a visit to a club for adults with special needs called the Open Door. The dogs need to be sociable and confident as well as having the necessary skills to give a fun obedience display. This year's display is now being planned. Please contact Susie if you would like to take part. —Ed.

The display took place at the Tabernacle in Dursley. The Team was made up of :

Ellie-May. She is a silver standard poodle who was almost 9 years old at the time and owned by Pat.

Ellie. An Airdale Terrier, aged 4 and a half, owned by Lynda.

Osbert. A 2 years old Silver Dapple Miniature Dachshund, owned by Barli and Pete.

Pip. An Australian Shepherd/Collie X . 7 years old and owned by Jill.

Dixie. A 3 years old German Shepherd owned by Susie.

Lottie. An 8 years old Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel, owned by Doreen.

Abbie. Then 15 months old, a yellow Labrador owned by Val and Gordon.

As usual we practiced on the lawn ready for the display and all went well until the rain started and did not stop.

This caused us to abandon doing the display and go into the hall, which is quite small to say the least. However, with the audience seated all around the edge and with only some minor changes to the schedule the display took place. A variety of exercises were demonstrated and all went very well. The dogs all performed at their very best and even managed to keep their owners under control!!

The audience enjoyed the display and the opportunity to stroke and talk to the dogs, and if wagging tails are a sign of happy dogs then they all enjoyed it as well.

Toggle's Learning Curve

Toggle, border collie, at 5 months.....

Things I have learned and for which I get sausage or my toy:

1. exercises in puppy class, but I am a bit shouty
2. turning left and right, a work in progress
3. standing on the garden step 2on 2off
4. waiting in my crate until released
5. waiting on the lawn on my own
6. waiting with the others, more difficult
7. waiting in front of jumps
8. waiting for my lead to be taken off
9. running in circles with her
10. touching her hand with my nose
11. going down when told, difficult one that!
12. coming back to join the pack
13. settling down when told
14. tugging on my toy at shows, at training and everywhere else
15. giving my toy up on command
16. Ping, which means leap to my feet and land in a stand
17. sitting on command



Things I am supposed to have learned, but have not perfected, for which I get sausage or my toy if I try to do them

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| 1. coming right up to her when called | 2. not pulling on the lead |
| 3. not jumping up and/or getting down when told | 4. all 4 paws on the wobble cushion |

Things I have learned for which I get neither toy or sausage but which are fun

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| 1. chasing birds | 2. rounding up the lawn mower while barking hysterically |
| 3. barking to go out and barking to come in | 4. barking when my meals are not promptly served |
| 5. barking when I am missing out | 6. digging the lawn |
| 7. digging the planters out | 8. chewing the legs of the sofa |
| 9. leaping on the furniture | 10. cuddles are nice |
| 11. chasing JJ and pulling his tail or trousers | 12. taking toys from the others (except Sheila) |
| 13. visiting the neighbours | 14. wrestling with Sheila, preferably on the sofa |
| 15. avoiding Chippy when he looks bleak (not fun this one but I have learned is important) | |

In addition, I can:

Walk backwards, perch on a chair and reach for a treat

Perch with my front feet on a stool and walk round in a circle on my back feet

Creep forward on my tummy

Of the other things I enjoyed, I still like them but my barking is less and I don't wrestle with Sheila so much, so I chase JJ instead. However, I am not good on a lead when we meet another dog, but we are getting help with that.

Toggle's Learning Curve Caroline James for Toggle

Toggle at 1 year: The curve up to date

I can still remember the things I learned at 5 months in list 1 and I have also learned:

1. Sort of retrieve. I bring the toy back, but can't understand why she doesn't want to bend down to pick it up.! She keeps asking me to put it in her hand.
2. Tunnels - love them
3. Wing wraps
4. Jumps of all sorts
5. To stand on the bottom of the contact and tug like the proverbial
6. Turn quickly round a road cone - odd this one, she thinks it will help her move away more quickly. She struggles you know!

The things I had not perfected

1. I still struggle with coming right up to her at the end of a walk
2. She walks me on a halti to stop me pulling on the lead
3. Jumping up and/or getting down when told - Got that one sussed!
4. Wobble cushion - not managed all 4 paws, can do front or back but not all.
So far, so good though. I think I'm doing rather well.



Taking your dog abroad

You must meet the entry requirements for your pet dog, for the country you're going to or coming from. You're responsible for any fees or charges for your pet if you don't meet the entry requirements.

Enter the UK from the EU or a listed country

When you enter or return to the UK from another EU or non-EU listed country your pet needs to meet the entry requirements. These include a:

[microchip](#) [rabies vaccination](#) [pet passport or third country official veterinary certificate](#) [tapeworm treatment](#)

You must also use an approved transport company and an approved route unless you're travelling between the UK and the Republic of Ireland (all other rules still apply). You must wait 21 whole days from the date of the rabies vaccination before travelling.

Enter the UK from an unlisted country

An 'unlisted' country is any country not included in the list of EU and non-EU listed countries. When you enter or return to the UK from an unlisted country, your pet needs to meet the following requirements:

[Microchip](#) [rabies vaccination](#) [third country official veterinary certificate](#) [tapeworm treatment](#)

[Also a blood test – the vet must take the blood sample at least 30 days after the rabies vaccination.](#)

You must wait 3 calendar months from the date the blood sample was taken before travelling. The vet must give you a copy of the test result to show that the vaccination was successful.

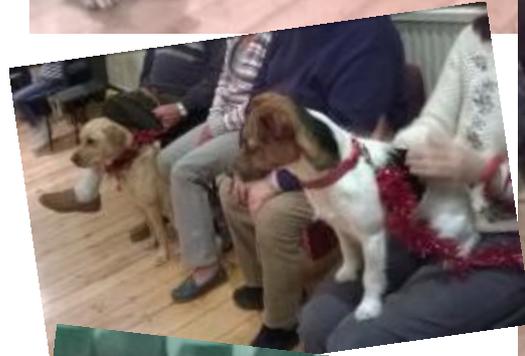
You don't have to wait 3 months if your pet was vaccinated, blood tested and given a pet passport in the EU before travelling to an unlisted country. You must also use an approved transport company and route.

When you return to the UK

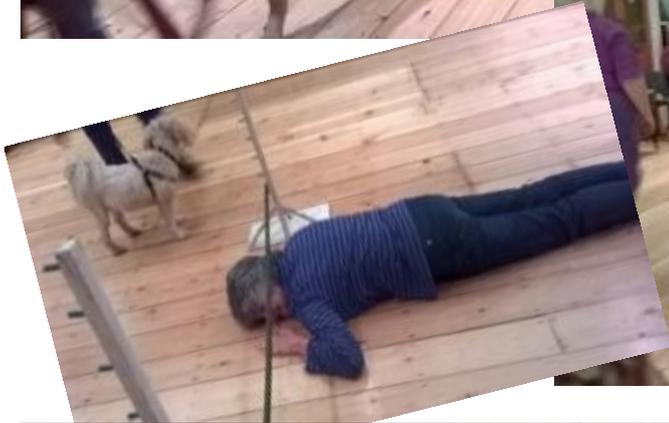
Staff from the travel company will scan your pet's microchip and check your documents. Your pet will be put into quarantine or sent back to the country it travelled from if you don't have the correct documents or your pet hasn't been properly prepared for travel. You're responsible for the cost of quarantine or the re-export of your dog.

Happy Holiday!

Obedience Christmas party 2014



- featuring the annual Limbo competition!



Useful websites: www.doglost.co.uk

Doglost is the UK's largest lost and found dog service. It is a free service, financed by donations.

In 2014 nearly 18,500 dogs were registered lost or found on its website. Each month the site has 1.5 million visits and 82,000 members help by searching, putting up posters or sharing info across social media. This way more than 100 lost or stolen dogs are reunited with their owners each week.

You can join Doglost for free. You will then be able to flag up lost or found dogs and will receive alerts for dogs lost in your area. You are even able to pre-register your dog, just in case the unthinkable ever happens.

We value your contributions: Remember, this is your newsletter.

Please feel free to submit doggie stories, photos, news & views.

These can be emailed to the editor Liz, at : liz.steele@btinternet.com

Club Contacts for The Good Citizen Dog Scheme:

Obedience —Please contact Pat Jones for more details — Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

Agility —Please contact Julie Bearder, julie@bearder.co.uk who is happy to liaise with Pat to set up Bronze classes for agility dogs .

**Our AGM will be held on Wed 25th February
7.30pm in the Nailsworth Town Hall. All members welcome.**

**The SCDTC Open Show will be held on Sat May 8th, at Nympsfield,
followed by the Ten Teams Rally on Sunday 9th.**

**Helpers are needed on the Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon.
Please contact Pat or Susie.**

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