



Welcome to the

Welsh Dobermann Club

Summer News Letter 2009

SECRETARY'S REPORT

At the Club's AGM we had a change in committee details of which are included in the Newsletter and I wish to welcome Linda Wilkes back to the committee.

The Club's Open Show is due to take place on 4th October, 2009, at Cwmbran Stadium and our judge for the day will be Mrs. Eileen Matthews (Heathwaen), schedule enclosed herewith. Rosette donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged in the catalogue.

The Club's Championship Show was well attended and a report on the day, together with critiques is included within this Newsletter.

The Club is putting together information for the 2010 Calendar of Champions and there are one or two pages left if you or any of your friends wish to take a page for their champion. Please contact Jackie Barnes. We hope to have the calendars available in October.

Three Dobermanns will tails have now gained CCs, with one gaining 2 CCs this year so I doubt if it will be long before we have our first UK Dobermann Champion with a tail.

Please note that I have changed my e-mail address to:- junewelshdobie@btinternet.com I should be grateful if members could let me have their e-mail addresses and as we are all trying to save money and the environment if members could let me know if they would be happy to receive schedules for the Club's shows by e-mail (or downloaded from the Club's web site) and also e-mail copies or download copies of the Newsletter. E-mail addresses are also required in order that I can let you know if there is any new information on the club's website (www.welshdobermann.co.uk).

Following on from the change to the Code of Ethics by the Kennel Club the Dobermann Breed Council submitted additional codes they wished to be included in the Code of Ethics. These additional codes have now been approved by the Kennel Club. I've enclosed details of the additional Codes within the Newsletter.

The Club will be continuing with its awards for Best Dobermann (Ch. Shows); Best Dobermann (Open Shows) and Best Puppy (Ch. Shows and Open Shows). The forms are not required until the beginning of January 2010 but if you wish to download the forms and start filling in the details as you collect your wins please go to the Club's web site to download them. Alternatively if anyone wishes to receive a paper copy please contact me.

This Newsletter we have included a page congratulating Members on their wins – if we have missed any please let me know and I will endeavour to include them in the next issue. A page on the Club's web site will also include this information so let us know of your wins.

We all know how sad it is to lose our beloved four legged friends and I know many members have had to deal with this during this last year. Andrew and I had to say goodbye to his constant companion, our Crossridge cat – Emma. She was 17 years old and had seen many of my Dobermanns come and go. Jon had a litter of kittens and we picked up a lovely ginger and white tom but then went back the following week and picked up Emma. She was brilliant with the dogs and would bop them on the nose if they got too pushy but never with the claws out. Doris had quite a few bops on the nose in the last few months as she thought Emma was great to try and wash! She is sadly missed.

I'm sure most of you heard the sad news of the police dogs dying of heat in a car in recent months. At Windsor Ch. Show several breed classes (including Dobermanns) were halted until all dogs were taken out of vehicles. During the summer months every care should be taken to ensure that your dog is not at risk.

JUNE PIPER

Hon. Secretary

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The Welsh Dobermann Club held their championship show on 19th April, 2009, and many thanks to our judges for making it an enjoyable day. Judges were Dogs - David Mitchell (Bosskat); Bitches – Tracey Feeney (Diego), Referee & Breeders Competition Judge – Peter Voros (Tiralaw) (the referee was not required).

The results were:-

Dog CC & Reserve BIS – Dave & Yvonne Bevans' Khaneve Boyz Knight In, his third, Reserve CC – Evans & Morby's Amazon El Torro who was also BPIS.

Bitch CC & BIS - Flemmings and Henderson's Ch. Aritaur Hypnotique, her 23rd, Reserve CC Bennett, Hall & Mycroft's Supeta's Feels Like Heaven at Zuffenhausen, also Best Puppy Bitch & RBPIS..

Best Veteran in Show - Claire Tapply's Ch. Heldenberg Haagen JW.

The Prize Draw for the Gold Dobermann Necklace (recently valued at £400), and Dobermann Model raised £830 for Dobermann Welfare. The lucky winner of the necklace was Jean Quigley with the model being won by Marianne Smith. A big thank you to all who bought tickets, Yvonne Cox & Darren for printing the tickets free of charge and to the anonymous donor for their donations to raise funds for Dobermann Welfare.

The Welsh Dobermann Club presented a cheque, for £1,000.00 (donations from members, sponsored walk, donations with entries, etc.) to Sue Garner, Treasurer of Dobermann Welfare Association, attending the show with a friend, accompanied by Harvey a 10 year old Dobermann, she was to rehome who enjoyed all the attention.

At the show we also auctioned a few items which raised further funds, this money will be added to the donations received with entries, the £830 from the prize draw and the Welsh Dobermann Club will make up the difference to enable a further £1,000.00 to be donated to Dobermann Welfare Association.

June Piper, Hon. Secretary, Welsh Dobermann Club.

Welsh Dobermann Club 19th April 2009

I would like to thank the Welsh Dobermann Club for giving me the opportunity to judge their show. Although movement is always hard to assess in a small ring I was disappointed to see a lack of forward reach and drive from the rear in most of the exhibits. My CC who was also RBIS did this and did it moving on a loose lead covering the ring with ease. Nice to hear that this was his third thus making him a Champion on the day. My RCC winner came from the puppy class, he not only impressed me in profile he also did not let himself down when asked to move and in agreement with my co judge BPIS.

MPD (1) 1st Carberry's Camarin Cassonova, Immature young male needs time to develop in all aspects of his confirmation. Not in tune with his handler.

PD (8) 2abs 1st Evan's & Morby's Amazon El Torro, (bl&r) Mature balanced and square young male. Good head, super reach of neck leading into well placed shoulders and correct upper arm. Forechest well developed with good spring of rib and good depth of chest. Excellent in topline and tailset, Super rear angulation which is becoming rare these days Backline short and firm which did not waver on the move. Rcc and BPIS. I personally think he will be the first UK Champion with a tail since the changes to docking came in.

2nd Ingram's Jojavik Mafioso, (bl&r) Elegant & stylish with good layback of shoulder but straight in upper arm which is evident when he moves. Enough forechest and down to his elbow, Good head planes with correct stop nice depth to his muzzle. Neck well arched, super backline and tailset and balanced rear angulation. Lost out on his movement, but still a very nice puppy.

JD (6) 2abs 1st McMullen's Aritaur Vincent Vega, (bl&r) Nice square and muscular, with a super head and excellent reach of neck. Front and rear angulations balanced, topline nicely sloping with no break, and a tail carriage I personally prefer.

2nd Griffiths Amious Ruff Diamond (bl&r) Top size muscular but elegant. Front assembly set forward and layin of shoulder a little wide. Good depth of chest but elbows not close to. Ribs well sprung, nice topline and good rear angulation.

YD (3) 1st Lewis, Jojavik Bugsy Malone, Medium size brn and rust, good lay back and lay in of shoulder and correct upper arm. Nice head planes with good length of foreface. Well developed forechest and good spring of rib. Back short, croup well filled out. Straight in rear angulation but despite this moved ok.

2nd Griffiths Amious Ruff Diamond

ND (5) 2 abs 1st Evan's & Morby's Amazon El Torro,

2nd Ingram's Jojavik Mafioso

UGD (4) 1 abs 1st Lewis, Jojavik Bugsy Malone

2nd Pollards Amazon Eldorado at Whizzbean, (bl&r) Good size square masculine male, little straight in shoulder but correct upper arm length and angulation. Forelegs straight, feet and pasterns correct. Good depth of chest and forechest well developed. Would have preferred more reach to his neck. Back short and firm rear angulation very good.

GD(5) 2 abs 1st Lewis, Jojavik Bugsy Malone

2nd Griffiths Amious Ruff Diamond

PGD (8) 2 abs 1st Carberry's Estridge Balboa (bl&r) Medium size very elegant male, Masculine head and planes parallel if anything would have liked a little more width through his muzzle. Eye shape correct and colour dark brown. Excellent reach of neck flowing into a super front angulation. Nice level backline and good tailset. Forechest well developed and chest down to his elbows, ribs well sprung. His rear angulation is balanced to his front with a good turn of stifle and straight hocks. To me, a typical old style of Dobe. His handler got the best out of him at all times.

2nd Andre's Arbrodin Knight of Legacy, Square muscular and elegant brn and rust. Although I felt his front angulation was correct it was set a little forward. Enough forechest and depth down to his elbows. Elbows were close to his brisket. Head planes correct, but had too much stop. Eye shape could have been better but eye colour blended with his markings. Feet were cat like and well arched. Rear angulation good with good length to his second thigh. Moved well

MLD (7) 1st Walker's Diegos Caught n The Act CDex, Medium size brn and rust, angulations matching fore and aft with giving an elegant picture of a dog in tune with his handler. Forelegs straight and parallel and pasterns correct. Head planes good correct stop but to be critical flews could be tighter. Nice reach of neck and excellent topline and tailset. Underline well tucked up and his whole body well muscled. Movement was good.

2nd Young's Trystorme Brigadoon at Malibray. Standards size bl and rust, elegant in his appearance but still masculine. Head ok, planes not parallel. Eyes almond shaped and of a good colour. Good lay back of shoulder but felt his upper arm was a little straight. Preferred the reach of neck, head planes and backline of the winner.

LD (9) 1 abs 1st Carberry's Estridge Balboa

2nd Milne & Williams Leibawche Al Capone Square bl and rust, very muscular and in good condition. Shoulder placement too wide and a little straight. Upper arm angulation correct. Forechest well developed and down to his elbows. Head planes good but too wide in his skull and too much stop. Nice dark almond shaped eye. Needs more reach to his neck. Back short and topline sloping slightly. Rear angulation could be better, moved ok.

OD (10) 2 abs 1st Bevans Khaneve Boyz Night In, Medium size brn and rust, super front assembly but to be critical would have liked more reach of neck Head planes parallel good depth to his muzzle and strong underjaw lips tight, eye shape and colour correct.. Forelegs straight and parallel and pasterns strong. Forechest well developed, excellent depth to his chest with his elbows lying close to his brisket. Slight slope to his topline. Slightly longer cast but this was made up of rib and not length of loin. When asked to move, he did so on a loose lead with excellent reach and drive seldom seen in today's show ring. CC, his third making him a Champion. and RBIS.

2nd Evans and Byrne's Ch Amazon Cold Play, Good size bl and rust, balanced square and in super condition. Nice head with good length of foreface and depth to his muzzle would like a darker eye but you can't have everything. Excellent shoulders and upper arm, enough forechest, depth down to his elbows, good spring of rib and elbows close. Neck well arched, topline and tailset very good, balanced rear angulation with a good turn of stifle.

VD (4) It was nice to see all these boys enjoying themselves. The condition they were in is a credit to their owners and the certainly did not look their age.

1st Tapply's Ch Heldenberg Hagen Medium size elegant bl and rust. Masculine head and planes correct, good length to his muzzle and a strong underjaw. Beautiful reach of neck flowing into well placed shoulders. with good upper arm angulation. Enough forechest depth of chest down to his elbows and close to his brisket. Feet were well arched for someone his age Topline and tail set very good croup well filled out. Used his rear angulation to very good effect when asked to move giving that apparent rotary action. As always handled to 2nd ection. BVIS

2nd Cashman & Parkers Uk & Lux NI Ch Gaindyke Mirco At Lakehouse, Good size bl and rust, Super head eye shape and colour. Well arched neck leading into good lay back of shoulder, upper arm angulation correct. Enough forechest and has good depth to his chest although his elbows were not as close to his brisket as the winner. Excellent topline and correct tailset with well bent stifle. Preferred the movement of the 1st

Judge

David Mitchell

Boskat Dobermanns

The Welsh Dobermann Club

The Welsh Dobermann Club held a Championship Show at The Cwmbrian Stadium on 19th April 2009 where the BCC & BIS was Henderson & Fleming's Ch Ir Ch Aritaur Hipnotique, RBCC & BPB Burnett, Hall & Mycroft's Supeta' Feels Like Heaven at Zuffenhausen, RBIS Bevan's Khaneve Boyz Night In, BPIS Evans & Morby's Amazon El Torro and BV Tapply's Ch Heldenburg Haagen. I enjoyed a quality entry, it was a day of compromise, I stayed true to my heart and hard decisions had to be made. I judged the bitches as they were presented on the day, placing them in order of merit to my interpretation of the breed standard. Mouths were good, as were temperaments. I can only thank the exhibitors for giving me such a good entry and for the excellent sportsmanship on the day. A well run show by a hard working committee. MPB (6,1): 1st Supeta's Top Totty, Black & rust, good outline and condition, head planes just off slightly at the moment, and would prefer more underjaw, dark eye, very sound front with plenty of depth for her age, lovely neck, topline still to harden, good tailset, she is just a baby and so much will change with maturity, a balanced puppy.

2nd Nerak Sweepstake, another black & rust, stronger in type, this little lady had eaten all the pies! Loads of bone and substance with balanced angulation, she has a lovely shape just needs to lose the puppy fat!

3rd Supeta Hot Totty

PB (6,3): 1st Supeta's Feels Like Heaven at Zuffenhausen, three v nice bitches, this little lady has to be a future star, twelve months on the day, black & rust, clean sharp outline, good head planes, with dark eyes, lovely neck flowing into her flawless topline & tailset, very good front and rear angulation which added to her balance, she has good depth of body with correct ribbing, just so pleasing on the eye, she moved out well with forward reach and drive behind, never put a foot wrong in the challenge pushing an excellent bitch very hard, RCC & BPB.

2nd Amazon Sydique, a little unsettled today which seemed to affect her movement, she is another top quality bitch, black & rust, very strong with a lovely outline, again with balanced angulation, unfortunate to meet one in such good form.

3rd Jojavik Blousey Brown

JB (15,1) A really strong class with some excellent bitches, bodes well for the future :

1st Supeta's Feels Like Heaven at Zuffenhausen

2nd Jarjarjinx Armed 'n' Fabulous, another black & rust girl, elegant but with substance, lovely body shape, very good topline, lovely tight feet, another who presented a balanced picture, moved out well.

3rd Jaegeron Hell 'n' Reddy

YB(5,2): 1st Amious Krystal Clear at Galeric, unplaced in the previous JB class, which only shows the quality that was present on the day, black & rust good topline when settled, super front, balanced angulation, another with a very nice outline, moved out well.

2nd Otago Lani, brown & rust, a strong young lady who is going to be a slow maturer, she is going through a rangy stage at the moment, another with a good body shape just needs time, moved well.

3rd Grosenor the Celebrity at Mytanamy

NB(6,1): 1st Amazon Sidique

2nd Jojavik Blousey Brown, 3rd in puppy bitch in very good company, brown & rust, strong young lady who needs to tighten in body, lovely outline and very balanced, moved out well.

3rd Ardroban Canterbury Tails

UGB(3): 1st Malibray Lia Fail, 4th in JB, black & rust, strong girl who again has a balanced outline, handler tended to push her head back spoiling her neck & backline which detracted from the overall picture, that said when she was correct she looked very good, another with balance, sound mover.

2nd Amious Krystal Clear at Galeric

3rd Vivluc Gypsy

GB(5) : 1st Khazaddum At Touch To Die For, v elegant black & rust bitch, super outline, very clean, good front and rear angulation, lovely neck, flowing into her slightly sloping topline, good croup with correct tailset, moved well once settled, just needs to mature on.

2nd Krieger Naughty But Nice, v strong brown & rust, plenty of bone, good body shape, tight front, v good condition, would prefer a little more femininity, moved o.k

3rd Manzart No Nonsense

PGB(14): 1st Otherton Maybe Hot at Whizzbean, another with an elegant outline, very eye catching, black & rust, lovely front with good angulation, strong head, with dark eye, to be hyper critical a little throaty, lovely neck which flowed into her topline, good croup and tailset, good rear angulation, very balanced, good underline, lovely tight feet, moved well, considered her for the RCC just felt the JB was a little cleaner in outline.

2nd Tuwin Chinook For Heldenburg, similar in shape to my winner, another elegant black bitch, with many of the same attributes as my winner, just preferred the croup of 1. Moved and handled well.

3rd Trystorme Beezie Madden at Malibray

MLB(3) 1st Livikee Moulin Rouge J.W., brown and rust bitch who has a lovely clean outline, short coupled, with good front and rear angles, strong slightly sloping topline with correct croup and tailset, just needs to drop slightly in brisket to complete the picture, lovely bitch moved out well.

2nd Mountcraig Aint Misbehavin, strong girl who made it hard work for her handler today, another with a lovely clean outline, balanced angulation, moved out well.

3rd Leibwache Sunset Stripper

LB(14,1)A strong class with quality in depth, when judging it was a case of compromise, hard decisions were made, : 1st Aritaur Tarantella, black & rust, judged her last as a puppy, she has matured on well, another with balance, good head with dark expressive eyes, correct angulation front and rear, a strong but elegant bitch, correct topline & tailset, moved well, just lacked sparkle in the challenge.

2nd Ottia Dora The Explorer, sharp clean outline, very well put together, rock hard topline with balanced angulation, moved well.

3rd Supeta's Missy Elliot

OB(14,2) Another very strong class, 1st Ch. Ir. Ch. Aritaur Hipnotique, I have judged this bitch before and given her top honours then , she is the ultimate show girl and returning from whelping a litter she was in tip top condition with not a hint of her maternity duties showing! She is very balanced, with a classic outline. Beautiful crested neck flowing into her slightly sloping topline, front and rear angulation complement each other to add to the balance, she shows herself so well never putting a foot out of place, she is just so pleasing on the eye, she moved out very well. This was another very strong class, she had that extra little sparkle to tip the balance on the day to take the CC & in agreement with my co-judge BIS, a credit to her owners.

2nd Ch Amazon Devil Wears Prada, different type to 1, black and rust, another with a very clean outline, v stylish and balanced, v good front and rear angulation, moved v well.

3rd Ch. Vanhallen Black Velvet with Darkiss

VB(4,1) Three lovely bitches all a credit to their very caring owners, I hope they stay as young and fit as they were today for a good many years to come, 1st Jowendy's Enuf Said for Supeta, black and rust, eight years young, she still retains her clean sharp outline, strong backline and good tailset, good angulation fore and aft, moved out steady and true.

2nd Ebrill Chocolate Orange at Tackstone, strong brown lady, in tip top condition, lovely outline with strong bone, moved out v well.

3rd Aritaur Electra at Heathwaen

Judge: Tracy Feeney

**Congratulations
To all our members
who have done well in
Working, Conformation and Obedience**

**Jackie & Victoria Ingram's Izzy CC at Crufts, NEDC & Southern Counties
Champion Jojavik Gangster's Moll
Crufts Judge Mike Mullen
Judge Mrs W Barker
Judge Mr Glyn Payne**

**Mr Dave Williams May's CC at Manchester & The Dobermann Club
Judge Mrs Val Willis
Judge Mr John McIlroy**

**Fred and Linda Wilkes Megan's CC at WELKS
Champion Lynfryds Raspberry Beret
Judge Mr Tom Johnston**

**Jackie & Victoria Ingram's Jez CC at Bath
Jojavik Jezabel
Judge Mrs Irene Rushfirth**

**Richard and Janice Meredith Evie's CC at Leeds
Jojavik Helluva Dancer at Tarchans
Judge Mary Barrett**

**Lynne Jones Indi's CC at SKC
Champion Aritaur Helina
Judge Hazel Leggett**

**Tali Creme's CC with
Izralight New Year Dream
Judge Mr Bob Gregory**

**June Piper's RCC with Doris
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Judge Mr Alan Brown**

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WARNING: DOGS AND STICKS



Photo of Katy

The photograph of Katy was taken at the tender age of 11 weeks, looking as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth. She is Amazon Sweet Sweet Kandy to Baikel and owned by Jeanne Walker.

Katy was playing in the garden for less than 5 minutes and Jean was watching her almost most of the time. She realised she wasn't too well when she went to call her in and Katy started retching and then promptly threw up.

This continued for about 10 minutes, after about the 7th or 8th time her tummy was so pinched in Jean thought she had eaten a bulb or something poisonous.

Jean rushed her to the Harts Vet's in Bicester as an emergency.

Ian Hart immediately felt one end of a foreign object but couldn't find the other end. They did an X-ray of her tummy and called to say the stick was 5" long and about ½" round. The vet talked about it being major surgery for such a young puppy and said if it was possible he would try doing a Endoscopy to see if he could remove the object. Even then Katy was still shaved and prepped for a major operation just in case!

The vet had the shock of his life when he put the camera into her throat and found the other end sticking out of her oesophagus he managed to remove the stick very carefully with grippers and a great deal of care, it measured 14" Ian said it was the longest solid object he had ever removed from a dog let alone a small puppy.

Photo of stick



The Endoscopy revealed Katy only had one tiny hole and a few scratches all the way down so escaped unscathed and now has used up one of her 9 lives. It was very interesting being able to see the route the stick taken and a big relief that no lasting damage was done.

He thinks the only way she could have swallowed it was

1. Had the end in her mouth and fell on her nose and pushed it in.
2. Had the end in her mouth and ran into something and had it pushed right in.

Katy was in view most of the time on Jeanne's raised flower bed that has trees and shrubs on when it must have happened. Thanks to Jeanne for sharing her experience and thankfully Katy survived the ordeal but it just goes to show you have to have eyes in the back of your head when you have a young puppy around. However, dogs should not be allowed to carry and play with sticks at any age.

Following this story I was taking my puppy up the field and she was forever picking up sticks – she soon learnt the command "DROP" followed by a titbit.

June Piper

More 4 to broadcast Crufts

[More 4](#) has signed a deal with the Kennel Club, organiser of DFS Crufts, to broadcast the event for the first time in 2010.

More 4 will bring a fresh perspective to coverage of Crufts while retaining the show's popular highlights including the stories of 'hero dogs' in the Friends for Life competition and the live award of 'Best in Show'. The programming will also provide a high profile platform to inform the public about issues of health and welfare in pedigree dog breeding.

Coverage of the four-day dog show will be broadcast between 11 – 14 March with an hour long programme from Thursday to Saturday and a two-hour special on Sunday.

Hamish Mykura, Head of More 4, said:

"More 4's coverage will enable dog lovers to see all the Crufts favourites, with fresh and stylish coverage that will give the show a More 4 twist. Crufts has a long-standing place in British broadcasting, and people who watch it want to know that the dogs are, above all, happy and healthy. Our programmes will place a particular emphasis on dog welfare issues, reflecting different points of view."

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Communications Director, said:

"Dogs and dog lovers look forward to Crufts every year and we are delighted that More 4's coverage will give them the opportunity to celebrate with us the special and unique bond between dogs and their owners. The programme will not only show a range of the fun competitions and events that celebrate the diverse role that dogs play in society, but will also give puppy buyers the opportunity to learn how to choose, train and care of their dog, throughout its life.

"Dog shows such as Crufts, are crucial to safeguarding the long term health and welfare of pedigree dogs. They enable us to encourage and reward the breeding of healthy, happy dogs, by making sure that these are the ones that go home with the prizes. Without dog shows there would be no incentive to breed healthy dogs, no forum to monitor whether this is being done and no platform to educate the breeders and owners of the future.

"Crufts is also the world's best platform for all individuals and welfare organisations, veterinary professionals and breed experts who love and care about dogs, to discuss the health issues that the Kennel Club recognises affect some breeds and discuss what we can all do to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives.

"[The Kennel Club](#) has worked hard for many years to address these health issues both within and outside of the show ring, and will continue to do so. We conducted the world's largest survey into pedigree health in 2004, in association with the Animal Health Trust and the British Small Animal Veterinary Association, which culminated in the review of all breed standards in January 2009."

Nicky Paull, President of the [British Veterinary Association](#), said:

"Dog shows such as Crufts provide an excellent opportunity to educate the public about pedigree breeding – both the good elements and the areas of concern. They can also be used to highlight best practice in dog breeding and encourage responsible ownership.

"Alongside many other organisations, the [BVA](#) has long campaigned to reduce genetic disease in all animals and, jointly with the Kennel Club, our [Canine Health Schemes](#) help breeders to identify problems early and ensure they are not passed on.

"We welcome More 4's commitment to screening Crufts as a way to highlight health and welfare issues and inform viewers in an interesting and engaging way."

The coverage will be produced by Sunset and Vine.

The Kennel Club

Help us STOP irresponsible breeding!

Call on the government to apply the same basic principles which govern the **Accredited Breeder Scheme**, to the breeding of ALL dogs. The time has come for responsible dog breeders and lovers to stand together. Please sign our petition and show your support for dogs.

[Sign the Kennel Club's petition](#)

Thank you for your support

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Letter from Caroline Kisko, KC Secretary dated 1st June, 2009.

Dog Showing & Health

The Kennel Club is doing all it can to promote the healthy breeding and showing of dogs. The Kennel Club has always maintained that the vast majority of dogs bred and exhibited at shows are healthy. However, you will doubtless be aware that dog showing has been heavily criticised recently on the basis of claims that it is responsible for producing unhealthy dogs. For many years the Kennel Club and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust have been taking steps to understand and resolve these problems where possible, for instance providing grants for scientific research, training judges to spot unhealthy dogs during competition and issuing revised breed standards.

The Kennel Club is of the firm belief that dog showing is not only a fun hobby for those who take part, but is also the best forum in which to resolve any health problems related to a dog's conformation. As those who show dogs are well aware competitive dog showing is not only one of several means of promoting the breeding of healthy, happy dogs; it is also one of the best ways in which to eradicate the very distressing diseases that blight some dogs' lives because it is in this forum alone (i.e. the world of dog shows) that breed standards hold the authority to achieve progress. By their very nature dog shows reward excellent health and a good temperament – the results of the highest standards of breeding.

The Kennel Club will be making this issue a key focus of our campaigning activities over the coming months. I would be very grateful if you could help by asking your members to contact their local Member of Parliament in Scotland and the UK or the Assembly Member in Wales to support this campaign. I have enclosed a suggested letter to assist you. For further information on this campaign please visit our web site <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/2164>. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Kennel Club's Senior Public Affairs Officer Emily Jeffrey on 020 7518 1020 or Emily.jeffrey@thekennelclub.org.uk.

“Dear X MP

Dog Showing & Health

As a dog breeder/person who shows their dogs I am concerned about recent suggestions that the hobby of dog showing is responsible for a number of canine health problems. These suggestions seem to have been made without recourse to scientific evidence to establish the facts.

A number of actions have been taken to improve dog health by organisations such as the Kennel Club, including working with a number of breeders to improve the health of their breed, a full review of the breed standards, banning of close matings and significant levels of investment into science and research.

In January 2009 the Kennel Club published revised breed standards. Dogs at dog shows are judged against these standards which describe the breed's defining appearance, characteristics and temperament, and these were created with the dog's original function in mind. Judges are instructed to remove any dog they deem to be unhealthy from the ring and officials at shows have the responsibility to ensure that any dog not so removed by the judge, but which they suspect of being unhealthy, is examined by a vet. Thus, unhealthy dogs will not be rewarded in the show ring and their owners are further incentivised to breed with health in mind. This rigorous discipline cannot be achieved with non registered dogs or dogs that do not compete in the show ring.

Dog shows encourage healthy breeding practices. At Crufts 2008 a large number of winning dogs were bred by KC Accredited Breeders – KCABs are required to make use of health screening schemes relevant to their breed on all breeding stock. The attention to health and welfare shown by these breeders is in marked contrast to the kind of breeding carried out by puppy farmers, who breed purely for profit or fashion with no concern for health and welfare.

Dog shows are also a vital means by which to educate both dog breeders and potential puppy buyers about dog health and other welfare issues.

I hope you will agree that far from having a negative effect on dog health, shows are an important way to ensure that dogs' health improves. As my representative I am asking you to write to the Minister to echo your support for a minimum set of standards to be brought in which would apply to the breeding of all dogs.

I look forward to your prompt reply regarding this issue.

Yours sincerely”

DOBERMANN BREED COUNCIL MEMBER CLUBS CODE OF ETHICS

All breeders who register their puppies, and new owners who register ownership of their dogs with the Kennel Club, accept the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club and undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Breeders/Owners:

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
12. Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
13. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
14. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
15. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
16. Abide by the Constitution and Rules of the DBC Member Clubs and the Kennel Club.
17. Keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.
18. Breeding agreements: All stud services and sales arrangements shall be mutually agreed upon, stating in writing and signed by all parties concerned.
19. All advertising shall be honest and not in any way misrepresentative or fraudulent.
20. Encourage all breeding stock to be tested for Hip Displasia, PHPV and vWB under KC/BVA recognized schemes.
21. Encourage permanent identification, tattoo, micro chipping and/or DNA profiling
22. Only Kennel Club registered Dobermanns to be used for breeding.
23. All dogs offered at stud to be in good health and free from communicable diseases and serious faults as listed in the breed standard and will not mate a bitch in contravention of item 23.
24. No bitch shall be bred from more often than once per 12 (twelve calendar months period or mated before 2 (two) years of age, and shall be in good health and free from communicable diseases and serious faults as listed in the breed standard. No bitch to have more than 4 litters and must not whelp after her 7th birthday.

25. Honestly evaluate the quality of all Dobermanns and fairly represent that evaluation. For any puppies that appear to be sub-standard, the breeder/s have the following options available to them:
They could be:
 - a) No breeding contract signed and endorsed by the KC or papers withheld.
 - b) An agreement in writing by both parties to spay or castrate at an appropriate age.
26. No puppy shall leave the breeder/s under 8 (eight) weeks of age.
27. Breeders should maintain an interest in the welfare of all puppies that they breed.
28. Furnish records to each buyer of all inoculations and worming, pedigree and Kennel Club registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at the time of the sale that the KC registration papers are withheld.
29. All members shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit on the ownership of the Dobermann and membership of the Breed Club.
30. Members are encouraged to train and socialise their Dobermanns. Breeders should encourage all new puppy owners to do the same.
31. Member Clubs of the DBC do not condone or promote the breeding of White Dobermanns or any other colours not specified in the Breed Standard.
32. All breeding stock should closely follow the official Kennel Club Standard in all aspects, with particular attention being paid to the temperament of the dogs.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

To be reviewed annually.

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1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
12. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
13. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a head.'
14. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
15. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
16. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
17. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
19. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
20. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
21. A backward poet writes inverse.
22. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
23. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
24. Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!

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ARE WE IGNORING OUR DOGS' FUTURE

It's been another year when Dogs and Dog Owners have been subjected to harsh decisions from Town Councils and very often suffered unfair prosecution by Law Enforcement Officers. Councils have introduced many restraints on when and where dogs may be exercised, excluding many beaches parks and even bridle ways to them. Though there is approximately one dog for every 10 humans living in the UK, dog owners' wishes for their dogs' welfare is being affected in a negative way through lack of both physical and mental exercise.

Many dogs, just like humans are suffering from being overweight therefore experiencing heart, lung and kidney disease through lack of regular off-lead exercise. Also far too many dogs get involved in incidents of unacceptable and at times violent behaviour. This is due to the lack of mental stimulus that can only be gained through free running and being allowed to investigate freely the scents and sights that are only available when exercising naturally.

With the above in mind it is important to not only socialise dogs from a very early age but also to start a basic obedience training programme from puppy-hood. It is a myth that Show dogs should not be taught to Sit on Command, all dogs should by the age of four months be trained to Sit, Stand and Come (be it only from a short distance) on Command particularly the Breeds of dogs who are as outgoing as Rottweilers, Dobermanns GSDs etc. It is important that when selling puppies, apart from the normal suitability checks the Breeder carries out on the would-be purchaser that the Sales Contract should include an agreement that the new owner of the puppy **MUST** take it to early socialisation and basic obedience classes until the dog has reached at least the required standard of the Kennel Club's Bronze Good Citizen Test. Over time this will enhance the reputation of these Breeds as well as the Breeder's Affix. If the puppy has been purchased as a family Pet/Companion then the insistence that it **MUST** receive basic training should not be a chore but a pleasure to the new owners. They will enjoy owning their dog and find it very easy to live with.

The added bonus of this very basic responsible dog ownership would be threefold. First - Far less unwelcome exaggerated Media cover.
 Second - Fewer dogs going into Rescue Centres.
 Third - Fewer STONES for the Anti-Dog Brigade to throw at us and our Best Friends.

Perhaps Breed Clubs should take the lead and recommend and encourage their Members to support the idea of ownership of well-mannered dogs throughout the UK. Most Members of Breed Clubs will read this article and ignore its suggestions. Of course they will be surprised when their chosen Breed of dog's existence is threatened or even worse -BANNED.

This has all been said before but still it gets ignored. The future of our dogs is not only in the Kennel Club's hands but yours as well.

Mike Mullan
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"JORDON" Marcavie Rythm 'N' Dance From Khaneve

25/08/99~04/08/09

Sadly we had to make the decision to have our beautiful Jordon PTS yesterday at nearly 10 years old...to prevent any further suffering.

Jordon was a very, very special girl with the sweetest of natures, a true show girl, excellent mother & producer-the foundation of Jojavik, we couldn't have wished for any better. Jordon shall live on forever more in all our dogs & our hearts.

We miss her so much already..

God bless our special " Jordie-Bits "

"To live in the hearts of those we love...is not to die

Heartbroken Jackie, Victoria & family

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

. Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

TO BREED OR NOT TO BREED?

Breeding a litter can be quite exciting but when things go wrong it can be heartbreaking. I hadn't bred a litter for 15 years so was quite excited at breeding from Saran (Ch. Swnydwr Supa Tramp AI JW). She was mated to Ch. Lynfryds Valentino and confirmed in whelp with six puppies. She was well during her pregnancy with no signs of any problems.

She was due on Tuesday 4/11/09 but on the Saturday before she started digging up, refused her breakfast and I thought this was it. However, when she stopped digging up I thought it was a false alarm and she wasn't ready yet.

Over the weekend she wasn't showing any sign of producing the puppies but was fine other than this. I contacted my Vets on 3/11/09 and agreed to take her down the vets the next day – 4/11/09. However, the next morning she had a green discharge and I rushed her down the vets. They did a scan and only found one heart beat. They did a caesarean and when I got home the vet was on the phone asking permission to spay Saran as the infection which had killed all the puppies but one was so bad. The only puppy to survive was a black and rust bitch about 12oz in weight. I picked Saran and the puppy up and brought them home.

Saran didn't appear interested in her puppy (she had fed her whilst at the vets) and I put it down to the after effects of the anaesthetic and the operation. A short while later I noticed blood coming from the stitches and rushed her back to the vets. By the time I got into the Vets blood was oozing from the stitches and I grabbed paper towels to try to stop it. They took Saran straight in to operate to stop the bleeding. I went home with a heavy heart worrying about Saran. The Vet phoned later to say that Saran was OK but they wanted to keep her on a drip overnight and keep an eye on her. That was one of the longest nights I had experienced – praying Saran would survive and bottle feeding her puppy and hoping she would pull through.

The next day Jean took me down to pick Saran up while Andrew looked after the puppy. Andrew was really worried when we came back as he hadn't managed to get much milk into the puppy. As soon as Saran saw the puppy she took over. The puppy was thoroughly washed and fed. Jean recalls that she was worried about the puppy but when she saw Saran taking over her doubts soon vanished.

I was relieved to have Saran and the puppy settled in. However, Saran was hardly eating and I was very worried about her. She was being sick off and on and the Vet put her on antibiotics. She dropped a great deal of weight but the puppy was thriving.

I slept on a camp bed for two weeks to keep an eye on Saran and the puppy (who I named Doris). Saran slept on the camp bed with me which although was a bit cramped meant I had some sleep as otherwise Saran was continually washing Doris and keeping me awake.

I was still worried about Saran and one morning she was sick yet again and she looked so awful I thought I was going to lose her. I rushed her down the Vets and my Vet checked her and believed she had a blockage which was preventing the food going into the stomach. I left Saran there for the day so that she could give her a burium meal and then x-ray her to see whether there was a blockage. I went to pick her up and she told me that when she had the operation to stop the bleeding the natural process of healing had caused the blockage. There were two options – 1. operate and remove the blockage or 2. give steroids to see if this would resolve it. The first option didn't appear to me to be practical as Saran was so weak so she was given steroids. From that point onwards she improved and eventually started putting on weight. However, she lost her coat which looked dreadful for a few months – so although she was entered for Crufts she stayed at home.

She was a wonderful mother to Doris despite going through hell herself. My Vet was full of praise for her and said that she was a wonderful dog – they didn't have to sedate her when they x-rayed her several times as they just asked her to get on the table and lie still and she just did as she was told.

I am so grateful that both Saran and Doris survived the ordeal and there was a happy ending – it could have all ended in tears. They are both very precious. Hindsight is a wonderful thing and had I taken Saran to the vets earlier things might have been different. I am very grateful for the support of Jean, Sue, Avril, Fred and Linda during this time.

Doris has already had a successful time in the show ring – trying to keep up with her mum will be very difficult but she's giving it a whirl and gained the reserve CC at Birmingham Ch. Show at the tender age of 6mths 5 days thereby gaining her stud book number – is this a record for a UK Dobe?

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