



Westbury & District Canine Society

Summer Newsletter

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Since taking over as Chair earlier this year we have had two Match Nights with over 30 dogs at each, we have held a Companion Show in support of Help for Heroes and we have almost doubled our membership! This is not a solo effort, this is with the support and input of all the committee and most importantly, the support of **YOU** our members!

This is good, but for the club to continue to grow we need to diversify our offering. I am conscious we should not do too much at once and over-stretch ourselves but it is important we remain fresh. To that end we are starting two new courses in September and as a result "our ringcraft times they are a changing!"

Kennel Club Good Citizens Puppy Foundation Course and Good Citizens Bronze

From September 6th we will have a 4 week Kennel Club Puppy Foundation Course running from 7.15pm to 7.55pm (details at the rear of this newsletter). When that Puppy Foundation course is complete, we will start Good Citizens Training (initially Bronze) at the same time slot, this will be from October 11th (Match Night is October 4th) and this will then continue at those times. This means:

Puppy Ringcraft will move from 8.00pm to 8.30pm and Adult Ringcraft will move to 8.35pm to 9.20pm.

There is one very important change and that is during the Puppy Foundation Course and The Good Citizens Training, **no one will be allowed in the hall except those training and being trained!**

It is very important with Puppy Training and Good Citizens the dogs (and owners) are not distracted. I know this may be difficult, we will see if there is a way to set up a table to collect the fees for ringcraft in the lobby and that may save some time before the start of ringcraft.

If you are interested in taking part in either the Good Citizens Puppy Foundation Course or the Bronze Good Citizens Course, please contact our secretary Jackie on secretary@wanddcs.org.uk or phone 01225 753960

Trainers Meeting

I will shortly be holding a trainers meeting to make sure that we give you the best training we can, if you have any suggestions on things that you would like us to do in a training session, please drop me an e-mail at chair@wanddcs.org.uk and let me know.

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Future Events

On the subject of diversity we have the following events lined up!

17th September 2023—Companion Show at Southwick—details on the website and poster at the end of this newsletter—please support your club and a great Charity—Dogs for Health

4th October—Match Night. Judge to be announced.

7th October 2023—Eye testing at Southwick, spaces available, booking forms on the website

18th November—Conformation and Movement Seminar at Chapmanslade Village Hall, give by David Cavill. More details will follow in due course

Sorry the “C” Word (Christmas)

This year, based on previous Match Nights this year the committee have taken the decision to split the Match Night from the Christmas Party. So even though it's only August, dates for your Christmas Diary! We have also decided that there will be no charge for the party. Dogs are welcome, plans are in an early stage but we hope to have some canine games (musical sits, sausage retrieve) and a quiz for the owners!

13th December—Christmas Match and then we close for Christmas.

10th January 2024—Christmas Party

17th January 2024—Training restarts

Show Handling Training

We are also planning in March/April on a Saturday at Chapmanslade a Show Handling Training Session to help you get the best out of you and your dog. In my experience, my dog is doing everything right, it's me that messing them up! There will be two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This will be limited to 12 places per session. Prices, times and more details will follow. If you are interested, please drop me an e-mail (chair@wanddcs.org.uk)

W&DCS Open Show

Next year we intend to hold our Open Show, this will be the first one since 2017, so there is a lot of momentum to build up in not just finding judges, but getting support and for exhibitors to have the date in the diary. We are staying with our “traditional” date in September which will be the 15th September 2024, and it will be held at the Leighton Recreation Centre, Westbury, so please put that date in your diary now. If you are showing, please enter, if not, please help as either setting things up or as a steward on the day. We will need as much help/support as we can get. Please spread the word!

Committee

I have a very hard working committee, but as ever, I would like more. If you would like to get involved with this society, please feel free to have a chat with me at one of our training sessions. We appreciate that we are all busy people, but at the same time, “Many hands make light work” or “The more the merrier” either way, you would be welcome in any capacity.

And Finally

It is a pleasure being your chair and see the club grow over the last few months, if there are things that are going well (or badly) please let me or one of the committee know. I am very aware it is your club and we will only survive if we are offering activities that you find useful. We are trying to do that with the events we have lined up, please let me know what you think of the plans and if you have any different ideas.

Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September at the new times.

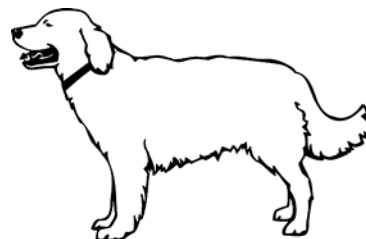
Peter Sheppard
Chair



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Companion Dog Show



17 September 2023

**A Companion Dog Show with Pedigree and Fun Classes,
licenced by the Kennel Club will be held from Noon**

At Rode Common Farm on September 17th 2023

Postcode: BA14 9NE what3words ///pest.broth.tightrope

Parking available

50% of the Entry Fees will go to Dogs for Health

PEDIGREE CLASSES

Judge: Ms Christine Carpenter

1. Any Variety Veteran*
2. Any Variety Puppy#
3. Any Variety Sporting
4. Any Variety Non-Sporting
5. Any Variety Open
6. Best in Show
7. Reserve Best in Show
8. Best Puppy

FUN CLASSES

Judge: Ms Ellie Allman

10. Best Movement
11. Prettiest Bitch
12. Handsomest Dog
13. Best Condition
14. Best Short Haired
15. Best Long Haired
16. Best 6 legs
17. Best Veteran*
18. Best Rescue

**Registration from 11.00, Pedigree Classes from Noon and Fun Classes from
12.30. Entry costs £2 per dog per class**

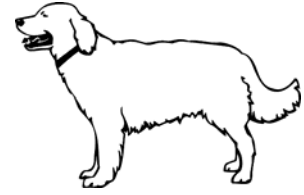
#Puppy = 6 to 12 months

*** Veteran = 7 years or older**



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THE ROYAL KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME



4 WEEK PUPPY FOUNDATION COURSE

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Puppy Foundation Course aims to provide a means of socialising puppies and to lay down a foundation for education and training. On successful completion of the course puppies will respond to their handlers and the handlers will have an awareness of the responsibilities of dog ownership. The inclusion of play exercises adds an extra dimension to a dog's life and can be used to make training fun. Constructive play and suitable incentives are encouraged within this puppy training programme.

The course comprise 12 exercises over 4 weeks:

- Exercise 1 - Responsibility and Care
- Exercise 2 - Cleanliness and Identification
- Exercise 3 - Attentive Response to Name
- Exercise 4 - Play With The Puppy
- Exercise 5 - Socialisation
- Exercise 6 - Handling and Inspection to Maintain Health
- Exercise 7 - Puppy Recall
- Exercise 8 - Basic Puppy Positions (Stand, Sit and Go Down)
- Exercise 9 - Walking in a Controlled Manner
- Exercise 10 - Stay for Approximately Ten Seconds
- Exercise 11 - Take Article Away from the Puppy
- Exercise 12 - Food Manners

PLACES
LIMITED

The next Puppy Foundation course run by the Westbury and District Canine Society will commence at 7.15pm on the 6th Sept. 2023 at Chapmanslade Village Hall (BA13 4ET)

Cost for the 4 weeks is £25 to non-members (includes membership) and £20 to members