



Dig It Dog Newsletter

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All Your Dog Training Needs In One Place



DIG IT DOG TRAINING CLUB, Betchton, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 4TA

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Welcome to a new look Newsletter which we hope you will like.

This month the Photo Competition Is 'My Favourite Stick'. If you have any good pictures then please send them to us at: ash_brambles@tinyonline.co.uk and we will publish them in the next issue.

Also, if you have any comments, ideas or News then please let us know, we value your input.



2012
Annual Club
Membership
£15 per person



Please complete forms and return ASAP

treasurer@digitdogs.co.uk

Benefits for Digit Dog Club Members

- Club Competitions and Shows
- Club Shop
- Private Hire of indoor/outdoor Arenas
- Full range of training courses and activities
- Free expert advice
- Secure Free parking
- Open all year round
- Guest instructors and trainers
- Club Display Team



UKA show on Saturday 12th May

The schedule for the UKA show on Saturday 12th May is in the below link
After the UKA classes have finished there will be pay on the day classes for NON_UKA members. Usually an Agility and Jumping course aimed at Beginners/Novice level. This will be after lunch. NEW FOR 2012!!! To encourage more people to camp at the shows and create a party atmosphere... With Rounders of course... We are offering camping pitches at £5 per night. The usual cost is £15 so please take up this opportunity to camp!
As a Club Member your help will be needed on Friday 11th May if you are available so please let Lydia know if you can help set up.. Alternatively You could come to help pack away after our Unaffiliated Can you dig it show on Sunday 13th May!

For more info , click: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/58314436/Dig%20it%20May%2012%20final.docx>



Obedience News

Upcoming Workshops

Behaviour Workshop 23rd February

How to avoid problems with your dog. This workshop will be focusing on your breed of dog and how best to train, stimulate, play and work your dog, as well as providing some basic theory.

Time: 8.00 – 9.30am

Recall Workshop 17th March

Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Clicker Workshop 24th March

How to use a clicker - to teach your dog useful tasks around the house and improve obedience.

Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Bronze Test

Obedience – There will be another Bronze Test for re-sitters – Date to be confirmed

For more info and booking , contact Sam Redmond / Claire Powell



FlyBall News

Flyball Workshop 11th February

We will shortly be announcing a **DIG IT Dog Behaviour Team** . Keep an eye on the website for further details!

For more information contact Sam Redmond obedience@digitdogs.co.uk



Foundation Agility Training.

£66 per level

Unleash your dog's potential!



Now 3 levels of progression - 8 week set courses
Limited to 4 dogs per class

- **Level 1 - Pre-agility.**
 - Teaches skills required to do agility courses
 - Suitable for puppies (7mths+) as well as adult dogs
 - Must have achieved Bronze Good Citizen award
- **Level 2 - Introduction to Equipment**
 - Teaches the equipment carefully and safely
 - Suitable for dogs over 12 months of age
- **Level 3 - Proofing equipment skills**
 - Ensuring skills are solid for a long, happy and safe agility career

NEW COURSES STARTING REGULARLY

For more information and bookings :

Contact Claire - 07581260664 agility@digitdogs.co.uk
www.digitdogs.co.uk

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/58314436/Foundation%20poster.pdf>

Next Course begins 1st March - Bookings now being taken!



Agility News

Agility Competition

10th February Begin To Win

24th February Club Competition



Agility News

31st March Easter Eggagility



UK Agility

Future DIG IT UKA & Unaffiliated Shows

12th May - DIG IT UKA

13th May - Can You Dig IT

7th July - DIG IT UKA

8th July - Can you Dig IT

1st September - DIG IT UKA

2nd September - Can You DIG IT

For more info, click: http://dl.dropbox.com/u/58314436/Can_you_DIG_IT_schedule_2012%20May.pdf



Expert Training Courses

Search & Rescue Training

Sat March 24th 2-4pm Search and Rescue training taster session with Keith Warwick

Places for 10 dogs and handlers.

All dogs MUST be trained to KC Bronze level and MUST have a good recall. Keith is an experienced dog handler, instructor and assessor. He worked as a volunteer in the field of search and rescue for almost 20 years. He has been a member of the Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA) since 1986. He was appointed Training Officer of SARDA (Lakes) in 1992. Keith has travelled to many places overseas to instruct and advise in the training of search and rescue dogs, including USA, Norway, Iceland, Finland and South Korea. In 2005 he was invited to speak at an International conference in South Korea on the training of search & rescue dogs. He also has experience in competing in Obedience and Working Trials and trains all of his dogs in Agility. He also runs a busy practice in the Lakes providing behavioural and training help. www.dogtrainingcompany.co.uk

For more info and booking, contact Sam Redmond - obedience@digitdogs.co.uk



Expert Training Courses

Shaun Hunt Training Day

Shaun Hunt is a world class handler, representing England in the World Championships in 2011. "All training is reward based using positive re-inforcement. Training the individual handler / dog partnership to use techniques which suit them best

Any level of ability welcome from complete beginner to Advanced!

Dates: Sunday 12th February

Time:	10.00am – 12.00 am	Advanced Dogs	£25 per dog
	1.00pm – 2.30pm	Beginner Dogs	£20 per dog
	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Intermediates	£20 per dog
		Spectator tickets	£5 for the day

**For bookings : Claire Powell, Email: agility@digitdogs.co.uk
Phone : 0758 1260664**

Beginner and Intermediate slots almost full! Prepaid to confirm place!

For more info , click: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/58314436/Shaun%20poster.pdf>



Competition Obedience

Jenny Lunn Training Weekend

Jenny will be holding a 2 day Competition Obedience training session at DIG IT Dogs

Dates: Saturday 18th February

Time: 9.30am – 6.30pm (approx)

Sunday 19th February

Time: 9.30am – 5.00pm (approx)

Handler places (strictly limited) - £65 for both days

Spectator places £35 for both days, £20 for one day

Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch

All monies must be paid when booking the course (Non-refundable)



Cheques payable to Mrs Andrea Little : 01704 549088 / 07854 592 371

Email: K9crumpet@aol.com

For more info , click: http://www.digitdogs.co.uk/files/jenny_lunn_feb2012.pdf



Support our Club Heroes



On Sunday 20th May, Sheli and I will be running the Manchester BUPA 10k! As those of you who know us will know, this is a pretty big deal for both of us, and though we picked up the running bug in May last year, this is going to be the furthest either of us have ever managed (we hope!). I'm running for the Windyway Trust to raise money to help support their work with animals, and Sheli is running for Visyon - a Congleton based Charity who support children through counselling and training. **Every penny** will help one of these two worthy organisations, so please do sponsor one (or both!) of us by following the links in the newsletter. If you're not particularly au fait with money giving on line, please do complete one of the sponsorship forms on the stairs in the agility hall.

Thanks in advance for your support! Charlie & Sheli

For more info , click: <http://www.justgiving.com/Sheli-Brown> & <http://www.justgiving.com/charlotte-O-Dell>



Companion Shows

Forthcoming Companion Shows

13th May Companion Charity Show

For more info, click: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/58314436/Companion%20SHEDULE.pdf>

2nd Sept Crossbreeds & Mongrel Show

Including Qualifying Heat for SCAMPS

For more info, click: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/58314436/CMC%20SHEDULE.pdf>



Expert Services

Pre Competition Check Up

Pre-Competition Check Up with Rehabilitation Specialist Vet and ACPAT Physiotherapist.

Dates: Sunday 5th February and Saturday 18th February 2012

Time: 9am – 4pm (20 minute appointments)

Venue: The Smithy, Crewe Hall Farm, Old Park Road, Crewe CW1 5UE.

Cost: Dog MOT £20 + vat (£24 per dog) Handler MOT £15 per person

Start the season off right!! Have any niggling issues or things that could worry you checked out by the best!!

For more info, click: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/58314436/Physiotherapist.doc>



HeelWork To Music News

Gwynneth's Wednesday Classes

Competition Obedience 1st February

Heel Work to Music 15th February





Display Team News

Display Team Dates

21st April DIGIT FUN DAY

29th April Brereton Country Park

4th June Congleton park

24th June Hankelow Fete

6th August Betley Show

Many more to come



Teaching Rota

2012 Teaching Rota

DAY	TIME	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Tuesday	17.00 - 18.00	Beginners	Rachel / Sue
Tuesday	18.00 - 19.00	Advanced	Jenna
Tuesday	19.00 - 20.00	Intermediate	Jenna
Tuesday	20.00 - 21.00	Advanced	Jenna
Tuesday	21.00 - 22.00	Advanced	Jenna
Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00	Advanced	Lydia
Wednesday	10.00 - 11.00	Intermediate	Lydia
Wednesday	17.00 - 18.00	Beginners	Sarah Gold
Wednesday	18.00 -19.00	Advanced	Lisa
Wednesday	19.00 - 20.00	Intermediate	Lisa
Wednesday	20.00 - 21.00	Intermediate	Vicky
Wednesday	21.00 - 22.00	Beginners	Sarah McLean
Thursday	18.00 – 19.00	Foundation Level 1	Claire
Thursday	19.00 - 20.00	Foundation Level 1	Claire
Thursday	20.00 - 21.00	Foundation Level 3	Claire
Thursday	21.00 – 22.00	Foundation Level 2	Claire



Bentley's Blog

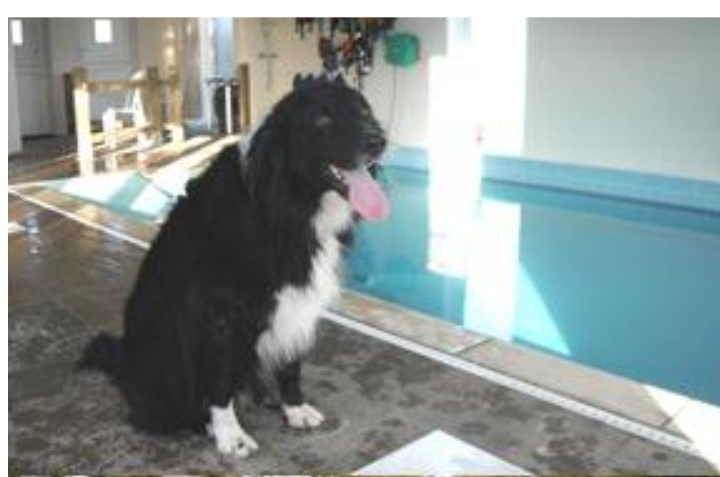
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Lordy! What a grey month! We have, however, been busy and found two new pastimes – the first is a new walk. “We’ve only lived here about twelve years (Mum said, not me obviously ‘cos I’m only six and came from Ireland!) and we’ve never been up the Roaches”. Not sure what one of these is but very happy to get in the car and find out.

The Roaches are a large collection of rocks in between Leek and Buxton, near Upper Hulme. There are lots of walks in the area – Mum chose the shortest, circular one. We likes to end up where we started from! Up and up we climbed. The map said there were steps but this is a very loose description. It doesn’t bother me, but poor little Enzo almost turned tail over top on the way down as the boulders were huge. We got halfway and discovered ourselves to be within the clouds themselves, very wet, damp and drizzly. It made all my fur go ‘poof’. Enzo couldn’t see and Mum and Dad were so bundled up they could hardly move! The instructions were vague to say the least and spoke of a ‘path’ down. Not a path I would have said – ‘way’ possibly! We were out for about an hour and a half and need towel drying when we got back to the car. The map spoke of stunning views - but again, not on the day we chose. We will be going back, Mum said, not least because there is a nice coffee and cake shop that has a) car parking b) toilets and c) scampi and chips. Dogs aren’t allowed in as people, not walkers, go there for Sunday lunch and similar. When the sky becomes blue once more we’ll try again and hopefully I’ll be able to see where I’m going as well as where I’ve been.

The second activity we’ve been up to is swimming in Lorna’s lovely pool at Well Dogs. Mum said that it was much too cold for me to be diving in the lake at Brereton, plus Enzo needs to learn. I think I may have mentioned that he keeps falling in ponds and canals and such. The pool is heated and it’s lovely. A bit weird to start with as there’s a ramp in and out – no ramp at Brereton – so it takes some time to get used to it. Dad came in with me and threw a squeaky toy. Again, slightly strange as there’s no way he’ll follow me into the lake. Oh dear me, no! Enzo had his life jacket on and did quite well I thought. Slightly sideways but he moved. The second time was much better as we knew where we were and what to do. The whole place is snugly warm, the shower too – much better than the hose pipe! Mum packs large towels for us. One downside is that, as we go in the mornings, we are not allowed any breakfast which is a tad desperate for a retriever-based doggie such as myself. I think we’ll be going again soon – I do hope so, it’s much nicer than the cold and murk at Brereton.



Competition Results!

You've got to be in it to WIN IT



Digit Dogs Club Agility Leagues

Large Dogs

			Points
1	Merlin	Sue Bebbington	10
2	Rowan	Joan Tarr	9

Standard Dogs

			Points
1	Poppy	Rachel Flentje	10
2	Rosie	Sue Fitton	9

Medium Dogs

			Points
1	Tess	Emma Foster	10

Any Size Dogs

			Points
1	Molly	Rachel Flentje	10
2	Shadow	Rachel Collier	9
3	Gemma	Bex Bebbington	8

Digit Dogs Club Jumping Leagues

Large Dogs

			Points
1	Echo	Rachel Collier	10
2	Merlin	Sue Bebbington	9
3	Rowan	Joan Tarr	8

Standard Dogs

			Points
1	Poppy	Rachel Flentje	10
2	Rosie	Sue Fitton	9

Medium Dogs

			Points
1	Tess	Emma Foster	10

Any Size Dogs

			Points
1	Sam	Sue Fitton	10
2	Shadow	Rachel Collier	9
3	Gemma	Bex Bebbington	8
4	Molly	Rachel Flentje	7

Competition Results!

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Club Agility Results

January 2012

Large Dogs

Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Merlin	Sue Bebbington	E ---	15 F 40.76 s	15 F 40.76 s	10
2 Rowan	Joan Tarr	E ---	51.56 F 81.56 s	51.56 F 81.56 s	9
--- Echo	Rachel Collier	E ---	E ---	E ---	0

Standard Dogs

Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Poppy	Rachel Flentje	Clear 32.65 s	E ---	Clear 32.65 s	10
2 Rosie	Sue Fitton	16.26 F 61.26 s	Clear 33.34 s	Clear 33.34 s	9

Medium Dogs

Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Tess	Emma Foster	E ---	Clear 30.36 s	Clear 30.36 s	10

Any Size Dogs

Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Molly	Rachel Flentje	Clear 47.62 s	--- ---	Clear 47.62 s	10
2 Shadow	Rachel Collier	49 F 89 s	--- ---	49 F 89 s	9
3 Gemma	Bex Bebbington	67 F 107 s	E ---	67 F 107 s	8
--- Sam	Sue Fitton	E ---	E ---	E ---	0

Club Jumping Results

January 2012

Large Dogs

Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Echo	Rachel Collier	25 F 32.75 s	5 F 24.61 s	5 F 24.61 s	10
2 Merlin	Sue Bebbington	E ---	5 F 29.68 s	5 F 29.68 s	9
3 Rowan	Joan Tarr	15 F 34.54 s	5 F 34.54 s	5 F 34.54 s	8

Standard Dogs

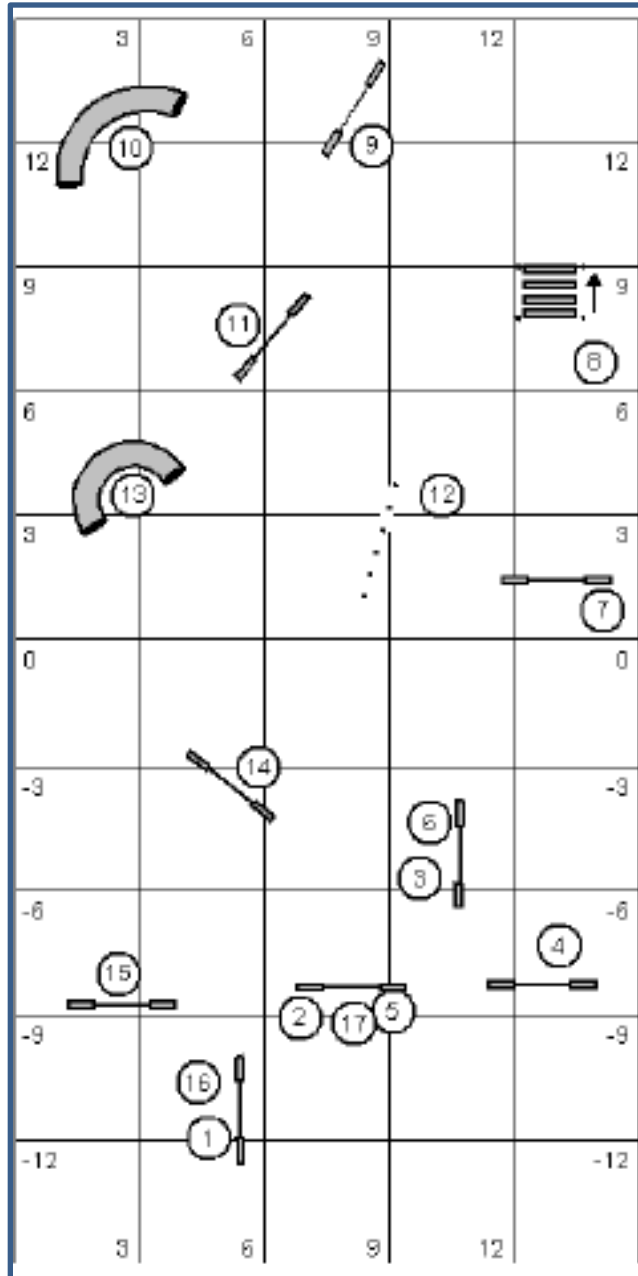
Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Poppy	Rachel Flentje	Clear 22.75 s	10 F 27.98 s	Clear 22.75 s	10
2 Rosie	Sue Fitton	Clear 23.02 s	Clear 22.86 s	Clear 22.86 s	9

Medium Dogs

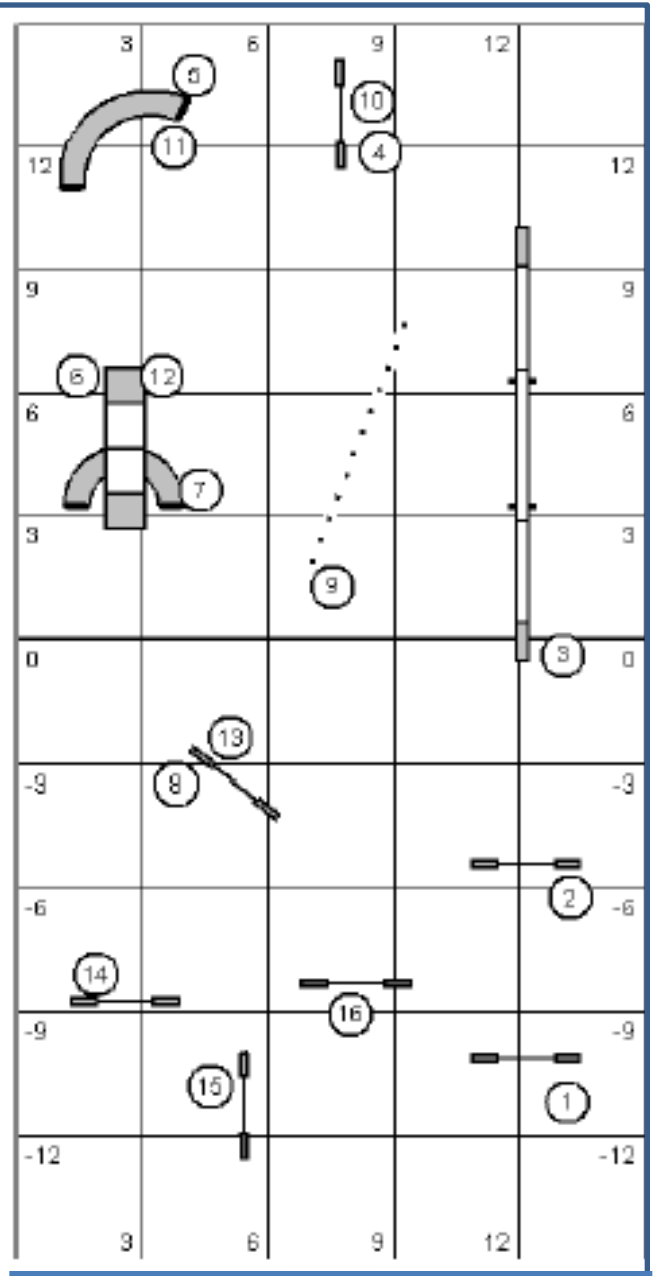
Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Tess	Emma Foster	Clear 26.12 s	5 F 25.54 s	Clear 26.12 s	10

Any Size Dogs

Dog	Handler	1st Run	2nd Run	Best Result	Points
1 Sam	Sue Fitton	Clear 28.8 s	5 F 29.21 s	Clear 28.8 s	10
2 Shadow	Rachel Collier	Clear 36.95 s	--- ---	Clear 36.95 s	9
3 Gemma	Bex Bebbington	5 F 37.31 s	5 F 37.78 s	5 F 37.31 s	8
4 Molly	Rachel Flentje	5 F 39.95 s	--- ---	5 F 39.95 s	7



Jumping








Agility



DIG IT Internet Links



Site	Internet Links
	http://www.digitdogs.co.uk/
	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dig-It-Dogs/109835972512
	http://twitter.com/DIG_IT_Dogs
	http://www.youtube.com/user/digitdogs
	http://www.andyfarmerphotography.co.uk/2011/10/05/dig-dogs/



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CSJ Natural Dog Food

CSJ has become one of the **fastest growing dog food brands** since 1998 when international sheepdog triallist, Ceri Rundle, was unable to find an affordable, quality, extruded food that suited her own dogs. The available premium quality foods were too expensive and the cheaper ones a case of false economy with the resultant sloppy stools and /or thin, hungry dogs.

With the help of vets, herbalist and the UK's leading nutritionist, Ceri devised a **unique range of natural canine feeds, herbal supplements and treats** to meet the requirements of all working dogs and has now become the **first choice** for many of the **top dog handlers** in the following sports:

agility dogs ~ flyball ~ gundogs ~ heelwork to music ~ obedience ~ show dogs ~ sled dogs ~ sheepdogs ~ working trial dogs

CSJ canine feed uses only top quality, natural ingredients, with an extensive to meet the needs of all dogs of all ages - and all pockets!

The most popular CSJ feeds are the Natural Champ and the That'll do, both of these are very reasonably price £10.75 and £12.05 respectively and both contain an average amount of protein for an adult dog (20-21%). The champ is beef and chicken based and the That'll do is just chicken. There is also a version of the Champ for older dogs or dogs requiring less protein or Little Champ for puppies.

For dogs that have allergies there are three wheat and gluten free foods which we have found very effective for dogs that have been struggling to become stable on a diet. The three feeds are Fit and Fast (salmon based), Complete Tripe (Tripe based) and Lamb and Rice (Lamb based) and all of these are between £20 and £21.

There is also the Command and performance range, these are also wheat and gluten free so suitable for dogs with allergies but also contain high levels of quality chondroitin, glucosamine and msm for the joints, herbs for digestion while providing the ultimate 'fuel' for 'winning' performances. There are different types in this range depending on the amount of protein you feed ranging from CP18 (less active) to CP30 for extremely active dogs and the CP21 is a very popular feed retailing at £30.50.

CSJ also do a range of herbs and supplements to aid your dogs including Get Over for a joint supplement, Heal to help with digestive issues, Billy No Mates as a natural flea repellent and No Ake A highly potent herb that is aimed at the nutritional maintenance of the dog's musculo-skeletal system and in particular the inflammatory response.

For full information on the CSJ range check out www.csjk9.com