

DIG IT DOG TRAINING CLUB

January Newsletter
2011

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

NEW FOR 2011

By Lydia

Due to increased running costs, for the first time in 5 years the club is struggling financially. This has been made worse by loss of income through poor attendance through November and December last Year.

Whilst we appreciate that many of you train more than one dog with us we have altered the membership fee to half price for more than one dog. We are looking at ways to improve the Club such as a new surface in the agility arena, Therefore from 1st January 2011 the Club is implementing a price rise for the agility classes. This increase brings the classes in line with the Obedience classes where you can appreciate there is no equipment fees and costs maintain it. Details are included in this newsletter on the Agility Page.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions over the next few weeks. Any questions PLEASE ask Lydia

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Benefits for DIG IT Members 2011

Becoming a member of DIG IT does entitle you to lots of great opportunities not only to train your dog but to enjoy and have fun with other Club members!

Benefits include;

Free James Wellbeloved Treat Bag

Voucher for £3.00 off a 7.5kg bag of James Wellbeloved Complete Dog Food

Club Shop with 20% discount

10% Discount at Creature Comforts Pet Shop

Private hire of the arenas - A great opportunity not open to many other Clubs in the UK!!

*Membership for 2011
is £15.00 for one dog,*

OR

*£7.50 for more than one
dog.*

Agility News

Training Days

Shaun Hunt and Bob Sharpe



Shaun Hunt with his dogs. There are a limited number of places still available for the training day on 16th January.

In order to kick start your agility season, we are pleased to be able to offer training days with 2 very experienced handler/trainers!!

Shaun Hunt will be visiting on the 16th of January, to be followed by Bob Sharpe on the 19th of February.

Both Shaun and Bob have been competing at the highest levels at both KC and UKA shows for many years and this is a good opportunity to share their knowledge!

At the moment there are still a limited number of places available, to book yours please contact Lydia.

SupaDarl Success!!

The SupaDarl is a national league for agility dogs, which have been rehomed. Points are awarded for KC, UKA and unaffiliated shows. Several members have been supporting this cause over the last and have achieved success in the end of year league tables!!

So it's a big well done to...

Sue and Rosie - 1st Large Grade 1, 2nd Gundog

Rachel and Poppy - 5th Large Grade 1

Mike and Caddie - 1st Large Grade 4, 1st AgilityNet, 2nd Novice Crossbreed

Avril and Ellie - 1st Small Grades 1-2

Claire and Cooper - 2nd Small Grades 1-2

Heather and Pippin - 9th Medium Grade 3

Good luck to everyone at the finals later on this year!!

For more information, or to register your rescue dogs for 2011, go to www.supa.darl.co.uk

Membership and Class fees 2011

Membership fee

£15 for one dog to join for the year

£15 for two dogs to join for the year (£7.50 per dog)

Class Costs

8 week course £44.00 (£5.50 per class)

4 week course £24.00 (£6 per class)

DONT FORGET - if you miss a class you can use the Arena for private hire at a time to suit you. This is a great training opportunity...

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Agility Results

Well done to everyone who has been competing during 2010, especially those who have entered shows for the first time!

Results for December will be sent out with this newsletter, you can email your results to Sarah on:

sarah-howarth@live.com

Agility Competition Diary

By Claire Powell

For 2011 a diary has been created showing all the competitions available that club members like to go to. This is a work in progress type affair and needs adding to as more competition dates are released.

I thought it would be a nice idea if we all write in the diary what competitions we are entered at so others can see who is where and not miss out on going somewhere everyone else at the club is going to. Also for people new to competing this year they can see who will be there so they know they will not be on their own.

If anyone is feeling generous they could add their contact number at the front of the diary and anyone wanting advice on going to a certain competition could get in touch and ask their advice about a comp they are going to.

There is also a list of venue addresses and organization websites so people can see where competitions take place and where to find entry forms.

Also don't forget as summer is now fast approaching and competitions go to 2-day camping affairs if you want to camp in the club group just put "DIG IT DOGS" on your entry form as your camping group and you will be allotted a camping spot next to other people from the club. Late night games of rounders are optional...

Begin To Win and Club Competitions

By Claire Powell

It has been a good year for the Begin To Win and Club competitions, with many members taking the opportunity to gain valuable competitive experience in the relaxed surrounds of the club. I hope to that in 2011 more people take advantage of this, before making the step up to competing at other shows!

Begin To Win is open to handlers with dogs who have not yet competed elsewhere. Club competitions are open to all members, there are special anysize classes for dogs who aren't able to compete at their full competition height and there is also the chance to train in the ring as Not for Competition.

Club Competitions are held on the 1st Friday in the month - NO MATTER WHAT for 2011... These competitions are for more experienced handlers but beginners are encouraged to come along and enter NFC to try a hand at more challenging courses.. and of course weaves are included.

Courses will be available to walk from 6:30pm, competitions start at 7pm prompt!

DATES IN THE DIARY SO FAR:

January

Tailwaggers

Wilmsow

Midlands BCC

February

Tailwaggers

Valentines Show UKA

Hargate Arena

March

LAPS UKA

CRUFTS!!!

Hargate

Border Collie Club

NADS UKA

Agility Addicts

Begin to Win

Friday 14th January

Club Competition

Friday 28th January

Obedience and Puppy Classes

Welcome to Sam our new Obedience Instructor

I am very happy to be able to introduce a new obedience instructor, Samantha Redmond.

Samantha is qualified as a Behaviourist with the Centre of Applied Pet Ethology (COAPE). She has a Think Dog certificate in Canine Behaviour and Training (COAPE)NOCN and an Advanced Diploma in Companion Animal Behaviour and Training DipCAPBT(COAPE)NOCN. Also Samantha is a member of CAPBT (Companion Animal Pet Behaviour and Training) and BVNA (British Veterinary Nurses Association). She brings to the club a wealth of experience and is also an appointed trainer for Dog AID training dogs to assist owners with disabilities.

She has been showing adding her input already, with the introduction of classes for adolescent dogs and small group obedience starting in 2011



Samantha Redmond.

KC Good Citizen Classes

We have lots of courses starting in January, to get your dogs ready for the bronze, silver and gold awards.

Bronze Classes

Thursdays 11-12am, starts 6th January. 4 weeks/£24

Thursdays 7-8pm, starts 13th January. 8 weeks/£48

Saturdays 11-12am, starts 15th January. 6 weeks/£42

Silver/Gold Classes

Tuesdays 7-8pm, starts 11th January. 6 weeks/£48

Thursdays 8-9pm, starts 13th January. 8 weeks/£48

Places are filling up quickly, to book a course please contact either Lydia (Mobile: 07841828301), Sam (Mobile: 07774528809) or Tracy (Mobile:)

Don't forget:
COMPETITIVE
OBEDIENCE

With Gwyneth:

First Wednesday in the month @ 7pm

HEELWORK TO MUSIC

With Gwyneth

Third Wednesday in the month @7pm

Classes are £6.00 per class for 2 hours training with a fantastic instructor

Club Calendar – January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 15:00 Paula 3-4	27 17:00 Jane 5.30	28 10:00 Su & reba : 13:00 Dogskool 1	29 13:00 Sam 1-2	30 19:00 Rachel	31 10:00 Caroline 10 13:00 Graham 11 14:00 Jane 2-3	1 Jan
2	3	4	5 COMPETITIVE C	6 09:30 Ami 9.30-1 10:00 Small group 11:00 Daytime ob +4 more	7	8 GAMES CLASS 12:00 Pre-Agility
9	10	11 18:00 PUPPY WK1 19:00 Silver/ gold	12 RALLY-O	13 11:00 Sam brack 12:30 Chris 1-2 19:00 Bronze obe 20:00 Silver / Gol	14 BEGIN TO WIN	15 10:00 Foundation 10:00 PUPPY WK1 11:00 Bronze wee 12:00 Pre-agility
16 Shaun hunt trail	17	18 18:00 PUPPY WK2 18:00 PUPPY WK5	19 HEELWORK TO	20 11:00 Sam brack 12:30 Chris 1-2	21	22 10:00 PUPPY WK2 11:00 Pre-agility 12:00 Pre-agility
23	24 19:30 Puppy part 20:30 Focus obed	25 18:00 PUPPY WK3 18:00 PUPPY WK6	26	27 11:00 Sam brack 12:30 Chris 1-2	28 CLUB COMPETI	29 GAMES CLASS 10:00 PUPPY WK3 12:00 Pre-agility
30	31 19:30 Puppy part 20:30 Focus obed	1 Feb 18:00 PUPPY WK4	2 COMPETITIVE C	3 11:00 Sam brack 12:30 Chris 1-2	4	5 10:00 PUPPY WK4 12:00 Pre-agility

Teaching Rota for Agility January and February

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5pm – 6pm	Rachel		
6pm - 7.15pm	Ann/Amanda	LYDIA	EMPTY
7.15pm – 8.30pm	Lou	Ann/Amanda	Sue
8.30pm – 9.45pm	Ann/Amanda	Charlie (merge classes for jan & feb)	NEW Claire
	Foundation	Beginners	Intermediate
			Advanced