

COLLIEWOBBLES AGILITY

Spring Newsletter

Before we start, on behalf of everyone at Colliewobbles, I just want to say:

Congratulations!!!

to everyone that competed at Crufts in March this year. Everyone achieve a fantastic result which they all should be proud of!! Members of the club entered a variety of disciplines at Crufts, namely agility, obedience and breed showing. The results were as follows:

- Laura Hale with Molly (Jack Russell) – Placed 5th in YKC (Young Kennel Club) Small Agility
- Natalie Webb with Dylan (Sheltie) – Placed 1st in YKC pre-beginner obedience
- Cathy Gasher with Otis – Placed 2nd in Sussex Spaniel Junior Dog
- Jess Hine with Thistle – Placed 2nd in Lancashire Heeler Post Graduate Bitch

Results of the March Course Nights are as follows:

Sunday	6pm class – Laura with Kal (Collie)
	7pm class – Kirsty with Jess (Spaniel Cross)
	8pm class – Leanne with Hope (Springer Spaniel)
Thursday	7pm class – Josh with Jasper (Collie)
	8pm class – Stacey with Daz (Collie)

Future displays and shows!!

As you may remember from last year, Colliewobbles attended a variety of displays in the summer months. We have a few displays booked already this year, so if you are able to attend, please put them in your dogs' diary! All of the displays that we do are for fun – for us as handlers, our dogs and for public entertainment! Everyone is invited, and as always, they hope to be successful events.

▣ **BH Monday 7th May @ Lackham College/Country Park, Chippeham**

My Animal Management second year students are organising a Companion Dog Show for National Pet Month, in aid of the Blue Cross and the PDSA. We will be carrying out a agility demonstration there to set off the day, and you'll be able to enter the agility competitions (judged by Gary Woodham), obedience competitions (judged by Val Long) and of course, the Companion Dog Show (judged by Wendy Woolley). Lots of other events will be on during the day – see flyer (and programme to follow)

▣ **Saturday 12th May @ Dursley CoE School**

We have been approached by Friends of Dursley Junior School to run an agility display at their annual fete, which runs from 10 – 2pm. Further details to follow when confirmed by the school.

▣ **Saturday 2nd June @ Hartpury College Open Day**

Similar to last year, Colliewobbles will be attending Hartpury's annual Open Day, from approximately 10 – 4pm. Again, further details will follow!

Other than displays, there are lots of shows around the corner for all to enter. As you may or may not be aware, the closing dates for show entries are around 6-8 weeks before the show date,

therefore it is very important to plan in advance! Before you can enter your dog at any Kennel Club show, you need to ensure the following:

- ✓ Your dog needs to be registered with the Kennel Club. If you bought your dog from a reputable breeder, you should have their papers, if not, you can fill out a form to register your dog on the 'Agility Register'. You will need to think of a name for your dog, which will be their Kennel Club name, some examples include Startime Sweet William, Scooby Dooby Don't, Riff it up and start again and Scartop Captain Kep. Generally, their name can be anything, as long as place names are not included (further details can be found on the KC website)
- ✓ Your dog also needs to be measured to see exactly what height they should jump – whatever their height. I have approached a Kennel Club official measurer to come up, so I'll let you know as soon as I have a date.

Shows!

Saturday 19th May – Worcester Agility Show @ Worcester

Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd June – Wye Valley Agility Show @ Monmouth (nb Hartpury on Saturday....)

Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th June – Golden Valley @ Worcester (most people going on Sunday)

Sunday 1st July – Chippenham Agility Show just for Juniors (it's my aim to get all of the juniors ready for this show.....)

Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th July – Tuffley Agility Show @ Berkeley Castle

Sunday 15th July – Bincknoll Agility Show, near Malmesbury

Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd July – Caerphilly Agility Show, near Caerphilly

For more details, ask Rachel or Gary, or visit www.agilitynet.co.uk / www.agilityeye.co.uk for a schedule and entry form.

Training News:

There will be some disruption to training over the next couple of months due to Bank Holidays etc. I am going to approach the owner of the stables and see if I can move training to a Tuesday on these particular weeks (e.g. from Sun 8th to Tues 10th April, Sun 22nd to Tues 24th April and 6th May to Tues 8th May). As soon as I have confirmation by the owner, I'll let you know. I appreciate that you all may have other commitments on a Tuesday, but this is the only available option other than cancelling training on these weeks – please let me know your thoughts.

Thursday training will remain as normal throughout.

Week 7 Course night will therefore take place week commencing 6th May 2007.

There are also plans to move outside during May, however this depends on weather and light conditions, also availability to grassland area – further details to follow!

As normal, if anyone has any further details, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me. I know it is difficult to talk during training, but I am always available on the phone (07779 015965) or via email (willre@wiltscoll.ac.uk)

Happy Jumping!

Rachx