



# Newsletter

August 2023

Well what a summer, come rain or shine the Club continued to train both obedience and agility outside at Serstone. The Club is extremely lucky to have use of this facility and we are very grateful to the Peck family for allowing us to use it and keep it so well mown.

## Foundation Agility

Where is the summertime going! We are already into the 5th week of our second foundation course which is being run by Jenny Thirtle, outdoors at Serstone. We are so pleased that many of these members have progressed to the next stage and are enjoying more foundation fun and frolics. The contacts may prove challenging at times but we are already seeing some lovely 'waits' and 'releases' and definitely a few 'tunnel' dogs....who like to run through and then back again! Jenny is introducing the tight 'wrap around' for jumps and there are always plenty of treats and toys to encourage. For some dogs the lure of the open field space is too tempting but the zoomies are always fun to watch, hopefully ending in a good recall and then off again to the agility course. Let's hope the light nights remain for a 3rd course, keep up the good work everyone.



## Agility Show

The Club's third KC licensed agility Show at the end of July was another outstanding success. Masterminded by Steve Thurgood, the show would not happen without the support of the Committee and members – it's a real team effort. It is so lovely to read all the kind comments that we receive on Facebook, which make it all so worthwhile. We are so lucky to have a great venue – our thanks to the Bland family, and generous sponsors in Orchard End Kennels and Cattery and Jonathon Wood Vets.

Club members enjoyed varying success in the competitions. Debbie Newton with Tiggs and Kate Fitch with Bitsy both had a great weekend gaining a couple of first places – lovely bowls, allowing them to move up a grade.



## Agility Winter League Dates 2023/24

17<sup>th</sup> December; 20<sup>th</sup> January; 17<sup>th</sup> February Help will be needed, please put these dates in your diary now

## Obedience

We have enjoyed some lovely sunny evenings, and the obedience classes continue to be well attended – apart from the usual holidays. The end of course test night on 19 July ran smoothly and we are pleased that so many have returned to extend their training.

A special well done to all our lovely puppies for passing the end of course test and congratulations to, Sue Costello & Buzz (top puppy), Sunita Cobbett & Louie, Rosie Tanner & Daphne, Vanessa Roberts & Millie, Aaron Lane & Bertie, Sally Corfield & Lily, and Andrew Tucker & Matilda who also attained the KC Good Citizens Puppy Award.

Please note that from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October classes will be held at The Victory Hall in Lapford. We hope to return to Serstone in the spring



## KC Good Citizens Award

A number of our dogs have recently taken part in both the bronze and silver assessments, a testament to their handlers training. Whilst the bronze award could be assessed at Serstone, we had to move to the Victory Hall in Lapford so that the road walk could be tested realistically. Thanks to our assessors Gay Rowley for Bronze and Chris and Mike John for Silver. Now we need to work towards the Gold award.

Adrian Mercer with Summer  
Sue Dally with Willow  
Kirsty Smith with Pippin  
Jenny Nuthall with Pickles  
Jenny Parry with Tink  
Sara Thurgood with Teddy



## Bronze Awards

Jo Morgan with Alby  
Genevieve Crisp with Ruby  
Sara Thurgood with Clemmie  
Megan Crowe with Fig  
Maggie Bridgeman with Charlie  
Penny Sommerville with Robin



## Silver Awards

Chris Knox & Clover, Ralph Reader & Ruby, Jo Mayers & Foxy, Nicola Bickley & Bella, Heather Johns & Fudge  
Sara Thurgood & Rosa, Val Skull & Barney, Megan Crowe & Fig, Lynne Roberts & Wink, Brian Hollingsworth & Eddie