



## CHARITY NIGHT

Club Members and their friends and families enjoyed a fun filled evening of Greyhound Racing on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

Despite a few “technical” difficulties, a great evening was had by all and the fish & chip supper from “Smiles Fish & Chips” went down a treat.

With £5000 betting money to start the evening, some people had a strategy of betting on the same numbered dog in each race; others chose by the colour of the coat – or the colour of the dog! Some actually looked at previous form.

At the end of the evening, with two great prizes to play for, it was all or nothing for most punters, and many bet their last savings on the last race. But at the end of the night, it was Jan Furzer who romped home with 1<sup>st</sup> Prize by managing to have a total of £27,000 in hand, and Colin Porter who was a few lengths behind with £11,300 to win 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event and to those who made donations. With profits from ticket sales, donations and the sale of BHF trolley keyrings & pin badges, a total of **£282** was raised which will be sent to the British Heart Foundation to help with their research into all forms of Heart Disease and to “Beat Heartbreak Forever”



## KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following dogs and handlers that have passed the Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards since the last Newsletter.



### Puppy February 2019

Rosie	Sam Fuller & Lorraine Biss
Lola	Phil Collins
Teddy	Mark & Amelia White
Flora	Maggie Sheppard



### Bronze February 2019

Saskia	Clare Tolfree-Cross
Shandy	Michael Lane
Beau	Helen Ferguson
Shadow	Phil Parr

Please note: It is a legal requirement for all dogs in a public place to have the OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS inscribed on the collar or on a tag attached to the collar. This is the LAW.

The Kennel Club will not allow a dog with the incorrect information on its Id tag to even take part in a Good Citizens Test. All dogs taking part in the Good Citizens tests MUST have the correct information. Any dog without the correct Id will NOT be permitted to take tests.

NB Photos of the KC Successes will now be posted on our Members Facebook page where you can download a copy for your own private use (see page 4 for how to join the Group)

# The Benefits of Walking Your Dog (courtesy of Pet-Supermarket.co.uk)

Did you know that Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February was 'Walking The Dog Day'? The truth is, every day is 'Walking The Dog Day' when you live with a pooch, but it's good to remind ourselves of the amazing things walkies can do for us. So wrap up warm, grab your dog's lead and set yourself off for a lovely stroll.

## Why is walking your dog so important?

- Going outside in the fresh air is an instant mood lifter. Combined with brisk walking, it's the perfect exercise to keep us fit and healthy. More specifically, walking has all these benefits: it helps burn calories, strengthens our muscles (including our heart), lowers our blood pressure and reduces stress.
- A dog that doesn't receive enough exercise can easily become frustrated, leading to behavioural problems. Not to mention the health issues that lack of exercise can result in: from obesity to osteoarthritis to diabetes.
- Walking is also good for the mind and soul! Dogs are naturally very curious, so being able to explore their surroundings through smells, sights and textures is stimulating for them. The social aspect of being outside is rewarding too, as pups get the chance to interact with fellow canines and bond with their owner. Have you noticed how content and relaxed you both feel after a nice walk?



## Dog walking tips

- We recommend walking your dog at least twice a day for a minimum of 15 minutes each walk. But every dog is different, so try to adapt your walk to their preferences, age and fitness level. Some breeds, such as German Shepherds or Springer Spaniels, have bundles of energy, and may need longer and more vigorous walks. By observing your dog before and after walks, you'll be able to gauge what is right for them.
- Be mindful that dogs must be kept on a lead in designated public areas such as parks (local councils will indicate this with signage). In these cases flexi leads are ideal as you can control the length of the lead, allowing your dog freedom to roam.
- Supervise your dog around children and other pets while walking. Your dog may be friendly towards fellow canines, but other dogs may not be so keen! So best avoid confrontation.
- Don't forget to pick up your dog's poo using a biodegradable poop bag when possible. Not only is dog poo unpleasant for everyone, but it can spread parasites and harmful bacteria to pets and humans.
- An ID tag attached to your dog's collar is a legal requirement, but also useful in case your dog gets lost
- Carry [fresh water](#) for you and your dog to drink and avoid walking in extreme heat
- Use [reflective collars](#) or [coats](#) when walking in dark early mornings or evenings
- Take [treats and toys](#) with you (like a [ball](#) or tug toy) to make walks more exciting
- If you're a keen jogger, check out your local area for new routes whilst walking or jogging with your dog
- Stop and smell the roses. Yes, literally, but we also mean appreciating your pup's company and enjoying the great outdoors (or nearest park!)
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We think each walk is an adventure. And always better with a furry sidekick by your side.



## Dates for Your Diary

### March

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 8.30 Platinum

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 8.30pm CATS**

### April

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 8.30 Platinum

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Scent Workshop - booking required. See next page**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 8.30pm CATS**

Platinum Classes are for members whose dogs have passed the Diamond Award -  
£3 per session

**CATS (Clicker And Target training School)** is open to ALL club members (providing their dogs are sociable and well behaved) and can be attended on a completely ad hoc basis. Class content will depend on numbers attending and the level of experience of those attending. So whether a complete beginner, or well-practised, these classes are a fun way to improve your relationship with your dog  
- £3 per session



## Now Live!!

The Club now has its own facebook page with a separate Members group. Club Members will be able to apply to join and can then read about Club Events, Club news etc through facebook and get updates of class cancellations etc.

In Facebook, just search for "LDTC Members" and then Click on "Groups" in the white banner tab underneath. Click on "Join" and answer two simple questions. Your request will go to the Administrators who will check whether you are a paid up member and authorise you to join. The Members group is to share doggy information with each other - please do not use it as a platform for selling items, advertising competitors etc. Any posts deemed inappropriate will be removed.



A few Spaces Still Available!  
Book Your Place Soon

## SIGN UP, SIGN UP.....

The Club is very pleased to announce that in conjunction with Canine Behaviourist, Emma Goulding-Bosworth (ISCP.DIP.Canine.Prac. INTODogs. IMDT. M.ICAN.CAB. PPG) we will be running some **Scent Workshops**. These are open to ALL Club Members and their dogs – from puppies up to oldies. Every dog has a nose, so every dog can scent!

The workshops will be on:

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL from 2pm to 5pm**  
&  
**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY from 2pm to 5pm**

The Workshops will cost £45 for each dog & handler and will include a refreshment break (drinks and biscuits provided)

There will be a maximum of 6 dogs per Workshop, and places will be given on a First Come, First Served basis. Your £45 payment must accompany your booking.



### SCENT WORKSHOP

I would like to sign up for the Scent Workshop on:- .....

HANDLER .....

DOG ..... Working Towards .....  
(Eg Bronze, Agility, Puppy, Platinum etc)

CONTACT NUMBER: - .....

EMAIL: - ..... Payment of £45 enclosed  
(Cash/Cheque/Bank transfer)





**Barbara Endersby**, the Club's Rally,O trainer was called on at the last minute to participate as part of the South East & East Anglia Regional Rally team at the Inter-Regional Rally Competition at Crufts on the opening day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. **Pheobe** performed brilliantly for Barbara and on an individual level they came 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Level 2 Rally Competition, with the team coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

There were successes in the Show rings too for other club members: -

**Jill Ambridge & Izzie** (Tiger Lilly Blossom) got VHC in the Beagle Good Citizens Dog Scheme Bitch Class

**Suneeta Luthra & Rani** (Adorele Dancing Queen) got Reserve in the Havanese Post-Graduate Bitch Class

**Elaine R & Winifred** (Chepam Winifred at Truetickerty) got 1<sup>st</sup> in the Bouvier des Flandres Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch Class

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## Do you have a Beagle – or know someone with a Beagle?



Have you ever thought of joining The Beagle Club Working Section?

There are a few Beagles from LDTC that go out working during the winter months, (Norman & Bertie Green, Honey & Sparky Brownlow, Polly & Izzie Ambridge.) They have trials at the end to see how well their "noses" work. This season, **Norman Green** was the best working dog, Both **Izzie** and **Polly Ambridge** achieved workings certificates, **Izzie** finished up best working bitch/ best working hound. If any Beagle owners would be interested in joining us, please ring 01784 243314 for more information. Best that you have at least your bronze Good Citizen's award as there is a small test at the beginning of every season - 1 min stay and a recall!