



NEWSLETTER

August 2011

KENNEL CLUB ISSUES NOTE OF CAUTION TO CHANGES TO THE UK'S PET TRAVEL SCHEME

The Kennel Club has issued a note of caution following the announcement of changes to the UK's Pet Travel Scheme from next year, amidst concerns that they could have a negative impact on dog health.

Defra has announced that from January 1st 2012, changes to the scheme will include reducing the length of time after vaccination that a dog may travel, the removal of the requirement to blood test the dog before travel and the removal of the need to have the dog treated for ticks. A decision on whether to continue to treat for tapeworms is yet to be finalised.

Caroline Kisko, Communications Director at the Kennel Club commented: "Whilst this potentially represents a significant cost saving for dog owners, it could lead to serious health problems if owners stop treating their dogs for ticks and tapeworms. The Pet Travel Scheme was originally set up to protect human health but it is also vital to ensure that owners continue to protect their dogs' health by carrying out both of these treatments.

"Tapeworms and ticks can lead to serious illness in dogs – illnesses which are not currently found in the UK. To this end the Kennel Club will be producing help and advice to dog owners whilst continuing to discuss this issue with Defra."

The Pet Travel Scheme came into force in 2001, allowing British travellers to take their dogs on holiday in certain countries, and UK and overseas competitors to take part in dog shows and events more freely.

The requirements of the scheme – in regard to vaccination and treatment for ticks and tapeworms – have proved to be largely successful and have led to further lifting of quarantine regulations in the intervening period. Overseas competitors wishing to attend shows in the UK are now more freely able to qualify their dogs, both here and in their own countries, to attend shows such as Crufts.

Now, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has outlined that the current scheme will be changing as of next year. The main change is the removal of the requirement to blood test the dog post the rabies vaccination and six months before entry or return to the UK from within the EU and certain other listed countries, replacing this with a waiting period of 21 days after the rabies vaccination. Unlisted countries outside the EU will require a blood test to be carried out after vaccination and a further waiting time of three months from the time of the blood test, instead of the present six months after vaccination. Defra has also announced that tick treatments will no longer be required and are awaiting a decision at a European level regarding tapeworm provisions.

Full details of the changes to the Pet Passport Travel Scheme can be found on the back page:


KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

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


Puppy Foundation (August 2011)

	<p>Jenni Jacqui Reeves Poppie Phill Steptoe Bella Lauren Reeves</p>
	<p>Not in Photo: - Monty Miranda Lipscombe Woody Tamsin Arthur Alfie Pia Berle</p>


Bronze Award (June & August 2011)

<p>Jasper Elizabeth Morris Tin Tin Cary Morgan Chester Val Snelling Apollo Victoria Whicher Sherlock Rosie & Vivienne Beal</p> <p>Alfie Sue Proctor</p>	
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Silver Award (July 2011)

	<p>Monty Jo Scalpello Scooter Gary Copestake Russell Patrick Troddyn Daisy Nicola Thomas Bella Barbara Atterbury</p>
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Silver Award (August 2011)

<p>Jay Jay Steve Wherlock Chester Valerie Snelling Jasper Elizabeth Morris Alfie Sue Proctor</p>	
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Agility News: -

In House Results:

The Intermediate Group (CM3) had their end of course competition in June: -

- 1st Place - Poppy handled by Michelle Tucker
- 2nd Place - Jay Jay handled by Steve Wherlock
- 3rd Place - Humphrey handled by Tony Wrenn
- 4th Place - Minnie Mouse handled by Shirley Jones

News From Around the Shows:

Jumping Jacks – Redhill 9th/10th July

Veteran Power & Speed – 4th Place Bella handled by Jackie Candlin

Introductory Power & Speed – 2nd Place Cash handled by Jackie Candlin

Cash also got two clear rounds in the Introductory Jumping and Steeplechase.

If anyone else has results from any shows they've competed at, please email me or jot them down so others can share in your successes. I know several people participated in the agility at the Chertsey Show, so please do let me know your results as soon as you can.

NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR DOG WHILE YOU'RE ON HOLIDAY?

We are often asked if we can recommend someone who can house-sit or take in a club member's dog while they go on holiday. Nobody within the club offers such a service but one of our members has recently discovered this

Home from Home service –

<http://www.homefromhomedogboarding.com>

It seems reasonably priced and has excellent testimonials on the website. Stuart has recently returned from holiday and left Barney with one of the carers for two weeks. This is what Stuart had to say on his return: -
“The process is very easy and once registered and a deposit paid to Home from Home, they put you in touch with the fosterer or carer and leave it to you to meet and see if things will be OK. You then arrange when you will drop off/pick up etc, and discuss the dog's habits and routine.

I know Barney was walked twice a day, had someone around all the time (only up to 4 hours leaving is allowed) and in the case of the lady Barney went to, she had a little Westie and so he also had some canine company. She said she let him off lead a few times and he came back, so the training worked well and all in all it was much less stressful I think that being in a kennel. I text'd her whilst on holiday and she responded confirming he was fine and that gave me further re-assurance.

When we collected him, Barney didn't appear stressed or having had any issues and was right at home so I believe he was happy there.

I would certainly be using the service again and would, from my one experience, be happy to recommend it to others.”

Egham Royal Show

Sunday 28th August 2011

Whitehall Lane, Egham TW20 9NF

This year, as for the previous two years, the Club has been asked to do agility demonstrations at the Egham Show. Several members from the top classes in agility at the Club will therefore be doing demonstrations at approx 10-10.30 and 2- 2.30 on the Sunday. There will also be an opportunity for ALL club members and members of the public who have had any level of agility training to have a go with their dogs on the Pay As You Go course that will be available after the two demonstrations.

As well as the agility displays and Pay As You Go, there will also be a Companion Dog Show from Midday onwards with **4 Pedigree Classes** (Puppy 6-12 months, Non-Sporting, Sporting & Open) and a further **8 Novelty Classes** (Best Veteran, Imberpark Kennel Stakes, Best 6 Legs, Dog Most Like Owner, Best Condition, Best Rescue, Best Child Handler, Best Crossbreed/Mongrel).

It costs just £2 per class to enter and you can contact:-
Jackie Cashen, 124 Feltham Road, Ashford, Middlesex
01784 241429

dogshow@eghamroyalshow.org.uk

for more details.

The Egham Show really is a great day out, and as well as supporting your fellow club members who are doing the agility displays, you could have a go yourself or enter one or more of the Dog Show classes.

Hope to see some of you there!!

COURSE FEES – IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that the fees for both obedience and agility classes are due on the 1st week of the course. If for any reason you will not be present on the first night you should pay by cash or cheque beforehand (eg on the last week of your previous course or by post). As we have waiting lists for all our courses, if payment is not received by the 1st night we reserve the right to offer your place to the next person & dog on the waiting list.

PET PASSPORT TRAVEL SCHEME

Entry rules for pets entering the UK from the EU and listed non-EU countries:

Requirement	Now	From 1 January 2012
Microchip	Yes	Yes
Rabies vaccination	Yes	Yes
Documentation (pet passport or third country certificate)	Yes	Yes
Blood test (dogs and cats)	Yes	No
Pre-entry waiting period	Yes	Yes
Length of waiting period before entry to the UK	6 months from date sample taken for blood test	21 days after vaccination against rabies
Tick treatment	Yes (24-48 hours before embarkation)	No
Tapeworm treatment	Yes (as for ticks)	Under consideration at European level

Entry rules for pets entering the UK from unlisted non-EU countries:

Requirement	Now	From 1 January 2012
Microchip	All pets from unlisted third countries are licensed into quarantine for 6 months and vaccinated against rabies on arrival	Yes
Rabies vaccination	“	Yes
Blood test	“	Yes. Blood sample taken at least 30 days after vaccination.
Documentation (third country certificate)	“	Yes
Pre-entry waiting period	“	Yes
Length of waiting period before entry to the UK	“	3 months after blood sample date
Tick treatment	“	No
Tapeworm treatment	“	Under consideration at European level

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We are keen to hear of members' successes at shows and competitions. If you have any news to share, or items for sale or have anything you feel could be included on our new website, please contact Lynn on 01784 255719 or email lynn_gibney@talktalk.net so that they can be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

Thank you