



CHARITY UPDATES

There's Good news, Sad News and Good News from Wimbledon Greyhound Trust

The first Good News is that Lily, one of our sponsored hounds in the Sanctuary, has found her forever home. She came to the kennels two years ago with partner Ritz. They had spent almost their entire lives together, so at 8 years of age they were housed together and it was hoped they'd be rehomed together. They both proved to be good with other breeds of dog and enjoyed lovely walks and trips to the park etc. However Lily was far more active than her partner Ritz so when a lovely family wanted to adopt her, the staff at WGW didn't want to stand in her way. They found another companion for Ritz and Lily is now living happily in her forever home.

The Sad News is that a week after Lily found her forever home, Ritz went to his heavenly home, passing away quietly in his sleep after a romp around the paddock.

Ritz



Lily

So the other Good News is that the Club is now sponsoring Ben whose racing career was cut short by an eye problem that left him blind. Ben is a happy, affectionate and confident young lad. He has settled well into the routine of the kennels and is learning to cope with the big world outside of them.

Because of the need for special care, Ben will need a very special home.

So until the right person comes along, WGW will keep Ben safe and cared for in the Sanctuary .

For news of all the dogs we sponsor, please see the Charities Board in the barn.



Ben



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 2016

Ellanora	Jane Witcomb
Diesel	Vibhu & Geeta Pathak
Wookie	Vicki Batten
Tia	Leah Newbould
Pebbles	Tracy Selby
Eden	Christie Taylor
Hugo	The Frosts



Bronze January 2016

Tilly	Sally Lamb
Rudy	Peter Hutton
Zahn	Sarah Cook



Bronze January 2016

Meg	Brian Hunt
Roly	Natasha Harrison
Alfie	Clare Pitts
Ella	Nicola Weekes

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.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

As the Club is Kennel Club Registered (and has been since it was founded back in 1978), our priority is always the **Kennel Club Good Citizen Classes**, but as a Club we try to provide dog owners with a variety of classes that will keep both dogs and handlers motivated and wanting to come back again and again.

Our **Agility** Classes are a firm favourite and dogs over 1 year old that have a good stay or wait and a good recall are eligible to take part. But the waiting list to get on Agility Courses is long, so if you are interested, it's best to get your dog's name on the list as soon as possible - even before it reaches 12 months of age - so by the time it reaches the right age, a place may be available on a course. Let Lynn Gibney know if you are interested.

Our "**Happy Hour**" classes are proving very popular where handlers turn up and pay on the night. These are on Thursday evenings at 8.30pm. To provide variety, we alternate between: -

Rally,O - where dog and handler follow station boards around a set course (initially on lead, but aiming for off lead heelwork). Suitable for all dogs with a good temperament and good heelwork

CATS - Clicker & Target training School - where handlers teach their dogs to target specific items, or perform certain moves, tricks or routines using clicker training and target sticks - suitable for any age dog at any level of the Good Citizen Scheme.

Display Team - The Club has a Display Team, practising a new formation heelwork routine to unveil at the Fun Day in June. Suitable for dogs with a good standard of obedience. All new enquiries to Becky Beauchamp

And Introducing: -

Heelwork to Music - where handlers can learn to teach their dogs some simple HTM moves such as leg weaves, twists, spins, jumps etc. Suitable for any dog with a good temperament and good standard of obedience.

WORKSHOPS

We will also run workshops to address specific issues that Club members may have with their dogs - the most common of which is the **Recall**. So our next Recall workshop will be held on 31st March/2nd April. Please see back page for a registration form and more details.



Agility Classes

It is very unfortunate that the weather in January and beginning of February has been so bad and that we have had to keep cancelling the agility classes. The trainers do try and give as much notice as possible, but do sometimes wait to check ground conditions on the day. Please bear with us (and maybe pray for better weather soon!)



Dates for Your Diary

February

Thursday 4th February 8.30pm CATS

Thursday 11th February 8.30pm Rally, O

Thursday 18th February 8.30pm Rally, O

Thursday 25th February 8.30pm Display Team

March

Thursday 3rd March 8.30pm CATS

Thursday 10th March 8.30pm Rally, O

Thursday 17th March 8.30pm Heelwork to Music (Demonstration by Barbara Endersby & Introduction to Basic moves - twists, spins, leg weaves etc)
ALL WELCOME!

Thursday 24th March 8.30pm Display Team

Thursday 31st March 8.30pm Recall Workshop Part I

Saturday 2nd April 2.30pm Recall Workshop Part II



And After Diamond, there isPlatinum!



For those of you eagerly awaiting the next challenge after completing your LDTC Diamond Award, we are pleased to announce that the new LDTC Platinum Award is almost ready to be unveiled.

Instead of a weekly class, handlers will need to attend other workshops and specialist classes (like Rally, O, CATS, Heelwork to Music, Crate Training etc) as well as meeting with Lead Trainer Lynn once a month for a group tutorial.

The Platinum Award will challenge both handler and dog as you learn Clicker Training, Distance Control, Crate Training and Heelwork to Music! It will strengthen and improve the relationship you have with your dog as you both learn new disciplines and have fun at the same time.

More details will be available shortly.....

Items for Sale in Aid of Charity

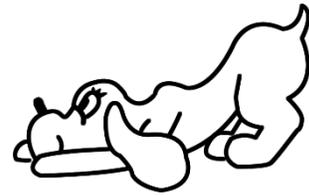
One of our Club members, sadly lost her cat a short while ago, and has some cat food that she is willing to exchange for donations to Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare



There are 3 boxes of 12 pouches of Felix Senior Fish in Jelly, 1 of Whiskas Selection and a mixed box of Felix pouches (box opened but pouches not opened).
Suggested minimum donation - £2 per box.
Please see your trainer if you are interested.



Recall workshop



Thursday 31st March at 8.30pm Part I &
Saturday 2nd April at 2.30pm Part II

Does your dog turn a deaf-ear when you're out at the park?

Are you nervous about letting him off his lead in case he doesn't come back?

Is everything in the park more interesting than you?

Is he getting shy of the lead at the end of your walk?

Yes? Stop pulling your hair and come on down to the Recall Workshop!

We've got lots of tips, tricks, and techniques to improve that dodgy recall so that you can walk your dog confident that he WILL return!

The workshop is run in two parts: indoors in the barn for an hour for Part I (Thursday evening) and outside in the secure location of Mary & Mervyn's back garden for an hour (Saturday afternoon) for Part II. You need to attend both parts to get the full benefit. You cannot attend Part II if you have not already attended Part I.

The workshop will be restricted to a maximum of 8 participants.

Dogs at all levels of training are welcome to come along and join in; for the very reasonable price of just £12 per dog!

If you would like a place on the Recall Workshop (both parts), please complete the form below and return it, along with your fee, to **Elizabeth Morris, 36 Ash Grove, Staines, TW18 1JD**, or hand your form to your trainer. As places are limited they will be allocated in the order entries are received and you will be notified by email if you have been allocated a place.

Recall Workshop Registration

Handler Name:

Dog's name:

Age:

Breed:

Email address:

Phone:

Currently working towards Good Citizens level:

Bronze /Silver /Gold

Fee: £12

Please complete one form per dog. Please make cheques payable to LDTC