



More First Aid Fun for Diamond Dogs

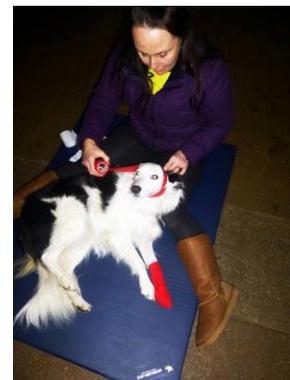
Handlers currently undertaking the latest Diamond Award with their dogs, got down to basics with Doggy First Aid in February.

The Diamond course requires handlers to have knowledge of bandaging their dogs, plus knowledge of how to check for their pulse and heart rates, what to do if the dog has a fit or a seizure and how to cope with minor injuries.

Michelle Street from Redleaves Veterinary Practice came along to talk to the group and to demonstrate the correct techniques for bandaging - before the handlers were let loose on their dogs - with varying degrees of success!



Although obviously embarrassed, the dogs were not harmed at all!



NB - Diamond Classes are for dogs that have completed the Kennel Club Good Citizen Gold Award and is an internally run course, not connected to the Kennel Club



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.

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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.

Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards Continued: -



Gold February 2016

Kobi	Julie Allam
Sapphira	Suzanne Louis
Crosby	Chris Carroll
Oliver	Margaraet Cook



Dates for Your Diary

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

April

Thursday 7th April 8.30pm CATS

Thursday 14th April 8.30pm Rally, O

Thursday 21st April 8.30pm Heelwork to Music

Thursday 28th April 8.30pm Display Team

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

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 (£3 per class). These are on Thursday evenings at 8.30pm.

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.

Please always check the Dates for Your Diary Page to check which classes are on which dates

WORKSHOPS

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



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.

For more details, please contact Lynn on lynngibney@talktalk.net



WGW Need YOUR Help

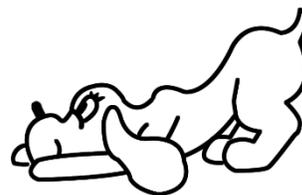
Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare are looking for volunteers to dog test or socialise some of their greyhounds. They used to have a little dog that used to test the temperaments of the greyhounds to see if they would be suitable to be rehomed with other dogs - but sadly, he has passed away, so the kennels are now without a calm little dog to pop down to Burhill Kennels in Hershams occasionally to see how the greyhounds react. So if you have a calm, small dog that wouldn't mind meeting a few greyhounds, it would really help them out.

They have also asked if anyone would be interested in "socialising walks" ie taking your dog along for a walk with a greyhound to see how they get on. So long as you have a reasonably calm and well socialised dog yourself it will help the staff at the kennels assess the greyhound for rehoming and provide a stimulating and social walk for the dogs.

If you would like to help out, please let me know and I will pass your details onto WGW.

Thank you.

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!

**TWO PLACES STILL
AVAILABLE!
BOOK NOW!**

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