

PARTNEY AND DISTRICT RINGCRAFT CLUB

CLUB NEWS LETTER

SPRING 2010

Welcome to the Spring news letter to bring the clubs members upto date with club news and information. Since the last edition Christmas has come and gone and if your dogs are anything like mine they will now be ready to compete in any activities that includes snow. Be this eating it, getting it all over you feet to see how wet you can make the house, or how to avoid being made to go out in the stuff! Spring is now here and with it a fresh start to train our dogs, there will be a summer party in July where your dogs will get the chance to go face to face in the sausage catching competition if you are brave enough to bet ... and her Jack Russell .. Who seem to win this each time! So get practising for July.

The club would like to welcome the new members we hope you enjoy learning with your dogs have a successful year.

Congratulations to the dogs in the puppy class who have successfully completed their Puppy Good Citizens Dog Tests - George and his owner .. , Molly and her owner .., Rocky and his owner .. , Ria and her owner Johnny. The club hopes that you and your dogs continue to enjoy attending the club and working towards completing your Bronze Goods Citizens Dog Tests.

Good Citizens Dog Training Scheme



The next Good Citizens Testes will be being completed shortly, and if the trainers feel your boy or girl is ready to progress to the next stage in their training they will be given the opportunity to do their Bronze, Silver or Gold tests. Don't forget that you also have to complete a test yourself as well as you dog and need to be aware of the questions in relation to responsible dog owners. These sheets of questions and things to know will have been given to you when your started your classes. If you have miss laid these just asked for a new copy at the club desk.

Interesting information about The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme.

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme was established to promote socially acceptable dogs and to teach owners how to train their dogs. After all, dogs are not born with the fountain of all knowledge. Just like humans dogs need to be educated so that they can live in harmony with society. There are four levels of achievement as follows:-

FORTH COMING EVENTS

- ~~Sausage~~ ^{Sausage} and Mash Night The club will be having a ~~pub~~ and mash night on the at Partney Village Hall. There will be a quiz (normal pub type quiz, not just dog related!) 29/4/10
- 4 April 2010 Northern Tibetan Spaniel Club Rescue & Welfare are holding a Companion Dog Show at Hale Magna Village Hall, Little Hale Rd, nr Sleaford. contact Mrs P A Esson on 01526 830281 for more information.
- 2 May 2010 The German Spitz Club of GB Rescue & Welfare are holding a Companion Dog Show at Hale Magna Village Hall, Little Hale Rd, nr Sleaford. contact Mrs P A Esson on 01526 830281 for more information.
- 11 July 2010 Spilsby Companion Dog Show: The show will be held at Boston Road Playing Fields, Spilsby. Schedules are available at the club.



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Puppy Foundation – for puppies, whereby basic training skills and socialisation will start to introduce them to life's daily routine.

The Bronze Level – for dogs that are relatively new to dog training.

The Silver Level – for dogs that have their bronze level and have graduated to a higher learning curve.

The Gold Level – this is the highest level of Good Citizenship and will show you a well behaved and trained domestic pet.

Since 1992, over 80,000 dogs and their owners have successfully passed the Bronze Test and there are now over 1600 organisations running 'Good Citizen' dog training classes, throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. (taken from the Kennel Club Websight)

To assist with your revision here are some questions you may be asked

Bronze candidates will be asked questions from section one of responsibility and care these include -

- A dog owner must be aware of a dog's needs, they are?
- A dog should display the same demeanour from day to day. So should any of the following occur you should immediately seek veterinary advice?

Responsibility of owner an owner should include

- Register your dog with a veterinary practice and discuss with your veterinary surgeon the necessary vaccinations, frequency of boosters, worming and flea prevention.
- Feed the dog regularly a nutritionally balanced diet.
- Regularly clean and groom your dog. Ensure that no part of the dog's coat becomes matted.
- Do not allow the dog to be a nuisance to others. Ensure control is maintained at all times.
- Your dog should not be allowed out on its own.
- Discuss neutering with your veterinary surgeon to avoid unwanted puppies.

Silver test candidates will also be asked questions to include -

Other responsibilities include

- **Socialisation** - Dogs should be gradually socialised to other strange dogs, people and children and be familiarised with traffic. Not doing so can cause apprehension.
- Withdrawing a dog from something that frightens it will only make apprehension worse in the long run. Never make eye contact with an unfamiliar dog. All socialisation

should be carried out in a careful manner.

- **Dogs off lead** - No matter how well trained or under control a dog might be, it should never be walked off lead in environmentally unsuitable areas or those that do not permit dogs to be off lead.
- **Dogs and Children** - Children are usually less predictable than adults and they should be warned:

Never to make sudden movements close to a dog.

Never to scream or suddenly yell close to a dog.

Never to lunge at a dog, particularly when it is asleep.

Never to put their face close to a dog's face.

Never to eat food close to a family dog.

Never to tease or pull a dog's body or coat.

Never to ignore a dog's warning growl.

Always wash their hands after playing with a dog.

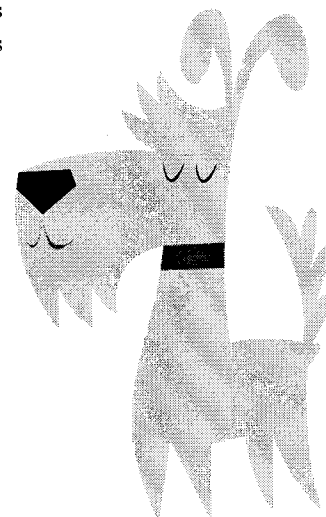
Gold candidates will also be asked questions from section three these include

Health

- **Vaccinations** - Most veterinary surgeons will administer the first vaccinations at eight/nine weeks. They will advise when the dog can be allowed on the street, parks or mix with other dogs. Discuss with your veterinary surgeon the necessary vaccinations and frequency of boosters.
- **Fleas** - Fleas are usually found around the neck and abdomen of a dog. Owners should regularly look for signs of fleas or their droppings, which appear to be black and no bigger than a grain of sand. There are various products, which will effectively deal with fleas, and veterinary advice should be sought.

The Country Code

- **Chasing** - Never allow a dog to chase or worry livestock or wildlife as it raises its predatory instinct and can cause distress, injury and death.
- **Awareness** - Ensure that you know where your dog is and what he is doing at all times. Also be alert to any possible situation where the dog can cause a problem.
- **Arable land** - Provided a dog's owner keeps it on a lead and on the footpath, dogs are allowed on all public rights of way even if the land either side of the footpath is cultivated.
- **Gates** - Always leave gates as you find them unless instructed otherwise.
- **Country lanes** - These are as dangerous as urban roads and your dog should be on lead.
- **Leaving the countryside** - Neither you nor your dog should leave anything behind including the dog's faeces.



Points Competition

The club is holding a points competition where the dogs who enter and gain a place at any dog competition between January and December 2010 can collect points and attempt to win a trophy. This will be awarded to the dog gaining the most points through 2010 and will be presented at the Christmas party in December. So if you get placed at any show let the club know. We need details of the show, the date of the show and the class and place won. These can be emailed to Partney-dogtrainingpoints@googlemail.com or you can complete a point's claim form which can be requested when you enter at the desk. All points have to have been claimed by the 1st December 2010 good luck.

If you have not and would like to try showing your pet, a good place to start is to attend some companion dogs shows where you and your dog can enter the breed classes, or the novelty classes which often include classes like prettiest bitch and handsomest dog ect. Some of these shows also hold obedience classes where you and your dog can test how much you and your dog have remembered from class! These shows make a nice day out for dog and your family alike and are a good opportunity to socialise young dogs.

Spilsby Companion Dog Show 2010

The Spilsby dog show will be held on the 11th July 2010 at Boston Rd Playing Field, in Spilsby. This is held in conjunction with the Spilsby Show. Becky and I are working hard to ensure that this years show runs smoothly. We are looking for people willing to sponsor rosettes to be given out at the show. It is £5 per class to sponsor. The show is held as a fund raiser for Dogs Trust, who never putt a healthy dog down. All support is gratefully received.

Dog Jokes Section

Urgent Notice: Potential Danger of Dog Hair.....

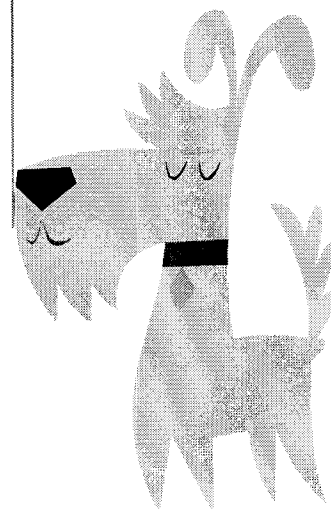
In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called "amobacter caninii" has been linked with the following symptoms in females: Reluctance to cook, clean or do housework, a reluctance to wear make-up, good clothes or high heels. Reluctance to spend money on home or car repairs until after 'Baby' has new collars, leashes, beds, treats, food, blankets or toys.

"Amobacter caninii" usually results in long hours away from home and exhaustion which may lead to a loss of physical contact with other humans (especially husbands and boyfriends). "Amobacter caninii" is thought to be addictive, driving the need for additional sources - this may lead to a "pack mentality" or like the potato chip commercial, "you can't have just one". Beware! If you come in contact with a female human infected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours.

Surgeon General's Warning: Dogs are expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense.



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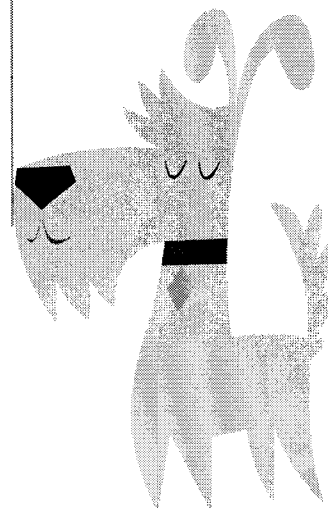


Bragg Section!

For the dogs who have got something to boast about!

Be it big things or small let the club know about what you and your dog/s have
been upto

Email results/information to partneydogtraining.newsletter@googlemail.com



Did you know ?

The following things affect dog owners within the law

The Control of Dogs Order 1992 - This mandates that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address (including postcode) of the owner engraved or written on it, or engraved on a tag. Your telephone number is optional (but advisable).

Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 - It is a criminal offence (for the owner and/or the person in charge of the dog) to allow a dog to be 'dangerously out of control' in a public place, a place where it is not permitted to be, and some other areas. A 'dangerously out of control' dog can be defined as a dog that has injured someone or a dog that a person has grounds for reasonable apprehension that it may do so.

Something as simple as your dog chasing, barking at or jumping up at a person or child could lead to a complaint, so ensure that your dog is under control at all times.

If your dog injures a person, it may be seized by the police and your penalty may include a prison sentence and/or a ban on keeping dogs. There is also an automatic presumption that your dog will be destroyed (unless you can persuade the court that it is not a danger to the public, in which case it may be subject to a control order). You may also have to pay a fine, compensation and

Animals Act 1971 - You could be liable for damage caused by your dog under this Act or under some degree of negligence. It is highly advisable to have third party liability insurance to cover this, something that is included in most pet and some household insurance policies.

Things Available at The Club

Microchipping

Jane, the clubs Ringcraft trainer has kindly offered her skills as a trained microchipper to the club and its members. Jane has advised that she is willing to microchip members pets and litters of puppies at a small cost which will be donated to the club. Microchipping can aid in the speedy recovery of a lost or stolen pet. If you would like any information please ask Jane at the Club or contact her by phone.

Refreshments

The club has a variety of refreshments available on training night, all members are welcome to stay after their class and watch the following class and enjoy some of the refreshments on offer, during this time it would allow your young dog to continue their socialisation and allow them to watch other dogs in a safe environment.

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