



ESSC SE Branch Newsletter

Home Corner...

Hello again to all our Branch members – all the committee hope that you are keeping well and managing to keep safe and sane during the new lockdown. This newsletter brings our best wishes to you and to your dogs – please do keep in touch with us.

2022 Meetings:

Our planned meeting dates are:

24th July – Garden Party

18th September

30th October

4th December – Christmas Party

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Summer of Fun

We have had a lovely summer so far at the Branch, with well attended meetings for our Jubilee Fun Day and our Barbecue. Photographs and more details are to be found on our webpage (<https://www.essc-southeast.co.uk>) and also our Facebook Group

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/476304250910232>).

These will also help you keep up to date with our meeting diary and you can join in the chat and information sharing on the latter.

You should have recently received a flier for our next meeting, the Strawberry Tea Garden Party on Sunday 24th July– the flier is also on the webpage. As with all our summer meetings we hope the weather will be kind enough for us to be outside so bring your garden chair and if possible shade for your dogs. This will be the last meeting where the coveted Jubilee rosettes will be available for class winners.



Branch Organisation

As we have welcomed several new members to the Club, and the covid years have dislocated our meeting schedule, here is some information about how we organise our meetings:

Meeting schedule:

We hold 7 meetings annually, starting with the AGM and the Sheltie of the Year competition in the early spring.

We have judges for handling classes at most meetings, including for companion shelties. The Christmas party is a fun session with no judging and lots of games and prizes.

The tea at each meeting is a bring and share – sometimes to a theme – so please bring donations. At some meetings the committee provide a focus for the food – e.g. they provide burgers, hot dogs and accompaniments for the barbecue meeting.

We also welcome good quality donations for the raffle

Charges

Every meeting we charge £4.00 per adult and £2.00 for children over 4 and under 12. This enables us to maintain the club with hall hire fees, coffee, tea, cups, rosettes etc. All committee members give their time free of charge. A financial statement is made available at the AGM where the treasurer is happy to answer questions.

Good Citizen tests

Once a year we aim to hold Kennel Club Good Citizen tests. You can find our more about these at: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dog-training/good-citizen-dog-training-scheme/taking-part-in-the-good-citizen-dog-training-scheme/>

Next year we intend to provide a chance for members to practice some of the test elements they feel concerned about and get helpful hints. This year we held the tests in the morning before the main meeting and found that to be very successful. The modest entry fee entitles successful entrants to a certificate and a rosette as well as a shout out on our website.



Hot Weather Reminders

We enjoy the weather when it is warm and sunny, but we have already had some record days this year so when it gets really hot, do watch out for your pets and pass on the message to new owners. Our dogs have thick coats, which help keep them warm in winter, but doesn't make it easy for them to keep cool when it gets really hot. Unlike us, they can't sweat across their bodies and can only manage the heat by panting and sweating through their foot pads. Heatstroke is as common and as serious for animals as it is for us humans.

Make sure they always have access to fresh clean water – and don't be tempted to add ice cubes, it's better for them to drink tap and room temperature water. Always make sure they have access to somewhere cool and shady where they can lie down.

Make sure you walk your dogs either early or late when it's cooler. If the temperatures are really high, it's better to skip a walk than to overdo it. Ignore those pleading sheltie eyes – you know best! Also don't let them exercise with toys too madly. If you walk your dog on pavements, these can become very hot and retain the heat for a long time. If you can't keep the back of your hand or a bared foot comfortably on the surface for 5 seconds, then your dog may get burnt pads.

Never leave your dog in a car on its own when it's hot as the temperature inside can rise very fast – even with open windows. You might park in shade, but the sun will move round quickly. Despite the many warnings, every year dogs die in hot cars, so leave your dog at home when you can.

Heatstroke is an emergency and is caused by your pet overheating; it can be fatal. Heatstroke happens when a dog's usual cooling methods such as panting and staying in the shade can't keep their temperature low enough. They may exhibit some or more of these signs before collapsing: Restlessness, excessive panting, Fast breathing and heart rate, an upset stomach, unsteadiness. You can cool a dog with wet towels and seek medical advice



Your Committee Needs You...

Although we are extremely pleased to see so many new faces at all of our branch meetings, an increased number of people means more work for our committee. We are a very small committee and are at times becoming rushed off our feet. If you can offer a hand on the day please make yourself known to us and your offer will be gratefully received.

Congratulations...

Melody Cheal with Carolelen Composer got 2nd in Novice and 1st in Graduate at Bath Championship Show. Orinoco has also achieved 2nd in Graduate and 1st in Special Begginsers at Southern Counties Championship show, he was also Best Special Begginner in Breed. At East of England Championship Show he was 2nd in Special Begginner Dog. His sister Carolelen Call my Bluff got 1st in Novice and 3rd in Graduate at Bath Championship Show. Riva was also 1st in Special Begginsers and VHC in Graduate at Southern Counties Championship show. At East of England Championship Show she was 1st in Special Begginner Bitch. She was also 3rd in the Reserve Best of Breed Group at Eastbourne Open Show after coming 1st in the Open Class

Dot Weller with Evad Halloween Queen got 2nd in Post Graduate at Bath Championship Show and 3rd in the same class at Southern Counties Championship show. She was also 5th in Post Graduate at East of England Championship Show. She was 2nd in Open at Eastbourne Open Show.

Lilian Mettan-Ure with Oakcroft Simply Starstruck at Savendie was 2nd in Minor Puppy and 3rd in Novice at Southern Counties Championship Show. Aspen was also 2nd at Three Counties Championship Show. She has also achieved 1st in Minor Puppy at Border Union Championship Show, 4th in Puppy at Blackpool Championship Show, 1st in Minor Puppy at East of England Championship Show and 3rd in Minor Puppy at National Working and Pastoral Breeds. At Windsor Championship Show she was 1st in Minor Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Breed. At Whitsatble Open Show she was 2nd in Puppy and Reserve Best of Breed.

Angela Mitchell with Valdosta Tri Ya Luck won 4th in Open at Southern Counties, 5th in Limit Border Union Championship Show, 5th in Open Bitch at Blackpool Championship Show and 5th in Open at East of England Championship Show. Her mother, Sendora One for the Road was 5th in Veteran Bitch at Southern Counties Championship Show, 4th in Veteran at Border Union Championship Show, 4th in Veteran at Blackpool Championship Show and 2nd in Veteran at East of England Championship Show.

Sonya Barnett with Dippersmoor Daquiri at Sonspirit was Best Puppy in Breed at Eastbourn Open Show.