



ESSC SE Branch Newsletter

Home Corner...

2019 Meetings to come:

27th October, 1st December (Christmas Party)

Judges's Notes:

Monet Renninson – September Meeting

I would just like to say a massive thank you to the whole committee and members of the south east branch. I was honoured to be a guest and judge for the day. I got to meet some wonderful people and Shelties! It was such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Thank you again.

Garden Party Good Citizen Dog Scheme Results

This year's strawberry tea...what a fun day every one enjoying their day with their lovely shelties, as I did.

Thanks to all the members for the entries.

Judging the good citizens test was a bit here and there due to classes going on outdoors, but we got through it all ok (all in great spirit) and all who took part and passed were extra pleased, the dogs were working as good citizens. I hope to return next year and test the bronzes for their silver and silver for their gold.. Nice to see every one old and new and thanks also for the snacks, and the chaps in the kitchen keeping the tea going.

Lyn Fagg

Bronze Tests:

Angela Mitchell with Roo

Christine Woodward with Nahum

Val Winfield with Luca

June Best with Maddie

Linda Whittington with Lily

Jean Peters with Zoe

Silver Tests:

Denise Chaplin with Kimi

Suzanne Standen with Ivy



MY LIFE WITH DOGS

By Pauline Hannam

I had my first dog before I was eleven; a Heinz 57 variety dog called Monty after the Field Marshall. Monty was average sized and almost tricolour; like many dogs of the time Monty was a bit of a roamer but he was a family dog who used to appear to welcome the family home. Monty lived until he was about 14 and was a character. Rockaround Crystal Night (Shadow), was my first sheltie, a lovey tricolour dog, acquired from Jean Angell.

Before Shadow I had tried showing at an exemption show with my Labrador cross Berry where he won 'dog in best condition' and had some fun and success at several of these shows. I tried out obedience at one of these shows and enjoyed that too. The show bug was biting!

I first took Shadow to an exemption show and was encouraged there to enter him in sheltie classes in champion shows, where he got his Stud Book number and was qualified for life to show at Crufts.

There have been many shelties in my life since, of all colours, each special and remembered with many happy memories. Dandy, Geordie and Davy, all blue merles, sables Sunny, Robin, Scrumpy Jack, Homer and Race and Tricolours Shadow, Tyne and Smithy. We owned two or three at a time and at one time had eight! Although they eventually retired from showing I never sold them on as they lived on with us as cherished pets and family members.

Every dog had a different character, two did well at obedience and showing and Scrumpy Jack enjoyed heelwork to music.

I was really lucky to be encouraged by Gordon who specialised in grooming our dogs to their best and by good breeders who entrusted their dogs to me. Race for example came to me at 5 months from Christine Aaron and Davey from Carol Trueman. Both earned their Stud Book numbers.

I have really enjoyed my dogs and although I don't have any now, I love continuing to be part of the dog world, attending Branch meetings and entertaining friend with their dogs, passing on any lessons I have learned. But I encourage people to take the good and the bad with good grace and to remember that at the end of the day you take the best dog home.



SAFETY FIRST

By Denise Chaplin

This summer two incidents that occurred within a week of each other made me want to raise this in the newsletter. The first was horrible – an idiot driver drove into my car and spun it, hitting it two more times (mine is the white car). The second was celebratory four days later - Kimi won his Silver Good Citizen Award! Considering that Kimi and Coco were harnessed in their car harnesses on the side of the car that as you can see bore the brunt of the collision, this was remarkable! The crash was also a wonderful test of their Hi Craft passenger harnesses, which each has worn since being very tiny. In the silver Good Citizen test Kimi showed (in the courtesy car I was then driving) how very calm and sensible he is in a car and this was just 4 days past the crash!



Rule 57 of the Highway Code states: "When in a vehicle make sure dogs or other animals are suitably restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving or injure you, or themselves if you stop quickly. "A seat belt harness, pet carrier, dog cage or dog guard are ways of restraining animals in cars." If you have any recommendations of your means of transporting your dogs, please send them to Lili or myself for future editions so we can all keep our furkids safe.

Cynophobia Story – Child A

By Eve Martin

In September 2017 Child A came with his parents to see if we could help him overcome his fear of dogs. To his parents it seemed a lifeline - they needed to try. After sitting watching for a couple of weeks he decided to come on the floor and help Marion call the numbers for our knockout game with the dogs. He then walked round the dogs with Marion during our quiet grooming time and touched some of them. Leo was his choice for the next few weeks as he learnt that Leo would remain very still while he did this. Over the next few weeks he gained confidence and joined other children to put a lead on their chosen dog. He chose Leo repeatedly and gained confidence as each week passed. After a week off duty, I returned to find that he chose a different dog. This was an enormous step forward and my heart sang!

Through the next year Child A made consistent progress and was even sometimes putting a chosen dog back into the car with the owner. He was now using all the dogs on the team. There were a few minor setbacks over time and when these happened Child A returned to Leo. He never gave up, and eventually, was even working with certain off lead dogs in our gated play area outside. He loved doing recall with Leo (bless him-always did it slowly and correctly!) and latterly worked with Indi doing heelwork to music moves. I can't count the number of "roll-overs" Indi did for him! Whatever else Child A did during the evening he always came to find Leo and enjoy a little love time.

Just before we broke up in July, Child A asked if he could walk Leo outside. I of course agreed and followed keeping a distance from him. Going back into the hall, I took Leo from him and we walked together to the door, he looked up at me and said "I want to have a puppy". I put my arm round his shoulder and said "that's the best thing I've heard all day" trying very hard not to cry! Entirely his own decision, he said he felt ready to leave us at the end of term and give his place to another child waiting to come. RESULT - but I will miss him.....



Congratulations to...

Dot Weller with Evad Halloween Queen

Halle placed 1st in Novice Bitch at Paignton Championship Show.

Angela Mitchell with Valdosta Tri Ya Luck

Roo placed 1st in Yearling Bitch at Welsh KC Championship Show.

Paul and Marion Wood with Torinska I Love To Boogie For Sheltiewood

Placed 1st in Special Beginners Dog at Richmond Championship Show.

Monet Rennison with Kayla Kiss Ze Shetlandu

Kiss placed 1st in Minor Puppy Bitch at Birmingham Championship Show and Richmond Championship Show.

Lilian Mettan-Ure with Valdosta Dare to Dream

Quinn placed 1st in Minor Puppy Bitch at Welsh KC Championship Show and also Best Puppy in Breed plus Puppy Group 4 at Worthing Open Show.

Let us know if you have a success!

A Poem...

They will not go quietly,
the pets who've shared our lives.

In subtle ways they let us know their spirit still survives.

Old habits still can make us think we hear them at the door

Or step back when we drop a tasty morsel on the floor.
Our feet still go around the place the food dish used to be,

And, sometimes, coming home at night, we miss them terribly.

And although time may bring new friends and a new food dish to fill,

That one place in our hearts belongs to them... and always will.

Fireworks resources

Dog's Trust - <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/dog-behaviour-health/sound-therapy-for-pets>

Kennel Club -

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/our-resources/kennel-club-campaigns/fireworks/>

Battersea - <https://www.battersea.org.uk/pet-advice/dog-care-advice/%E2%80%8Bdogs-and->

Web links

Main Club - <https://www.essc.org.uk/>

Branch - <https://www.essc-southeast.co.uk/>

Show Results - <http://www.highampress.co.uk/>

Highway Code - <https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code-road-safety>