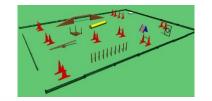


NEWSLETTER September 2019



The Mary Stephens Memorial Challenge

Round One of the Mary Stephens Memorial Challenge was held in glorious sunshine on Saturday 17th August

Guest judge was Jackie Bulmer, an experienced agility competitor and former member of the Club. She set fun, but challenging courses for both agility and jumping.



Agility Round

1st Place:- Oscar handled by Lynn Gibney 2nd Place: - Teddy handled by Jane Jones 3rd Place: - Charlie handled by Michael Hutson

4th Place: - Lily handled by Karen Pontin 5th Place: - Lily handled by Sue Hedges



Jumping Round

1st Place: - Arthur handled by Jo Millward 2nd Place: Mony handled by Jill Thompson 3rd Place: - Teddy handled by Jane Jones 4th Place: - Norman handled by Carol Green 5th Place: - Kobie handled by Danijela David



In addition, the following got Clear Rounds in the Jumping

Alfie handled by Clare Pitts Nash handled by Bani Saha Monty handled by Ralph Black

Action photos from the afternoon are available to view at the Agility Pavilion. Digital images can be ordered for £1 each; 7" x 5" prints can be ordered for £1.50 or mounted prints can be ordered for £3. Minimum of £1 from each copy ordered will go to Charity.

Round TWO will take place on Saturday 21st September



KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following who have passed their Awards: -



Puppy August 2019

Coco Bagira Natalie Brown Magdalena Berbec



Dates for Your Diary

September

Thursday 5th Cancelled 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 26th September 8.30pm CATS

October

Thursday 10th October 8,30 Platinum

Thursday 24th October 8.30pm Display Team

November

Thursday 7th November 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 21st November 8.30pm Display Team

December

Friday 13th December 7pm - 9pm Christmas Party !!!!





NEC - BIRMINGHAM 2&3 NOVEMBER 2019

THE NATIONAL PET SHOW IS RETURNING FOR ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR!



Join us at the NEC, Birmingham on 2nd & 3rd November and experience another weekend of animals galore!

Does Your Dog Pull on the lead?

Does he constantly switch sides, sniffing this way & that way?

Does he pay little attention to anything you say?

Then we have the answer!

RALLY, O

Whilst walking in the street, to or from the park etc, your dog finds it difficult to focus on you as there are so many other more interesting smells, sights, noises to pay attention to.

But Rally,O has <u>proven</u> to help your dog focus not on the noises, sights & smells around him - but on YOU!

Rally,O is on-lead heelwork with a twist! With your dog, you follow station boards around a course, and at each station board, you and your dog must perform a different action: - the dog sits while you walk round him; you both weave in and out of a series of cones; you side step to the right (or the left); the dog waits whilst you walk ahead and then call him etc etc.

There are several different levels of Rally,O just as there are with the Kennel Club Good Citizen scheme or with Agility and as your dog learns to focus on you, you progress through the simpler signs to the more complicated ones and to doing it all off lead.

It helps teach your dog to focus on you because he never knows what is coming next (unless he's VERY clever and can read the sign ahead), so he learns to watch for your instructions. Every few paces you are doing something different, so it keeps him interested and motivated. It helps to strengthen the bond you have with your dog. And once he's learnt to focus on you, walking in the street, or to and from the park is much easier because the dog has already learnt to always watch for instructions.

Barbara Endersby, our qualified Rally,O trainer, is pleased to be able to offer beginner spaces to anyone interested.

Classes will be on Saturday mornings from 11.30 - 12 noon and will cost £35 for 5 weeks (maximum 3 dogs in the class).

Please let Lynn know on lynngibney@talktalk.net or 07947 480784 if you are interested so we can get you started