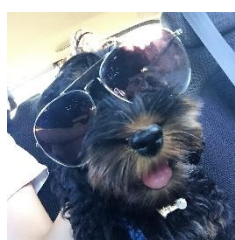
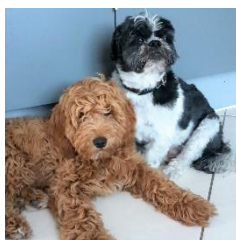




## **LDTTC Calendar 2020**

It's that time of year when I need you all to dig out your favourite photos of your dogs for inclusion in next year's calendar. Once again, we have some very generous sponsors who each sponsor a month in the calendar to help keep the costs down, so that you can buy copies for just £6 each to give as Christmas presents to friends, family etc.

**YOUR** dog will feature at least twice (so make sure you send me at least two photos - the more the merrier so I can pick the best). The photos can be any size, but the better the quality, the better it will look in the calendar. Photos must be of your dogs only - with other pets if you like - but **NO PEOPLE**.



Close ups are good, but even distance ones can be okay providing they are high resolution.

Email me at [lynngibney@talktalk.net](mailto:lynngibney@talktalk.net), hand them to your trainer to pass to me, or pop them through my letterbox at Kingfisher House, 9 Rex Avenue, Ashford, TW15 2DA

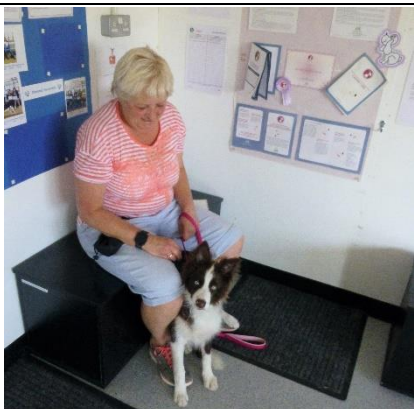
NB - If you own, run or are part of a small local business and would like to sponsor a month in next year's calendar, there are 2 or 3 months not yet spoken for. Sponsorship costs just £20 and includes a free copy of the calendar. Your advert will appear in each copy of the calendar which ends up in approximately 100 homes in the local area. Not a bad return on your advertising - and helps support the Club as well.

If you are interested, please contact me at the above email address.



## 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.



### Puppy September 2019

KoKo Elaine Sorensen



### Puppy October 2019

Darcy Declan Cownley  
Brillo Jo Aston & Kevin Wheal  
Bo Amber Cawte



### Bronze September 2019

Nigel Beth Mardell  
Rufus Alice Lee-Catuogno  
Bodhi Jess Niemann  
George Rachel Hewett  
Bonnie Emily Mazon



### Gold September 2019

Pipi Toni Teasdale

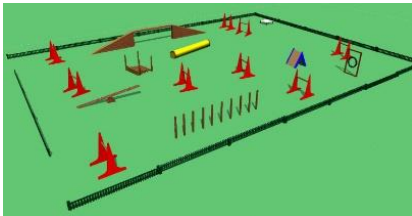
### The Mary Stephens Memorial Challenge

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding **Round Three** of this year's Mary Stephens Memorial Challenge on

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm** (weather permitting).

This is an In-House agility Competition for anyone currently participating in Agility Classes at the Club.

If you have ever wondered what agility is all about, then come along and watch the competition. Agility is for all breeds of dogs, of all ages (and no restrictions on owners either!).



There will be a jumping course and an agility course – both set by our trainer – Laura Oakes.

Points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> places  
(rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and for Clear Rounds)

For those entering the competition, it costs £2 per course.

For spectators – it's a free afternoon of entertainment!

### Beginners Agility Taster Session

Cliff Mott will be holding a taster session of Beginners Agility on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** from 2pm - 3pm. The taster session will cost £7 per dog. Places are limited, and several have already been taken by people on the Agility Waiting list. But – there are a couple of spare places, so if your dog is at least 1 year old, and has a good recall and wait (ideally have passed Bronze Good Citizens or at least be working towards it), then come and give Agility a go.

The taster session is aimed at literally giving you a taste of what is involved in agility. Attending the taster session does not commit you to joining up for a course. If your dog does not have an aptitude for agility, the trainer might suggest more obedience training or other motivational techniques, but if you and your dog enjoy the session then a new Beginners course will start very soon.

If you want to book a place, please email Lynn on [lynngibney@talktalk.net](mailto:lynngibney@talktalk.net) as soon as possible.

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Please remember that our home is a Sports Association and is private land owned by the Cricket Club. As such, dogs are NOT allowed off lead on the field (unless in classes). It is NOT an exercise area. Dogs should be exercised off lead elsewhere, before you arrive for classes. By all means walk them round on lead if you like, but please ensure all poo is bagged and taken home with you.

THANK YOU



# Building A Pet Den for Firework Season



If you could ask your pet what their biggest fear is, their answer would probably be 'fireworks'. As humans, we associate these with happy times like Bonfire Night, Halloween and New Year's Eve, but most pets get unsettled by the loud bangs and flashes.

And while we can't reassure our furry friends that fireworks are nothing to fuss about, we can prepare ahead and create a comfortable space for them to retreat to.

## How to build the ideal den

1. Find a good hiding spot in your home. A small room, bathroom or wardrobe are great options. Place their bed (or a crate) away from the door and use blankets to create a feeling of enclosure. If using a crate, covering it with blankets will also help muffle sound.
2. Throw in some familiar items, like your pet's favourite toy or an item of clothing you no longer use. The smells will send out the signal that your pet is in a safe place. Water is also important, so ensure there's a bowl nearby (scared and thirsty is no good combo!).
3. If your pet gets very nervous, use a pheromone-based spray, collar or diffuser (we like Feliway for cats and Adaptil for dogs). These are mild, so they can be used alongside medication, but their calming effect is powerful. For best results, start using a week before the event. This is also when you want to introduce your pet to their new hideaway.

## Other tips

- A scared animal won't eat or go to the bathroom for hours. Prevent this by feeding a little earlier and walking your pooch before dark.
- Some pet owners find that playing background music, opening taps, or turning up the volume on their TVs can help distract their pets from the noise.
- Soothe your kitty or pup if they look for comfort, but let them hide if that's what they prefer. Keeping them indoors will guarantee they're safe.
- Remember to relax and enjoy the fireworks! If you're calm, your pet will be the first to sense this.



# First Aid Fun



This is a fantastic opportunity for Club Members to learn a bit about First Aid for their dogs - when it should be given, how it should be given etc. It will also include a hands on practical of bandaging your own dog!

Places are limited. The First Aid Practical is part of our Diamond Course, so priority is given to those doing Diamond, but there are a few spaces for other Club members if you want to take part.  
All dogs taking part must be sociable and used to being handled.

## A TALK AND DEMONSTRATION BY Jaquie Hazell (RVN MBVNA) (from Redleaves Veterinary Practise)

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 8.pm - 9.30pm**  
(in the Cabin)  
**COST £10 PER DOG**

Covering a variety of topics including: -

When is it appropriate to administer First Aid?

Limits of First Aid

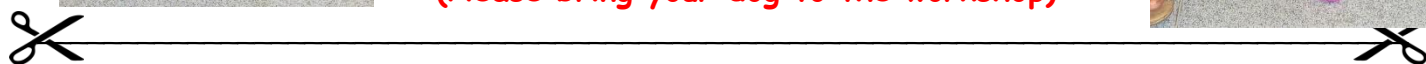
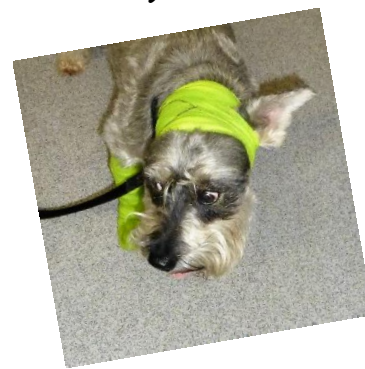
Knowing how to Check Your Dog's Pulse

Checking Your Dog's Heart Rate

Coping with minor injuries

Bandaging a leg/bandaging an ear

**(Please bring your dog to the workshop)**



"First Aid" Workshop Registration (Please complete one form per person. Cheques payable to LDTC)

Handler Name:..... Dog Name: .....

Email address:..... Phone:.....

Fee Enclosed - £10

(Please email [lynngibney@talktalk.net](mailto:lynngibney@talktalk.net) first to check number of places still available)



## Christmas Photo Shoot

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10am - 2pm

The Club is very pleased to again be able to offer all club members the opportunity to have Christmas Cards of their dogs. Your dogs will be photographed by Helen Baldwin a professional Pet Photographer (see [www.chobhamphotography.co.uk](http://www.chobhamphotography.co.uk))

Helen will come to the Cabin and take photos of your dogs with Christmassy props (see example). The cost of the shoot, for up to 20 minutes, and including the design of your cards is £20. (This is non-refundable if you cancel.) The unique Christmas cards cost £10 for a pack of 10 A6 sized cards of a single design with envelopes (£2.50 from the sale of each batch will go to the charity - Greys for Greys (for older greyhounds)). Images can then be downloaded later for free from her website.



It's a great opportunity to have your dog(s) photographed by a professional and to have some fabulous Christmas cards to send to family & friends. If you would like to book a 20-minute slot, please fill in the form and return to your trainer (or to me). You will then be contacted to confirm a time for your Photo Shoot.

**NB Due to people cancelling at the last minute & not paying on previous Photo Shoots, your Fee of £20 MUST accompany your booking. Bookings will not be considered unless payment is made at the same time**



Christmas Photo Shoot (Please complete one form per person. Cheques payable to LDTC)

Handler Name:.....

Dog(s) Name(s)..... Fee of £20 enclosed

Email address:..... Phone:.....

Preferred Date: - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November / Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Preferred Time: - Morning 10-12 / Afternoon 12-2 / Morning 10-12 / Afternoon 12-2

Please indicate preference (if you have one). {Places will be allocated on a First Come First Served basis}.



## Dates for Your Diary

### October

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 8.30 Platinum

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 8pm – 9.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Workshop

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 8.30pm Display Team

### November

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Christmas Photo Shoot 10am – 2pm

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Christmas Photo Shoot 10am – 2pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 8.30pm Display Team

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 8.30pm Display Team

### December

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 8.30pm Display Team

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 8.30pm Display Team

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – 9pm Christmas Party!!!!



# **LALEHAM DOG TRAINING CLUB**

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7PM – 9PM**  
**AT: THE SALSAL CLUBHOUSE**

ENTRY IS £5 PER DOG & 1 HANDLER (extra handlers £3 each) AND INCLUDES: -

REFRESHMENTS FOR BOTH DOG & HANDLER

FREE ENTRY INTO DOOR PRIZE DRAW

GAMES, QUIZ & PRIZES

FREE PHOTO OF YOUR DOG WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS GROTTO

& FREE CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR DOG



**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM YOUR TRAINER  
OR THROUGH THE CLUB SECRETARY –  
ELIZABETH MORRIS – 07939 189917**