

West Suffolk



Agility Club

Wednesday Club
Spring 2009

It's been a while since our last newsletter as there hasn't been much to write about. But now its time to update you all with what's going on at Club throughout the next few months.

Firstly may we welcome our newer members who have join this year. We hope by now you and your dogs have settled in and are enjoying being members of WSAC. If you have any problems or ideas for improvement to the club, please speak to us at Club or e-mail our website at wsagility@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday Club is now at its full capacity of 30 members allowed by our Club insurance. So for the time being we will not be taking on any new members. It's a shame to have to turn people away but we seem to have become victims of our own success. So we have now started a Waiting List and as vacancies occur, people will be contacted in the order they apply.

If you haven't been to Club this year or paid your 2009 membership (due 1st Jan 09) we are very sorry to say that your name has now been put onto our waiting list as we are turning away potential new members by keeping your place open. If you want to return to Club at any time in the future you will be most welcome, BUT please contact us first to see if there is space (contact details at the foot of this newsletter).

We are really sorry to have to do this to our old friends, but we have to pay our way and by keeping your place open in case you come back, means we are turning away new paying members. We hope you understand our predicament and if you wish to come back *do get in touch soon*. So with that in mind we have re-instated our old rule whereby if members haven't been to Club for 4 consecutive weeks *without* letting us know they are coming back, their name will be put onto the waiting list and they will need to check with Club first before coming again to make sure of available space. So if you are not coming for a while, please e-mail the club website or ring Janet or Pauline (phone numbers on the Bad weather contingency plan in the newsletter) to be sure of keeping your place at Club open.

Members are looking very smart in our 'Club Strip' and before the summer outdoor events begin I will be putting in another order (I'll let you know when). So if you haven't yet got yours - or want to get extra - you will get the chance to buy them in the next couple of months. We now have polo shirts, sweatshirts & baseball caps in royal blue and fleeces and waterproof jackets in navy all with the club logo embroidered on them. Do be aware that if you want to represent the Club at any of our summer displays you will be required to wear one of the 'tops'.

Housekeeping Notes.

Venue: Just a reminder to everyone to clean up after your dog both inside and outside the venue & to take your litter home with you. Mr & Mrs May very kindly allow us to walk our dogs over their land near the venue (but do keep to the cut paths as the fields are often grown for hay) but if anyone abuses this privilege it will spoil it for us all. Also, please keep to the area near the venue - don't wander down to their private area by the pond or house.

*Do remember **Pear Tree Pet Shop** carry a good range of dog and horse products at competitive prices ~ it would be nice to support them too.

Car parking: As there are so many of us at Club now can we ask that we 'park prettily' to allow us all to get in ~ also please drive slowly through the farm as there are often dogs and horses just around the corners.

Shed: Please, *please, please* can we pack away the equipment in order!! Firstly, before any thing else is taken to the shed the A-frame, dog walk and see-saw have to be brushed off and put into the shed ~ all to help with this; next the wall and table, if used, then the tyres and tunnels. Lastly, jump wings, poles and weaves. We are amazed that there hasn't been a serious accident when the people carrying the large equipment have to manoeuvre through the assault course of jumps & tyres that are 'parked' outside the shed. *Moan over, thank you!*

Well done to all Wednesday Club members.

A big thank you to everyone. We have such a lovely friendly club where everyone helps with setting up and clearing away.

Instructors that do a grand job each week designing new and challenging courses. A great book keeper and website manager who keep the business end of the Club in good order and a super bunch of club members who are always great fun to be with.

We have now been running under our new regime for 15 months and I am sure you, like me, are very proud of what we have achieved.

Long may it continue.

Recipe for Liver Cake - training tit-bit.

Ingredients: 1lb liver, 1 egg, 2 cloves of garlic (crushed), 12 ozs flour, 1/2 pint milk or water.

Blend the raw liver, eggs and garlic in a blender or food processor. Add flour and mix. Once blended, add water or milk. Pour mixture into a non-stick or well-greased cake tin (7-8 inches).

Cook at gas mark 5 or 180 degrees for about half an hour or until the mixture is firm to touch. Cut into tiny squares when cool - freezes well.

Don't forget to take a look at our Wednesday Club Website at

www.onesuffolk.co.uk/westsuffolkagilityclub

Bob Gooch keeps it running smoothly for us but is always happy to add new information or more photos to our gallery - his contact details are on the website.

2009 Summer Outdoor Events - booked to date.

Sat, 30th May, Village Fete, Lavenham (afternoon display only)

Sat/Sun/Mon 29/30/31 August, Fenland Country Fair, Quy, Cambridge. (Sat afternoon collect equipment only) Sun/Mon Ring displays and have-a-go all day) many helpers needed for the weekend rotas on the have-a-go (free camping available if you want to stay all weekend).

Our outdoor displays/ have-a-go events at country shows and village fetes are open to all members - beginners or experienced - and are always great fun ~ if a little tiring!

We are all covered by Club insurance and the only rule is everyone needs to wear a Club 'top' to take part. We have 'cut our teeth' on smaller events at village fetes over the past few years and now feel ready for our newest venture ~ the Fenland Country Fair 2-day event. It's a big undertaking for us and we want to do the Club proud as it's a potential 'good earner' for our funds. We know we put on a good, entertaining display and are very safety conscious and aware with our have-a-go 'clients' so now feel we are ready for this next step! There is a list on the wall at Club for any interested members to sign up for any or all of the events. For more info speak to Pauline. We will let you know of any new bookings as and when they happen.

IMPORTANT CLUB NEWS

Last Thursday evening 4 Club members had a get-together with Thursday Club at the pub to discuss our shed and a need for more space. However, that afternoon our venue's owner, Andrew May, spoke to Pauline to tell us that he is redeveloping the area where our equipment shed is, and will build us a new & larger shed immediately behind the arena - solving our extra space problem for us.

The concrete base is already down and within the next couple of months we will be able to move in. As soon as we do it will be necessary for us to remove our existing shed. This means we have a shed, 10 ft X 15 ft in reasonably good condition, available to anyone who can take it away immediately it is empty. As far as we know it is not possible to take the shed apart so suitable transport will be needed. The shed is offered, free of charge, to any member of Wed & Thurs Clubs and in the event of more than one person wanting it the winning name will be drawn from a hat. If no one wants it, Andrew May will knock it down and burn it.

IF YOU WANT THE SHED, PUT YOUR DETAILS ON PAPER AND GIVE TO PAULINE.

The new shed will be approximately 10 ft X 22 ft giving us quite a bit more space. It will remain the property of Andrew May but there will be no costs incurred by the Club for either its construction or rental. It will also have lighting inside and an outside floodlight.

Bad Weather Contingency Plan.

In the event of bad weather and you are not sure if Club will be open on Wednesday evening, please ring either Pauline 01284 830577 or Janet 01284 789361 AFTER 5 pm to check if Club will be open. If Club is closed at short notice there isn't time for us to ring everyone

SO....It is YOUR responsibility to check with US

And finally....please send anything you want to go into the next Newsletter to Pauline at wsagility@hotmail.co.uk OR tel: 01284 830577.

