

# BOGNOR REGIS & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

Autumn 2018

Kennel Club Registered

www.bognordogclub.org.uk



**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Annual Christmas party will be held on Thursday 13th December starting at 7-30 pm. As usual the first event will be the popular Fancy dress (for dogs), followed by lots of doggy games, which includes the grand finale of the Sausage retrieve, although it has to be said that most sausages fail to be retrieved, but get eaten on the way!. We provide free refreshments for those attending, and our Doggy friends usually find a delicious piece of liver cake doing the rounds. This is a fun evening for you, your family and most importantly your dogs, so please make a note in your diary, more details nearer the date or watch the web site. If you have anything suitable for Raffle prizes, all donations will be gratefully received. A cheque will be presented to Search Dogs Sussex for money raised at the Annual Show.

**CLUB MERCHANDISE:** Looking for a Christmas present then why not persuade your Dog or someone else to treat you to a new Dog Club garment. The Club have a range of Sweatshirts & Polo shirts all are blue with an embroidered club logo. Prices start at £14-95 for Sweatshirts and £12-95 for Polo shirts. For cold weather "walkies" we also have Woolly Hats and Fleeces with club logo. Club car stickers are available free of charge and are required when parking in the Hall car park. Further details or to order please see Maureen.

**ANNUAL SHOW:** With Alison standing down from the Show secretary role, after two very successful Shows, which we would like to thank her for, we are now once again

looking for another person to fill the role on a permanent basis. As everyone will know, we once again had a very successful show, due largely to the superb amount of help and support from club members and some excellent Sponsors. We raised £1700 which will be presented to Search Dogs Sussex the Christmas party in December.

Next years show will be held in June (to be confirmed) and although it may seem a long way off, we start planning the show early in the New Year, so we need to have a rough idea of who is willing to help, without the help of Club members, there will be no Show. The Annual Show, has been a feature of the Bognor Regis Dog Training fraternity for many years and has established itself as a very popular and well recognised event, with visitors coming from a wide area, which over the years has included London, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Worthing and Eastbourne. If you can give us a hand, please let Hilary, Kim or Maureen know so that we will have a rough idea of how many people are willing to help out and we can plan accordingly. Please see Hilary's views on the Show Secretary position over the page.

**GLASS AT PAGHAM:** Two years ago we reported that Sharp broken glass had been mixed in with the hard core used to replace foot paths at Pagham Harbour (Church Farm end). This glass has been present since the paths were laid, but had been less obvious due to aging. Unfortunately due largely to the weather conditions it has now re-appeared with many large sharp shards laying on the surface. Anyone walking their Dog around the Lagoon at Pagham are warned to be careful that their Dogs do not get any shards stuck in their Paws. The worst path is the one between the Harbour and the caravans, but it can be found on most of the walkways.

**ANTIFREEZE** Less than one tablespoon of anti-freeze could be lethal to a 10 Kg dog, it smells sweet and can be very attractive to dogs. When storing your antifreeze, keep it well out of reach. Check under your car from time to time to make sure it is not leaking on to the ground. New, less toxic antifreezes are available, but they are still poisonous, but not as much as the traditional kind.

**KENNEL COUGH** As usual at this time of year the dreaded Kennel Cough is around again. Cases reported of dogs being walked around Felpham Beach (towards Middleton) area and King George V playing Field. This was reported earlier in the week on Facebook so it is probably elsewhere. Please be vigilant and if your dog shows signs of a cough please DO NOT bring it to club, but contact your Vet by phone and ask them for instructions, Do not just take your Dog to the Vet without prior contact and do not let it socialise with other Dogs, K.C. is highly contagious.

**MARINE PARK GARDENS:** A notice was posted in June at Marine Park Gardens advising that the ban on Dogs in the gardens had been suspended, it would now appear that this decision has been reversed and once again Dogs are banned even on a lead in the gardens. This reversal was triggered by an alleged attack on a child by a Dog owned by someone from Devon. Arun Councilor Phil Hitchins (Con) answer to this attack is to call for larger and more prominent notices erected in the gardens, banning all dogs - even if they are on a lead. It is not clear how Cllr Hitchins thinks this costly measure will prevent Dog attacks on children or anyone else. ?

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**End of Term Assessment:** 29th/30th November

Trainers will advise on time to attend

**Christmas Party** - Thursday 13th December at 7-30pm

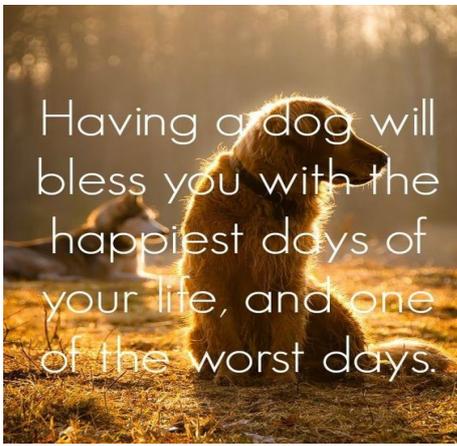
**Spring term:** 10/11th January to 11/12th April 2019

**Annual General Meeting:** 14th March 2019

**Summer term** 1/2nd May to 25/26th July 2019



Starts  
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## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Alison Formaggia on becoming a member of the British Institute of Professional Trainers.

Formed In 1974, the Institutes' original brief was to improve the conditions of the professional working dog. It soon became apparent to the founders that there was a need to be catered for in the field of pet dog training; which was at that time expanding rapidly. It was their opinion that, as a professional organisation, they should take the lead in trying to encourage responsible dog ownership; also to promote the idea to the general public that they should try to understand their dogs. It was felt that the best means of educating inexperienced owners in the care and behaviour of their dog was to make efforts to raise the standard of instruction in local dog-training clubs. [www.bipdt.org.uk](http://www.bipdt.org.uk)

## Main Show Sponsor

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## ALABAMA ROT (CRGV)

At long last, there appears to be some progress on treating and identifying this dreadful disease. The Royal Veterinary College have announced that they have discovered similarities between CRGV and a rare but serious disease in Humans. A plasma exchange treatment for Dogs has been developed, which effectively filters the affected dogs blood and removes toxic substances including that which causes CRGV. Whilst it is early days and only a third of those dogs treated survived, it is an improvement on virtually no dogs surviving. Needless to say the cause of it is still a mystery.

David Walker, the UK's leading expert on the condition and co-author of the research from Anderson Moores said: "This research, which was funded by the New Forest Dog Owners Group and the charity Alabama Rot Research Fund, was designed to look for geographical patterns, as well as environmental and climatic risk factors.

A distinct seasonal pattern is suggested, with the vast majority of cases occurring between November and March, and limited cases over the summer months – just 6.5% of cases have been confirmed from June to October. The disease has been reported in a wide range of breeds (35 in total) but, due to the small number of cases, it is not yet possible to say with any certainty whether a specific breed has an inherently increased or decreased risk of the disease. The first sign of the disease that is normally seen is a skin sore or lesion that isn't caused by a known injury. Most commonly these sores are found on the lower half of the leg and appear as a distinct swelling, a patch of red skin or are open and ulcer-like. With 46 cases in 2018, it is understandably very worrying for dog owners, but we think the increase in cases is partially due to an increased awareness of the disease the highest number of cases have been seen in Dorset, Southern Hampshire, West Sussex, Greater Manchester and Monmouthshire.

## Fireworks can be fun for you...

### But not for your animals



- ◆ keep dogs and cats inside when fireworks are being let off
- ◆ close windows and doors, & draw the curtains, and if the animals are used to the particular sounds of TV or radio, switch them on in order to help block out some of the noise of the fireworks.
- ◆ Do not take your dog to a firework display. Even if your dog does not bark or whimper at fireworks it doesn't mean it's happy. Excessive panting and yawning can sometimes indicate that your dog is stressed.
- ◆ Do not tie your dog up outside while fireworks are being let off, i.e. outside a shop whilst you pop inside, or leave it in the garden or in your car.
- ◆ Do not walk your dog while fireworks are going off. Make sure your dog is walked earlier in the day before the fireworks start.
- ◆ Do not shout at your pet if it is frightened, as you will only make it more stressed.

Extract Courtesy of Blue Cross

Some people find the use of Scullcap Valerian tablets help with their Dogs anxiety over Fireworks. These can be obtained from Dorwest Herbs or from Amazon

## MESSAGE FROM HILARY

This is my media view on next summer's Show (based on the media's take on Brexit). If we don't get an Agreement from all our Club Members that they will help with next year's Show - there will not be a Show at all!

We are once again without an overall Show Secretary - in case no one has noticed - the organisation of the Show falls entirely on this person's shoulders and believe me it is hard work. Kim Brown has kindly offered that we do it together. However, this means that I shall have to leave the majority of the work to her as, again in case nobody has noticed - I'm getting on a bit! We have a good sized Club membership and if everyone did something, it would make the whole thing a lot easier. I have already circulated the Committee and Trainers a list of jobs and I am sure they will take up one or two things each, but it will still leave a great deal to be done.

During the Spring term Kim and I will put of a list of jobs up at training evenings and would ask EVERYBODY to put their names down to do something. We will especially need men for lifting and putting up tents at 9am - which also includes clearing everything up at the end of the day. If the response to this list does not cover everything, then I am afraid there will be no Show in 2019. The Committee and Trainers voluntarily run this Club for you and this kind of help from you all at Show time helps us to make a good profit for our Charity. If you have a favourite animal charity, please let one of us know so that we can consider it to benefit from a Show in 2019.

Hilary Sykes/Club Secretary.