



Gleniffer Agility Club



December 2010 Newsletter



Gleniffer Show—November 2010

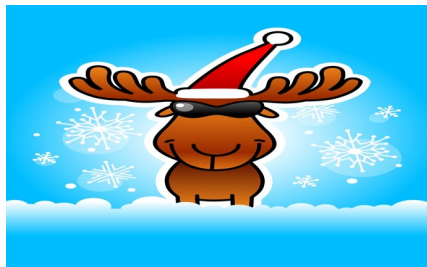
The President and Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that helped to make our show a huge success, there were lots who turned out on Friday evening to help set up the rings and were are very grateful to you for this, we had so many we got home in record time!

Many thanks to Kirstin, Fiona, Mary and Alison who braved the bitterly cold weather ensuring that the speed limits of cars were kept to a minimum and the parking went well.

The show ran very smoothly, and we had lots of compliments from the competitors.

Thanks also to Sheila Roache for donating the tablet, that along with the Tombola brought in over £200.00 to boost Club funds.

Looking forward to doing it all over again in March!



Beginners

A huge well done to Caitlyn and Griff on winning Handler of the Month, you have worked very hard with him and it is paying off, also very well done to Elma and Barney who have taken home dog of the Month, Barney seems to go from strength to strength every week. Keep up the good work guys!!

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Dates for your Diary

Woodside Show - 5th December

Club Competition—19th December

Christmas Panto—20th December

Annual Prize Giving—18th February



A Rescued Dog's Christmas Poem



'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,
every shelter is full - we are lost but not found,
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
we hope every minute that someone will care,
They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
"Come here, Max and Sparkie - come fetch your new ball!!"
But now we sit here and think of the days..
we were treated so fondly - we had cute, baby ways,
Once we were little, then we grew and we grew -
now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.
So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,
they reacted so quickly - why were they so rash?
We "jump on the children", "don't come when they call",
we "bark when they leave us", "climb over the wall"
We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed,
now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...
we'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too.
We were left in the backyard, or worse let to roam
now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.
They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye...
"Maybe someone else will give you a try."
So now here we are, all confused and alone...
in a shelter with others who long for a home.
The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat,
They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer...
we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.
We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads..
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears --
our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.
If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn --
could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?
We count on your kindness each day of the year --
can you give more than hope to everyone here?
Please make a donation to pay for the heat...
and help get us something special to eat.
The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,
and more of us will, if more people will give.

Christmas Cards

Each year at the Club we all spend hours writing Christmas Cards for each other, for those of us with multiple pets this can be a nightmare!!

The Committee have requested that instead of writing a card to each member that we could donate some money to St Vincent's Hospice. There will be a collection Jar available at training for those of you that wish to do this!!



Shows Closing This Month

There are a few schedules going around for some fun shows, these shows are usually limited and are on a first come first served basis, if you are going to any of them can I suggest you fill out the form and send them away quickly so you are not disappointed, if you need a copy of the schedule, tell me!

*A wee tip when entering shows, it is always advisable to get proof of postage from the Post Office when posting your entries, this is a free service from the PO and if your entry should go missing in the post your proof of postage will allow you to still enter the show on the day!!!!

Shows Coming Up—Including Fun Shows

- Woodside—5th December
- Club Competition—19th December
- Clear Run Fun—3rd January (Bishopton)
- Dundee Fun—8th January (Dundee)
- SJDC Fun—26th February (Lanark)



Welcome

I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome 2 new members to the Club, they are Gillian Graham and Liz Baillie, you both have fantastic dogs and we hope you will enjoy training them with Gleniffer. We also have two new puppies Angela with Jade and Dawn with Storm, we look forward to seeing them grow up into Agility Dogs!!!!



Woodside Show—Important Information

For those of you Competing at Woodside, or for the beginners that are coming along to be measured, this message has been placed on the Agility Forum by Woodside Committee -

For everybody that is coming from the west and is traveling along the M9 please note that the slip road (Jnct 2) is going to be closed the whole weekend for resurfacing.

So here is the alternative road via Linlithgow.

Come off M9(Jnct 4) and take the 3rd Exit signposted for Linlithgow(A803). Keep going along this road until you come to the village of Linlithgow. Keep going straight through Linlithgow(straight on at all traffic lights). You should eventually come to a roundabout, take the 1st exit heading along the High Street. You should pass Linlithgow Palace on your left hand side. Carry on going along the high Street. At the next roundabout take a right, following the Edinburgh Road(B9080). Carry along this road, should pass the road for the village of Bridgend on your Right hand side. After you pass this, take your next right(B9046). Carry along this road for approx 1.5miles and after the dip into Ecclesmachan, turn right (looks like housing scheme) signposted Oatridge Agricultural College, then turn left away from houses. Remain on this road past all college buildings - venue straight ahead.

See you all bright and breezy next sun morning. 🙌

Club Competition

The final competition of the year will be held at Lambridden Farm on Sunday 19th December from 10 am till around 3ish,

There will be all the usual classes as well as two for the beginner dogs.

Helen Verrecchia has very kindly offered to judge this for us.

So come along and join in the fun.

This will be the last day of Agility till Sunday 9th January 2011.



Flyball

For all you Flyball folks

The last day of training for 2010 will be Monday 13th December 2010.

Training will start back on Monday 10th January 2011.

See you all there!

Wednesday Training

Training on a Wednesday has not been very well attended, this may be due to the fact there is no one there to take charge.

We would like to appeal to the more advanced Club members and wondered if you could perhaps help out a little?

All we would be looking for is for someone to set up some exercises on a rotational basis say every 6 weeks or so and help out the less experienced handlers and Dogs.

We as a committee would greatly appreciate this as would I am sure the members.

If you would like to help out please let one of the Committee know, we aim to start this in the New Year.

Jacqui and Louise Training Day

We have booked another training day with Jacqui and Louise on 22nd January at Lambridden. The cost is £36 for 2 ½ hours training as part of a group of 6. If you would like a place contact me ASAP. Places will be allocated to club members on a first come basis.

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Kenny Spottiswoode and Lucy Osbourne Training Day

This has been booked for Saturday 11th December from 10am till 1pm, cost will be £31.00 for a 3 hour training session, there is only 1 place left so if you are interested please let me know ASAP.

You will have 1.5 hours with each trainer, groups will have no more that 6 dogs in it.

Contact me on 07813 891962



Annual Prize Giving Dinner

Our prize giving has been booked for 18th Feb 2011 at Dalmeny Park Hotel, Barhead. The cost is £18 each for dinner. 7 for 7.30. I will put a list up in the container at Lambridden – please add your name to that or email me directly if you want to come along.

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Festive Training Times

Agility

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Club Competition

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January 2011

Merry Christmas!

The Committee would like to wish all its members, families and their dogs a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, we look forward to seeing you all back at training next year! We have ordered you all a nice Shiny new Wall from Jaycee Jumps for Christmas and look forward to receiving this sometime in the new year!

Ho Ho ho!!!!

