

# Southern C K C S Welfare Organisation

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# NEWSLETTER

## Dear Friends



This has been a very hot summer. I hope everyone has had a wonderful break or holiday with our four legged friends.

Our Fun Day this year was another great success!!! Our programme included a very informative professional display and presentation of the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme. The Scheme is the largest dog training scheme in the UK. Its aim is to promote responsible dog ownership and in turn, enhance our relationship with our pets and to make the community aware of the benefits associated with dog ownership.

It was Jay Forsyth and her very competent team with their dogs, supported by the West Chilington Cavalier Club, who demonstrated the basic requirements of the Scheme, and whose awards range from Bronze to Gold. The Scheme is aimed at all dogs, whether Kennel Club registered or

not, there is no age limit. The tests are non competitive but examiners must be satisfied that dogs are worthy of passing and should also observe the spirit of the Scheme, which is to produce happy, contented dogs, well behaved, and under the control of handlers who fully understand the responsibilities to their dogs, to their neighbours and to the community. For a list of trainers and your nearest KCGCDS training class, contact the Kennel Club.

In addition, the Clever Cavaliers (who need no introduction) provided the props and necessary equipment for everyone (or rather every dog) to participate in a 'Have-a-go' agility course. What fun that was!!!! Thank you Dee Philips and her team.

Our judge for the day was Diana Maclaine (Lochbuie). Diana judged a variety of classes ranging from puppies and waggiest tail, to dog most like his / her owner, fancy dress and parade of rescue dogs. Our most competent chief steward, Eddie Bishop with his very able assistant Sian Li were on hand to assist.

Some of our largest contributors to funds raised on the day were the fabulous hampers (both for auction and raffle) lovingly

wrapped and decorated by Jean Lock, who again went round her local shops to gather fantastic items for them. Thank you Jean, you are an absolute STAR !!!



Ewell Court Cavaliers contributed a wonderful wheel barrow of flowers which was raffled. Jean Cornelius with her green fingers potted beautiful hanging baskets brimming with a myriad of plants and displaying brilliant colours for sale.

Thank you once again to the Committee for the hard work in keeping everyone fed with burgers and hotdogs, which were all sold out. Thanks also to Margaret Powley for her delicious cakes (and trifles!). All our volunteers work so hard to bring you the annual Fun Day. I am sorry I cannot name every single person involved but from the bottom of our hearts, Ann and I just cannot THANK YOU enough as it would not be possible to bring it all together without your help. Any new ideas for our events are always welcome.



Southern Cavalier Welfare, with the help of Jay Forsyth is organising a Training Day / Seminar this year, on 8<sup>th</sup> October for all our volunteers, local rescue societies and owners / prospective owners of rescue cavaliers. Owners of other breeds are also welcome. This will take place at Worplesdon Memorial Hall, 10:00 (for a 10:30 start). An external speaker Gwen Bailey, who is a well known Animal Behaviourist / Counsellor, has been invited to give the talk. The programme will include procedures of good practice for rehoming and assessment,

and awareness of canine and human emotions. Gwen will look at behaviour, temperament issues and training strategies with dogs.

There will also be demonstrations. Dogs will be permitted in the afternoon after lunch break, followed by discussions and Q & A sessions. Enquiries: Jay Forsyth – 01798 812 265.


More information about tickets is available on our website.

We have had a couple of larger vet bills recently, one

of which is to help fund a major operation on Sammy (a girl) who was 7 when she came to us and is now 10.

She had to have a torn cruciate ligament as well as a slipping patella on her knee repaired. Ironically Sammy was insured but the claims for other investigative procedures and consultancy had gone beyond the insurance limit.

The moral of the story is – check the small print on your insurance and have the adequate cover for increasing vet charges.



Since taking over this role as coordinator, I have often been rewarded with stories through letters and phone calls of happy endings when our rescue cavaliers have settled in their new homes and are enjoying themselves. However, from time to time, I hear sad news about the demise of our dogs and sometimes their owners. This newsletter is dedicated to Mr Harry Paul, Mr Sorensen, Mr Webb and Mrs Ann Watkins, who have left us in the last couple of years. We thank them for their kindness and for giving a home to one of our cavaliers. Their dogs are fine and are still cared for by their respective wives and husband. It just goes to show what life can throw at you – Mr Harry Paul was only in his 40's. On a happier note, below are a few thank you letters. Photos of our dogs are available for viewing in the photo album on the information stall at our events.

**Dear Mrs Li**

As promised, I am pleased to send you pictures of Marley in her new home. She has settled down extremely well and gets on with Alfie, our 10 year old Blenheim, who seems to regard her with a resigned forbearance. She did have an 'unsettled' tummy initially but with strict adherence to her diet and a regular routine we seem to have overcome those problems. She is very playful and loving and we are delighted with her. Please let her original family know that she is settling in well and still plays with her toy dog - as per the enclosed picture. Many thanks for all your help - she was worth the wait!

**Yours sincerely, Sandy Tinson**

**Dear Mrs Li**

Please find enclosed a cheque as our donation for Georgie plus a little extra as Mrs Ford would not accept anything towards her petrol. We feel very lucky to have Georgie, she is a smashing little girl, so full of energy and life. She is so loving and has a very happy disposition and has settled in very quickly, it's as if she was meant for us. Georgie's coat is growing nicely now and as she has lost more weight since arriving she is looking like a proper Cavalier. We thank you and your organisation for your efforts in getting Georgie for us and we hope that she will be with us for a long time.

**Many thanks from Georgie, Sonny, Rowan, Bracken, Ann and John.**



**Dear Katherine**

Thank you so much for the Newsletters, I just loved reading about the Cavaliers and happy endings. We had Charlie (re Dillon) from you 3 years ago. Went to Portsmouth to Jean Brown, your volunteer. Charlie is our 4<sup>th</sup> rescue and the hardest. In fact reading Newsletter Winter 03 /Spring 04, John Wise writes about his Charlie - it was just like reading about ours! If I went to give my husband a cup of tea, Charlie would launch himself at me (he was on my husband's lap at the time). Hated to be groomed. He now goes every 8 weeks even just to have nails done and wash. The girls all say what a little darling he is. Now Charlie will let me do anything to him. Will even let the grandchildren stroke him. I think he felt threatened, thought we would hurt him. But with lots and lots of love restoring his faith in humans, Charlie is a loving lovely adorable dog - we just love him to bits. Everyone loves him and say how he has come such a long way. I think you do a wonderful job with the rescues. Keep it up.

**Yours, Heather & Ted Freathy**