

# Southern C K C S Welfare Organisation

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# NEWSLETTER

## Dear Friends



I hope everyone had an enjoyable break with loved ones, both the two and four legged family members, over the Christmas and New Year period. Rescue has been quieter than this time last year.

Our training day in October was a great success. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, Gwen Bailey was our speaker for the day. Gwen's talk included canine behaviour, temperament issues, training strategies, awareness of canine emotions, good re-homing and assessment practices, demonstrations involving cavaliers and dogs brought on the day. Gwen also brought along copies of her books for sale as well as donating a copy for our

raffle and proceeds from sales to welfare. Her book entitled, 'The Rescue Dog' Pub: Hamlyn, ISBN 0-600-60351-2 is highly recommended reading. We are very grateful to Gwen for her contribution and her informative presentation. Thank you Jay for helping to organise the event, Tegwen Denslow, Margaret Powley and Barbara Billington for organising and helping with the refreshments, and Catherine Rhodes for the sale of raffle tickets. Photos of the day are on our website.

## WELFARE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party was held in Liphook once again. We had a change of date this year as we were unable to obtain the hall for our original date. Nevertheless, everyone turned up in force, either to help or to support our cause.

We were delighted once again to have Clever Cavaliers organise a 'Trick n Treat n Train' session for everyone who wished to participate or were game for a laugh!



We were also entertained for the very first time by Heelwork to Music (HTM) by Dee Betts (with Lizzy) & Barbara Biggs (with William). What wonderful performances they gave us!! For those of you who are unfamiliar with HTM, it is dancing with your dog and having fun. Its secret is that not only is it totally different from other dog training disciplines, it also has the emotion and power of music, combined with the beauty of a dog showing how versatile it can be. It allows for a different expression of our relationship with dogs and dog training.

We had Brenda Bishop (Zahrenca) as our judge this year. As usual, our classes were well supported. Royal Canin donated the prizes in the form of dog encyclopaedias as well as small sample packs.



Due to illness, our usual Santa Hugh Harrison, couldn't make it this year, so we had a 'Mother' Christmas donning a beard in the form of Janice Powley. We would never

have guessed the difference!!

Thank you Margaret Powley for your delicious cakes once again and to those who contributed to the food stall, Angela and Lai Man.

Year on year we have a fantastic raffle table, full of wonderful prizes. This year

again we had a prize for a doggy holiday in Hugme Cavaliers Dogotel and a portrait to be won by wildlife artist Julie Longdon – [www.julielongdon.co.uk](http://www.julielongdon.co.uk).

Needless to say, Julie has a pet tricolour cavalier!!!

Thank you once again to Jean Lock for her huge efforts in gathering prizes for hampers from her local shops and the generous

support of Ewell Dog club for their bottles for the bottle stall. So many of you helped in so many ways to bring us this great get together during Christmas and to raise funds for welfare. Our sincere gratitude to you all.

Following is a selection of the many letters that we receive.



Hello Everyone

I thought I'd write and let you all know how I am getting on. I have a big garden with lots of trees and good places to hide, and all sorts of birds for me to chase. I go for lots of walks, one place is a mill and we feed the ducks, would you believe?!! I got told off for trying to get one piece of bread. I go to a big wood – lots of nice smells and best of all big puddles full of water and mud – 'I love it'!! I went to meet my new vet yesterday, I thought she was ok at first, then she put this chip thing in my neck!! – in case I get lost. Fat chance of that – the place is like Fort Knox. The only way out is the front gate on a lead. I have a girlfriend, her name is Molly she is a girl like me. She is 5 and a bit slow when we are out but OK to play with in the garden. My new family say thank you so much for letting me live with them. Everyone loves my name, they say 'how sweet'. I'll give them sweet!! I must go now, I will write again with more news.

Lots and lots of love  
Bernie



Dear Katherine

I am writing to let you know that Benji has settled in very well and getting on famously with my dog Rollo and is gradually picking up his good behaviour. Benji is a bit of a pickle but then it's good to have a bit of character and I already love him dearly. Please find enclosed photographs and thank you once again for all your help in finding me another dog.

Jill Marshland

*Photos are in album, displayed at Fun Day and Xmas Party - Ed*



Dear Mrs Li

Many thanks for forwarding the photos of Riley and the card from Lin and Andrew Holcombe. We are so pleased that Riley has settled in well and enjoys walks with Millie, their other cavalier. We enclose a card, which please forward to Mr and Mrs Holcombe. With many thanks to you for your help in placing Riley in such congenial surroundings.

Jean & Alan Cohen



Dear Katherine

Just thought I'd drop you a line to say thank you very much for homing Phoebe with us. She has settled in really well. She is a combination of couch potato and rabbit chaser extraordinaire! She loves her walks and training as much as the sofa. I think possibly she is the one training us on occasion. Please could you say thank you to Madeline for bringing her to us, it was most kind. I hope to send you some photos in the near future. Once again thank you very much, we are absolutely delighted with this marvellous dog! Best Wishes.

Katrina Welham

