

Old English Sheepdog Club of Scotland



News Letter January 2006



Well here we are into another year. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year and didn't indulge too much.

2006 promises to be a very exciting and challenging time for our breed. Looking forward to DNA testing to try to find ways to eradicate specific conditions. The docking issue will continue to be at the forefront of peoples thinking as well.

Looking back to our recent Championship Show, which was very successful, a great day was had by all and we all take the best dogs home.

I would like to thank the committee, other helpers, who, without their help and support we could not provide such a professional well organised show.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate again Molly, Eddie Philp and "Brodie"

CH Gilljen The Professional.

The first "Scottish" Champion for many years. I know the official award is UK Champion, but give us north of the border our moment of glory.

I would like to close by once again thanking all the committee, who have supported me as President for the last three years; it has been both a pleasure and a privilege.

I hope everyone has a successful and happy 2006.

Dot Paterson.



Secretary's Report

Dear Members,

By the time you read this Christmas will be well and truly over and everyone will be looking forward to a new year ahead and, of course, to the biggest dog show of the year – Crufts. James, Dot and I will be there, as usual, with the Club Breed Stand so if you would like to pay your membership or just come and say ‘hello’, we will be glad to see you.

The Club had a very successful year in 2005. We held 2 Open Shows in March and August and a Buffet dance in October in aid of the O.E.S. of Scotland Rescue and Re-homing. This was attended by over 70 people, and a very good evening was had by all. I would like to say a big ‘Thank You’ to Isobel and Jim Harrison for all the hard work they put in to making the evening such a success. Also last year we changed our Championship Show from March to November, but this was not very good move weather-wise - so we will look to go back to the month of March in 2008.

For your future information and planning I would like to give an update on the Club Events for 2006. Our first Open Show is to be held at Windsor Hall, Bargeddie on the 26th March (Judge, Mr Bertie Pennie). The Club A.G.M. will be held in the Windsor Hall, Bargeddie on Monday the 3rd April 2006 at 7-30pm. Our next Club Open Show will be on the 13th August 2006, again in The Windsor Hall, Bargeddie, and our Judge on this occasion will be Mrs Sadie McTaggart. We will also be holding our Buffet Dance as usual, but I have no further details at present. Next on the Agenda is our Club Championship Show to be held in Loreburn Hall, Dumfries on the 26th November 2006. Judges are Mr Ray Owen (Dogs) and Mrs Irene Quinn (Bitches) and our Referee is Mrs D. Brocklesby –Evans.

Finally, I would like take this opportunity to thank all the committee and friends for all their hard work and support over the past year, and also to you our members - for without your support there would be no club.

Thank You. Margaret McWilliam (Secretary)



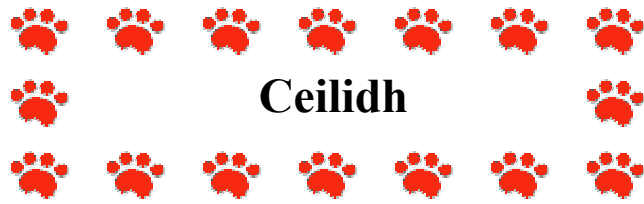
All points for this trophy to be sent to
Trophy Secretary
Mrs L. Brown, 29 Munro Avenue,
Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA1 2PJ
by the end of February 2006

The Trophy will be presented to the winner
at our March Open Show 2006.

**Here We Have Below “The 2005 Winner” of
the Dobden with President Dot Paterson**



Mrs Heather Gardner with Loch Ryans Bold Bear



Well we had a great night on Friday the 21st October at the Clubs annual Ceilidh, the biggest ever turn out ever, with "70 plus" attending this event.

This is just one of the many events the club has throughout the year for its members and supporters of all the work that the Club does in Scotland. The Scottish Country Dancing & *our own* very own brand of games is to be seen to be believed! Oh and there was a new game for our "CH Show Dinner Dance" in November this year.

All this was possible through the organisation of Margaret McWilliam, dance & games organiser Isobel Harrison and the fantastic music was provided by Jim Harrison.

Many thanks to everyone who made this night once again a very memorable one. Oh and by the way the "Ladies" once again won the "space hopper race".

The fabulous amount raised for Rescue & Rehoming of OES in Scotland was in excess of £300.00p.



Thankfully the numbers stayed around the six mark last year. The club continues to look after the dogs previously rehomed and give help to anyone who asks. On a sadder note some of our lovely OES left us to go to rainbow ridge last year. They will always be with us in our hearts and with fond memories.

Canine Property Laws

If I like it, it's mine.

If it's in my mouth, it's mine.

If I can take it from you, it's mine.

If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.

If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.

If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.

If it just looks like mine, it's mine.

If I saw it first, it's mine.

If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.

If it's broken, it's yours!

10 Rules for Pampered Pets

1. Don't accept a trip to the vet after Wednesday....
Everyone knows that veterinarians do their best work early in the week.
And no pampered pet wants their eye job or tummy tuck done by someone who is tired and cranky.
2. Keep your leash on....
Never let your human pressure you into removing your leash until you are good and ready.
3. If it itches, don't scratch it....
Especially avoid scratching at the opera, in a limo and while accepting your Oscar.
4. No matter how desperate you are, don't beg....
Instead, go for the direct approach -- a cold nose against any warm part of the human anatomy usually gets immediate attention.
5. Don't allow yourself to be dressed up....
Once you pose in clothes, it will come back to haunt you for the rest of your life, and you will never be able to hold your head up as you walk into a room full of your peers.
6. Stare at people until they back off....
A stare is a simple, straightforward way of letting your person know that you know who's in charge here --- you, of course.
7. Don't expect a human to change....
Due to their inferior brain capacity, humans are only capable of changing three things --- their minds, their underwear, and lanes on the freeway.
8. No heavy petting....
Heavy petting increases your chances of Canine Pattern Baldness, not to mention the fact that once you let a person pet you, he or she will always want more, more, more!
9. Remain aloof....
Fake it if you have to.
10. If your person attempts to suggest that you do certain things, such as "Hop in the pet carrier," it is up to you to remind them who actually wears the collar in your household.

How to Photograph a Puppy

Remove film from box and load camera.

Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.

Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.

Choose a suitable background for photo.

Mount camera on tripod and focus.

Find puppy and take dirty sock from mouth.

Place puppy in pre-focused spot and return to camera.

Forget about spot and crawl after puppy on knees.

Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with other hand.

Get tissue and clean nose print from lens.

Take flash cube from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.

Put cat outside and put peroxide on the scratch on puppy's nose.

Put magazines back on coffee table.

Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking toy over your head.

Replace your glasses and check camera for damage.

Jump up in time to grab puppy by scruff of neck and say,
"No, outside! No, outside!"

Call someone to help clean up mess.

Fix a drink.

Sit back in Lazy Boy with large, strong drink and resolve to teach
puppy "sit" and "stay" the first thing in the morning!!

Christmas Party
Night



AGM

This years AGM will take place on Wednesday the 12th
April 2006 at 7.30pm in the Windsor Hall, Bargeddie
near Coatbridge, Glasgow.

Will members please note that any items to be included
on the agenda should be in the hands of the Hon
Secretary no later than fourteen days prior to the AGM.

Mrs. M. McWilliam (Hon Secretary)
16 Woodneuk road, Gartcosh,
Glasgow G69 8AG



One of the clubs long standing committee members Margaret Frame got married on the 30th December 2005 to Mr Andrew Strachan in East Kilbride. The reception was held in the towns Torrance Golf Club with friends, relatives and club members attending.

Earlier on November the 2nd Committee members Linda & Craig Brown celebrated the wedding of their son Mark to Lara in Kilmarnock with the wedding and reception being held at the Park Hotel in Kilmarnock.

Again with friends, relatives and club members attending. With Lara's parents and family coming over from the state of Alabama in the USA for this happy event.



AWARDS

I am very pleased to report Mollie & Edmund Philp's "Brodie" Gillijen The Professional, bred by Kath & Peter Coggins has achieved Champion status. The first dog in Scotland since Marion & Ronnie Fraser's "CH Snowfall Gentle Ben of Marleigh" away back in 1979.

Brodie received his awards from

- 1st CC at Working & Pastoral Breeds CH Show of Scotland in November 2004 under Mrs Shirley Nicholls
- 2nd CC at SKC CH Show in May 2005 under Mr Jim Harrison
- 3rd CC at Working & Pastoral Breeds CH Show of Scotland in November 2005 under Mrs Ann Turner.

Editor



T.O.E.S. 2006

Friday Training Nights
8 – 10pm
Windsor Halls, Bargeddie, Near Coatbridge.
17 February
17 March
14 April
19 May
16 June
Trainers
Mrs Audrey Corrigan
Mrs Margaret Strachan
Miss Laura Frame

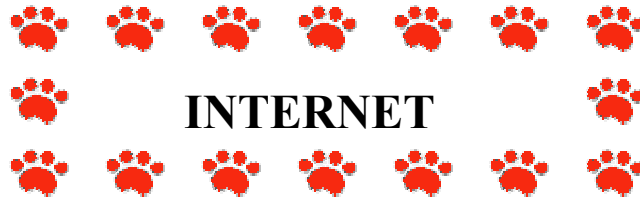


Scottish “CH” Show 2006

SKC - 21st May
Judge—Mrs Val Zaza
Border Union (No CC's) - 17th June
Judge—Mr Ted Lee

SKC (No CC's) - 27th August
Judge—Mr Roy Bell

Working & Pastoral Breeds - 4th November
Judge—Mr J.P. Smith



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Next Breed Council Meeting :- April 2nd 2006

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