

Old English Sheepdog Club of Scotland



News Letter September 2005



Presidents Report

We are coming to the end of another year. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable one. This breed of ours is indeed unique, this was brought home to me recently when I went along to vet two dogs that were to be re-homed, they were both in their own way loved by their owners, but oh my goodness the coats were a sorry state, it highlighted to me the need for ongoing education for prospective owners regarding the work involved in grooming an OES. Both these dogs living in completely different situations, were clipped and both badly matted, it broke my heart to see them. Why oh why do people get an OES and then never go near them with a brush? I will climb down from this bandwagon for the present, but rest assured I will continue to wax lyrical to whoever will listen about the commitment required to own an Old English Sheepdog.

I personally have had a busy year. My Grand-daughter count has increased to two with the safe delivery of "Lauryn" on the 2nd May to my son Richard and Lyn. Being a Grandma is a full time job as I am sure all you Grandma's out there will agree. They have completely changed my life, and as a result of that I have not been in the Show Ring much, but the grooming continues, and I am ever hopeful of a return to the ring. I was very sorry to have missed the last Open Show, I had worked long and hard getting both dogs ready for the ring, and was very pleased with the result. However, as is always the way, Willow came into season and my car was commandeered by my son to take his family and all the required baby stuff over to Ireland for a wedding. So Grandma was left at home with two lovely groomed dogs and nowhere to go. No matter, there is always next time.

I am looking forward to our Championship Show in November, which I know you all will support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say I have again had an enjoyable year as your President, and want to acknowledge and thank all the Committee for their hard work and commitment to the Club, without whom, there would be no Club. Thank you all.

I wish you all success if you show your dog and if you have a pet...the time we have with them is way too short so enjoy them

Dot Paterson (President).

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Secretary's Report

Dear Members, by the time you read this we will be well into September. I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer holidays and have had time to recharge your batteries for the next few months ahead. I would like to give an update on Club Events since the last newsletter was published. The club held an Open Show in March, its A.G.M. in April and its second Open Show in August. Support was good at some events but not at others and this may have been due to the holiday season. However, both our shows had a very good atmosphere and I would like to thank both Judges for giving up their day of rest and doing the honours for us and, like myself, I am sure everyone present had a nice time.

Next on the agenda is that the training club re-starts on the 30th September after a few months break and I am sure our trainers Audrey, Laura and Margaret are looking forward to seeing as many of you back as possible.

On Friday the 21st October in the Windsor Hall Bargeddie, the Club will be holding its usual Ceilidh for funds for the O.E.S. Club of Scotland's Rescue and Rehoming service. Tickets will cost £7.50p and this includes a lovely buffet, fun night, games and some very good entertainment from Mr and Mrs Harrison (not to be missed). Our Championship Show, as you will all know by now, is on Sunday the 27th November. I explained in our last newsletter that this was request by the exhibitors as they felt our March Championship Show was too close to Crufts which did not suit a lot of people financially. Therefore, we are prepared to give this new time of the year a trial period. If you have any comments get in touch, as we are always glad to listen to our exhibitors points of view.

Finally, please note as in Schedule - all Entries for the Show will go to the Treasurer Mrs I. Harrison.

Thank You

Margaret McWilliam (Secretary)

Gill Harwood Rescue & Reunion Show 2005

This annual reunion is a truly great occasion that any bobtail owner should try to attend. Held on the first Sunday in September every year in the village of Horncastle. It's run by some of the volunteers who help Gill keep this very necessary and vital service in England running.

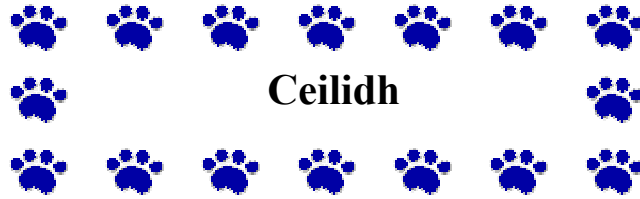
The show takes the format of four pedigree class then around 21 fun classes for all to take part in and enjoy. Because of the large number of classes on the day the handlers change constantly as whole families and friends of families join in on the day.

As a regular attendee to this event over the last number of years its great to see the changes in the dogs that have been rescued for what ever the reason, not to mention their proud new carers.

Just like any show it needs people to help run it on the day and if you feel you could help why not give Gill a phone on 01507 588 644 to see if you could help in some way.

Editor





Annual Buffet Dance & Fun Night

DATE -21st October 2005

TIME - 7.30pm until 11pm

PRICE -Ticket Price £7.50p

REASON – A fund raising event for the
OES club of Scotland's
Rescue & Rehoming

Phone secretary on
01236 874129 to secure your tickets
(Ticket includes a great buffet)



Remember the Pre "CH Show" dinner dance
on the Saturday night in Lockerbie Manor.
In a beautiful countryside setting, great for
the dogs, and within easy travelling distance
to the show next morning.



Dobden Trophy

All points for this trophy must be sent to
Trophy Secretary at the end of February 2006

Mrs L. Brown, 29 Munro Avenue,
Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA1 2PJ

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



Future Club Shows Dates 2006

March 26th Open Show
Judge Mr Bertie Pennie

August 13th Open Show
Judge Mrs Sadie McTaggart

November 26th "CH" Show
Judges

Dogs, Mr Ray Owen

Bitches, Mrs Irene Quinn

Referee, Mrs D. Brocklesby-Evans

Training Nights; see back page for dates & times

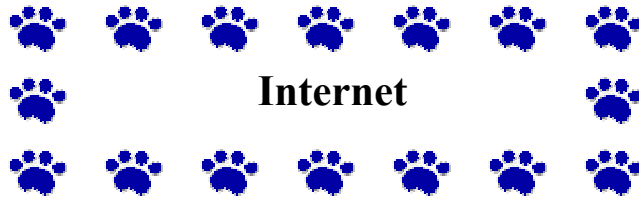


**Rescue & Rehoming
in Scotland**

So far a relatively quiet year for the club with only about six dogs being moved so far through the clubs rescue & Rehoming service in Scotland But still the work continues with the dogs that we have moved previously as we do try to visit all dogs once a year in there new homes.

Every dog that is moved with us is supplied with a new lead and collar along with a nametag stating that the dog is a OES Club of Scotland Rescue & Rehoming dog. We then get a new tag made up with the new carers details on one side and OES Club of Scotland R&R details on the other after the dog has settled in their new home.

Just part of the role the club carries out of your behalf for our lovely four legged friends.



Internet

Our Home Page can be found at
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www.scottishkennelclub.org

www.the-kennel-club.org.uk

Breed Council at

www.oesbreedcouncil.org.uk

Next Breed Council Meeting:- October 23rd 2005

Pet Bereavement Support Service

0800 096 6606

pbssmail@bluecross.org.uk

Pet Fostering Service Scotland

01877 331496

**ALTERNATIVE
BREED STANDARD FOR THE OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG**

GENERAL APPEARANCE.

Not too fussy about appearance. Perfectly happy to be covered in mud after a good walk in the country. Not too fussed about bringing home an aroma from something rolled in either. Quite prepared to stand and allow owner to wash off dirt and understands the importance of getting dry by getting rid of excess water with a good shake. Usually when standing beside owner.

CHARACTERISTICS

Agile, dependable and dedicated to the cause. Ability to mimic certain house hold items. Sofas, beds and rugs being the favourites. Has never lost its ability to hunt for food and shows all these characteristics to demonstrate the fact. He is also imbued with a sense of humour. Loves to play dumb when being asked to show off his latest trick. Much to the embarrassment of the owner.

TEMPERAMENT

Very intelligent and kind natured. Not aggressive or shy. Uses these qualities to great effect when conning food from people or when they have done something that will warrant a good telling off.

SKULL

Houses a computer-like brain. Solves problems in split seconds, can switch from one application to another in a nano second and has plenty excess capacity for personal projects.

EYES

The eyes can see a crumb under a chair at the opposite end of an unlit room. Can also be used to great effect in making owner feel like a proper heel, when you haven't appreciated their latest escapade.

NECK

Strong and powerful enough to drag anything attached to a collar and lead. Small children, however, find that the OES neck makes a great teddy substitute.

EARS

More effective than radar. When used in conjunction with the eyes, absolutely nothing is missed. An OES's ear can detect a sweet being un-wrapped in a person's pocket three rooms away with every door closed. Can also be switched on and off at will.

NOSE

Unbelievably effective. No limit to the distance food can be detected. Can also detect foul smelling objects and substances, in which to roll, up to three fields away. Can cause acute embarrassment when shoved into the crotch of visitors. Used to great effect to awaken owners, when placed carefully under bedclothes.

MOUTH

The OES comes pre-programmed to pick things up in its mouth and walk away with them. It will need re-programming to bring them back. New models, called puppies, come fitted with a set of needles (called milk teeth). No chair or table leg is safe, particularly with ones left on their own, both furniture and puppies. Fortunately these needles are replaced with a permanent set of teeth, which allow the OES to be more discerning about what he chews.

FOREQUARTERS

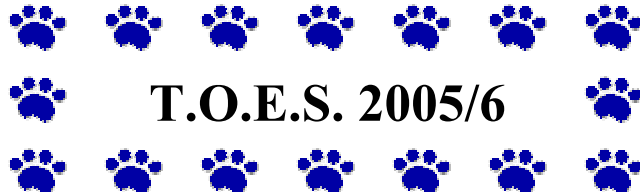
The part of the dog seen just before it launches itself to show how pleased it is to see you. As opposed to the rear end you see sticking out from under the coffee table, when the OES is on a food hunt.

BODY

Very solid construction gives the OES great strength. Can easily dislodge large objects, which have foolishly been left in its path. Also very efficient at bringing down standing human objects, especially when clattering into the back of legs.

FEET

The feet of the OES are trunk like and solid. They are also inlaid with extra strong floor grippers, used extensively when being moved in the direction of the bath. ANON



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Friday Training Nights

8 – 10pm

Windsor Halls, Bargeddie, Near Coatbridge.

30 September

28 October

18 November

16 December (Party night)

21 January

18 February

18 March

15 April

20 May

17 June

Trainers

Mrs Audrey Corrigan

Mrs Margaret Frame

Miss Laura Frame



Scottish "CH" Show 2005

Working & Pastoral Breeds - 5th November

Judge—Mrs A. Turner