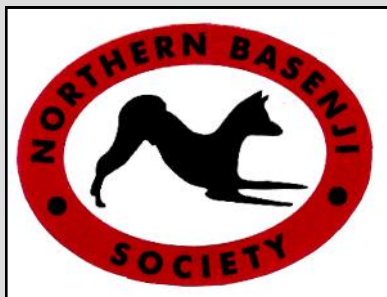


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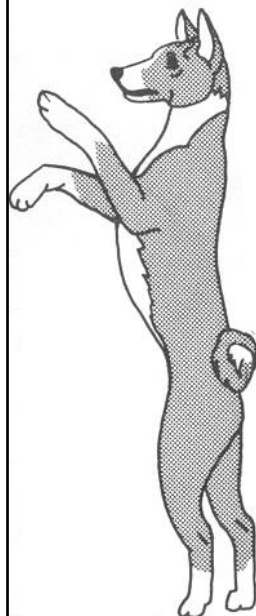
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FROM THE EDITOR.....

Sometimes I wonder how Les Siddall manages to fit everything into his busy life with his charity work, NBS and many other interests. I have to congratulate him on being invited to HM's garden party (and to take tea with HER) – this MUST be a touch higher than being a member of the KC!!! Typical of him to go that bit better than his peers in dogdom especially to be awarded an MBE on behalf of his charity group. The newsletter is a bit late this year but considering all the work and organising he has had it is not surprising. The committee and himself pulled out all the stops to make the President's show one that Connie and exhibitors will never forget. It was lovely to see the "Three Graces", as I dubbed them, sitting in the front row watching the judging and having a good old chinwag. They being, Connie, Joyce Goodman and Olga Bullock. It was great to see Joyce and appreciated that she made the long journey from Wiltshire specially to see Connie. Olga Bullock has become –thanks to Linda Chavez – a familiar visitor to the NBS shows. Also seated in the front row were Irene Terry and Shirley Bateman who were so appreciative of our efforts to make this Connie's show. As usual Les has gone to town on this newsletter and I note it is even getting mentioned and applauded in dispatches from our American readers on the Internet. We do receive items from many people and thanks to them, also to Les for trawling the internet, his archives and contacts to make every issue just that bit better than the last one. I sincerely hope that even when he has left his Secretary post that he will continue to do the newsletter and also remain in close contact with the club as, for me, he has become a much-needed fixture of the NBS.

Sad news to report of the deaths of Mrs Bunyan, Iris Baker and Richard Avis. We send condolences to their families.

The NBS is running a seminar – Requirements of a Dog Show judge on 13th November – please contact me for more details.

Some of my regular bits - "We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made." by M. Facklam. and "Handle every stressful situation like a dog... If you can't eat it or play with it, just pee on it and walk away"
Have a nice day now.

Editor...Irene Horner.

SECRETARY'S COMMENTS.....

Thank you Irene for your kind remarks above.

I am far to modest to allow readers of Irene's notes to think that I was personally on a one to one basis taking tea with our lovely Queen. I was in the VIP tent along with a couple of hundred other people, of far greater eminence than myself. HM and the Duke and HRH Charles and Camilla were present as was the Duke of Gloucester.

The Queen is a fantastic lady and I am proud to think she awarded the charity group I have been Chair of for over 30 years "The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for Voluntary Groups."

I couldn't possibly comment on Irene's thoughts on the Buck' House trip being a "cut above membership of the KC" except that on that particular day, or any other day for that matter, I cannot imagine anything occurring at Clarges Street that could possibly be either as memorable, delightful or exciting.

I am sorry for the delayed NBS Newsletter but this year has been pretty hectic and at times even I have disappeared under the weight of the work load. I hope you enjoy it.



Secretary...Les Siddall.



A View From The Bridge

By Les Siddall

In this edition's column I have decided to write a word or two about censorship as, apart from degradation, obscenities, personal abuse, libel and slander, in my view there is no place for censorship in any free society. Yet in every walk of life deliberate and unnecessary censorship is endemic and that includes the dog showing sport.

The tabloid press have pushed the bounds of breaching censorship to the limit and as a consequence often pay thousands in cases brought against them. The dog press with less financial resources obviously have to practise extreme caution to ensure that they do not publish anything libellous or personally insulting but on the other hand they should not in any way stifle the readers and writers right to freedom of expression even if that is contrary to the paper's beliefs or critical of the governing body.

In 2010 a number of pieces I submitted for the Breed Notes and for my other column have been edited or excluded and in some cases where they have been edited this has resulted in the context of an item being changed. One piece sent to me by Peter Broadbent in April and forwarded for inclusion in the breed notes was excluded completely from publication. Obviously writers like Peter, me and others who are well known for our outspoken comment will be subjected to close editorial scrutiny to ensure there is no libel but none of the items that were edited or excluded were that. Certainly they were critical of authority such as Breed Councils and the KC and they pulled no punches in their criticism but they were neither personal or libellous - I had them checked over by a legal friend of mine who specialises in slander and libel and he assured me that they were suitable for publication. Which begs the question why were they edited or omitted?

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The editor of any publication does reserve the right to publish or not so any of us who write for a publication do not have any recourse to object if our pieces are edited or omitted. But any editor must also be certain that they are not editing or omitting a piece just because the ideas expressed in that piece are alien to their own beliefs. That is surely not what is meant by freedom of the press; is it?

Of late all the freedoms we held dear in this country particularly the freedoms of the press are being slowly eroded. We constantly hear people reminding other people, who may express their beliefs in strong terms, to remember to be PC (politically correct). Who ever heard of the term PC ten or so years ago? Can one imagine people of the likes of Oscar Wilde, Lord Bertrand Russell, Winston Churchill and closer to home dog judge Joe Braddon giving a damn about being PC?

We have all get scared witless to say anything in case it may offend someone and yet whilst speaking things in public and writing things in the press are heavily censored the internet blogs and the so called social net-working sites are allowed to publish scurrilous nonsense and often abuse about whomsoever they feel like without any thought of being PC. The perpetrators of the rubbish who whilst thankfully in a minority, albeit a very substantial minority, are safe in the knowledge that it is difficult for them ever to be served with a libel writ even if they had anything worth suing for.

I certainly don't want any further erosions of our freedoms or the right to say what we think and I do think that press censorship has gone far enough however I also believe that in the interests of a level playing field for all that existing laws should be applied to the owners of blog and social networking sites.

I want our Dog Press to be free from any influence by the KC and our General Press to be free from government influence but doubt it will ever happen.

In the meantime I will continue to write as I always do and trust I will not to be censored too frequently.

Now Free! This Dog Would be Dead, if he was British

This is Leo. He used to belong to disgraced NFL footballer Michael Vick. For those who don't know why Vick is disgraced



it's because he was found guilty of being involved in illegal dog fighting. Leo was one of his dogs, now rescued, Leo now leads a new life. A life that many would still argue is impossible. For Leo is not only an ex fighting dog, he is also a Pit Bull Terrier type dog. In the UK,

Leo would be dead. Not helping people, not enjoying his new found life...but dead. What he actually does is bring comfort to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Leo would be dead if he lived in the UK. Dead, not because of the illegal fighting his owner used him for. Dead, not because he'd attacked anyone. No, dead just because of what he is and what he looks like.

It's a dog's life - and now for Leo it couldn't be better.

Leo — rescued from heavy chains that confined him as one of the pit bulls in former NFL quarterback Michael Vick's dog fighting ring — is a lover, not a fighter. He now happily frolics in a clown collar as he makes the rounds at the Camino Infusion Centre, where he brings comfort to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Despite his training as a killer, Leo is a sweetheart as he visits his friends on the ward. "He is wonderful, and all the patients love Leo," said Paula Reed, the facility's oncology director. "They really love his eyes and gentleness." Six months ago, Leo should have been dead. When officers raided Vick's Bad Newz Kennels in

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Smithfield, Va., last year, they found dogs, some injured and scarred, chained to buried car axles. Forensic experts discovered remains of dogs that had been shot with a .22-calibre pistol, electrocuted, drowned, hanged or slammed to the ground for lacking a desire to fight. Vick, an All-Pro quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons, was suspended indefinitely and is serving 23 months in federal prison after pleading guilty in August to bankrolling the dog fighting operation and helping to kill as many as eight dogs. Three co-defendants also pleaded guilty and were sentenced to prison. About 50 dogs were rescued. Animal advocates are divided over whether fighting dogs can be trusted to have new lives as pets or working dogs.

One of the dogs seized at Bad Newz was put down as too aggressive, but the others were dispersed to sanctuaries and training facilities across the country. One of them was Leo, who ended up in the care of Marthina McClay, a certified trainer and counsellor in Los Gatos, near San Francisco. McClay is president of Our Pack, an advocacy group for pit bulls. “He was a little like a caveman at a tea party,” McClay said. “He didn’t have a lot of training.” But after five weeks of intense instruction and supervision, and more weeks of acclimation, Leo is now — with all due respect — a pussy cat. He loves putting his head on a patient’s lap and batting his big brown eyes. “The difference that he’s had with our patients has been incredible — the smiles on their faces, the joy when they see him,” said Reed of the cancer centre. “Leo is a survivor and our patients are survivors, and I think they can relate to each other,” she said.

Leo also touches young people on probation at the Alternative Placement Academy in San Jose, where the young men seem to identify with the former tough guy. “I think they saw this dog’s awful background, and it communicates to the kids that you can end up being what you want to be,” McClay said. It’s the age-old story of second chances. By living his, Leo helps tear down entrenched stereotypes that pit bulls are irredeemable killers. “Leo is definitely an ambassador to the breed,” McClay added. “The staff at various facilities will say, ‘I will never see pit bulls the same way again’”



CAUGHT IN THE ACT

It was midnight.

Outside it was hot and steamy. A summer storm was brewing. You could hear the rolling thunder in the distance.

Inside the air was hot and charged as well.

They were sitting on the couch, staring into each others eyes, wondering why they had not noticed each other sooner. They were so different and yet so...compatible.

Slowly they moved closer to each other until their bodies touched. Their hearts were throbbing, their pulses racing. He leaned forward and could feel her breath on his face. "Fish for dinner again." He chuckled to himself and wondered if she ever would eat anything else...

The lights suddenly went out. Must have been the thunder. They couldn't see each other in the dark and yet were very much aware of each other's presence. They knew what happened next was inevitable. They both knew it was wrong, but it felt so right...

He reached for her and held her closely. Right at that moment, the lights came back on again and, oh no, they were caught in the act....

(For the conclusion see page 36 but only if your over 18)

Nostalgia

Fun from Bygone Times

In 1921 these children were having a wonderful time perched precariously on a homemade seesaw with Mick the dog sitting centre. Not a thought from these kids about health and safety. Sarah 1, Margaret, Mary, Richard, Geoff, Alice, Sarah 2, Winnie and Ida were enjoying a carefree childhood in Heptonstall village situated above Hebden Bridge.

Can you imagine parents, teachers, councillors or police allowing such activity nowadays?



The following piece is from a column that Marvin Wallis wrote in the Basenji in July 1970

Capitol Paw Prints **By Marvin G. Wallis**

Recent letters from overseas have reminded me that not all countries view the Basenji in the same light that we do here in the United States, in Canada, or in the United Kingdom. Some may place it in the Spitz group or in the terrier group. It was this latter placement that rang the bell. Some of you may remember that some years back this was a suggestion which was being pursued by a number of people in this country, as they felt that the Basenji was a terrier rather than a hound, primarily because it didn't look like a typical hound.

So let's take a look at a "typical" hound. A hound looks like a "houn-dawg" doesn't it? You know what they look like! A hound colour (black, tan, and/or white mixture), floppy ears, medium size, rather short coat. You know the type - a hound!

How do the various breeds of the "Hound "group" fit this description? Bassets, Beagles, Bloodhounds, Coonhounds, Foxhounds, and Harriers are all obvious matches for this group and all have somewhat squarish muzzles. Dachshunds might even squeeze in this group for a number of reasons, hut what about their rather pointy muzzles and their different structure - including midget-sized legs. And when one thinks of their original function, shouldn't they really be placed in the terrier group? My Dachsie friends scream at this suggestion, although a few do agree.

The next category of similarities would include those of colour, ear, and coat specifications to a certain degree, e.g. the Greyhound, the Whippet, and the Saluki. But the Greyhound has great depth of chest where most of the hounds are more "tube shaped" in body. Muzzles are a bit pointy, and the Whippet's tail even goes the wrong way, being tucked underneath! The Saluki might even squeeze in here too, but what about his long-haired ears - or is he just being "mod?" and he has a very loose-jointed and flexible gait! Squeeze again and try the Scottish Deerhound in here too for his similarity to the Greyhound, only with a shaggy coat, a bit shorter neck, and his tail tucks under more like the Whippet's. The Borzoi

also has some similarities to the Greyhound in depth of chest, size, with perhaps a bit shorter neck - but what about that crazy wavy or curly coat? Again is it a case of going "mod?" And what about the "moddest" of them all, the Afghan Hound. Dig that ca-razy coat on him! With a moustache too and a short-haired saddle on his back - and a spit-curl in the end of his tail!

Of medium size is certainly not the Irish Wolfhound. His muzzle appears just a bit more long and square than most in the group and his ears are a bit different. I guess he has to be on the large size for his original role. Can't you imagine one coming up to you and asking "Which way did all the wolves go?" or perhaps "Pardon me but did you just see a wolf go by here - fast?"

Then we come to the perfect example of the "hound type," the Norwegian Elkhound! Erect ears, curled tail, long coat, short back and all. His little buddy, the Basenji, simply went to a different barber and had a crew-cut. And perhaps a dye job while he was there!

Let's top this all off with those Greek masks, Comedy and Tragedy - The Otter Hound and the Rhodesian Ridgeback. The Otter Hound looks like a stand in for a TRAMP in the TV series "My Three Sons" and appears to be a pleasant, some-what dull, and very friendly neighbour (except to the Otter). Not so the Ridgeback - running afoul of him could certainly be a tragedy! Hardly seems to be the fun-loving type.

So there we have the true, "typical" hound. In case you've missed it, here's the instant replay. The colour is black, tan, and/or white (or some other colour). The ears are drop, semi-prick, prick, or folded. The size is medium - somewhere between 8 pounds and 120 pounds. The legs are either short, medium, or long -likewise the body and the mixture of legs and bodies include almost all permutations. And it has a short, medium, or long coat of fine, coarse, silky, hard, rough, wiry, flat, wavy, curly, firm, soft texture; while the tail must be either gay, curled all the end, tightly curled over the back, carried at the trail, or tucked between the legs. The body must have a deep chest - or be tube shaped - or?

So you see it is all really very simple when we carefully analyse the matter. Now we all know what a "typical hound" looks like and can readily identify its type at any time, can't we???

TITTLE - TATTLE

Dog Haiku

I love my master
Thus I perfume myself with
This long-rotten squirrel

I lie belly up
In the sunshine,
happier than you will ever be

How do I love thee?
The ways are numberless as
My Hairs on the rug

My human is home!
I am so ecstatic I have
Made a puddle

I am your best friend
Now, always, and especially
When you are eating

USA v USSR

A dog fight

The Americans and Russians at the height of the arms race realised that if they continued in the usual manner they were going to blow up the whole world.

One day they sat down and decided to settle the whole dispute with one dog fight. They would have five years to breed the best fighting dog in the world and which ever side's dog won would be entitled to dominate the world. The losing side would have to lay down its arms.

The Russians found the biggest meanest Doberman and Rottweiler females in the world and bred them with the biggest, meanest Siberian Wolves. They selected only the biggest and strongest puppy from each litter, killed his siblings and gave him all the milk. They used steroids and trainers and after five years came up with the biggest, meanest dog the

world had ever seen. Its cage needed steel bars that were five inches thick and nobody could get near it.

When the day came for the dog fight, the Americans showed up with a strange animal. It was a 12 foot long Dachshund. Everyone felt sorry for the Americans because they knew there was no way it would last 10 seconds with the Russian dog.

When the cages were opened up the Dachshund came out of its cage and slowly waddled towards the Russian dog. The Russian dog snarled and leaped out of its cage and charged the American Dachshund. But, when it got close enough to bite the Dachshund's neck, the Dachshund opened its mouth and consumed the Russian dog in one bite. There was nothing left of the Russian dog.

The Russians came up to the Americans shaking their heads in disbelief. "We don't understand how this could have happened. We had our best people working for five years with the meanest Doberman and Rottweiler females in the world and the biggest meanest Siberian Wolves.

"That's nothing," an American replied. "We had our best plastic surgeons working for five years to make a crocodile look like a Dachshund."

Solution to Sudoku Puzzle on Page 3

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Unusual Dog Facts -Number 4

Dogged Determination to Dodge Swine Flu

In 2009 China became so paranoid about contracting Swine Flu that they not only wore protective clothing and masks themselves; but for the wealthy so did their dogs.



They dressed their pet dogs, including a Basenji or two, with special gear donated by America's top cops.

So as you can see this best friend, wearing his FBI jacket and mask, looks like he is ready for serious police action rather than going out for a walk.

It's a Dog's Life

When we read about pets today, it's as likely to be privileged, pampered pooches in Gucci carriers as those who have been abandoned or harmed. We are, we are told, a nation of dog lovers. We own about eight million of them in Britain; they're our best friends. It was not always thus.

In the 1800s, a dog's life was – for all but the lucky few – nasty, brutish and short. Dogs were liable to be beaten or shot on sight by park keepers and police. During frequent rabies outbreaks, public fear of stray dogs increased, leaving any slightly wild-looking creature open to stoning in the streets. If they were in good health, they might be pitted against each other at organised dogfights or used to pull carts around towns, practices which weren't banned until 1835 and 1854 respectively (and then not always very firmly enforced). But the Victorian era saw public opinion about animals shift, albeit slowly. On a wave of sentimentalism, an appetite grew for touching tales about wagging tails: pamphlets, poems and books about devoted dogs such as Gelert or Greyfriars Bobby became

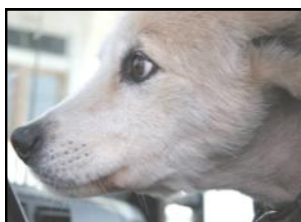
popular, and there was a trend for animal autobiography – novels written in first-person voices by anthropomorphised canines and other creatures. *Black Beauty* in 1877, and *Beautiful Joe* in 1893, were two of the most successful.

After the Tornado (Greensburg, Ks. USA)



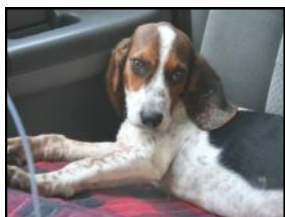
The story begins with the rescuers finding this poor little guy they named Ralphie. Someone had already taken him under their wing but weren't equipped to adopt.

Ralphie, scared and starved,
joined his rescuers...



You wouldn't think anything could live through this... But you would be wrong.

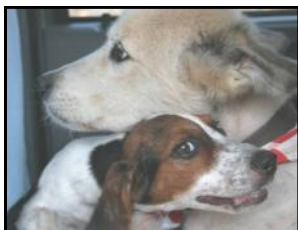
This little lady also survived that wreckage.



Here she is just placed in the car - scared, but safe...

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And then...they are no longer alone!



Instant friends, they comforted each other while in the car.

Add two more beagles found after that...The more, the merrier!



Oh boy, a new traveller to add to the mix... (Note the cat coming over the seat needing shelter...)

Now just how is this going to work???(and remember they are all strange to one another) It's going to work just fine, thank you very much!

Wow! The things we learn from our animal friends...If only all of mankind could learn such valuable lessons as this. Lessons of instant friendship. Of peace and harmony by way of respect for one another.

These animals tell you... "It's just good to be alive and with others." Yes, it surely is.

"Life's a Gift... Unwrap It!"



“Millie” beats ‘30 Year Old’ CC Record



At Southern Counties in June this Year Hardy, Hallam, Kite & Gillespie's Ch. & Am. Ch. Klassics Million Dollar Baby at Tokaji (Millie) took her 41st CC to become the top winning Basenji of all time, a record that had stood for 30 years and was held by the late Jayne Wilson Stringers Ch & Ir. Ch. Horsleys Sir Kinkaid (Krinkle).

This is a remarkable achievement for a bitch as in between notching up all these tickets “Millie” has also taken time out to produce and nurse a litter.

Both Krinkle and Millie gained their wins over a five year period with Millie picking up 5 CCs on the trot at Crufts, all with BOB.

NBS Winners Gallery 1
The first new dog Champion of 2010



Grayson's
Ch. Tokaji American Gigolo at Embeau, aka "Sparky"

NBS Winners Gallery 2
The first new Bitch Champion of 2010



Allen's
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WONKY START THEN BELLE COMES IN ON THE INSIDE STRAIGHT

BELLE the greyhound cross looks set to run like lightning after successful operations to cure her wonky legs.

The pretty seven-month-old was born hideously bow-legged.

Heartbreaking photos of Belle as a young pup show her deformed front legs splayed out to the side giving her a wibbly-wobbly walk like a spider.

But dog-lovers set up a fund-raising page on Facebook and in three months raised £3,000 to pay for surgery.

Now after two corrective operations Belle can walk, run and play just like any other dog.

Jennie Foxall-Lord, founder of the Mayflower Sanctuary in Doncaster, South Yorks, said: "When she walked before it was like a little spider. She didn't have a life before these operations, she really didn't have a future.

"Now she plays with the other dogs, before she would only lie down by herself."

Belle was abandoned at the kennels by her owner. Irregular bone growth had caused her legs to bow. The vet had to break her legs, pin them and add growth plates so they healed straight. She was then put in splints. But for Belle the pain was worth it when she took her first short



Belle above before the op and right as she is now

walk last month (July 2010) - and now there's no



stopping her.

Jennie is now looking for a home for Belle. She said: "Belle is such a positive dog, she deserves a good home."

Original Article by Tom Morgan - Scottish Daily Express

WORLD NEWS

BOY DRAGGED FROM FLOODS BY DOG

On January 15 this year Sangeeta, a mother of three boys, looks down on her eldest son,



Photo: AP

Dinakaran, seated, and the dog that saved his life, Selvakumar.

"Run away!" the husband screamed from a rooftop after he spotted the colossal waves. His wife Sangeeta grabbed her two youngest sons and hoped that the third and oldest - 7-year-old Dinakaran - would outrun the tsunami churning toward her home. But Dinakaran didn't follow. He headed for the safest place he knew, the small family hut just 40 metres from the sea-shore. Sangeeta thought she would never see him again. But he was saved by the family dog. While water lapped at Sangeeta's heels as she rushed up a hill, the scruffy dog named

Selvakumar ducked into the hut after Dinakaran. Nipping and nudging, he did everything in his canine power to get the boy up the hill. Sangeeta, who like many south Indians only uses one name, had no idea of the drama unfolding below.

Once she had crossed the main road to safety she collapsed into tears, screaming over the loss of her eldest son. "I had heard from others that the wall of my house had collapsed, I felt sure that my child had died," said the 24-year-old mother.

Selvakumar looks pretty much like every other dog in the village. He hardly ever barks and lets the three boys climb all over him and pull his tail without protest. At night, he joins the rest of the family and sleeps among them, no matter how many times they throw him out. Most days, the dog escorts Dinakaran to and from school, spending the rest of the day playing with the other two boys, or begging for food. Sangeeta's brother-in-law gave her the puppy, following the birth of her second son. When the brother-in-law died in an accident two years ago, they changed the dog's name to his. Sangeeta's family had always lived along the coast, just north of Pondicherry, a former French colony. The morning of December 26 began like most others, with sunny skies and a cool breeze. Sangeeta's husband, R Ramakrishnan, had just returned from his early morning fishing with a boat full of fish. From their home, the view of the ocean was obstructed by a two-storey community centre. So when they heard a strange noise coming from the sea, Sangeeta's husband went to investigate. When Ramakrishnan saw the waves, he ran to the roof of the centre and shouted down to Sangeeta to flee. That's when she made her agonising choice. "He is somewhat older than the other two. I knew he would be able to run, so I grabbed the other two," Sangeeta explained. Dinakaran credits the dog with saving his life. "That dog grabbed me by the collar of my shirt," the boy said. "He dragged me out." Sangeeta said she believes some special spirit, perhaps her brother-in-law's, resides in the dog.

Other News from
NEWSHOUND

THE DOG-STACLE COURSE FOR PETS

HOUNDS can keep off the pounds - at Britain's first adventure playground for pets.

The park boasts fun obstacles such as tunnels, ramps and hurdles... and even. a paw-shaped hoop.



Rover-the-Moon Dog in tunnel

It was built for East Herts. council at a cost of over £7,000 after charity PDSA estimated half the dogs in the UK will be obese within five years.

And Cllr Linda Halsey reckons

the attraction at Southern Country Park in Bishop's Stortford is already a success. She said: "I've seen huge Bernese mountain dogs and small spaniels enjoy the equipment. It's also a wonderful way for owners to socialise."

Caroline Kisko of the Kennel Club said it would encourage owners to keep dogs healthy and agile, explaining: "Recent reports about pet obesity are testament to the fact dogs don't always get the exercise they need."

But Diana Attwood, 41, from Stansted, who regularly takes her Weimaraner Cindy to agility competitions, slammed the park as a "waste of money".

She said: "It may be a nice gesture from the council... but it is dangerous because people don't " know how to use the equipment and the tunnel is slippery."

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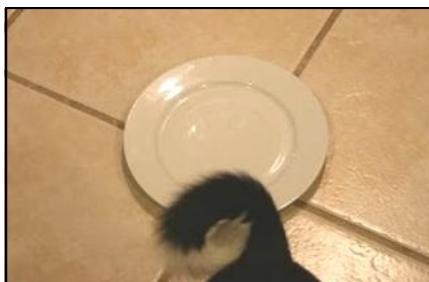


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Dog Trapped in Sweltering Car Honks for Help

Sweltering temperatures are a reminder to keep not only yourselves cool, but your pets. In the case of a Labrador, he may have been left alone, but helped himself survive what could have been a terrible situation.



Eleven-year-old Max is not just a dog. He's like another member of Donna Gardner's family who live in UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP, Pa. USA

"You have to know Max. He's a very smart dog and he just does things that I don't think a normal dog does all the time," said Gardner.

The chocolate Lab proved that a couple of weeks ago. Gardner ran an errand and took Max with her. When she came home a short time later, she went inside the house, forgetting Max was still in the car.

"I came in and started cleaning and about an hour later I heard a horn blow," said Gardner.

She went outside, but didn't see anybody. "So I came back in the house and I started cleaning again and the horn blew again."

This time, she saw Max sitting in her driver's seat.

"I rushed over and got him out real fast and he was panting like crazy. I brought him in the house and he just dropped to the floor," Gardner said.

Gardner gave him water and cooled him down. Her daughter called the vet who said Max was a little weak, a little slow but otherwise OK.

"Number 1... Max saved his own life by honking the horn to get himself out of a very, very overheated car. Number 2, the Gardner's are such good pet owners that they looked at him first. They managed to get his temperature down a little bit before they got here," said Nancy Soares with the Macungie Animal Hospital.

"I don't know whatever made me forget he was with me," added Gardner.

Meanwhile, Gardner says she will never make that mistake again and hopes this serves as a lesson to other pet parents.



Cleric's Puppy has no Respect for 'Dog Collar'

'Angus' aka ElSCO AmabrawyIn Faraoland is one of the puppies from that, record equalling, litter of nine bred by Scott Wright and John Wilkinson. He was exported to Sweden to Helena Strombert and lives with Assistant Vicar Ingrid Sjolin of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Stockholm. Has living with a cleric of the church taught him normal doggy good behaviour? Well obviously not he is after all a Basenji!!!



This doesn't belong here.
I'll Have it!

Nearly Got It!





Got It!

However Angus does know how to behave when he is in the show ring as at his first show, when just a five month old puppy, he went BPIB, BPIG & BPIS at the Swedish Poodle and All Breeds Open Show in Stockholm. The Judge for the Breed & Group was Patric Ragnarsson and for BIS was Peter Strand. Angus can be seen at the show - standing below and moving in the headline photograph.



NBS President's Championship Show

18th July 2010

David Cavill Judge - The Critique

I was greatly honoured to judge this show. By and large the bitches were better than the dogs in my view but the standard was generally high. It was noticeable that there were a number of plain heads and also many of the dogs lacked fore chest. They are not supposed to be like Dachshunds but should slope away quite so quickly as many of them did. Some tail sets and curls left something to be desired and some dogs had unacceptably round eyes. The neck in the Basenji has to be set at the right angle and be of the right length to provide the balanced shape required. Some necks were too long and the neck's too upright.

MPD (3) — 1. Hardy & Hallam's Akmar Ammon By Tokaji, 7 month old, good outline, well constructed hind quarter, very good head and expression, nice example of the breed, mouth still to come right but still the best dog in this class. 2. Wright & Wilkinson's ElSCO Amatillyson, 7 months old and little straight in the hind quarter, perhaps a little too at the moment, very good head and expression, very good feet, moved reasonably well. 3. Gostynka's Bubas Buffalo Bill, this is a couple of days over 6 months so has a lot of maturing to do but it has the elements of a good quality dog as it matures.



PD (4) 1 Abs — 1. & BP Baseley's Marzuku Mzuri, this is 7 month old, cracking example of the breed, really beautiful, lovely outline, good conformation, excellent angulation fore and aft, beautiful head and expression, good ears and tail. 2. Akmar Ammon By Tokaji. 3. Gostynska's Bubas Zebrino, just a fraction over 6 months, so chest still rather shallow and will grow in to his ears which themselves are very nice, tail not as tightly curled as I would like.

JD (1) — 1. Castell's Atrigema Memnnt Speed (Imp) NAF, standing alone, 1 year old, rather fine for it's age, little shallow in chest, rather straight fore and aft but moved extremely well, lovely head, beautiful ears, very nicely placed, excellent quality, excellent feet.

PGD (5) — 1. & RDCC Gaskell's Memetuka Jabali, excellent example of the breed, would like the tail set a fraction higher, front feet might be slightly too long but these are minor considerations in a dog that is otherwise of excellent type and has a very good conformation: good head and ears, excellent expression. 2. Hannah's Zordia's Ajani, this is another very good one a little uncertain, temperamentally and not quite as sound: rather straight in the hind quarter but otherwise good. 3. Lindop's Woodella Northern Dancer, nice dog with a good head, if anything a little too short in back, good hind angulation, excellent feet, over reached a little on the move.

LD (2) — Only two in this class but it was actually quite a difficult decision. 1. Holmes's Dia Dinari Van Oxyoron At Dencas (Imp), good angulation, lovely head and expression, excellent feet, tail slightly too tightly curled and a little too short on the leg, but still in terms of overall quality the best in the class. 2. Miller's Benkura Super Trouper, better outline but too straight behind, good tailset, head somewhat plain, ears set too widely apart, another judge might well put them in a different order.

OD (4) — Exceptional class with little to choose between the first three, all were very, very good dogs, of very excellent quality. 1. DCC & RBIS Baldwin's Robelroy Real Smart, beautiful dog, good feet, lovely expression, good ears and wrinkles, nice outline, good angulation fore and aft, excellent example of the breed. 2. Hardy, Hallam & Webb's Ch. & Am. Ch. Kazor's Make Way For Riley (Imp), another good one, fraction longer in loin, particularly lovely, good tailset, ears, though head just a fraction longer and not quite as broad, again good feet,



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all three moved very well. 3. Grayson's Ch. Tokaji American Gigolo At Embeau JW ShCM, another good head, another good tailset, little heavier in build, not quite such good angulation behind but moved very well, lovely head and expression.

VD (4) 1 Abs — 1. Lane's Antefaa African Emigrant, quite a nice outline, good angulation, head a little plain, other than that a very good example of the breed, would have liked the tail a little tighter. 2. Hooper's Pharoah's Gold, beautifully headed dog with an excellent wrinkle, tail not tightly enough curled and little too long in body. 3. Goodman's Mr Pink, 13 and a half years old and beginning to show his age but nevertheless still a creditable example of the breed, just a little too long in body and a little dip in the back but what would you expect at 13 and a half.

Breeders (4) 2 Abs - 1. Miller's Ch. Benkura Take A Chance On Me ShCM, very very nice outline, just a fraction long in neck which is held a little too high, head is excellent, lovely feet, beautiful outline, good angulation. 2. ElSCO Amatillyson, rather light for a dog, over square but good head and expression, lacking in angulation fore and aft.

Special (not bred by Exh.) (5) — 1. Zordia's Ajani, nice outline, very straight in the hind quarter, good head and expression, lovely tailset, moved well. 2. Atrigema Memnnt Speed. 3. Chavez's Abotere's Zahir For Hicel (Imp), very nice outline, good conformation, 'chunky' both in body and in head.

MPB (6) 1 Abs - 1. Wright & Wilkinson's ElSCO Amatiger, delightful puppy, beautifully shaped, very good angulation for a youngster, well developed, lovely head and expression, moved well, too short in back but nevertheless gives the right proportions at the moment. 2. Steele's Akmar Queen Ankesenamun, another nice dog, (all the dogs in this class were very nicely headed with excellent expressions) a little straight behind, leading to a rise over the loin, very good head and tail, good mover. 3. Chavez & Baseley's Marzuku Mzara, another nice one, not the tailset and carriage of 1 and 2, really too straight behind, good feet, lovely expression.

PB (2) 1 Abs — 1. Legget's ElSCO Amastunner At Swanwite, standing alone, nice headed dog, very lively, nice shape, very straight in the hind quarter.

JB (3) — 1. Drummond's Kissangani Dream Maker At Djoser, this is a superb dog, lovely outline, excellent conformation and angulation, very nice head, nicely set, short but well curled tail, very little wrinkle but otherwise a superb example of the breed. In contention for Res CC 2. Adams's Kissangani Only Dreaming, lovely head and expression, wrinkle very good indeed, nice sized dog, good tailset, lovely feet, moved well, although a little straight in the hind quarter. 3. Thomson's Kissangani Broken Dreams At Zigoyirox, a little long in the neck, quite a nice head, very little wrinkle, good tailset, little long in body, a over angulated for the breed.

PGB (2) — 1. Eydmann's Woodella Northern Dashiki, nice bitch although a little plain in expression, tail set on the low side, very good angulation, moved extremely well. 2. Kissangani Broken Dreams At Zigoyirox.

LB (4) — 1. & RBCC Hardy & Hallam's Tokaji American Beauty, beautiful example of the breed, lovely outline, lovely shape, good angulation, good head and expression, nice wrinkling without being over done, lovely shape, lovely head. 2. Lane's Antefaa Bereke Kohinur, another nice one, little bit longer in loin, ears not held quite so well and tail not quite so tight, perhaps a little weak in the front pastern. 3. Baldwin's Robelroy Real Classy, longer in body, neck a little too long, but very nice head, good feet, moved well.



OB (5) — Allen's 1., BCC and BIS Ch. Zordia's Wazala, beautiful bitch, lovely head and expression, beautiful ears, absolutely classic outline, lovely tail, could be a fraction tighter but that is being very picky, good depth of chest, beautiful feet, moved very well indeed. 2. Wright & Wilkinson's Jethard Dusk Til Dawn At ElSCO, another nice dog, dips a little in the back a little high at the croup so tail set isn't quite so good, nice head and expression, front pasterns could be a little stronger. 3. Hardy, Hallam, Kite & Gillespie's Ch. & Am. Ch. Klassics A Million Dollar Baby At Tokaji, another nice dog, good outline except that the hind quarter lacks angulation.

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VB (5) 2 Abs — 1. & BV Lane & Horner's Antefaa Nile Odyssey With Bokoto, very nice outline, a little straight behind, lovely head and expression, tail could be curled a little tighter, good feet, moved very well. 2. Rabbitte's Maridadi Limi Lisani, close to 1., very fine even for a bitch, head rather narrow and eyes and ears rather widely spaced, another tail that could be a little tighter. 3. Gibson's Flash Encore At Giantswood, not really keen on going over but she did move well and she does have a lovely head.

Breeders (4) — 1. Kissangani Only Dreaming. 2. Elasco Amatiger.

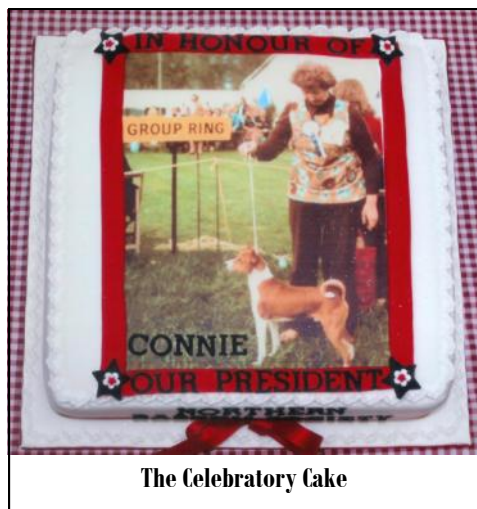
Special (not bred by Exh.) — 1. Woodella Northern Dashiki. 2. Marzuku Mzara.

Celebrations

The First Celebration

The Championship Show this year was dedicated to the NBS President/Patron Connie Graham who was a founder member of the NBS and a member of its' committee for 45

years and many gifts were made to her during the judging interval, including hand made cushions carrying photographs of one of Connie's Basenjis and her current dog Bobby. A spectacular cake with icing depicting a full colour photograph of Connie in the group ring back in the 70s was centre stage of the celebrations and each exhibitor/visitor shared in this and an odd glass or two of something sparkling. A



The Celebratory Cake

presentation full colour catalogue, depicting pictures of Connie over the years, had also been produced and everyone present received a Parker ball point commemorative pen.

Awarding CCs for a first time the judge, David Cavill, made a brief speech at the interval saying it was truly an honour for him to be invited to judge a club show as Basenjis were a breed he was particularly fond of and had been since he was first introduced to them many years before. Then followed a special presentation of a number of wonderful gifts and flowers to the President Connie Graham, which was introduced in an appreciation speech made by the Secretary. Connie then officially cut the cake.



Connie Officially Cuts the Cake

The Second Celebration

Les Siddall was retiring as secretary, at the next AGM, and unbeknown to him the committee members had arranged to celebrate his retirement at the same show. The Chair Malcolm Gibson made a brief appreciation speech and the secretary was presented with a number of special gifts including a hand made African platter in Zebra Design and a Sculpted African Native figure. The secretary in his thank you speech said he was overwhelmed by this surprise presentation and he opened the presents to be put on display.



The Secretary's Gifts



MISCELLANY

There was a time.....

**by
Beryl Allen**

There was a time, there really was,
When I was sweet and tender;
When Show Dog meant a Disney Star,
and bitch was not a gender.

I went to bed at half past ten;
I went to church on Sunday;
On Saturday I baked the beans
and did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup,
And an erstwhile friend said "SHOW",
And so I did and so I do,
OH! What I didn't know.

I used to dress with flair and style,
That was the life, don't knock it.
But now each dress from bed to ball
Must have a good bait pocket.

I used to have a certain air,
I wallowed in perfume,
I used to smell of Nuit D'Amour,
Now I smell like Mr. Groom.

My furniture was haute decor,
My pets a tank of guppies.
Now I've furniture un-stuffed,
And well-adjusted puppies.

Once I spoke in pristine prose,
In dulcet tones and frail,
But now I'm using language,
That would turn a sailor pale.

I was taught to be well groomed
no matter where I went.
Now all the grooming that I do
is in the handler's tent.

I used to long for furs and jewels
And a figure classed as super,
Now the thing I yearn for most
is a nice new poooper scooper.

I adored a man who murmured verse,
through intimate little dinners,
But now the words I thrill to hear,
Are just three-"Best of Winners".

I rise at dawn and pack the car,
the road ahead is a long one.
The one I routed on the maps,
Invariably is the wrong one.

I really love this doggy life,
I wouldn't care to change it.
But when I get that Best in Show,
I plan to rearrange it.

When my time on earth is done .
I'll go without much nudging
Just give me three weeks closing date
and let me know who's judging.

SPITZ

by RONAL BANK

It's a wonderful thing is a Spitz, you know
Though it does have a mind of its own.
And long though you labour to train it to heel
You'll still find your walking alone.
For its natural bent makes it easy to scent,
The trail that lies over the hill
And though you may swear and tear out your hair,
And call 'til you make yourself ill,
You will find when you come to the end of your walk
And the silence says "no dogs about"
He's standing behind you so close you could touch
And his eyes say "did somebody shout?"

The Odds and Ends Page.....



Backrests.



To Get On, One Should Always Aim a Little Higher in Life.



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The next NBS Show is the Open Show on April 3rd 2011 to be held at Rixton with Glazebrook Community Hall, Cheshire - Judge - to be announced.

At the time of going to press Basenji Rescue has a single temporary Co-ordinator:

**Paul Singleton
42 Barnardiston Road
Colchester
Essex CO4 4DR
Tel: 01206 514952**

The NBS do also have a co-ordinator for help in the North - Mrs. C. M. Graham, Tel: 01925 756622 and we also keep a list of any members or their friends who, having lost their own Basenji, would consider giving a home to an older dog. We then pass on their names to the Basenji Co-ordinator if a veteran enters rescue.

So please let us know if you would like your name to be included on such a list.

We would also appreciate it if you will pass this information on to any of your doggy, non-member, friends.

One good point about taking an older dog is that they are more than likely to be house-trained so, no little puddles to come down to in the morning!

You would also be performing a very necessary service for Basenji veterans who fall on hard times.

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Members who have anything, other than an advert, they wish to post on the notice board can make use of this blank space at no cost.

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