

GSMD Newsletter 8

April 2011.

Once again as a Club we have held our Annual AGM this time followed by a social afternoon held in conjunction with the Entlebuchers. In all we had three of the Swiss breeds present as there was some Bernese taking part as well. As usual there were also some 'honorary', breeds helping us all enjoy a splendid afternoon's fun arranged by Shelia Tickle & Cynthia Bailey. As always the dogs that entered the sausage race and took part with gusto and gobbled down the spoils. Then a short demonstration by Sue Kendall on 'show training'. Most folk also went home clutching something from the raffle and the Clubs thanks to all who participated and well done on the dogs for behaving themselves.



The Officers and Committee remain the same and should you have any issue you wish your committee to discuss relating to the breed then do please let our Secretary know ASAP. The date of our next committee meeting is May 15th.

We remain in a stable position according to Steve Brailey our Treasurer and have great support from you our members.

We now have some super car stickers depicting GSMD heads and these can be obtained from our treasurer at £1 plus p&p @ 40p.



STOP PRESS

A super chance to see just what Carting is all about on APRIL 2nd at Roade Village Hall, Northants NN7 2LS. The Club has organised a Seminar & demonstration by well known experts Tom & Wendy Murray & their Bernese Mountain dogs.

**Certainly an event that should not be missed.
Start time 12pm Tickets £5.00 light refreshments available**

Congratulations go to the Our Dogs top breeders for GSMD. They are Shelia Tickle & Cynthia Bailey as one and Mr Francois Jung as the other top breeder. The award is based on the winning done at Championship level and both Alpencrest Donatus & Duke du Val du Sanon ended up top dogs in our breed.

2011 Puppy News

Club members had a litter of 6 in January who has now flown the nest. Another litter is due in early April so we should have even more youngsters to join in on our events.



Sadly we have tragically lost 2 young GSMD from members of the Club and such a difficult time for the owners and hard to come back from our thoughts are with them.

Forward date for your diary is **October 23rd when the Club hopes to hold an event at Overseal, Derbyshire** more details nearer the time but please fill in your diary.

Austrian Swiss Mountain dog Club celebrates 50 years.
27th and 28th August are the date of the two shows with CAC's at Spital am Pyhrn. Further information on their homepage: www.sennenhunde.org or about the site of the anniversary under <http://www.pyhrn-priel.net/en/summer.html>

Advance news is that the Swiss GSMD Club is holding a Speciality show on 15th September 2012.

A group from the UK are hoping to attend so if you are interested in joining that party please contact me on 01889 568341. Julia

SWISSY WALK organised by Steve & Sue Brailey

7 Swissies, 2 other breeds and their families met at Alum Chine, Bournemouth in February and enjoyed a leisurely walk along the beach. Two couples had come to meet the Swissies for the first time, one from Guernsey and one from Manchester; it shows what a magnet our beautiful dogs are. The weather just about held for us, and we had a great time chatting and watching the dogs playing and exploring along the waters edge (none were brave enough to venture into the sea!). There were a lot of local dogs with their owners on the beach and it was really interesting watching our group of Swissies interact. Our lunch venue was right on the sea front, and after a bit of reorganising of the tables and huge parasol - due to a light shower just before we arrived, we settled down and enjoyed a delicious meal. During the day several people asked about the dogs and were interested to learn a little about them, their fame is spreading!

We're on the search for the next venue for sometime in the summer and we hope to encourage enough Swissies to reach double figures for the first time!



Well done all of you what a super sight you must have made.

Do let me have your news & stories for the next newsletter. Keep up with events on the website: www.gsmdclub.org We welcome our new members and hope they will join in our events.

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