



Great Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Newsletter

November 2011

The past few months has been a busy one for the Club with a number of activities organised for members to participate in, aswell as other efforts to further promote this lovely breed in the UK. Our Club provides a great opportunity to socialize and get out with your Swissie, meet other enthusiasts and above all have fun with your dog. Great value for a small sub!

A recent highlight was Great Swiss Companion Show in Derbyshire. October 23rd saw a record 63 dogs turn out for the show with 13 Swissies and 50 dogs of other breeds. There was lots to do on the day; novice and fun classes and opportunities to show the Swissies alongside each other in breed classes. Food was provided on the day, a raffle and special prizes kindly donated by club members. All in all it was a cracking day, raising £200 for Swissie welfare. Great to see dogs of all shapes and sizes get together and enjoy themselves!



Winners of the adult class from left ; Jura, Taylor and Sid. The winner Jura received a super plate donated by Alpencrest



Winners of the puppy class, from left Roxi, Denton, Badger and Monty with Judge Alan Mease.



A great line up with Elsa out in front!



The Big Line Up. All 13 Swissies posing dutifully for the camera.. or not!

Our Dogs magazine



At the end of the October Our Dog's Magazine published a 4 page spread on the Great Swiss Mountain Dog. A fabulous article was compiled by members of the Club and Helen Davenport Willis, editor at the magazine. This covered all aspects of the breed from history, working attributes, choosing a puppy, health as well as showing and living with a Swissie.

All in all, a very comprehensive guide to our breed; thoroughly educational and inspiring for anyone thinking of getting one.



Earls Court Discover Dogs



The Great Swiss Mountain Dog Club will be representing the breed at Earl's Court in London on 12th & 13th November.

If you can help out for a little while on the stand; with or without your Swissie please contact Sue Brailey smbrailey@tiscali.co.uk or Julia Swinburn juliaandpeter@bynton.fsn

or just pop along and say hello (with a cup of coffee of two!)

Big Dog Agility

Some of our members are starting to do agility with their dogs, an activity which is very popular in the US. As a working breed the Swissie certainly has the stamina and temperament for it and despite their size they can be very agile and athletic. However the Swissie's heavy structure dictates that careful consideration should be taken to ensure that the dog does not damage itself whilst the joints are still forming. In our opinion agility training can commence around the age of 1 year old but any jumping should be delayed until at least they are 2. Obstacles need careful negotiating due to the dog's bulkier size and jumps set at elbow height until the dog is fully matured at 3.



KC Good Citizens Award

Anka, Springhaze's Elegant Lady has passed her Puppy Foundation certificate (At last!)



Show results

Oakhampton and District Open Show; 1st Springhaze Cosmopolitan

Midland Counties Canine Societies Championship show (Oct 30th). Imported Register Classes Working

Judge: Ann Ingram

Best import dog & Best overall Import = Duke Du Val Du Sanon [imp] [Sid] owners Peter & Julia Swinburn



Best bitch, Best opposite sex Import & Best puppy Import = Bynton Flanders Rose at Dalynrics [Tia] owners Eric & Lynne Russell
Reserve best Import puppy = Bynton Joie De Vivre [Badger] owner Julia Swinburn

Reserve Best Import; Badger.

GSMD Subscriptions

Please note that subs are due from January 1st (comes round fast doesn't it!) You can set up a Standing Order or send a cheque payable to the GSMD Club to Steve Bailey, The Treasurer, Hudds Mill House, Edington Nr Westbury, Wiltshire. BA13 4NH.

£10 for single membership and £12 for a family

Standing Order forms can be downloaded from the Club website

www.gsmdclub.co.uk or ask Steve to pop one in the post for you!

New Committee Members

If any members are interested in joining our committee then please contact Sue Parkin Russell Club Sec before 6th January (No experience necessary)

SPACLERE@BTINTERNET.COM Tel 01635 299353.

Forthcoming dates not to miss!

17th March 2012, Great Swiss Mountain Dog Club AGM at Overseal Village Hall, Woodville Road, Overseal, South Derbyshire. DE12 6LU.

Prompt start time of 11:30am. The afternoon will consist of a Control Test as part of the First Diploma in Carting and a Show Handling Class for those interested in learning how to handle their dogs for the show ring.

19th May 2012 Temperament Testing and Carting Event at Roade Village Hall, Roade, Northants NN7 2LS. Contact Cynthia and Sheila for details tel 015396 25331 or watch the web-site www.gsmdclub.co.uk/News.

Springhaze Swissie walk ..coming soon in the New Year.

Any interesting stuff you would like to put in this Newsletter..no matter how small; then please contact the Editor, lucydenman@talktalk.net . See y'all soon!!! ☺