

SHELTIE AT WORK

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What an Achievement!



***Gaby Recker with Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land (Fabio)
Winner of the VDH – German Obedience Championships 2012***

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Editorial

Thank you again to all our contributors for your news, including computer-literate Sheltie Merlin! This has been another busy year for Shelties, with many successes, especially in Agility with two new Champions – Bernadette Bay's Ag.Ch. Obay Itz Got Pizzazz and Amy Lawson's Ag.Ch. Millie On To One – and with Nancy Hudson's Obay Tiz Zensational winning two tickets.

Many congratulations to our cover photo stars, Gaby Recker and Fabio, for winning the VDH – German Obedience Championships at the end of March 2012. Thanks to Udo for the cover photo, to Lian Knight for the lovely photo montage of her dogs on the back cover and to Dave Ray for the photo of Ozzie at Crufts with Jill Houston from Australia, making this a truly international issue of SAW!

A shame about the Obedience classes having to be cancelled at the Spring Show due to the weather. It is difficult to avoid such problems, when in the same week we have record hot temperatures and then snow blizzards – I notice that the weather experts are now calling it "climate change" rather than "global warming"!

How nice to have news of Rosemary Seys who founded the Working Section with her husband Tony more than 40 years ago. There have been many changes in that time, with the emphasis moving from Obedience and Working Trials to the sport of Agility, and even newer disciplines such as Heelwork to Music, Flyball and Rally also coming into being. I wonder what changes the next 40 years will bring! However the aim of the Section will hopefully still be to combine Brains and Beauty in the Working Sheltie.

Trisha Harding

Dates for your Diary

“Sheltie Camp” Training Weekend

on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th May 2012

Venue: Tillingbourne School, New Road, Chilworth,
Nr Guildford, Surrey GU4 8NB

The ESSC Championship Show with Obedience Classes

on Saturday 13th October 2012

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park,
Nr Coventry, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ
Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Novice, Test ‘A’ & Test ‘B’

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or download from our website: www.esscworkingsection.co.uk

Agility League website: www.sheltieleague.co.uk

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Working Section A.G.M.

at Grazeley Village Hall, Reading

Sunday February 26th 2012

I was delighted to see that 25 members attended the A.G.M. this year. The business of the meeting took a while as a lengthy discussion was had on our events and results of the survey on how the Section could get more support for them. You will find a copy of the Chairman's, Treasurer's and Trophy Secretary's reports and results of the survey, as well as news on our events for the year in this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'.

Everyone and their Shelties had fun, with a lot of laughter, as we got into the games after lunch.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were available during the day. There were some very nice prizes for the raffle organised by Pam Albrow.

THANK YOU ALL for your help and support.

Donations to the Working Section have been received from the following:

Wendy Ashby, Bernadette & Tracey Baudains, Gillian Eales, Beryl Forge, Lorna Gibbs, Mary Glover-Guest, Roz Grey, Barbara Grounsell, Indira Helsby, Bridget Jamieson, Val Johnson, C LePoidevin, Janet Kingsley, Jane Martin, Deirdre Matthews, Helen Mordaunt, Brian Olby, Becky Parks, Joanna & Hannah Pidduck, Christine Powell, W Rutland,

It is very kind of you and much appreciated.

Lesley Lubbi, Hon. Secretary

Chairman's Report

Welcome to you all and thank you for coming, your support is much appreciated.

The Section's members have had a very successful 2011. Two more Shelties have become Agility Champions, they are Bernadette Bay and Ag. Ch. Obay Itz Got Pizzazz, Amy Lawson and Ag. Ch. Millie On To One, with Nancy Hudson and Obay Tiz Zensational wining two tickets. Shelties have also been chosen to represent England at many Agility events. Please see the Publicity Officer's reports.

As so many of our members with their Shelties have achieved so much in all of the disciplines throughout the year, it makes it far too many to mention in this report. We are so proud of all your achievements; please remember to keep us updated with your successes. Well done to you all on keeping the Sheltie flag flying and good luck to all for the coming season.

Last year I reported that we did not do well with our Section's events. This year we fared a little better, we only put on the three events that broke even the year before. But I must stress the success of the Agility Show was due to kind donations, and Sheltie Camp to the Committee and Trisha Harding for giving up their weekend for free to do all the training so that we had no trainers fees. The Obedience Training Day is always a little easier as we do not have the added cost of any equipment.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire. (See the results on pages 6 and 7 overleaf.) The results came as no surprise to us. We have for a long time thought members wanted the events in or near to the areas that they live, especially in this present financial climate. One of the biggest problems the section has is the diversity of the area it covers, and the survey only confirms this. A couple of other things we have to consider are, it is restricted to Shelties, and we have to accommodate handlers that are starting out in their disciplines as well as the ones at the top in whatever event we put on. All this makes it difficult to begin with.

The Committee put a lot of time and effort into running the Section. Some of our events and shows are a great distance from where they live but they still travel to these events at their own expense. So my thanks go to them for all their work through the year. Also Trisha Harding for all the effort it takes producing the 'Sheltie at Work' magazine, Val Winfield for keeping the Working Section Website updated, Graham Kersey our Chief Steward at the ESSC Open and Championship Shows, Rachel Cresswell for the Agility League Website and Pat Thompson for the Obedience League Website, keeping them both updated with the results, Pam Albrow for providing soup and help at Sheltie Camp. Without all of your help the Section could not run.

This concludes my report.

Peter Lubbi, Chairman

Survey Results

Months for	Agility training	Agility show	H.T.M.	Obedience training	Camp weekend
Any	11	8	5	7	3
January	11	2	2	5	1
February	13	5	2	6	1
March	14	5	3	5	1
April	9	6	2	6	1
May	8	5	2	3	4
June	6	7	1	2	5
July	4	6	1	2	4
August	4	4	1	3	4
September	5	5	1	4	2
October	11	6	1	5	3
November	12	3	2	7	1
December	9	2	1	7	1
Out of season	4	3	1	3	2
Held in area/county					
Beds	3	1		2	
Berkshire	2		2	2	
Bucks	4	1	1	1	
Cambridgeshire	1	2	2	4	2
Cornwall	1	1	1		
Devon	1	1	1		
Derbyshire	1	1			
Dorset	2	2	2	2	
East Anglia	2	1	1		1
East Midlands	9	4	3	6	4
Essex	3	2	3	4	2

	Agility training	Agility show	H.T.M.	Obedience training	Camp weekend
Hants	2	1	2	2	
Hertfordshire	5	4	2	6	2
Kent	5	4	1	4	1
Lancashire	2	2		1	1
Leicestershire	1				
Norfolk	1	1	1	2	1
North of England	1	1			1
Northumberland	1	1			1
Nottinghamshire	1	1		1	
Middlesex	1		1		
Oxfordshire	2	1	1		
Somerset	1				
South	6	2	2	3	1
South East	2	3	3		
South West	2	1	1	2	1
Suffolk	1		1	3	2
Surrey	6	3	4	3	1
Sussex	3	1			
West Midlands	10	4	3	6	4
Worcestershire	2	2		1	
Yorkshire	1	1			1
Fairly priced?					
Yes	58				
No	3				
Not sure	2				
Just happy with SAW	66				

Awards at the 2012 AGM for points gained in 2011

Mixed Discipline Trophies

The Tony Seys Sheltie of the Year Trophy

1 st	Jean Tuck	Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill	Dog	426
2 nd	Bernadette Bay	Ag Ch Obay Itz Got Pizzazz	Bitch	295
3 rd	Liz Sadders	Obay Tiz Magic	Dog	223
4 th	Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	128
5 th	Louise Saunders	Torrighlen Trailblazer	Dog	109

The Rosemary Seys Award (Runner Up)

	Bernadette Bay	Ag Ch Obay Itz Got Pizzazz	Bitch	295
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The Moonen Shiel Trophy

1 st	Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Solitaire	Dog	17
2 nd	Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	15
3 rd	Pam Albrow	Shelridge Black Pearl	Bitch	12
3 rd	Karen Marek	Ayrpark Harry's Star	Dog	12
5 th	Karen Marek	Mohnesee's Man On A Mission	Dog	5

The Fairmead Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

	Pam Albrow	Shelridge Black Pearl	Bitch	12
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The Jarvis Plate (Junior Handler)

1 st	Kirstie Sutliff	Forestland Spring Footstep	Dog	18
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The Suky Trophy

1 st	Louise Saunders	Torrighlen Trailblazer	Dog	98
2 nd	Kerry Murray	Sherkarl Bandmaster	Dog	86
3 rd	Kerry Murray	Clanavon Clowns 'R' Us	Dog	75
4 th	Pam Brooker	Tooralie Mr Titch	Dog	71
5 th	Rosie Pearson	Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee	Bitch	59

The Stornaway Dual Purpose Shield

1 st	Louise Saunders	Torrighlen Trailblazer	Dog	111
2 nd	Jennifer Low	Forestland Flute	Dog	16

The Pixham Shield

No claims

The Knight Trophy

1 st	Karen Marek	Ayrpark Harry's Star	Dog	61
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Dukeson Memorial Rosette for Obedience and Breed

Jennifer Low	Forestland Flute	Dog	20
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Agility Trophies

The Night Shadow Trophy

1 st Jean Tuck	Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill	Dog	1946
2 nd Bernadette Bay	Ag Ch Obay Itz Got Pizzazz	Bitch	1144
3 rd Elizabeth Saggars	Obay Tiz Magic	Dog	1027
4 th Kerry Murray	Clanavon Clowns 'R' Us	Dog	466
5 th Kerry Murray	Shekarl Bandmaster	Dog	448

The Three D's Trophy (Runner Up)

Bernadette Bay	Ag Ch Obay Itz Got Pizzazz	Bitch	1144
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The Foula Trophy and the Jazzie Cup (Runner Up)

No claims

Obedience Trophies

ESSC Obedience Section Trophy

1 st Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	64
2 nd Sadie Fairs	Lavika Land of Love	Dog	54
2 nd Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Solitaire	Dog	54
4 th Teresa Davies	Samphrey Star Performer	Dog	53
5 th Karen Marek	Ayrpark Harry Star	Dog	27

The Doris Powell Memorial Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

Pat Daniels	Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn	Bitch	25
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The Hildarke Trophy

1 st Pat Thompson	Trestus Dusky Expresse OW	Bitch	13
2 nd Pat Daniels	Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	8
3 rd Teresa Davies	Samphrey Star Performer	Dog	5

The Vines Perpetual Trophy

1 st Karen Marek	Mohnesee Man On A Mission	Dog	12
2 nd Louise Saunders	Torrighlen Trailblazer	Dog	11
3 rd Sadie Fairs	Lavika Land of Love	Dog	9
4 th Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	5

The Flintstones Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

No claims

The Obedience Champion Purdy Trophy

1 st	Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	59
2 nd	Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Solitaire	Dog	51
3 rd	Sadie Fairs	Lavika Land of Love	Dog	45
4 th	Jeanette Mitchell	Shelridge Special Diamond	Dog	16
5 th	Margaret Horsfield	Tarasol Midnight Shadow	Dog	15

The Rose Bowl (Best Opposite Sex)

	Margaret Horsfield	Shaded Lady of Oldland at Tarasol	Bitch	12
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The Expresse Trophy

1 st	Teresa Davies	Samphrey Star Performer	Dog	48
2 nd	Karen Marek	Ayrpark Harry's Star	Dog	15
3 rd	Pam Albrow	Shelridge Black Pearl	Bitch	12

Dukeson Memorial Rosette for Obedience

	Sadie Fairs	Lavika Land of Love	Dog	54
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Working Trials Trophy

Lonicera Shield

No claims

It was great that so many people submitted their points for their achievements in 2011. The number of people who submitted points was twelve more than last year which is very encouraging. In total 33 people submitted points and it was a fairly even split between those claiming for Agility trophies and those claiming for Obedience. There were two handlers who claimed for both disciplines. No one claimed for the Grades 1-2 Agility or Working Trials trophies. It would be nice to give these out next year! Please be aware that you have to be a member of not only the Working Section but also the ESSC to claim many of our lovely trophies.

Being new to the job it was lovely to see how well all the Shelties had done over the year. Congratulations to all of you and good luck with your Shelties in 2012!

Rhoda Burdett
Trophy Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Year ending 31st December 2011

I am pleased to be able to report that the Section has had a successful year, making a surplus of £325, following the two previous years' losses. Obviously the running of the Section is not about making a profit. It is for the benefit of the members and therefore an occasional deficit for individual events that members can ultimately benefit from should not always be seen as a bad thing.

Naturally, running at a continuous deficit cannot be sustained. It is therefore pleasing to see that the decision to focus on Sheltie Camp, the Agility show, Obedience shows and one training day per year has allowed the Section to consolidate, hopefully for the benefit of the members in the future.

Many thanks must go to all who have organised, helped, volunteered and judged at these events. In particular thanks must go to the trainers at Sheltie Camp for volunteering for the weekend, enabling the event to run with a surplus. The Agility show also continues to run successfully, and thanks must go to one of our members for their generous donation that has helped allow a show of this size to be what it is.

Finally, many thanks must go to Indira for the hard work she has put in during her time as Treasurer and the immaculate state of the accounts that she has provided.

In conclusion the auditor was happy with the state of the Section's finances for 2011.

Matthew Burdett

Hon. Treasurer

Income & Expenditure Account, Year Ended 31st December 2011

<u>2010</u>		<u>2011</u>
£	<u>Income</u>	£
336	Surplus from Trading Account B/D	164
10	Subscriptions	0
(1784)	Training Days – Income	(1633)
<u>(1841)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(1152)</u>
-57		480
(1079)	Agility Show – Income	(1350)
<u>(1127)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(1142)</u>
-48		208
147	Donations	203
1	Bank Special Deposit Interest	1
0	Current Account Interest	0
(629)	Sheltie at Work Magazine – Income	(690)
<u>(514)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(637)</u>
115		52
152	Raffles	124
<u>0</u>	Sundries	<u>0</u>
<u>646</u>	Total	<u>1232</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
158	Donations & Presentations	27
123	Purchase of Equipment	0
208	Postage, Stationery & Telephone	271
182	Spring & Ch Show Expenses	189
68	Hire of Hall & AGM Expenses	73
0	Subscription to parent body	0
242	Sundries	246
	(Petrol, Engraving & Ag League Rosettes)	
100	Auditor's Payment	100
<u>-435</u>	Surplus/Deficit for Year	<u>325</u>
<u>1036</u>	Total	<u>1232</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2011

<u>2010</u>		<u>2011</u>
£		£
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
1106	Cash at Bank – Current Account	1505
2656	– Special Deposit Account	2657
468	Resale Stock at Cost	343
0	Sundry Debtors	0
<u>10</u>	Prepaid Expenses	<u>10</u>
<u>4240</u>		<u>4516</u>
	<u>Representing Accumulated Fund</u>	
4626	Balance at 1st January	4191
<u>-435</u>	Surplus/Deficit for year as per Income/Exp. Account	<u>325</u>
<u>4191</u>		<u>4516</u>
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
<u>49</u>	Income Received in Advance	<u>0</u>
<u>4240</u>		<u>4516</u>

Trading Account, 31st December 2011 (2010)

	£		£		
Opening stock 1.1.11	468	(616)	Sales	363	(611)
Purchases	75	(127)	Closing stock	343	(468)
Surplus C/D	<u>164</u>	(336)			
	<u>706</u>	(1079)		<u>706</u>	(1079)

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Working News Update

The Committee is pleased to see so many E.S.S.C. members and their Shelties taking part in the working disciplines in increasing numbers. Our dogs love to work as they have an inbuilt intelligence and desire to please their owners. They can turn their paws to just about anything we teach them. As I write, Crufts which started on March 10th has just ended and our Agility Show on March 6th acted as a taster of things to come.

Obedience

At the end of October we held our Obedience Training Day at Grazeley, which was well attended, with 17 dogs and handlers at all levels. Domini Allday was our trainer for the day and her method of reward-based training seemed to suit all our dogs. We were pleased to welcome our section founder Rosemary Seys' daughter for the day with her Sheltie Zhivago. She told us that Rosemary had just celebrated her 98th birthday! We send her our best wishes. Everyone seemed to go home happy at the end of the day, having learned something new about training.

The E.S.S.C. Championship Show with 5 Obedience classes was held in October and we had a good entry, with lovely sunny weather on the day. We saw a number of new entrants this year. Those who went home with a red rosette were:

Pre-Beginners – Gaby Recker & Magic Monty vom Erklelenzer Land
Beginners – Gaby Recker & Magic Monty vom Erklelenzer Land
Novice – Miss M. Pettit & Franmead Fleck of Markit
'A' – Miss M. Pettit & Lirren Reddy Magic of Markit
'B' – Pam Albrow & Shelridge Black Pearl

The Obedience classes at the Spring Show at Brackley, Northants had to be cancelled when only the judge and two competitors braved the snowy and icy conditions.

At Open shows, Sadie Fairs and Thomas, Lavika Land of Love, have won their first Beginners. Jenny Knudson and Bright star the Legacy have now won out of Pre-Beginners and Beginners. Margaret Horsfields Tarasol Solitaire has won out of Beginners, and Tarasol Moonlight Shadow and Tarasol Blue Diamond have also had several places in Beginners.

Indira Helsby and Mistmere Music of the Night have had several places in Novice as have Sue Robinson and Shelridge Distant Laughter. Pat Daniels and Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn have had 2nds and 3rds in 'A', as have Brian Olby and Milesend Sunbonnet. Pat Daniels' Kahlistelle Melody has had a win in 'A'. Pat Thompson and Trestus Dusky Expresse continue to be regularly placed in 'C'.

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme

Thank you to everyone who sends me their achievements, especially from across the water in Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands.

BRONZE Val Chapman & Tighness Three Little Words (Billy Budd)
Wendy Weston & Mountland Merry Maid (Chuckles)

SILVER Jill Henderson & Mountland Midsummer Time (Max)

GOLD Sadie Fairs & Lavika Land of Love (Thomas)
June Warnes & Mountland Mystical Maid (Vicki)
Jill Henderson & Longdells Indian Ink (Raj)

From the Bangor Dog Training Club, Northern Ireland, these Shelties gained awards :

BRONZE Curtis & Callie

BRONZE & SILVER Valerie Kyle & Robbie

Mary B & Mandy

Mary O & Lara

Gordon & Corry

Heelwork to Music

Jeanette Maggs and Kelmstone Shoemith (Whisper) have gained a 2nd place in Novice HTM and are now qualified for Intermediate HTM and he now has the title, Kelmstone Shoemith HTM N Ex.

Agility

As usual a lot to report.

Rosie Pearsons Chalmoor Mystical AW(G) has won into Grade 7 and competed in his first Championship Class in August.

Bernadette Bay and Itz Got Pizazz (Zaz) have won their 3rd CC making Zaz Agility Champion.

Nancy Hudson and Obay Tiz Zensational (Zeki) have won their 2nd CC.

Rhoda Burdett and Chandling Ebony Charge (Brodie) have won a Reserve CC.

In the Agility Club Annual Awards Amanda Rodgers with Carolkimiles Phoenix Lad won Medium Grade 5 and Elizabeth Saggars with Obay Tiz Magic (AWG) won Veteran Handler.

Four Shelties have been chosen by the Kennel Club to represent Britain at the World Open Agility Championships in Belgium in May.

They are:

Lian Knight with Blenmerrow Sizzling Star (Sizzle) (300 division)

Marilyn Adams with Peartbrook Pot of Gold (300 division)

Bernadette Bay with Ag.Ch. Obay Itz Got Pizazz (Zaz) (400 division)

Nancy Hudson with Obay Tiz Zensational (Zeki) (400 division)

CRUFTS 2012

We have lots of Shelties in the various disciplines this year.

Obedience Rings

Pat Thompson with Trestus Dusky Expresse will be showing how it is done as part of the Obedience Demonstration Team in the Activities ring.

In the Inter-Regional competition Margaret Horsfield with Tarasol Blue Diamond (Blue) is working Beginners for the Western Team, and Mary Morgan with Pillow Talk (Ellie) is working Novice for the Northern Ireland and Isle of Man team.

In the Obedience World Cup competition Gaby Recker and Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land are representing Germany in the German Team.

Agility Rings

Eleanor Balchin and Sheldray Smoke On The Water are in the Medium Singles Agility competition and Sophie Balchin, her daughter, with Heidron Shine on Little Moon is in the Young Kennel Club Small Agility competition.

Nancy Hudson and Obay Tiz Zensational are in the Medium Singles and the Medium Agility Championships competitions.

Nicola Garrett and Ag. Ch. Obay Truly Driven are in the Small Singles, Small Agility Challenge and Small Agility Championships competitions.

Bernadette Bay and Ag.Ch. Obay Itz Got Pizazz are in the Small Singles, British Open Small, Small Agility Challenge and Small Agility Championships competitions.

Amy Lawson and Ag.Ch. Millie On To One are in the Small Agility Singles, the Small Agility Challenge and Small Agility Championships competitions.

In the Agility Teams competition there is not an E.S.S.C. team this year, but we have Section members in other teams. They are: Jean Tuck and Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW in the RSCTA Rough with the Smooth Medium team, and Amy Bennett and Heidron Dream Come True for Xotica in the Donyatt Dogs Medium team.

As usual if I have left anyone out or made an error in names please let me know, and please continue to send me details of your achievements.

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Mary Ray's Ozzie (Obay Caught Red Handed)
handled by Jill Houston representing Australia
in the International Freestyle competition at Crufts 2012

Crufts Results 2012

Congratulations must go to all who competed and especially to those who took the honours. The full results are:

Agility Results

Bernadette Bay with Ag Ch Obay Its Got Pizzazz

- 1st Crufts Singles Small – Semi-Final
- 1st Crufts Singles Small – Final
- 1st Crufts Singles Small – Overall Winner
- 1st Small Agility Challenge – Part 2
- 1st Small Agility Challenge – Overall Winner
- 1st Small Championship – Agility
- 1st Small Championship – Final
- 3rd Small Agility Challenge – Part 1
- 4th Small Championship – Jumping

Karen Cole with Obay One Helluva Charmer &

Catherine Harvey with Mohnesee Mission Possible

- 3rd Medium Team North Downs Time Travellers – Semi-Final
- 4th Medium Team North Downs Time Travellers – Final

Marc Valk with Saxa Vord Aileen

- 3rd Small Championship – Jumping
- 3rd Small Championship – Final
- 5th Small Championship – Agility

Nancy Hudson with Obay Tiz Zenstional

- 3rd Medium Championship – Agility
- 3rd Medium Championship – Final
- 7th Medium Championship – Jumping

Amy Lawson with Ag Ch Millie On to One

- 4th Crufts Singles Small – Semi-Final
- 4th Small Agility Challenge – Part 1
- 6th Small Championship – Agility
- 10th Small Championship – Final
- 11th Small Agility Challenge – Part 2
- 13th Small Championship – Jumping

***Elaine August with Sendora Drama Queen &
Sharon Greenhow with Lacewood Such Magic***

5th Medium Team Letchworth DTC – Semi-Final

Amy Bennett with Heidron Dream Come True For Xotica

6th Medium Team Donyatt Dogs – Semi-Final

Jean Tuck with Myndoc Minstral For Claygill AW

7th Medium Team RSCTA Rough With The Smooth – Semi-Final

Emma Fairweather with Chanpamar Night Skye &

Linda King with Mohnesse Avanti Blue

7th Small Team Kingdom Of Fife Petites – Semi-Final

Eleanor Balchin with Sheldray Smoke On The Water

8th Crufts Singles Medium – Semi-Final

YKC Results

Daniel Croxford with Obay Truly Daniels Dream

4th Small Agility Dog Of The Year

Sophie Balchin with Heidron Shine On Little Moon

5th Small Agility

Catherine Harvey with Mohnesee Mission Possible

12th Medium Senior Jumping

Rhianna Harman with Dippersmoor Sea Sparkle

14th Small Agility Dog Of The Year

Inter – Regional Obedience Results

Margaret Horsfield with Tarasol Blue Diamond

5th Western Region Team

Sylvia May with Tramarllan Dark N Stormy

6th Scottish Team

Mary Morgan with Pillow Talk

7th Northern Ireland Team

Obedience World Cup Results

Gabriele Recker with Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land

6th Germany Team

“Sheltie Camp” Training Weekend 2012

on Saturday 12th May and Sunday 13th May
at Tillingbourne School, New Road, Chilworth,
Nr. Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8NB

Agility

Obedience

Working Trials, Fun & Games

Heelwork to Music (on the Saturday Morning)

Grooming Demo (on the Saturday Lunch Time)

Fish & Chip Supper (on the Saturday Evening on Site)

Rally O (on the Sunday Morning)

Bronze or Silver Good Citizen (on the Sunday Lunch Time)

As you can see from the list of disciplines above, we are following the same format as last year's training weekend. All of our trainers have been chosen for their understanding approach to the training of Shelties, and all have had first hand experience with the breed and the discipline they will be instructing.

Agility: This will cover basic training with jumps, weaves and contact equipment.

Obedience: This will cater from the pet dog and basic obedience up to Test 'C'. With Heelwork, Recalls, Retrieve, Scent, Sendaways and Stays.

Working Trials: This will cover basic training on how to start training fun search, and tracking.

Heelwork To Music: This will cover the eight Heelwork positions for Heelwork To Music plus moves and poses for Freestyle – a great start to get you dancing.

Grooming Demo: This is set for Saturday lunch time. We sit and eat our lunch under the trees while we have a demonstration on how to groom your dogs. This is for the pet dog as well as the ring. We have a trophy for the best-groomed dog so you will be able to put into practise what you have learnt. The trophy will be awarded after lunch on Sunday.

Rally O: Based on Talking Dog Rally Obedience, this will cover all Level 1 signs, plus some of the Level 2 exercises. There will also be a chance to practice a full Level 1 course.

Bronze or Silver Good Citizen: The Working Section will hold the Bronze and Silver Good Citizen if there is sufficient response. Each dog that participates can enter either the Bronze or Silver test, but cannot do them both.

Fun & Games: With lots of games and activities for you and your dogs to enjoy.

You can have a go at all of the above disciplines or as few as you want, the only criteria is that you and your dogs enjoy yourselves.

The cost will be:

1 dog and handler, one day	£30 members	£35 non members
2 dogs and handler, one day	£45 members	£50 non members
1 dog and handler, two days	£50 members	£55 non members
2 dogs and handler, two days	£75 members	£80 non members
1 dog and junior handler, one day	£20 members	£25 non members
2 dogs and junior handler, one day	£30 members	£35 non members
1 dog and junior handler, two days	£30 members	£35 non members
2 dogs and junior handler, two days	£45 members	£50 non members
Spectators, one day	£15 members	£20 non members
Spectators, two days	£20 members	£25 non members
Optional Saturday Supper	£8.00	

Please bring your own glass, knife, fork, spoons (desert and soup) as we will be having our supper on the venue again this year.

Handlers are reminded that instead of paying to work two dogs, you may work more than one dog but only one dog per exercise or session.

Other breeds will be welcome to attend Camp (though not to work) but must be kept under control.

The training will be from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm each day with a break for lunch. We will not be having formal stops for coffee or tea but you are more than welcome to bring your own drinks as required.

Please bring your own chairs, sunshades, wet weather gear and refreshments.

We will have three gazebos on site available for training should the weather be inclement or for shade if too hot.

There will be a Raffle, so if you have any suitable items, they will be very welcome.

Free camping is allowed on the site from 5 pm Friday evening to Sunday evening. There are various B&B facilities in the area and full details can be obtained from the Guildford Tourist Board.

Dogs can be exercised on the training field but please pick up and use the sacks, which will be provided. If you are camping there are some lovely walks in the locality.

Booking forms are available from:

Lesley Lubbi,

tel. no. 01784 258334

or e-mail: info@esscworkingsection.co.uk

Sheltie Obedience Training Day

November 27th 2011

Trainer: Domini Allday

Our day began at 9am at Grazeley Village Hall, a nice venue surrounded by green fields where we were able to exercise our Shelties. The hall was covered with rubber matting and we were warmly welcomed by Peter & Lesley Lubbi our hosts. Tea, coffee and biscuits were freely available throughout the day.

Domini Allday our trainer introduced her Border Collies and told us of her many achievements in obedience with more than one of her Border Collies taking her to Ticket, all bred by herself.

Domini said the day was about us, our Shelties and most of all learning with fun, praise, toys and treats.

As we ranged from Pre-Beginners to 'C' handlers she adapted her advice to suit our individual requirements, with the aid of our previously returned questionnaires that she had to hand.

Our first task individually was to achieve a good standard of heelwork taking a few paces at a time keeping the dog's head in the correct position close on our left leg with the lure of a treat with lots of praise, changing direction and about turns.

Next followed a retrieve, making a good fun pick up of dumbbells and getting the dog to come back into present. Domini also demonstrated retrieve by sitting on a chair making the dog present by being guided tightly in between her legs as a training aid to a sharper present, as an alternative to bringing the dog in whilst standing.

Sits and downs stays followed, with the aim of achieving a solid stay, returning to the dog and praising as often as necessary.

Lunchtime arrived and Lesley had sausage rolls waiting for us along with our packed lunches.

After lunch, recalls came first, getting our dogs to come back as quickly as possible using voice and treats with a formal present and the close on our left leg.

Sendaways came next with the help of an alley way of cones, downing the dog at the far end in the correct position, again with the help of treats or toys and running them back to make it more fun.

DC's followed for those who wanted to have a go, and again this was adapted to individual's standards.

The day came to a close leaving us richer in knowledge with new things for us to try and develop.

Personally for myself as a newcomer to the world of Obedience, it gave me hope to achieve the best that I can in this wonderful discipline.

Jackie Howe

E.S.S.C. Championship Show

22nd October 2011

Judge Gerard Paisley

My thanks to Peter and Lesley and the Committee for their kind invitation to judge the Obedience classes at this show. We had a splendid day, very well looked after, sporting competitors, and plenty of enthusiasm shown by the participants. I would recommend this judging appointment. Many thanks to Jane for stewarding, and putting me right on occasions. You did an excellent job. Graham was helpful and humorous on the scoreboard.

And to the competitors, thank you for your entries and accepting my “judgements” so readily.

PRE-BEGINNERS 12 entered and 12 competed.

1st Mrs G Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land. All the way from Germany, setting a super standard, a clear winner, and also won Beginner. Super work in all exercises. Congratulations.

2nd Mrs J Howe – Shellthorn Blue Dazzle. Gave a very good account of themselves and unlucky to meet the above. Neat heelwork and confident recall. Well done.

3rd Mrs W Ashby – Ellenmore Lady Be Quick. A confident round from this team, about turns taking the marks today.

4th Mrs B Jamieson – Mountland Mountain Stream. Handler was very encouraging to her dog throughout the test, getting a very respectable place.

5th Mrs W Ashby – Chelmarsh Finish-n-Touch. Heelwork a little loose but a lovely “never say die” attitude shown.

6th Mr M Burdett – Mountland Made in Heaven. Showing a lovely attitude this partnership might well have been higher but for the recall.

NOVICE 20 entered and 20 competed.

1st Miss M Pettit – Franmead Fleck of Markit. A very good round from this team, working well in all aspects of the test. Congratulations on this win.

2nd Mrs I P Helsby – Mistmere Music of the Night. Another pairing to catch the eye. Well motivated and well handled. Well done.

3rd Mrs K Merek – Mohnesee's Man on a Mission. Loss of position on turns being the main mark taker today. Keen and attentive.

4th Mrs M Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond (P Beg.Ex) A little forward in the heelwork meant turns were difficult to complete, but sound in other departments.

5th Mrs J Williams – Peerieglen Phoenix at Gleniewoods. Plenty of enthusiasm shown if not always accurate.

6th Mrs K Fagg – Dukeson its Calvin Klein (JW Sh. CM) This dog responded well to the patient handling and attention given by the handler.

CLASS 'B' 3 entered and 2 competed.

1st Mrs P Albrow – Shelridge Black Pearl. Good set exercises, a confident scent, added to attentive heelwork made this combination a worthy winner. Congratulations.

2nd Mrs K Merek – Ayrpark Harrys Star. This team gave a good account of themselves, fast pace proving expensive. Well done.

Judge Sue Howard

Thank you to Lesley Lubbi and the Committee for the invitation to judge at this show. It is the first time that I have been to the Kennel Club building at Stoneleigh, and was pleased to see how nice it was. Plenty of room inside, with outside rings and space to run the dogs. Thank you to Liz Davis who stewarded for me, you are always good company. Very nice lunch and presents.

BEGINNERS This class had 12 entries and 5 checked in, 5 others were entered in the wrong class!!! No-one kept us waiting even though they had breed classes to enter, so thank you.

1st Mrs G Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land. This very pleasant German lady had come over to enter her first English obedience class for experience as she will be in the German team for the World Cup at Crufts. They were head and shoulders above the rest of the class, the little dog had eyes only for his Mum. Good Luck at Crufts.

2nd Mr M Burdett – Mountland Made in Heaven. This has to be the smallest Sheltie that I have ever seen, she was so cute but apparently very naughty at times. But not in the ring today, lovely attention. Well done.

3rd Mr & Mrs Woolley – Valjon Light in the Darkness. A little bit of tiding-up of your turns will greatly improve your chances for future attempts in this class. Good luck.

4th Mrs R Burdett – Chandling Ebony Charge. Well done.

CLASS 'A' 9 entered and 8 competed.

1st Miss M Pettit – Lirren Reddy Magic of Markit. Super attention very nice work. Good stays won this class. Well done.

2nd Mrs I P Helsby – Mistmere Music of the Night. A really good round and in a very good position before stays, such a shame about the hiccup. If you get that sorted out you will be getting the red one.

3rd Miss R Kennedy – Rosias Tiger Lily at Donbeley. Another one with a hiccup in stays. Same comment as above.

4th Ms H Hicks – Myndoc Monkey Puzzle. The best 'A' recall of the day.

5th Mrs K Merek – Ayrpark Harrys Star. At 10 years old Harry was the oldest dog in the Obedience section today. Well done.

6th Mrs L Gibbs – Glensanda Garrity. Shame about the scent, you would have been much higher up the places which would have been nice for Piper's retirement.

Book recommendation

“Control Unleashed – The Puppy Program”

by Leslie McDevitt , published by Clean Run Productions

“Control Unleashed: Creating a Focused and Confident Dog” was written as a problem-solving book to help handlers with mature dogs that were having behavioural problems during canine-sport training or competition (see the review in ‘SAW’ no 65). This book is different. “Control Unleashed: The Puppy Program” is meant as “preventive medicine” for puppy raisers.

Many common behavioural problems can be either prevented or minimized by starting a puppy with good foundation training from the beginning. In addition, this book provides a programme that will help you create a puppy that is ready for sport-specific training at the appropriate age – a puppy with the ability to focus on whatever you want, for as long as you want, whenever you want.

“Paying attention” is its own skill set and teaching it should be separate from teaching your puppy more complex behaviours. Without attention, you won’t get as far as you want with all those other behaviours you’re going to teach because it’s likely they will fall apart in the face of distraction. So it is wise to teach the attention skill set as the “base of operations” for your puppy training. The attention skill set includes: discrimination skills, self-control skills, and arousal regulation skills.

The goal of this book is to get you started raising and training your puppy that you hope will grow into a working partner. This process should happen in a balanced way that lets your pup be a pup and helps you stay focused on building the bond and the trust that comes with being able to listen to what your team-mate is telling you about his needs, rather than trying to push him into a training methodology that may need some adaptation on your part before it’s a good fit for him (even if it worked great for your last puppy, or for your friend’s puppy!) That information does not come from a book, but from your puppy himself! But through the use of the stories, examples and training exercises in “The Puppy Program”, you will get some ideas and encouragement as you start this exciting journey with your pup.

Trisha Harding

Sheltie Obedience League Results for 2011

Well done to everyone who took part in the Sheltie Obedience League in 2011 and many congratulations to the class winners.

Pre Beginners

1st	Sadie Fairs – Lavika Land of Love	21 points
2nd	Jenny Knudson – Bright Star The Legacy	7 points
3rd	Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skeraq Skedarcey	6 points

Beginners

1st	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond	53 points
2nd	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Solitaire	50 points
3rd	Sadie Fairs – Lavika Land of Love	28 points

Novice

1st	Mary Morgan – Pillow Talk	33 points
1st	Sue Robinson – Shelridge Distant Laughter	33 points
2nd	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	9 points
2nd	Sadie Fairs – Lavika Land of Love	9 points

Test 'A'

1st	Brian Olby – Milesend Sunbonnet	8 points
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Test 'B'

1st	Mary Ray – Obay Caught Red Handed	97 points
2nd	Teresa Davies – Samphrey Star Performer	44 points
3rd	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Blue	10 points

Test 'C'

1st	Pat Thompson – Trestus Dusky Expresse O.W.	13 points
2nd	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle	8 points
3rd	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Blue	4 points

The Obedience League Rules are available from the website:
www.obediencesheltie.webs.com

Results can be sent by e-mail to Patsheltiethom@aol.com, or via the website or in writing/by post to me: Mrs Pat Thompson, 12 Hutton Close, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, BS9 3PS.

Sheltie Agility League Results for 2011

Grade 3

1 st	Kerry Murrey – Clanavon Clowns R Us (Medium)	1164
2 nd	Sue Rorie – Clanavon Brown Sugar (Small)	899
3 rd	Phylis Archer – Dunbrae Royal Emblem (Medium)	897

Grade 4

1 st	Janette Mitchell – Karmidale Just One Look (Small)	692
2 nd	Pam Brooker – Tooralie Mr Titch (Small)	626

Grade 5

1 st	Jean Tuck – Japaro Cool Jazz At Craygill AW(G) (Small)	4012
2 nd	Kerry Murray – Sherkari Band Master (Small)	1030
3 rd	Amanda Rodgers – Carolkimiles Phoenix Lad (Medium)	918

Grade 6

1 st	Brian Cresswell – Glencharm Nightfall AW(G) (Medium)	1489
2 nd	Amanda Rodgers – Malaroc Moving Water (Small)	798
3 rd	Mary Morgan – Pillow Talk (Small)	653

Grade 7

1 st	Elizabeth Saggars – Obay Tiz Magic (Medium)	2410
2 nd	Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel For Craygill AW(G) (Medium)	1953
3 rd	Shirley Turner/Brian Cresswell – Myndovc Mystique (Small)	1222

Overall

1 st	Jean Tuck – Japaro Cool Jazz At Craygill AW(G) (Small)	4012
2 nd	Elizabeth Saggars – Obay Tiz Magic (Medium)	2410
3 rd	Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel For Craygill AW(G) (Medium)	1953

Thanks to everyone that has taken part in the Sheltie Agility League during 2011.

Full results and how to join can be found at www.Sheltieleague.co.uk.

Rachel Cresswell

Boot Camp in Winterborne Stickland

Wed, 29 Sep 2010

Hi all, this is just a few lines to tell you how I am doing at Boot Camp.

I arrived safely in time for tea with the others, there are four other Shelties here and a Border Collie (gosh what a Sergeant Major) she can really put you through your paces!

I had a bit of a restless night, couldn't settle in my bed, I think it is a bit harder than I am used to. Anyway, eventually I was taken into the adults' room, but I still didn't rest much, I kept pacing the room. I was let into the garden at 2.30 am and then at 5.30 am an alarm went off and we were all up. Not for long though, we went back to bed at 6.00am for a while. Then it was breakfast time, I had half the amount of food I normally have but there was trout and I really enjoyed that.

After that we all got ready for the first exercise of the day, a march round the woods, I tell you it was pouring with rain and I ended up filthy dirty, however not so dirty as the one they call Pipkin, he rolled and she was annoyed with him, apparently he did it yesterday as well!

After about an hour of brisk walking we were put back in The Van and taken home, then it was time for Inspection, I tell you I had to stand while she touched me all over looking for something called Ticks, she didn't find any thank goodness, don't know what would have happened to me if she had. We were then put into The Van for a while as she wanted to vacuum and do some cleaning.

After her lunch we sat about for a while and then it was time for exercise, what fun, racing round the garden until she shouted for us all to go indoors. Then we were put on leads and taken out and this time we walked in the Boot Camp Village around a muddy field, I ask you, it was pouring with rain and I got filthy again, I will probably need a good hot bath when I get home.

Now it is time for tea, I think I am having the same as this morning, goody!

I hope I sleep better tonight because I am quite exhausted with this Boot Camp, but I think I am enjoying it.

Give my love to all, Miss you.

Lots of love, Merlin xxx

Thu, 30 Sep 2010

Hi again,

Thanks for the e-mail. I did sleep a little better last night but only after I told them in no uncertain terms that I would not sleep with the other Shelties. Anyway I got my way and slept in the adults' room, I did pace a little bit, but she just picked me up and put me next to her for a cuddle, (anything to keep he who must be obeyed happy!) cause he has to get up early whereas we could sleep in.

Well today has been a little bit quieter than yesterday. The sun has been shining so this morning I got breakfast again with trout and then we were all sent out in the garden to play. That was good fun especially with Pip and Daz, they do love to run around.

Then She said that she was going to The Gym, so she put us all in The Van and took us for a short drive into Blandford. When we arrived at the Gym she told us to be good and quiet and left us for an hour. You should have seen her when she got back, she was hot, sweating and red-faced, don't know what she had been doing but Gym must have been good!!! Nothing like Boot Camp though cause we don't get that red-faced.

It was worth the wait because she took us to a place called The Milldown, in Blandford, It is a great place to go, a bit like a park but an open space and there were loads of people walking dogs. I really enjoyed it, she was going to let me off the lead to chase the others, but then saw a big German Shepherd so thought better of it, I am glad she did, cause he was bigggg.

After the walk we went back to Boot Camp, and it was her lunch time, but she had a phone call from a friend so we all piled back into The Van and went to a garden centre in Wimborne.

Then we came home for a bit of play in the garden, she is having a cup of tea. At 5.00pm we are going to Sturminster Newton where apparently she is going to take some Agility training, she has told Daz he can have a bit of training and I am hoping that she will let me have a go. We will see how it all goes cause it looks like rain again.

That's all for now, look forward to seeing you all again soon. I will try and sleep better tonight I promise.

Lots of love, Merlin xx

Fri, 1 Oct 2010

Dear all, it's me again,

Well today has been a really boring day so far. After breakfast we were all dragged out into the worse monsoon ever, and walked for an hour and half – just in case this keeps up all day, she said!! We walked through Boot Camp Village and we were going to do The Hollow. However, just as we started off down the lane, which I might add is pretty narrow, along came a lorry, and in the other direction three single decker buses. We never get buses here except for the school run, (she said). Anyway we were in the way, typical never any buses when you want them and three come along at once! We all ran up a driveway into somebody's gateway out of the way while the lorry driver and bus drivers decided to fight it out. Nobody wanted to move, so in the end, She went up to the lorry driver and said pull up onto this driveway, ok he said, so that was soon sorted.

I thought we would go back home then, but oh no, she said come on, might as well keep going. We walked through a field, with cows in the far end and then up this hill, got to the top and she stopped and said oh dear the cows are around the gate (two fields over) not going in there, so we all turned round and went back the way we came. I was soaked, the wind was blowing and the rain was torrential. I enjoyed it and when we got home we were all rubbed down with towels so it wasn't too bad.

The Sergeant Major has a bit of an upset tummy today. Don't know why but at least she isn't bothering me!

We have been doing bits and pieces for the rest of the day. I didn't get my training last night because it started to rain so we gave up and other people started to arrive. I was going to have a go today in the garden but that hasn't happened either, perhaps tomorrow if it isn't raining.

It is still pouring here and I heard her muttering something about better get ready to go out in a minute. Not again, talk about wanting to come home, all I do here is get taken out on exercise, maybe she means shopping or something. By the way I haven't seen any sign of eyebrow plucking yet, but there is still time.

Bye for now,

Lots of love, Merlin xx

Sat, 2 Oct 2010

Hello all,

Time is passing quickly. The sun has been shining today so I spent a lot of time outside in the garden.

This morning we went to the Milldown again and I was let off my lead for a little, I tried to get the others to chase me but they said sniffing around was more fun, can't see why. Anyway, She played with me so it didn't matter much.

We did a bit of pottering in the garden this afternoon and Dazzle and I had great fun playing chase the wheelbarrow wheel.

We also tried to play weaving, but the great big shaggy Otter Hound next door started howling or baying and scared me so we went for a walk instead.

Pip didn't come though, he is confined to barracks because he has hurt his back leg, but he didn't mind because he was given a chew while we went out, also it gave him a rest from Oz because he will not leave him alone.

Apparently we have to have Tick Inspection again tonight, oh boy, will I be glad to come home!

Thanks for asking if I slept better, yes, I was taken straight in with the adults last night and the night before and I slept most of the night.

Cup of tea time now, perhaps I will see you tomorrow.

Lots of love, Merlin xx

Dave and Jean Sweeney asked me to look after Merlin (Peartbrook Blue Peter) when their bitches were in season, and I sent them daily updates of Merlin's activities.

Glenys Phillips

More Zen for Dogs

Here is something that many people don't think about with their dogs – when dogs "don't do much all week," and then have arousing and busy weekends there maybe an over-taxing component to that lifestyle. The book "Stress in Dogs" (published by www.dogwise.com) explains some of the chemical processes that take place when we over-do things with our dogs. Think of people who only go to the gym once a week and spend too long exercising. Their bodies will ache and their minds may rebel by not wanting to go again.

Dogs that are even mildly compulsive about things like working, exercise, swimming, balls, playing Frisbee, etc, are in more emotional stress than a dog that is not crazy about those things (even if it's "good stress"). When that emotional stress is combined with physical stressors, these are the dogs that can't think as clearly any more, become more compulsive and sometimes reactive because their thresholds are so low that they don't tolerate life's variables so well.

I know this sounds a little weird, but in such situations I recommend that you give your dog a vacation from the activity for at least two weeks. Over-exercise/stimulation can have adverse affects on memory and learning, but the good news is that it can be reversed by giving the dog a break for a time.



You can give your dog a "five-star health resort" vacation with massage, aromatherapy, TTouch, nice quiet walks, relaxation training, food puzzles, quiet mind-challenging games and chew toys etc, as though your dog has had surgery and has to have restricted mobility.

Or simply try slowing down for a couple of weeks and just enjoy hanging out with your dog, talking long walks together, without any pressure to perform. This can really make a difference with your relationship and help your dog relax and focus on you when you gradually start reintroducing going out in the world again.

Trisha Harding

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