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Portsmouth & Southsea Kennel Association... Keeping You In



NEWS...

The festive season is almost upon us, and you have two match nights left to qualify for the Christmas match, so please come along and take part, for those of you who have qualified for the Christmas match well done! Those newer members may like to know what we do at our last match of the year, which is held on Wednesday 10th December 08. It does not matter if you have not qualified for match of the year, you are still very welcome to attend and take part. The evening begins with a fun section we normally have six classes such as, prettiest bitch, handsome dog, waggiest tail, fancy dress (you and your dog if you are brave enough!) We then have a break and a light buffet with refreshments. The evening then continues with match of the year. Christmas match raffle tickets are on sale now, and will also be on sale on the evening. The proceeds this year will be presented to Alison Robinson, who is coming along on the evening to represent 'The Elizabeth Foundation' our chosen charity this year, some of you may already have heard of the foundation, they are a charity supporting infants and pre-school children with hearing loss, we have some great prizes so please dig deep into your pockets.

**RING CRAFT CLOSING AFTER MATCH NIGHT
10TH DECEMBER 2008 UNTIL JANUARY 14TH 2009**

Points of view: By Colin Hobbs

What It Means To Be A Committee Member Of Portsmouth & Southsea Kennel Association

Dawn and I joined the club over six years ago, as many of you know I am now Chairman, and Dawn is our match secretary. Being a committee member means giving up your time free of charge. Our duties include training at ringcraft sessions, working on the evening prior to our open show setting rings up etc, and working from 7.00am until 5pm on the day of the show, we do this twice a year. We each work to a rota members are on duty normally once a month, unless your team is on duty on a match night, then you are on duty twice, Dawn is on duty twice a month as she obviously has to be there for each match night. Occasionally someone may ask you to cover their duty too! We also have committee meetings during the year, when we again give up our time to meet together, not forgetting the AGM held once a year, when the members get to voice their opinions on how the club is run or bring up issues. Dawn also has to arrange and book match night judges, deal with correspondence relating to match nights, and keep records. She also produced the clubs website, which she updates with match night winners, photographs from our open shows, and Christmas match nights. I have found it difficult this year as I am building a house and fitting in our duties has been very difficult at times. However being a committee member of the club does have it's rewards one of those being, the huge circle of friends we have gained through showing...

What is a judge looking for?

A judge is someone who, in the opinion of the society organising the dog show, can assess the breeds before him and place the dogs accordingly. The judge will also, depending on the level of dog show, have passed certain judging examinations set by the Kennel Club, have bred and shown reasonable examples of their chosen breed. If the judge is given the honour to judge at Championship level he would have been passed by the Breed Council (or clubs) of his own breed and met all criteria set by the Kennel Club.

'All Rounders'

An 'all rounder' is a judge who not only judges his own breed but has progressed to assessing other breeds. He (or she) cannot do this until they judge at Championship level in their own breed.

Groups and Best in Show Judges

To judge a group or Best in Show is a great honour and one that is not bestowed lightly by any society. It is the pinnacle of a judge's career to be invited to judge group or Best in Show at Crufts.

Breed Standard

Whatever level of dog show, be it a Companion show or a Championship show, the judge will be doing the same thing – he will be judging the dog against the standard set down for that breed and held by the Kennel Club. If the judge is invited to assess a variety class (a class made up of dogs from different breeds) or a group, he is still comparing each dog to it's own breed standard. When placing them he will take all these considerations into account before awarding the red card. The all rounder judge is bound to have favourites amongst the many breeds owned in this country; he wouldn't be human if he didn't, however in the ring he has been appointed to give an honest judgement. If you ever feel that a certain judge is not doing a good job simply keep a note of his name and remember never to enter under him again. Judges who have a reputation for dishonest judging, or do not get a good entry from exhibitors soon find themselves without invitations to judge shows!

Training

Many years ago a judge did not have to go through the rigorous training that is required of a judge these days, there again not everyone wanted to be a judge! These days no sooner has a person stepped into a show ring than they think they are entitled to become a judge. Breed Clubs and Show Societies are encouraged by the Kennel Club to arrange seminars and hands on workshops where those interested in judging can gain knowledge from their peers within the breed. The trainers themselves have to come from approved Kennel Club lists. It is compulsory to have certificates showing that you have knowledge of conformation, ringcraft and rules and regulations. If a breed club agrees that the person is competent as a judge they will place them onto a judging list that is distributed to general canine societies. This list is used when picking judges for future shows and is also held by the Kennel Club.

Competence

Whatever the competence of the judge, and whatever the type of dog show entered, you should receive an honest appraisal of your dog on that day. The judge should be able to place the dogs in order of his judgement in each class. He should also have the integrity to ignore favouritism and never look to the other end of the lead while judging. He should also have the courage to withhold any award if the entrants are not worthy of such award



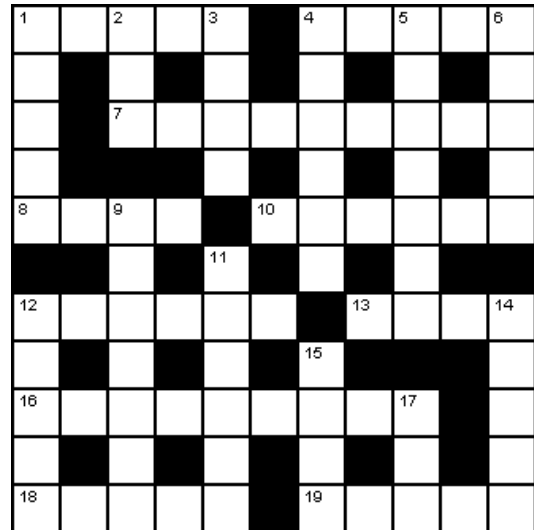
My Breed: The Pekingese

By Miss Sharon Igglesden

when i think of the Pekingese the first word that springs to mind is stubborn.. they are also fearless, loyal and strong minded. This I think comes hand in hand with the

reputation that the peke cannot walk, when in fact it can walk run around just the same as any other breed. the difference is that they decide when they want to walk. when you see one in the ring putting the brakes on ,its not that it cannot it just doesn't want to right now thanks very much, so can you just put me back on my throne! I use the word throne because I do think that the peke thinks it is royalty, you are merely there servants, to feed, exercise and care for them. A peke will generally attach itself to one person and you will be surprised by there choice. along with the reputation of a non-walking dog, there are the many health problems that the peke are supposed to have, when in fact there are no problems, its more that due to their construction they are prone to injuring certain parts, e.g. there flat face and large eyes, because there is no long nose to get in the way, if there are any arguments then injuries can occur to there eyes, usually ulcers. Because the peke is front heavy if they jump off the sofa they could put their front out.. This you simply don't let them do. They remind me so much of cats, when they go around rubbing themselves up against you or the corner of the coffee table. They are small dogs with a lot of coat, but underneath that coat is a substantial dog weighing up to 11/12 pounds .often people get a shock when they hold one of the dogs as they're not expecting the weight, this is what it should be when you judge them. Peke's come in many colours, the most common are fawn, red, brindles and grey, less common are whites, blacks creams, black and tan and parti colours, all are in the breed standard .Colours not accepted are liver and albinos, all these can come with a black or self coloured mask. Owning a peke can bring you so much joy, whatever the future may bring for me, I certainly wouldn't be without one.

Quick Crossword...



Across

1. Twelve (5)
4. Hoard (5)
7. Unaware (9)
8. Gape (4)
10. Wore away (6)
12. Birds of prey (6)
13. Notion (4)
16. Large spider (9)
18. The lowest point of anything (5)
19. Implied (5)

Down

1. Journal (5)
2. Menagerie (3)
3. World's longest river (4)
4. Secret or hidden (6)
5. Bustling (7)
6. Abated (5)
9. Placed a bet (7)
11. Thinner (6)
12. Consumed (5)
14. Proficient (5)
15. Female relative (4)
17. Part of circle (3)

History of Dog Food

Up until the 19th century, hunting dogs and sheep dogs often ate a bread meal composed of wheat, barley, or rye. They were offered meat on rare occasions as this was considered an optional part of a dog's diet. During the 19th century, meat symbolized status among people in industrialized societies and dogs began to eat meat as a result. The very first dog food was a dog biscuit produced in England in 1860. James Spratt, an American electrician visiting London, thought he could do better and formed his own dog food company. Thereafter, several U.S. companies entered the dog food market. After

World War I, commercial dog food markets added horse meat to their products. The 1950's saw the introduction of dry pet food. Today, we have a wide variety of commercialised dog food available to the pet consumer.

Tips for Showing Your Dog

Know your breed well.
 Know the proper way to show your breed.
 Train your dog and get him in his best condition.
 Work hard to be a good groomer.
 Make it fun. The dogs that are most successful have a good time.
 Show your dog to the best of your abilities.
 The best handlers literally disappear in the ring so they're unnoticed..

Crufts 2009 dates: 5th -8th March

at the NEC Birmingham. You may order tickets online: www.theticketfactory.com

Or tel: 0844 444 9944 (£13 adult £9 Child concessions for OAP's students & disabled). If you want to see Best In Show book early there is an additional £17 to pay. Please note that unfortunately **NO DOGS**, other than those that have been invited by the Kennel Club and Registered Assistance Dogs, are permitted into the show. If you are new to showing it is a great day out.

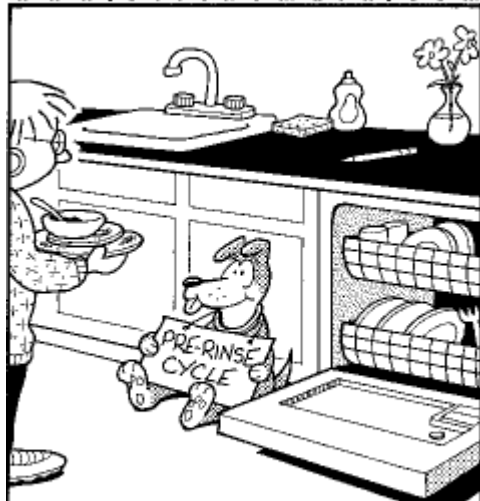
Day 1. Terrier & Hound.

Day 3. Gundog.

Day 2. Toy & Utility.

Day 4. Working & Pastoral.

off the mark by Mark Parisi



Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits

- 1 ½ cups water
- ½ cup oil
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 tsp. Vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup cornmeal
- ½ cup oats

Blend wet ingredients together. Whisk dry ingredients together and mix into wet mixture to form a ball of dough. Roll out and shape. Put onto a non-stick cookie tray or lightly greased one. Cook 20 minutes at 400 F. Turn off oven and allow the biscuits to cool in oven until crisp and hard. Store in airtight container.



Match Night Judges

October 29th 2008

Mr Tony Williams Jrn: Tony breeds and shows English bull terriers, he also judges and competes at championship level.

November 26th 2008

Mr R Cobb: Mr Cobb breeds and shows boxers, and is a member of the boxer club committee.



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