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Practical Pooches Ltd

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Special points of interest:

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- Summer training
- Fun days and shows
- Wolf walks
- Helpful recommendations

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Second Edition Pooches Pages

Welcome back to Pooches Pages - after a long break!

This newsletter is designed to give you, our clients some useful information in relation to the company, class schedules and some helpful hints relating to seasonal or topical issues and generally keep you informed of what's going on with Practical Pooches Ltd.

The motto of our company is "Practical approach to dog training. Practice makes progress". We also want to ensure that dog ownership is fun for both the owner and the dog!

Additionally we're dedicated to ensuring all our owners are responsible for the actions of themselves and their dogs and so we also have a focus section on the community and local issues.

Company Update:

We've expanded over the last 6 months; taking on 2 new members of the team - wel-

come Emma and Stuart, both of whom do dog walking.

Stuart also provides Gundog Training classes.

We've opened new classes at new locations so please re-view our Training timetable in this edition to see what is available & where.

We've also been working hard with the National Dog Warden Association (NDWA), the Kennel Club and Hart District Council to bring in the Practical Pooches Community Scheme - more details can be found inside this edition.

Good Friday we held what we hoped would be a Fun Day - it ended up being a very WET DAY - a huge thanks to those who braved the weather to join us for soggy food & fun!



Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Sandy Lane - Field Rules

At Sandy Lane we have an enclosed secure area with areas set up for agility and close working and seating available, for those weary dog owners after your agility run! Toilets are also available on-site.

We have a limit on the number of dogs we can train on-site at any one time, so pre-booking is essential.

Additionally we have some Club rules that all owners must agree to adhere to, for

everyone's safety and enjoyment.

These are:

- Do not let any dogs off lead without instruction from a trainer.
- Keep dogs under control at all times.
- Children must be supervised at all times
- Do not approach another dog without permission from the owner
- Dog mess must be collected and placed in the bins provided
- NO SMOKING in the field area - please dispose of butts in bins
- The trees are protected, please do not climb or damage them
- Keep the gate closed at all times, Police Dogs use this site too!

The rest of the fun days this year will be "weather permitting".

Keep in Contact:

We value your feedback, so please contact us via the website

www.practicalpooches.co.uk where you can "contact us" and your email will be directed to our team. We'd like to hear any suggestions or things you'd like us to focus on for you.





Paddy in action at Agility & try-outs at the fun day.



Astrid winner of the Fancy Dressed Dog at our October Fun Day

Summer Training Schedule

Hall Classes

Saturdays - Ash Vale

£6 per session or block of 6 for £30

10:00 Puppy Foundation

11:00 Puppy/Bronze Kennel Club Award

Tuesdays - Church Crookham

£6 per session or block of 6 for £30

19:30 Obedience Bronze Award

Field Classes

Friday - Sandy Lane

£10 per session or block of 6 for £48

14:00 Obedience

Saturday - Sandy Lane

£10 per session or block of 6 for £48

13:00 Puppy/Beginners

Bronze Kennel Club Award

14:00 Intermediate/Advanced

Silver/Gold Kennel Club Awards

Field Classes cont

Sunday - Agility Sandy Lane

£6 per session or block of 6 for £30

10:00 Beginners Level

Sunday - Gun Dogs Sandy Lane

£xx per session

13:30 Gun Dog Training

Block bookings are for consecutive weeks and can be purchased from the trainer on the day or in advance.

Social Walks / Alternatives to Classes / Fun Events through the Summer

Social Walks

£5 per session

Wednesdays - Evening walk

Thursdays - 14:00 start

We're offering social walks of limited size to enable you to meet with other dog owners who are part of the club and who want to walk their dogs as a group.

We vary the location on a weekly basis to enable you and your dog to experience different sites, smells and distractions.

The trainers are able to assist with areas you feel uncomfortable with when out walking your dog - such as meeting strangers or other dogs.

Duration is approximately 1 hour. Please book in advance for directions.

Runaround - Dog Park

£8 per session or block of 4 for £28

Exclusive use of the site for 45 minutes for you and your dogs. No limit on number of dogs and it's time just for you and them to do what you want.

Fun Days (weather permitting)

25th July

31st October

19th December

11.00 - 14.30 at Sandy Lane

£5 per adult - children and dogs free

Proceeds to Charity - see our Charity section

Activities to include:

Doggy Darts, Agility, Fly Ball, Dog Games and a Raffle

Shows where Practical Pooches will be participating:

17th April - CREW Funday - Quetta Park

16th May - Calthorpe School

10th July - Fleet Carnival

Wolf Walk for PPL:

26th June 10am start - please book with Sam.



Charity Section

Last year we helped raise nearly £2,000 split between Breast Cancer Campaign & Support the Grenadier Guards in Afghanistan.



This year we're continuing with our efforts with a Pink Pooch Appeal for Breast Cancer Campaign and we're also raising funds for St Mary's Church where we hold our puppy classes as they are doing excellent work for the community & are very doggie friendly.

We'll be holding Blessing Walks - where we'll walk our dogs and then come back to

the Chapel, Ash Vale where the Rev Neil Lambert will be providing a cups of tea / coffee and a quick blessing for our dogs & their health and happiness in the coming months - it's just a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

For those who are in the parish of Ash Vale you'll see our editorial entry in the next Parish Magazine.

Monies raised via our Fun Days will be added to our fund for this years charities and we'll keep track on our website on how well we're doing.

The Cowboy & Indian sponsored walk last year was a big hit. And a huge thumbs up to the excellent dressing up for our Fun Day which went in both directions - Pink for Breast Cancer and Halloween themed!

Watch this space for more images from this years fun days!



researching the cure

"Please thank all those involved for their support. I'm pleased you enjoyed fundraising!"

Angela (Community Development Manager)

Practical Pooches Community Scheme

We've been working closely with Hart District Council, the NDWA and the Kennel Club to gain recognition for our Community Scheme. This aims to bring a new education scheme to the area targeted at those owners who break the lay through ignorance, misunderstanding or merely by having a negative attitude towards responsible dog ownership.

This scheme relieves some of the pressure from Dog Wardens, reduces the number of

potentially dangerous dogs on the streets and we hope it will reduce the number of dogs needing re-homing as the dogs are re-trained rather than abandoned.

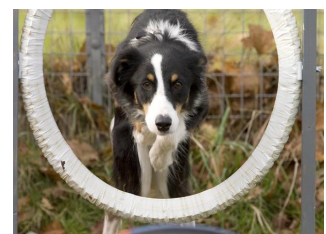
Those that are willing to train and correct their dogs behaviour will be able to achieve their Good Citizens Award status and potentially continue into other areas of training.

Rather than getting a fine or a court order imposed for a dog to be muzzled in public this

scheme aims to change the owners attitude and realise that many of their dogs faults are due to lack of training, incorrect signals from the owners or just the wrong exercise or games!

If you're interested in finding out more about this scheme please speak to Sam directly or contact us via the website.

**"Going away?
Don't like kennels?
Speak to Sam
about home care"**



Giving your dog the right amount of exercise or focus based on its breed is vital for having a happy and contented pet. Ed has come a long way from his nervous puppyhood and now really enjoys agility and games for his Collie genes!

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Practical training

Recommended by Practical Pooches Ltd:

For all your doggy supplies, including Cortaflex and Arden Grange why not visit PK's Pet Supplies, 217 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 8ED. 01252 627707

Grooming a problem? Visit www.pamperedpooches.co.uk. Pam is based in Ash Vale and also available on 01252 692413 / 07876 223312

Once groomed - fancy a snazzy photo? Contact our photographer Ann for a personal visit, her website is www.annstebbing.co.uk.

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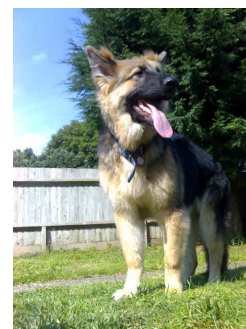
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Practical Pooches Ltd is a fun Dog Training Club, based in Fleet covering the surrounding local areas.

We are a company dedicated to providing dog owners with the skills and tools to enable them to get the best from their dogs and ensure their dogs have a happy and fulfilled life.

For more information about all the areas we cover, our FAQs and general news about the club please log onto our website.

If you ever think dogs don't enjoy freedom or a place to just be themselves - look at our **twelve** year old LH Siberian Husky and think again!



Charlie is one of Sam's dogs and he really enjoys a good walk!