



Wolfie Our Rally-O Champ!

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Accredited member since 2009



Notice is hereby given that the Dog A.I.D Annual General Meeting, will take place on Sunday 16th September at Furzebrook Village Hall, Poole ,Dorset at 10am. All are welcome to attend.



**Autumn Workshop and AGM
September 15th & 16th
At
Poole, Dorset**



**Training venue
Furzebrook Village Hall BH20 5AX**

**Saturday September 15th
Open to 'in training' teams and trainers**

'How do you do that?'

A look at various training methods to improve the level 1 & 2 exercises, focusing on lead work, distance stop/down and food refusal. Other areas considered on prior request

**Sunday September 16th
Open to all
AGM 10.am
Followed by**

A demonstration and workshop of **Heelwork To Music** by Mo Aegerter and her full Assistance Dog Breeze

Mo aims to show that wheelchair users can compete with the able bodied in this up and coming sport and also how much it has helped in the training for the assistance work that Breeze does. There will be an opportunity to participate and try some of the moves. Open to all levels including Full Assistance teams.

Accommodation at

**The Barn, Holton Lee, East Holton, Holton Heath,
Poole, Dorset BH16 6JN**

Website: www.holtonlee.co.uk

Holton Lee is a very disabled friendly accommodation with over 10 accessible rooms. Dog A.I.D will subsidise one nights B & B for all clients in training and trainers.

All other costs to be met by the client.

For further information about the workshop please contact the office
general_admin@dogaid.org.uk or 01543 899463 NOT directly to Holton Lee.

Page 3 Girl Molly Blossom

Molly-Blossom is a Cocker Spaniel just 1 year old. I first had her when she was just 7 weeks. I fell in love with her the first day I saw her. I went to view the litter and was welcomed by a wonderful breeder who had mothered and loved her litter of 6 puppies. The breeder had named each puppy by a Spring flower in her garden at the time when they were born. Blossom was the one for us! We bought her home and named her Molly-Blossom. She has joined our house with an older Cocker Spaniel Toby and my twin boys who are 13 years old.



Molly became the love of our life and our baby of the family. As she grew with us the roles have become reversed and now with the help of Dog A.I.D. has become my loving shadow and my assistance dog in training. She has helped me from the moment she was allowed outside at 3 months old and has adapted well to all her new environments and experiences together with me.

We have been with Dog A.I.D. for 6 months training with our committed trainers Midge, Lorraine and Linda. Molly has transformed my once lonely homebound life following a car accident 3 years ago which left me with a Traumatic Brain Injury. My main problems are with balance, walking, short-term memory loss and sensitivity to daylight. These together made life outside the home very difficult as I felt so vulnerable in the outside world with too many people, noises, movement and my balance made me look like a thunderbird puppet! Since having Molly-Blossom she always walks on my right and I can follow her paw-steps guiding me in the right direction. Having her by my side my balance is perfect and has given me endless amounts of confidence and independence to be able to venture out freely.



Molly loves going to training and loves learning with her clicker. I know she thinks it's all a game and she loves every minute of it and we adapt what she learns in class at home. She has enabled me to go out and enjoy my love of photography and we have had many lovely trips together. She has become a patient four legged photographers assistant! At the moment she is problem solving with puzzles and loves all three puzzles we have and the rewarding treats when she finds them!

I am enjoying each stage of her growing and maturing into not only a beautiful dog but a talented assisting dog and most of all my relationship with her. She opened my world up and her love for me, my boy's and Toby is unconditional. We are so grateful to have found Dog A.I.D. and with your help she has become my shadow and will in the future assist me more and more.

Molly-Blossom and I are going to do all we can to help this Charity Dog A.I.D. which is run by dedicated and caring volunteers who give up their time to help Molly and I. We want to give back in other ways what you have given us. We can't thank you enough for all for the marvellous work each and every one of you does to run Dog A.I.D. and help educate and teach us the clients with our dogs.
Thank you Dog A.I.D. *Kendra O'Shea*

If you need more Raffle Tickets -

e-mail erica@dogaid.org.uk

1st prize Digital Camera with zoom lens

2nd prize £50 cash

3rd prize Tony and Guy Hairdressing voucher.

NEW JACKETS FOR FULL ASSISTANCE DOGS

We are delighted to introduce our new dog jackets for qualified teams. The jacket is a smaller style than our previous jacket so we hope it will suit all breeds and sizes, especially our smaller dogs!



The new jacket comes with printed logos, so no more bulky badges. The fastening should suit all clients as it is Velcro. Direct feedback is welcomed. The jacket supplied should be the only Assistance jacket/coat/harness that the dog wears. If a client has specific needs they can submit a special request to the office for the committee to consider.

DOGS IN TRAINING

When Dog A.I.D. had fewer clients in training it was easy to provide jackets for the different stages of training. This is no longer the case and we feel that the amount of money invested in several jackets for one dog and in various sizes is not cost effective. We will no longer be offering 'in training' jackets. Instead a lead sleeve can be obtained from the office once the dog has passed it's Level 1 assessment.

There is now a new policy on jackets for dogs in training. This policy has come into effect because of the growing number of clients who are using jackets/harnesses that are deemed by the Executive Committee to be inappropriate whilst on the Dog A.I.D scheme.

New Policy for jackets, coats or harnesses worn by dogs in training.

*Clients in training may **not** use any type of equipment on their dog whether jacket, coat or harness or other that has the word 'Assistance' or Assistance Dog, or 'Assistance Dog in Training' on it.*

*Clients in training may **not**, by design, logo, attachment, decoration, or any other objects **imply** that the dog is an 'Assistance' or 'Service' dog.*

*Clients in training may **not** use the words 'Assistance Dog' or any other words in a manner that **implies** that the dog is an 'Assistance Dog' until the dog has passed the Level 3 Assessment.*

Clients in training should abide by the access guidelines as laid out in the Dog A.I.D. workbooks and policy documents.

Contravention of this policy may result in the termination of any contract with Dog A.I.D.

Dogs In Training *continued.*

It is understandable that clients often feel the need to make the public aware that the dog is in training; this is where the lead sleeve is useful. Some clients ask for a jacket with wording, asking the public to 'ignore' the dog. In reality our experience is that the moment you put a jacket on the dog with the words 'do not distract, dog in training' it becomes a magnet for all dog lovers! The dog lover wants to know, 'Is it a blind dog?' (Obviously meaning Guide Dog) or 'Is it a deaf dog', (meaning Hearing Dog), few understand that a dog can assist it's owner with useful tasks! I know that this interruption of your progress can be tiresome at times; however, I would like clients to put a positive 'spin' on this issue! Never miss the opportunity to have a 'training session'. Ask the dog lover if they would like to assist you in a little training exercise, ask them to stay at a short distance until you have the dog sitting and then instruct them to greet the dog whilst you the client rewards the dog for remaining sitting, they will be soooo thrilled to be able to 'help'. The next thing is to change the situation into a PR op! Offer a leaflet (available from the office and small enough to have in your bag or pocket) briefly tell the 'dog lover' what Dog A.I.D. is and suggest that if they would like to help us further then they can go to the website (address on the leaflet) and make a much needed donation! One of 2 things will come out of this, you will either have made a new supporter of Dog A.I.D. who will say hello each time they see you, or, they won't bother you again in case you want a donation!!!!

As our charity grows and the use of social networking spreads news of our existence, we are more and more in the public eye. It is important that all trainers and clients either with fully qualified dogs or those still in training, act as good ambassadors for Dog A.I.D. With that said, can I please encourage you to direct any feedback you may have regarding Dog A.I.D. to me (Sandra Fraser), your trainer or a member of the committee, using social networking sites such as Facebook purely as a promotional and social tool. Thank you.

A Special Thank you to Sally Allen

Sincere and special thanks must go from Dog A.I.D to Sally Allen who for many years has been the person who has kept the charity in dog jackets. Sally has worked tirelessly on the jackets providing bespoke sizes for the many and varied dogs that have become Assistance Dogs. Sally has done this as volunteer often covering costs of thread tape and postage. For all of her time and effort we wish to thank Sally wholeheartedly. With the number of dogs now going through the scheme we now have a manufacturer who will provide our new jackets with our logos printed on them. This will now give Sally more time for herself and her long standing Assistance Dog Monty.



Crufts 2012



It is over 18 months ago now when, between the Trustees and the Fundraising Committee, Dog A.I.D. embarked upon preparing for our first appearance at Crufts 2011. With what seemed like little breathing space after our first encounter, September was upon us and it was time to apply, and start preparing for 2012. Following on from the success of 2011 it was decided for this year to apply for a larger stand, hopefully in a more prominent position, and capitalise on the increase in public awareness that we had gained from both Crufts 2011, and, throughout the year, through the continued growth of supporters and fundraisers.

The slightly larger stand granted, albeit in the same place as last year, enabled us to give a lot fresher and less cluttered appearance to our presentation. It afforded more room to allow the public better access to the stand whilst accommodating 3 staff including a client with an Assistance Dog. The cost of the stand was considered a worthwhile loss leader in raising the profile of Dog A.I.D. Key items were selected for sale on the stand to attempt to recoup some of the costs but this was not the primary aim. Emphasis this year was placed more firmly towards projecting how Dog A.I.D. is different to the other member organisations within Assistance Dog UK, how we are totally dependent upon volunteers and fundraising support. Our presentation consisted of the use of a TV to show a themed promotional CD and the 'Dogs Do the Cleverest Things' DVD, coupled with laminated photo prints showing our Assistance Dogs, with particular emphasis on dogs working. It was considered important to present an overall professional image to attract people's attention to the stand in the first instance. The idea was to integrate presenting what Dog A.I.D. was about, how it operates and the benefits afforded by our clients in the work that we do coupled with the key objective to promote and obtain financial support from the public in the longer term.

It had been agreed that no special stock items would be purchased for sale for Crufts in order to minimise overall expenditure and capitalise on the existing stock assets. However, an enamel supporters badge was developed as an additional item to complement the existing inventory of Dog A.I.D. goods both for Crufts and future major events in the forthcoming year. All our items are of course available for purchase throughout the year by using our online shop on our new website www.dogaid.org.uk

Preparation between December and March concentrated on consolidating our leaflet design image, with a new fundraising leaflet being introduced to demonstrate the needs and methods by which supporters can contribute financially. This complements the Fundraising Committee's recent work in producing a new fundraising pack now available to those who wish to seriously consider getting more involved in running different fundraising events or wish to join one of our fundraising teams.

Given the time scale pressure, from hearing our application had been successful in December through to the deadline of March, there was considerable tenacity shown by the limited team in its co-operation and support of the work to be undertaken. Approximately 300 man hours was committed in the preparation leading up to the event and 200 hours of attendance over the 5 days, including stand setup by the team and other volunteers.

Day minus 1 arrived and Sandra Fraser, Diane Brassington, Erica & Alan Bennett and I arrived at the NEC on the Wednesday afternoon to setup. Our thanks must go to the trainers and clients that provided additional support during the 4 days and contributed considerably towards our successful presentation and interaction with the public.

Public attendance seemed lower than last year which probably contributed to the fact that we gained little more in income despite the larger stand which was a little disappointing. However, overall it was considered a sterling success, with a bonus being that contacts were made with other organisations and people that would benefit Dog A.I.D.'s future fundraising and funding support in the longer term. *David Marter Fund Raising Manager.*

Remap **making things possible**

Have you heard of Remap?

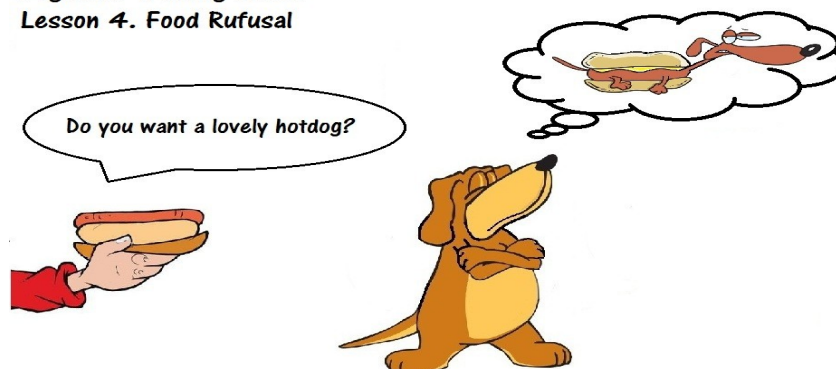
Remap is a national charity working through local groups of skilled volunteers to help people with disabilities achieve independence and a better quality of life.

We make or modify equipment when nothing suitable is available through mainstream sources.

Items are tailor-made to be suitable for individual needs and to make a real difference to people's ability to rise to a particular challenge and achieve something not otherwise possible for them.

This charity was suggested to us by a friend of Dog A.I.D. We contacted them for a client who has difficulty fixing the lead to her chair. Remap is in the process of helping with this problem. What a wonderful charity this is. Look on their website www.remap.org.uk they may be able to help you.

Dog A.I.D training class:
Lesson 4. Food Refusal



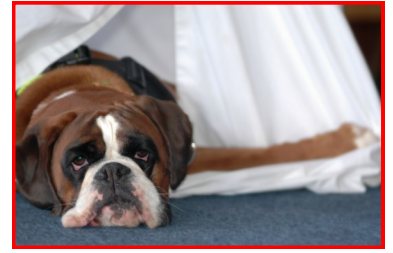
April Workshop Report

What a Brilliant Two Days. *by Rachel Nickeas*

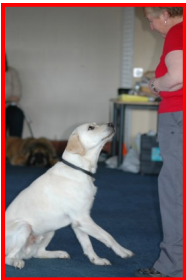


Darwin learning to relax among all the distractions of other dogs and people

It was with great trepidation that I arrived for the first day of training in the Sports Hall on Saturday 14th April. I had all sorts of fears. Would I be so bad they would take away the Level 2 award that was recently given to me and my Labradoodle Darwin? How wrong could I have been! Everyone of the Dog A.I.D. Staff was welcoming and supportive. All the training for the dogs was of course from a positive stand point AND the way the staff worked with me the client was so positive. I was encouraged and things were explained so thoroughly that I lost most of my nervousness and tried new things with Darwin.



Meggie the boxer says 'I can do 'relax' too!



I learned some very basic knowledge and some advanced skills work.

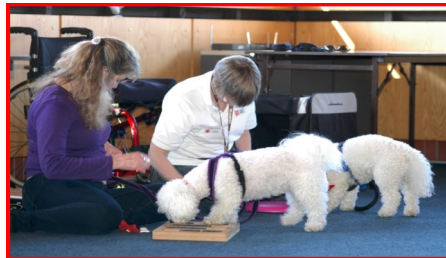
Going—going —gone!!
Sandra demonstrating how to get a dog down on one command with voice only.



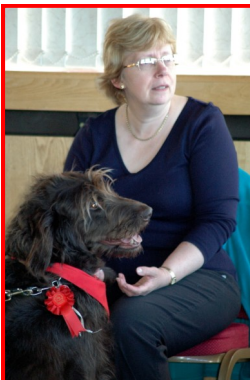
Darwin loved his time there learning new tasks and being praised so much. He and I were absolutely exhausted by the end of Sunday

It was also great to meet other clients to see how they were coping with their dogs and what sort of tasks their dogs helped them with. Other fellow clients were welcoming and friendly which helped me to relax. I discovered other clients experience the same problems as me and I learnt several pointers talking with them.

Harry and Lily practising using their nose and paws in preparation for task work



The dogs are playing with dog games keeping the 'fun' in everything they learn.



My trainer Julie came with me and it was so valuable to spend two full days with her where we had so much time working together in a quiet and safe environment where challenge and support for both of us was available. I will certainly try to attend other training days that are put on and will go with more confidence and less anxiety. I would thoroughly recommend that any client that hasn't been able to attend, or like me were too anxious to go, try it, it's great.
Thank you everyone who was there.
Rachel and Darwin

*To all those concerned;
Karol Reader wishes to express her thanks to everyone who helped when she suddenly became ill and was taken to hospital at the end of the workshop. Karol was discharged later that evening and reunited with Lily*

Roll of honour

Raised their paws to support our cause

Our grateful thanks to all who have

August 2011

Mo Aegerter's friend Barbara Pointer from DITTO Dog Club £50.

September 2011

Judith and Roger Powell, Seaford E Sussex, £100,
Elaine Pattinson cared for dog Millie when they went on holiday

October 2011

Kate Ring Capable K9's and Hillside Farm Organics, Redruth, Cornwall £161.86. Collection tins and sale of harnesses and dog food.

Fido DTC, Angela Pitman, sponsored walk in August, £544.

Mary Lewis of Lymington, Hants, a small donation for help and advice from Erica at the office.

November 2011

Mrs M Austin of Gravesend, £295 in memory of late husband, Frederick Austin, in lieu of funeral flowers

Angela Orris, Trent Park Agility Club, London N14, quiz night £75.00

Karol Reader, £25 sponsored walk in the park, £155 doation in payment for Elaine Pattison grooming Lily. Elaine gives her grooming service as a donation to Dog A.I.D.

Brownhills Theatre Group £100 donation

Pace 2000, Erica, Jodie and Buddy did a talk

Cannock Conduit Trust, grant for £400 towards second office equipment

December 2011

Jane Day, Bank of England, £140 raised at an afternoon tea event

2 x CAF donation payments from Miss Satu Jaatinen, one of £40 and one of £25

January 2012

Staffs County Council, Patrick Corfield, £250

Newcastle-under-Lyme Rotary Club, £100 a talk given by Diane Brassington.

Annette Newton, Cannock £50

February 2012

Sheila Legg-Smith, South Eastern Dog Training Society, Annual Christmas Party £275.30

Farnborough Dog Training Club £53

March 2012

Mark Pooley, Lowestoft DTC., £300 (following the AGM their members voted to award us £300 to use however we see fit)

Anonymous donor £100 donation – to be added to Caroline Lewis's ASDA Market Drayton collection total, £252

Colette Adams, staff and customers of Lyn Fleet's hairdresser donated £41

Fido Dog Training (Angela Pitman), £65.80

Sarah Williams, £20 via PayPal

April 2012

Keith Warwick Talk at a ladies group £30, also £200 Search and Rescue workshop in Knutsford, Cheshire.

Eastbourne Sponsored walk £600 so far.

Tapping into Talent

Do you enjoy making things, any handicraft items would be welcome for sale at our events ?
Have you a service that you could offer to get a donation for Dog A.I.D. ?

Thank you to Hazel Reynolds for making our bandannas and cosy clickers.

Fund Raising in the South East



**Raise your
Paws &
Support our
Cause**

Mary's House Party was a great success and raised £703. Many thanks to all those involved. Sadly Mary can no longer help with fund raising but we wish her well and thank her for all her past efforts.

A talk was given to the Bexley Macula Disease Group and raised £60.

November 12th we attended the Abbey Quilters Group Exhibition organised by Carol James the tutor who is passionate about the work she does and inspires everyone with her enthusiasm. They raised a huge £1,000. This group of ladies are so talented and produced some superb work including a 'group' quilt which they all contributed to and then raffled on the day. Carol has retained a collection box and is continuing to collect at her classes. Many thanks Carol and quilters!

(Tip picked up at this event; entrance by donation, it raised more than a fixed fee as people are far more generous)

December 3rd Craft and table Top Sale raised £660. A special thanks to John and Elaine Oxley and all the Swanley Scouting fraternity for continuing to support us by allowing the use of the hall free for training and fundraising.

Dec 9th Mo Aegerter & Midge collection box at Tesco Hailsham £333 and where Mo made contact with Hailsham Rotary Club which led to a promotional talk (see below) and the Eastbourne Walk. So far this year ;

Talk at Hextable W.I. £77.

Carol and Steve Beaman held a coffee morning and raised £206

January 21st Talk by Mo Aegerter with her dog Breeze at Hailsham Rotary Club £250

Jane Day had another 'Tea and cake day' at the Bank of England to celebrate St Valentines Day. raising £130. This resulted in a further £371 from the bank honouring it's promise to match any fundraising done by employees. Wow!! What a great lot of friends we have.

March 5th talk at the Civic Offices for Bexley retired council employees £71.

April 22nd Sponsored Walk at Eastbourne Sovereign Harbour organised by Hailsham Rotary Club. *see report on next page.*

Coming Events South East

June 23rd Lecture by Ben Hart an Animal Behaviourist. He will base his talk on shaping and phasing out treats. Proceeds to Dog A.I.D. At Scout Hall Hextable Gds, College Rd Hextable Kent BR8 7LT Tickets £15 from Midge Walster 01322 667058

July 8th Strawberry Tea 12 - 5pm Plot 2 Black Horse Farm, Crouch Lane, Borough Green Kent TN15 8QL

Sevenoaks Dog Awareness Week beginning July 30th we will attend two days, see below.

Monday 30th July at Swanley Town (pedestrian) Centre (outside Asda), Swanley Kent. 10am - 1pm

Tuesday 31st July at Wellfield Recreation Ground, Hartley Kent 10am - 1pm.

September 4th Talk at Swanley Prefoil Guild Orpington Kent

September 22nd & 23rd Paws In The Park Denton Maidstone ME14 3JF 9.30 - 5pm

November Craft and Table Top Sale date to be confirmed.

Coming Events Stafford

July 15th Disability Awareness day Walton Hall Gardens Warrington

Eastbourne Sponsored Walk

We would like to thank Hailsham Rotary Club for their kindness in allowing Dog A.I.D. to join the sponsored walk on 22nd April. Although this was ostensibly for Guide Dogs the organiser Brian Holmes allowed us to join them under our own banner for Dog A.I.D.

It was a beautiful day with glorious sunshine from start to finish, how lucky were we!! There were nine walkers representing Dog A.I.D. We have been invited back next year so we hope to have even more walkers and sponsors. Well done and thank you to all those that took part and especially those that sponsored us. So far we have raised almost £600 not counting those that sent money on the text giving button on the website.



A close neighbour of mine Mrs Helen Gander, kindly took a sponsorship form for the Eastbourne Walk to 'collar' a few dog walkers on the Cuckoo Trail whilst walking her own Chocolate Labrador.

The total gathered was £13. Not a huge amount you may think but, £2.50 was from Helen herself and £1 each from Daughter Rebecca (13) and from Son Joseph (9).

I had asked if Helen would like to pop in on the 'girls' (Breeze and Topaz) whilst we go to a wedding and as this means disrupting her whole Bank Holiday Sunday night agreed a deal of £30. Sorting out the details of their care today, she refused this payment as Sunday is a day of rest (they attend chapel as a family each Sunday morn) and therefore the £30 could not be accepted and was to be donated to Dog A.I.D.

So there you have it, £34.50 from the Gander family added to the walk.
Mo Aegerter



My name is Helen Neal and I am Midge Walster's granddaughter. My Nan played a really important part in bringing me up and you can imagine her dismay when I went against everything she has always fought for and believed in, when I suddenly came home with a puppy without any planning, consideration or research into the breed. I had no idea how much my life was about to change and OMG. it did. I went from a 'sleep in all day, house always tidy, out at weekends and work all week girl to — up at crack of dawn, out walking all the time, cutting down my working hours, a very messy house and losing my partner!!! However my Nan helped me so much by giving advice, teaching me about routine, training and equipment I would need. I knew I had let my Nan down badly, but now I totally understand her love of dogs and her concern for their needs. My Teddy is my world. I really wanted to make Nan proud of me and I thought what better

way than to help and support the charity that she dedicates her time to. I feel very proud to have raised about £250 on the Eastbourne sponsored walk for her much beloved charity and have done it with the new 'man' in my life, my little soul mate Teddy. I totally get the importance of dogs now especially when they are trained and even more so for people who are disabled; they can be a huge support in so many ways.

The 3 Peaks Challenge



Saturday 1st October 2011, time 15:45, the start of our 24 Hour 3 Peaks Challenge.

The challenge;
to climb the largest mountain in Scotland Ben Nevis, then drive 6 hours to the Lake District to climb the largest mountain in England Scafell Pike, then drive just over 5 hours to Wales to climb the largest Welsh mountain Snowdon.

Climbers Steve Burrage, Richard Prince, Lucy House. Driver Jackie House.

After 2 hours 56 minutes at 18:41 we reach the summit of Ben Nevis, we have 30 minutes of daylight remaining so we have to really get a move on.

At 20:51 we reach the bottom of Ben Nevis, the descent took about 30 minutes longer than we had hoped, this was due to the darkness and being very slippery in the rain.

Five minutes to get some dry clothes on and go to the toilet then in to car to drive to the Lake District.

We arrive at Scafell Pike at 03:04. It is pitch black. Sun wont be up for another four and half hours yet. NIGHTMARE!

Scafell Pike is a very dangerous mountain on a good clear day, let alone in the pitch black with gale force wind and freezing cold.

06:13 we reach the summit. It took 3 hours 9 minutes. Should of done it in 2 hours 30 min, but got bit lost in the dark.

08:19 back down.

We are about 1 hour behind schedule, all down to the extreme challenge of doing it in the dark.

12:41 we arrive at the foot of Snowdon. That gives us 3 hours and 4 minutes to get up and down Snowdon to do it in 24 hours.

Half way up the weather takes turn for the worse. Visibility is non existent, very windy, very cold.

This slows us down and we reach the summit at 15:14.

This gives us 31 minutes to get back down.

Reach the bottom at 16:30 Total time 24 hours 45 minutes *Steve Burrage*

Thank you Steve and friends for raising £200 on this amazing feat of endurance.

Pembrokeshire



Caroline is a vet and partner of The Oak Veterinary Group here in Pembrokeshire. My business has strong mutually supportive links to the practice and has had for several years and through this they have learnt about Dog A.I.D. Caroline also knows my own dogs well through their various ailments and also treats Dog A.I.D. client Kate White's Bichon Frise Matilda. Kerri Bee

Just to let you know that I completed the Dublin marathon on Monday in 4 hours and 46 minutes, despite torrential rain for the last hour! It was an amazing first (and only time) experience – much tougher than I thought it would be in the earlier stages. I had some great support from my family and friends. I have about £500 sponsorship. Caroline

GRAND THEATRE FETE BLACKPOOL



On Sunday 27th November 2011 the Fylde fundraising group ran a stall at the Grand Theatre Christmas Fete, thanks to the kind donations of local business and also members of the Agility group run by Billie Jenkinson a Dog A.I.D. trainer. We raised a brilliant amount of £455.79 on the tombola stall not bad for just 6 hours, in addition to this we had enough prizes left to do a local church fete and boosted the money to a great total of £545.79, and we still had some tombola prizes so Billie had a Christmas party and invited all the agility clients to her home and we finished off with an amazing total of £630.09 and what makes it so good is we had great fun doing it. We are going to do it again next year if the Grand Theatre is having another fete. I have already booked the local Church for December and we are also doing a cake stall at Easter.

All this is in addition to the weekly fundraising we do at agility and rally obedience, making cakes and selling them, some weeks we do more than others but we are always trying to raise funds and promote awareness of Dog A.I.D. we have donated in 1 year over £1100.

The hardest part of any fundraising is to find willing volunteers but our little group consists of just four, Billie our trainer, my husband Laurence and myself the client but without a shadow of doubt the best fundraiser is George our dog, he just sits there looking gorgeous lapping up the attention. I am very proud of him, he is only 2 years old and shows so much maturity so many people just want to see him and talk to him. *Anita Castellina and George..*

Dog A.I.D. National Strawberry and Cream Tea Week July 1st to 8th

This is your opportunity to help raise funds for Dog A.I.D.
The event can be as elaborate or as simple as you want it to be.

BBQ with
strawberry
desserts.

Pick your own
Strawberries to sell.

Make Strawberry
jam to sell.

A strawberry tea in
your garden for one or
two friends.

Coffee morning for
those who prefer it.

For posters to advertise your event get in touch with the office. Details on back page.

Thank you to our new Newsletter sponsors.

Dog A.I.D. would like to thank our sponsors at Natural Instinct for giving us this much needed support, particularly in this time of recession.



Website www.naturalinstinct.com phone 01276608500

On the internet, you will find a great deal of discussion about the pros and cons of what is known as the "BARF" (Bone and Raw Food, or Biologically Appropriate Raw Food) diet.

We at Natural Instinct have first-hand knowledge of how a raw diet can improve the health of your dog. We have a Welsh Terrier called Maggie, and over the last few years she has suffered numerous skin and ear problems, resulting in many visits to the vet at a cost of thousands of pounds. We have tried every treatment known, including a course of steroids, which caused her to bloat, turn grey and appear to age overnight. The last vet we saw thought the only cure for her ear problems was an operation that would ultimately have left her deaf.

However, after some research, we discovered the BARF diet, and decided to feed her only food that she would have eaten in the wild and to eliminate all wheat from her diet. We were surprised at how much "junk" food we had been feeding her, without thinking of the effect it was having. When was the last time you read the label of a tin of dog food?

We therefore started to feed her raw meats, bones, vegetables and fruit. The transformation in her condition was amazing. Within days her infection started to improve and her ear infection cleared up. After a couple of weeks, it was like she was a new dog.

Using our background in preparing food for humans (we had previously run a number of cafes and restaurants), we decided to develop the Natural Instinct brand, to help improve the health of all dogs. We only use human grade meats and no fillers, additives or preservatives. We also include Scottish salmon oil and kelp to provide essential nutrients.

We are confident that your dogs will appreciate the raw diet too – try it for a few weeks and see! Research has also shown that feeding raw can extend your dog's life by over 130% - who would not want that for their family pet?

Meet the team at Natural Instinct



From top to bottom, left to right:

Sue (sales), Anthony (wholesale), David (Director), Michael (Director),
Blou the Rhodesian Ridgeback (Chief Food Tester)

Dog A.I.D. Merchandise for Sale

We still have a few DVD's left , 40 minutes of fun and ideas for you or your children to watch £5.

We are hoping to do a follow up with more clips of your dogs working , doing new tricks or just something endearing or funny so get those cameras at the ready and submit any footage to Sandra .



Squiggle Pen £1.50



Car stickers, wording is Dog A.I.D. Supporter £2.00



Cosy clickers £4.50



Dog A.I.D. Bandannas £4.50



Canvas shopping bag 18inches x 15inches £3.99



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Montage greeting cards 5 in pack £2.75 all one design



Reflective dog leads with trigger hook. large £13 medium £11

Every penny counts

Send for a Penny Pot label and stick it round an empty coffee jar to save those pennies hanging around in pockets and purses. You will be surprised how quickly the jar fills



Blank greeting or notelet cards, 4 in each pack consisting of 2 designs picturing Dog A.I.D. dogs working or playing. Sample shown ,one of 12 packs. View on our website shop to make your choice. Price £2.50 a pack.

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1st prize Digital Camera with zoom lens

2nd prize £50 cash

3rd prize Tony and Guy Hairdressing voucher.

We hope you will sell as many as possible.

Achievements



Level One Good Companion

Amanda Coleman and Milo Trainer Delia Graham
Chantelle Rea Bradley and Ruby Trainer Lyn Fleet
Carol May and Logan Trainer Deborah Coles
Sue Alcar and Rolo Trainer Elaine Fairhurst
Jo Unitt and Bonny Trainer Julia Fletcher
Edward Williams and Ebony Trainer Sandra Fraser
Karol Reader and Lily Trainer Midge Walster
Helen Barton and Ade Trainer Deborah Gornall
Tracey Davidson and Billy Trainer David Marter
Janet Burns and Brodie Trainer Elaine Fairhurst
Sandra Cooke and Hugo Trainer Angela Woodhouse
Barbara Edmondson and Meg Trainer Lyn Fleet
Caroline Haji and Mac Trainer Elaine Fairhurst
Anne Moore and Philip Trainer Kerrie Bee
Claire O'Brien Ellington and Chester Trainer David Marter
Catherine Pilkington and Roxy Trainer Elaine Fairhurst
Eluned Plack and Merlin Trainer Angela Pitman
Lorraine Tilston Brookes and Poppy trainer Sarah Stirling Ash



Level Two Advanced Good Companion

Gina Ayling and Sky Trainer Jude Mc Dermot
Edward Cox and Max Trainer Carol Court
Rachel Nickeas and Darwin Trainer Julie Wassell
Maureen Wakeman and Storm Trainer Carol Court
Denise Baker and Ozzie Trainer Deborah Gornall
Margaret Hood and Penny Trainer Hazel Reynolds
Mike Tasker and Mischka Trainer self
Becky Troke and Poppie Trainer Carol Court

Level Three Final Certificate

Jyana Steel and Layla Trainer Elaine Brooks
Gina Ayling and Sky Trainer Jude McDermott
Ajax Kone and Bruno Trainer Jeanne Price
Ted Cox and Max Trainer Carol Court
Jodie Griffin and Buddy Trainer Sandra Fraser
Rachel Nickeas and Darwin Trainer Julie Wassell
Mike Tasker and Mischka Trainer Self

Ceremony of Remembrance November 11th 2011



I wondered where to go for 11am today then got diverted and it went straight out of my head. I had something to do in Oxford Street and then decided to go for a walk in Hyde Park. That was when I discovered that there was to be a memorial service at the Animals in War Memorial. So Phoebe and I attended. It was very moving. Celia Kemsley and Phoebe

It is said that over eight million horses died in the First World War whilst the huge numbers of mules and donkeys that have lost their lives serving in wars is continuing, as mules are still serving the British Army in Afghanistan.

Dogs in action in conflicts detect mines, run messages (particularly in WW1 trenches), dig out bomb victims and, of course, act as guard and patrol dogs.

Pigeons were used to send messages and other animals have been used for a variety of things; cats to keep down rodents and provide companionship, elephants, camels, oxen and canaries.

The Animals in War Memorial in Park Lane, London, was unveiled in 2004, the 90th anniversary year of the start of World War I. This year Phoebe and I attended the ceremony of remembrance on 11 November. Also there were three magnificent horses (and their riders) from the Household Cavalry, a mule wearing the full British Army packs and a handful of dogs.



There were ten readings – I suspect I wasn't the only one to shed a tear. 'A Cavalry Charger's Appeal' (read by Steve Goody from The Blue Cross) did it for me. Other readers included representatives from the RSPCA., The British Mule Society and the Dogs Trust, whose Chief Executive, Clarissa Baldwin (she who came up with the slogan 'A Dog is For Life, Not Just For Christmas'), read 'To the War Dog' by Christopher Dion.

TO THE WAR DOG

To the memory of silent footsteps
That beside us once did fall
We pause but for a moment
And in reverence do recall

For the hand that held the leash
They served our country well
Therefore we who do remain
Will their stories ever tell.

Some did come home
Along with us, tails held high
While others left empty collars
And in foreign soil now silently they lie

They are forever our guardian angels
Clad in soft and coloured fur
As present now in our hearts
As they ever and always were.

Wolfie and Mandy competing in Rally-O



Wolfie (front cover) showing off his Rally-O trial rosettes. Mandy says;
'Wolfie got an ace (the highest rosette) in his first attempt at a Level 2 rally trial on Monday, then later in the day at the rally awards presentations he was, much to my surprise, awarded 7th place in the Level 1 national rankings for 2012 for points gained at rally trials over the past year - not bad going seeing that I only get to fairly local trials. Last year Wolfie gained 10 ace rosettes, an award of excellence, his Level 1 title, his Level 1 champion and a team ace rosette. I am so proud of my little man.'

Well done Mandy—from Dog A.I.D. We are proud of you both.

Choose the name for your Newsletter

The Dog A.I.D. Newsletter has been part of the charity since the beginning. It has developed year on year and now seems the right time to give it an appropriate name.

The suggested names are;

Paws 4 Independence, Aid and Antics,	Paws Ability, Heads and Tails,	Paws 4 Thought, It's a Dogs Life,	Wagging Tales, Wag Mag.
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Look on the website and vote for your choice.

We need you to be an active part of the Newsletter. Without your input it wouldn't exist.

We have approximately 200 members, a mixture of clients, trainers and supporters all who have a story to tell. This is your place to show off your dog working, resting or playing. This is the place to highlight your trainer or for trainers to show how well their client has progressed. We need reports and photos of your fund raising efforts , from the penny pot collectors to the mountain climbers

We are constantly looking for good clear photos to put in the newsletter, also to use for posters and the calendar. The Newsletter is part of our promotional face along with the website so we need to make it appealing and interesting to catch the eye of possible sponsorship so please make an effort to contribute.

Dog Assistance In Disability

Providing access to dog training for people with physical disabilities, enabling them to train their pets in general obedience and in specialised tasks which will help them lead a fuller and more independent life.

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The Aims of the Charity *The training and instruction of dogs to act as efficient and safe companions and assistance dogs for people with physical disabilities. To train and educate people with physical disabilities in the proper and safe use of dogs. To provide such additional services and facilities for the relief of people with physical disabilities as the organisation shall from time to time deem fit.*

Objectives

1. To provide access to dog training for people with physical disabilities.
2. To educate people with physical disabilities how they can best care for their dog in relation to their disabilities.
3. To educate people with disabilities how they can create the best bond between themselves and their dog.
4. To ensure the dog is well socialised in relation to the environment it is to live and work in.
5. To help people with disabilities to train their dogs in basic control both inside and outside the home.
6. To help people with disabilities train their dogs to carry out specialised tasks in order to assist them to manage their disability in everyday life.
7. Where it is required to seek rights of access to individual shops and institutions.

Sports Girls - Elsa, Eva and Poppy.



*Left to right is Elsa, Eva and Poppy.
Poppy is Lorraine Tilston Brookes 3yr old Leonberger*

Elsa and Eva do this move in their heel work to music routine, but I thought it would be a good move for Poppy to learn in her assistance work if she needs to step onto something to reach up higher and pass something to me. It is another trick her sister and niece have taught her!!

Elsa and Eva belong to Lorraine's trainer Sarah Stirling Ash who works her dogs in Heelwork To Music.