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Newsletter
Spring 2017

News from clients, fundraisers & supporters
of Dog Assistance in Disability



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Suzie Potter & Peppa
Toney McCabe & Archie
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Geneve Muckell & Poppie
Jill Doran & Minnie
Joanne Deakin & Indy
Julie Minshall & Bramble
Kenneth Thomas & Bobby





employee, Kate, has been a godsend, Kate is working on grant applications but as a good team member has been covering some of Ann's work while she has been off sick. We should be back to full strength in the next couple of weeks.

Crufts was another success, thank you to all the clients and trainers who helped on the stand, without you we couldn't do it! The addition of Professor Elemental was a great attraction bringing the crowds to the stand. The demonstrations were, as always, outstanding and people were amazed by how well the dogs worked.

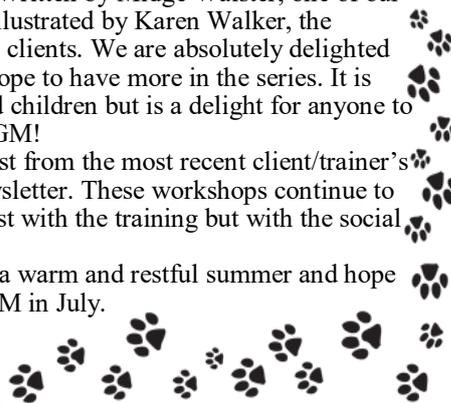
The number of dogs gaining full Assistance Level has been a triumph over the last year; already since January we have assessed 5 with 2 more imminent passes.

Some of you may be aware of the launch of our book 'Red and Mr Jay'. This has been several years in the pipeline and at last has been published. Written by Midge Walster, one of our retired trainers and illustrated by Karen Walker, the mother of one of our clients. We are absolutely delighted with this book and hope to have more in the series. It is aimed at school aged children but is a delight for anyone to read. See it at the AGM!

You will see the latest from the most recent client/trainer's workshop in the newsletter. These workshops continue to help so much, not just with the training but with the social aspect of the charity.

I hope you all enjoy a warm and restful summer and hope to see you at the AGM in July.

Sandra Fraser



The charity continues to go from strength to strength, it's often hard to keep up with all that is going on.

Some of you may have been involved in the walk organised by The Peekaboo Trust. The Kennel club facilitated this walk by asking that one dog of each breed be represented. It was held all over the country and our Ann from the office took part with her Bavarian Mountain Hounds, well done to Ann for your contribution, you and everyone else who took part helped to raise the amazing amount of £100,00. which was divided between the 7 ADUK charities including Dog A.I.D. The photo (page 14) shows the cheque being presented by KCC representative Mr Bill King, client Tony McCabe with Archie and their trainer Marketa Braierova were there to receive it along with yours truly!

We continue to be thankful to all those who fundraise for us throughout the year, everything is of value to the charity.

The office remains very busy, the recruitment of a new



Remembering
Ebony

ED'S NOTE ...

Welcome to the new look Spring 2017 issue. Lots to report in this issue There's a round up of Crufts and some great photos of the event, details of the up coming AGM, a lovely story from Sandie's adventures to Canada, some of your dogs experience a 'Pet Blessing', Lily to the rescue helping Brian keep his job and as always some wonderful FUNdraising stories.

If there is anything you think could be included in our next newsletter, please get in touch, until next time

Lynn Stacey



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Annual General Meeting 2017

Avon Business &
Leisure Centre
Cannock, Avon Road,
Cannock, WS11 1LH

10.30am

July 29th

~10.30 ~

Welcome & Coffee

~11.00 ~

Dog Fancy Dress competition!

Parade, photos and prizes

~12.00 - 1pm ~

Lunch

All dietary requirements will be catered for.

~1pm ~

AGM

If any client or trainer has anything they wish to bring up at the AGM under 'Any Other Business' it would be helpful if you could send in an outline or subject to be discussed so that we can allot a time to this in order to run to time as far as we can.

~2.00 ~

Brain Games for dogs

Peta Brandwood will show you how to keep your dogs entertained, all will be able to participate.

~3.15 ~

Tea and feedback

Anyone wishing to use the hall for the evening for a social event should contact Avon Business and leisure on 01543 468507 for availability and cost.



All Welcome
the AGM is for all clients, qualified and
in training, trainers and supporters.

If you wish to attend the AGM, please email the office on general_admin@dogaid.org.uk

A list of local hotels will be sent to those wishing to stay over.

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You
Know?

Dog A.I.D. patrons are...
Roger Jefcoate CBE, DL
co founder of Canine Partners & Medical Detection Dogs
Steve Leonard BVSc MRCVS
Vet & TV personality





WORKSHOP DATES ...



Autumn Workshop for Clients & Trainers

September 9th & 10th 2017

Stoke Mandeville Stadium
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 9PP

SATURDAY 'Hello!'

Meet and Greet!

How to handle your dog in public faced with wanted or unwanted attention.

Threshold greeting

How to cope with visitors to the house.

Task training

Opening and closing doors.

Leadwork

Basic skills and beyond.

SUNDAY

Ttouch workshop with Marie Miller

Relax with your dog whilst learning new skills from Marie.

There will be the ever-popular challenge course, designed by the trainers, to give everyone the chance to put their new learned skills into practise.

There will also be the opportunity for 1.2.1 support on any particular tasks and skills which individuals feel they need help with.

The weekend is for clients & trainers. The venue has 50 fully accessible hotel rooms, Dog A.I.D. will subsidise 1 night bed & breakfast, all other requirements to be covered by the client.

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Trainers' Workshop

October 7th & 8th 2017

Stoke Mandeville Stadium
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 9PP

For new and existing trainers and their own dogs, limited places for those bringing dogs. Trainers without dogs are also welcome.

SATURDAY

In their shoes

Practical session with dogs and props.

A client's experience.

Assessment process - part 1.

Favourite tricks and tasks - practical.

Focus exercise - practical.

SUNDAY

Assessments - Part 2 discussion and practical.

Off-lead work - Share and learn.

Assessments - Part 3 discussion and practical.

Book now so you do not miss this event

So that you can try to fulfil your commitment with Dog A.I.D. to attend at least one workshop over a 2 year period, the charity are now in a position to subsidise accommodation, breakfast and lunch and as a gesture of goodwill we also offer travelling at 20p per mile to go towards fuel

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Lily helps Brian keep his job



I joined the British Army at 16, straight from school. After leaving the Army in 1988 I joined the Metropolitan Police at the age of 21 and I am still a serving Police Officer.

In October 2009 I had an incident as a Police Officer on duty, which left me with permanent spinal injuries. Since that incident I have had ten major spinal operations.

This obviously left me with major mobility injuries/issues and in severe pain every day. I have recently been fitted with a "Spinal Cord Stimulator", which attaches to the nerves in my back to "try" and relieve some of the pain, alongside the strongest prescription pain killers.

I am still in full time employment as a Police Officer, however in an office situation, not on motorcycles or in cars anymore! I now teach/train new recruits to become police officers. I was finding it harder and harder to stay in employment due to not being able to pick up dropped items, fetch help when I fall over due to mobility and balance issues, getting my jacket on/off, helping with putting on/off footwear and other help around work and the home.

This was when Dog A.I.D. came to my assistance, I was aware of the charity through research. For various reasons I could only have one kind of dog due to my 14 year old daughter's asthma, it had to be a Cockapoo due to their low moulting coat and also being quite small, so I could still handle the dog without it pulling me over and to be trained up to complete the tasks I required.

I knew Dog A.I.D. helped people train up their own pet dog to assist and complete the tasks they required and we applied immediately. Due to the very popular demand and lack of trainers in my area, I was turned down to start with. I was not going to stop there! Various emails and phone calls later a trainer, Kirsten, who lived some distance away, decided she would take me and my puppy Lily on. Happy days!

I attended one of the Dog A.I.D. client and trainer workshop sessions in Buckinghamshire and found it very valuable and good fun, while still learning! Kirsten worked with Lily and I and we were put in for our level 1 certificate, where I can say Lily passed with flying colours, thank you Kirsten.

We started training to reach the required standard for

level 2 straight away. I am pleased to say Midge assessed us on level 2, again we passed first time. Thanks to Kirsten and Midge.

The problems myself and Lily faced was to find dog friendly shop owners, who would allow us to practice "food refusal" and other commands in places where dogs are normally not allowed. However, we found our local supermarket and gardens centres were more than happy to assist with this.

Due to health conditions, I was unable to do as much training with Lily as I wanted to, but with the help from my wife and two teenage daughters, we continued training and in February we passed our level 3 achieving full Assistance Dog Status.

Lily comes into work with me every day now, everybody in the building of over 1200 members of staff all know her and she loves the attention she gets! Every new recruit knows Lily and love having her in the classroom while I am teaching! We have also attended an event in Clapham Common to help on the charity stand and show what Lily can do after only a few months training. We also attended an event at the Tower of London for police officers who had been injured in the line of duty.

Lily has made such a positive contribution to my quality of life, and never fails to put a smile on everyone's face!

Over the Christmas period we did some much needed fundraising for Dog A.I.D. outside our local supermarket, I received my licence to collect in the high street and with a banner that Dog A.I.D. kindly lent me we got some nice people donate as they had some spare change from all that hard

Christmas shopping!

It was hard finding time for Kirsten to visit us over Christmas as she does this all in her free/own time, she does not get paid for the training or time she gives the charity. She obviously needed a break over the Christmas break, as do all of us, dogs included!

The photos are of myself and Lily (I'm the one with a shirt and tie on!) just about to go to work, we will be attending the recruits "passing out parade" when they finish their training to show Lily off to members of the public and explain how the charity has helped me stay in employment. Lily has made such a positive contribution to my quality of life, and never fails to put a smile on everyone's face!



Brian & Lily





Crufts

The Red Army at ...

Crufts 2017... from the view of a West Highland terrier & her mum

Noisy, crowded, smelly, continually busy - all the trigger points for a dog - or so I thought, but Heidi once again proved herself to be tough as nails and not easily fazed. So our Crufts 2017 journey started. We were lucky to be staying in a small village only 3 mins away from the NEC, near but far enough to have a complete break when we left at the end of each day.

We spent much of our time on the outside of the stand rattling collecting buckets and telling people about Dog A.I.D. whilst demonstrations were taking place. Outside the stand Heidi did little examples of what she can do, much to the oohs and aahs of the crowds. She was made a fuss of frequently and had her photo taken so so many times. She enjoyed all the attention which she had in bucket loads.

Heidi's input ... We didn't spend too much time on the Thursday on the stand as we were going to visit the Westies. Well... they were all there, all being brushed, trimmed and shooshed up to make them look beautiful. We saw them in the show ring but mummy said I couldn't disturb them as they were special dogs. Well I got bored of looking at them, they weren't as nice as me so we left that ring and explored.

We met Michelle and friends at the Natural Instinct stand and I had my photograph taken so many times, but I did get a pack of my favourite sausages. Returning to the stand I sat outside showing how I could do what the big dogs were doing inside the stand and helping mummy collect lots of money in a bucket. I was petted and played with by lots of people. Crufts is fun, I enjoyed the day.

It was good meeting up with all our friends, Minnie, Tillie, Elsa, Ella, Bumble and Jake amongst them and we caught up with Dog A.I.D. news. As most of us were qualified we don't tend to see each other except at the AGM so there was a lot of catching up to do. Heidi enjoyed meeting her friends, and going out of the buildings to the grassy area and walking beside the lake to chill out for lunchtimes and then returning refreshed to talk more about our lovely charity and the work it does.

On the Saturday it was especially crowded and it was actually quite difficult to move around so we stayed close by the stand and were really busy collecting donations; although we did venture for coffee and a catch up with Sheila, John and the lovely Lucas.

Too soon Sunday arrived and we did some shopping, new scissors, a neckerchief from the Wiff Waff stall with more cuddles from the owners who love Westies and a new car harness which is really safe. Gradually the show was winding down so we decided that it was time to leave the stand and go back to our lodgings to recover.

Is Crufts actually worth going to? A whole hearted yes. Not for every client (especially if you need to travel long distances and stay in hotels) as it is so busy and there is not really anywhere to have a proper break, but to promote the charity, to meet new people and to generally have fun with dogs and dog related activities, then yes it is. We get a lot out of going as a charity but also as a team.

Dictated by Heidi and written by Margaret Russell



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Did You Know?



Dog A.I.D. was born in 1992 with a pilot scheme in the Midlands and in 1994 the first 2 teams were qualified to Assistance Level.



News from the Clients & Trainers Spring Workshop

Myself and my client, Emma and Kida, were at the client & trainers workshop weekend, it was the first time we had both been. I thought it was managed well by Sandra and the tutors, it was great for me to meet the other Dog A.I.D. trainers and no matter how qualified you are as a dog trainer you always learn something new even if just minor. I picked up some great tips from other trainers and I certainly will be using these in my classes and with my client.

The best thing about the weekend though was Emma and Kida meeting the other clients and getting tips from each other about their training and general day to day life of being in a wheelchair. Although Emma was a bit overwhelmed at the beginning of the weekend she soon felt comfortable and learned a lot and I know she made some firm friends in other clients as did Kida, who took the whole weekend in her stride.

Louise Williamson
Trainer



An insight into one of the training exercises on the workshop
Search Training for Assistance Dogs
by Keith Warwick



At the recent Dog A.I.D. client's workshop weekend at Stoke Mandeville, Sandra asked me to do some training on the subject of search

training. This is quite a complex subject, methods and requirements vary from client to client and dog to dog. It is important not to lose sight of the fact that this exercise is of great practical use. The following are my training notes which were handed to each client for future reference;

- An Assistance Dog must learn lots of skills which have a practical use to their owners.
- One important skill is the search.
- This can be for an article or a person.
- Can be carried out close to the handler or at a distance away such as another room or outside.
- The training environment is important, any slight change can have a huge effect on the dog's ability to understand what we want.
- Consider the four D's - Difficulty, Distance, Distraction and Duration as well as Generalisation.
- We want our dog to succeed as this has a positive effect on both dog and owner.
- With this in mind we must do all we can to help the dog to have the desired success.
- Take it slowly - moving on too quickly can cause confusion.

Articles

- Often named, such as "purse" or "glasses".
- The dog must be capable of searching, locating, picking up, returning, presenting and finally giving to the handler in an undamaged state!
- The desire of the dog to carry out this complex task will vary from dog to dog.
- This variance depends on several things such as the material, weight, texture, scent etc.
- Most dogs prefer soft articles as they are easier to pick up, are kind to the mouth therefore are more pleasurable to work with.
- Some dogs love to search but are less keen to return with the article, preferring instead to "celebrate" by running around with their article.

People

- Often named but not exclusively.
- The sequence is search, locate, indicate.
- Search and locate a person is fairly simple - the indication is less so.
- Indication can be bark, toy, touch etc.
- Whatever the indication, it must be clear and positive.
- At times the search for person might need to be carried out with no verbal cue.
- Tenacity is important.
- The response of the "found" person will affect the dog's early training.

I pointed out the pitfalls of using certain methods in search training, one of which is the use of food to encourage the dog to search. This might seem like a good idea and can be successful but there is a possibility that this method might hinder food refusal training and might also encourage scavenging and self rewarding. As with many

forms of training, if we include something as a "training aid" in a particular task, this "aid" has to be removed or faded later as the training progresses and can cause problems because the dog might see the aid as a high value reward, not as something that helps to achieve the desired effect.

An excellent aid is the attachment of a small toy to the article, particularly those items that dogs might not find pleasant to hold such as metal, keys, crutches, sticks etc. or delicate things like phones, remote controls etc. This is something that does not require fading. The dog learns to find the toy then later this toy is attached to the article in order to assist with picking up.

When dogs are searching, particularly for articles, their main search tool is the nose, not their eyes. This is something that we humans find difficult to understand because we search for things visually, not using scent!

I believe that when searching for an article outdoors, the dog finds it easier to locate because the scent on the article is "foreign" to the environment (as long as it hasn't been there too long) therefore it stands out. Indoors the article is surrounded by similar scents and might be disguised and more difficult to locate for the dog. Having said that, dogs are incredibly good at "remembering" scents. A good way to think of it is that a purse will smell different to a glasses case, even though they will smell predominantly of the last person that handled them.

When looking for a person, as I said in my notes, the important thing is the indication to the person that they are needed. This stimulated a lot of discussion in our groups. Again, methods vary from dog to dog and client to client. Indication methods such as a tug toy, light on the collar, bark, jump, lay down, bell ringing, were all discussed, all have advantages and disadvantages.

The idea of the sessions was to stimulate thought and discussion amongst clients and their trainers. Judging from the response I think that we succeeded. Search and scenting work is something that I find fascinating. Dogs love it! They have skills that we can only imagine. It is for this reason that we must always remember that the dog is in charge when searching, they know best, not us!
 Good luck!



Keith and his clients - Jeanette and Beinn, Janice & Elsa and Maxine with Poppy.



destination canada

Sandie tells us all about his trip to Canada in October 2016

I never thought that my flight to Edinburgh, 2 years ago, was a test to see if we could go to Vancouver! I can now say 'been there and done that'!

Let's start at the beginning. Some time ago I got my Pet Passport which took about 9 months. I now realise that all the phone calls, planning and double checking, that started in February 2016, was to make sure things would go smoothly.

We had to check about getting my special food over there (I have pancreatitis) rather than take it with us. When it came to ordering the food the supplier said they could do it but it would cost a lot of money, then my owners found out that due to restrictions we couldn't take the food anyway, it would have to be brought over there! Panic! We needed to find a vet that could get it and deliver to the hotel in time for my arrival! A few phone calls and we got somewhere – phew!

The information about Assistance Dogs going to Canada is very confusing. Speaking with the vet who deals with the pet passports, it was decided that I would go through the full vet check 3 days before flying, just to make sure they would let me in and I could get home again.

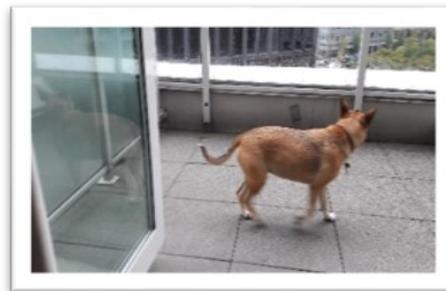
At the airport (Heathrow) it was difficult to find somewhere to have a comfort stop, we had to be there about 3 hours before our 9 hour flight – that's an awful long time. We did find a little spot and we held off going through to security check as long as possible. (We had pads with us just in case but if you're not used to going on them..!) Because Dog A.I.D. is affiliated to Assistance Dogs UK I was given a place in the cabin and a seat. This caused quite a stir and I had my



picture taken by some passengers. The cabin crew were great and were always making sure I was OK. I started off on the seat with my car harness on but then I decided the floor was better.

It was a long flight but I slept through most of it and didn't need a comfort break. When we landed a kind lady knew I would be bursting so took me outside, before we went to collect the cases. We had to go through security and a man asked if there was anything to declare – we hadn't put me on the form, we were told we should have! It was nice to get in the taxi and get to the hotel, it had been a long day.

Great! my food was waiting for me and there was a little park just opposite so I could have a bit of a stretch before turning in for the night. Next morning I had a stretch on the balcony where I could see the little



park, had breakfast and then off to explore. Vancouver is very large, very noisy and very busy. I was proud to wear my Dog A.I.D. jacket as lots of people wanted to know about it and what I did. Two blocks down from the hotel we found a nice park, right by the water called Coal Harbour Bay. During our stay we went there most mornings and evenings. It was great I could go off lead and there were some great smells. One evening a lady told us that Skunks and Raccoons had been seen so watch out as they spray you with an awful smell if you upset them. I

had never seen one before but the next night there was this strange black and white thing with a big bushy tail. I was moved away just in time! I found out it was a Skunk and I had had a lucky escape, it would have meant lots and lots of baths to try and get rid of the smell. Two evenings later I had an encounter with what I now know was a Raccoon. This time I scared the Raccoon as I had my orange flashing collar on and my blue light up ball in my mouth.

I think this next excursion was preparing me for what was to come later. We went on the cable car up to the top of Grouse Mountain. It was quite foggy so the view wasn't too good and I couldn't come off lead as there might have been bears around! There would have been lots of places to explore but never mind.

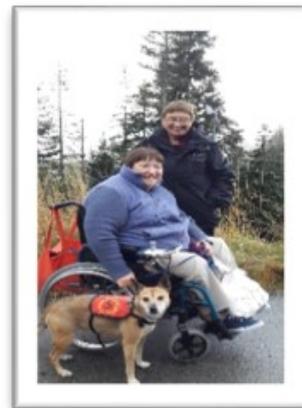
The new experiences and adventures kept coming. We went on a ferry to Bowen Island to see friends and enjoyed Canadian thanksgiving at the Little Red Church.

It was a lovely day, really sunny and lots of new people to greet. In the evening we caught the ferry back from Snug Cove. Its only a 20 minute journey so no time to get sea sick.

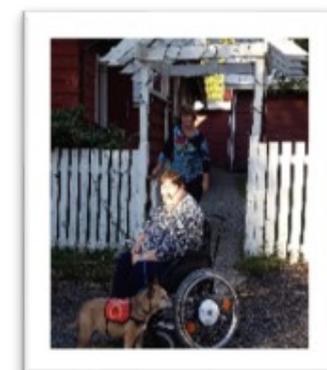
Our next adventure was the Sea to Sky ride at Squamish. The ride goes up the mountain which is nearly 3,000 feet high.



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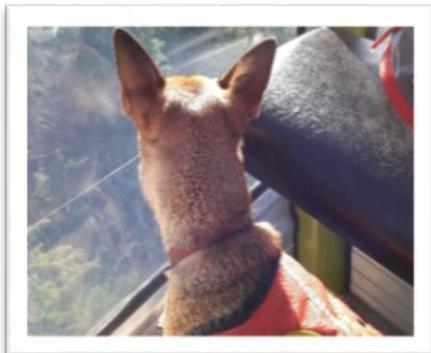


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It was OK in the gondola until we nearly got to the top and then I just had to bark to help my ears, then I was fine. It was really funny seeing the ground disappear, but when you get to the top, wow what a view, not a place to play fetch!



All too soon our trip was coming to an end and it was time to return to England. I can't say I was looking forward to that long flight. Vancouver airport departures has some really nice carvings and this Jade Boat looked great. A very nice lady took me for a comfort stop before we boarded which was really good as arriving back at Heathrow Terminal 3 there was nowhere to go.

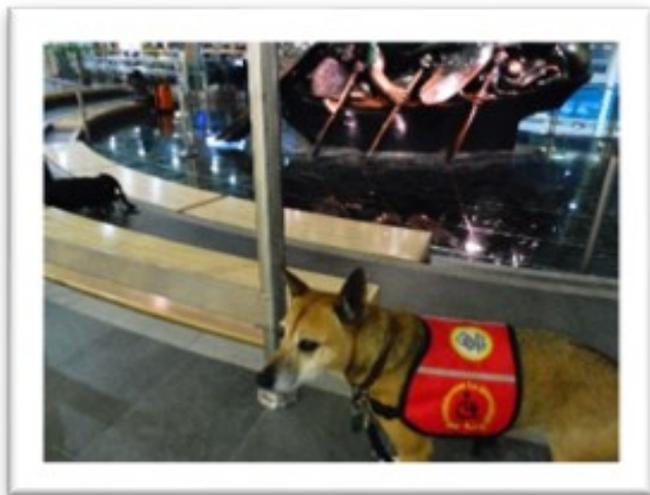
Before we got off the plane someone from the Animal Welfare department came to check our papers. I had been taken to a vet in Vancouver to make sure I was fit to travel back and then had to take the vets report to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to get a travel document. This was at the airport so we went on the Sky Train. The Animal Welfare lady said it was very good that we had that paper but as a dog with a Pet Passport and my ADUK Identification book I didn't need it – arrghh!

We had left the car at the hotel so I was really pleased when the Hopper Bus arrived to take us back and didn't take long to get there. To finish I would advise, if you are planning a long trip, get your owners to make lots of checks as to what documents you need as it is very confusing and the agencies seem to have different people giving different advice. If you need prescription foods etc. plan well in advance how you can get them or if you can take it with you.

Now to planning my next adventure, all being well a Cruise ... can anyone advise me?



Sandie & Sue



The Tailwagger Club

The Tailwagger Club, a non-profit making club, came to meet Dog A.I.D. at Crufts this year, and we couldn't believe it when they donated £1,000 to us to support the work that we do.

The Tailwagger Club was set up in Harrogate, Leeds and Otley, to provide mental and physical activities to owners and their dogs, to improve their quality of life and to strengthen the bond between them. Open to one and all pet dog owners.

Tailwaggers offers a real fun mix of different, reward based, kind pet dog training, from puppy training to KC Good Citizen Scheme, they make it all fun and lively:

- Novice/adolescent classes
- Dog Display Team training
- Behaviour consultations

- Bridge and Target training (SATS)
- Theory workshops

They even have a hugely enthusiastic display team who do a combination of obedience, agility, tricks and musical sequences, at local events and shows.

The Tailwagger Club is committed to helping both dogs and their handlers reach their full potential in whatever field of training they wish to pursue. Anything to keep the 'clients' tail wagging.

What a great group, just the sort of lovely people that we feel blessed to be supported by.

Thank You!



FUNdraising news ...



Wow!

Thank you

hi5



Lucy Watts and Molly are presented with a donation of £50 after giving a demonstration to the Rayleigh Trefoil Guild. The Guild were so impressed with Molly and the high standard of training needed to become an Assistance Dog they want to support Dog A.I.D. train more dogs and change more lives, the Rayleigh Trefoil Guild have chosen Dog A.I.D. as their charity of the year !!!



Thank you! Anita & Larry Castellina receive a cheque from Asda for £500 from the Community token scheme.



Thank You!



High five!



The world-renowned Professor Elemental held a Christmas Spectacular gig in aid of Dog A.I.D. on 16th December 2016 at Kiki's Kitchen in Hove. He was accompanied by DJ Nick Maxwell and a variety of rap artists, all of whom gave up their time for free to support Dog A.I.D. Despite the small venue a total of £478.90 in ticket fees and donations was raised, as well as lots of awareness of our fantastic charity!

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Client Tony McCabe, his dog Archie, their trainer Marketa Braierova and Sandra Fraser were thrilled to receive this fantastic £10,000 cheque from Bill King on behalf of Pedigree Paws Unite - we were one of 7 lucky charities to benefit from this awesome sponsored event held in 2016 Thanks to all who took part and to those who sponsored them. www.pedigreepawsunite.co.uk





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for raising a Paw
to SUPPORT US



- £14.57 Cassidy's collection
- £96.40 Aspull & Haigh WI
- (£200) Portable PA System & folding wheelchair Ribble Dog Agility Training Club.
- £500 ASDA at Fleetwood
- £190 Bella's Trix Club
- £600 Birstall Flower Club
- £71.43 Education Department, Manchester HMP
- £36 Kepier Chemist, Tyne & Wear
- £860 Laura Abrams Furry Tails Professional Grooming Salon – Calendar sales
- £100 Leyland Masonic Fellowship
- £24.12 Natural Choice Health Shop
- £81.40 Potter, Reece, Dolan Solicitors
- £100 RAC
- £10 Residents of William Page Court
- £225 Riddingtons Community Centre
- £85 Rosemary Avenue Vet Clinic
- £30 Sacred Heart Guides
- £30 St Mary's Women's' Guild
- £55 St Michael's Guides
- £65.76 The Catenian Association
- £17.50 Ulverston Vision Centre Club
- £140 Second Hook Cub Pack
- £70 Annie Austin of Clippin Dogs
- £100 Norton Canes Dancers
- £25 Sarah Garrett, singer (lunchtime concert fee)
- £50 Shavington Art Group
- £39.53 Shrewsbury Carers Group
- £96.40 Aspull & Haig WI
- £114.15 Ford Motor Company
- £16 Friends of the Athenium Theatre
- £100 Georgina Jones
- £50 LAKELAND Ltd
- £164.50 Legacy from the late Mr Eric Bailey
- £20 "Two for Tea"
- £300 & £200 The Ludlow Fun Dog Day – Brewood Rotary Club
- £50 Susan Hatton, Legacy
- £500 St Jude's Trust
- £250 P J Armstrong
- £2,500 Hawthorne Charitable Trust
- £61 Jim Devlin legacy
- £39 Peta's Training Group
- £50 Mrs A Dodd
- £80 Mr & Mrs Godden
- £608 Unity Lottery income Oct '16 – March '17
- £10,000 Mrs Heber-Percy
- £10,000 Pedigree Paws Unite (Walk event)
- £474 Guild of Dog Trainers
- £50 Telford Rotary Club
- £3,500 Ad Meliora Trust
- £40 Wives & Friends Group, Westbury on Trym. Bristol
- £478.90 Professor Elemental Christmas Spectacular
- £491.40 Newstead Abbey Dog Fest

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Anita Castellina donated £100, compensation from the R.A.C for refusing to take her Assistance Dog George in the tow vehicle.

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Amazing News!

'Our Dogs' have chosen Dog A.I.D as their charity of the year! We are looking forward to working with them to promote our fantastic charity. *thank you!*



Newstead Abbey Dog Fest

Huge thanks to Marye Arnett-Clark & Tilly, Carolyn Greenhalgh & Loki, Deborah & John Cornwall & Dillon, Gaz Edwards & Asha and Marye's grandson Liam. £491.40 was raised over the 2 days



thank you!

Megan Rose Taylor and Ruby were invited to give a talk/ demonstration at a local women's group who were interested in learning about Assistance Dogs.

They spoke about some of the incredible and varied ways that Assistance Dogs can help people with disabilities, and Ruby showed them how she helps Megan with daily tasks and keeps her safe.

They were very grateful to receive a very kind donation of £50.



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COMING SOON



Myerscough College

Myerscough College Open Day & Country Fair

11th June 10am - 4pm

There will be a Dog A.I.D. stand
Anyone who can help on the day contact Deborah Cornwall, or contact the office and they will put you in touch with Deborah.

Egham Royal Show

26th and 27th August 2017

Patron: H.R.H Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT

We need HELPERS for ...

Running the stall - Overseeing games
Demos & raising awareness of Dog A.I.D.
For those interested in staying over, there is a travel lodge near by.

Saturday night will be entertainment for stall holders, usually a live band.
Contact Caroline Edwards or contact the office and they will put you in touch with Caroline.

Doodlefest



**5th August 10am - 5pm
Catton Park, Derbyshire**

We need HELPERS for ...

Running the stall / games / treasure hunt - Demos & raising awareness of Dog A.I.D.

There is a travel lodge near by and camping site & there will be evening entertainment.

Contact Caroline Edwards or contact the office and they will put you in touch with Caroline.



Pet Blessing service

Peter Bond and Otie were delighted to help organise a Pet Blessing service.

Thanks to the kind invitation, help and support of the Revd Father James Hutchings, Team Rector of Littleham-cum-Exmouth churches, the Pet Blessing Service was held at Holy Trinity Church Exmouth on Sunday 25th September 2016.

I would like to pay a sincere vote of thanks to Fiona Bond (the Proprietor) and her staff including, Scott and Zoe, of Fifi's Fishes, Bicton Pet Supplies of Devon, who very kindly sponsored the costs of the posters and leaflets to promote the service. Bicton Pets is our favourite Pet shop and we always get a very good welcome when we visit.

I have always believed that people should also include their beloved pets, God's creatures, plus all the wildlife and include Mother Nature in prayer time.

It was heart warming and deeply touching to hear the address which expressed the importance of people coming together to worship in prayer and fellowship. I have always believed that people should also include their beloved pets, God's creatures, plus all the wildlife and include Mother Nature in prayer time. So the kind invitation to help organise a Pet Blessing Service was a great honour to participate in. The service provided an excellent opportunity to invite people and their pets to meet together to worship and sing hymns to make these most essential blessings.

During the service all the pets were blessed by the Team Rector, Father James, who is himself a dog owner.

We were absolutely delighted to be joined by John and Sheila Sadler, who had travelled down from Trowbridge, with 20 month old Assistance Dog Lucas. Margaret Russell and her Assistance Dog, Heidi also joined us along with Lauren from The Blue Cross, who gave a short talk. John and Sheila Sadler said "We felt privileged to be part of this occasion joining our fellow client and experienced voluntary fundraiser, Peter Bond and his Assistance Dog, Otie, who have organised and promoted this event, the proceeds of which are to be divided between The Blue Cross and Dog A.I.D. charities."

John and Sheila also said "The church's interior provided a wonderful setting with the magnificent design of a modernised Victorian church, which played host to adults, children, dogs, 2 cats and an inflatable fish (representing a boy's pet fish safely left at home). We all gathered together in a specially developed service lead by Father James, celebrating the special role that pets play in our lives. Peter demonstrated with his Assistance Dog, Otie, showing how the extra dimensions of our Assistance Dogs helps to support us in our daily lives."

With the Dog A.I.D. banner and pop-up set up, myself and Otie began the demonstration with a short talk. I had the opportunity to demonstrate to people in the congregation how Otie helps me every day; giving visual assistance, finding and picking up what I drop, emptying the washing machine etc. Then Otie picked up some dropped items and took washing out of the mock up washing

machine. Then Margaret and Heidi, Teresa and Sam and Sheila and Lucas also performed their own special tasks followed by the applause of the church's congregation. Margaret and her Assistance Dog, Heidi showed how Heidi picks up ten pound notes, much to the delight of the congregation. Sheila gave a talk about how she became injured in a car accident and how her dog has changed her life. This illustrated how these dogs change our lives and give us back independence.

The service included children's favourite hymns and a reading from Isaiah illustrating pictures of different species side by side. Then came the individual blessing of each pet coming forward to the communion rail, forty plus dogs came up for a blessings with their owners. The atmosphere was of total harmony, with no barks, growls or cries. All the animals accompanied by their human companions behaved very well.

Otie was delighted when my carer, Jacky Leach (from J L Home & Care Services Ltd) brought his true love and girlfriend, a little white Westie (known affectionately as little Aers) to church to join us, along with her family. Otie and Aerial have loved each other since the little white dog was 11 weeks old. Everyone clapped and applauded as the two dogs gave each other a little kiss.

Following the service, Otie showed how he can pick up ten pound and five pound notes from the floor and put the notes into my hands. One of my other carers, Sandy, told me (while laughing heartily) she once had a Jack Russell who ate her husband's wages! They had to take their dog to the vet to rescue what money they could and then had to ask the bank for replacement notes. However, Otie has learnt to pick up ten and five pound notes very quickly and has not eaten any to date! God Bless him!

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After the service £56.47 was given to Dog A.I.D. and the Blue Cross. This was undertaken directly by Mark Perry, assistant treasurer of Holy Trinity Church, on the evening of Wednesday, 5th October 2016. Thank you Mark. We would like to thank Dog A.I.D. and The Blue Cross for agreeing to participate and for sending representatives to support the service. Thank you to Father James and all of his staff for the very kind invitation, for hosting the pet blessing service and for all of your dedicated help & support. We would also like to thank the council and all the shops and local businesses who kindly displayed posters, helping us to promote the service.

Finally we would like to pay our thanks to everyone who supported this year's Pet Blessing service and to thank the good Lord for the very nice sunny day we all enjoyed on the day.

Peter & Otie



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- Pill-resistant fabric

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XL 43/44" 2XL 46/48" 3XL 49/51"



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Fabric - Waterproof Hydrafort 5000 peached polyester Inner: 220 series anti-pill symmetry fleece

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XL 43/44" 2XL 46/48" 3XL 49/51"

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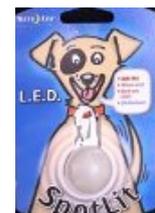
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