

THE "POD" POST

THE PORTUGUESE PODENGO CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN (PROPOSED) NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Club

The Club welcomes all new members of the Podengo Club. This is your Club and we need your news and views to keep this publication going. We are hoping to publish a newsletter every two months with a view to keeping you up to date with the Podengos progress in the UK. As you are probably aware, the Portuguese Podengos were recognised by the Kennel Club on 1st October 2003.

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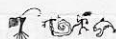


A Word from the Acting Secretary, Betty Judge...

When I imported the first Podengos into the UK, little did I imagine that they would generate such huge interest. Owners of puppies I have bred have given such glowing reports of this lovely breed.

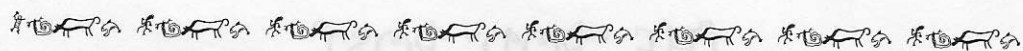
Appearing at Discover Dogs in November, really was an exciting time for the breed, the booth was overwhelmed with visitors and what was especially pleasing was that all the dogs took it all in their stride.

The Interim Breed standard was applied for on 1st October 2003 so hopefully we will have this approved by the Kennel club soon, and we can then see the breed in the British show ring. Exciting times ahead.



Open Meeting

The Club is holding an Open Meeting on Saturday 13th March 2004 at Bradfield Village Hall, Near Theale, Reading, Berkshire at 2pm. The venue is easily accessible from junction 12 of the M4. All interested parties are welcome. Some Podengoes will be present for those who have not met them before. Details will also be found in the Dogpress.



DISCOVER DOGS

The breed was fortunate to obtain a booth at the Discover Dogs Exhibition held at Earls Court last November. The breed stand was organised and decorated by Mrs Betty Judge and she was fortunate to have a number of helpers over the two days.

Betty said that there was a huge amount of interest in the breed from the public and they received a constant stream of visitors on both days.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following members to the Club:

Mrs Ros Brakes

Mr and Mrs N Brown

Miss Jessica Gruninger

Mrs Judith Ashworth

Mr and Mrs Hayes

Mrs K Habibi

Mr and Mrs Angier

Mrs and Miss Hodder

CRUFTS 2004

Podengos have been invited to appear at Discover Dogs at Crufts in March. New members, who have yet to see the breed "in person" are invited particularly to visit the booth. There will be many Portuguese visitors, including the President of the Podengo Club in Portugal, also Podengo breeders and exhibitors from Portugal and Europe.

The Kennel Club has invited all the newly recognised breeds to the Crufts Promotion Press Call in London on 24th February, which will really put podengos on the map and hopefully bring in more enthusiasts.

The BBC have contacted me for more information on the breed and may well cover the Podengos in their Crufts programme.

The peggy Grayson article in a recent issue of DogWorld has generated a large amount of interest and I would like to thank her for this publicity.

Betty Judge.

STOP PRESS

First Podengos Registered...

In the recently published Kennel Club Breed Record Supplement, there were 35 Podengos registered in 2003, which is more than a number of well-established breeds. Watch this space...