



The Pod Post

Newsletter of the Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain.

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Welcome to the newsletter - a Crufts Special with results and photos from the most famous dog show in the world & other important news.

Coronavirus: first and foremost, we wish all our members the best of health and hope that you are coping well with the current problem. Sadly, the Breed Appreciation Day planned for the 5th April has been cancelled. The Club Show had in any event been moved to 17th October for this year. We are reviewing the AGM and Fun Day planned for 18th April and would ask you to keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for further updates.

A message from the Secretary

Welcome to the new Pod Post. My name Betty Judge and I am at present Acting Honorary Secretary of the Club. I founded it in 2003 but for personal reasons I had to stand down as Chairman in 2011. A few years later I came back on to the committee because the Club was in decline with membership down from its peak of 220 and, I'm sad to say, doing very little for its members. I could not see this continue. Five Officers and Committee members have now resigned and we have a new, hard-working team which will I am sure transform the Club.

We still have our loyal Chair Mrs. Pat Johnson and Committee Member Mrs. Jenny Folds. We have been joined by Mrs. Wendy Mooney as Treasurer (she was the original Treasurer when the Club started) along with the very hard working Mr. Mark Foscoe as webmaster and his wife Mrs. Ann Foscoe as Membership Secretary. They both joined the Committee last year and more recently, Mr. Mike and Mrs. Loretta Haines also joined.

There are still places open for further committee members so if you feel you would like to join us, please contact any of us for details or download a nomination form from <https://podengos.org> As the saying goes "many hands make light work". The Club is now on its way back and is being completely changed for the better. The Officers and Committee are working extremely hard to make this all happen.

In future, all new Members will receive a Welcome Pack and you will all receive regular newsletters, which we want you as a members to contribute to with your stories, experiences, ideas and questions etc. In addition to the Open Show, we will arrange events such as the Fun Day planned to follow the AGM on 18th April, 2020. So please come along with your Podengo/s, or if you haven't got one yet, that doesn't matter as an interest in the breed will suffice, you will be most welcome. We also need you to tell us what you would like so please contact us with your thoughts and ideas by using any of the email accounts mentioned here.

Betty Judge

Crufts 2020

Another March, another Crufts... This one was almost like winding the clock back to the breed's first appearance in 2009 with Betty Judge taking Best of Breed with Gimmick and having two other Plushcourt dogs on the honours board. We had a strong entry this year with 48 dogs including a number from abroad and a Portuguese judge, Mr. Luis Pinto Teixeira, adding a very international flavour to the day. The main results were:

BEST OF BREED: PLUSHCOURT GIMMICK; Owner: MRS B A JUDGE

BEST PUPPY: PLUSHCOURT BRAVEHEARTED; Dog; Owner: MRS L C HAINES

BEST DOG: BY CH AKSWELL BRAVEHEART [ATC AT02684BLR]; Owner: MRS O GUSKOVA

BEST BITCH: PLUSHCOURT GIMMICK; Owner: MRS B A JUDGE

RESERVE BEST DOG: PLUSHCOURT GODSPEED; Owner: MRS B A JUDGE

RESERVE BEST BITCH: BELFUS DESIREE; Owner: MRS P A, MR J D & MISS J A BELLENIE

BEST VETERAN: BRUNDLEDEAN CISCO; Dog; Owner: MRS S A & MRS M BRUNDLE & BROOKS

Full results are available at: <http://crufts.fossedata.co.uk/>



Our judge, Mr. Luis Pinto Teixeira (2nd left), pictured with (from the left) Mrs. Guskova's Best Dog with her professional handler; Betty Judge with the winning Best of Breed; Loretta Haines with the Best Puppy; and Sue Brundle with the Best Veteran... and editor's favourite!

We've put a selection of photos on Page 3 - apologies that we can't get everyone in but you'll find more photos on our Facebook page.



Discover Dogs



The run up to Crufts 2020 was a trying time with concerns that it might be called off due to the Coronavirus issue. Perhaps because of this, the show build up was behind schedule and the contractors must have worked all night prior to the first day to get it finished.

As the new management of the Club were running and decorating the booth for the first time for several years, we were determined it would reflect the new image of The Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain. Betty Judge and Club member Shelly Stokes went down the day before the show to decorate the booth – you can see the results of their work in the photos.

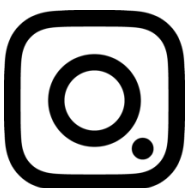
Betty and Shelly then returned on Days 1 and 2 (the Thursday and Friday) with 6 Podengos for the public to meet. Thursday was quiet but Friday picked up a bit and they met and chatted to many interested people and old friends of the breed. Saturday and Sunday was lightly manned, especially as we were showing on the Sunday this year. Sadly, many of the other booths were not decorated or didn't have people with dogs manning them at all, which was a shame for the breeds they were expected to represent. Hopefully, next year it will be back to normal.



The Club would especially like to thank Shelly Stokes for her hard work and the long hours she put in helping out with the stand this year – thanks and well done!

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