

what's on next year

Dates For Your Diary

12th February 2006 AGM (Worplesdon)

16th July 2006 Open Show (Worplesdon)

Dogs/Bitches Mrs Anne Lewis

Stakes: Cheryl Collins

15th October 2006 Workshop Worplesdon

19th November 2006 Championship Show (Tidworth)

Dogs: Steve Collier Bitches: Jean Parsons

Referee: Joyce Dunks

15th July 2007 Open Show (Chieveley)

Dogs/Bitches Jakki Stubbngton

18th November 2007 Championship Show (Tidworth)

23rd November 2008 Championship Show (Tidworth)

The Joy of Pets
Iris Hesselden

People sometimes let us down And friends forget to call,
But animals are always there Whatever may befall.

The house is never empty When there's a dog or cat,
And so a house becomes a home With welcome on the mat.

.A rabbit, hamster, tank of fish, A small bird in a cage,
And all of them God's creatures Whatever size or age.

Our pets all share our lives with us In quiet understanding,
And hold a place within our hearts With love that's undemanding.

So if the world should pass you by, Or somebody forgets,
Be grateful for the company And all the joy of pets.

Error & omissions

The article on NEOSPORA should have been attributed to Hilary Jones.

Chelmset Advert Change of Address to

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Committee List has the old address for Sue Bryant. See advert for Friarsoak for new

SESS NEWS



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Championship Show 2005 Results & Picture should be on the net at www.southernenglish.co.uk on the Monday after the show.

The full colour version of the SESS Newsletter can also be found via our website as above

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1984

The Data protection Act 1984 requires that all data users, who control the content and use of personal data, register that purpose for which they hold this data.

The Southern English Setter Society holds all Members Names, Addresses and Phone Numbers on computer files to enable an accurate and up to date list of current Members (as required by the Kennel Club regulations).

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A copy of information held on file can be seen on request.

Dave Lewis

Hon. Secretary

TAIL PIECE

Thought this 'moment at Bournemouth' might be of interest to Setter people.

Bournemouth Ch Show 2005 was hot, very hot and while waiting for my class I stood with Lucy under a big tree in the shade. It was some way from the ring and there were several people passing by. An elderly woman was pushing her crippled husband in a wheelchair over the rock hard ground. She noticed Lucy and stopped to speak. Her daughter had owned an English Setter and she and her husband had been very fond of it. While we were chatting she had left her husband a little distance away and he was completely covered by a very large umbrella to keep out of the sun. I asked the woman if she would like me to take Lucy over to meet him and she readily agreed. The next few moments can be understood only by setter owners. Lucy approached the wheelchair and gently laid her head on the man's knee. I could not see anything but the man's twisted limbs and crooked hands. Lucy kept very still but then raised her eyes to look at the man's face. What I watched next brought a lump to my throat. The man picked up his right hand with his left and gently placed it on Lucy's head and every so slowly, stroked it. He then removed his hand in the same way. Lucy remained still and quiet with her head on his knee until I moved her away

Not a word was spoken and I never saw the man's face, but the memory of that moment will last a lifetime.

Heather Lenzi

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Ellie Swallowed a Frog.

Oh what a dog she swallowed a frog and it wriggled and tickled and tickled inside her. "Ellie" Ownways Sea Pearl lives with Bradley Ownways Traditional touch and their owner Michelle. Having attained the age of 8 1/2 years, when we would hope our setters have reached the age of maturity, decorum, dignity and at least a smattering of common sense, but not Ellie, she was observed eating something in the garden and later came in to resume her rightful position as couch potato, Michelle then noticed that Ellie kept glancing at her stomach and to her horror noticed that Ellie 's stomach was moving! A call to the vet, a trip to the surgery and a thorough examination resulted in her being given an emetic to make her sick and low and behold up came a frog minus one leg! Which only goes to prove, what we all grudgingly have to admit there is no such thing as an "ADULT" English Setter.

Julie Young.



Secretary's Report

Dear Member,

Yet another thriving year for SESS has passed by. The Committee Members remain the same as last year and thanks must go to them for all their effort and dedication put in to making all our events such a success.

Our two Shows as usual ran smoothly and the Championship Show is beginning to settle at its new venue. We thank exhibitors for helping the Committee to keep the venue clean, this is so important as we have now been allowed to bring food and drink into the sports hall, Please keep up the good work.

The Open show was another great day but the weather was so very hot, exhibitors couldn't be blamed for leaving the show ground early for the comfort of their dogs, next time at Chieveley we are considering providing more shade.

By the time you read this, SESS in partnership with the ESA will have organised and run a Joint Judges Educational Module 3 at Worplesdon in October. This event was over subscribed but all delegates were accepted and took part in the course.

We intend to run a Workshop for all levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) at Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Worplesdon, Nr Guildford, Surrey mid October 2006 and are at present arranging a panel of top class trainers/speakers for the event. Topics to be covered will include trimming, showing, judging with an insight into the Joint Judges Education Program Modules 2 & 3. This will be a unique experience for the raw beginner/pet owner and more experienced alike, so for all of you selling puppies please try to encourage the new owners to come along if only to keep their lovely Setters in fine fettle and also to meet and talk to other English Setter owners.

This brings me to the Puppy Register, just to remind Members that we run this service free of charge, all you have to do to register your litter is to phone Anne Lewis on 0208 959 2476 and she will try her best to put prospective puppy buyers in contact with you. The only thing we ask is, when the litter has been sold Anne is informed so that prospective buyers are not sent on a wild goose chase.

Wishing you all and your dogs a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year.

Dave Lewis (Hon Secretary)

Dear Members

Well another year has come and gone, doesn't time fly by the older one gets!

The AGM this year saw no new nominations so your existing committee remains unchanged. I would like to say how time consuming being on a committee can be, as a few of you probably know, so it is very disappointing when after a lot of effort and hard work has been made to arrange an event to find it not well supported by the members.

Although the results received from the questionnaire into what "events/topics would you the members would like" were very poor (a return of only 13%), we have set up a sub committee kindly chaired by Alan Day with a view to arranging a workshop to appeal to both show and pet owners, this is scheduled for October 2006 so please spread the word and make this a good day.

At Discover Dogs in November Angela Bartholmew and Pauline Malins manned the stand on the Saturday, as it was the first day this meant they had the task of decorating it. There is a prize given by the KC for the best-decorated booth so if any one has any suitable memorabilia we would be grateful. Joyce Dunks and myself held the fort on the Sunday, it seemed busier than usual perhaps the rain drove people in but never the less it was an enjoyable day.

The Championship Show now settled in its venue at Tidworth proved to be a successful day once again, with Sue Bryant as Show Manager, ably assisted by Dave Cozens and supported by your committee. The club stall and raffle table looked a picture so many prizes, my thanks to the exhibitors who kindly gave donations. If any aspiring judges would like an opportunity to steward at either of our shows please contact a member of the committee.

SESS again represented the breed at the West Country Game Fair held at Shepton Mallett in March and also for the first time the Kent Game Fair, this was kindly covered by Elizabeth Harradine on the Saturday and Jenny Day on the Sunday, many thanks. I know our dogs are the show not of the working type but at least the public have a chance to see an English Setter.

As I judged the Open Show this year I saw it from a different viewpoint, with no work to do I relaxed and concentrated on the task in hand. The weather was extremely hot which seemed to effect the dogs more than the bitches, luckily heat does not bother me, I'm rather a chilly morsel. The day ran smoothly as usual, well that is as far as I was aware of! The food as usual was delicious, well done to all those of you who slaved away in the kitchen especially in that heat. I would like to express my thanks to the exhibitors for giving me the privilege of judging their dogs and the committee for making it a most enjoyable day.

Finally I would like to thank the Officers and Committee for the support they give to SESS throughout the year.

Best wishes to you and your dogs for 2006

Jane Bishop

(Chair)

All the same but different

I had two setters some years ago, of similar breeding but completely different. The first, a lightly marked blue belton bitch, I had with a young Cavalier who was very intelligent and we feel most of the setter's intelligence came from copying her. This setter was always in trouble, going through a gap in park railings on to a main road -luckily she didn't like the traffic and came back again. The next day my husband stood by the gap well they do like to repeat themselves don't they -but the Cavalier kept up by her shoulder and headed her away from it. Then she got into an enclosed wooded area in a park and it took ages to get her out again. Despite being a sick dog, she had pancreatic deficiency from nine months, she was very active. She would flush birds but then carried on chasing them in circles and had all the usual setter tricks like stealing food -no doubt egged on by the Cavalier -opening doors and undoing zips on cushions. She died at four and the Cavalier was desolated as they were great pals. So we got another one! She was an orange with much more Suntop breeding on her bitch side. This one was a model of goodness. We took her to training with the Cavalier and she did recalls and retrieves providing she knew you had chocolate buttons for her. Came back ill the park and was a pleasure to live with, probably why I never had another one after she went at ten with a liver tumour! Only joking, as by then I was breeding Cavaliers and the area was getting very built up with far fewer open spaces. She loved the Cavalier puppies and when I had a King Charles Spaniel you would find her in "their" chair with a Cavalier on top and the Charlie on top of that.

I often thought I could have worked her, as she would quarter the ground, flush birds and point and obey whistles and hand signals. On buying Miss Barnes' book on English Setters and extending her pedigree I found several FULL Champions there. A case of breeding "will out"? It seems I was meant to be involved with gundogs as I have Miss Barnes' Cocker/Cavalier crosses way back behind my foundation bitch. Every so often a very handsome dog appears, usually a bit larger and with heavier bone, and nearly always a very rich ruby, with very cocker instincts. It would seem that recessive genes have a lot to answer for!

Dorothy Heaver

everywhere. Very few cases were reported last yr. the symptoms rang from a weakness and paralysis of the forelimbs, drunken type behaviour, altered behaviour, blindness, head tilt, head nodding, tremors, seizures, sudden death due to heart inflammation, pneumonia, skin abnormalities. Frightening isn't it?

It can only be ingested from fresh meat, as freezing or cooking the meat will kill the spores.. As we eat very little meat ourselves, and never feed fresh uncooked meat to our dogs , I can definitely say that it was the fresh lean mince steak from Tesco that was the cause.

Neospora cannot use humans as a host as if ingested the stomach will kill the spores, so don't worry there..... it only affects, cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, but has now moved to dogs, and research on the internet suggests ALL dog breeders be aware of this parasite. From the onset of ingesting the spores, my dog was dead within 8 1/2 days..... She was my constant house companion, and our hearts have been ripped apart. How many of you, when in the kitchen, preparing the evening meal, give some fresh meat to your dog... Please look it all up, it's frightening to think that this is in the human food chain. Apparently only one animal is inspected from each herd to be slaughtered, but that's this country. A lot of meat now comes from other countries..... if in doubt, still buy the meat, but FREEZE it before you intend using it for at least 24 hrs.

Cilla was 16 months and four days old, when she died.

I will of course, be informing DEFRA , and advising our local Tesco store, but on an advisory capacity only!

I suspect this is a rare problem, but perhaps is one we should be aware of - I'll think twice before feeding raw food to my dogs in future

Hilary Jones

Seen in NOW magazine

BITE BACK

For sunburn, insect bites and allergic skin itches try Supersalve herbal skincare balm with essential and natural oils at www.supersalve.co.uk

A friend with a nasty rash from giant hogweed found the itching vanished instantly when she applied Salcura Natural Skin First Aid Spray for Pets, it also works with horsefly bites (and apparently it's good for pets too..)

FIX IT WITH FLOWERS

Doctors world wide are now using flower essences for physical as well as emotional problems according to Nikki Bradford, author of Heal Yourself with Flower and Other Essences. In Sao Paulo, Brazil, flower remedies are used to treat Insulin-dependent diabetes, with significant reductions in glucose levels, pain, infection and insomnia. Hospitals and nursing homes on Western Australia use remedies for pain and addiction. London homeopath and naturopath Dr Anna Philippou recommends Rescue Remedy by mouth several times daily to help hot flushes in menopausal women, while four drops in a little water three or four times daily helps children with high temperature.

Heal yourself with flowers from www.you-bookshop.co.uk

CANINE PERIPHERAL VESTIBULAR SYNDROME.

I hope this will be of help to anyone who may experience these distressing symptoms with their dog. Canine peripheral vestibular syndrome is quite common in older dogs and although alarming, has a good prognosis.

Learn more

Unless your dog has had the bad luck to experience this condition, few people will have heard of Canine peripheral vestibular syndrome, even though the complaint is not uncommon amongst older dogs.

The symptoms are dramatic and sudden and are often confused with a stroke or poisoning, even by some vets who may have had little experience with the illness. The fact is, Canine peripheral vestibular syndrome has nothing to do with malfunctions of the brain or a morbid appetite, but is caused by inflammation of the inner ear.

Usually there is little sign of any build up to the disease and one of its characteristics is its habit of striking out of the blue. The dog appears perfectly well and happy, eating its meals and taking its usual exercise when for no apparent reason it falls over. When it tries to regain its feet, it staggers in drunken circles, bang into objects and tumbles down steps.

This alarming site is often made more dramatic by the dog vomiting, which once it has emptied its stomach, tends to be a frothy yellow colour. If you take a closer look you will notice that the eyes shoot rapidly from side to side, the head is cocked to one side and these, together with the drunken staggers and vomiting lead many owners to the fearful conclusion that their pet has been poisoned. Alternatively, when no evidence of any toxic substance can be found, they consider the possibility of a stroke.

Neither poisoning nor a stroke is the cause of this condition, but the inner ear. Examination by a vet may reveal some kind of infection, but usually there is nothing to see within the ear itself and the cause of the onset of the disease usually remains unknown.

What is thought to happen is that the nerves of the inner ear connecting to the cerebellum, which controls balance and spatial orientation become inflamed causing the distressing symptoms previously described, but why this should happen is as yet unclear. There seems to be a link to age as the disease is much more common in old dogs, though younger animals that are around the middle age mark can be affected too.

Symptoms vary in their severity, with not all dogs experiencing the same degree of vomiting and unbalanced co-ordination this seems to correspond to the duration of the illness. Symptoms usually last between three days and three weeks, but the good news is, almost all dogs make a good recovery, although some may be left with a slight tilt of the head.

Relapses can occur, but are not common. Dogs of a more advanced age that were previously fit and healthy tend to suddenly show their age by refusing

to take as much exercise as they used to and sometimes there will be a noticeable decline in eye sight and hearing. Whether this is due to the vestibular disease or is just part of the ageing process is difficult to say, but many owners do comment on the decline of their pets senses after recovering from the disease.

There is no medical treatment for this condition, although some vets may prescribe antibiotics if they suspect the possibility of an infection.

What the owner needs to do is provide good nursing and plenty of tender loving care, since the dog is usually very confused and felling sorry for itself.

Alarming as the symptoms are for the owner, they are terrifying for the dog who doesn't understand why the world has suddenly started spinning in such a crazy fashion. Usually it seeks the sanctity of its bed and refuses all food and drink. Any attempt to stand precipitates vomiting.

Hand feeding with water and easily nibbled food is the order of the day, although don't be surprised, if your dog is severely affected and doesn't eat for a week.

It is also appreciated by the invalid if you offer some support when it does begin to venture back on its feet. The few dogs that do not make quite a full recovery quickly learn to cope with the head tilt and any unsteadiness and are able to enjoy a quality life which should last to its allotted span.

These five tips should help you spot vestibular disease, but always get your pet Checked by a qualified vet at the onset as there can be other more serious reasons for the symptoms.

1. Dog is perfectly well then begins to stagger and fall about.
2. Dog vomits.
3. Eyes shoot from side to side in a rhythmic action.
4. Head is tilted to one side.
5. Refuses food and or water.

If any of these symptoms persist beyond the three week mark then the chances are that this is not Canine Vestibular Syndrome. Other afflictions such as cancer, brain tumours, and inner ear infections can all produce similar symptoms but do not fade with time.

JulieYoung

The following was sent to me by a friend in Boxers recently:

Subject: NEOSPORA Please read, VERY IMPORTANT !!!!!

Have any of you heard of neosporosis canineum??????

Well, up to this week I had not, but I do know a lot about this now. UNFORTUNATELY.

Last Saturday I suggested that we purchased some of the meat for the barby, for that weekend..... We purchased many items, but amongst them were two large packets of lean minced steak, that I intended to make my own burgers from... as they were large packs, and on arrival home, did not know what to do for tea, so suggested spaghetti bolognaise..... I took about one third of the mince from one of these packets and put it in a p

an..... all of the rest of the meat was then frozen for the weekend. My Boxer then came into the kitchen and as I had not started cooking then, I removed some of the mince and gave it to her.....she loved it. Then Stephen called her, and her mother and fed the dogs, whilst I prepared the spag bol.

This was Tuesday evening last week... then came Friday and Cilla was starting to act strange, hanging her head to one side, and slightly falling as if she was drunk. On Saturday she seemed to stabilize and I thought a little better, and thinking she had an inner ear infection started her on a course of synulox 250 mg tablets three times daily, as the vet would. By Monday she was worse so was rushed to the vets..... I was so upset, I could not remember half of what he said but he did say he was doing one particular test that had to be sent away. In either case, if it did come back positive for neospora he would start her on the antibiotics there and then, and he said the synulox I had given was good.

She was a little better on Tues evening so was allowed home, still hanging her head to one side, and walking in circles and then falling over. We continued with the drugs, then, Wednesday came and my vet rang to say the tests results were positive. She was infected with neospora. We then racked our brains how she could get this awful disease virus! Apparently very few cases are reported, because it is masked by so many symptoms...

Neospora is a parasite that is ingested from contaminated meat, that is fresh, and from consumption it only takes 1-3 days for the parasite to attack the brain, then work it's way down the spinal cord, and infect all the major organs and muscles.....leaving the dog paralyzed and blind..... At 9.30 yesterday morning I had to have my beautiful Cilla euthanased, to save further suffering.

On researching this, on the internet, it mostly appears in cattle herds and clinical tests have been carried out at Liverpool University, and Sweden, and the USA. It is usually more common in Costa Rica, South America, but is gradually showing up

The Tea Dance

It's the Sunday Tea Dance and they'll all be here today, Aches and pains forgotten, dance the afternoon away. Foxtrots. Quicksteps, waltzes, some slow but some still nifty, with memories of how it was way back in 1950

Normans in the toilet and he's struggling to pee, he's got trouble with his prostrate and he'll likely miss his tea.

Eddy's got a new love that he met in Thornton Heath, she does a lovely tango, but she hasn't any teeth.

His latest fancy footwork nearly broke his partner's neck; she mistook his outside swivel for a travelling contra check.

Ida's had her hair done and she's ready for the saunter, she had a vindaloo last night, and its coming back to haunt her.

Florry's mini skirt's revealing when spinning in the jive, she shouldn't really wear a thong approaching 85.

They've had their tea and cakes and chat, and had a little laugh and gainly rise with cracking knees to face the second half.

Norman's made it back in time for rumba number one, his cucaracha's very neat, but he's left his flies undone.

Vera's fallen over in a massive crimplene heap. Bert's got indigestion and Mabel's fast asleep.

It's last waltz time and up they get, for Humperdinks old tune

And the good bye, good luck, take care. God willing see you soon.

At 85 years of age, Morris married Lou Anne, a lovely 25-year-old.

Since her new husband is so old, Lou Anne decides that after their wedding she and Morris should have separate bedrooms, because she is concerned that her new but aged husband may over-exert himself if they spend the entire night together

After the wedding festivities Lou Anne prepares herself for bed and the expected knock on the door. Sure enough the knock comes, the door opens and there is Morris, her 85-year-old groom ready for action. They unite as one. All goes well, Morris takes leave of his bride, and she prepares to go to sleep.

After a few minutes, Lou Anne hears another knock on her bedroom door, and it's Morris. Again he is ready for more action.

Somewhat surprised, Lou Anne consents for more coupling. When the newlyweds are done, Morris kisses his bride, bids her a fond goodnight and leaves. She is set to go to sleep again, but, aha, you guessed it Morris is back again, rapping on the door, and is as fresh as a 25-year-old, ready for more action. Once again they enjoy each other.

But as Morris gets set to leave again, his young bride says to him, I am thoroughly impressed that at your age you can perform so well and so often. I have been with guys less than a third of your age who were only good once. You are truly a great lover, Morris.

Morris, somewhat embarrassed, turns to Lou Anne and says, "You mean I was here already?"-----**Alzheimers -it has its advantages**

Dog Peeves About Humans

Blaming your farts on menot funny.... Not very funny at all!

Yelling at me for barking ... I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG YOU IDIOT!

Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?

Any trick that involves balance food on my nose stop it!

Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.

The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! What a proud moment for the top of the food chain.

Taking me to the vet for "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back.

Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.

How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you're just jealous.

Dog sweaters. Have you noticed the fur?

The Story of the Old Dog

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged dog along for company.

One day the old dog starts chasing butterflies & before long discovers that she's lost. Wandering about, she notices a leopard heading rapidly in her direction with the intention of having lunch. The old dog thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, she immediately settles down to chew on the bones with her back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the old dog exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him & he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old dog nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use & trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old dog sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, & figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans & strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back & thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with her back to her attackers, pretending she hasn't seen them yet ! & just when they get close enough to hear! the old dog says: "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story?

Don't mess with old farts...age & treachery will always overcome youth & skill!
Bullshit & brilliance only come with age & experience!

Why do we do that 3

Number three you might ask, where are 1 and 2, well they were written over the past years for the newsletter but were never included by the editor.

It's a Hobby..

Definition --- hobby, n, Favourite occupation not one's main work or business---

However the thesaurus would tell you that it is a favourite pursuit, relaxation or pastime.

As very few of the people that you meet at dogs shows, exhibitors, judges, stewards etc are in it as a business unlike the workers at the KC/Crufts Dog Press and the various supplier to dog shows to who it is a business.

Therefore it is the alternatives given from the thesaurus that I would say that most of the exhibitors et al are grouped under. So is it right that we expect judges new and old to take a formal test as to their proficiency to judge when the judges of the judges themselves have in most cases never taken the same test and are relying on ' grandfathers rights ' i.e. I've done it before therefore I must be right, are we not going down the route of saying do as I say not as I do.

Are we playing the game of a self selected elite who sit in their little ivory towers or on some Committee voted on by in most cases a small majority of the members, most of which have long given up the hope of any changes being made for the members without due regards to the aggrandisement of the Committee first. Look at London with a major elected with by only 20 percent of the population but with the power to inflict misery to the majority. Power in whatever form should only be given to represent the majority views otherwise unrest will be the outcome.

If I joined model railway club it would be so that I could exchange views etc with other similar like minded people, where information on the subject could be learned and passed on to others, nowhere along the line would you be expected to take an exam to show that you had gained proficiency at model making to allow you to make bigger circuits so why do we expect that just because the person is a Judge that he/she has to be tested.

Surly the biggest test for a judge is the general public in the form of the exhibitors, if a judge is no good then the exhibitors will not present the judges with their animals for appraisal. The judge will wither on the vine. If we are to improve judges/judging then should the not route be from good consistent judging by all judges so that the up and coming judges can learn by watching. I have lost count the number of times I have heard at the side of the ring and more often in the benching areas, ' I could follow what was happening up to (Junior say) then there seems that there is no logic after that.

If other judges watching are saying this then there must be something suspect of that judge as they are obviously wandering from the standards as laid down, all those watching should be able to understand what that particular judge is doing.

So what have we got - assessors that have not necessarily been assessed themselves, judges that have not been judged, judging others, and a system that is rife with cronyism that would make the present Labour government look whiter than driven snow.

Is it any wonder that show entries are down, it can't all be a result of the rising price of road fuel, although some obviously is, if a quick look down the appointments for the forthcoming year brings the response, not going, not going, not worth it, waste of money, then committee across the country are wasting their time and effort, the members wonder why, although it must be pointed out that members don't always reply to judges vote forms.

I could be said that in the end you have only got yourselves to blame. Sweet dreams, it might just all go away.

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Jasmine and I taking it easy.
Hope to be back in the ring soon.

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Fizz is the only one to be shown on a regular basis, normally handled by Jennifer Barlow, Breeze will probably be shown this year as she seems to be maturing nicely now and growing a good coat., Molly has unfortunately lost her waist line since being spayed, and doesn't seem inclined to diet

Thank you to all the judges who placed Fizz this year and gave her such pleasing write-ups, and of course to Jennifer who always manages to get the best out of her.

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It is with great sadness we had to say goodbye to Bryony, she was from our first homebred litter so was that little extra bit special. She was a great character who always kept us and others amused with her antics and expressions, she loved showing, her last appearance in the ring was at Crufts at the age of 11¼, where even the judge commented on how much she was enjoying her day. Some of her attributes have been passed onto her great grand daughter, unfortunately not the better ones!

In the mean time it has been a quiet year in the Dyrham household with few shows attended although Rosie (Dyrham Killer Queen), who is currently on maternal duties, won both the Limit class at MESS and Mid Limit at ESA Championship shows to our delight.

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