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A Few Words from the Editor

Those of us who own Rotties don't need to be told that the effort you put in to rearing your puppy and looking after it through puberty and into adulthood is repaid in spades with a well-balanced, happy pet. The public perception of our breed has certainly improved, no doubt helped by the fact that most of them have wagging tails and the poor Staffie has picked up the mantle of being the "macho" dog to be seen with. However, 90% of Rottweilers are owned by people who are not involved in the Show world and many have no idea where to turn to for help or guidance when things get a little challenging. Of course, we all hope that anyone buying a puppy would receive all the help they need from the breeder at every stage of their dog's life but not all "breeders" are willing to offer this life-long commitment.

My hope is that with the advent of compulsory micro-chipping from April 2016, many dog owners will think twice before just kicking out their dog if it is no longer wanted and many breeders will have the opportunity to help one of their own now they can be traced back once they are scanned. Not all breeders are in a position to take back a dog but they should be prepared to help in any way they can to find a new home for a dog that can no longer be looked after by its original owner.

It is therefore going to be my mission this year to spread the word that help is available to anyone who owns a Rottie. A great place to start is to try to encourage all of us to let our own local vet have our Club's details so they have somewhere to go if they think a client needs help. Better than that, let's try to get every new Rottie owner in the South West to be a member of our Club – whether they own a pet or a Champion. Why not?

I have to take this opportunity to thank the members of our hard-working Committee. The team hasn't changed for a number of years and all Clubs benefit from an injection of new blood. If you feel you can do anything to help us, YOUR Club, please do drop me an email and we can take it from there.

Finally, this Year Book is a celebration of our wonderful breed, both in and out of the Show Ring. If you have any stories, pictures or facts you would like to share next year, please let me know as soon as the idea comes to you – strike while the iron is hot. Face Book and emails make 24 hour communication a reality, so go for it.

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The Treasurer's Report

I would personally like to say a huge THANK YOU to our very small committee for all of their support and commitment during this year.

Owing to lack of Committee members, it has made it very hard to enable us to put on any other events except our usual Open and Champ shows during 2015, so it is with great delight we have a couple of new committee members joining us. Thank you to those who have stepped up to join the S.W.R.A.

Our Open show in April was well supported, although we did make a loss due to expenditure increases.

Our Champ show in October was held at a new venue and was a great success. Hopefully, we will return for future shows in 2017 (2016 will be held at West Wilts Equestrian Centre due to prior booking).

Our commitment to Rottweilers In Need and Rottweiler Welfare continues with a monthly standing order of £20 each.

Hopefully, in 2016 we can put on some events for all to come and support. Please, if this club means so much to ALL OF YOU and you want the club to continue and arrange events for everyone to come,

then please help support S.W.R.A. Our member numbers are declining year by year.....so please act now!!

Finally, after 10 years this will be my last report as Treasurer....I have enjoyed every minute and would not have missed the opportunity to have played such an important role to the club but, due to family commitments, and not being able to give 100%, the club should now have someone new!..... so I will be handing over the role at the A.G.M.

Wishing everyone a very HAPPY, HEALTHY 2016.

Kim Smart

Secretary's Report



The SWRA held 2 major events in 2015; the Open Show with Limited Obedience in April and celebrated our 25th Championship show in October. It may not seem like the SWRA does much in a year, but there is a lot of behind the scenes/back stage work being done by your hard working committee and I thank them, on behalf of Club members as well as for myself, for all they have done this past year.

For some unknown reason, there was a big drop in entries for the Open show but it was nice to see that the Obedience entries hadn't dropped off too and have maintained their previous levels. All Judging was outside again, despite the cold & wind, at the exhibitors request as it was so successful the previous year. Both judges enjoyed their entries. Janet Martineau, Obedience judge, thought there were several dogs (and handlers) who showed promise for the future. So well done exhibitors, keep up the good work!

The Championship Show's new venue didn't change the lovely friendly atmosphere & sportsmanship the SWRA is generally known for; we transported it with us! Being the 25th Champ show, a lot of effort went in from Club members and Committee members, including our 2 new co-opted members, into making the day memorable. The trophies and class specials were absolutely beautiful (full marks Stuart), thanks to all the exhibitors who sponsored them. The catalogue for the day should be a lovely keepsake even though only about a third of exhibitors completed the 3 generation pedigrees. Never

mind, I'm sure between you all you can fill in the blanks, if you so wish. Celebration cakes were distributed to exhibitors and I'm sure I was not the only one who went to the back of the queue for another (it is only truly an SWRA event if there is cake... as I may have mentioned before... a few times..!)

The SWRA has nearly joined the 21st century... the Facebook page has been a useful way of keeping members informed of things going on i.e. the item on dog law. As I said, we are nearly there, the website is undergoing some major work and we hope it will be up and running again for 2016; we have missed it. With Nikki Marker (and new committee members) now on the case I'm sure we'll be in the 21st century soon.

A quick reminder to all Judges and potential new Judges – send your C.V.s to Kirstie Forster at breedcouncil@gmail.com as we have spent time reviewing the criteria so current Judges may now be eligible for a higher list. As discussed in my previous Year Book report, the SWRA has adopted the Breed Council's list & criteria.

What is concerning me is the year on year decrease of membership. I know our pool of possible members has been declining over the last few years, mainly due to economics I suspect, but it is still a worrying trend. Can I urge members who breed to let their new puppy owners know about us and that you do not have to be a "show person" or have a "show dog" to become a member. We appear to be missing out on roughly 90% of the Rottweiler ownership in the Southwest as the majority of puppies go to pet homes. To become more reflective of all Rotties in the Southwest and their views we need a membership drive. To that end, we have a new flyer being drafted, which together with membership forms will be available shortly.

With the addition of 2 more co-opted committee members – Lisa Crane and Nikki Marker, we hope to be able to put on a seminar in the autumn 2016. The more Committee members we have, the more events we can put on. I would like some events that cater to pet owners as well as show and obedience: after all, Rotties are foremost pets. Bring your ideas to the Committee, either by joining the Committee itself, or by bringing ideas to the AGM which all members are entitled to attend. I look forward to meeting you all there and hearing your enthusiastic ideas. Best wishes for 2016...

Nicola Longden

Rottweilers In Need

At the end of March 2016 Rottweilers In Need will have completed a decade of Rescue, Refuge, Rehabilitation and Rehoming! 10 years is a long time but during that time, we are so pleased to say that with everyone's support, we have helped so many dogs who have ended up in lovely new homes with lovely new caring owners.



This past year we would like to say has been a lot easier than the last, but unfortunately, more dogs than ever are still continuing to knock at our door needing help. Christmas was the worst one ever! There were just so many needing help, it was unbelievable.

Our working year is April to March and in the past 10 months we have rehomed 22 dogs altogether, that being 11 dogs and 11 bitches. By the end of March, we hope to have rehomed around the 30 mark. We currently have 21 dogs in our care, all of which will appear on our website.

We don't usually take any dogs from abroad as there are so many here needing help, but, Liza, the Greek Goddess, was an urgent case. We were approached for help by an English lady who does rescue work in Greece. Liza came to us, at only 2 years old, being chained up day in, day out, and the chain was all of 2ft long!!!! She had such a good temperament and was a lovely character, good with people and other dogs. She did need lead training and she soon knew the daily routine and was enjoying freedom running and playing around the field. She went to a new home in January 2016, and is really happy now. None of this would be possible without the support of everyone involved in helping us, in whichever way they can.



We feel we must mention and thank, the fabulous efforts made by Page Allen, who has helped us with fundraising and has done such a wonderful job. She was awarded our Fundraiser of the Year award, for her outstanding hard work and care shown for those dogs less fortunate than our own. Well done Page - you are a star!

Another mention of hard work and thanks, must go to Linnet Allison. She bakes her heart out before a show, to raise some funds for us by raffling a cake or two

and also asking for donations for people wanting to eat her wares! The cakes are absolutely delicious, as I am sure you will all know by now, and although we are all a few pounds heavier, her efforts are a terrific help to our funds. The idea was that of Nicola Marker's and the first time they did this, was actually at SWRA Champ Show 2015. A lot of other people helped to provide the stall with delicious homemade cakes and we thank Callum, and Liv, Nicola's step-son and his girlfriend, Victoria and Alistair Clapp, Jacqui Haige and Steve Marker for their contributions to this successful fundraiser. Linnet has continued to bake for other shows and always does really well. Bless you Linnet.

Please also remember, that we do run a sponsorship scheme, which is for our long-term dogs. We currently have 6 dogs on the scheme. We ask a monthly donation by standing order of just £2.00 per month, *not even the price of a coffee*. This scheme is invaluable to us, and to our dogs. By contributing this small amount monthly, means that we can help many more dogs needing care. You can download a form from our website, www.rottweilersinneed.co.uk and go to our sponsorship page, or see us at a show where we will happily hand you a form. Our thanks sincerely go to SWRA, courtesy of the kindness of your Treasurer, Kim Smart, by giving her Honorarium to us. It is an enormous help to this scheme.



This is Riley, our newest addition to the sponsorship scheme, wearing his smart winter coat and carrying around his favourite toy, his reindeer. Whilst we were told he was 4 he is in fact probably more around 8 years old. He is a little more challenging and possessive and whilst we never stop looking for homes for all of our dogs, we don't expect he will find anywhere other than our long term care. If you can help Riley, by donating £2.00 a month towards his upkeep, please do fill out a form. Thank you. x

Everyone's support is hugely important to us, so we hope you will all continue to support us where you can. Without you purchasing merchandise, Christmas cards and calendars, going on our Tombola, the donations you give to us and also by putting your change into Fey and Lillian's cart at the shows, we would not be able to help the number of dogs we are helping today and we wouldn't exist without you all.

Hope to see everyone in 2016, have a good one.

Kim Cussans (for Rottweilers In Need)

Breed Open Show: Judge's Critiques SUNDAY 12th April 2015

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge there Open show and thank my lovely stewards on the day for keeping everything running smoothly. Last but by no means least I would like to thank everyone who entered under me. I had a very enjoyable day, with a small but quality entry of dogs to go over.

DOGS

MPD (0 Entries)



PD (2, 0a)

1st Lloyd & Davies' Saintlythans Captain Cat

11 Months. Medium size and substance. Masculine head, medium brown almond shape eye, good stop and strong muzzle. Ears ok but doesn't always use them. Correct teeth and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders, level topline. Angles correct front and rear. Tail has a tight curl. Coat and colour correct. Moved well, a little loose but to be expected at this age.

BEST PUPPY DOG

2nd Fletcher & Graham's Saintlythans Mr Ogmore

11 months and is litter brother to above. Medium size and substance. Masculine head, medium brown almond shape eye. Good stop and strong muzzle. Correct Ears. Correct dentition and pigmentation. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline. Correct angles front and rear. Correct Tail. Excellent coat and colour. Moved well however went slightly lame so had to settle for 2nd place today.



JD (2, 0a) Two very nice males.

1st James & Thompson's Bamabel Abraham

Just loved this 14 months medium/large size male. Excellent bone and substance. Gorgeous masculine head, dark brown almond shape eye, excellent stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears, which he uses to advantage. Correct dentition and pigment. Excellent clean lip line. Strong neck, clean shoulders and strong topline. Angles correct front and rear. Correct Tail. Moved really well when settled, in the

challenge his exuberant character got the better of him, and he was just too playful to assess. Has so much potential surely has a great future ahead of him

2nd Abell's Bevanray Parker

Another lovely boy, 14 months large with excellent bone and substance. Attractive masculine head, medium brown almond shape eye. Good stop, strong muzzle. Correct ears. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline. Little long in loins. Little upright in front angles, correct rear angles. Tail ok. Excellent coat and colour. Moved well very steady, would like to see a little more animation on the move.



ND (2, 0a)

1st Burnett's Pendley Ivanhoe
2 years. Medium size and substance. Attractive masculine head, medium brown almond shape eye, excellent stop and muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, and clean shoulders, level topline. Correct angles front and rear, excellent feet. Tail correct. Excellent coat and colour. Moved really well with good reach and drive. Has a lovely outgoing character. Pleased to award him **Reserve Best Dog**

2nd Carroll's Roychamp Diving Surprise

3 years, medium size with adequate bone and substance. Masculine head with lovely dark brown almond eye. Stop ok, would like a bit more fill under the eye. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline. Sufficient angles front and rear. Good feet. Tail has a curl. Good coat, markings a little dark. Moved ok would like to see more drive.



GD (2, 1a)

1st Williams' Jimeva Sonicboom Rylusha
18 months, medium size with good bone and substance. Masculine head, medium brown almond shape eye, good stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, some wrinkle over shoulders, level topline. Correct front and rear angulation. Good feet. Tail ok. Excellent coat and colour. Moved well.



PGD (2, 0a)

1st Borne's Dortmund Dodging Bullets At Trevearl
2 years. Medium size with good bone and substance. Masculine head, dark brown almond shape eye, correct stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct teeth and pigmentation. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline. Excellent angles front and rear. Good feet. Correct Tail. Excellent coat, colour a little dark esp. on forelegs. Has a very easy action when moving, with good reach and drive

2nd Sweet's Sainthlythans Ice On The Moon

22 months. Medium size with correct bone and substance. Attractive masculine head, medium brown almond shape eye. Correct stop and strong muzzle. Ears correct. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders. Topline ok. Little upright in front angles, correct rear angulation. Tail ok. Excellent coat and colour. Moved well would like to see more animation on the move.



LD (4, 0a)

1st Taylor's Wolfbass Elvis At Annmar
3 years, large size with excellent bone and substance. Strong masculine head, dark brown almond shape eye, correct stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and mottled pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline. Good angles front and rear. Tends to overstretch himself at times. Correct feet. Correct tail. Moves with strong reach and drive and has great animation on the move. Pleased to award him **BEST DOG**

AND RESERVE BEST IN SHOW/BEST OPPOSITE SEX

2nd Moran-Potter's Sundrifters Rob Anybody

4 years, medium size and substance. Masculine head with dark brown almond shape eye. Good stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, some wrinkle over shoulders, level topline. Sufficient angles. Tail ok. Moved well but would like more animation on the move.



OD (1, 0a)

1st Sweet's Saintlythans Ice On The Moon

22 months, medium size with correct bone and substance. Attractive masculine head, medium brown almond shape eye. Correct stop and strong muzzle. Ears correct. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders. Topline ok. Little upright in front angles, correct rear angulation. Tail ok. Excellent coat and colour. Moved well would like to see more animation on the move.

VD (1, 1a)

BITCHES



MPB (1, 0a)

1st Fletcher & Graham's Raltans Bright Horizon

6 months, medium size with excellent bone and substance. Beautiful feminine head with dark brown almond shape eye. Excellent stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears, which she uses well. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline. Angles correct front and rear. Excellent tail. Correct coat and colour. Moved with good reach and drive for one so young. At the end of the

day still did not falter was pleased to award her **BEST PUPPY BITCH & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**. Must have a bright future ahead of her.



drive.

PB (2, 1a)

1st Brooks' Saintlythans Polly Garter At Frizlbach

11 months, medium size and substance. Feminine head with medium brown almond shape eye. Stop and muzzle ok. Would like more fill under the eyes. Ears ok but tends to fly them at times. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders, and level topline. Angles ok. Good feet. Coat and colour good. Moved well but would like to see more reach and



colour. Lovely type. Moved well, although a bit erratic at times.

JB (3, 2a)

1st James & Thompson's Bamabel Angelica

14 months, medium/large size with excellent bone and substance. Attractive feminine head, dark brown almond shape eye, correct stop and strong muzzle. Would like a little more fill under eyes. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigmentation. Strong neck, clean shoulders, level topline, rises slightly over the croup. Good angles front and rear. Correct feet. Good tail. Excellent coat and



NB (2, 0a)

1st Brown & Carosin's Bamabel Adriana
14 months, and I see she is litter sister to my junior bitch and dog winner. Again lovely type, medium/large size with good bone and substance. Lovely feminine head, dark brown almond shape eye, correct stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline. Correct angles front and rear. Excellent feet. Correct tail. Moved well when settled with good reach and drive

2nd Crane's Cherocho Shining Star

19 months, medium size and substance. Feminine head, medium brown almond shape eye, good stop would like a little more fill to face, strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct Dentition, pigment mottled. Strong neck, clean shoulders and good topline. Feet good but needs to strengthen in pasterns. Correct angles front and rear. Good tail. Moved well but would like to see more animation on the move.



GB (1, 0a)

1st Courtney-Baughan's

Pendley Ivette At Whisperdown

2 years, medium/large size with excellent bone and substance. Beautiful feminine head with dark brown almond shape eye. Excellent stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and good topline. Little upright in front angles, correct rear angulation. Excellent feet. Correct tail. Moved true with good reach and drive, just needs more animation on

the move. When it came to the challenge this girl was just not interested. Lovely type.



PGB (3, 2a)

1st Moran-Potter's Sundrifters Sourcery

2 years, medium size and substance. Feminine head, with dark brown almond shape eye. Correct stop and strong muzzle. Ears ok but has tendency to fly one. Correct teeth and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders, and level topline. Little long in loins. Correct angles front and rear. Good Feet. Tail has a tight curl. Good coat and colour. Moved very well with good reach and drive. This lady has a

great attitude.



LB (4, 1a)

1st Lloyd & Davies Westfalen's Miracle Design at Desalinnah

3 years small/medium size with good bone and substance. Strong head with some wrinkle. Medium brown almond shape eye. Good stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct Dentition and pigment mottled. Strong neck, clean shoulders, strong topline. Sufficient angulation. Correct Tail. Correct coat, markings a little dark on forelegs. Moved

ok but would like more reach and drive

2nd Marker's Sundrifters Tiffany Aching

4 years. Medium size and substance. Attractive feminine head with dark brown almond shape eye. Good stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and pigment mottled. Strong neck, clean shoulders and level topline, falls away slightly at croup. Correct angles front and rear. Tail ok. Good coat and colour. Moved ok.



OB (4, 0a)

1st Hucker's Ch Bevanray Olive

2 years medium/large with excellent bone and substance. Strong but feminine head with medium brown almond shape eye. Excellent stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears, which she uses well. Correct dentition and pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and super topline. Good angles front and rear, excellent feet. Correct tail. Excellent coat and colour. This bitch is in superb condition and this really shows on the move, has excellent reach and drive

and could easily do a days work. In the challenge just felt she had the edge over the male. Pleased to award her **BEST BITCH AND BEST IN SHOW**. A truly lovely bitch



2nd Mahoney & Clapp's Rockstarotts Mini Jet Black

3 years, another lovely girl, medium size and substance with attractive feminine head. Dark brown almond shape eye, good stop and strong muzzle. Correct ears. Correct dentition and mottled pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and good topline. Correct feet. Correct angles front and rear. Good tail. Correct coat and colour. Moved very well with correct reach and drive. Lovely type, pleased to award her **RESERVE BEST BITCH**.



VB (4, 0a) A lovely class of veterans who were all thoroughly enjoying being in the ring and still had super shapes. A pleasure to judge.

1st Moran-Potter's CH Sundrifters Maskerade

7 years, medium size and substance. Lovely feminine head, dark brown almond shape eye, good stop and strong muzzle. Ears ok but has tendency to fly them at times. Correct dentition and pigment ok, Strong neck, clean shoulders and strong

topline. Correct angles front and rear. Feet good. Excellent tail. Moved really well with good reach and drive. Has a great character. Pleased to award her **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**

2nd Brown & Carosin's Bamabel Flair at Roseryn

8 years medium size and substance. Attractive feminine head, medium brown almond shape eye. Good stop and strong muzzle. Ears ok but does tend to fly one at times. Correct dentition and mottled pigment. Strong neck, clean shoulders and super topline. Excellent angles front and rear. Docked tail. Correct coat and colour. Moved very well with correct reach and drive. A real showgirl.



JUDGE (SALLY BENSTEAD): Best Bitch: Best Dog: Best Puppy: Best Veteran

Photos kindly by Andrew Moran-Potter and Ken Smith

Open Show Limited Obedience: Results SUNDAY 12th April 2015

A breezy and pleasant day. The paperwork and rings tended to move in the wind!! But the dogs were not phased by it. Working on a tarmac surface it was nice and level. A small entry but we had some dogs of quality. Unfortunately, there were several absentees due to bitches coming into season which they have a habit of doing just when you would rather they didn't but that's the dog show business for you.

Thank you ever so much to Judith who minded the paperwork and filled in everything most efficiently for me. And of course to Kate who stewarded the three rounds as and when they were required without a single error. We took the competitors in whatever order they turned up as some were also in the breed ring and had to fit that in with their obedience entries.

There was a lovely lunch and good hospitality all round.

The main thing I am looking for at any level but especially in the early classes is that the dogs are engaged with their handlers and want to 'play' our games. If your dog is not wanting to join in with you it is not likely to produce the energy and style that make this obedience game so good to take part in and to watch. Well done to all those who entered and took part. I saw some lovely willing dogs and some very promising work. Keep at it – there is nothing like a Rottie giving its all to pleasing its boss. Keep them thinking it's fun, vary the practice, keep'em guessing.

Special Pre-Beginners

A circle in both directions for heelwork was enjoyed by nearly all the dogs in this class. Recalls were all good despite some early doubts which were totally unfounded.

1st Ms R Carroll's ROYCHAMP DIVING SURPRISE

Held a good position at heel. Just a couple of places where he dropped back but came good again. A smart recall but not totally accurate on the sits. Nicely managed and handled

2nd After a run-off was Mrs J Tuttle's WOLFBASS EVITA

She hung back a bit on the circle heelwork in places and Mum worked hard to get results. A good recall which just needed tidying on the present to make it perfect. But she did the better of the two in the run-off to get this place

3rd After the run-off was Miss L Crane's CHEROHO SHINING STAR

Positive and committed in her heelwork. This was where the doubt had been expressed concerning the recall but it was smart, accurate and clear! What more can you ask. However, she had totally

decided that she was a 'one recall a day dog' and in the run off she had no intention of doing it a second time – it was just an opportunity to sniff and wander and sniff some more. Never mind you know she can do it – you just have to find the right button with which to motivate her

4th Mrs G Y Courtney-Baughan's PENDLEY YVETTE AT WHISPERDOWN

Handled by the owner's son. Obedient and reliable, she did as she was asked but there are a few handling tips that could help. The way the lead was held led to it tightening at times and to give the verbal help just before you turn would help her to be a bit more smart and tidy. It is early in her training and she doesn't quite understand some of the finer details but this was an excellent attempt.



Special Beginners

This is where the absentees occurred so we ended with just the two entries. The heel on lead was a standard pattern, but I used the circle again for the Heel Free.

1st Mrs Angela Martin's DORTMUND VAN GOUGH

Well he came in and showed us all how to do it! Encouraged verbally in just the right places and holding his close and consistent position at heel apart from two slight lapses of attention. Then back he came to do a clear recall. Beautiful

2nd Mr N Green-Morris's ELYAUERHOF WICKED AT DANOKA

A very powerful dog handled calmly and carefully. Very little wrong here. His attitude is good, however he has a little to learn just to smarten up his turns and the minor details



Special Novice

1st Miss C Burnett's THUNDERHEAD HEAVEN SENT

This delightful bitch did a round that could win anywhere. Lovely detail on turns, nicely encouraged and handled. A funny little hesitation on recall for no apparent reason, but a clear retrieve. Well done indeed

2nd Mrs Angela Martin's DORTMUND VAN GOUGH

In he came again and gave a really good novice round. Lovely position, well handled with verbal encouragement and very nice upright handling. But for that fumble and hang on in the present of the dumbbell and he might have been in top spot her too. Well done Goffy on putting up with the visitor in your sit stay – that should have earned you bonus points

3rd Mr N Green-Morris's ELYAUERHOF WICKED AT DANOKA

He worked a very similar round with marks going on left turns and general detail and added a good solid retrieve to it. Just couldn't resist his neighbouring dog in the sit stay, and again was up at the finish of the down. Naughty!

4th Mrs E Brown and Mrs. S Carosin's BAMABEL FLAIR AT ROSERYN

The main problem here was that lead. Tight leads cost marks. A bit of help on the handling side would make a great difference but a really good try and a willing partner

5th Miss C Burnett's PENDLEY IVANHOE

What a good looking dog. He was not going to play our game today. Well-handled and worked but it was not to be. The basics are there but he said he had forgotten what the retrieve was about. On being reminded and helped he brought it in well.

It was an enjoyable day with the Rottweilers. Thank you for having me. Good for you for encouraging Obedience at this show. A working breed should be given some work to do and a Rottie can do it. There is nothing as straight as a Rottie's straight sit!! And when they know what you want and you make it worth their while, they so enjoy pleasing you.



Judge: Janet Martineau

Ring Steward: Kate Claxton

Scoreboard: Judith King

Photos with kindly by Ken Smith

What would you do in a fire?

Do you know what to do in an emergency or have you even thought about it? Do you know how to give First Aid to your dog? What would you do if there was a fire in your home? How about a flooding, or what if you become unwell or even had an accident while travelling with your dog? Every day of the week, somebody, somewhere, will be caught up in an event that seriously impacts their lives, but have you considered your dogs or other animals in the event of an emergency?

It's the middle of the night and your smoke detector goes off – you do have a smoke detector, right? Have you thought about your escape plan? Who is going to wake everybody up and make sure they are safely out of the property? The advice given has always been – get out, call the fire service and stay out. Now most of us will see our dogs as members of our families, they are like our children in many cases, and would you leave them behind? Human nature is such that there is a fair chance that you will not, and even possibly return into the building to rescue them. Even if they live in a kennel in the garden or in a kennel complex, have you ever thought what you would do in the event of a fire or other emergency?

Today, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are cheap and easily available – these will provide an early warning and will be your watchdog while everybody else is sleeping, including your dogs. The early warning they provide will give you the time to react and get everybody, including your dogs, to safety.

To have the best chance of getting everybody out safely, you need to think about it, and prepare for it, in advance. The first time to be thinking about what to do in an emergency, is not when you are involved in one! So, I am going to look at a few simple things we could consider doing and ways to prepare for this and how we can help our dogs with a little pre-planning.

Firstly, just like behaviour problems, prevention is better than cure. Do you have a nightly or exit routine to make sure electrical equipment is turned off, doors are closed, cigarettes are extinguished, fire guards are in place etc?

Then, as part of the pre-planning, think about things like: who will call the emergency services? Do you live in a difficult to find location? How could you make it easier for the emergency services to find you? Who is going to be responsible for doing what, if they hear the alarm operate? Can you open your exit door without have to find keys? The last thing you want is to get to the exit door only to find out that the keys are in a different room. Then, once you have decided what needs to be done, practise it. If you would like more information on escape plans and general fire safety, contact your local Fire and Rescue Service who will be more than happy to help out.

I have briefly looked at planning, but what about your dogs and other pets? What if today something happened, who would look after your dogs? Who would you call in the middle of the night – are they available 24/7? Who would you call next if they were not available? Do you have trusted kennels, vets and friends you could call? Once you have thought about this, make sure you have the phone numbers easily accessible – mine are stored on my mobile phone. Just thinking about these now, will save you time and be one less stress if something was to happen.

I would consider having a small bag handy, you may even want to have it close to where your dog sleeps. You could have in it a pet first aid kit, or if you want to be super prepared, small animal oxygen masks that fit the muzzles of dogs.

Make sure you have a selection of dog leads handy, if you don't have collars on your dogs, keep slip leads available. I am not a fan of slip leads, as to me they are just another type of noose and it breaks my heart to see dogs choking for breath on the end of a lead, but in the case of an emergency, better

that than dogs running panicked into the house or escaping when outside. You could always switch to a collar/harness as soon as you can, or better still, train your dog to walk on a loose lead. It's always a great idea to keep a correctly sized muzzle at home – these are super useful in case the dog is injured or is not people friendly, it will provide a level of safety and management that will protect you and the dog. As the muzzle is likely to be to short duration use, the soft material muzzles are brilliant. Ideally, pre-train your dog to wear a muzzle as this can reduce the stress to your dog in what is likely to already be a stressful situation. There are some great videos and websites available to help you to muzzle-train your dog, or better still, contact a professional trainer who will go through this with you.

The emergency bag could also contain one of the body wraps that are used for fear and anxiety, contact phone numbers, treats, collapsible water bowl etc. These are just a few ideas, but you could easily expand it to suit your needs.

What if you own a kennel complex with multiple dogs, have you ever thought about what to do? What if you were suddenly taken ill – how would people know you had a dog living with you at home? A simple idea that may get around this issue, would be to carry some alert information in a wallet or purse, this could contain contact information and an address. Just a little preparation can make such a massive difference and I hope you will never need to use it, but if you do, it will help you so much.

Should the worst happen, no matter the issue or event that you are caught up in, having a broadly socialised and well trained dog will certainly help make things easier. Prepare your puppies for all manner of life experiences, as well as basic obedience exercises, such as seeing people wearing silly hats and clothing.

Preparing us and our dogs for life's emergencies is just another part of socialisation. A little preparation now can save a lot of stress and heartache if the unfortunate was to happen and hopefully, prevent it from becoming a disaster.

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How to brush a dog's teeth

If your dog is not a fan of teeth brushing, don't give up hope yet! From a dog's perspective, having his/her teeth brushed is not a natural thing. We shouldn't expect that all dogs will take to teeth brushing easily – some just have to get used to the idea!

Training your dog to the toothbrush is no different than leash training. It takes time, patience and ensuring that each step is perceived as enjoyable and non-threatening by your pet. Be sure to load on the praise and don't move to the next step unless your dog seems comfortable with it. The goal is to brush the outside surface of teeth in area where teeth and gums meet. Your brushing efforts should only last for one to two minutes, then discontinue the session. Keep it fun and reward your dog along the way.

How to brush your dog's teeth

- Start by rubbing your bare finger along the gums. Do this for a few seconds and build up to longer periods of time
- Add some dog enzymatic toothpaste to your fingertip and massage gums. Experiment with different flavours of pet toothpaste (chicken, liver, malt, etc.) but never use human toothpaste

- Apply some dog toothpaste to a pet toothbrush and brush outer surfaces of teeth and gums

Other at home dental options for pets that don't tolerate brushing, but will allow handling the mouth area, is using a home dental sealant (such as OraVet). This dental sealant can be applied by the finger once a week to provide a preventative barrier for the teeth.

Dental rinses and sprays are available as an anti-plaque step that can be sprayed or wiped on the teeth. Dental treats and diets are another tool that can be helpful in a home dental care plan, but should not be relied on as the sole dental care provided.

Be sure to see your veterinarian regularly for a professional dental prophylaxis. The frequency of recommended cleanings will vary depending on your pet's health condition, but are typically advised every six to twelve months. The most effective dental plan for your pet is utilizing both professional veterinary cleanings combined with home dental care for your pet.

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Rottweilers as I knew them

As we venture into any endeavour we are of course influenced by the era at that particular time and by those participating successfully in the events that we would hopefully pursue. Regardless of the enterprise in which we wish to participate there is normally a criteria or a standard already established by our forebears that we should try to maintain or indeed improve upon. Although the heritage of the Rottweiler is ancient the Breed Standard for the Established Breed Clubs is relatively new i.e. 100 odd years. Over this period the Standard has been modified to a degree but the current Standard is still basically the same as it was some thirty years ago regarding a Trotting and Herding dog. There are those today perpetuating the "Myth" of Excessive Reach and Drive being necessary in The Rottweiler that is more akin to the GSD. This very small clip, I made, from 1988 demonstrates the variances from then and now. As I reminisce about this show, held in Rottweil, it brings back memories that were indicative of the Breed Standard at that time and to my knowledge remains the same today. If my memory is correct this particular class was running for between 30-45 minutes under the watchful eye of "God Himself" W. Fausner. Particularly interesting is the fact that all dogs are "TROTting" alongside the Handlers for this long duration of time which included handler changing many times. They are also standing tall on the move and not slinking low and fast like some of today's dogs with so called excessive Reach and Drive. On the intervals of Standing, being double handled, they are Standing Four Square with Legs underneath them and yet calm and alert. Please remember that this is the Class of top class "WORKING" Dogs. Today we have some dogs frothing at the mouth with Ski slope toplines and manic eyes that make a mockery of the desired Calm and Alert with Tranquil Gaze.

I.M.O. we are being blinded today by the fascination to be, Charismatic, Flamboyant and a "Desire to put on a Show" that is aesthetically pleasing to the crowd. This inevitable manifestation of one's indulgence of their own importance inevitably results in us losing sight of our Breeds heritage.

"When the older generation pontificates it is not necessarily because we know all the answers nor is our opinions always correct. It is because we sometimes see something which others do not wish to see".

Author: Eddie Nicol

ROTTWEILER WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Reg charity no: 279 478-R



(This is Molly, who is now 9 years old. She is totally blind and has been with us since she was 16 weeks old and is the RWA Mascot.)

We are a registered, not-for-profit rescue charity, who finds good homes for unwanted Rottweilers. The aims of the Association are to:

- Rescue abandoned and neglected Rottweilers and help those who are unwanted
- Provide all necessary care, treatment and rehabilitation
- Assess these dogs for adoptability and find suitable homes for them

Share and Care

The Share and Care Scheme is designed to help dogs who find themselves in Welfare with no prospect of a permanent home in the foreseeable future, because they are elderly or have long term but not fatal illness or are just difficult to rehome. It is our hope that every dog that comes into Welfare will find a safe and permanent home, but by joining this Scheme and donating a fixed amount each month or quarter, funds will always be available for these dogs. Your contribution provides safe and permanent care throughout their stay with us 'however long it is'. The dogs on this scheme are also all looking for homes. Just being on this scheme does not mean that we stop looking for that right home, it just sometimes takes a bit longer.

All Scheme supporters get an initial information sheet with a picture about their 'chosen' dog and updates on the Scheme appear in the Yearbook and Newsletter and you will also get postcards from your chosen dog when they need to tell you something. If you wish to care for a specific dog and it no longer requires care through the Scheme, you will have the choice of funding another dog/dogs or discontinuing your payments.

Please consider Sharing and Caring for a Rottweiler. Perhaps you have had one in the past and can't have one now, or would like one but it's just not sensible at present, then this can be your way to help a dog. If you would like to help and contribute please contact **Carole Copeland on 07836 245021** for further details or visit our website www.rotweilerwelfare.co.uk and go into the Forms section, select Share and Care Scheme form, complete and return to the address on the form.

Thank you!

Dangerous Dogs Act – Advice to Owners

The Dangerous Dogs Act was amended under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which came in to effect in England & Wales in October 2014. The amendments to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 came in to force in May 2014. This law applies to all dog owners.

Part 7 of the Act amends the Dangerous Dogs Act by:

1. “Making it an offence for owning or being in charge of a dog that is dangerously out of control in a private place – including the home and front and back gardens to the owner’s home”. The previous legislation already covered public places. There is an exemption in cases where a dog becomes dangerously out of control when a trespasser is inside, or is in the process of entering, a building that is a place where a person lives. It does not matter whether the person actually was a trespasser, if the owner is in the building when the dog becomes out of control and believes that the person is a trespasser, that is sufficient. “Trespasser” takes its common law meaning, as someone trespassing against the occupier of the land. Whether a building is a “dwelling” is a question of fact that will be determined by the court in each case
2. Empowering the Police or an appointed local authority to seize a dangerously out of control dog in a private place. The previous legislation already covered public places
3. Providing that a dog attack (or reasonable apprehension that this may occur) on any assistance dog constituted an aggravated offence
4. Ensuring that the courts can take account of the character of the owner of the dog, as well as of the dog, when assessing whether a dog should be destroyed on the grounds that it is a risk to the public

What should dog owners be doing?

- Ensure your gardens are safe. The most important point to consider is how to keep unexpected visitors or delivery drivers safe on your property. Numerous Royal Mail and other delivery services employees are injured by dog bites each year and up until now, there has not been the legislation to enable action to be taken to ensure their future safety. You need to make sure that any visitor can safely access your front door without encountering your dog.

There is a slight grey area in these changes in that if the person attacked is a burglar or trespasser, your dog may not be considered dangerously out of control if it is in a building that is your private dwelling at the time of the attack. However, this does not cover incidents in your back or front garden so while the law is yet to be tested, all dog owners should ensure that all areas of their gardens where their dogs could encounter unexpected visitors are secure. It is worth talking to neighbours to ensure that children do not climb your fence to retrieve balls etc. to be on the safe side.

- Manage your dog when someone knocks. Fewer letters are sent through the post but the rise in internet shopping means that more parcels are being delivered. This change in legislation should be a wakeup call to all dog owners to ensure their dogs are under control when opening the door – otherwise they risk committing a criminal offence. The easiest thing to do is to shut your dog in another room or in the garden. You also need to consider how your dog greets people. What you view as a dog being friendly by jumping up at visitors may be seen as threatening behaviour by a stranger.

Owning a dog is a huge responsibility and should not be taken lightly. However, by taking some time to think about what these changes mean to you and your dog, you will be taking steps to keep everyone safe and avoid ending up in a position that no one wants to find themselves in.

The Kennel Club's Microchipping Factsheet

- **A dog's breeder is the dog's first keeper**

The breeder will be considered the first keeper of their litter of puppies and it will be their legal responsibility to get their puppies' microchipped and recorded on a database compliant with the new regulations, such as Petlog. **The breeder may not record the new owner as the first keeper of a puppy instead of themselves** and it will be an offence if they are not listed as the first keeper of their puppies on a microchipping database compliant with the regulations, such as Petlog.

- **The maximum age a puppy can be microchipped under normal circumstances is 8 weeks old**

There is no minimum age specified in the regulations. However it is advised that microchipping does not take place before the puppy is 6 weeks old, and it is a requirement that the puppy is microchipped and recorded on a database that is compliant with the new regulations, such as Petlog, by the time it is 8 weeks old. Therefore between 6 weeks and 8 weeks is the optimum time to get the puppy microchipped, with 8 weeks being the legal maximum (unless an exemption applies).

- **There are two exemptions to the microchipping regulations**

The first exemption is where a veterinarian has certified the dog as a working dog and docked its tail in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 2006. **In such cases the time limit for the dog to be microchipped and details recorded with a database is extended to 12 weeks.** The dog can be passed on to a new keeper once it has been microchipped. This exemption is applicable in England and Wales only as tail docking is completely banned in Scotland.

The second exemption is where a veterinarian certifies that a dog should not be microchipped because it could adversely affect its health. In such cases a vet would have to certify that this was the case and state when the exemption expired. The dog would then need to be microchipped on the expiry of that time limited certificate unless a veterinarian issued a further exemption certificate because of ongoing concerns with the dog's health. In this case the decision to exempt a dog from being microchipped would be made by the veterinary surgeon. **In such a case a breeder may pass the puppy on with a copy of the veterinary exemption certificate and any time limit for microchipping** though it would be for the puppy buyer to decide whether to take the dog given this information.

- **Mini microchips are available for small breeds**

There are mini microchips available (the same standard and performance of the existing chip) with a smaller needle for implantation. Please see www.petlog.org.uk/findanimplanter to find a local implanter and speak to the implanter about your options.

- **Only those who have been suitably trained may implant microchips:**

1. a veterinarian, student veterinarian or veterinary nurse acting under the direction of a veterinarian
2. someone who has been trained and assessed as competent under a training course approved by the Secretary of State
3. someone who has had training including practical experience of implanting microchips prior to the Regulations coming into force

Those already implanting microchips into dogs before the regulations come into force may continue to implant microchips provided they have received training that included practical experience of implanting a microchip.

Breeders may microchip their own puppies only if they comply with the above requirements.

NB: It will be unlawful to buy microchips online and implant them unless the implanter has had the training specified above. The instructions for implanting on-line bought microchips will not meet legal training requirements in part because there will be no practical implantation training included.

It will be an offence to implant microchips without the appropriate training and a fine of £500 could be imposed for doing so.

- **Standardised information about each dog and its keeper must be recorded on a microchip database:**

1. The breeder's licence number and the name of the local authority by which they are licensed (if relevant)
2. The original name given to the dog by the breeder
3. The breed of the dog, or a description if it is a crossbreed
4. The sex of the dog
5. The colour(s) of the dog e.g. blue, brindle and white
6. The most accurate estimate of the dog's date of birth which the keeper can give. If the keeper is the breeder then the exact date of birth should be known
7. The full name and address of the keeper (including the full postcode)
8. The contact telephone number(s) for the keeper
9. The name given to the dog by the keeper if different to those already recorded
10. The unique microchip number (NB: This may be found on the registration certificate issued by the database operator)

- **Breeders can include the new keeper's details on the microchipping database if they wish provided they (as the breeder) are listed as the first keeper**

If a breeder or subsequent keeper is transferring a dog to a new keeper, they can update the new keeper's details themselves - though if they do not, then it is the new keeper's responsibility to update the details stored on the database. In this instance the breeder/previous keeper must also provide microchipping documents to the new keeper to ensure the new keeper can update their details in order to comply with the law.

- **There are penalties for not microchipping and not keeping database details up to date**

If the breeder or subsequent keepers of the dog do NOT update the dog's details on a database that is compliant with the regulations, such as Petlog, then a notice may be served requiring the keeper to microchip the dog within 21 days of the served notice. If this notice is ignored then a fine of up to £500 can be issued or an enforcer can seize the dog and microchip it at the keeper's expense.

Liability for a dog in circumstances in which the new keeper does not update the microchip database with their details and the dog strays or is involved in a dog bite incident lies with the new keeper.

As soon as the dog is transferred to a new keeper they become liable for that dog. The new keeper should ensure the contact details on the microchip database are up to date when they acquire the puppy. The new keeper's details can be updated either by the previous keeper/breeder, or the new keeper.

If the new keeper is to do this it is advisable the previous keeper should give proof of microchipping and confirmation of details recorded in their name to the new keeper, as well as keep a copy for themselves. It is recommended this be either a copy of the confirmation from the database of details recorded or a copy of a valid exemption certificate. This will help the new keeper to record their details in relation to the dog.

Once database records are updated with the new keeper's details it will also ensure the previous keeper cannot be held liable for any problems the dog may cause under the new keepership.

- **Compulsory microchipping is not proof of legal ownership**

Microchipping shows who the current keeper of the dog is but this alone is not proof of legal ownership. A microchip relates to the main keeper of the dog i.e. the person the dog lives with and to whom it should be returned if found.

It is separate from Kennel Club registration which lists a 'registered owner'. Kennel Club registered ownership alone is not proof of legal ownership.

Legal ownership of a dog is undefined. In cases where there is a legal dispute over dog ownership, many factors will be considered including perhaps the keeper and KC registered owner of the dog, but also who pays for the dog's upkeep, veterinary treatments etc. and who pays for insurance for the dog for example. Ultimately it will be for a court to decide ownership

- **Any microchip that fails, migrates or causes any adverse reactions must be reported to the VMD**
Microchips can fail, migrate and cause adverse reactions but only very rarely. In England an Adverse Reaction Reporting System has been set up by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) and anyone finding an adverse reaction or a failed microchip must report it to the VMD at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/microchip-adverse-event-reporting-scheme

In Scotland and Wales anyone finding an adverse reaction or migrated or failed microchip must report it to the Scottish Ministers and Welsh Ministers respectively.
If unsure, seek veterinary advice.

- **The Kennel Club supports the introduction of the new regulations**

The Kennel Club and Petlog have assisted local authorities in advance of the regulations coming into force by donating a scanner to every local authority in England, Wales and Scotland. We also run National Microchipping Month to raise awareness amongst Petlog customers of the need to keep their details up to date and for the wider dog owning public to encourage them to microchip in accordance with forthcoming regulations.

- **Further information**

For more information on the regulations, please visit:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111122501/contents>

Rottweiler Osteosarcoma Project Update



As always we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has gotten involved in this project to improve the health and longevity of a breed we all love. I've said it many times before but we truly would not be where we are, have the data and resources and funding without you – so thank you.

Health Questionnaire:

The data from the 750 completed original health questionnaire on the lifestyle and management of Rottweilers has been analysed and interpreted. The data from these questionnaires has shown some very important results which we will provide you with as soon as we can. I presented the findings at the British Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress early this year and this piece of research is in the process of being published. Research such as this must go through a strict process of screening and validating before it is approved and can be published.

Only when it is published are we allowed to share the results of our research. Mark and I are in the middle of re-writing this data for submission to a science journal. This must be done as my original dissertation project was written specifically for my third year research project. This will take some time, as it needs to be done properly but please bear in mind I am studying full time and Mark is teaching and on clinics so this is being done outside of normal work – I appreciate you are all keen to know the results found in these areas so you can make more informed decisions on the lifestyle and managements of your Rottweilers.

We are still continuing to collect health questionnaires since the first cohort and have around 250 new pieces of data.

DNA Swabs:

We have purchased 1800 swabs for this project at a cost of £6,300 (The swabs have to be brought in batches of 200 at a cost of £700 per box). These swabs have been paid for by The University of Nottingham, The Kennel Club but mostly by the many generous owners who have donated for the cost of swabs.

At present, we have 1266 swabs banked, which is a 70.3% return on swabs. While this is a good return, it means we are missing over 500 swabs which means a lot of important information remains to be examined (not to mentioned the money wasted). So please if you have received swabs, please swab your dog and return then. If you need reminding how to take the swab or where to send it to there is an instruction sheet at the bottom of this update.

So far we have been collecting samples to look at underlying genetic factors that may influence the development of Osteosarcoma in affected and unaffected dogs. We are trying to identify which genes may be different in Rottweilers that leads to the development of Osteosarcoma. If we can locate these, we may be able to work on reducing the frequency in the breed by selective breeding. This however is something that will require many years to achieve with a large amount of ongoing work. The initial processing of the swabs has occurred and the DNA has mostly been collected. It now requires sophisticated analysis for the information to be retrieved.

We would very much like to continue gathering genetic information and send out more swabs so if you have new additions to your Rottweiler family, or any Rottweilers that have not been swabbed please do contact me and I will send them out to you. There is no charge for the swabs, any Rottweiler can take part and all it involves is rubbing the swab on the inside of your dog's cheek to get some DNA cells.

Osteosarcoma Tumour biopsies:

In addition to the section of the project that has been gathering DNA from the swabs; we are also trying to retrieve information on the bone tumours themselves. We intend to analyse samples of the tumours to determine whether we can find out why they developed, how their clinical progression differs and whether some sub-types may be more or less responsive to treatment.

We are trying to college samples from dogs with (suspected or confirmed) Osteosarcoma that are having biopsies for diagnostic purposes or surgical treatment. We do not require additional samples but will use a portion of the sample that your vet takes for our study. We feel it is very important that

although the information from this project will help Rottweilers in the future, it should not reduce the quality of life of those Rottweilers that are currently suffering with the disease.

We would very much appreciate it if you could contact us by email to let us know when your dog may be about to undergo investigations to diagnose a possible Osteosarcoma or for treatment of such. At this point we can discuss sending the special preservation liquid to your Vet so that the samples can be analysed appropriately.

So far we have had a dozen biopsy samples taken during diagnostic testing / surgical treatments. The contributions of these samples to the project are invaluable and we cannot begin to express how grateful we are to those owners who allowed us to have sample. . We very much appreciate that this is an emotional part of the study asking for samples from those Rottweilers that are affected with this dreadful tumour. We also realise that this part of the study is of no immediate benefit to these dogs, however the information that we gain is extremely important – as we are looking at the tumours themselves. The tumour biopsies cost around £1,000 to analyse each sample. This phase of the project therefore requires a large amount of funding and progress as a result is slightly slower.

Exciting opportunities:

Hopefully many of you will have seen the amazing film Black Beauty Breed directed by Angie Ruiz. She is currently in the middle of production of its sequel; Black Beauty Breed II – Forever Faithful. Her new film will explore the advances being made in the field of canine cancer focusing on osteosarcoma and she will be coming to the UK in 2016 to film sections of the research we are doing here. To have our UK efforts included on a film that is shown worldwide is a very exciting opportunity for us to raise awareness and hopefully boost owner involvement in this research.

If you have read this summary but were not aware of this project until now, please find more information on the Rottweiler Osteosarcoma Project.

Please join our Face Book page for this project: www.facebook.com/groups/301425813334290
Thank you.

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Championship Show: Dog Judge's Critiques Sunday 18th October 2015

I would like to thank the committee and officers for inviting me to judge at their 25th Championship Show. I remember well exhibiting at their first, so was very honoured. Also thanks to the stewards on doing a great job at my first championship appointment. Not forgetting the exhibitors for their entries and showmanship shown on my decisions.

I struggled keeping to type, heads were so variable and some too coarse and overdone. It was hard to find the tranquil calm gaze and expression that I love about the breed. There was some very bad hind movement and some dogs I liked on the stand lost out because of this. My 'pet' hate when judging is when, especially experienced handlers, stand so close to their dogs it is near on impossible to judge the dogs front! Some temperaments on the older males was a little disconcerting. Overall I was very happy with my final line up.

MPD (5: 1a)

1st Mc Masters's DORTMUND DOUBLE O'SEVERN AT BEIDERBECKS

Lovely head type and expression. Dark eye and ears well placed. Correct scissor bite. Plenty of bone and substance. Well-developed fore-chest for one so young. Good angulation front and rear with good width of thigh. Nice underline and level top line on the stand. Rich mahogany markings. A little long in back and a little loose on the move as one would expect from a youngster. Very promising puppy.

2nd Holmes's - PANELMA AKHTAR

8 month - different in type to one. Well placed ears and good scissor bite. Ample bone and substance. Clear markings. Good tight feet. Held top-line well on the move. Very much a baby and will come together in time

PD (2: 0a)

1st Brawn and Coles's - JAVLADARE ONE VISION

Good sized puppy presented in super condition. Masculine head with good ear-set and broad skull. Medium dark almond eye. Correct scissor bite. Well off for bone and substance. Clear markings. Strong neck leading into clean shoulders - strong rear end. Level top line which he held on the move. Moved well for so young. Another promising puppy. Best puppy dog

2nd Prescott's - SEITTOR ALABAMA SLAMMER

Nine month old puppy of good size. Nicely proportioned head though spoilt as not using ears correctly. Dark eye and correct scissor bite. Well off for bone and substance. Level top line. Clear markings.

JD (6: 4a)

1st Hoole's - DORTMUND FIRECRACKER FOR SCHONTRAGEN

Well handled 14 months large substantial male with ample bone and substance. Clean skull with correct dentition. Well-developed fore-chest. Rich mahogany markings. A little long in back. Correct tail set and carriage. He won his class on movement - good front extension

2nd Harris's - SAINT LYTHIANS CAPTAIN CAT

17 months - I loved his type, which I preferred to 1. On the stand I did think he would initially be my winner, but unfortunately he lost out on movement. Lovely clean head with good length of neck leading into clean withers. Level top line and good underline. Rich mahogany markings. Tail carriage not correct on the move.

YD (8: 3a)

1st Haynes's - TORRENTA FOOLISH MEDDLER

Not a flashy dog but honest and true to type. Lovely temperament. Very balanced in outline. Pleasing expression and clean in head. Correct dentition. Good bone and substance. Good bend of stifle and width of thigh. Correct workman like coat and clear mahogany markings. Good tail-set and carriage. Would like to see more drive in rear movement.

2nd Cartwright's - STEIGEN CRIXUS

Large very showy male excellently handled. Ears well placed. Correct dentition. I would prefer a darker eye. Clear markings. Straight front and good pasterns. Ample bone and substance. Holds topline on the move. Good tail carriage.

ND (8: 3a)

1st Brawn and Coles's - JAVLADARE ONE VISION

2nd Evans's FANTASA JUST DO IT AT MADDIECASS

Only just over 7 months and very much a baby. Once settled you could appreciate his virtues. Would prefer more filling under the eye. Lovely shape but not shown to his advantage. Clean across the shoulders, good angles and strong hocks.

GD (2: 1a)

1st Tousent and Crawley's - MINAELEA TAYLORED BY CHOICE JW

Stood alone. Very showy compact male. Ears not brought forward enough. Correct dentition and dark eye. Rich clear mahogany markings. Straight front. Strong neck leading into clean shoulders. Super strong level top-line held on the move. Moved with purpose and drive though carrying a bit too much weight today.

PGD (9: 1a)

1st Burnett's - PENDLEY IVANHOE

Medium size male - loved this boy and full of promise. Super temperament. Balanced and a lovely

profile. Pleasing head- good width of skull. Neat well set ears but would prefer a darker eye to give the required expression. Well laid back shoulders - good spring of ribs. Level top-line and good underline. Well angulated at the rear. Rich tan and clear markings. Good reach and drive. Love to see this boy when he matures on - I am sure he will have a good show career.

2nd Powell's - QUOJA'S MAXIMUS TO RIVERSROCK

Another promising young male. Broad skull. Dark almond eye. Neat well set ears and correct scissor bite - dark pigmentation. Rich mahogany markings straight front - not as clean as one around the withers. Would prefer to see more front extension. Holds his top-line on the move. Well handled.

LD (13: 4a)

1st Trueman and Brownridge's - JAEGEROT JUMPIN BLACK JACK

Well handled. Clean dry head and not overdone in any way. Dark eye, good ear set and pleasing expression. Lovely in profile. Straight front - level top-line and well angulated front and rear. Kept his shape on the move - good reach and drive and best mover in the class on the day.

2nd Powells - JUFFTHER A NEW HOPE FOR RIVERSROCK

Clean dry head. Well set ears. Dark eye and pigmentation. Correct dentition. Nicely marked and rich tan. Good length of neck. Would prefer more substance and better turn of stifle. Moved well.

OD (11: 1a)

1st Cambridge's - CH DORTMUND PADDYWHACK FROM JACAWAKA

Just my type! Beautiful head - clean with no exaggeration. Dry skull dark almond eye - well placed ears. Good stop with well-padded cheeks. He has that lovely tranquil gaze and expression that completes a Rottweiler head. Rich mahogany tan. Strong powerful clean neck - compact body well proportioned. Well-muscled quarters. Top-line kept on the move. He is all male and I love his ring presence and attitude! Good steady movement with his handlers. No hesitation to give him the **DCC**

and along with my co judge **BIS**



2nd Davidson's - CH FIREMONS AMIS A VIE JW

Another quality male with great attitude and lovely temperament. Medium to large Pleasing head -



dark almond eye. Just would prefer more filling under the eye. Good bone and substance. Rich mahogany makings - correct harsh coat. Powerful neck with good fore-chest and well-sprung ribs. Well angled front and rear. Good length of stride on the move. Pleased to award the **RCC**

VETERAN (6: 1a)

1st Allen's - CH/JSY CH HIKAY'S THE MONSTER IS LOOSE AT JODIPAS JW ShCM Kept top-line on the move. Lovely veteran boy and looking in great shape. Clean dry skull with correct proportions. Dark eye and super expression. Good length of leg and straight front. Top-line level on the stand and move. Good front reach movement.

2nd Mullen's - DROMNAGUS ROYAL INTRIGUE

9 year old male, again in good shape and condition. Broad skull with well set ears. Nicely marked with good bone and substance. Little upright in shoulder. Good width of thigh. Level top-line. Moved well for a veteran

Judge: Trena Flowers (SCANIAN ROTTWEILERS)

Championship Show: Bitches Judge Critiques SUNDAY 18th October 2015

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club and its committee for the invitation and pleasure of judging Bitches at their 25th Anniversary Show. The experience and atmosphere was most enjoyable. My sincere thanks also to all the exhibitors for entering so many quality exhibits under me on this very special occasion. In my opinion the bitches in our breed are in excellent shape and the future looks very promising.

The depth and quality is there from the younger classes, right through to the veterans and Breeders must be applauded as Rottweilers, at times in my opinion, appeared to be getting slightly on the long side which throws them off balance. After judging the younger classes, it is now apparent that the correct proportions of 9 to 10 are returning. In many of the bigger classes there were some quality bitches that had to leave unplaced, which was regrettable, but I was extremely happy with my winners and the others I'm sure will have their day on future occasions. Thank you all for making it a very special and memorable day for myself and the club.

MPB

1st Mr P & Miss W Topping's ROTTSWORTH HONEY

8 month old medium sized compact bitch with good bone and substance, good strong head, full dentition, well placed ears, defined stop, pleasant expressive dark eyes that had good under fill. Good neck into good top and underline. Moved very well coming and going but still with the puppy looseness I'd expect at this age and held herself on the run around. A real eye catcher, well presented, schooled, full of confidence and was pleased to give her best puppy bitch and later to see her go **B.P.I.S.**

2nd Mrs S & Mr D Lambert's SEITTOR JELLY BEAN

8 months old medium sized compact bitch, good bone and substance, full dentition, good strong head with pleasant expression, good fill under the eyes, well placed ears, well defined stop, good neck into good top and underline. Another good mover coming and going and lovely on move round.

PB

1st Mr & Mrs Allen's JODIPAS TIME

9 months old medium sized compact bitch, good bone and substance, strong head with full dentition. Pleasant expression, dark eye, well placed ears, good neck into level top line that was held on the move. Coming and going again with the looseness I'd expect and very close decision for best puppy bitch but will have good future.

2nd Mr P & Miss W Topping's ROTTSWORTH HALLE BERRY

8 months old small to medium sized compact bitch, good bone and substance, full dentition, good strong head with nice expression, medium eye colour, well placed ears, good neck, good top and underline. Moved well coming and going and held herself well on way round.

JB

1st Mrs J Eden's HIKAYS MUSTANG SALLY WITH BELLARRY

15 month old medium sized compact bitch, good bone with medium substance. Nice clean head with full dentition, and nice expression, dark eye, well placed ears, good neck into good top and underline. Moved well coming and going and held her shape well on move round. Handler got the best from her.

2nd Miss S. Lovelidge's HIKAYS DIFFERENT BY DESIGN FOR VARYKINO

15 months old medium sized compact bitch with good bone and good substance, full dentition, stronger in head to 1st with nice expression, dark eye, well placed ears good top and underline, moved well coming and going and held well on move round.

YB

1st Mrs S & Mr D Lambert's SEITTOR THE TEMPTRESS

15 month old medium sized compact bitch, good bone and substance, lovely clean head that's full of expression, full dentition, good dark eye, well placed ears, lovely flowing neck into well placed shoulders, good top and underline Very true coming and going and had lots of reach and drive on side profile with still managing to enjoy herself yet showing such promise. Maturity will only make her better and I am sure a bright future awaits her.

2nd Mesdames Gibbard & Watts' JEZEVE HOT STUFF

19 month old medium sized compact bitch, good bone and substance, lovely clean head with nice expression, full dentition. Nice dark eye, well placed ears, good top and underline, very true coming and going and on move round. This was tough class and just lost out to 1st on expression but am sure places will change on different days.

NB

1st Mrs W Steel's UPEND ADA

15 months old medium sized compact bitch with good bone and excellent substance. Nice clean head with good expression, dark eye, well placed ears, full dentition. Correct top and underline, true coming and going and held shape on way round but would have liked more enthusiasm on the move.

2nd Mr T & Mrs H Mr R & Mrs D Watkins & Taylor's MINAELEA TAYLORED FOR YOU
19 month old medium sized compact bitch with medium bone and medium substance. Clean head with good expression, well placed ears, full dentition. Good top and underline, true coming and going and on side gait showed her reach and drive off with such confidence.

GB

1st Mr R & Mrs E Chaffe's ROUGEAU JACKIE
2 year old medium sized compact bitch with excellent bone and substance, clean dry head with very alert expression, well placed ears, dark eye and full dentition. Excellent neck, into strong back, with good top and underline. Very true coming and going and in side gait showed great power in reach and drive whilst holding herself correctly. This girl is truly eye catching in the stance where she shows great alertness and attention to her handler. Excellent prospect for the future.

2nd Mr K E & Mrs C Robinson's GUARDAMI GUARDING TESS AT TAZMANIC
21 months medium sized longer cast bitch with good bone and substance. Dry clean head with good expression, full dentition, well placed ears, moved well coming and going holding her top and underline on side gait.

PGB

1st Mrs M Topham & Mrs A Maltas's VIRLEES CASSIOPIA
3 year old medium sized compact bitch with very good bone and substance, lovely front and rear angles, full dentition, nice head, well placed ears, dark eye, good length of neck into good top and underline. Very good mover coming and going and plenty of reach and drive on side gait.

2nd Mrs G Y Courtney-Baughan's PENDLEY IVETTE AT WHISPERDOWN
Lovely medium sized compact bitch with good bone and substance, good front and rear angles, full dentition nice head with pleasing expression, moved well coming and going.

LB

The toughest class of the day. Full of quality and a joy to judge.

1st Mr R and Mrs C Fuller's KYLAMIE WILD CHERRY

MY STAR OF THE DAY: 2 and half year old medium sized compact bitch with great bone and substance, lovely front and rear angles and in complete balanced proportion. Not overdone in the slightest.



Excellent strong feminine head with a great expressive lovely dark eye with good under fill. Correct length of muzzle, full dentition, well placed ears, good strong neck, good top and underline held firmly on the move. Excellent width across the back when looking down on her. Very true and faultless coming and going moving effortlessly in both walking and running. A joy to watch and a pleasure to award her the **BCC** Delighted to learn this gave her the well-deserved title of Champion. **RBIS**

2nd J Williams's BOLIA SWEET CORONA

4 Year old medium sized compact bitch good bone and substance, lovely front and rear angles and in proportion. Good head with lovely expression and dark eye. Well placed ears, full dentition, good length of neck, good top and underlines, moves super coming and going and also held her-self well in the walk and run. Pushed very hard in the class as well as for the Reserve ticket.

OB

1st Mrs S and Mr D Lambert's CH SEITTOR FINAL FANTASY JW

2 Year old medium sized compact bitch with good bone and substance, lovely front and rear angles, well-proportioned with good head and lovely expression, dark eye with good infill under the eye, well



placed ears, full dentition, good neck into good top and underline but movement is where this girl comes into her own. Very good coming and going and on side gait she has such power with great reach and drive on the walk and running. Very pleased to award her the **Res. CC**. A worthy Champion

2nd Mr R and Mrs C Clark's CH DORTMUND SHOCKWAVE

3 year old medium sized compact bitch with good bone and substance, good front and rear angles, good head with super expression, well placed ears, dark eye, full dentition, strong neck, good top and underline, very good mover both coming and going as well as in side gait. Another worthy Champion.

VB

Lovely class of super type and quality for their age and presented to highest degree.

1st Mr P and Mrs G Adams's CH JHAVA STOP LOOK N LISTEN

10 years old medium sized compact bitch of super type with good bone and substance. Correct front and rear angles, good head with lovely expression, dark eye, strong neck, good top and underline, moved well coming and going and in side gait with such style and grace for a lady her age. Proud to see her go BVIS

2nd Mr C J and Mrs P M Thomas's JUFFTHER SHE GOT SOUL AT ESCORA JW SHCM

8 and half year old compact bitch very similar to 1 in type, good head with dark eye, lovely top and underline, moved well coming and going and in side gait .

Judge: Alastair Bailie (Stairvale)

Photos by Ken Smith

“Desensitization” for my dog’s separation anxiety: what does that mean?

For serious stress-related issues such as separation anxiety and aggressive behaviour, consulting a reputable trainer or behaviourist is strongly recommended. In those cases, desensitization is usually the preferred method of treatment.

Essentially, desensitization means very gradually exposing your dog to the thing that triggers his discomfort; the process usually involves counter-conditioning—the pairing of positive reinforcement with the trigger stimulus. The idea is to eliminate the unwanted behaviour by creating a new, positive association around the trigger.

In plain English: Your dog barks and lunges (anxious behaviour) whenever the neighbour kids whiz by on their bicycles (trigger). Solution: Starting with very limited exposure, pair the sight of kids riding bicycles with plenty of treats and praise (positive reinforcement). Over time, your dog will start liking, or simply ignoring bikers, rather than finding them nerve-wracking.

Here is an extremely general example of what that process might look like: Place a small bicycle at the far end of your yard. If your dog can tolerate the sight of it (that is, no lunging or barking), praise him effusively and shower him with treats. If it makes him nervous, move the bike to the next yard (or down the street or however far away the bike needs to be in order for your dog to remain at ease).

Gradually move the bike closer to your own yard, treating and praising at each new interval. Next, ask a friend to stand next to the bike, but not ride it. Again, if your dog reacts calmly, treat and praise him. Next, ask your friend get on the bike and remain stationary, and then to slowly ride the bike a few feet, and then to ride it a little faster and a little further. Every time you travel a little further, your dog receives treats and praise. The goal is that eventually, your dog will become totally unfazed by the sight of bicycles whizzing past.

Again, this is a very broad description of a very gradual and specific process. Each step may take several sessions, several days, or several weeks—or it may need to be broken down into even smaller steps in order for your dog to comfortably tolerate what’s being asked of him. How quickly you move depends on your dog. Again, the guidance of a trainer is strongly advised.

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Urinary incontinence in the adult bitch – what’s the best treatment?

Very recently Bella, a two-year-old black Labrador bitch came into the clinic. She had the usual rock-solid working Lab temperament and had already developed into an exceptional working bitch. She only had to sit in the consulting room for a couple of minutes before her problem became very evident – urinary incontinence! Bella wasn’t always incontinent – in fact, until a couple of months ago, she was perfectly fine – then she was spayed. By the time her vet had removed the stitches for this, her owners began to notice that she was leaving wet patches around the house. Her vet had prescribed treatment with a drug to tighten up the urethra (tube from the bladder to the vulva) and this had improved although not completely resolved her problem. Her owners had come to us because they wanted a lasting solution that didn’t require permanent medication and because they wanted some answers as to why Bella had suddenly become incontinent after spaying.

The Urethral sphincter mechanism. In female dogs, the resistance in the urethra responsible for maintaining urinary continence is collectively termed the urethral sphincter mechanism (USM) and is made up of contributions from the muscle in her urethral sphincters as well as the inherent elasticity in the urethral wall and also engorgement with blood.

The most common cause of urinary incontinence in adult bitches is failure of the USM and this is usually called urethral sphincter mechanism incompetence (USMI). It occurs mostly in medium-sized bitches particularly following neutering and is very similar to the condition that affects many women

after childbirth. It is unclear which part of the muscular, vascular and elastic components of the sphincter mechanism fail but we do know that a number of factors influence the onset of USMI including the length of the urethra and position of the bladder. Affected bitches tend to have shorter urethras than continent dogs and often their bladder is found displaced into the pelvis, so-called "pelvic bladder syndrome". This is thought to cause changes in the pressure gradient between the urinary bladder and the urethra itself resulting in a non-simultaneous effect of the intra-abdominal pressure on the bladder and on the bladder neck/proximal urethra leading to urinary leakage. Examination of the urine often reveals the presence of infection which reflects the fact that bacteria can get in where urine leaks out.

Obesity makes this problem worse. Breeds such as Dobermann Pinschers, Old English Sheepdogs and Rottweilers are known to be at greater risk of developing USMI. Oestrogens increase the tone in the vaginal floor around the opening to the urethra and neutering removes their effect.

Diagnosis. In Bella's case, her history of incontinence following spaying was very suggestive of USMI history but we performed x-rays to highlight the position of the bladder when it was fully-distended with air. Using a dye in the urethra we could show its unusual shape and displacement into the pelvis.

Medical therapy. Bella's vets had already prescribed medication with a drug called phenylpropanolamine (PPA) which is used commonly to increase urethral tone. Like many bitches, she had shown some response to this but her owners were concerned that this would not provide a lasting cure.

Surgical management. Although many techniques have been attempted for the treatment of bitches, only a few have been shown to work consistently.

"Colposuspension" repositions the bladder by anchoring the vagina to the tendons in front of the pelvic floor – effectively "hitching" the bladder more cranially. One study of 150 bitches, reported that more than 50% of bitches were completely dry after this procedure while many others were significantly improved.

"Urethropexy" repositions the bladder more directly by anchoring the urethra to the tendons in front of the pelvic floor. Again, we can expect more than 50% of bitches treated this way to be completely dry while others improve.

Combined urethropexy/colposuspension (CUC). More recently, it has been suggested that anchoring both the urethra and vagina to the tendons in front of the pelvic floor can provide more consistent results. About 70% will become completely dry and a further 20% will be significantly improved. This combined figure of 90% is significantly better than has been reported previously for either colposuspension or urethropexy alone.

Given this overall improvement rate following CUC and the low incidence of significant complications or relapse rates, we now think that CUC is worth considering as a "first line" alternative option to medical management for patients with USMI. Bella underwent surgery and was able to go home two days later. She was restricted to lead exercise for a few days and her owners are very happy to report that she is now completely dry.

Were Bella's owners right to be concerned about the impact of the spaying procedure on their bitch? That's a more difficult question to answer: the fact is that she was born with an abnormality of the bladder and urethra. While she was intact, her naturally-secreted oestrogens masked this. Once spayed however, the problem became apparent.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10th April 2016

Open Show Judge: **Mr David Lambert**

Limited Obedience Judge: **Ms Helen Fishlock**

The Park, The Local Opportunity Centre, Daventry Road, Knowle, BRISTOL BS4 1DQ

Open Show Judge Profile:



First of all I would like to thank South Western Rottweiler Association for inviting me to judge their Open show and I am really looking forward to my appointment.

My wife and I have owned Rottweilers since 1995 and we began showing with a dog that we bought purely as a pet. We quickly realised that he was not good enough for the show ring and then went on to buy in Rosie AKA Ravenrock Vivacious we had a lot of fun with her gaining our very first stud book number and our 2 children used her for junior handling. We have since gone on to have owned/bred 4 UK champions, an Irish champion, 18 stud book qualifiers and 15 Junior Warrant Winners. Dexter, our CH Fernwood Eclipse over Seittor, is the breed's youngest Junior Warrant Winner gaining this award at just over 7 months old. He also won V1 in the Champion class and Best of Breed at the European winners show.

I am interested in all aspects of the Rottweiler and enjoy learning every day about this noble and very special breed.

I hope everyone enjoys their day.

Dave Lambert
Seittor Rottweilers

Sunday 23rd October 2016

Championship Dog Judge: **Beth Finlayson**

Championship Bitch Judge: **Richard Chaffe**

West Wilts Equestrian Centre, Melksham Road, Holt, Wiltshire BA14 6QT



Dog Judge Profile:

I have been involved with dogs since my childhood, not in a showing capacity, however – that came along in the 1980s!

I owned my first “show” Dobermann in 1982 and my first Rottie in 1984. Akitas came along in 1986.

I have had various success over the years. My first big achievement was the Dog RCC at Crufts. My most recent being in the dream position of campaigning my two Rottie boys, both to their Champion titles. A dream come true!

I am also involved in the “behind the scenes” part of dog showing, being Secretary for the FIFE KA, a post I have held for over 25 years. I am also a former committee member of the Scottish Rottweiler Club and a founder member of the Akita Club of Scotland.

I enjoy all aspects of the dog showing scene, especially judging, and I am really looking forward to judging males at your forthcoming Championship show.

Beth Finlayson



Bitch Judge Profile:

I have been owned by Rottweilers since 1988 buying our very first bitch Mikette Dusky Eve, a CH Pendley Goldfinch daughter from Mike & Jannette Blunden. We started showing her with some success at Open shows and a few Championship shows and that’s when the show bug started. We then bought in our second bitch in 1990 Abukadra Idle Dice, a CH Upend Ynys Of Amatol daughter. She was never going to light the show world up but she had a super temperament and all the ingredients to produce better than she was which she proved to do.

In her one and only litter in 1994 bred to Cuidado Street Life At Schleswig, she produced us Rougeau Dealers Choice. Katy as she was known became our foundation bitch and is behind all our English bred pedigrees. More recently, we have dipped into European bloodlines but these, even when mixed, can be traced back to Rougeau Dealers Choice. Over the years, even with limited showing we have bred many dogs that we have been very proud of who have been able to hold their own when at shows in England, America, Canada & Europe.

This will be my fourth time that I have been given the privilege of giving tickets. I have judged before at LASER Championship Show 2011, the City Of Birmingham Championship Show 2013 and the Birmingham National Dog Show 2015. I was originally down to judge bitches for South Western Rottweiler Association at their 2017 Championship Show but was asked if i would be able to move forward to the 2016 Show to help out which I was more than happy to do. On the previous three occasions when judging I have found the quality in depth was definitely far better in the females so I am really looking forward to this judging appointment and especially as it is a breed club show.

I would like to thank the committee of South Western Rottweiler Association for inviting me and giving me the chance to judge bitches at their 2016 Championship Show. I always find it an honour to judge this breed and I always appreciate people spending their hard earned money to enter under me.

This show is one of my favourite shows of the year so I hope you all enjoy the day.

Richard Chaffe – Rougeau Rottweilers

GUARDAMI

SCANIAN A TASTE OF HONEY
FOR GUARDAMI

1 CC
Hip Score: 4:4 Elbow Score: 0:1
Heart, Eye and Coat tested Clear
Sire: CH Guardami Pal Joey
Dam: Scanian Halle Berry

Good luck in 2016 to these lovely girls



EMMIE

GUARDAMI UNLIKELY ANGEL
AT GYRIMA

1 RCC
Hip Score: 2:2 Elbow Score: 0
Owned by Jo Barnes



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MARGOLD

GUARDAMI GUARDING TESS
AT TAZMANIC

1 RCC
Hip Score: 3:2 Elbow Score: 0
Owned by Keith & Christine Robinson



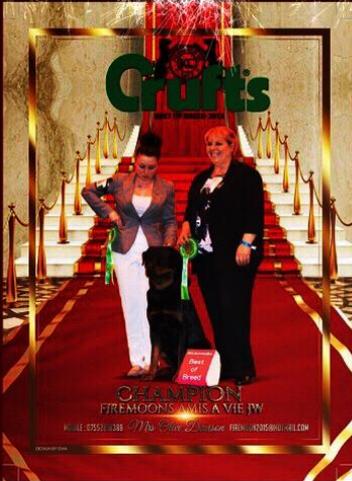
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TESS

All loved and adored by Pauline & Steve Lockyer - guardami@sky.com

FIREMOON ROTTWEILERS

CHAMPION FIREMOONS AMIS A VIE (JW)



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 BOURNEMOUTH 2013
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 BOURNEMOUTH 2014
 WELSH KENNEL CLUB 2014 + BOB
 SOUTH WESTERN R ASSOC 2014 + BIS
 LASER 2014 + BIS

CRUFTS 2015 + BOB

THREE COUNTIES 2015
 BRITISH ROTTWEILER ASSOC 2015 + BIS
 WELSH KENNEL CLUB 2015 plus BOB
 SOUTH WALES KA 2015
 LASER 2015 + BIS
 MANCHESTER 2016 + BOB + GROUP 4

9 RCC'S
 PAIGNTON 2013
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We would like to say a massive thank you
 to all the judges who have thought so highly of
 our CHUDLEY.



G4 the Rottweiler, Ch Firemoons Amis A Vie, what a sound moving dog this is, he caught my eye going round the ring & he did not disappoint on closer inspection, I really loved his head & expression, he is masculine without being too heavy, good of reach neck, well laid shoulders, correct body proportions & strong hindquarters, he certainly made the best of himself, another quality dog.
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