



THE FRIENDLY DOG CLUB

NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Welcome back, we hope you all had a great summer and did lots of fun things with your dogs.

As I am sure you are all aware, after the shock news at the end of last term that the lease on the dog house was not going to be renewed, New Milton Town Council were overwhelmed with letters of support for us and eventually changed their minds and agreed to give us a 5 year lease from January 2012. This is great news and we would like to thank everyone who wrote to the council, without your support the Friendly Dog Club may not have been here next year.

SUMMER PARTY

Our summer party, held at Sway Club was a great success again. Over 80 people came along to enjoy the line dancing evening, with music and instruction from Western Lines. We finished the night by showing them our line dance, without the dogs, which they were very impressed with. The raffle raised £ and the winning quiz team chose to donate this to .

Now, planning for our Christmas party has started, we will be looking to book Bashley Park bowling again, as this has proved popular over the years.

REFRESHMENTS

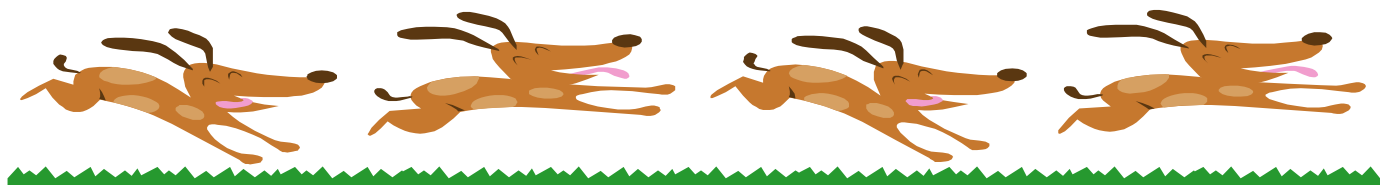
Could you all please ensure that you have given us your drink order before going into training. Any volunteers to help make the drinks in busy classes would be appreciated.

Any donations received for tea and coffee will go to dog related charities (e.g. PAT dogs/ DAWG/ Guide Dogs, Sandy's fund).

SANDY'S FUND

Last term, a total of £146 was donated by club members to help pay for Sandy's vets bills. She is very grateful for this, as Kate would struggle to pay the £80 per month without your help.

One of our members Jo (mum of Bruce), has been making things to sell to raise money for Sandy. She raised £200 from some bunting that she made and her current project is bandanas for the dogs. We will hopefully have some for sale at the club, they are all hand made, from gorgeous fabrics with styles to suit every dog! They are reversible and fit over the dogs collars and there are a range of sizes. Please keep your eyes open for dogs modelling them, they have already proved popular, with over 30 of them being snapped up at the dog show.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th / 25th OCTOBER – Club closed for ½ term. Agility at “Paddock’s End” on 24th 10am-12.30pm

5th / 6th DECEMBER – Last classes before Christmas. Will be run as parties for the dogs, fancy dress is essential.

12th DECEMBER – Peoples Christmas party, to be confirmed.

JANUARY 2012 – Club reopens.

WEBSITE

Our website, www.friendlydogs.com has all current club information on it. You can send us pictures of your dogs, post items in the forum and view photos from club events. In the event of us having to close the club due to severe weather/ illness etc, we would put it on the website, if in doubt check the website. When you register to use the forum, could you please use yours/ your dogs name/ breed, so we are able to identify you.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please write your address down at reception.

DAWG

The annual fun dog show at Kate’s house on 4th September was a great day once again. Despite the rain in the morning, they raised £1730 for Dorset Animal Workers Group dog rescue.

DAWG are a small rescue organisation and are always looking for loving homes. They also accept donations of food and doggy items, which can be left at the dog house for them.

For more info go to www.dawgdogs.net



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