



How long do you think it will be, now that Autumn is upon us, until we will miss the blazing heat of August!?! I know that the training canopy comes in handy when there is extreme weather and boy, did we get some extreme sun! I know the bushes around the club will appreciate some rain and hopefully will really flourish come Spring.

*The Hampshire Dog Club*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PUPPY COURSES

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm  
(From puppy's first jab)

### LEVEL 2 SCENT DISCRIMINATION COURSE

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 3pm  
Courses lasts for 6 weeks and  
costs £125.

### LEVEL 3 SCENT DISCRIMINATION COURSE

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Course lasts for 6 weeks and  
costs £150.

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

#### **HDC Xmas Fair**

**10am – 4pm**

Various stalls selling beautiful  
handmade Xmas gifts.  
Refreshments and cake on  
sale with proceeds going to  
our charity pot. If you would  
like a table then please  
contact  
[Chrissie@hampshiredog.club](mailto:Chrissie@hampshiredog.club)

Tables are limited and will  
cost £10. You must have  
Public Liability Insurance.

### DOGGY DAY CARE

Did you know we provide doggy day care?!

A full day is 8am – 6pm (Mon – Fri) costing £25.

A half day session (8am-1pm or 1pm – 6pm)  
costs £15.

Weekend day care is £30 per day (9am – 5pm)

**Simply book online via your account**

### HDC Charity Calendar

**Entries for our charity calendar ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> September so please ensure you have made your entries and paid the appropriate amount. If you are unable to upload a photo, then please bring the photo into reception and a member of staff will scan it for you.**

**No pre-orders of calendars will be accepted after this date. A pre-ordered calendar costs £6.50.**

**All profits will go to our charity pot which this year, as voted by our clients, is The Brain Tumour Charity and Hampshire Search and Rescue Dogs. Our charity pot fund currently stands at £300 thanks to a great quiz night back in March at The Bold Forester.**

### CLASS PACKAGES AND FIELDS

**The length of class packages has been changed as follows;**

<u>Package</u>	<u>Old Length</u>	<u>New Length</u>
<b>4 x class - £44</b>	<b>1 month</b>	<b>2 months</b>
<b>8 x class - £80</b>	<b>3 months</b>	<b>3 months – no change</b>
<b>10 x class - £90</b>	<b>3 months</b>	<b>4 months</b>
<b>12 x class - £100</b>	<b>3 months</b>	<b>6 months</b>

**The fields can be booked up to 3 months ahead. The booking system will be unlocked on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.**

## Training Tip

Going back a step during training. Sometimes for no apparent reason your dog will seem to lose certain obedience behaviour or positions. This is extremely common during the adolescence phase. It may be their focus, stays at a distance, recall or even their down.

The easiest way to solve this issue is to go back to basics, even if it means repeating some puppy style treat training. Do not worry, you should find the need to return to using treats is only a temporary measure to remind your dog of their previously learned behaviour. If it's any kind of distance issue, then reduce the distance and build their confidence back up slowly.

Recall issues can often be solved by going back to long line training or reinforcing recall in a low distraction environment before building up their distraction tolerance again. If the problem is positioning during off leash heelwork, then go back to on leash training to get that extra control necessary when shaping and polishing obedience positions.



## Sunday Socialisation

After a lot of discussion, we have decided not to run Sunday Socialisation this side of 2020. We will be reviewing this again in the New Year.

However, from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September we will go back to serving tea and coffee after class for a small charge of 50p a cup. All money will go to Hamble Hedgehogs.

Also the free social walks will resume again in 2021 so please keep an eye out in reception for the sign up sheet in December.



**Name:** Blaze

**Age:** 5yrs

**Sex:** Male

**Breed:** GSD

We saw Blaze on the GSR South website in Dec 16. He was at their Gloucester kennels with their behaviourists as he had come to the rescue with many issues. He had spent the 1<sup>st</sup> year of his life cooped up in a flat with little socialisation.

His nickname at the kennels was Bitey Blaze as Sean can confirm!! After working with them for several months we took Blaze home at the end of July 2017. We initially fostered him to see if he settled and we formally adopted him in September 2017. Blaze lives with Bella an older female GSD from the same rescue who he loves and worships although she does put him in his place when needed and 2 mad budgies 'Little Bird' and Kevin. At home Blaze is almost a perfect dog, but he does bark at visitors and anyone going past the house. He doesn't like to be on his own and follows us around like our shadow. We were recommended by someone from the rescue about Sean and the secure dog fields after we were looking for a new trainer/behaviourist to help with his behavioural issues which was a deep set fear aggression.

He is known as a bit of a "Houdini" having gone through several collars and leads since we have had him. However he is walking better on the lead and I now have the confidence to walk both dogs together, until January this year they went out separately. His 'safe' distance has closed and he can cope with dogs running around chasing balls to a certain extent.

Our biggest achievement was when Sean invited us into the group class something we have not been able to do for the 3 years we have had him.

Whilst he isn't perfect and can sometimes struggle, he has taken the classes in his stride and we thoroughly enjoy them. We still continue to do weekly 121's with Blaze and Sean and the changes in Blaze have been amazing. Thank you Sean!

### A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT

We are incredibly lucky to have such supportive clients at the club. We are constantly thinking of ways to raise money for charities and every little helps. There is one special lady and her sister who donates amazing crochet items for us to sell to build up our charity pot fund. These items are available in our dog shop so please pop in and take a look.

### STORM

Sean and I have decided to keep Storm as part of our pack. A lot of time, energy and love has been put into him by all of us at the club and we just could not envisage him not being here.

So Mr Wonky Ear is here to stay and even I agree that 7 dogs is more than enough...Or is it?!

### NASDU LEVEL 2 AWARD FOR A GENERAL PURPOSE SECURITY DOG HANDLER

Starting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October for 7 weeks. You must be 18+, hold a SIA licence and your dog must be at least 12 months old of suitable breed and drive. Course starts at 9am – 6pm. You must be registered with NASDU prior to booking. More details can be found here:

<https://www.hampshiredogclub.com/nasdu-security-course>

[Enter NASDU20 at the checkout to save £120 on this course.](#)

## TROUBLE

For those of you have noticed Mr T has not been at the club for a while. He has ruptured his cruciate ligament and had an operation on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

It will be a while before he returns to the club but for now he is enjoying being at home and watching TV. I am sure you all are with me in wishing him a speedy recovery.