



We have exploded into 2019 here at the Hampshire Dog Club. It is all go go go! Some of you are already seeing changes at the club and we have lots of other good news, events and developments that will be rolled out over the upcoming year. So in advance we thank you for your cooperation and patience.

*From all of us at The Hampshire Dog Club*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> May**

**K9 CAR BOOT OPEN DAY**

**2pm – 5pm**

<b><u>TRADE SELLERS</u></b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC SELLERS</u></b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b><u>BUYERS</u></b>	<b>£1.00 A CAR</b>

If you would like to book a table please email:  
[Chrissie@hampshiredog.club](mailto:Chrissie@hampshiredog.club)

Come and learn about our club. Training talk from our Master Trainer. Have a go at agility, test your dogs obedience etc...refreshments available throughout the day.

More details to follow – see our website & Facebook page for updates.

## PUPPY NEWS

Becks and Giggs celebrated their new year by becoming parents to be! The puppies are expected towards the end of March. The puppies will be KC registered, microchipped, wormed and have had their first jabs. Any potential owner will be fully vetted to determine suitability for this breed. Anyone who is interested should contact Sean.



### ***DID YOU KNOW...***

When you progress from one class to another you and your dog can receive a certificate for obtaining a certain level or standard. So for those of you who have left puppy class and joined adolescents or progressed to basic obedience please ask Sean for your dogs certificate.

## WEDDING BELLS

Chrissie and Sean are delighted to announce that they are getting married in the summer. Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks!

## LOST PROPERTY

**In reception is a yellow box of items found in the fields. Numerous balls, leads, glasses and toys. Please come and claim your items.**

## SHOP OFFER

Caroline has stocked a new brand of complete food called Pero. Gluten free & grain free. Ideal for dogs suffering with Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI), and other digestive issues. Prices start at £4.99 for a 2kg bag. Just pop into the shop to see the full range.

## FIELD 2

Field 2 has been reduced in size so that the sheds can come down safely. Over the next few months there will be a lot of bushes and shrubbery planted, especially along the fence lines, around the club. Also please do not let your dogs dig holes in the fields as this can cause a hazard to dogs that are running or even people walking around. No one wants a twisted ankle so please have consideration for other field users.

## FEEDBACK FORMS

Thank you to everybody who filled out a feedback form. You spoke and we listened. In the next few weeks our website and booking system will change. Here are a few of the pending changes...

- The website will be more mobile friendly and easier to navigate.
- You will have to book/pay for your dogs place in classes beforehand as classes will have limited spaces.
- You will be able to book doggy day care online.

Please bear with us as this new system is rolled out.



## Training Tip – Your Voice

When training with your dog it is important to use the correct inflection in your voice. You should issue your verbal commands with authority and your praise with excitement. For example, if you do not create enough excitement in your voice when doing heelwork and walk too slowly, then the dog may fail to focus and engage with you, thereby switching off and failing to learn. The trick is finding the right tone of voice for your individual dog as some dogs will become over excitable and bouncy, whilst others need a lot of verbal stimulation to maintain their focus on you. If you are not in the best of moods then do not train with your dog, as they will pick up your mood through your voice. Remember timing is critical when training your dog so deliver your praise with zest and the instant the desired behaviour is achieved. After all, what you reward is what they repeat!



**NAME:** Megan      **AGE:** 4yrs

**SEX:** Female      **BREED:** Crossbreed

**ORIGIN:** Los Barrios, near Gibraltar

### BACKGROUND HISTORY

Megan had been found abandoned in early 2017, and was taken by the local authority to their dog pound. She was quite quickly adopted by a retired

English couple living in Torrevieja. Sadly though, after two months the couple's two 9 year old Belgian Shepherd dogs would still not accept Megan and attacked her...twice and she was returned to the charity who had rescued her. She was 2 1/2 when she arrived here in Southampton in September 2017. She is currently the only dog in the household.

### HDC HISTORY

It became clear, after a few months, that she had fear-aggression issues (she attacked a medium-sized terrier quite badly) and had a strong prey-drive, so I then only walked her on-lead. I found Hampshire Dog Club online, with good reviews, I liked the "feel" of it and its facilities and visited it Spring 2018. At first Megan was very reactive to the dogs Sean would bring out during the 1-2-1, but he kept working with her, and eventually, in October, Megan was charging around, off-lead and unmuzzled, as she and Sean's dogs all happily played together!

Meanwhile, being able to book the secure exercise fields for her favourite pastime of endlessly chasing and catching her dog frisbee has proved invaluable.

### MEGAN NOW

She is now well integrated in classes, unmuzzled, and obedient, and tolerates the other dogs pretty well - even when there is a lot of noise and excitement around her. She has some way to progress still in terms of her fear aggression diminishing, and will always have her inbuilt prey-drive, but thus far is doing really well.

**\*\*You can read Megans story in full on our website\*\***

## Peanut Doggy Cookies

### Ingredients

- 250g (9 oz) wholemeal flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 275g (10 oz) unsalted natural peanut butter
- 225ml (8 fl oz) skimmed milk

### Method

Preheat the oven to 190 C / Gas mark 5. Grease baking trays. Stir together the flour and baking powder; set aside. In a medium bowl, mix together the peanut butter and milk. Stir in the flour mixture until well blended. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Roll out to 1cm thickness and cut into shapes using biscuit cutters. Place 2cm apart onto the prepared baking trays. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly brown. Remove from baking trays to cool on wire racks.

### **REMEMBER...**

If you would like to submit an article, recipe or something canine related please email it to [Chrissie@hampshiredog.club](mailto:Chrissie@hampshiredog.club) by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 to feature in our summer newsletter.