



**Welcome** to our 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter of 2020. We hope that you all had a great time over the festive period. Thank you all so much for the wonderful cards and treats. In anticipation of Christmas 2020 we have already planted a Christmas tree outside the training field so hopefully it will grow to a good size. Please refrain from letting your dog damage it. We are hitting the ground running this year so to ensure you are kept updated please follow us on Facebook. *From all of us at HDC*

## FIELD ONE DEVELOPMENT

The playground works for field 1 have started and hopefully by the time the summer newsletter is out all works would have been completed. We are going to reuse as much material from the sheds as possible and from the equipment that was in field 2.

The date for helping with the memorial garden is **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm**. If you would like to help in exchange for free cups of tea/coffee and possibly biscuits! Then please sign up in reception. No dogs will be allowed in the field whilst this activity is carried out. Work will consist of digging/planting etc.

On **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** our Malinois puppies turn 1 year old. To celebrate we will be hosting a party for them in field 1. Therefore, puppy class at 3pm is cancelled due to the chaotic nature of a party consisting of shepherds. The morning class will run as usual with Val.

## Summer Timetable

Our winter class timetable comes to an end Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020. No worries though because our summer one starts Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. There have been a few changes to classes and days but you will be able to view the timetable online and in reception from Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## VACCINATION BOOSTERS

To keep disruption to a minimum with your account you should update your dogs vaccination record with us every time they receive their yearly booster. If you find you are unable to log on to your account then chances are high your account has been suspended by the system until evidence of your dogs recent booster has been received. Please email it to [Chrissie@hampshiredog.club](mailto:Chrissie@hampshiredog.club) or bring it to reception.

## Social Walks

The weekly social walks are a great way to get your dog used to being around other dogs and for you to build confidence being out and about with them. All walks are free and are on varying days, times and locations. Please sign up in reception. If you are unsure if your dog is suitable for this activity please ask Sean. Your dog remains your responsibility at all times.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Charity Quiz Night

Come join us at **8pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020** for our charity quiz night hosted by The Bold Forester, New Forest. Call **02380 175588** to book your table.

### Scent Discrimination Course

Due to the overwhelming response to our March scent discrimination course we are running another one starting **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 at 3pm**. A 6 week course for those who are interested in training their dog to learn scent discrimination. Course costs £100 and has limited places. Suitable for any age dog. We also have other courses available: an 8 week evening puppy course, a 6 week obedience course and a beginner's agility course. <https://www.hampshiredogclub.com/training-courses>

### HDC Open Day

A fun filled day held at the club on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 10am –4pm**. Fun dog show, raffle, dog display, have a go agility, various stalls and much more. All in aid of raising dog owner awareness and money for charity.



**NAME:** Jackson  
**AGE:** 17 months  
**SEX:** Male  
**BREED:** Belgian Malinois

We found Jackson at Dogs Trust in Shrewsbury he was 11 months old and was out the back of the facility shut away. He needed 2 handlers to get him in and out of his kennel and to walk him. We were interviewed and had to have multiple visits up there so Jackson could get used to us. We eventually bought him home in September. He lives at home with us and our 17 year old daughter and he's our only pet.

All we know of his history is that he came over from Ireland and had been with Dogs Trust for 8 months. Whilst He was in their care they neutered him.

We've previously always had German Shepherds so were aware he was going to need some serious training which is why I found Hampshire Dog Club as we knew he was going to need so much more than a small hall with lots of little dogs walking about. We started his training with Sean a week after we bought him home and will continue with this as it's been invaluable and we've also just signed Jackson up to Sean's scent training course.

We try and go to Hampshire Dog Club once a week for Sean's training and advice and to socialise Jackson as much as possible, but either myself or my husband or both of us work with Jackson at least 2 hours every day doing all sorts of training including hide and seek, lead training and anything we've done with Sean that week.

When we first bought him home it took 2 of us to walk him but now my daughter can walk him by herself.

Jackson's now 17 months and has come a long way since he's been with us and although he takes a lot of time and effort it's all worth it! He can be a handful and strong at times and he's trashed my garden but just needs time and training and love. He's the most loving dog and so enjoys his cuddles we wouldn't be without him.



## Training Tip - Phasing Out Treats

Phasing treats out is all about proofing a behaviour to see if your dog really understands the behaviour, or is just following the treat in your hand. Simply give your dog the command and see if they will do as you ask without having a treat in your hand. If they do, simply reward them verbally. Repeat and see if they repeat their compliance. If successful, again reward them verbally. You will have proven your dog can do the position without luring them with a treat. To successfully phase the treats from your training, do not remove them entirely, but simply reduce the frequency with which you use them as a reward, for example, your dog knows how to sit in the heel position. Start by treating them every third time, then every fifth time, and so on, until you just treat sporadically as and when you feel like it to reinforce the behaviour.

You may find you will need to use a treat if there are a high level of distractions present, however, treat phasing should be carried out using various distractions during training as well.

## HDC CHARITY CALENDAR

### 2021

Our chosen charities this year are The Brain Tumour Charity and Hampshire Search and Rescue Dogs. All the money from our fundraising events will be split at the end of the year and donated to these wonderful causes. One great idea is to have a calendar that features the dogs that attend the club. Entries cost £1.00 up to 3 photos and entries must be received by midnight September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. Full details can be found on our website:

<https://www.hampshiredogclub.com/hdc-charity-calendar-2021>

### *Last but not least...*



*We would like to wish Simba, son of Giggs' and Becks, all the best in Crufts this year. Hopefully we will get to see him and his proud owners in the ring.*