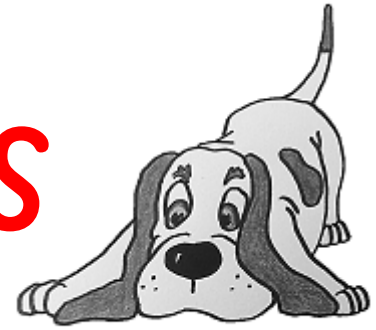


Waggy Tales



Billericay Dog Training Centre

Welcome to Waggy Tales

Welcome to the first edition of the brand new BDTc newsletter, Waggy Tales. (A big thank you to Jane Oliver for coming up with the name.)

BDTC is now a year old! We are very happy to say that more than 700 people enrolled with us in the first 12 months and we'd like to thank all those who have attended classes throughout the year. We've been very impressed with all of our students' dedication! In fact, even on the coldest day of the year everybody still showed up for class, which put a big smile on Clare & Sue's (slightly frozen) faces.

So keep it up everybody! Then maybe one day you'll all achieve the level of our Top Obedience class, as seen below.



Bremner, Cassie, Blake, Nellie & Maggie demonstrating that dedication equals results

January Class Promotions

Puppy Improver - Caitlin Blythe & Poppy, Leanne Schito & Lupo, Sue Ridley & Buddy, Victoria Speechley & Ralph.

Novice - Gill and Dan Carter & Hattie, Gwynn Egginton & Mac, Jane Hall & Cody.

Intermediate - Jill Harlow & Lola, Steve Smith & Cooper.

Well done everybody!

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What's New at BDTC?

As we're sure all our students have noticed, we've put a lot of effort into updating and improving the centre over the last year. We started with a repaint of the training halls and reception area, to freshen the place up a bit and put our own stamp on it. We've also repainted all the agility equipment in the new BDTC colour scheme. But perhaps the biggest improvement of all is that there are now proper toilets on site. Just a few steps from our front door you will find a bright blue block of 4 toilets and cubicle number 2 is for the exclusive use of BDTC clients. A big step up from the dingy old portaloo, we're sure you'll all agree!

Just one slight hitch - the door locks proved to be a little on the 'temperamental' side at first and a few unlucky students found themselves trapped! So big apologies to anybody who got stuck, but we're happy to say they all seem to be working just fine now. Phew!



An Active Retirement

We've all heard that old adage, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks", but here at BDTC we believe otherwise. We have dogs of all ages in our classes. Some started training here as pups and continued right throughout their lives, while others didn't attend their first class until they were already in their senior years. Regardless of when they start, all dogs benefit from regular training to help keep their minds and bodies in top working order.

One of those who has been in training for many years is 12 year old Greyhound, Stella Gibson, who has worked her way up to the top Greyhound class under Angela's tutelage. We asked Stella's family to tell us a little about her and this is what they had to say ...



"Stella joined the Gibson family in April 2007, from Clarks Farm Greyhound Rescue in Tiptree. She was a black dog of very little brain, but she did have the looks. At Clarks Farm's request she entered the 2008 Harlow Show and won her class.

Since that event she has not sought the limelight again but has matured as a family pet. Regular training sessions over the years have done her (and her dad!) good.

Now in her 12th year, she likes nothing better than going on holiday with the family, although on occasions she boards with her friend Sue round the corner. Daily walks off lead in Norsey Woods are still enjoyed and only last month she scampered across the beach at Frinton like a pup.

She is now preparing herself for a move to Yorkshire, where hopefully she will enjoy further years in lovely new surroundings. All your training has served her well."

Thank you Gibson Family! We wish you many happy years together in Yorkshire.

Class Schedule

Day	Class	Time	Duration	Details
Monday	Puppy Enrolment	6.30pm - 6.50pm	-	-
	Puppy Starter	7.00pm - 7.30pm	30 mins	with Clare / Sue / Jessica
	Puppy Improver	7.30pm - 8.00pm	30 mins	with Clare / Sue / Jessica
	Novice Obedience	8.00pm - 8.45pm	45 mins	with Clare / Sue / Jessica
	Intermediate / Top Obedience	8.45pm - 9.30pm	45 mins	with Clare / Sue / Jessica
Tuesday	Agility Courses	9.45am - 1.00pm	45 mins	with Sue / Jessica / Clare
	Puppy Agility Course	1.00pm – 1.45pm	45 mins	with Sue / Jessica / Clare
Wednesday	-	-	-	-
Thursday	Puppy Enrolment	9.00am - 9.20am	-	-
	Puppy Starter	9.30am - 10.15am	45 mins	with Clare / Sue
	Puppy Improver	10.15am - 11.00am	45 mins	with Clare / Sue
	Beginners Enrolment	10.30am - 10.50am	-	-
	Beginners Obedience	11.00am - 11.45am	45 mins	with Clare / Sue
	Novice Obedience	11.45am - 12.30pm	45 mins	with Clare / Sue
	Intermediate Obedience	12.30pm - 1.15pm	45 mins	with Clare / Sue
	Top Obedience	1.15pm - 2.00pm	45 mins	with Clare / Sue
	Puppy Agility Courses	6.30pm – 8.15pm	45 mins	Temporarily Suspended
	Friday	Rally-O Courses	7.30pm - 9.00pm	90 mins
Saturday	Private Agility Lessons	10.00am – 12.00pm	30 mins	With Jessica
	Greyhound Class One	10.15am - 11.00am	45 mins	Alternate weeks with Angela
	Greyhound Class Two	11.00am - 11.45am	45 mins	Alternate weeks with Angela
	Greyhound Class Three	11.45am - 12.30pm	45 mins	Alternate weeks with Angela
	Agility Courses	12.00pm - 6.00pm	45 mins	with Jessica
Sunday	Puppy Enrolment	9.00am - 9.15am	-	-
	Puppy Starter	9.15am - 9.45am	30 mins	with Pauline / Clare / Jessica
	Puppy Enrolment	9.30am - 9.45am	-	-
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	Intermediate Obedience	12.30pm – 1.15pm	45 mins	with Pauline / Clare / Jessica

Note: If you have missed class for 6 consecutive weeks (4 weeks for puppies up to 7 months), please contact your trainer, who will review your position and decide on the appropriate class for you to continue.

February/March Course Info ...

Adult Agility Course with Sue / Clare (6 week course)

Tuesday 14th February 2017 (45 minute sessions from 9.45am)

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

Agility is a great way to further your dog's training. It involves a wide range of equipment, with the height of the jumps varied according to the size of your dog. Why not come and give it a try? All ages and breeds welcome.

To book, please contact Sue (07800 511579)

** Dogs must be good with other dogs **

*** Small breeds must be 12 months or older - Large breeds must be 14 months ***

Puppy Agility Course with Sue / Clare (6 week course)

Tuesday 14th February 2017 (45 minute session at 1.00pm)

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

Agility includes a wide range of exercises and equipment, but our puppy classes are tailored to be low impact, due to the fact that your pup is still growing. Why not harness your pup's energy, youthful enthusiasm & learning capacity? A great way to strengthen the bond you have with your pup. Fun for all.

To book, please contact Sue (07800 511579)

** Pups must be good with other dogs **

*** Puppies must be 9 months or younger ***

Adult Agility Course with Jessica (6 week course)

Saturday 18th March 2017 (45 minute sessions from midday)

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

Agility is a great way to further your dog's training. It involves a wide range of equipment, with the height of the jumps varied according to the size of your dog. Why not come and give it a try? All ages and breeds welcome.

To book, please contact Jessica (07732 358700)

** Dogs must be good with other dogs **

*** Small breeds must be 12 months or older - Large breeds must be 14 months ***

Running A Marathon at 80 Years Young

Having recently turned 80, one our of students, Judy Burston, has decided to celebrate in style by running the London Marathon (on Sunday 23rd April) in aid of Stroke Association.

Strokes affect people of all ages and from all walks of life and the effects are life changing, for both the patient and their family. Stroke Association campaigns for better stroke care and research into new treatments, and is funded entirely by donations.

To sponsor Judy and this worthy cause, visit her Virgin Money Giving page at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JudyBurston, (all donations go directly to the charity) or ask at BDTC reception for more info.

