

Waggy Tales



Billericay Dog Training Centre

Celebrating Our Stars

BDTC wouldn't be the success it is without one vital thing - the dogs. So we thought it was about time we celebrated some of our canine stars!

First up we have Sophie, who is an (almost) 4 year old Bichon Frise cross Cavalier King Charles. This is what her 'mum' told us about her ...

“Sophie was originally owned by my elderly parents-in-law but I assisted with her care and training from a puppy. We joined BDTC in September 2015 and Sophie finally came to live with us that October.



I took Sophie to classes to socialise her with other dogs, to stimulate her brain and to enhance her quality of life and she has absolutely loved training from day one. Agility has helped her to focus on me, which has resulted in her being very good off the lead and helped me to train her around my two ten-year-old rescue cats.

The decision to adopt Sophie depended totally on her ability to live peacefully alongside our cats, so it's fair to say that Agility Training at BDTC has paid a key role in Sophie being adopted by me!

The BDTC agility trainers, Sue & Jessica, are lovely. Sophie won't work until she's greeted them both properly!

Thank you for all your hard work, Jo Thomson & Sophie.”

Thanks Jo! We're glad you and Sophie have found Agility so helpful.

If you'd like to see YOUR little star featured in a future issue of Waggy Tales, why not drop us a line? Email us a photo of your dog, along with their name, breed, age and what attending BDTC has meant to you.

Then just watch your inbox for news that it's your star's turn to shine!

Your BDTC Newsletter

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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
	Puppy Agility Course	1.00pm - 1.45pm	45 mins	with Sue / Jessica
	KC Good Citizen Course	7.00pm - 7.45pm	45 mins	Suspended until Spring 2018
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 Course	6.30pm - 7.15pm	45 mins	Suspended until Spring 2018
	Puppy Agility Course	6.30pm - 8.15pm	45 mins	Suspended until Spring 2018
	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	-	-
	Puppy Starter	9.45am - 10.15am	30 mins	with Pauline / Clare / Jessica
	Puppy Improver	10.15am - 11.00am	45 mins	with Pauline / Clare / Jessica
	Beginners Enrolment	10.30am - 10.50am	-	-
	Beginners Obedience	11.00am - 11.45am	45 mins	with Pauline / Clare / Jessica
	Novice Obedience	11.45am - 12.30pm	45 mins	with Pauline / Clare / Jessica
	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.

Farewell To a Dear Friend

Those of you who follow our group on Facebook will have seen Val's recent sad announcement that one of our long-standing students, the lovely Sue Philpot, had finally lost her battle with cancer. But as we know that not everybody uses Facebook, we thought it was only fitting that we dedicate part of this issue of Waggy Tales to our dear friend, who so many of you knew.

Sue has been a regular at the BDTC barn since 2004, when it was under different management and known as 'BDTS'. (See the 'About Us' page on our website.) She was an integral part of the old 'BDTS' display team and became firm friends with current BDTC owner Val.

We asked her husband, Rob, to tell us a little more about her history.

"Sue loved and lived for horses and dogs. Children were never forthcoming so all her love was diverted to animals, especially Bailey, her horse, and our Collies - Jake, Benson and Ozzie.

Jake came to us through Guide Dogs For The Blind in the early 1990s, because he didn't make the grade and needed rehoming. After he passed away in 2003, we got Benson, who was just 10 weeks old when we collected him. As soon as he was old enough (in early 2004) Sue enrolled him at BDTS and it soon became apparent that he was a very clever and sweet natured doggy. So much so that the two of them were offered entry into the BDTS display team.

Until the tragic loss of Benson in 2010, at the age of just 6, those few years in the display team were Sue's true K9 wonder years. She loved the friendship, the taking part and the socialising.

After the loss of Benson we could not be without, so late 2010 saw the arrival of Ozzie and, once again, BDTS was attended for his training. Ozzie was somewhat more laid back than Benson, so rather than agility he performed a series of little tricks alongside Sue at shows with the display team. Sadly though, it all ended when Sue was diagnosed with cancer in 2013."

We're so sorry for your loss Rob! She was a very special lady.

The final words have to go to BDTC owner Val, of course, who we're sure sums up what all who knew Sue must be feeling at this time. Val says, "I first met Sue at Billericay Dog Training when she had Ben and I had Shannon. We ended up in the same class and got friendly.

After I was invited into the display team, Sue and I travelled together to all the shows with Troy and Ozzie. When the shows finished we took the dogs to Felixstowe for a caravan holiday, me and Troy, Sue and Ozzie, Lisa and Marlowe, Jill and Uschi. We all had a fantastic time, walking our dogs on the beach everyday and stopping at Alex's for a plate of nachos.

Sue was wonderful company and very courageous through her 4 years of treatment, never complaining. I will really miss her and I know I'm not alone - RIP my dear friend."



Sue with her beloved Benson and Bailey

Latest Course Info ...

Canine First Aid Course (1 day course)

Starting: Tuesday 23rd February 2018 (10.30am until 3.00pm)

Cost: £55 for 2 year Certification / £85 for 3 year Accreditation (payable in advance)

To book, please complete the 'Canine Enquiry Form' at www.bdtcentre.co.uk/firstaid

** Full details available on our website, or call Val on 07765 903935 **

*** No dogs allowed ***

Agility is a great way to further your dog's training. It involves a wide range of equipment, with the height of the obstacles varied according to the size of your dog. We also offer dedicated Puppy Agility classes, which are tailored to be low impact, due to the fact that your pup is still growing. Why not come and give it a try? All ages and breeds welcome. Fun for all.

Adult Agility Course with Jessica (6 week courses)

Starting: Saturday 17th February 2018 (45 minute sessions from midday)

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

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 ***

Adult Agility Course with Sue / Jessica (6 week courses)

Starting: Tuesday 20th February 2018 (45 minute sessions from 9.45am)

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

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 / Jessica (6 week course)

Starting: Tuesday 20th February 2018 (45 minute sessions at 1.00pm)

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

To book, please contact Sue (07800 511579)

** Pups must be good with other dogs **

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

First Class Promotions of 2018

Puppy Improver Class - Anita Levine & Sophie, Chris Boxall & Gracie, Holly Newland & Pickle, Linda Smith & Honey, Margaret Fulker & Olly, Shaun Hornsby & Misty.

Novice Obedience Class - Clare Murphy & Devin, Lucy and Paul Newman & Noodle, Terri Walker & Monty.

Well done everybody, what a great start to the year!