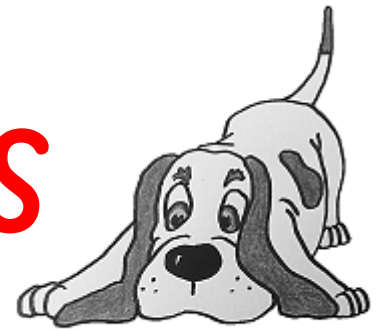


# Waggy Tales



Billericay Dog Training Centre

## What's New at BDTC?

We've had a busy summer here at BDTC. In addition to all our regular classes and our ever popular Agility courses, we have also been running the Kennel Club Good Citizen classes for the first time.

The KC Good Citizen scheme began in 1992, with the aim of promoting responsible dog ownership as well as helping people to have happy, confident and obedient dogs. It is a non-competitive program, but has 3 levels of award you can work towards - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

So far we have had 12 dogs who have graduated from the scheme at various levels, but special mention has to go to **Bonnie, Dougy, Jasbber** (owned by our very own Jessica Edwards) and **Jessie** for successfully obtaining their Bronze, Silver *and* Gold certificates. That really is quite some achievement!

If you think you and your dog might enjoy some additional training, with an extra special certificate at the end of it, take a look at the latest page of our website (under the 'Class Info' tab) for more details.



One of our Kennel Club Good Citizen Gold Award winners, **Lily** (owned by Pat Footer), proudly shows off her rosette.

**Please Note:** Classes will be suspended over the winter months, as a lot of the lessons take place outside, but we will begin them again in the Spring. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for future starting dates.

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## Your BDTC Newsletter

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# Canine First Aid Comes To BDTC

With the cost of vet visits continuing to rise year on year, many dogs owners now prefer to treat smaller incidents and injuries at home.

But where do you start? ... Is it safe to use over-the-counter human lotions and potions, or do you need to stock up on proper veterinary products? ... And, in more serious cases, exactly how **do** you perform CPR on a dog? ... These questions are just some of the subjects that will be covered at the very first Canine First Aid Course here at BDTC on Friday, 17th November.

Providing the course is Melanie Whitten from The Canine First Aid Company. Melanie has vast experience, both in providing on the spot first aid in a crisis as well as in running fun, interactive training days to pass her knowledge on to others.

Places are available at a cost of £55 for the regular class or £85 if you would like to take things further and leave with full accreditation.

Please contact Val on 07765 903935 for more info.



## Class Promotions

Would you believe that more than *seventy* of our canine pupils have been promoted to a higher class since our last newsletter?! Some have even moved up more than one class!

A list of seventy plus names is rather too long for our little newsletter, but some of the partnerships we've been most impressed by are -- **Sam Outen and Bonnie**, who graduated our Top Obedience Class -- **Tina Wallis and Molly**, who graduated our Top Obedience class **and** achieved the Gold KC Good Citizen award -- **Abigail & Lizzie Shepherd and Jessie**, two young ladies who have helped their pup to move up two classes in a very short time.

To see who else is helping us prove that 'a trained dog is a happy dog', check out the new '2017 Graduates' page on our website (under the 'Class Info' tab). ..... Well done to you all!

## Striking Amount Raised For Stroke Victims

You may remember in our February issue we wrote about how one of our long time students, Judy Burston was planning to run the London Marathon in aid of the Stroke Association.



Completing the London Marathon, even once, is an impressive feat for anybody, but for Judy this would be her third time - and she celebrated her 80th birthday at the beginning of this year.

Well we're delighted to report that Judy not only successfully completed the marathon, but she also successfully raised a truly amazing **£4,594.00** to help stroke patients and their families!

**Everybody at BDTC would like to say a huge congratulations to Judy on her amazing achievement. We are in awe.**

# 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          |
|           | KC Good Citizen Course       | 7.00pm - 7.45pm   | 45 mins         | <b>2017 classes end on Nov 21st</b> |
| 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         | with Clare / Sue                    |
|           | Puppy Agility Course         | 6.30pm - 8.15pm   | 45 mins         | with Clare / Sue                    |
|           | 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.

## Latest Course Info ...

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.

### **Puppy Agility Courses with Sue / Clare** (6 week courses)

**Starting: Thursday 19th October 2017 (45 minute sessions from 6.30pm)**

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

**Starting: Tuesday 14th November 2017 (45 minute session at 1.00pm)**

Cost: £36 (payable on first week)

**Starting: Thursday 30th November 2017 (45 minute sessions from 6.30pm)**

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 \*\**

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

**Starting: Tuesday 14th November 2017 (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 \*\**

### **Adult Agility Course with Jessica** (6 week course)

**Starting: Saturday 18th November 2017 (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 \*\**

## 4-Legged Guests Of Honour

Back in April, two of our former students, Charlie and Tia (owned by our Greyhound trainer, Angela), were treated to a special day out.

They're not really sure what all the fuss was about but it all began in a church, which was a first for them. After the church service, lots of people took their photograph and gave them fusses, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

After all, we all like to be the centre of attention from time to time, right? ... (PS. Congratulations to Angela & Kevin!)

