

EMDC UK NEWSLETTER



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Hello everyone and welcome to the August issue...
I hope you all enjoyed the March issue and that you enjoyed all the articles.



take him for a walk in Ericeira town and to the beach.

I have been quite busy since the March Newsletter. I took my boy Zuki to Portugal for some well deserved holidays and he is now staying there for a few months. He has been to the beach and for walks in the woods and playing in water streams. He is adapting well and clearly having a lot of fun, specially with the weather warming up now.

I went to visit him for the May Bank holiday, and got the chance to



He has been participating in dog shows over in Portugal and has been doing very well. I also visited in June for the Santarem Agricultural Fair where they always host a dog show as and you can read about this further in the newsletter. I then went back again in July for a family wedding and to see my boy Zuki compete in the Lisbon International Dog Show 2015, which he was Lisbon Winner 2015 of the Portuguese Breeds Class.

We do have to mention some very sad news that most of you are aware. We are very sad to hear of the recent passing of Hugh Cox. Myself and everyone at the club would like to express our condolences to Sylvia and all the family. Hugh shall be greatly missed at all the events but he will definitely not be forgotten.

Don't forget to contribute any articles or photos to the newsletter at anaritauk@hotmail.co.uk

NEW PUPPY ARRIVALS

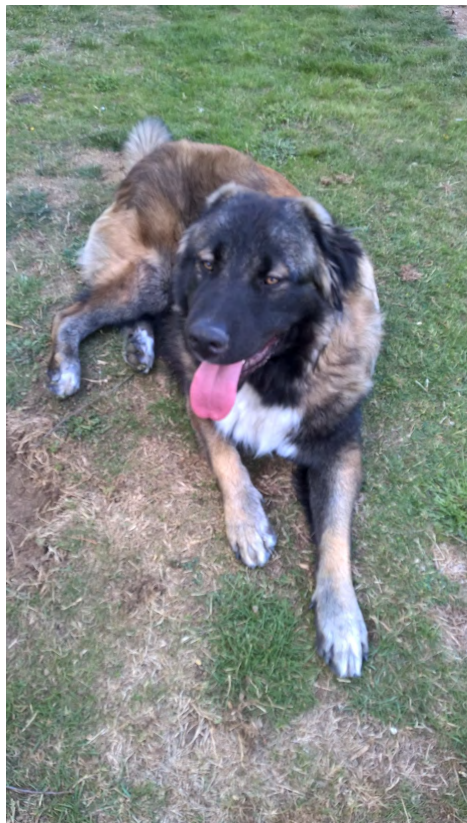
This page will be dedicated to all new puppies. We want to hear about any new puppies being born in the UK or puppies arriving from outside the UK.

Please send in any new puppy stories to me at anaritauk@hotmail.co.uk we all love to see a puppy face :)

LOLA DA CASA DAS THUYAS
OWNER OWEN JENKINS



TIDE DA CASA DAS THUYAS
OWNER ASHLEY READER



BREEDER'S PAGE

A new introduction to the newsletter is the breeder's page. In every issue I will try to get an article about past and present Estrela breeders both from Portugal and from the UK.

CANIL CASA DAS THUYAS
PORTUGAL**Q1: Who are you and where do you live?**

My name is Pedro Silva and I am 43 years old. I live in the countryside in a village called Mafra which is more or less 30km from Lisbon, the Capital of Portugal. I am a businessman and I have an 8 year old daughter called Eva.

**Q2: Why did you name your kennel "Casa Das Thuyas"?**

The name 'Casa das Thuyas' was given because when we moved to Mafra where we live nowadays we decided to give a little more color to our house and we planted a lot of trees and their name were 'Thuyas' which is a tree from the ' ' family. So when I created my kennel name I thought it was a good idea to use that tree name. That's why most of my dogs name are related to the nature.

**Q3: When did you get your first Estrela?**

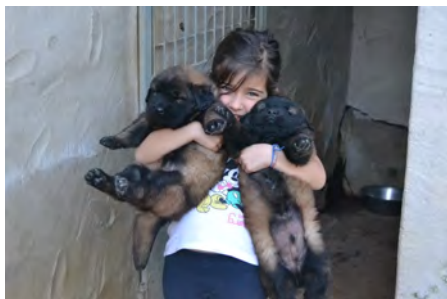
My first Estrela I got in the year of 1998. I got from a great friend of mine who is also a breeder. He lives in Serra da Estrela. I got a male and I named him Smach da Casa das Thuyas. He was a very nice dog but a very dominate male. I took him often to shows and he always did very well, even when he was older. He really loved the show ring. He passed away in 2011 however he has left a long blood line to follow on.

**Q4: Why did you take an Estrela?**

I got an Estrela because of my passion for the breed. I admire their beauty, character, loyalty and unique personalities. A true family dog in my opinion.

Q5: How about your children and the Estrela's? (If you have any)

My daughter and the Estrelas are a perfect match. Eva (my daughter) has always been around the dogs from the day she was born. She soon started to boss them around and have a huge affection for the breed.



She loves to play with the puppies and she teaches them to walk on the lead. She has recently started to ask me to show some of the dogs, therefore she now handles the puppies and junior dogs at every show, she will become my future handler. She is my right arm and the future of my kennel.

**Q6: How long do you breed Estrelas?**

I have had Estrela's since 1998 so its been 17 years around this amazing breed. I have learned many things with the dogs and people that I have met who also breed and have Estrela's. Even though I had Estrela's since 1998 my first litter was in 2005 and since then I have been growing my blood lines in order to produce good strong dogs. I like to keep to the old lines of the Estrela's.

Q7: The perfect Estrela. How does it look?

This is a tricky question. I don't believe there is a 'perfect' Estrela. What might be good to me doesn't mean is the same for someone else. I have my vision of a perfect Estrela, and that is a big head like a mastiff type, needs to show good strong bone structure, a strong coat, a with a good free movement. I myself prefer a more mastiff type of Estrela.

**Q8: What things are important, in your opinion, in breeding Estrela's?**

One of the most important things in breeding is to get a well balanced dog.

The Estrela is usually a dominant dog, especially the males, so their behaviour is very important.

Then we also have to consider health problems which can occur from a large breed. Let's not forget the Estrela is a rustic type of dog. It is best not to try and change them into 'pet dog'. That is not an Estrela.

As a large breed dog some growing health problems can occur, so its important that their food diet in the first year is adequate to their needs. They live on a low protein diet therefore dry food is most desired with a protein percentage between 23%-26% and a fat percentage of

13%-16%. This not only allows them to develop good bone

structures but also put on steady weight. Their habitat is also

important, the space they have to grow will contribute a lot to

how they will develop. Over exercise is very frowned upon as

this will make puppies grow and develop far too quickly for a

large breed, this is one of the major causes of hip dislasia. Be-

fore they turn 12months Estrela's do not need a lot of space to

be kept in, they do not require a lot of walking either, contrary

to what most people think. If what you are looking for is a breed

to run with or do a lot of exercise with, then an Estrela may not

be the best option. Not because they cannot keep up, but simply because for their own health benefits in their future lives they shouldn't keep up.



CLUB NEWS & ARTICLES

Our Secretaries report in review of the past few months:

It has been a sad time for those of us who have been around Estrela for a while as we sadly lost a long time friend and committee member in Hugh Cox when he passed away very suddenly recently. I am sure that you all join me in sending Sylvia our condolences as after 71 yrs together she is bound to be a bit lost at the moment. Hugh was a lovely man with a cheeky sense of humour and loved to talk Estrela. He will be sadly missed by us all and it seems odd that we shan't see him sat on the benches surrounded by his babies he adored.

They were Founder members of the EMDA and also our club and dedicated to the breed. Clerafora was a very successful kennel for them including BOB's at Crufts and Annual Top Dogs. Hugh adored his dogs as they did him and he spent most of his time with them. Sylvia is left with 11 Estrela many of whom are very elderly and they will all live their lives as before until their time comes but are definitely missing their dad.

The Picnic on 5th July was cancelled in respect for Hugh as he did enjoy the club get togethers so we will only have one Picnic this year which is at Wallingford on 6th September so we hope that you will be able to join us.

Rescue has been fairly quite and we still have a 100% success rate so far. One of the 26 dogs who we supported in rescuing in Portugal has been successfully homed to Scotland and we are hoping that another one will be coming to Wales next month. There is also a bitch in Portugal who has lost part of her leg that also needs a new home. All these dogs are neutered, vaccinated and health treated but still need time and understanding to become really balanced dogs. The work the rescue people are doing is amazing and very expensive but they will only accept the best for these dear dogs.

I hope that by the next newsletter I can be a little bit more jolly but I supposed that life is always a roller coaster.

Hoping to see lots of you at the Picnic

The Estrela Club Shop:

We have a wide range of Estrela related items for sale. Some of the items we have are Polo shirts, T-shirts, Sweat Shirts for adults and kids. We also have The Estrela Mountain Dog Book, Clocks, Notepads, Key rings and many, many more items.

Some items may be out of stock so please get in touch and we can send you an item list with prices and an order form. All of the club items can also be bought at all club events. Please email me at anaritauk@hotmail.com and I can pass an item list with an order form to fill out and pass on to Marcia.

The Estrela Cross Stich Shop:

Sandra Mateus was kind enough to have made a few items for the 40th Anniversary AGM /Fun day back in May. There are still a few Cross stitch pieces still available. These are handmade One-offs from her own design and will not be repeated. All proceeds go to the Estrela Rescue Fund.

If you would like a price list and an order form again please email me at anaritauk@hotmail.co.uk and I can pass these to you.

AGM & FUN DAY - 17TH MAY 2015

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the AGM & Fun day this year. I hope that you all had a good time and here are some of the days memories. If you didn't attend our AGM this year, don't worry we also have picnics through out the year where you are all welcome to attend.





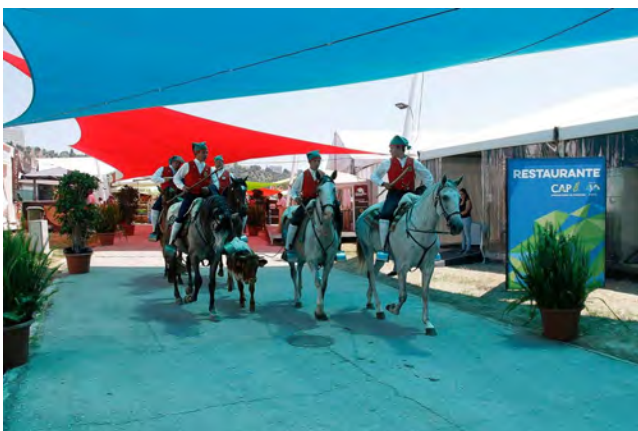


DOG SHOW PORTUGUESE BREEDS SANTAREM 10 JUNE 2015 – PORTUGAL

I attended the Santarem show this year on the 10th June where we also celebrated Portugal day. The show was about all Portuguese Breeds.

The show itself is included inside the Ribatejo Agricultural fair. This fair normally runs for a week and here you can find everything about the Portuguese country side culture. Traditional food, drinks, toys, arts & crafts, animals, music etc. I really do recommend a visit. I leave you here with some photos so you can see how much there is to learn about Portuguese culture at this fair.







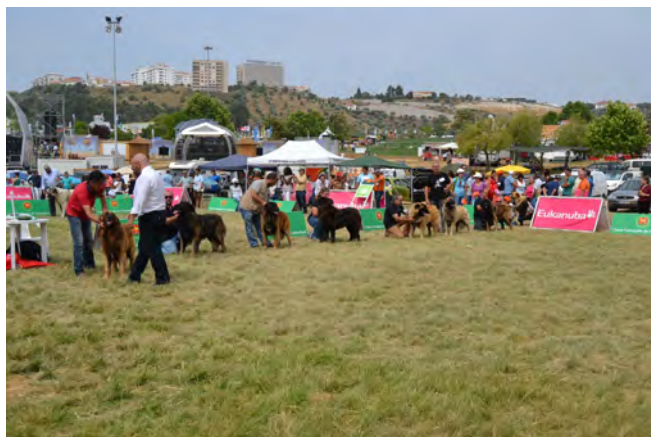


Moving on to the Portuguese Breeds Dog Show.

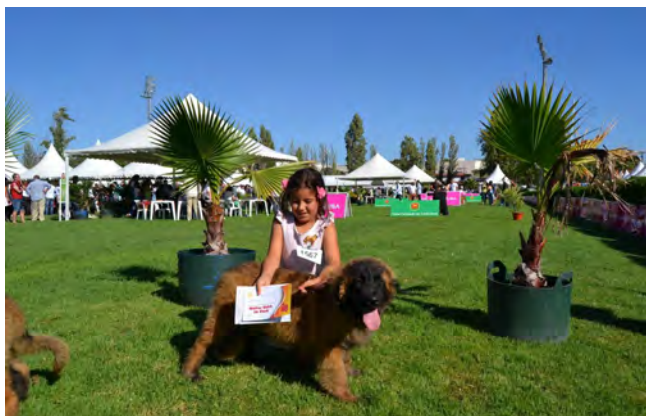
I took some photos of the show so everyone can see how much fun we have over there.

Not only do we show our dogs but you will also see photos of the bond the dogs have with their owners and you will see some of the funny side of the Estrelas which we all know and love so much.





LISBON INTERNATIONAL DOG SHOW LISBON 10 JULY 2015 – PORTUGAL



CLUB EVENTS



*Join us for our
annual Picnic*

The Estrela Mountain Dog Club UK Annual Picnic

6th September 2015

Riverside Park
Crowmarsh Gifford
Wallingford, Oxon
OX10 8EB



ON THE DAY:

From 12pm until as long as we like

Bring a picnic and bring your dogs

Weather permitting we will have some fun games too

Enjoy a nice stroll by the river

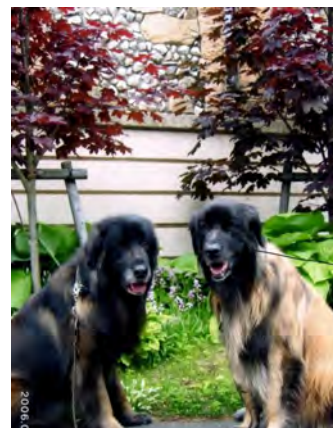
Car Park available and free on Sundays

ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG IN JAPAN

Back in 1998, the first 3 Estrelas had introduced in Japan. They are 1 male and 2 females (same litter). Estrela mountain dog was totally unknown before. A zoologist and essayist Mr. Masanori Hata, who had been traveling around the



world, found this rare dog and tried to introduce to Japan. Not only Estrela but also other rare dogs came at the same period. These dogs are exposed to Japanese people at a zoological park (Nasu Animal Kingdom) 200 km north of Tokyo, a resort area surrounding a volcano with a lot of hot spas and natural forest at an altitude of 500m to 800m.



They were placed in a large area where people could spend time together with other rare dogs. In spite of professional trainers care, due to the characteristic of Estrela, they were not always good with many different people. Years later, the Kingdom decided to leave these Estrelas to be adopted in individual families. Two of them came to the families of my friends. They are well adopted in the family staying large house with running ground in the forest.



Then, these two families became big lovers of Estrela, with their special royalty to the family. Unfortunately, the two Estrela have died at 10 and 14 years old respectively. The Estrela had disappeared from Japan. We do not find any Estrela in Japan at the moment.



Naturally, these families are missing so much with the Estrelas for some years. Therefore, I started to find the way to import this year to help these families and contacted to EMDC UK. Ms. Marcia Dover kindly introduced me a breeder in Portugal. We are in contact with the breeder for a puppy at the moment.



The difficulty of import is due to Japanese law against rabbie. We will need at least 7 month to be ready to enter into Japan. This means the youngest dog we can import is 10 To 11month old.



Our challenge this time will be another start of Estrela history in Japan. We will try with a lot of fun and enthusiasm.

Manabu Fujita / Nasu Tochigi pref., Japan

FUN PAGES

DOG CARTOONS

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"OK, this domestication thing has gone too far!"



funny picture in myfunjokes.com

CELEBRITIES AND THEIR DOGS

IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH OF THE ROYAL BABY GIRL, I HAVE OPTED TO FIND SOME PHOTOS OF THE ROYALS AND THEIR DOGS



Legend left to right: The Queen & Duke of Edinburgh by the river with the royal Corgis. The Queen Mother and one of the royal corgis. A teenage Prince Harry hangs out with his pals Rosie & Jenny.



Legend left to right: The Duke & Duchess of Cambridge with Prince George and their dog Lupo. And who could forget the Olympics 2012 sketch The Queen and her royal Corgis did with James Bond.

THE CLUB AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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You are welcome to contact us at any time if you would like to be more involved with the club.

Any help is very much appreciated.

We also want you to feel you can contribute to the newsletters with stories, experiences, photos, articles etc. We want to hear from you :)

Next Issue coming to you in December.....