

EMDC UK NEWSLETTER



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After our last newsletter a lot has been happening. We had Crufts 2016 which was again a great show and absolutely lovely to see everyone and have a chance to talk to everyone and cuddle with the dogs off course.

My boy Zuki came to stay for a few months and he brought a few friends over to. One of which was Violeta and she stayed with me for a few months as well.

We then had our AGM and Fun day which we decided to have a Portuguese style BBQ, however the weather played a few tricks on us so we thought it would be safer to cook all the food at home and finished it off at the hall. It was also a lot of fun to host the fun show and see many dogs who are normally not used to showing or being in a show ring behave so well.

We had a very nice gathering and was great to see new faces too, we hope to see you all again at future events.

We had elections for the new president of Licrase (one of the Estrela Mountain Dog clubs in Portugal) and I am happy to announce that my brother Pedro Silva was elected President of Licrase. Together with myself vice president and also working with our new administration are: Joaquim Palmeirinha, Edgar Dolgner along with other admin members. We look forward to working together with the UK and other Estrela Mountain Dog Clubs around the world. Licrase has already been involved in many events in Portugal to promote the breed and I hope to be able to share some of these with you along the way.

After the AGM my boy Zuki and Violeta made their journey back to Portugal to continue showing over there. Zuki has been attending a few shows and the feedback from judges as been very positive. Violeta made her first show debut at the Santarem show and she handled it like a pro.

I was away for a while as I had my brothers wedding in Spain and then I flew over to Portugal for some horse riding practice and to attend one of my favourite dog shows in Santarem which commemorates Portugals day on the 10th June.

I hope everyone has had very nice summer holidays with their families and their four legged friends too. I was over in Portugal visiting the dogs and they are all doing very well.

We have had the Monografica in Portugal on the 17th December 2016. It was hosted in Goveia and everyone had a great time. Many dogs completed their championship for the year receiving the needed Excellent from the judge and therefore becoming champions of Portugal, one of those was my boy Zuki. We were very proud of all those who participated in the show.

I hope you all had great festive holidays with family and your four legged friends.
Here at EMDC UK we wish you all a happy new year 2017.

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 anarita.uk@hotmail.co.uk we all love to see a puppy face :)

PHOEBE DO VALE DO JUIZ
OWNER HAYLEY JACKSON

Q1: The first time you saw an Estrela?

We were looking for a puppy in 2005 and our friends had just got an Estrela Pup from Marcia Dovey. We fell in love with the breed characteristics so contacted Marcia and she had a little girl available - our beautiful girl Serra, who was with us from 2005 until 2014.



Q2: The chosen breeder...

We contacted Marcia again early this year and she put us in touch with Ana Rita who arranged to bring over a puppy girl from Portugal, through her brother.

Q3: Phoebe's arrival

We collected Phoebe from the Estrela Mountain Dog AGM at Stratford. We fell in love with her instantly and our daughters put her on the lead and walked her about and she settled really quickly. They entered the fun dog show and were thrilled to win some rosettes including 1st place in the cutest puppy class.



Q4: Phoebe's adventures so far....

We have been attending puppy classes once a week and Phoebe loves to walk to school with Charlotte and Katie. Phoebe is getting used to our horses, ponies and chickens and has stopped chasing our cat, Tabitha! She would love to play with Tabitha but if she gets too close she gets a tap on the nose from her. Phoebe likes to take any shoes, socks, toys or anything within her reach, into the garden to chew. She has also learned how to open the girls craft drawers and tip them out! She doesn't like the vacuum cleaner and puts her head back and howls whenever I use it. She loves racing around the garden with her toys. She is an absolute joy to have around and we are all completely besotted with her and cannot imagine life without her.



CLUB NEWS & ARTICLES**Secretary's Report:**

May I firstly wish all our members a belated Happy New Year, I hope 2017 will bring you all that you wish for. In 2016 I had a knee replacement in April so was pretty unsteady for the AGM & Fun Day and then in August I fell and broke my foot so not my best year ever. Sadly we lost one of our founder members Sylvia Cox of Clarafora Estrelas, she died almost a year to the day after her husband Hugh. They had both been great supporters of our club and I miss my friends.

The AGM was a great success once again with our Portuguese members treated us to a hot buffet this year which was as gorgeous as all their food is. We cannot thank them enough for being so good to our club. Flyers for this year's AGM will go out very shortly but it will be 21st May at Bearley Hall, Stratford-Upon-Avon.

One of our Committee members and great club supporter of our club at last had his dreamed of litter of pups. They were from his own two dogs both of whom are Portuguese and I'm sure many of us enjoyed watching them grow with all the photos that were on-line. May I welcome their owners to our Club and I hope to meet you at a club event before too long.

May I please ask you to try and do your membership renewal as I hope that we can submit our Kennel Club Registration application at some time this year. We do not expect to have it approved first time but we will at least get some guidance on what else they require. Once we get this acceptance and it may take a long time, we will be able to run shows, do Discover Dogs and work with the Kennel Club for the good of the breed. Now we just have to hope that they will accept us one day.

If any members have anything that they would like to see the club try or would like to volunteer for the Committee we would love to hear from you. This is your club and we are always open to new ideas.

Marcia

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.

CRUFTS 2016 - 10TH TO 13TH MARCH

The time of the year for the biggest dog show in the world came around again. This year we had 39 entries which was a very good number for the breed. Judging was under the watchful eye of Mr S J Mallard. The show went well as in previous years. We were pleased to see everyone and also all the dogs who did so well. Here are some photos of the day.





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Crufts 2016 Results

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BREED & CLASS RESULTS

Estrela Mountain Dog

Judge(s): MR S J MALLARD



PORT CH ODI DA CASA DE LOAS EM BAMCWT (IMP PORT)

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BEST OF BREED

PORT CH ODI DA CASA DE LOAS EM BAMCWT (IMP PORT)

Dog

Owner: MISS L J, MRS S A, MR J & MRS F BIRMINGHAM, KENDRI

BEST PUPPY

EROS DA QUINTA GANHAO AT TUGAESTRELA

Dog

Owner: MR L RAMOS

BEST DOG

PORT CH ODI DA CASA DE LOAS EM BAMCWT (IMP PORT)

Dog

Owner: MISS L J, MRS S A, MR J & MRS F BIRMINGHAM, KENDRI

BEST BITCH

ASTEREL BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Bitch

Owner: MRS P A DEAN

RESERVE BEST DOG

IR CH/INT CH ASTEREL SABUGEIRO OF BAMCWT EJW11

Dog

Owner: MISS L J & MRS S A BIRMINGHAM & KENDRICK

RESERVE BEST BITCH

RAINHA DA CASA DE LOAS EM BAMCWT (IMP PORT)

Bitch

Owner: MISS L J, MRS S A, MR J & MRS F BIRMINGHAM, KENDRI

Classes

Veteran - Dog Entries: 2 Abs: 0	1st ASTEREL BRONSON (MRS C OGBORN) 2nd ASTEREL FERNANDO EJW 09 (MRS P A DEAN)
Puppy - Dog Entries: 1 Abs: 0	1st EROS DA QUINTA GANHAO AT TUGAESTRELA (MR L RAMOS)
Junior - Dog Entries: 1 Abs: 0	1st ASTEREL SAM SPADE (MS J A HOLT)
Post Graduate - Dog Entries: 3 Abs: 2	1st U`THOR DA QUINTA DO ESPINHAL AT TEMPESTADE (IMP PT) (MRS P A DEAN)
Open - Dog Entries: 5 Abs: 1	1st PORT CH ODI DA CASA DE LOAS EM BAMCWT (IMP PORT) (MISS L J, MRS S A, MR J & MRS F BIRMINGHAM, KENDRI) 2nd ASTEREL DEEAGO (MRS P A DEAN) 3rd TUGA DAS TERRAS D'CISTER AT TUGAESTRELA (MR L RAMOS) Res ESSANELLE UTTER NUTTER (MRS L V GODDERIDGE)
Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Dog Entries: 1 Abs: 0	1st IR CH/INT CH ASTEREL SABUGUIRO OF BAMCWT EJW11 (MISS L J & MRS S A BIRMINGHAM & KENDRICK)
Veteran - Bitch Entries: 4 Abs: 1	1st XUVA DA COSTA OESTE AT ASTEREL (IMP PT) (MRS P A DEAN) 2nd ASTEREL CHIQUITITA AT MILAGRE (MISS GC REID) 3rd ASTEREL MAMMA MIA OF BAMCWT EJW09 (MISS L J & MRS S A BIRMINGHAM & KENDRICK)
Puppy - Bitch Entries: 1 Abs: 0	1st RAINHA DA CASA DE LOAS EM BAMCWT (IMP PORT) (MISS L J, MRS S A, MR J & MRS F BIRMINGHAM, KENDRI)
Junior - Bitch Entries: 5 Abs: 1	1st ASTEREL KAT COLERADO (MRS P A DEAN) 2nd TARA DA QUINTA GANHAO AT TUGAESTRELA (MR L RAMOS) 3rd ASTEREL BELLE STARR AT GARREGDDU (MISS T J ROBERTS) Res ASTEREL TUPPENCE (MRS C OGBORN)
Post Graduate - Bitch Entries: 7 Abs: 2	1st ASTEREL XIQUITA (MRS P A DEAN) 2nd MILAGRE GOT A FEELIN AT ESTJAK (MS S & MR A MCKINLAY & JOHNSON) 3rd ESTRELA E TERRAS D'CISTER AT TUGAESTRELA (MR L RAMOS) Res THEIA DA QUINTA DA LIRIA (MISS M MENDES) VHC ESSANELLE SUMMER SKY (MRS L V GODDERIDGE)
Open - Bitch Entries: 6 Abs: 1	1st ASTEREL BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (MRS P A DEAN) 2nd INT/IR/LUX/BEL CH HAIA DA CASA DE LOAS EM BAMCWT (IMP PORT) SHCM (MISS L J & MRS S A BIRMINGHAM & KENDRICK) 3rd ASTEREL CRACKLIN' ROSIE (MRS C OGBORN) Res ESSANELLE MAD AS A HATTER AT BELEZAOCACAO (MRS P CHISHOLM)
Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch Entries: 3 Abs: 0	1st ASTEREL BELLE STARR AT GARREGDDU (MISS T J ROBERTS) 2nd ASTEREL CHIQUITITA AT MILAGRE (MISS GC REID) 3rd ASTEREL MAMMA MIA OF BAMCWT EJW09 (MISS L J & MRS S A BIRMINGHAM & KENDRICK)

AGM AND FUN DAY-22TH MAY 2016

Our AGM and Fun day was a success again. We had our annual meeting followed by a Portuguese style lunch which we hope everyone enjoyed.

After lunch we decided to host a fun show for the dogs. It was great to see many dogs and owners participate even though they usually don't enter shows. It was also great to see new puppies join in the fun and see the little ones get involved, it is what makes this breed so special. We hope to see you all next year.





HAVING AN EYE FOR A DOG - BY CLAUDIA WALLER ORLANDI, P.H.D.

The wide range of quality in the dogs produced in any breed tells us that not everyone is born to be a breeder. Experts feel that one of the most accurate predictors of a breeder's potential to produce animals of high quality is whether he possesses an "eye for a dog." Grossman (1983) tells us:

"The importance of having an 'eye for a dog' cannot be overstated.... There are some extremely knowledgeable breeders who ...can 'talk a great dog,' [but] are not able to produce an outstanding specimen....The consistent breeding of show quality dogs should be considered an art. To some breeders this comes naturally with little effort, others have to learn this art, and still others will never achieve success in this most important area of purebred dogs."

WHAT IS AN "EYE FOR A DOG?"

An "eye for a dog" is an old dog man's expression referring to a person's "almost instinctive ability to know what is true quality in animals and what is not" (Nicholas, 1979). Grossman (1992) defines the term as "the ability to select a good dog without a lot of effort" and concludes that this attribute, more than any other, is the most important thing a breeder can possess. In addition to having a greater ability to visualize the potential impact of various ancestors in a dog's pedigree, breeders with an "eye" tend to more easily grasp abstract breeding concepts such as *balance*. The following analogy by Grossman (1991), which refers to coated dogs, offers a clever explanation of an "eye for a dog" than I am certain both men and women can appreciate!

"What do I mean by an eye for a dog? Let me draw an analysis for you. When my wife goes shopping she flips through acres of dresses on racks. To me, they look like floppy things on hangers. To her, knowing her measurements and what color and style flatter her build, it's easy for her to visualize the necessary accessories to finish the outfit. You, as a breeder, need to do the same sort of things: What kind of build do you want your puppies to have; what should their color be; what accessories, texture and length of coat, ear set, etc., do you want. You have to be able to visualize the sire and dam and their parents and grandparents. Then you can create by breeding one almost like the ones you have visualized."

"CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN "EYE FOR A DOG"

1. As breeders, they consistently produce animals of high quality.
 2. They can evaluate any dog quickly and easily.
 3. They have an instinctive ability to recognize quality and soundness in almost any breed.
- They place a high priority on, and can recognize, the intangible element of "balance."

ACQUIRING AN EYE FOR A DOG: A MENTOR CAN HELP

"To some breeders, 'having an eye for a dog' is second nature. Breeders lacking this natural talent can become self-taught provided they have the intelligence and motivation to discern between the good and poor specimens put before them." (Grossman, 1983)

Breeders who consistently produce fine dogs may have a natural eye for a dog, while other persistent, dedicated individuals have taught themselves to have an "eye for a dog." The artist has an eye for balance and elegance. So too must the breeder of dogs. For those needing to train their "eye," working with a knowledgeable mentor can put you on a fast track to acquiring an "eye." An experienced mentor can literally place your hands on various parts of a dog's anatomy and expertly guide you through many aspects of evaluating a dog's physical make-up.

"TRAINING YOUR "EYE"

Breeders can begin to train their "eye" by learning to evaluate a dog's outward appearance or phenotype. Several things helpful in evaluating phenotype include: (1) a copy of your breed's official Standard and Illustrated Standard; (2) A list of faults in your breed that are considered Very Serious, Serious and Minor; (3) an illustration of the anatomical parts of the dog; (4) a scoring system and (5) a recording system which allow you to keep your evaluations for future use.

The process of training your "eye" to evaluate the conformation features of a dog involves the following steps:

1. Locating the parts of the dog Knowledge of a dog's basic body parts is an absolute necessity for any dog fancier. Study your breed Standard and illustrated standard and with the help of an anatomical chart, locate on a "living, breathing" dog each conformation feature. Locating each part on your dog is essential to deciding if it meets the Standard for correctness and is a crucial step in training your "eye."

2. Evaluating the parts of the dog

After locating the parts of the dog the breeder must evaluate their correctness based on the Standard. As Grossman (1983) notes: *"The concept of relating the various parts of the dog to each other and viewing this relationship as a whole, rather than as a series of individual good or bad traits, is the key that so many breeders never grasp"* – this is the all important crucial concept of **balance**. Training your "eye" to evaluate **balance** takes persistence and experience.

3. Annotating your evaluations

Make notes of your evaluations for future reference. Many master breeders devise numerical scoring systems that are quick and easy to use when planning future breedings.

4. Formulating a plan

Based on your scores and notes, formulate a plan to improve features which do not meet the Standard. Scoring and making notes on the first 3 generations of ancestors in a pedigree can help a breeder "visualize" how a future mating might turn out. The ability to visualize the ancestors behind a sire and dam is an integral part of having an "eye" for a dog. A color coded stick figure pedigree can be especially useful in this regard. It is important not to breed two dogs who possess the same faults and to realize that closely linebred animals (i.e., those having a common ancestor behind the sire and dam in the first three generations) may be more apt to pass their physical features on to offspring.

AN "EYE" FOR THE IDEAL

A starting point in strengthening a breeder's "eye" is the ability to locate and evaluate the conformation features, unique characteristics and structural balance which define a breed. Having the "eye" to visualize a sire's and dam's ancestors, combined with the use of scoring and recording systems, can provide valuable information on the traits parents are likely to pass on to offspring.

A breeder's goal is to create his ideal dog. Having an "eye," that is, having the ability to recognize quality in a dog, as well as the ability to visualize ancestors in a pedigree, is one of the most important things a breeder can possess in order to create his ideal.

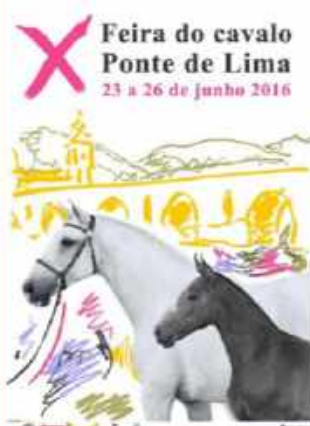
PORTUGAL NEWS

This section will have some events from Portugal so that everyone can see how we divulge the breed in its home country, we hope you enjoy and some day join us at one of these events in Portugal.

FEIRA DO QUEIJO 2016 - OLIVEIRA DO HOSPITAL



FEIRA DO CAVALO 2016 - PONTE DE LIMA



1ST DOG TREKKING AND DOG CAMPING 2016 - MELGACO

The Portuguese Association of Castro Laboreiro Dog (APCCL), with the collaboration of Licrase - Breeders and Friends of The Estrela Mountain Dog, took part on the 1st Dog Trekking and Dog Camping between both breeds on the 3rd and 4th September 2016. This was to celebrate the breed Castro Laboreiro which made an appearance on the town of Melgaco so that tourists at the time could meet them on the 10th September 1916. The initiative occurred again 100 years on to divulge these two very old breeds who both got their breed standards approved by the Vet Manuel Marques in both 1934 and 1935. This was also to divulge and encourage locals once again to own their own home town breed instead of opting for more modern and fashionable breeds which in turn is making the Castro Laboreiro almost extinct today.



VISIT OF THE SWEDISH ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB TO PORTUGAL 2016

On the 10th of November and organised by Licrase we had present in our country some representatives of the Swedish Estrela Mountain Dog Club. In just four days we travelled up and down the country to visit some of the kennels of members of the Licrase. This work carried out by all is aimed at the recovery of the breed in Sweden that at this moment is in need of some attention. It was with great pleasure that during these four days we went side by side and for the first time an itinerary was made which was guided by members of the Licrase administration to visit and spend time with some of the breeders of the Estrela Mountain Dog with the intention to share pedigrees and to see the dogs available for a future breeding plan in Sweden. From our part (Licrase) it was an extremely important work, because in addition to being the first time that a club's administration personally visits a large group of breeders, it was also the first time that a foreign club representing our beloved breed was duly accompanied. For us it was a job that in the future will be important to repeat in other conditions and in other ways but that should be maintained because it allows us as a breed club to tighten relations with our members and see the conditions that often they must overcome to carry out the task of breeding in Portugal a Portuguese breed, for which it is the most significant and emblematic breed for many. With this work we have the perfect notion (not that we did not know from our own experience) the sacrifices we all make for a passion without limits for our Estrela Mountain Dog. I would like to express my special thanks to our Vice-President, without which none of this would have been possible, since the organization of the whole group and logistic was organized solely by her. A special thanks to all our members who opened the doors of their homes and kennels and in a friendly and helpful way they welcomed us, making this whole experience a true feast of the Estrela Mountain Dog. A special thanks to the Swedish Mountain Dog Club members that we had the pleasure of accompanying and sharing this magnificent trip, you will always be welcome here. We leave here some photos of this initiative so that everyone can live what we lived in those few days.

Canil Casa das Thuyas - Pedro Silva



Canil Costa Oeste - Rui Rosa



Canil Quinta de Sao Fernando - Suzette Mota Veiga



Canil Quinta da Liria - Esperanca Dias



Canil Cabeco do Seixo - Isabel Ferreira



Canil propriedade de Ary Abreu



Canil Vale do Juiz - Edgar Dolgner



Canil Quinta do Ganhao - Sílvia Capitaó



Canil Terras D'Cister - Francisco Silva



Out and about



XXVI MONOGRAFICA DO CÃO DA SERRA DA ESTRELA - GOUVEIA - 2016

Licrase organised the XXVI Monografica of the Estrela Mountain dog in Gouveia on the 17th December 2017. Everyone had a great day and it was nice to see so many dogs and friends. Our congratulations go to Jadys da Quinta do Ganhão and her breeder Silvia Capitão for the Best in show and for the Antonio Lourenço Award.



Classe de Bebés/ Baby Class

1. 144 - A' Mel da Quinta da Longra
2. 143 - A' Atila da Quinta da Longra



Classe de Cachorros/ Puppy Class

1. 145 - D'Cuca da Acinomagricultura
2. 146 - Matruska da Quinta Moínhos das Almas



Classe Juniors/ Junior Class - Machos/ Males

1. 2. Lotus I da Quinta de S Fernando
2. 1. Bacchus da Quinta do Ganhao (BLW16)
3. 3. Portalegre do Vale do Juiz



Classe Intermedia/ Intermediate Class - Machos/ Males

1. 6 - Mastin do Cabeco do Seixo
2. 5 - M'Faia do Cabeco do Seixo
3. 4 - D'Ouro da Quinta do Ganhao (JCH(PT))



Classe Aberta/ Open Class - Machos/ Males

1. 14 - N'Beirao do Cabeco do Seixo (JCH(PT))
2. 12 - Jumbo da Costa Oeste (BMW15, BPW15)
3. 10 - Boak da Quinta de S Fernando (MW15, PW15)



Classe de Campeoes/ Champion Class - Machos/ Males

1. 17 - Ruca das Terras D'Cister (BOB14, BOB15, CH(PT), GrCH(PT))



Classe de Campeões/ Champion Class - Machos/ Males

1. 17 - Ruca das Terras D'Cister (BOB14, BOB15, CH(PT), GrCH(PT))



Melhor Exemplo Macho/ Best Male

1. 14. N'Beirao do Cabeco do Seixo
2. 2. Lotus I da Quinta de S Fernando



Classe de Juniores/ Junior Class - Femeas/ Females

1. 24. S'Aine do Cabeco do Seixo
2. 25. T'Negrita do Cabeco do Seixo
3. 19. Caramela (RI)



Classe Intermedia/ Intermediate Class - Femeas/ Females

1. 29. Jadys da Quinta do Ganhao (JE15, JPW16, JCH(PT), JLW16)
2. 26. Divina da Casa Redonda
3. 27. Elbba da Casa Redonda



Classe Aberta/ Open Class - Femeas/ Females

1. 34. Lua das Terras D'Cister (LW16)
2. 31. Alfa do Sitio da Casa do Canastro
3. 35. Qusca da Casa Redonda



Classe de Veteranos/ Veteran Class - Femeas/ Females

1. 38. H'Orquidea dos Montes Herminios (CH(PT))
2. 39. Hortela da Varanda dos Pastores (CH(PT))



Classe Aberta/ Open Class Machos/ Males

1. 40 - Junior II
2. 41 - Mondego IV



Classe Aberta/ Open Class - Femeas/ Females

1. 42. Mola do Pinhal da Pontinha



Classe de Pares/ Brace Class

1. 14. N'Beirao do Cabeco do Seixo e 24.S'Aine do Cabeco do Seixo
2. 13. Lobo da Casa das Thuyas e 38. H'Orquidea dos Montes Herminios (CH(PT)
3. 11. Don Ruan das Terras D'Cister (JP13, JCH(PT) e 33. Bhemia da Quinta d Ganhao (PBW14, JMW15)



Classe de Grupos de Criador/ Breeders Group Class

1. Vale do Juiz
2. Casa das Thuyas



Melhor Bebe/ Best Baby

143. A'Atila da Quinta da Longra



Melhor Cachorro/ Best Puppy

145. D'Cuca da Acinomagricultura



Melhor Junior/ Best Junior

2. Lotus I da Quinta de S Fernando



Melhor Veterano/ Best Veteran

18. Monge das Terras D'Cister PLW08, PMW08, JE08, JP09, VPW16, CH(PT), VLV16, VCH(PT)



Melhor Exemplar da Exposicao/ Best In Show

BEST IN SHOW: 29. Jadys da Quinta do Ganhao (JE15, JPW16, JCH(PT), JLW16)

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW: 42. Mola do Pinhal da Pontinha

WE WENT TO PLAY IN THE SNOW IN THE SERRA DA ESTRELA MOUNTAINS



DENTAL CARE FOR DOGS

What is dental disease?

Do you know that 95% of dogs will experience dental disease at some point during their lives?

Dental disease is an infection of the tissue that surrounds the teeth and is caused by a build-up of bacteria from food particles.

Dental disease is generally divided into two types: gingivitis and periodontitis.

Gingivitis is a mild form of gum disease. It causes the gums to become red, swollen and bleed easily. There is usually little or no discomfort caused at this point, so unless you check your pet's mouth once a week, it can be difficult to identify the early signs of the disease.

Untreated gingivitis can be advanced to a more serious case of dental disease called periodontitis. At this stage, gums pull away from the teeth and form spaces that become infected. The bones, gums and tissue that support the teeth are destroyed and teeth may eventually become loose and have to be removed.

It is important to identify dental disease because it becomes irreversible.

Stage 0

Normal Healthy Teeth



Stage 1

Periodontal Disease / Gingivitis

Stage 2

Early Periodontal Disease

What does dental disease mean for my pet?

Despite the myth that a pet's mouth is cleaner than a human's, they can still develop problems such as plaque build-up, tartar and gingivitis.

Pets are just like us in the way that they need to have their teeth checked by a professional once every six months. However, they cannot take themselves to the dentist and therefore rely on us to care for all their dental needs.

Dental disease is regrettably the most common disease found in animals but it can be prevented. However, if it is left untreated, the disease can spread to other parts of the body which can cause serious health problems such as canine heart disease.

DENTAL CARE FOR DOGS

Preventing gum disease

Do you know that dental disease is not only bad news for your pet's teeth, it is also linked to serious health problems in other parts of their body too?

There are simple measures that can be taken within the home to prevent your pet from getting dental disease.

Brushing your pet's teeth

This isn't just about fresh breath; it's about good oral hygiene. You should aim to brush their teeth at least once a day for one or two minutes. Use a brush that you feel comfortable with. If you are unsure of which one to use, visit your local Medivet branch to get some advice. There are a wide range of toothpastes available for your pet and they come in all sorts of flavours, including chicken and fish. You should not use human toothpaste on your pet.

Chews

Dental chews clean your pet's teeth and vastly improve the smell of their breath. The treats are not only good for their oral health but they are delectable and nutritious too. There are a range of chews that have been approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council which you can buy from your local Medivet practice.

Stage 3

Moderate Periodontal Disease

Stage 4

Severe Periodontal Disease

When to see the vet

Unlike humans, your pet will not cry out if they are experiencing pain – they just tolerate it, especially in the case of gingivitis where no pain can be felt.

The following signs may suggest that your pet is displaying symptoms of dental disease:

- Bad breath
- Change in eating and chewing habits
- Pawing at the face or mouth
- Depression
- Excessive drooling
- Discoloured, broken or crooked teeth
- Red, swollen, painful or bleeding gums
- Yellow/brown tartar crust along the gum line
- Bumps or growths within the mouth

BE DOG SMART



BE DOG SMART!

10 easy tips to remind kids
how to stay safe around dogs

Beware of disturbing dogs that are eating or sleeping

Even if for fun, don't ever tease a dog please

Don't approach a dog with no owner around

Only stroke a dog when the owner says 'Yes, you can.'

Get the dog to sniff your hand first, then stroke gently

Strange dog approaching? Stand still, look away, cross your arms

Move calmly and quietly around any dog

All that hugging and kissing - you might like it, dogs don't!

Remember all dogs have teeth

Treat dogs with respect and they will respect you!



BE SAFE AROUND DOGS

Dogs Trust are offering FREE dog safety workshops for parents and children to ensure we can all live together safely and happily at home and in the community!

If you would like to arrange a 'Be Dog Smart' workshop at your local school, library, community centre or other suitable location visit www.bedogsmart.org.uk

We also offer a comprehensive 'Be Dog Smart' guide which you can download for FREE. Its packed with helpful tips and hints about kids interaction with dogs.

From in-depth information about dogs' cues and signals, to advice on how to prepare your dog for a new baby and what to do if your child is scared of dogs - this booklet will provide lots of useful material for the whole family!

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OUR SPECIAL STARS IN THE SKY

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to our club secretary Marcia Dovey for the recent loss of her boy Quin.

'Quin was my soulmate, adored by both myself and Menna but also loved by everyone he met. A very special man who handed his lovely character to so many of his pups. Moo and I will see you at the bridge angel so just wait until we get there. Forever in our hearts' - Marcia Dovey

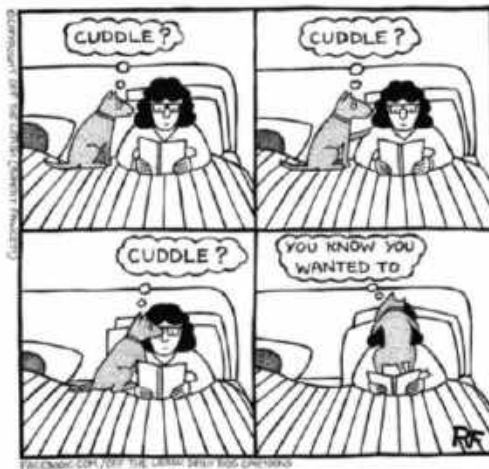
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FUN PAGES

DOG CARTOONS



CELEBRITIES AND THEIR DOGS



In light of the recent elections I thought would be nice to say bye bye to the two Portuguese fellas in the white house, Bo and Sunny. They may not be Estrela Mountain Dogs but they were the cutest Portuguese Water Dogs in the white house. Bo and Sunny gave all of us together with their family a lot of funny moments to remember them all by. We hope they enjoy their new house and continue to have so much fun with their family.

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 :)